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Red Cross Explains War Relief Aims And Problems

Many inquiries are being received from our chapters, the public and the press as to the relation of Red Cross war relief work to the efforts of many special committees and organizations which have recently been formed to render aid in some particular phase of present European hostilities.

From the outset the American Red Cross has been in close touch with the war relief situation but, mindful of our responsibilities at home, has not felt that the needs abroad were such as yet to make necessary a major campaign by the Red Cross for a war relief fund.

However, many needs exist, and those who can aid, should make their contributions promptly, either to the Red Cross or, if they prefer, to those responsible temporary agencies dealing with special phases of war relief needs. As in the past, the Red Cross will conduct its work in such a manner that other agencies may co-ordinate their activities with ours so that there be no duplication in the relief to be rendered. The Red Cross has from time to time invited representatives of other groups to meet with it to co-ordinate the various efforts and many of these groups are sending their funds to the Red Cross designated for relief in the country in which they are interested.

It must be remembered that the Red Cross is a permanent institution; it operates under the authority of an international treaty and a congressional charter; and it has continuing and primary responsibilities for the conduct of Red Cross work in the United States—alike nationally and in more than ten thousand communities where its chapters are active throughout this country.

The Red Cross also has international responsibilities and immediately upon the outbreak of the present hostilities we initiated operations to meet most critical emergency needs. We have sent assistance in the form of cash, medical and hospital supplies and clothing to the Red Cross societies of Great Britain, France and Poland in response to their requests, and to the societies of Hungary, Rumania, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania for aid to Polish refugees.

In the last week we have been asked to send emergency medical aid to the Finnish Red Cross, and the requested supplies have already reached Finland. We have sent a representative to Finland and we are prepared to extend further aid as we gain more accurate knowledge of the needs in that country.

In war relief we emphasize, first, medical and hospital aid, and in addition thousands of volunteers in our chapters are producing surgical dressings and warm clothing in large quantities, which we are shipping as rapidly as tonnage is available.

In our recent Roll Call the public has again generously responded for the support of the regular work of the Red Cross. From the outset of the European war we have sought and received contributions for relief to war sufferers of all countries, and donors may designate the peoples for which they wish to have their contributions utilized. Such designated contributions will be expended wholly and exclusively for assistance in accordance with the wishes of the donors. With the recently developed conflict in Finland we have advised all our chapters that we welcome contributions designated for relief in that country.

As the conflict continues the needs will inevitably very greatly increase and the best efforts of all will be required, if our country is to play its part in mitigating the sufferings of this catastrophe.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and daughter, Marjory Ann, left this morning for Abilene where they will visit Mr. Lightfoot's sister, Mrs. Ralph Keene, before going on to Gorman to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lightfoot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gray.

Wins Free Trip To Mexico City At T. H. A.

Mrs. Josie McDonald and Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr., attended the annual meeting of the Texas Hotel Association in Mineral Wells last week. Exhibitors from all over the country were there and exhibited all things used in hotels. Mrs. McConnell reports an interesting meeting and that slight changes were made in the constitution and by-laws to the advantages of the association. Carl B. Callaway, prominent attorney of Dallas, gave an interesting explanation of new "hot check law." This was the largest delegation in the history of the Texas Hotel Association.

Mrs. McDonald served on the attendance committee this year and was appointed to serve on the membership committee for next year.

Mexico City had a delegation of twelve and offered a free trip to the member whose number was called at the drawing at the luncheon Friday held at the Baker Hotel Pavillion. Mrs. McConnell held the lucky number and will be permitted to take a companion with her. She will have five days in the City of Mexico and Senor Jose Rivera, will conduct the tour.

The 1940 convention will be held at Beaumont and the following officers were elected to serve: George C. Scott of Dallas, owner of the Scott Hotels, including the Naylor in San Angelo, president; E. P. McKenna, Blackstone Hotel, Tyler, first vice-president; Dudley Yard, Brandon Hotel, Pecos, second vice-president; Mr. Powell, third vice-president; Wade Scott of Mayan Guest Ranch, Bandera, a sergeant-at-arm; Scott Hardy of San Antonio, re-elected executive vice-president and general manager.

Texas Business Continues On Usual Upswing

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—Employment and weekly payrolls in Texas manufacturing industries last month kept pace with the 1939 upswing, University of Texas business research officials have reported.

The University Bureau of Business Research estimates Texas factories employed 132,819 workers during November on average weekly payrolls of \$2,568,507. Number of employees was 4.5 per cent more than in November a year ago and payrolls 6.4 per cent higher. Both eased off slightly from October, however.

In all industries, both manufacturing and non-manufacturing, employment climbed 4.6 per cent above November a year ago and 0.2 per cent above October of this year, while payrolls rose 4.6 per cent over November, 1938, but dropped 1.5 per cent from the preceding month.

Glad Tidings Of Christmas

By REV. R. F. DAVIS

Always at Christmas, we feel that it is time for glad tidings and rejoicing. This year it is more so than ever for we as a nation are enjoying peace and prosperity, the equal of which we have rarely ever known. And we owe more to the influences combined. For all other good things are a by product of the Christian Religion.

If you think the church has little to do with conditions go to the countries where the church has been abandoned and closed and see how you would like it. Go to Russia, Germany or Japan where the state is supreme; count the liberties they enjoy and measure them with ours, you will have a greater appreciation of the church in your midst.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning."—James, 1:17.

While we are enjoying these blessings, let us look up to the Giver in real thanksgiving.

Bags Buck With One Shot

Miss Naomi Harris, secretary for the Nisbet Insurance Agency, went hunting near Sonora last Sunday afternoon, and with one shot downed a six-point buck. The animal fell in his tracks, being shot through the heart, the bullet passing through and breaking both shoulders.

Miss Harris, of course, is proud of her marksmanship, but prouder still of the deer, her first.

Boy Scouts Given Annual Governing Board

At the regular annual Boy Scout committee meeting held in Sonora Wednesday, a complete new set-up was provided for the ensuing year, and the annual application for Troop Charter was made.

The troop executive committee is composed of the following Sonora business and professional men:

F. T. Jones, chairman; H. V. Stokes, Ed Shurley, Cecil Allen, John Eaton and Roy Aldwell. Billy Penick was named Scoutmaster, and Jimmie Taylor, assistant Scoutmaster.

G. H. Davis was named as leader for the Exploration Troop with A. W. Awalt, Dearl Beard and S. L. Sharp as assistants. The Exploration Troop committee was named as follows: Joe Berger, Lea Roy Aldwell, R. D. Trainer, H. C. Atchison.

Range Program Discussed; New Officers Chosen

At a meeting held at the Court House, Monday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing a County Committee to administer the AAA program for 1940, 38 ranchmen were present.

The meeting was presided over by the present chairman, Joe M. Vander Stucken and minutes kept by Mrs. Lois S. Brown, secretary. Short discussions of a few changes in the range program for 1940 were led by Mr. Vander Stucken and H. C. Atchison, county agent.

According to the tentative range program for 1940, operators who practice deferred grazing may draw 75 per cent of their allotment for deferring one-fourth of their range for a period of five months provided additional requirements or practices as recommended by the County Committee are carried out on the ranch. These additional practice is carried out in connection with deferred grazing, the operator will draw only 40 per cent of his allotment for deferring one-fourth of his range.

The county offices have been notified by the State Office of two more changes in the range program for 1940. The rate of pay for contour ridges has been reduced from 10 cents per 100 linear feet to 7½ per 100 linear feet, while payment of contour furrows has been increased from 50 per acre to 1½ per 100 linear feet for opened furrows and 2½ per 100 linear feet for dammed furrows.

Complete information on the 1940 range program will be available early in January when field men from the State AAA office will hold meetings in each county and explain it in detail.

Following the discussion of the above mentioned changes the election of a County Committee for 1940 was held, resulting in the following:

Joe M. Vander Stucken, chairman, Bryan Hunt, vice-chairman, W. J. Fields, Jr., member, Wallace H. Dameron, 1st Alternate and Ben H. Cusenbary, 2nd Alternate.

Robert Kelly, a student at Texas Tech came Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays in Sonora.

Miss Jimmie Gwynne Langford, a student in Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDaniel.

More Funds Are Needed For Finnish Relief

The following letter to Miss Nan Karnes, chairman of the Sutton County Chapter of American Red Cross, should fully explain the terrific drain being made upon funds of the Red Cross, disposition of the monies received, and other factors which affect the Red Cross work of the United States.

A careful reading of the letter will show that although the Red Cross drive in Sutton county has terminated, the need for additional funds in generous amounts is still pressing:

December 6, 1939

My dear Miss Karnes:

In addition to the war relief needs already being met by the American Red Cross, the invasion of Finland has created additional widespread suffering among thousands of helpless men, women and children which will become increasingly tragic as winter advances. There are emergency needs for medical, hospital and other supplies and assistance. The Red Cross has already made initial shipments of medicine, but needs funds for future increasing needs. Please at once give effective publicity throughout your community to the effect that the American Red Cross will receive and administer contributions designated for Finnish relief and that all funds so designated will be applied wholly to that purpose.

I urge that you take the necessary steps to secure a generous response for Finnish relief. Please also inform the public that the American Red Cross continues to welcome contributions designated for relief for war sufferers of all nations already involved in conflict.

Sincerely yours,
Norman H. Davis
Chairman

Christmas—The Date And Place

By REV. R. C. BRINKLEY

We are rapidly drawing near unto the day set apart to commemorate the birth of the world's most wonderful Baby, and as the day men are pleased to call Christmas draws near, our minds harken back to that sweet story of old and near old Bethlehem of Judea. The Prophets words sound in our ears again, and we are thrilled as we hear that "Unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

The town of Bethlehem is about 5 miles south of Jerusalem, and is celebrated as the birthplace of the Saviour; The traditional site of His birth having been located by historians less than 100 years after our Lord's death. Bethlehem was originally called EPHRATH, and is mentioned as the place at which Rachel died and was buried about 1729, B. C. Bethlehem was also the home of Boaz, Naomi and Ruth; and was the birthplace of King David about 1085 B. C., and is oft times called the "City of David."

Jerome lived here in a cell, which is still pointed out, near the great Church of the Nativity. This church was built by the Empress Helena, the Mother of Constantine in the year 327 A. D., over the spot where Christ was born. It was destroyed A. D. 1236, by the Moslems, but was later rebuilt. The Sultan of Egypt ceded Bethlehem, with other towns, to Frederick II, in 1229 A. D., and at that time it was called "Bethlehem-Judah" to distinguish it from Bethlehem in Zebulun. The present town of Bethlehem has a population of from four to six thousand inhabitants, the most of which are Christians.

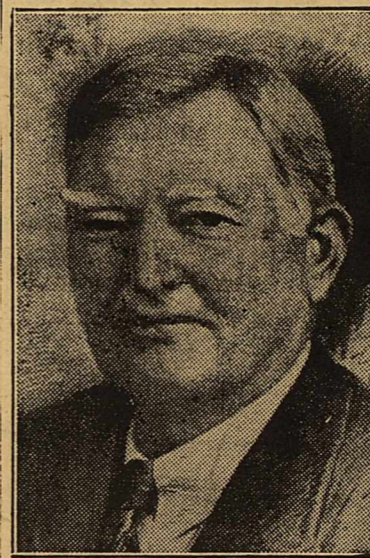
And so as this most historic day draws near, may we remember not only the day, but the town, where the Christ child was born, and pray that the Angels song to the Shepherds of "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men," may come to pass, and bless the nations of this world.

Mrs. E. W. Maddox of Station A was a San Angelo visitor Saturday.

GARNER IS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

Uvalde, Dec. 16. (AP)—Vice-President John Nance Garner announced today "I will accept the nomination for President."

Garner read the 44-word formal statement to a small



JOHN NANCE GARNER
Vice-President of the United States

group of newspaper men and friends, then ducked behind the wheel of his automobile and headed for his Webb county ranch for a four-day hunting trip.

The statement said:

"I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

Only once did he raise his voice to emphasize any part of the statement. That was when he came to the words:

"I will make no effort to control any delegates."

Efforts In Establishing Mohair Grades

By W. R. NISBET
Extension Animal Husbandman

This is not an attempt to argue the question regarding the wisdom of grading mohair. I merely wish to tell of what was done about it this past fall, by whom, and the manner in which it was accomplished.

Frank Grayson, of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, was invited by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association and individual producers to come to Texas and continue to promote the idea of selling mohair on grade. When I say continue, I mean to say that he has been in Texas previously working toward accomplishing something on that score. The Extension Service of the A. & M. College was glad to co-operate with the goat raisers in making the most of Mr. Grayson's time and knowledge of mohair.

The mohair grading program as carried on was planned on the basis of the following assumptions:

That if mohair is to be graded there should first be set up some standard grades,

That the logical way to promote the adoption of grades was for someone to set up tentative ones for the consideration of all concerned,

That such tentative grades could not receive due consideration until a volume of mohair was so graded for examination and sale, and

That the practical place for mohair to be graded was in the warehouses.

We knew little about the amount of mohair Mr. Grayson could grade per day, the amount of help which

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Jack Shurley, a student at A. and M. College, came Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Zone Meeting Of Lions Clubs Held Here

Zones 8 and 9 of the Lions Club held their regular quarterly meeting with the Sonora Lions Club last Wednesday evening, December 20, at which were present representatives from Lions Club at Winters, Ballinger, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Eldorado, Junction and Sonora.

H. V. Stokes made the welcoming address, and at the close of the luncheon hour, Lion Caffey asked for a brief pause. During that time, the Sonora Music Club, hidden from sight outside the building, serenaded the group with "Silent Night, Holy Night," which provided a very effective and enjoyable touch to the entertainment features.

The feature of the entertainment program, however, was the presence of the Tucker Twins of Winters, real artists in their line, who provided great enjoyment with the rendition of four vocal selections, one of which, "Scatter-brains," was dedicated to all Lions, and another, "An Apple For Teacher," dedicated to the numerous teachers of the Sonora system and elsewhere who were present at the meeting. The girls received vociferous and long applause for their vocal ability.

A joke was played on the audience by a group of San Angelo Rotary Club, who foisted upon the meeting a man who presumed to be a foreign inventor, who explained his invention, and then exposed himself, the incident being amusing to a large degree.

Business coming before the group was disposed of, with one suggestion by Lion Everett of Sterling City scheduled to receive serious consideration. He suggested that a study be made of forms Americanism from the standpoint of superiority over the many forms of government now darkening the hopes of liberty-loving nations everywhere, and proposed that a declamation contest be held to advance the study of the subject. Prizes would be offered to the person selected from each Lions Club taking part in a debate elimination centrally held.

A committee was named to study and report on the proposed series of declamations.

Houston Smith of Robert Lee, Nat Williams of Ballinger, Blackstone Smith of Junction, Bert Paige of Eldorado, Leo Stringer of Winters, and W. B. Everett of Sterling City spoke briefly concerning the progress of Lionism in their community.

At the conclusion of the evening, the Tucker Twins rendered three other numbers, one being joined in by the audience at the chorus.

The next quarterly zone meeting will be held at Winters.

H. B. Casbeer, 72 Succumbs Suddenly

H. B. Casbeer of Lampasas died suddenly Monday of last week at his home in Lampasas. He was 72 years of age and a native of that city.

Funeral rites were held Tuesday at the home, with the Methodist minister and the Masons officiating.

He is survived by nine children, Tom Casbeer, Wayne Casbeer, Elton Casbeer, Mrs. A. W. Bales, Mrs. B. K. Casbeer, Miss Alice all of Lampasas and Mrs. H. V. Stokes, of this city, and a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, and Roy Edward, II, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nisbet and daughter, Marjory Reba, and Mr. and Mrs. Adwell Nisbet of San Angelo will spend Christmas in San Antonio the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell.

Miss Naomi Harris will spend the holiday season in Mason visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harris.

The Sonora Music Club went caroling in Sonora Sunday night.

The Sonora Broncho

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CHRISTOVAL WINS TOURNAMENT

December 16, 1939 Sonora held its first basketball tournament to formally open our handsome new gymnasium.

Seven other towns, Ozona, Barnhart, Mason, Eldorado, London, Christoval, and Rocksprings accepted the invitation to attend.

Play started promptly at 9:00 a. m. between Ozona and Eldorado. Eldorado led the first quarter but Ozona pulled out and won by an easy margin.

The next game between Sonora and London was won by Sonora—32-16. Every man on the squad got to play. Christoval took the next game from Rocksprings, 29-6.

Next was a volleyball game between Sonora and Eldorado. The Sonora girls won, 23-16.

The afternoon play was to start with Barnhart playing Mason, but Mason didn't show up. Rocksprings filled in for an exhibition game. Barnhart won 22-9.

Sonora eliminated themselves by losing a hard fought 17-23 encounter with Ozona; thus putting Ozona in the finals. The Bronchos had previously won from Ozona, 20-17.

Barnhart led Christoval 13 points at the first quarter in the next game, but Smith of Christoval started looping those ungainly left-handed shots and his team led by one point at the half, 17-16. The game ended 26-25 in favor of Christoval.

Night play started with Sonora taking a volleyball game from Rocksprings.

The final game between Christoval and Ozona was won by the former, 19-13.

This was followed by presentations of trophies to the winner and runner-up, and gold basketballs were given the all-tournament team, and a medal to the all-tournament player, Smith of Christoval.

The all-tournament team is composed of the following boys: James D. Trainer, guard, Sonora; Joslin, guard Barnhart; Smith, center, Christoval; Dudley, forward, Sonora.

Ozona; Hollis Bricker, forward. The tournament was highly successful as far as the contestants were concerned. Let's have bigger and better crowds in the future.

SONORA vs. OZONA

The Bronchos journeyed to Ozona Tuesday afternoon to settle their score with the Lions.

A fast battle ensued that ended with the score being deadlocked at 17-17. In the extra period Ozona made the first goal thereby becoming the victors, 19-17.

Every Broncho played a fine game.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class wishes to thank everyone for their support and co-operation. We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the play. The play made the class approximately fifty-one dollars.

The Senior's two goal for the year are the Senior gift and he Senior trip to be made in the spring. The money made on the play will be used to help pay for the class gift, the basketball score board, which is already installed in the gymnasium.

DEBATE CLUB

Mr. Flathers, Mildred Trainer and the Sonora High School Debate team, Willie Nell Hale, Doris Meckel, Myron Morris and Nelson Stubblefield, went to Austin December 16 and 16 to the University Debate Institute. The group heard four rounds of college debates, and speeches by the following authorities on the subject: Professor Forest Whan of Kansas University, Dr. W. B. Russ of San Antonio, Dr. Holman Taylor of Fort Worth, Dr. Ayres and Dr. Joseph Ray of Texas University.

Each team debated three rounds. The girls team defeated Taylor, Gaston and Westoff.

The boys defeated Woodville, Denison and Austin.

The debaters learned more about the question and profited greatly by the actual debating experience.

If your dealer does not have what you want in office supplies, try The News.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball girls have started on their way to a victorious season. Several weeks ago the volleyball girls from Christoval were defeated by the Sonora team. During the basketball tournament Saturday the girls won the game from Eldorado by a score of 23-16. The score was 58-39 in Sonora's favor in their game with Rocksprings. Girls on the volleyball team are: Gladys Eaves, Vinagene Powell, Lois Hill, Louise Merriman, Alleta Willingham, Lora Dell Ory, Edna Lee Wilson, Peggy Gilmore, Bessie Ray Kiser with Merle Ory, Patsy Gilmore, Mary Lee Heflin, Billy Jo Henderson, Jamie Tarner and Dorothy Henderson as the starting line-up.

SENIOR PARTY

Immediately after the play Monday night, Miss Milstead was hostess to the Senior Class, the high school faculty and the Senior Class Room-Mothers at a Christmas tree and party at the Home-making Cottage, Christmas carols were sung to put the group in right spirits for the Christmas tree, which followed. Miss Milstead, Miss Allison and Edmonson served punch Allison and Miss Edmonson served punch and cake to the group. The Seniors were then ready to start home and show mother and daddy what Santa Claus had brought them.

HOMEMAKING CLUB

The Homemaking Club met Thursday morning in the Home-making Cottage. Since the secretary-treasurer, Juanita Cartwright moved to Junction the club elected Edith Mae Babcock for their new one. There was a round table discussion for Christmas plans and drawing of names for a Christmas tree to be had Tuesday afternoon.

PERSONALS

Those attending the debate tournament in Austin Friday and Saturday were: Mr. Flathers, Myron Morris, Mildred Trainer, Nelson Stubblefield, Doris Meckel and Willie Nell Hale.

Gladys Eaves was a visitor in San Angelo Sunday.

Betty Grace Vehle, Miss Edmonson, Clayson White, Robert Hamer and Doris McDaniel went to Rocksprings Friday night.

Marjorie Davis went shopping in San Angelo Tuesday.

Willie Nell Hale was in San Angelo Tuesday.

Libby Jo Wallace and Peggy Gilmore went to the basketball game in Ozona Tuesday afternoon.

The SIDEWINDER

Louise, why were you so surprised when you found out Lynden was here Monday night??

Doris, you'd better watch Hollis. His "old flame" will be here Thursday.

Oh! we wonder, why Dorothy was so happy Monday (and Tuesday, too). It seems she has three good reasons.

We wonder how or why Mildred and Louise got their suit cases mixed up Monday night??

Marian, were you so glad to see Juanita or somebody else? You, Hutch and Harold, must like to play with tractors.

Why is Elizabeth smiling at a certain Senior boy again? Watch out, Leon!

Jewel Marie, who were you with Saturday??

Just who does Edna Lee think will visit her the 22nd?? Don't hold out on us!

Do your trading at home. Someone in town has what you want. See your home merchants first. tf

WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Boys' Life Week Increases Reading Program

San Angelo:—Scouts in the Concho Valley Council celebrated BOYS' LIFE WEEK by increasing the number of boys participating in the reading program of Scouting. Troops with 100 per cent participation are 80 and 83 of Uvalde, 12 and 17 of San Angelo, 19 of Sonora and 96 of Crystal City. BOYS' LIFE is the Scout's own official magazine, which has many stories of adventure and constructive Scouting ideas in each issue.

Field Day

San Angelo:—Troop 7 of San Angelo won the Field Meet staged in San Angelo Saturday, December 16, according to H. H. Batjer, Chairman of Activities. Plaques were awarded Troops 7, 17 and 12, and honorable mention to Troop 50 of Robert Lee. Winners of each event were presented with Coues awards. The program, with the field events, included a Court of Honor, demonstrations in First Aid and signaling by Explorer Troop 6 and Troop 4, and instruction in fly and bait casting by "Pinky" Rains, champion bait caster.

Christmas Good Turns

The delivery of baskets, toys, and clothing secured by the Troop or for religious and charitable institutions is the program for the Scouts in most communities of the Concho Valley Council during the Christmas Week. Some of the outstanding records are those at Menard, San Angelo, Fort Stockton and Robert Lee, according to Judd Presley, Chairman of Activities.

New Car Sales In Texas Show Slight Gains

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—A third more Texas families were riding in new cars this year than last, as 1939 passenger car sales mounted to 58,348 by December, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has reported.

November registrations of new automobiles totaled 5,565, up several per cent over the preceding month but a shade under November, 1938, sales.

Low-priced cars, bracket 1, accounted for the entire gain, totaling 3,360, up 20.1 per cent above October, while price brackets 2, 3 and 4 dropped 16.5 per cent, 4.2 per cent and 14.6 per cent respectively.

Commercial car registrations, on the other hand, gained 8.3 per cent over October and 14.9 per cent over November a year ago, to total 997 for the month. Total sales for the first eleven months of the year were 10,905, a jump of 28.6 per cent over the like period last year.

Lead Goat's Murder Causes Emotion

It was not so long ago that in the Fort Worth Stockyards old "John Butts," veteran lead goat met his untimely end; and then it was several days before the commotion occasioned by his death quieted down. Yard hands had become particularly attached to their smart lead goat, and old John was the pride and joy of the sheep yards. He was the dean of all the lead goats.

One day a particularly stubborn bunch of sheep were under the guidance of old John, and the packer driver decided to let John carry the bunch right on to the killing floor. Alas! What a mistake! Old John, doing his job manfully, little knowing the fate in store for him, walked bravely out on the floor with the sheep in tow; then, like a bolt from heaven, the killing floor hand grabbed old John and cut his throat. Long and loud wailed the boys on the sheep yard; and to this day old John is remembered and his death looked back upon as a major tragedy in the yard operations.

Write On Hammermill Bond! Buy it the economical way: by the ream (500) sheets. At the NEWS.—adv.

Game Restoration Receives Impetus Through Act

Game restoration in Texas was given added impetus this week with the announcement that a fourth Pittman-Robertson project has been approved by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey and the State Game Department will proceed immediately with the leasing of five large areas upon which turkey and deer will be raised. Acreage in the now project totals 115,000.

Five game areas are to be set up in as many localities in the state, the executive secretary of the Game Department announced, and under the supervision of the director of wildlife restoration turkey and deer will be planted where necessary. Caretakers will patrol at least three of the areas. Two are being set up for turkey restoration, a pair for turkey and deer and one for deer only.

The areas: 20,000 acres in Angelina and Polk counties for turkey restoration only; 35,000 acres in Robertson county for deer and turkey; 14,000 acres in Colorado county for turkey only; 20,000 acres in Calhoun county for deer and turkey and 25,000 acres in Red River county for deer only.

The various areas are to be leased by the Game Department. From 60 to 70 turkey will be released on each of the areas set up for them and from 40 to 50 deer will be placed on each of the sections set aside for the restoration of white tails.

The caretakers on each of the areas will not only patrol them to prevent hunting of the seed stock, but will also improve the cover and food supply for both deer and turkey.

Hunting will not be allowed on any of the areas for several years while the seed stock is populating them. It is believed that not only will areas under lease be restocked, but that as much as 100,000 acres surrounding each of them will receive the overflow of game, making more than a half million acres to be benefited by the program.

The Angelina-Polk project is intended to save the few pure strain of eastern wild turkey left in the state. No other birds will be planted there. Colorado county has plenty of deer, but needs turkey. Deer are needed in all the other areas for restocking purposes. Deer and turkey will be trapped by the Game Department in areas where they are more plentiful.

The project is being financed with the aid of federal funds, which the Game Department matches with one-fourth as much money as is allotted under terms of the Pittman-Robertson projects being conducted by the Game Department are state-wide quail restoration, antelope trapping, and a project under which state-wide research as to the needs of wildlife in the state is being carried on.

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E. D. SHURLEY

POSTED

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Birthday Ball Committee Is Named Here

H. V. Stokes, of Sonora, has been selected as chairman for the forthcoming President's Birthday celebration including all of Sutton county, by William L. Clayton of Houston, chairman of the state committee.

Fifty per cent of all funds raised in the county through celebrations will remain here for direct assistance to infantile paralysis victims. The remaining 50 per cent will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to promote research and preventive measures to reduce the toll of the disease throughout the nation. The funds retained in the county will be administered by a local chapter organized for that purpose.

In addition to the selection of Mr. Stokes as chairman, the following officers have been chosen to take care of the details connected with the President's ball, and the funds derived from same, as well as to care for any cases coming up in future under the jurisdiction of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis:

B. M. Halbert, Jr., vice chairman, R. E. Aldwell, treasurer, Miss Nan Karnes, secretary.

The above citizens of Sutton county, are working in co-operation with the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation under the sponsorship of President Roosevelt, and other organizations who are fighting this childhood scourge.

In announcing the appointment of the county chairman Mr. Clayton said that this year's celebrations will be held all over the nation the night of Jan. 30, Tuesday. "We are making this effort in behalf of the crippled children of our county, state and nation," said the chairman, "and I trust that every citizen in your county will join with you in this splendid movement for suffering humanity."

The local chairman said that an intensified drive will be made throughout the county for funds.

Cranbrook, B. C.—Six 9-year-old carrier pigeons flew almost 1,000 miles over uninhabited prairie lands, mountains and swamps from Frot Chipewywen, situated near Alberta's northern border, to their home lofts here. The best time was 5 days.

Merry Christmas!

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate Christmas! Betsy was so tired that she could hardly stand. This counter in the middle of the aisle had become a nightmare to her. The crowds hurrying by, pulling the neckties off as their coats brushed against them, fingering them over and then tossing them back on the table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job, even a temporary one. For she had been without work for a long enough time so that she had "eaten" and all her possessions she could borrow money on.

No time to be standing here thinking, though. That fat woman looked as if she was going to buy several ties. "These are very nice, madam. And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece, or three for \$1.00. This is an exceptionally pretty one," and Betsy showed her a navy blue. But the fat woman dropped the ties and hastened away with her friend, leaving a pile of ties on the floor.

Wearily Betsy leaned over and began picking them up. "Let me help?" a friendly voice asked. Betsy looked up into a handsome face, curly brown hair, deep blue eyes, and a mouth that curved into a smile at the surprise in Betsy's eyes.

"I want to get some ties for my family. I've been up here the past few weeks, and so I don't know what the kids want, but I think it'll be safe to give 'em ties. Socks are so commonplace."

"Your brothers?" Betsy asked as she held up one or two she liked particularly.

"Yeah. Three brothers and a sister. She's about your age, I reckon. What does a girl like, anyway, when you've only a little to spend?" He looked imploringly.

"Let's get the brothers fixed up first, and then see about her. How's this for the 17-year-old?" Betsy inquired.

"Fine. You know, I'm tickled pink to be able to do anything for the family. I struck a bad spell, was down with flu for three weeks, and lost my job. I just got another last week. But I'd have hated to have the day go by with nothing from the big boy." His face was shining.

"I'll have them wrapped as gifts. Then you go over to the counter there and select something for your sister. Here, I'll take you over and get a girl from my home town to wait on you. She'll help," and Betsy went along with him.

"You're not a city girl, then? No wonder you were so helpful. I'm

Fight To Keep Traffic Toll Below 1938 Level

Chicago, Dec. 19.—From coast to coast, America is rallying in a last-ditch fight to keep the 1939 traffic toll below last year's level, the National Safety Council reported today.

Hundreds of messages from governors, mayors, police officials and national organizations have come to the council's headquarters, all pledging enthusiastic support and outlining special educational and enforcement programs for the remaining weeks of the year.

In every instance was expressed the determination to keep the joy of the Christmas holiday season unmarred by traffic tragedy.

This is the zero hour for traffic safety, the council pointed out. Traffic deaths at the end of the first 10 months were only 2 per cent under last year. December—normally the most hazardous month with its bad weather, more hours of darkness and holiday rush—may wipe out this narrow margin.

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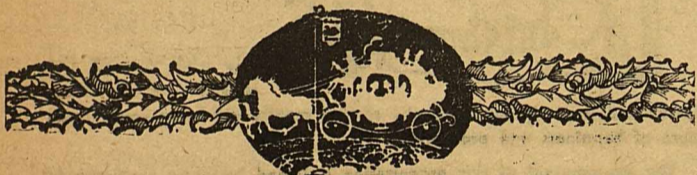
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"I want to get some ties for my family."

scared of these sophisticated girls in most of the shops. That's because I've been here only a few months, and in my home town everyone knew everyone and it was, well, it was different. Say, you don't think I'm getting fresh, do you? I'm just so homesick." His face was red with embarrassment.

It was Betsy's turn to look troubled. "Sure, I knew how it was. I don't chatter away with every customer this way, either. I'm like you new here, and lonesome for my own people. I was hating Christmas time, with so much confusion and no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at the women's wear counter, and went on with her tie selling. They seemed prettier, fresher and more attractive, than they had before the curly-headed fellow had come along to buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper, then she'd have to work until the store closed at nine. Christmas eve meant lots of last minute gifts to be bought in this big city. As she turned away from her counter to go out to eat, a friendly voice sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sandwich, do you mind if I go along and we learn something more about each other? Your friend told me you'd have just a little while for lunch, and I want to get acquainted, if you'll let me." It wasn't just a "pick-up." This was a homesick boy, wanting to talk with a small-town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesitation before Betsy said, with a grin, "Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch counter. You're no more lonely than I've been. As it is, I really feel like I can say 'Merry Christmas' when tomorrow comes."



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Our Christmas Edition

Very quietly we have gone about the business of preparing and presenting this issue of the Devil's River News to our readers. The purpose of the edition is not to demonstrate the ability of the News to issue a newspaper of more than average size, but to give our advertisers and patrons in this and other communities an opportunity to express their appreciation and thanks to the Sonora citizenship for the patronage and courtesies extended to the various business establishments and professional people here and elsewhere.

The past year, in spite of an extended drouth during the first six months, has been a prosperous one, compared to other periods in the recent past. Sonora has been active, the buying power of the citizens of Sutton county is apparently larger than merchants and business men of the county had any expectations of seeing when the year was ushered in twelve months ago, and the result is that the people generally, and the business firms of Sonora especially, have enjoyed a rather more prosperous year than was to be expected from the evidence presented when 1939 was new.

This edition of the Devil's River News carries the appreciation of advertisers for courtesies extended during the year. Let it also carry our thanks for the wonderful support accorded us both by the business element of the city, and by our numerous readers in Sonora, Sutton county, and in the widespread areas where the News is a weekly visitor. We wish for each of you a happy holiday season, a prosperous New Year, and all the things that make life livable and desirable.

Taxy Meter

Peter Molyneaux, another Texas All-American who probably couldn't run fifty yards with or without a pigskin, doubts that the citizens of Texas would vote authority to issue bonds in their name at the rate of one hundred million dollars a year for nine years if they knew what they were doing.

Yet, we have been at it for the past nine years, he says, and are going merrily on. He reaches the total by calculating Texas' share of the increase in the national debt over the past nine years and then brings the point right down to reading time of this paragraph by saying that it amounts to \$190 a minute. Here we pause for station announcement and go back to read what has been written. Just the reading time increased the debt by \$150. By the time this issue of \$150. By the time this issue reaches you, a whole new million dollars of national debt will have piled up against you and your neighbors. From then on out, every man figure for himself. — Exchange.

Son To Howard Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Guest announce the birth of a son Wednesday of last week. The infant weighed seven and three-fourth pounds.

Son To Mr. and Mrs. Rees

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rees of Eldorado announce the birth of a son Thursday in San Angelo. The infant will answer to the name of Thomas Lorin.

Mrs. Carson Ill

Mrs. C. H. Carson, ill in a San Angelo hospital, is reported as not doing as well as desired. Mr. Carson and Mr. G. H. Hall spent Thursday in that city.

Garner, Leader of Peace Bloc, Crystallized Anti-War Sentiment Throughout the United States

Washington, D. C.—Vice President John Nance Garner more than any sterner man changed the American attitude toward the European war.

When Mr. Garner returned to Washington for the special session of Congress on September 21, there was a sort of fatalistic feeling that somehow or another the United States, sooner or later, would get into war.

Travelers returning from Europe were quoted in Eastern newspapers as reporting that the most frequent question asked of Americans in England and France was "How soon will the United States join us?"

Garner never issues statements to the press, therefore his part in creating the new psychology may not be fully known to the country. But more than forty senators visited the Vice President on the first day he was in Washington.

Here is what he said to them: "The United States is not going into this war. The people are determined that we shall not get into it. We in elective office have got to quit saying that we hope this country can stay out. We have got to start saying 'We are going to stay out.'"

He expressed that same feeling at the White House later in the day when Democratic and Republican leaders met with President Roosevelt. He expressed it again, and again as Senators and Representatives called on him later. And in a few days the Garner sentiment was being echoed throughout Washington and it spread to the country.

Garner voted for war in 1917. He believed there was no way to stay out and he still believes there was no way to stay out. He insisted that his only son go to war then.

Marquis James, Pulitzer prize-winning author, in his new book, "Mr. Garner of Texas," tells how it happened:

His son, Tully, had gone to the father's office a few days after the war resolution passed in 1917.

"Son," said Mr. Garner, "how do you feel about going to war?"

"I aim to go, Dad," said the boy.

"I'm glad to hear it—for you've got to go. I couldn't have cast that vote to send our father's boys to war if I hadn't known I was sending my own. And just one more thing: your mother and I will want to hear from you every time you get a chance to write, but promise you'll never ask me a favor. I might be in a position to get it, and I don't want to be exposed to temptation."

No member of Congress got a better understanding of war than Garner. Not only was he a member of the Ways and Means Committee active in the framing of laws for the four Liberty Loans aggregating \$18,000,000 and the \$4,500,000,000 Victory Loan and the emergency tax bills, but he was also President Wilson's liaison man between the White House and the House of Representatives.

Twice a week he went to the White House for long private conferences with President Wilson. The President sent him to confer with the British, French and Belgium missions which came to the United States to discuss methods of waging the war. Garner had for many years been a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and a student of foreign relations.

In the writing of the new neutrality law it was he who insisted on every safeguard to prevent involvement of the United States in war.

WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

No matter how softly I walk or how hard I look, the bobwhites always burst into the air before I have found them on the ground. It is startling to have the dried grass at one's feet leap up suddenly to whirl away into different directions. But if one must be startled it is a more pleasant way than most.

The sound of the wings is distinctive and long remembered. While a flock of blackbirds in flight makes a soft brushing sound, like the rustle of wind across grain, birds in a covey whip into the air with a strong rapid whirr, mechanical in its rhythm. It suggests both power and speed. The young birds not having this capacity of flight may squat on the ground to melt into their background.

One day a bevy of young with their mother was crossing the highway in front of our car. By the time we had stopped and backed up they were running toward the wire fence by the road. But I headed part of them off and after a chase picked up one. The downy little fellow was only a few days old and not as large as a baby chick. His markings were similar to those of the adult's, but his coloring was mostly tawny and brown. He squatted flat on the plain of my hand while we examined him.

In the meantime the mother had taken the other birds through the fence and had come back looking for the stray. She slipped on a zig-zag path toward me. When I walked toward her she stopped, paused, then retreated a few feet. But she let me get close to her when I advanced and placed the young bird on the ground. Back across the fence the two hurried. Though there was no cover near the fence there, they blended into their background and vanished like smoke.

The exhaustive research work that has been done on the bobwhite forms an absorbing chapter in American bird study. Several columns in the past have discussed the findings of these experiments, but some of the facts are interesting enough to justify a re-statement.

The most important finding is the discovery that no matter how well stocked an area may be with quail at the beginning of winter, the number of quail at the end of the season will coincide with the carrying capacity of the land.

"Carrying capacity" may be defined as the greatest number of quail that a specific tract can be expected to support. Just as a sponge will hold so many drops of water, so land will support to much bird life and no more. There is a saturation point for the land, and whether that point is high or low depends on how well it does or does not meet the needs of the quail.

Bobwhite produce a large annual surplus, but this surplus is temporary and must perish. There is never a permanent increase in the number of quail after the breeding season unless the carrying capacity of the land is raised. That is why areas which have had closed seasons for ten or twenty years, without habitat improvement, show no increase in quail population, while adjacent improved areas that have been moderately hunted may show an increase.

It is agreed that six to eight birds should remain in a covey after the hunting season, and that not more than forty per cent of birds on a tract should be shot in a normal year. The capital stock must be protected if it is to produce dividends. In times of drouth the shooting should be reduced accordingly. Texas hunters are increasingly sportsmanlike (and businesslike) in observing these limitations. They are being rewarded.

Formerly it was thought shooting birds of prey would provide more quail. On some tracts studied, predators were deliberately encouraged, on others left alone, on others rigorously kept down. There was also a natural fluctuation in the numbers of different species of predators from year to year. But regardless of the presence or absence or increased numbers of prey, birds or animals, any corresponding variation in the numbers of bobwhites surviving from year to year was so slight as to be immeasurable. Efficient cover provided the avenue of escape.

Stoddard in Georgia found that quail are actually more numerous on tracts where the marsh hawk is allowed free range than on tracts where it is controlled. This is because the marsh hawk is a formidable enemy of the cotton rat which destroys many quail eggs.

Some authorities think that birds of prey perform an important service to the bobwhite race by removing diseased members, thus keeping the strains pure. The sickly birds are easy to catch. One game worker has told me that experiments in Texas prove that a marsh hawk cannot catch a healthy quail.

News Operator Vacant

James H. Morgan, Jr., operator at the Devil's River News, left today for Dallas where he will spend ten-day Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan and other relatives.

Mrs. Vinson Ill

Mrs. L. P. Vinson, who suffered an attack of appendicitis several days ago, is reported to be much better.

Mrs. R. A. Halbert and Mrs. R. C. Vicars were in San Angelo Tuesday.

SHORT NOTICE

Son To Ted Whites

Mr. and Mrs. Ted White, formerly of Sonora and now of Ozona, announce the birth of a son weighing six pounds and three ounces. The infant was born Friday.

Mrs. Rees Ill

Mrs. Robert Rees is ill and confined to her home.

Garland Slaughter Ill

Garland Slaughter is ill in a San Angelo hospital.

Son To Bolts

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bolt announce the birth of a baby boy weighing eight pounds.

Wilbur Glascock of Marathon is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. V. F. Hamilton, Mrs. Seth Lancaster and Mrs. Tom Driskell were in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodford Settle of Centralia, Missouri, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, and Mr. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown were in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis and daughter were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Vehle and daughter, Betty Grace, were visitors in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs of Marfa is visiting in the E. E. Sawyer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirby and Mrs. Rose Thorp were San Angelo visitor Tuesday.

The Reverend and Mrs. R. C. Brinkley went to San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Kring was a visitor in San Angelo Tuesday.

The Guild will sponsor dances December 25, December 28, and January 1, at the Scout Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Allen and sons, John and Chales Brent, will spend Christmas in Mason with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Behrens.

There remain but 300 horned mountain sheep in Texas, according State Game Department survey reports.

Miss Cathryn Trainer was a visitor in San Angelo Saturday.

Robert Allen Simmons arrived here Wednesday from College Station to spend the Christmas holidays.



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At the evening hour service, the ordinance of Baptism will be administered, and we want this service a beautiful ceremonial of honor to our Lord. Come, a welcome awaits you.

May we wish for you, one and all, a very Merry Christmas, and a most prosperous New Year.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Men's Bible Class

To all men who are able to do so, we extend a most cordial invitation to be present in the Bible Class at La Vista Theatre Sunday morning at 9:30.

A good program will be arranged for your enjoyment, and the fellowship will be long remembered. Come.

W. W. Gibson, President

Methodist Church

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.

10:50 a. m. Morning sermon, subject: "What Christmas Should Mean To Us."

Let us make these two services the best of the year. There will be no evening services, so let us put our best into the morning hour.

Wishing all a joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

The Brotherhood Men's Bible Class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church and you are cordially invited to attend. Come Sunday morning and enjoy these class meetings as they are both inspirational and beneficial. We have had good attendance at the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class but a higher goal is our aim. Help us to reach this goal by bringing some one with you Sunday.

Preston C. Lightfoot, President

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Cleveland, Ohio—The sky is virtually clouded with toy balloons these days since 14 years old Bob Besserer sent off several with a "finder please notify" note attached and received an answer from Francis Emerson of Hamilton, Ont. Now Bob sends out balloons almost daily hoping to soon get a reply from Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turney were the guests of Mrs. Turney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Davis on their ranch near Del Rio Sunday.

Earl Lomax returned Saturday from a visit with his father who had been ill in Alberquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Corey will spend Christmas in Dallas with their daughter, Edith Jean and Mrs. Corey's mother.

Miss Ruth Freeman was a San Angelo visitor Sunday.



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SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor

Girl Scout Party Given Wednesday Night

The Girl Scout Troops here enjoyed a party given by the Girl Scout Committee here Wednesday night of last week. The purpose of the party was to teach the Girl Scouts the lesson of giving instead of receiving and each was asked to bring a gift to be used in the Christmas baskets which will be distributed here.

During the party indoor games were played and Miss Rena McQuary directed the singing of Christmas carols and songs. Each Scout was given a stick of peppermint candy, and the Scout leaders, Miss Dorothy Penick, Miss Alice Sawyer, Miss Emma Sessions, Mrs. Billy Penick and Miss Rena McQuary were presented gifts from the troops.

Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served to Helen Kasper, Alice DeBerry, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Jo Beth Taylor, Georgia Nance, Ann DeBerry, Marjory Dameron, Edith Mae Babcock, Frances Atchison, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Addie Thorp, Flora Jean Hildreth, Lorene Frambrough, Elizabeth Taylor, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Martha Jo Moore, Davie Dean Locklin, Betty Faye Glasscock, Ethyl Mae Alley, Jamie Trainer, Kathryn Ross, Geraldine Morrow, Josette Boughton, Janie Collier, Jan Caffey, Marguerite Howell, Jean Cliff Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Miss Rena McQuary, Mesdames J. W. Trainer, H. C. Atchison, Jr., Lenard Gibbs, Boyd Caffey, W. H. Dameron, J. F. Howell, J. C. Morrow, John Lee Nisbet, Billy Penick, Miss Alice Sawyer, Miss Dorothy Penick.

Christmas Tree And Bridge Party For F. W. B.

Members of the F. W. B. Club enjoyed a Christmas party Friday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Hubert Fields. The home was decorated with Christmas ornaments.

Bridge was played at four tables, and after several games, Mrs. Lee Patrick received high score prize. Each guest drew a gift according to their score.

The hostess served sandwiches, coffee, pickles, olives, and cookies. Club members attending were Mesdames Lee Patrick, O. V. Mullens, J. H. Trainer, J. H. Brasher, C. G. Roe, Raymond Morgan, T. A. McMillian, Max Turney, Matt Adams, Bobby Allison, Allen Adkins and Dayton Barrett.

The guests were Mrs. L. E. Holland, Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry, Miss Ruth Freeman.

Jolly Joker Club Honored By Mrs. Halbert

Floral bouquets of red roses were placed at vantage points in the home of Mrs. R. A. Halbert when she entertained for members and guests of the Jolly Joker Club.

Bridges provided the entertainment for the evening and was played at two tables. After several games Mrs. Jack Mann received high score prize for club members, Mrs. Hillman Brown received high score prize for guests and Mrs. R. C. Vicars was awarded second high score prize.

The hostess served cake and coffee to Mesdames R. C. Vicars, Henry Decker, Ernest McClelland, Jack Mann, P. J. Taylor, Howard Kirby, Hillman Brown.

Room-Mothers Give Tree and Dance Wednesday

A Christmas tree and dance sponsored by the twelve room-mothers of the Sonora High School was given Wednesday night in the gymnasium for all students of the high school.

Gifts were exchanged, and afterward the students danced to the music of a San Angelo orchestra. The hall was decorated with balloons and blue Christmas rope.

During the dance punch was served to the 85 students present.

Mrs. V. F. Hamilton was in San Antonio Monday of last week.

Miss Elliott Home



Miss Elizabeth Elliott of Sonora is expected home today from Dallas where she is a student in Hockaday School. She will remain through the Christmas holiday season, visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. L. W. Elliott.

Christmas Holidays Bring Students Home

The Christmas holidays here will be gay with liveliness added by those who are arriving from the various colleges and universities which they have chosen to attend.

Those from University of Texas are: Miss Katha Lee Keene, Miss Margaret Faye Smith, Miss Lillie Marie Smith, Miss Rena Glen Shurley, J. O. Mills, Marion Elliott, Webb Elliott, Richard Vehle, Armor Earwood, Joseph Logan, Wesley Sawyer.

Students from Sul Ross are: A. W. Awalt, Jr., Miss Grace Thomas, Miss Wanda B. Rape; from A. and M. Jack Shurley, Jim Taylor, Robert Allen Simmons, Harrel Turney Espy.

Those home from Southwestern are: Miss Mary Sue Blanton, Miss Margaret Sandherr, Miss Emma Lou Logan, Miss Wynona Hutcherson, Reginald Trainer.

From Galveston Medical School comes Lacey Smith and Alvis Johnson, Jr.; Miss Nettie Adair Reiley and Billy Reiley will be here from John Tareton.

Afred Schwienging, Jr., will be home from Schreiner Institute; those from Rice Institute are Claude Thomas Driskell and J. C. Norris.

Those coming home from N. T. S. T. C. are Miss Margaret Schwiening and Basil Taylor; Robert Kelly is here from Texas Tech.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott of Hockaday School will spend Christmas here; Miss Jimmie Gwynne Langford is here from T. C. U.; Miss Louise Briscoe of San Angelo College will spend the holidays here.

Miss Majory Tyler of San Marcos Teachers College; Miss Wirt Ellis Stephenson of Howard Payne College; Mankin Stokes of New Mexico Military Institute will all be here to add gaiety to the holiday season.

Those students attending high schools elsewhere arriving for the Christmas vacation here are: Mary Gwen Wyatt of Ruth Coit School; Pat Reiley and Florence Reiley of Incarnate Word College; R. W. Johnson of Stephenville High School.

Miss Thorp Hostess Wednesday To Sub Deb Club

Christmas decorations were used Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Zella Lee Thorp when she entertained for members and one guest of the Sub Deb Club.

Bridge was played at two tables and after several games Mrs. Joe H. Trainer received high score prize for club members and Mrs. Preston Prater was awarded the guest prize.

A refreshment of fruit cake and coffee was served to Mesdames W. M. Penick, Joe H. Trainer, Howard Kirby, J. W. Taylor, Misses Bobbie Halbert, Dorothy Penick; Mrs. Preston Prater, guest.

Mrs. Fred Hull, Miss Margaret Hull and Alice Adkins were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

College Girl Home For Holidays



Pictured above is Miss Jo Nell Miers, daughter of W. A. Miers, Sonora college student who is spending the present school year at Hockaday School in Dallas. Miss Miers is expected home today to spend the Christmas holidays with her father and other relatives in Sonora.

Sonora Music Club Entertained By Hostesses

The Sonora Music Club was entertained Thursday night of last week in the home of Mrs. E. E. Sawyer and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Miss Elizabeth Caldwell and Miss Thelma Rees were the hostesses.

The Baptist Choir, guests for the evening, presented two anthems directed by Lavelle Meckel, with Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot as soloist. Lavelle Meckel sang two songs, "How Lovely is Thy Hand O God," and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," and was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Caldwell.

The Men's Chorus from the Methodist Church choir sang "The Little Chapel in the Valley," and "Great is the Lord." They were directed by Miss Marie Watkins.

The program was under the direction of Miss Marie Watkins and Miss Edith Engle.

Members of the Baptist Choir were Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, Mrs. Perry Mittel Mrs. W. P. Truitt, Misses Rena McQuary, Nona Woodward, Ruth Freeman, Doris Meckel, John Bowers, F. T. Jones, Leonard Ray, M. C. Lattimore, the Rev. R. C. Brinkley; Kathleen Brinkley, pianist.

The Men's Choir was composed of the Rev. R. F. Davis, J. C. Stephen, Preston C. Lightfoot, Boyd Caffey, J. H. Flathers, Edgar D. Shurley.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Love, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett, Miss Alice Sawyer, James Caldwell, Mesdames J. C. Stephen, Boyd Caffey, F. T. Jones, R. F. Davis, J. H. Brasher, I. B. Boughton, John L. Nisbet, E. E. Sawyer, O. G. Babcock Albert Murray.

Christmas Party At Mrs. Glasscock's Home

Meeting for their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. S. Glasscock Monday afternoon, the Just-Us Club was entertained. Roses and Christmas decorations, including a Christmas tree were used by the hostess.

Bridge provided the entertainment for the afternoon, with Mrs. Hix Hall winning high score award for club members, Mrs. W. D. Wallace receiving high score award for club guests, and Mrs. J. F. Howell being awarded high cut prize, and following the games gifts were exchanged.

The hostess served ice box fruit cake and coffee to Mesdames J. F. Howell, Hix Hall, V. F. Hamilton, Paul Turney, R. A. Halbert, G. H. Davis, I. B. Boughton, W. H. Dameron, club members, and Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. Jack Turney and Mrs. Seth Lancaster, club guests.

Teachers Spend Holidays In Various Towns

Teachers of the Sonora school system will spend the vacation period at the following places:

Albert Murray, at Jerome, Arizona.

Miss Viva Milstead with relatives at Hamlin.

Miss Johnnie Allison, at her home in Melvin.

Miss Annie Duncan in San Antonio and Devine with relatives.

Miss Johnnie Edmonson in Hillsboro and in New Mexico.

S. L. Sharp in Alpine.

J. H. Flathers at his home in Perryton.

Preston C. Lightfoot in Abilene and Gorman with relatives.

Supt. F. T. Jones and family with relatives at Goree.

Mrs. Hildreth plans to remain in Sonora.

Miss Quisenberry will also remain in Sonora.

Miss Collier plans to visit relatives in Crockett.

Miss Engle will visit parents in Alpine.

Miss Caldwell will visit at her home and in Houston.

Dearl Beard plans to visit in Tuscloa, and part time in Sonora.

Miss Garrett will remain in Sonora.

Miss Nan Johnson plans to spend part of the time in Canyon.

Miss Hutchins will visit in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellman plan to spend the holidays in Mason.

Miss Mary Frances McDade will spend the holidays at her home in Abilene.

Miss Margaret Cleek will visit friends in Abilene during Christmas.

Miss Margaret Grantham will visit at her home in Phoenix, Arizona during the holidays.

Miss Nona Woodward will spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

Miss Helen James will visit at her home in Denton during the holidays.

Herbert Speece plans to visit relatives in Fort Worth over Christmas.

Miss Laura Ward will visit for a time during the holidays at her home in Oakwood, Texas. She plans to attend the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans on New Year's Day.

Miss Blanche Perciful plans to spend the holidays at her home in Christoval.

Miss Frances Crook will spend the holidays at her home in San Marcos.

Miss Dorothy Calfee plans a vacation over Christmas at home in Abilene.

M. D. Lattimore goes to Fort Worth this week for a holiday vacation.

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer and Edwin Sawyer were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. Lightfoot Presents Pupils In Recital

Decorations of Christmas candles and mistletoe added beauty to the home of Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot when she presented her pupils in recital Tuesday night.

The entertainment was given in the mode of a seated tea and refreshments of hot chocolate topped with whipped cream, cheese and olive sandwiches and cookies were served.

Those taking part on the program were Doris and Geraldine Meckel, Elizabeth Taylor, Betty Faye and Sue Glasscock. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meckel, Lavelle Meckel, John Bowers, Barbara Bowers, Mrs. J. F. Howell, Miss Grace Draper, Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Tina Ann Taylor, Mrs. Ed Glasscock, Mrs. J. S. Glasscock, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs, Maifa, Miss Rena McQuary, Miss Dorothy Calfee, Miss Margaret Grantham, Mrs. Johnnie Martin, Jim Martin, Ada Ruth Martin, Helen Martin, Preston C. Lightfoot, Marjory Ann Lightfoot.

Sonora Girls Home This Week For Holidays

Miss Elizabeth Elliott and Miss Jo Nell Miers will return to Sonora today from Dallas where they are students at Hockaday Junior College. Miss Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of Judge and Mrs. L. W. Elliott, secretary of the bungalow-dormitory that she lives in and a member of the Current History Club. Miss Miers, is a member of the honorary sorority, Tau Gamma Epsilon and a member of the Current History Club.

Miss Elliott and Miss Miers will return to Dallas January 8th.

Miss McQuary Presents Pupils In Recital

Miss Rena McQuary presented her pupils in recital Wednesday night. The program was as follows:

"O Sanctissima," Italian Folk Song, by Libby Jo Wallace, Kathleen Brinkley and Chorus; "Toy Soldiers," Thompson, by Beverly Smith, Blanche Lavon Taylor; "Mountain Climbing," Thompson, by Eunice Mund, Ernest Carol Stephen; Ballet, "Deep Purple," by Raymie Jo McClelland, Martha Jo Moore; "Bells on the Toy Fire Wagon," Benson by Wayne Ogden, James Theodore Hunt; "The Jolly Snow-Man," Benson, by Maxine Chalk, Jane Neill; "Hello, Mr. Kringle," by Ernest Carol Stephen; "Grasshopper Dance," Martin, by Norma Jean Brinkley, Tina Ann Taylor; "Tumbletown Cake Walk," Weybright, by Barbara Jewless, Billy Wright Taylor; "The Sligh," Thompson, by Raymie Jo McClelland, Tina Ann Taylor; "Winter Wonderland," by Jane Neill, James Theodore Hunt;

Reading by Elizabeth Taylor; "Jingle Bells," arranged for two pianos by Miss McQuary, Billy Wright Taylor; "Hallelujah," Chorus, Thompson arrangement, and "Under the Mistletoe," Engleman, by Lila D. Chalk, Bernie Dawn Gibbs; "Sonatina," Clementi, by Kathleen Brinkley, Nancy Christie; "Don't Wait 'til the Night Before Christmas," Tina Ann Taylor; "Hungary," Koeling, by Peggy Gilmore; "Silent Night, Holy Night," Gruber, by Nancy Christie, Libby Jo Wallace and Chorus.

The Guild will sponsor dances December 25, December 28, and January 1, at the Scout Hall.

Mrs. George Ray of Paris spent this week here with her brother, Hubert Fields and Mrs. Fields.

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Diamond Import Is Rising

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shows an upward trend. Importations of diamonds, both cut and uncut, for the first five months of 1939 totaled \$18,801,342, according to the De Beers Diamond Syndicate here.

A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly-looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

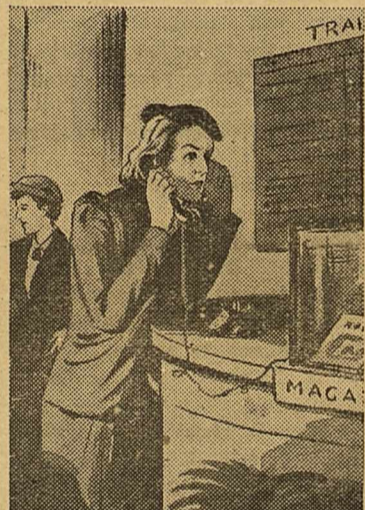
"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child



Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father.

tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did." Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead 'o the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad you came in on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon.

How Other Lands Mark Christmas

A melting pot of the world, America has created its Christmas traditions from countless customs brought across the seas from foreign lands. In these far-away places the Yuletide symbols of bygone ages still endure. Here are a few of them:

ENGLAND:

Christmas to rural Englishmen means not only the observance of Christ's birth, but also a parting of the ways between the old year and the new. Preparations are started for the next year's farm work, which begins right after Christmas. Throughout the island such trappings as the holly and mistletoe remain undying traditions, nor is any Christmas complete without the Yule log burning. On clear frosty nights the carol singers raise their voices over the countryside. To many Englishmen's despair, such American customs as the turkey dinner are gaining a foothold.

GERMANY:

Two years ago storm troopers in Berlin lit bonfires in the public squares as a revival of the pagan custom of celebrating the winter solstice. But this distraction will not stop the Christmas-loving Germans from decorating their trees in every town and village, and joining in the famed Christmas hymn, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

ITALY:

Most Italian families celebrate Christmas eve and spend the following day quietly in their homes. Here it is a feast more for grown-ups than for children, whose merry-making day comes 12 days later, on January 6. On Christmas-eve fami-



IN ITALY—Children of the Italian Alps at Christmas Time, praying before a wayside shrine.

lies gather around the "ceppo" or Christmas log blazes. At nine p. m. begins the "cenone," or big supper, at which no meat may be served. Gifts for children, which come on Epiphany, are brought not by Santa Claus but by an ugly witch whose name is "Befana."

FRANCE:

Exchange of gifts comes not on Christmas but mostly on New Year's day, which in France is the big family day for reunions of cousins, aunts and uncles. Santa Claus is "Pere Noel," who leaves his gifts in wooden shoes. Christmas eve is not spent at home but in revelry and feasting.

BELGIUM:

Neither Santa Claus nor Pere Noel visit children here—but St. Nicholas makes the rounds, surprisingly, on December 6! A quaint Belgian custom is the putting up the chimney of a few carrots for the little donkey on which St. Nicholas makes his visits.

RUSSIA:

This anti-Christian nation forbids celebration of the Yuletide but no longer compels foreign residents to import their own Christmas trees. Making an about-face, the Soviet government uses this emblem of childhood for its New Year's celebrations when Dajda Moroz, or Uncle Frost, appears with gifts for good children.

POLAND:

This Christmas celebration lasts until February 2 and is preceded by fasting which is not broken until the first star appears on Christmas eve. In all homes the tablecloth is placed over a layer of fragrant hay in commemoration of the manger.

HUNGARY:

St. Nicholas leaves boxes of candy for children early in December, after which the youngsters must be on their good behavior. They write letters to the angels, who, they believe, bring the presents. If they find bits of tinsel on the floor, they claim this is angel's hair and proof that the angels are everywhere, observing which boys and girls are good.

HOLY LAND:

Where it all began nearly 20 centuries ago, worshippers reverently hail each Christmas at the church of Nativity which is built over Christ's traditional birthplace. It has remained unchanged more than 1,500 years. There pilgrims gather from all over the world to intone "Glory to the New-Born King."

Singapore Chinese Plotting

Singapore — Chinese secret societies are still active in Singapore and throughout British Malaya, despite the efforts of the British police over many years to stamp them out. Chinese form 40 per cent of the population of British Malaya.

BULL SNAKES HELP RANCHMAN

Bull snakes are helping W. Albert Richardson, district clerk of Earth county, rid his ranch in Somervill County of rattlesnakes. Shortly after Mr. Richardson purchased the place he advertised for bull snakes, obtained fourteen and released them on the ranch. That was ten years ago. The number of rattlers has diminished since then and Mr. Richardson recently got a graphic illustration of the reason.

While walking through a field he saw a large bull snake rush past an eighteen-inch rattler, which struck, but missed. The bull snake did this repeatedly, and each strike of the rattle was slower than the last one. Finally the bull snake rushed by turned quickly and grabbed the rattler before it could coil again. There was quite a scuffle, but the bull snake began twisting itself around the rattler and Mr. Richardson heard the bones of the smaller reptile crack. Finally the bull snake released its hold, satisfied itself that his foe

was dead and crawled to the tail of the smaller snake, and proceeded to swallow it. When he had completed the job he quietly crawled away as if in search of another victim. Moral: Never kill harmless snakes. One may destroy a rattler which might have bit you.

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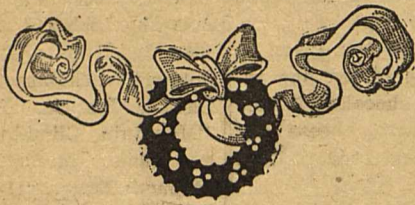
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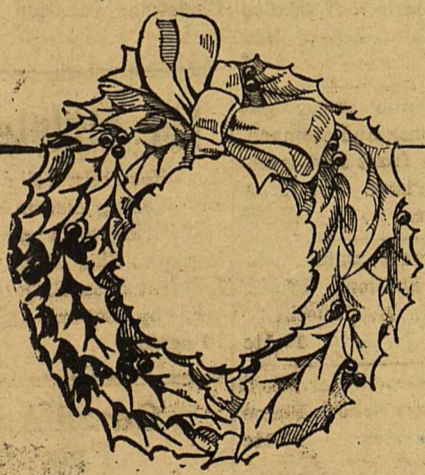
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Yuletide Shower

By Elizabeth Eastman

"I WISH we could do something exciting — something different at Christmas." Peggy looked out at the winter landscape as she spoke. "For instance?" Vivian Clark glanced up from the magazine. "Something like making someone terribly, tremendously happy." Peggy came closer to her sister as she answered, and Vivian saw that she was very much in earnest. "I've been thinking," Peggy went on, "how wonderful it would be to bring something thrilling — something unforgettable — into someone's life. I don't mean like helping with the baskets and the entertainments at the church; we've always done that; but a sort of special something, for one particular person." For a minute youthful voices surrendered to silence. The gay little clock on the dresser made audible sound. Suddenly Peggy jumped to her feet. "I've thought of something!" she cried breathlessly, "something really different! You know Sara Werby—she's been an invalid for 10 years—shut in from the world except for a few friends who run in every now and then." "But what can we do for her? We do visit her occasionally, and have always taken her a little Christmas gift. You know she's much too proud to accept charity." "Who's talking of charity? What I have in mind is something that will just thrill her. I'm going to write to Mona Muir—you know, she runs that department on the Star—and I'm going to tell her how wonderful Sara has been, and ask a card shower for her." Vivian whistled through her teeth. "Well, that is a grand idea, Peggy. I know she'll be thrilled." "She's bound to be! Think of the postman stopping with loads and loads of mail every day." Peggy's blue eyes were dancing. "But suppose people don't write? You know how busy everyone is at Christmas." Vivian's face reflected the doubt in her words. "But they will write," Peggy's voice was emphatic. "I'm going to hold the thought that Sara Werby will be just swamped with mail." TOGETHER they penned the letter to Mona Muir on the big city paper. Later, between snatches of shopping, they discussed the possible number of cards and letters that would be delivered at the little cottage on Bank street. They both seemed to be more concerned with what Sara Werby was going to



"I've thought of something!" she cried breathlessly. receive than about what they themselves were going to get. "It's funny how doing something for others gets a hold of you," Vivian said one day; "I wasn't nearly as enthusiastic as you at first, Peggy; now I believe I'm even more eager." But their real happiness came on Christmas eve when they stood by Sara Werby's bed and saw the radiance upon her face. Stacks of letters, cards, and packages were piled everywhere, with postmarks from almost every state in the Union. "It's the most thrilling thing that ever happened in my life," Sara told them. "I never knew there were so many wonderful people in the world. It will take me weeks and weeks to answer them all, but it's going to be loads of fun." Her brown eyes sparkled like a girl's. "I imagine some of them will develop into lasting friends," Peggy ventured. "Vivian and I are so happy about it all—in fact, I think we're just about as excited as you are." "You're pretty happy then," Sara Werby whispered softly, "for I don't believe there is anyone—anywhere—who is going to have a more thrilling Christmas than mine."

Outdoor Christmas Trees Outdoor Christmas trees are not new. When in Alsace the folk there will tell you of St. Florentine, who centuries ago went out into the woods at Christmas time and placed lights, probably candles, on the trees.

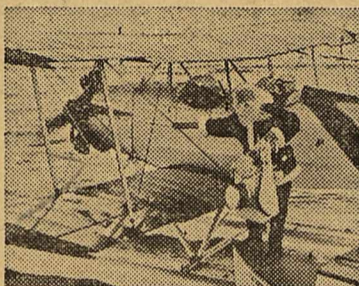
A Straw for Remembrance Reminding gay celebrants of the poverty of the Christ Child, Christmas feasts in Poland always have a piece of straw sticking out from under the dining table cloth.

Santa Claus Gets Around

Busy Kris Kringle doesn't fight modern inventions—he uses them!



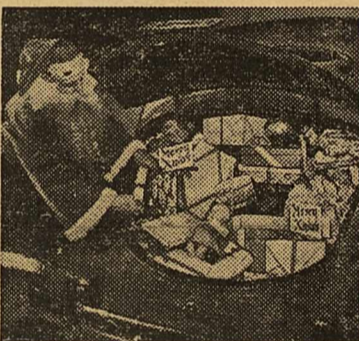
Down Florida way where the chambers of commerce require that everything be different, Santa goes to work on an aquaplane.



Donner and Blitzen can't fly through the air like a plane, so old St. Nick tries a new wrinkle.



Here he pops up in a railroad engine—



Then, again, he abandons his toy bag and travels in an automobile—



But in the end he goes back to reindeers. Can't get along without 'em!

3 Christmas Islands, Harbor, Cove, Sound, Are Found in Atlas

Not one, but three Christmas islands will celebrate the Yuletide this year, all of them under the British flag. The first is located in mid-Pacific and is really a submerged mountain 15,000 feet high with only its top above water. The second, in the Indian ocean, is forest-covered and had a population of 40 when the last census was taken in 1898. The last Christmas islands is near Cape Breton in the maritime provinces of Canada. France has a Christmas harbor on Desolation or Kerguelen island about 2,000 miles southwest of Australia. The United States has a Christmas cove near Boothbay harbor, Maine, which is a summer resort. There is also a Christmas sound near the southern tip of South America about 120 miles northwest of Cape Horn and located in an island belonging to Chile.

1939 Toys Sprout Wheels As Kids Imitate Parents

Today's civilization-on-wheels has revolutionized the Twentieth century toy industry. Several decades ago children played with paint sets and cut-out dolls. Now girls and boys want wheel goods. The desire to have an automobile like dad's is so great that toy auto manufacturers must change their designs as soon as new models appear. Velocipedes must be streamlined, scooters must have pneumatic tires, and doll carriages must be of the latest baby buggy designs.

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Agile Tree Climber At 70

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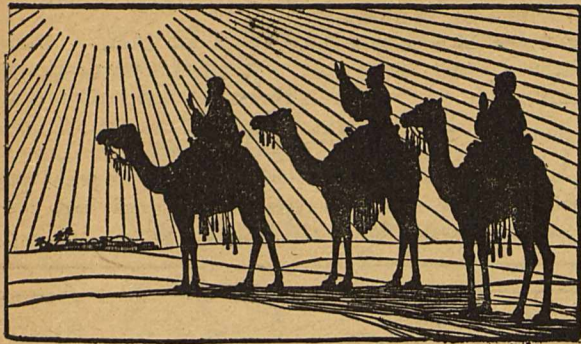
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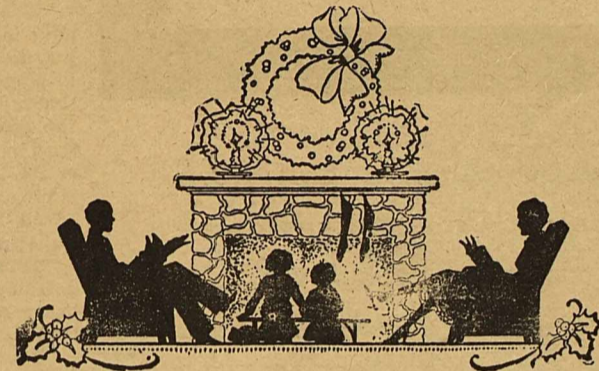
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A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want the sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy *Health, Happiness and Prosperity*. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Effort In—

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he would need, and regarding what it would be reasonable to expect under the circumstances in the way of equipment and provision for proper light.

Mr. Grayson proposed and set up as few grades as thought would make fair allowance for the wide variation in the quality and condition of the mohair. The tentative

grades are: Numbers 1 and 2 kid; Numbers 1, 2 and 3 grown, kempy, and tags. Approximately 200,000 pounds of mohair were graded, and most of the grading was done at Menard, Sabinal, Sonora, Blanco, Fort Worth, Ingram, and Junction. All of the grading done was confined to the warehouses as planned.

The following figures show how the whole lot graded, also how some of the better clips as well as some poorer ones graded:

Pounds	154,287	3,674	924	1,258	2,188
No. 1 Kid	13,534	388	88	230	192
No. 2 Kid	13,459	284	198	57	53
No. 1 Grown	76,564	1,808	566	739	376
No. 2 Grown	33,621	786	64	141	418
No. 3 Grown	14,256	365	5	45	1,004
Kempy	2,432	0	0	24	136
Tags	421	43	3	22	9

We learned that the growers can make it possible for the grader to handle 5,000 pounds or more per day by taking the proper precautions at shearing. Three helpers seemed to constitute a crew for getting the mohair to the grader and for resacking as graded. The labor cost was only a fraction of a cent per pound. Of course, there would be other costs.

In the general run of discussion of costs there is confusion of the terms Grading and Sorting. Grading of mohair as proposed by Mr. Grayson is not comparable to the process of Sorting as done by the dealers or mills after the mohair

reaches Boston. Grading is no duplication of the sorting and should aid, and not hinder, the sorting process.

A part of the mohair graded has been sold and to the advantage of growers. The accumulation handled by the Mid-West at Fort Worth has been shipped to the National Wool Marketing Corporation of Boston. The National is the sales agent for the Mid-West and twenty-four-odd other co-operatives. From the beginning of this endeavor we received enough co-operation from the growers, warehousemen, and buyers to make the work pleasant and possible for Mr. Grayson to grade all of the mohair he was

physically able to handle during his stay in the area. More progress was made than we had reason to expect.

Those of the industry who believe in the ultimate soundness of selling or buying mohair on its merits will continue to study the tentative grades and approve or suggest improvements. Warehousemen will solve the problems of doing the grading as quickly as grades as can be established and as the growers demand and are willing to pay for the service.—Southwestern Sheep and Goat Raiser.

Personals

Mrs. Andrew Moore and daughter, Martha Jo, left yesterday for Austin to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Moore's grandmother.

Miss Bobbie Halbert spent last week in Dallas visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. McBride and in Lufkin attending a wedding of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hull of Austin will be here for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Beal Freeman was in San Angelo Sunday.

Mrs. L. H. McGhee and Miss Virginia were in San Angelo Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Stencil.

Miss Nona Woodard was a San Angelo visitor Sunday.

M. C. Lattimore was in San Angelo Sunday.

Gladys Eaves and the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brinkley were in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Freeman will spend Christmas Day in Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tyler and daughter, Miss Marjory, will spend Christmas in Fort Stockton with Mr. and Mrs. Hearn Taylor, their daughter and son-in-law.

Good News To Methodists

Last year marked a high point in the history of the local Methodist Church. We are now out of debt. Our church is in good repair and is all paid for.

At conference in October we reported every item of the church paid in full with insurance paid for two years in advance. Our fuel for the year is stored and paid for, and we had a nice balance left in the treasury to start the new conference year.

Every other interest of the church has had a corresponding increase. In the past three years the attendance at Sunday school and the preaching services have more than doubled. We humbly acknowledge God's goodness to us and pledge ourselves to a greater consecration for the future.

Ted MacKall has gone to Pomona, California, where he will spend Christmas with his mother and brother.

Miss Gertrude Babcock of College Station is spending the Christmas vacation here.

Miss Marjory Tyler and her guest, Charles Albright of San Marcos arrived here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hildreth of San Angelo were the week-end guests of Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth and Flora Jean.

Ralph Stewart, secretary of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, of San Angelo was the guest of C. A. Tyler Tuesday.

G. W. Smith, chief engineer of the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company station in Sonora, will spend Christmas week-end with his family in Oklahoma. James H. Morgan, Jr accompanied him as far as Fort Worth.

Elwood McWilliams, bookkeeper at the Foxworth-Galbraith Company, will spend Christmas week-end with his parents in Lubbock.

Wants

FOR RENT—Furnished room for two with or without meals. Hot and cold water. Garage, Call 217.

FOR SALE—furnished or unfurnished, the W. E. James home; 5 rooms and bath; large lot, 100x200 feet; call at the residence for particulars. tf

LOST—Shepard-Collie dog, light red, white under neck and stomach, all white feet, left front foot lame. \$15.00 reward. Phone 87. Miss Nettie Word, Sonora. 10-1tc

LOST—Waltham wrist watch, near Awalt Service Station. Finder please return to L. M. Roueche. 10-1tc

FOR RENT—Five-room furnished house, one block from school. Phone 81, Mrs. Beulah Pfeister. 10-1tc

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Silver Ducking games, young cockerels, and pullets, fighting stock. For prices write Uel Hull, Green Gap, New Mexico. 10-3tp

Kenneth Babcock will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Jim Taylor is here from College Station to spend the Christmas vacation.

Harrel Turney Espy, who is attending A. and M. College, arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents.

For Athletes Foot

To effectively relieve the itching and burning discomfort of athletes foot, ringworm and eczema use Merlann. This liquid medicine gives relief at once. Satisfaction guaranteed by Sonora Drug Co., Price 50 cents. 43-12tc

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Sheep and Wool Income For 1939 Near 1937 High

The 1939 cash income to producers of sheep, lambs and wool in the United States is not expected to reach the 10-year high of \$308,817,000 given out by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for 1937, but it should run into millions more than the estimated \$235,000,000 received in 1938.

The average wool price was from two to four cents more per pound in 1937 than in 1939, and lambs, on an average sold for approximately

a half-cent more per pound.

The bureau estimates the 1937 cash farm and ranch income from sheep and lambs reached \$191,000,000—more than twice as large as the record low of 1932, but somewhat less than the record high of 1929. This upturn, the third in a series of three broad swings in cash income from sheep and lambs since 1909, was attributed by the bureau to the improved consumer demand for meats and the rise in wool prices which accompanied the recovery in business conditions after 1932. The consumer demand and better wool prices may be given as the reasons for the 1939

THE CROWDED INN

By HELEN CLARK WENTWORTH

ALL day long they had been going by the inn, camels and donkeys stirring up dust, weary men and women resting by the stream outside the inn yard. The little country maid had never seen so much travel.

Just outside the city of Jerusalem, near by the village of Bethlehem, there were plenty of people who stopped for refreshment. And Jeremiah kept a good inn. He was a good man, too. But he was hard, sparing neither man nor beast. And his niece Rebecca was hard put to do the tasks that were set before her.



"Why are there so many travelers today?" she asked the little slave girl who helped her prepare the evening meal.

"The tribesmen," replied Fatima, "are going to Jerusalem to be numbered, so that they may pay their taxes. And this will continue for days. These are not times of rejoicing and feasting for us!"

Rebecca looked up as a bearded man, leading an ass on which a young woman rode, entered the courtyard. "Is the inn keeper here?" he asked gently. "My wife and I seek shelter."

"There are no rooms left," Fatima told him, going on with her work. But Rebecca looked up at the woman, whose face was weary and touched with pain.

"I will see what provision can be made," the little maid exclaimed. Her eyes never left the young woman's sweet face. The woman smiled at Rebecca, and her husband smiled too. Rebecca's face lightened eagerly and even Fatima found herself softening.

Rebecca had some difficulty finding her uncle, busy as he was with many things. Then it was hard to make him listen.

"There must be some place, uncle. That new stable, with the clean straw, would be warm and comfortable. She cannot go farther, I know."

"So be it," he answered. Then, as they neared the group, he too was impressed by the young woman's beauty and the lovely warmth of her smile. "There is naught but the stable," he told them, "but Re-

becca will seek to make you comfortable there."

Even after she had done everything she could, and had crept into her own dark corner for the night, Rebecca found she could not forget the couple in the stable. Mary, the man had called his wife. There was such a radiance about her. "I wonder what makes her so different," Rebecca thought. And she opened her eyes.

In amazement she saw light in the courtyard, so much that it seemed the dawn must have come. But the light came from a star that shone just about the stable. Out into the yard the girl crept, and suddenly she heard a child's cry, a cooing, happy sound.

Rebecca looked about. No one was stirring. Far off, on the hillside she saw what looked like a group of men, shadowy, indistinct, seemingly moving toward Bethlehem. It must be her imagination. Possibly it was Ephraim's vineyard she saw. Soon she stood in the stable doorway.

There, lighted by a lantern, was Joseph, bending over the young woman and holding in his arms a tiny baby—her firstborn. At Rebecca's exclamation he turned, and into her outstretched arms he handed the little figure and showed her the snowy lengths of swaddling cloth. Tenderly the maid clothed the infant and laid it beside the mother.

"Thank you," Mary whispered. "For the child's sake and in His name, I thank you for what you have done. We thank her, don't we, Jesus?"

The baby opened his eyes and smiled.

"He smiled at me," Rebecca exclaimed. "I shall never forget, a new born babe smiled into my face to say thank you."

Mary drew the child into the shelter of her arms. Her eyes closed, Joseph walked to the doorway and watched Rebecca as she returned to her room. He, too, saw the clump of trees or vines, or was it a group of men on the hillside? Then he returned to the manger and settled down beside Mary and the sleeping Jesus.



increase over 1938. Last year's sheep and lamb prices declined somewhat as a result of weakness in consumer demand. The 1938 average wool price was four to five cents lower than this year's average.

Changes in income from sheep and lambs from year to year have been caused much more by changes in prices than by changes in the quantities sold, according to the bureau. "It appears that changes in consumer demand and changes in the general price level have been much more important than the fluctuations in the quantities sold in causing changes in prices and in incomes received by farmers for sheep and lambs," the bureau says.

Since 1918 the volume of sales of sheep and lambs has been upward, with a marked increase in 1926. Producers marketed about 96 per cent more sheep in 1931 than at the low point in 1917, and about 34 per cent more than the 1910-14 average. The 1937 income was 76 per cent greater than the pre-war average; the 1938 income was 51 per cent greater.

The increasing proportion of lambs in total sales of sheep and lambs is held by the bureau as a factor in the upward trend of income from these sales. In the past five years approximately 93 per cent of the sheep and lambs slaughtered under federal inspection have been lambs, compared with 87 per cent in 1923. Lambs sell for considerably higher prices per pound than do sheep. The increase in income from than do sheep. The increase in income from the pre-war period to the post-war period reflects in part this increasing proportion of lambs.

The cash income from shorn wool in 1937 (1939 is expected to be

nearly as great) totaled \$117,000,000, the largest in any year since 1919, and almost four times the record low of 1932. In 1938, with prices much lower, the reported income from wool was \$70,000,000.

The highest income from wool, for at least the past 30 years, was the \$14,000,000 received in 1918.

As with sheep and lambs, the cash income from wool has experienced broad swings during the years since 1909. "Most of the changes in income from wool," the bureau said, "have been caused by changes in wool prices more than by changes in supply." Prices in this country are affected largely by changes in world supply and demand, inasmuch as the United States usually imports substantial quantities of wool.

Tree Rotates Its Fruits

Ukiah, Cal.—The Ukiah Chamber of Commerce maintains in an earth-filled jar in its club rooms the masterpiece of Clark Bailey, 85 year old horticulturist and expert fruit tree grafter. An ordinary pear tree to begin with, the tree now bears two kinds of pears, apples, grapes and blackberries. The fruit is produced according to proper season of each of the fruits involved.

Pasadena, Cal.—An 11 months old baby began eating a small electric light globe. The mother slapped the infant on the back until he had coughed fragments of glass. A fluoroscopic examination developed that he had swallowed nothing and suffered only a slight cut in the mouth.

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER



... finds us mindful of the good things that have come our way during the past year. The fine friendships... the excellent patronage... both have been instrumental in enabling us to have a most successful year... so please accept our thanks for everything.

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Time-worn words, but the most appropriate of them all. When we say "Merry Christmas" you can be sure that it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

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Here's Wishing You a Happy Holiday

To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine

Merry Christmas

May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours for many, many years.

JOE OBERKAMPF



May Christmas bring Joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity...

Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

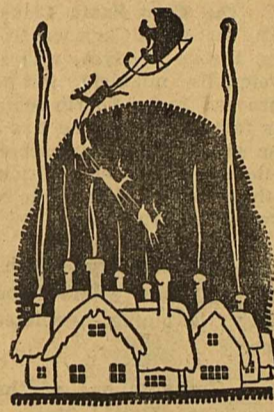


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May this be your happiest Christmas of them all... and the New Year be the most prosperous, our Yuletide wish for each of our friends.

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A Joyous Yuletide

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of drama and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

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"A HOME AWAY FROM HOME"



Christmas Play

By Katherine Edelman

THE town hall was wreathed with holly and mistletoe. Bright red bells hung from the old-fashioned chandeliers. Christmas candles sent their soft glow into the night. The whole place cried out welcome to the crowd who thronged through the doors.

By eight o'clock every seat was occupied. Small gossip and murmurs of expectancy ran through the crowd. The little town was proud of the boy who was taking the leading part in the play. They had known Ted Rawlings all their lives. Known him as an easy-going lad, interested in nothing more than fishing and hunting around the country, and later as an astonishingly changed ambitious fellow. No one seemed to understand how the quick transition occurred.

All eyes turned to the stage as the heavy curtain rolled upward. Three hundred pairs of eyes fastened themselves upon the moving, speaking figures. "Isn't Ted wonderful," young girls whispered breathlessly to each other. Between acts, thun-



"Ted, you were perfectly wonderful," Sally was saying.

derous bursts of applause filled the room. Hands clapped with vehemence. Small boys made their approval known by shrill whistling.

Ted carried the audience with him, every step of the way. He seemed to enter, to merge himself completely in the character he portrayed. His make-believe was so intense in the last act, that there was a deep silence for a moment when

the final curtain fell.

FOR the time it was no make-believe to Ted. He was living again all the agony of parting, of seeing Sally Howard go away without a word. He had been sure until her train pulled out that she would come and say how sorry she was for the bitter, reproachful words she had hurled at him. Words that had left their mark upon his soul—that had stung him into a mad, ambitious desire to show her what he could do.

He found no real satisfaction in the tumultuous applause that followed. In this hour of his triumph, his heart cried out for Sally. If only she was here! If only she had cared! He scarcely knew what he was saying in answer to the lavish congratulations.

Suddenly small hands pressed tightly around his arm, and a remembered voice spoke in his ear. "Ted, you were perfectly wonderful," Sally was saying, "wonderful, wonderful. I'm so proud—so proud of you."

"But, Sally, I don't understand. I thought you were in New York."

"I was, until last night. I've been keeping track of you. I knew all about the play, and—and the way you have been working lately. I wouldn't have missed this for anything in the world."

"But the things you said, Sally? They hurt—they still do."

"I wanted them to hurt, Ted. I know—I know it was cruel, but there seemed no other way. Someone had to give you the right kind of push to get you going. You know you were really lazy? But now, well, you've really put on speed."

"Nothing like the speed I'm going to show in getting ready for a Christmas wedding. There's just two days left. We've got to make it a really big event. Let's give out the announcement now—while the crowd is still in the hall."

The First Santa Claus

The first Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who started mysterious midnight gift-bearing journeys. In the Fourth century he was famous because he was a rich man who enjoyed giving secret gifts to the poor. One of his tricks was to throw purses of gold into cottage windows and run away.

The red mulberry, which is a very important wildlife food, is rapidly becoming depleted in Texas.

East Texas is one of the few places in the United States where the eastern wild turkey is still found, the Texas Game Department reports.

Game Funds Buy Church Building

Quail built a church for the Liberty Community in Northeast Texas!

In 1934 a group of sportsmen in Sulphur Springs and surrounding towns formed the East Texas Field Trial Association. Seeking a suitable area in which to hold the annual trials, the association finally settled upon Liberty Community in Hopkins county. Quail were most plentiful in some other sections, but the spirit of co-operation of resident of Liberty Community sold the association.

When the Field Trials officials presented their problems to the community, landowners saw an opportunity to realize money from their quail crop without harvesting it—a case of eating cake and still having it. So an agreement was reached with the understanding the resident of the community would attempt to build up their supply of quail.

It costs \$3 to enter a dog in the field trials. \$1 goes to the association, \$1 to the Liberty Community and \$1 is for the prize fund. The women of the community add to the proceeds by serving meals.

The affair turned out so successfully that in 1938 the proceeds from the trials was sufficient to enable Liberty Community to erect a substantial church.

From the fruits of early success has come seeds of greater ambition. Both the association and the Liberty Community residents now feel that more quail on their farms will mean even greater income. Last summer they requested the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission to assist with technical advice on methods of producing a large bobwhite crop. The Game Department biologist for that region made a survey of the locality and concluded that too many fields were devoid of either sufficient food, cover, or both. Consequently 13 land operators have agreed to build 36 different food and shelter patches. The association agreed to furnish the wire for fencing purposes while the land owners are furnishing the labor.

Cordial Greetings



We've Been Wishin'
You A Merry
Christmas for a
Great Many Years

And we haven't seen the time yet that it didn't give us a pleasant experience. Each year we are more appreciative of the friendships and patronage that has been ours. Each Yuletide season has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming year.

This year is no exception. We are truly grateful and fully aware of your part in the progress of this organization. We value your continued good-will and trust that we may merit it for many more years to come.



SONORA MOTOR COMPANY

This Christmas and Every Christmas



WE look forward to sending you our sincere good wishes for a happy Holiday. It is a pleasure to us because it gives us an opportunity to thank you for all you have done for this firm.

Your have been liberal in your patronage, your friendship and good will—the combination of which spells progress for any organization.

You have been good to us—may Santa be just as good to you.



Happy New Year !!



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Season's



A more fitting opportunity

Greetings

to express our appreciation for your consideration could not be found than at Christmas-time.

• The Holiday Season, with its spirit of good cheer and friendliness, brings to mind the splendid associations that have been ours during the past year. • We gratefully acknowledge your consideration and favors. • The confidence shown is our incentive to even greater service during the years to come. • It leads us to keep thoughtfully in mind your needs and desires so that we may efficiently fulfill them. • The old year holds scores upon scores of cherished memories—new acquaintances made—the closer binding of old ties of friendships and many happy relationships. • That is why, as the old year draws to a close amid the good fellowship of Christmas time, we consider it an honor to extend compliments of the season to our good friends of this area. • The sincere wish of every member of this organization is that we may continue to serve you to your satisfaction in the years to come. • We wish for you the Merriest Christmas you have ever known and a year full of happiness, health and prosperity, with the fulfillment of your every ambition and plan and vision. May we again say to each of our good friends

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36 Years on 'The Hill,' Garner Succeeds by Reason of Seasoned Experience and Sound Judgment

By BASCOM TIMMONS

John N. Garner would make a great President. He has a better practical understanding of national Government than any other living man. It is his life and his life's work.



Bascom Timmons

At the end of the three dozen years under the Capitol dome he is, according to the calendar, 70 years old. Off the calendar he is 50 years old and in tip-top physical condition. This vigor and physical toughness he would carry into the greatest office within the gift of the people and he would have the extra 20 years of knowledge of affairs, domestic and foreign. He came to his present place of eminence the hard way. In his public service there is no problem of Government with which he has not grappled.

Garner would make a great President because he has the proper temperament for the office. He knows when to advance and when to halt and take stock. He understands the Nation's legislative and administrative digestive system better than any man in the country. He would take no outposts he could not hold. He would be the best insurance against reaction, which so often follows unwise action. He has the poise and the patience to work for permanency. He would insist on sound legislation and coherent administration.

Best Judge of People's Temper

He is probably the best judge of the temper of the people and their representatives in Congress, at any given time, of any man in the United States. He has an uncanny perspective, which enables him to disregard the clamor of voluble and vociferous minorities and find the desires of the submerged majority. Perhaps this is because he is a typical American, neither radical nor reactionary, but progressive and forward-looking.

Garner would make a great President because of his gifts of leadership and his judgment of ability to work with men. He has often said that most men he has known in public life were men of good will, patriotically interested in the welfare of their country. He has always found a zest in sitting down with men who review problems from diverse angles, men of different experiences. He believes that out of such deliberation come sound, practical, beneficial and progressive solutions. He takes to such counsel tables his own fidelity to principles, clarity of reasoning and ability to get at facts.

His judgment of men is excellent. When he became Speaker, in 1931, he demonstrated his ability to choose men for important assignments—of finding the proper man to do a job. Men were placed in roles for which they were best qualified. He has always liked to reward merit in young men, and this gave him the opportunity. Although the Democrats had a fragile majority of only three votes overnight, he welded them into a cohesive, fighting organization.

Far-Flung Network of Contacts

Because his acquaintanceship in all parts of the country is second to none, I believe this far-flung network of contacts and knowledge of men would make it possible for Garner to call into service men of outstanding ability for his cabinet and other administrative places. His standard for judicial appointments would be high. He would be especially anxious to find proper men for diplomatic posts. His long experience on the House Foreign Affairs Committee imbued him with a deep and informed interest in international relations.

That Garner considers the solution of the unemployment and agricultural problems as the two outstanding challenges to the Union and that the chief attention of a Garner administration would be bent to this end, no one who knows him doubts. He likes to tackle tough problems, and here are two tough ones.

Opposed to Government in Business

If any one is supporting Garner on the theory he would be a do-nothing President, that supporter would better begin looking for a new man to support. His would be a heads-up administration. He believes modern government must meet modern needs. He has said that "evolutionary process must go forward to meet ever-changing human needs." He would not have the Government evade any legitimate function, but he would be zealous in his endeavor to see it did not encroach on functions outside its field. "Putting the Government into business is a violation of the Nation's industrial and commercial fabric," he declared in his 1932 acceptance speech.

Garner would make a great President because he thoroughly believes in our democratic system of three branches of Government. He has been called congressional-minded. It is true he has fought invasion of the prerogatives of Congress, but he is just as firmly against trespass against the executive and judicial branches.

Believing as he does in a Government of laws and not of men, he abhors unnecessary bureaucracy and would undoubtedly seek to dissolve some of it entirely, put back in Congress some of the legislative powers it exercises, back in the courts some of the judicial powers it occupies, and back in the States some of the local powers that belong there. All this would preserve the natural dignity of the executive branch, rather than weaken it.

Garner believes, as did Grover Cleveland, that the whole art of government is simply applied common sense and common honesty, with reason, justice and tolerance as hand-maidens.

Has Vivid "Sense of Humanity"

Garner as President would be guided by a sense of humanity. It was he who introduced the first general relief bill in 1932. It was a pay-as-you-go measure, and carried a tax to pay its cost. He believes in an ever-increasing standard of living for the working man and woman. He has a passionate devotion for the well-being of men and women who work for their daily bread. He has always fought monopoly and the concentration of wealth, and has insisted that the Government lay down rules to guarantee free and fair competition. He is for property rights because he believes them the very basis of human rights. Ownership of property, he thinks, is one of the best guarantees of the dignity and independence of the individual. He is against favoritism in law enforcement.

Garner knows you cannot get something for nothing. He believes in constructive economy. He is the indestructible pioneer type who learned in a pioneer country how hard it is to make a dollar. He would be scrupulously careful with the taxpayer's dollar. He has the courage to resist fantastic proposals and boldly to meet an issue.

To continued efforts to find solutions of the Nation's problems Garner would take to the presidency vast experience. "Experience," to paraphrase the great Justice Holmes, "is the life of administration." Garner loves his country, believes in it, knows it is durable and wants it to believe in itself. He wants Government to do its part toward preserving freedom of opportunity. He believes economy, thrift and self-reliance are still the hallmark of the majority of Americans.

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Antelope Round-Up For Texas-Wide Distribution

With all the color of the old-time cattle round-up, antelope are being trapped on the Brennan Ranch near by a crew of cowboys and biologists for the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, and game conservation history is being made.

Due to the fact antelope, the fastest animal on the North American continent, will not jump a fence higher than four feet, they overgraze areas upon which they live and in order to increase the supply of pronghorns in Texas to point where it may be possible to open the season on them within a few years the Game Department found it necessary to devise a successful plan of trapping antelope, no easy task.

Two other states had attempted round-ups, and the mortality rate was so high, more than per cent of the animals being killed, that the projects were abandoned. However, Dr. Lee Fisher, a regional game manager for the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, experimented and developed methods which proved so successful that only two antelope were lost in the first ninety-three trapped near here. A total of 93 antelope were trapped in ten days before the drive was suspended temporarily at the start of the hunting season. It is now being resumed and it is believed more than 400 of the pronghorns will be trapped before the drive closes. They will be distributed to areas suitable for them. Areas must be open prairie as antelope cannot live on land too heavily wooded.

The colorful round-up of antelope has caught the fancy of newspaper and magazine editors and photographers for Life Magazine, Texas newspapers and magazine of this section have flocked to the Brennan Ranch to get "shots" of the proceedings.

Equipment for the round-up, which is a Pittman-Robertson federal aid project, is extensive. Eight or nine hard-riding cowboys are used in the round-ups and do not, nor can they spare their horses over the rocky terrain of this section.

Each drive is carefully planned. Riders sweep out wide circles and drive the antelope toward the pens arranged to trap them. If the drive is successful the pronghorns are driven into a funnel-shaped enclosure which has wings 150 yards apart. Then the riders force the antelope through an opening, the gate of which is buried in the ground. Rushing up, the riders close the gate and the antelope are trapped in a wire pen approximately 200 feet long and 100 feet wide. However, the worst is yet to come. The antelope must be driven into a small enclosure approximately 50 feet square which has walls of heavy netting. The netting is necessary due to the fact antelope, easily stampeded, will kill themselves by running into heavy wire fences. When the gate swings shut on them they are left a while to quiet down and are then forced into the last pen they probably will

ever occupy. It is 10 x 10 in size and it is in this third of a series of enclosures built in a row that the cowboys pick up the pronghorns and place them in wooden crates just large enough to allow the animals to stand up in.

However, before the antelope are put into the shipping crates they are weighed and tagged for the game department biologists are collecting and compiling data on the weight, age and sex of the antelope moved to new range. Information will be gathered on factors such as predators, diseases, parasites, weather and other factors on which adequate information is not now available. These studies will prove exceedingly valuable in determining what should constitute effective range management practices. The result may be that within a few years you and your shooting partner may be making plans for antelope hunts, just as you now do your deer trips.

Veteran, 83, Gets Limits

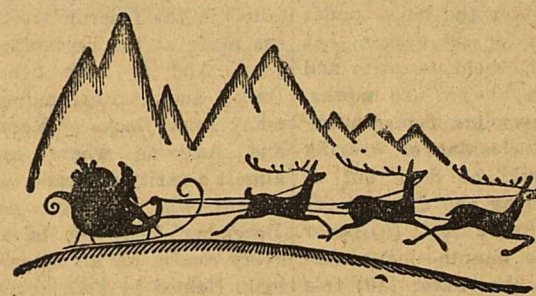
George Walker, a veteran Lufkin sportsman who recently observed his eighty-third birthday, will tell you hunting conditions are better in Texas than they have been in a good many years. The Vet East Texan bagged a buck in the Lufkin territory the opening day of the deer season and went to the Gulf coast the following day. He brought his limit of geese and ducks that night.

Sportsmen apparently are gradually learning that co-operation and conservation must be practiced if the game supply is to be maintained. The marsh country of Southeast Texas was so dry this year that in Chambers and Jefferson counties only one of the eight large hunting clubs allowed shooting on the opening day of the duck season. Had all the club members started firing at ducks and geese and with there being a scarcity of water, the birds would surely have "taken out" for distant parts. As it worked out, rain started falling on the opening day and there was sufficient water the next day to make it safe for all clubs to allow hunting.

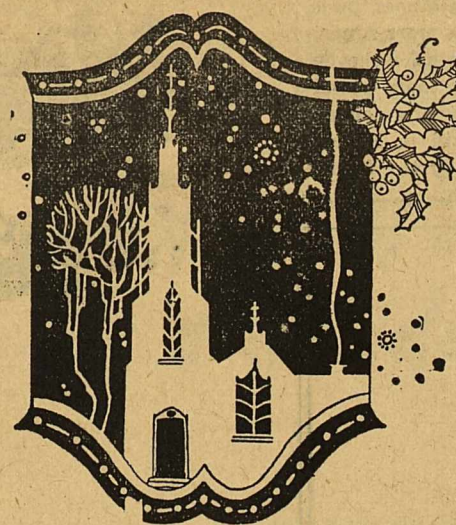
MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON



May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.



SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE COMPANY



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

As another Christmas comes around we feel that we have an unpaid obligation, an obligation of gratitude. Friends of this institution have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. These friendships have been an enjoyable experience, one in which we believe we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we strive to serve. And now, all we ask is the privilege of a continuance of these fine relationships to enable us to look forward with genuine enthusiasm to the future.

Season's Greetings

to All Our Friends



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WELCOME SANTA!



YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE

You can't go wrong with these people, Santa. We've lived with them a long time, and have enjoyed their unselfish attitudes, their thoughtfulness and consideration of the other fellow. . . . They've been mighty good to us, and that's why we want you to be good to them.

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Fire Commissioner Reports Losses Are On Increase

Marvin Hall, Fire Insurance Commissioner of Texas, in announcing that fire losses in Texas were on a decided increase, sounded a warning to home owners, merchants and manufacturers against the dangers of fire.

"The fact," Mr. Hall stated, "that fire losses for the first ten months of this year have shown a decided increase over the same period of time for the year 1938 demands the employment of utmost effort in the prevention of fires. Another fact which emphasizes the need of stringent fire prevention measures is the alarming number of deaths from fire in Texas this year. Thirty-eight people were burned to death during the month of October.

"It has been proved," Mr. Hall went on to say, "that careless fires can be controlled to a great extent by the application of the following fire prevention rules: (1) teach children the danger of playing with matches; (2) do not attempt to start or quicken a fire with gasoline or kerosene; (3) extinguish matches, cigarettes and cigars before throwing away; (4) protect gas heaters with screen guards to prevent clothing of children and older people from catching fire; (5) use rigid metal pipe and screw connections on gas heaters, and be sure heaters remain stationary. If you must use rubber hose connections on gas heaters, be sure they are in good condition and securely attached to heater and source of gas supply; (6) keep gas heaters and stoves a safe distance from windows as protection to window curtains and other draperies from open flames; (7) do not permit gasoline to enter the house under any condition for the reason that it is not a household necessity and dangerous; (8) do not use naphtha, benzene or gasoline for cleaning purposes. All cleaning of wearing apparel should be done out of doors and during the day regardless of the solution used; (9) never—not for one minute—leave children alone in the house; (10) this is an age of electricity—learn to use it with safety. Permit only experienced persons to install or repair electrical fittings and appliances. There are definite rules for wiring which if known and observed will prevent electrical fires. Keep a supply of fuses on hand. When a fuse burns out do not use a penny as a substitute, but replace with a new fuse; (11) turn the current off on an electric iron or other electrical appliance before leaving it; (12) keep chim-

neys and stovepipes clean with all joints and connections tight. Provide separate metal cans for ashes and for rubbish. Never mix; (13) do not allow accumulation of trash or other combustible waste materials in or near the house; (14) keep greasy and oily rags in tightly closed metal cans; (15) do not attempt to fill lighted lamp, and never fill lamp in house; (16) two good safety points—(a) make it a point to know how to get out of every building you enter; (b) never sit in a closed room of office. Always ventilate with fresh air."

Further commenting on the prevention of fires, Mr. Hall stated that it was very important that each and every fire should be carefully investigated as a means of determining its origin and that where there is evidence of incendiarism the assistance of the county and district attorney should be requested as a means of determining if arson has committed, and when committed, vigorous prosecution should follow.

In conclusion, Mr. Hall stated that it should be remembered that the people, to a very large degree, determine the fire insurance rate that they pay by the way they practice fire prevention, it being a well known fact that the higher the fire losses are the more fire insurance costs, which makes it conclusive that it pays to prevent fires.

Sheep and Goat Men

Indicative of the spread of this state's sheep and goat areas is the holding in Fort Worth, for the first time in its history, the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. A marked northward and eastward spread of the Texas sheep industry from the traditional region was noted in the federal livestock census made at the beginning of this year. And in such counties as Dallas and Denton, motorists see many small flocks of Rambouillets and Angoras where each was almost a rarity a decade ago.

Those who attend this gathering, December 7-8, will have almost every reason for an optimistic outlook. Helped by both domestic and foreign factors, wool and mohair prices are holding well above the 1938 level. The ranges are well stocked, and in most localities fairly well supplied with moisture. Lamb sales have been profitable in recent years. Lamb is becoming more popular on the dinner table, and there is hope that more Americans will acquire a taste for chevon. Perhaps one of the more prominent topics at this year's convention will be the Truth in Fabrics bill, recently passed by the United

States Senate and given a good chance for passage by the House. This measure, pushed strongly by the sheep raisers, would require accurate labeling of all wool, part-wool and imitation-wool fabrics and would impose special labeling for reprocessed wool. Garment manufactures are in arms against the bill, which they claim would place a false value on virgin wool, drive reprocessed wool from the market, injure their business seriously and deprive consumers of cheap wool garments of excellent quality.

Nine million sheep and more than three million Angora goats make Texas the leading state, in these fields, producing about a fifth of the country's wool and more than four fifths of its mohair. After improving their breeds, Texas ranchmen are now able to sell nearly all their wool in high classifications and get top prices. Sheep and goats have given the brush country an unusually high per capita wealth and promise well for the next few years.—Dallas News.

Three Workers Survive "Hot" Shocks

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 13.—Among the West Texas Utilities' thousand-odd employees are three men who have survived electric shocks which indicate that they live "a charmed life."

Hester Crow, sub-station worker, today is recovering from contact with a 66,000-volt line while making repairs on a sub-station at McCamey.

The other two are S. L. Stanley, now dispatcher at Abilene, and L. M. Smith, power plant engineer at Childress.

Twenty years ago Stanley received shock from a 66,000-volt line when he threw a tape measure over an overhead wire to measure its height from the ground. The tape had an unsuspected metal thread in it which formed a contact.

Smith received a 33,000-volt shock in 1928 near Clarendon while pulling up weeds and grass around a hi-line pole when his head con-

tacted a "hot" wire which had not been deadened by disconnecting lighting arresters.

Alumni Urge College To Limit Enrollment

Lancaster, Pa. — Many college alumni associations wish for a bigger enrollment for their alma maters so that the schools can claim a brighter place in the sun. That is where the graduates of Franklin and Marshall College are different.

The General Alumni Association addressed a request to the F. & M. board of trustees that the school "be kept a small college" by limiting the enrollment to 1,000 students.

During past year F. & M. had 914 students.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



It is with true appreciation of the fine patronage that you have extended us in the past year that we pause at this glad time of the year to express our sincere good wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a successful New Year.

CITY CAFE

J. C. NORRIS



A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

Happy
New Year

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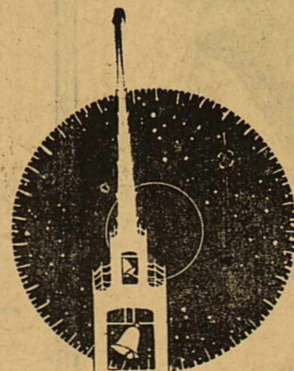
Sonora, Texas



Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

THE YULETIDE SEASON brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendships and favors we are truly grateful.



To Our Friends

May we have the pleasure of extending to you, one and all, our sincere desire for all the good things that you may wish for... Our ever increasing circle of friends has made this Christmas a very happy one for us... and we only hope that you, too, will receive your share of happiness.

For your fine patronage we are thankful and ask that we may continue to serve you in the years to come.

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

CITY MOTOR COMPANY

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ALL HAVE LICENSES

The director of the South Dakota State Game and Fish Department recently was dismissed when he was caught by one of his own

wardens hunting without a license. That can hardly happen in Texas because the executive secretary of the State Game Department insists that all wardens and other employees of the department who

hunt or fish purchase licenses and he is generally the first one to obtain them.

Sun's 'Virginia' Still Has Faith In Santa Claus

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to life its highest beauty and joy."

Forty-two years ago an editorial writer for the New York Sun penned these now-famous lines in answer to a scrawled letter from a little girl named Virginia, whose faith in Santa had been shaken.

Today Virginia is grown up, married, and serves as assistant principal in an east side New York school. Her name is Dr. Laura Virginia Douglas and this Christmas she's playing Santa Claus not only to her pupils but her own daughter. Meanwhile, in 42 years she's evolved some ideas of her own on what to tell children about Santa Claus.

Pink-cheeked, vivacious, yet shy and hesitant in speaking of personal matters, Dr. Douglas is not in favor of breaking the news boldly to a child that there is no Santa Claus. He will learn naturally, she says, as he turns from the free, imaginative stage of early childhood to an interest in the world around him.

When she first became old enough to realize the full meaning of the Sun's editorial, she felt badly because poor children were not able to have Christmas gifts as tangible evidence of Santa's existence. Later, she says, she grew to realize that material gifts were not so important as the faith which even the very poor child could have in something spiritual.

Yule Flower Named After U. S. Diplomat

Thank an early American diplomat for the poinsettia plant you receive (or don't receive) Christmas morning. The flaming flower whose vermilion-red leaves are mistaken at a distance for the petals of its flower, was brought to the United States about 1820 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, minister to Mexico, who discovered it growing there. Poinsett, who had studied both law and medicine abroad and served many years in the diplomatic service, ended his career in the American house of representatives from 1821 to 1825. But were it not for the plant he brought back from Mexico, his name would now be unknown.

Drama During The Night

Cleveland, Ohio—An old unlighted sedan stopped at the end of a Lake Erie dock here. One man sat at the wheel. The other dragged a heavy object to the water's edge and plopped it in—kerplunk! It was a smashed cigarette machine which two burglars, after looting its coins, had tossed into the lake.

THREE-SHELL LIMIT ON QUAIL

With the quail season under way, hunters, will do well to bear in mind that they cannot legally hunt bobwhites with a gun holding more than three shells. The law requiring guns to be plugged to the three-shell limit is often regarded as being only for ducks. However, it applies in turkey, dove, and quail hunting, the executive secretary of the Texas Game Department warns sportsmen.

Don't Marry the Girl Day After Christmas

If you believe the early monks, don't select the day after Christmas to get married, start a new job or put on that new suit. It's Childermass day, commemorating the slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod, and in the early days was considered an occasion of the greatest ill-omen.

Children, according to legend, were soundly whipped Childermass day to impress on their minds the story of the baby martyrs.

So intense was the fear of this unfortunate festival that the coronation of England's King Edward IV was postponed in order to avoid the fatal date.

White House Maintains Traditions 139 Years Old

WASHINGTON. — Santa Claus makes his 139th visit to the White House this Christmas, carrying on a tradition started December 25, 1800, when Kris Kringle called on little Suzannah, granddaughter of President John Adams from Massachusetts.

The White House in those days was in an unfinished state and the great barnlike rooms were only scantily furnished, providing a great contrast to the beautifully appointed mansion of today. Yet the same joyous spirit prevailed on that Christmas morning, more than a century and a quarter ago, as that found in the White House this Yuletide.

From early years of our country, Presidents have set aside the heavy burden of state and made merry Christmas day with their families.

Christmas Tree Useful During Rest of Winter

AMHERST, MASS.—In northern states where Christmas heralds the coming of cold winter weather, the tree that warms the living room December 25 is being put to work the balance of the winter outdoors. According to Arnold M. Davis, extension horticulturist at Massachusetts state college, fir trees can make excellent "feeding stations" for birds and offer them cozy shelter on frosty winter nights. Suet is often tied to the branches. The tree is also used to protect climbing plants, or the branches can be ripped off and laid as a mulch over low-growing plants or bulbs. Northern beekeepers find the trees handy as windbreaks.

Rubber Bands at The News. 1¢



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are hoping that each of you enjoy the Merriest Christmas ever.

Your consideration of this firm in the past has been of tremendous importance and it is with gratitude for your patronage that we extend our most cordial good wishes for the Yuletide Season.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Please accept our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment to each of you. And may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

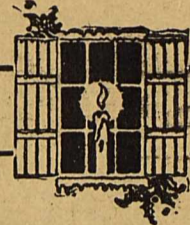
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Greetings



To One

and All

Inspired by the thoughts of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

We send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Happy New Year!

Gilmore Hardware Company

Wishing You A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Every Day Be a Holiday



Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship, when worries are left behind and the future looks more cheerful than ever before.

This institution plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours. So we say again

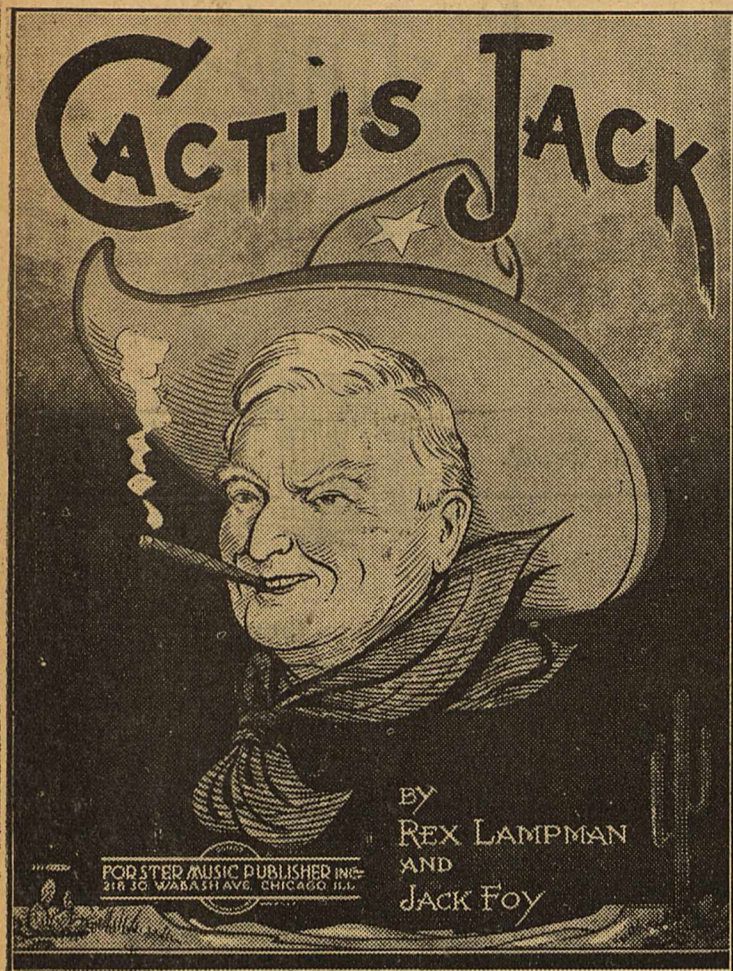
Sincere Good Wishes



for Every Day in the Year

HAMILTON GROCERY

John Nance Garner of Texas Lauded in New Campaign Song



DALLAS—A swinging melody and catchy words—in a new song about John Nance Garner, Vice President, has just been published under the title: "Cactus Jack," by the songwriting combination of Rex Lampman and Jack Foy.

Amateur song-writers have deluged the Dallas headquarters of the Garner-for-President campaign with new verses, of their own writing. The song has eight verses, but only four are printed herewith, as follows:

I
In Texas down by the Rio Grande
There's plenty of work for a good cowhand,
There's milk and honey and hot tamales
And the sweetest bunch of "O by gollyes."
The sky is wide and high and blue,
And you say to strangers "how de do."
There's room to breathe or to bet a stack,
There's the blue bonnet girls and there's
Cactus Jack.

Chorus:
Cactus Jack, he's a-riding straight,
Riding straight for the White House gate.
Don't look away, don't look away,
You can't look away from Texas.

II
We'll tell you this about Cactus Jack:
He's quick on the trigger or a wisecrack,
Just as wise as an old horned load—
There ain't very much he's never knowed!
He can hogtie a yearling quick as you wish,

III
If the river ain't dry he'll catch you a fish;
Cactus Jack with his old seegar,
He'll look right nice in that White House car!

IV
We'll tell you this about Cactus Jack:
He's hit the trail and he won't turn back;
He's riding high and he's riding straight,
And he's headed for the White House gate!
From Amarillo to San Antonio
They'll tell you Jack has never been thrown:
Ki, yi, yippe! Cactus Jack!
He'll hang his hat on the White House rack.

appeals for safe and sane driving given out by press and radio, the American motoring public is falling back into the old order of things, and the consequent toll is heavy.

Light fines and brief terms of imprisonment are, seemingly, inadequate to meet correctly this grave situation. It remains for our lawmakers to enact, and our authorities to enforce, certain statutes or ordinances with such positive and definite teeth in excellent working condition that the erstwhile careless and indifferent motorist will think several times before running afoul of the law.

Should Use Wealth To Write History Of Oil In Texas

Boyce House, political writer of Austin, notes the fact that the derrick of the discovery Santa Rita oil well in the Big Lake field in Reagan county, University land, is to be taken up and placed on the campus of the University of Texas as a monument to the flow of wealth which followed the discovery of oil in that field. The gesture is a pleasing sentimental one, but, observes Mr. House, more worthwhile would be for the University to use a very small trickle of that great stream of liquid wealth to make possible the writing of the story of oil. Continuing, he says:

"Within a brief span, oil has revolutionized the life of our nation; it has made the magic carpet of the fairy tale a reality and not simply for a prince but for every workingman. How much simpler and more intelligent it would be to write the story now while so many of the principal actors in the grand drama of petroleum are still living to give first-hand accounts instead of waiting a century and trying to piece the story together from fragments.

"Such an undertaking would be as worthy of a truly great university as building a telescope to study the stars or a machine to smash the atom. After all, they have stars and atoms everywhere but oil is peculiarly the story of Texas for this state produce 40 per cent of all the oil of the United

States. Since the Lucas gusher roared in at Spindletop in 1901 the value of the petroleum produced in Texas is far greater than the non-existent wealth of the cities of Cibola; it would make all the lost mines and buried treasures of the Southwest look like pocket change. The present flow of oil in Texas, if maintained for 50 years, would amount to more than all the gold produced in the world since Columbus sighted America—and the oil has meant infinitely more in service to the human race than the gold."

Siamese Enroll

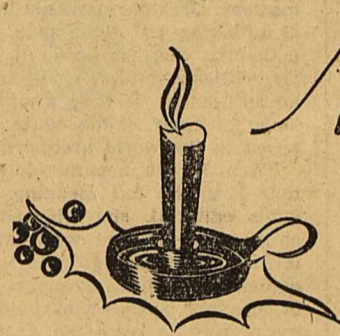
Oxford, Ohio—These are not topographical errors but the names of three Siamese students who have enrolled at Miami University here: Voradhes Phongsphidvaks, Jaroch Losuvalna and Amnvay Phoonphihutana. They all held Siamese government scholarships and have enrolled in the pre-engineering course.



To the Friends of This Firm

Because of your thoughtfulness this firm has enjoyed one of its best years, and it is in grateful appreciation of your patronage that we pause to say, "SEASON'S GREETINGS." It is our sincere wish that these pleasant associations may continue.

RUTLEDGE CAFE



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.

May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

Sonora Grocery & Market
In Morris Building

Motor Madness

The National Safety Council of Chicago, has for some years been conducting a most praiseworthy campaign to conserve human life by appealing to the reasoning power of the motorists of the entire Nation. It has pointed out the fearful toll taken each year on highway and boulevard—not only a shocking number of deaths, but hundreds of thousands of injured, many of whom can never be com-

pletely restored.

In the year 1938, the public became so aroused, thanks to the good work of the National Safety Council and kindred organizations, that the death toll took a sharp decline, to the gratification of many, clearly proving that it could be done if proper co-operation were given by both motorist and pedestrian. Alas, this current year has not been so promising. Despite safety campaigns, the untiring efforts of the authorities, the

Old Santa Couldn't Do More!



If we could turn old Santa loose, with instructions to be particularly good to each of those who have been so thoughtful of us, we believe the jolly old gentleman would have a difficult time in getting around this year.

That's why we are so anxious to extend our sincere good wishes to all, and to wish for you and yours all the joys and happiness that you so richly deserve.

Sonora Abstract Company

J. D. LOWREY



1,000 OF US WISH ALL OF YOU

A Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Service With a Smile on Christmas Day

TWINKLING lights... multi-colored lights... bright, cheerful lights—all an important part of the ritual which makes Christmas the most inspiring of all holidays.

Behind the light cord are a thousand men and women whose labor and skill are essential to your comfort and happiness every day in the year.

Many of them will be on the job Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that Light will be at your command.

This is a year-round service they perform—with a smile.

West Texas Utilities Company



Christmas Dinner

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a chance to use the phone, he dialed his home. He must tell Edna, how sorry, how terribly sorry he was for what had happened this morning. All the way down on the car he had reproached himself for the hasty words he had said. He couldn't understand how he had spoken to Edna like that, and on Christmas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the desk as he waited. Edna was always punctual about answering the phone and doorbell. It was a way she had, going right through with things.

Which really was the cause of his flash of temper this morning. In her quick, decisive way, she had swept aside his idea of having old Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner. The little lady, now down on her luck, had befriended Darrel when he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna had declared emphatically. "We're



The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely-typed statement.

going to skip Christmas as much as possible—go out and eat somewhere—and miss all the rush and bother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christmas is a home day, with a turkey, and a tree, and gifts, and above all, someone to share them with us."

Then, without waiting to see the effect of his words, Darrel rushed from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three times, but there was no answer. Panic seized him. Had Edna believed that he meant what he had said? He had heard of young wives who had packed up and left for much less reason. What a brute he had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearably long. Inwardly fuming, he hung up the receiver, to answer an imperative buzzer from the inner office. It was about the tenth this morning. If it hadn't been for Wheatley, keeping him running around in circles, he might have been able to reach Edna long ago. And if the old man hadn't been in the same ugly mood yesterday, Darrel knew that he himself wouldn't have been on edge this morning, that he wouldn't have spoken to Edna as he had done. He blamed Wheatley as much as himself.

"You sent for me," he said stiffly, as he waited beside the desk. The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely typed statement. Darrel spoke again. Then Daniel Wheatley looked up, and rubbed his hand across his forehead as if trying to remember something.

"Oh, yes, yes," he began. "Mrs. Thorpe called before you got to the office this morning. I forgot to tell you. She left word that she was going marketing with a Mrs.—Mrs. Darby, or some such name. Also, she wanted me to be sure to tell you to bring home a Christmas tree and all the trimmings." There was a merry twinkle in Wheatley's usually hard eyes. "Looks as if you were going to celebrate Christmas at your house," he finished, with a laugh.

"We certainly are," Darrel grinned back; "we're going to have a real old-fashioned celebration of the day."

"Think your wife would object if you took a cranky old man to Christmas dinner?"

Darrel wondered if he were hearing things, then his quick wit jumped to the surface. "If you really mean that, Mr. Wheatley, I can assure you of a hearty welcome. My wife thoroughly believes in having people for Christmas dinner. At least, I am sure she does now." The last sentence Darrel whispered to himself.

Carols on Fields of Bethlehem
On the hillsides of Bethlehem, "where shepherds watched their flocks by night" on Christmas eve and Christmas morning, tourists from many lands gather annually to sing carols and remember the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth.

In Bethlehem for Christmas
Due to modern transportation one can leave America as late as the middle of December and be in Bethlehem in Palestine for Christmas, 6,000 miles away.

Faithful Dog Dies Of Broken Heart

McCamey, Texas, Dec. 11. — When M. E. Pittman, district manager for the West Texas Utilities, moved to McCamey from Cisco in 1927, he brought the pet along. Sport, huge bulldog, proved a valuable bodyguard during the oil boom years, faithfully watching his master's car on countless trips into the Permian Basin oil fields. Two years ago Sport came out second best in a scrap with a skunk. He never recovered his old spirit. Recently he crawled out into the mesquite brush to die—die of a broken heart.

Legal Tablets at the NEWS. 15c.

KILL BRANDED DEER

A branded deer killed recently gave Texas Game Department biologists some light on how deer travel from range to range.

F. C. Heil of Gohad, Texas, hunting on the Charles Klemstein, Sr. place, shot an 8-point buck which was marked on the ear and branded with the Ernest Pfister stock brand. The deer had been captured three years ago when it got caught in a barb wire fence on the Pfister place. It is twelve miles from the place where the deer was branded and where it was killed.

The NEWS has such cards; ruled one side; package of 100 for 15c.—adv.

Aged Mutton Goats Sell Well In Towns Along Border

Down at Rocksprings, which has long been known as the goat capital of the United States, they will tell you that most of the aged muttons are worked off along the border towns and sold in Mexico. San Antonio is also a good market.

This year's market was said to have been better than an average year, most of the muttons selling from \$1.50 to \$3.00, depending upon their condition and age. The fatter they are, the better they sell. Two big sellers of aged muttons are Adolph Stieler of Comfort and O. L. McNealy of Brackettville.

Greetings

Wishes you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May 1940 be Better Than Ever.

THE REV. F. M. BRASLER
Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

PIGGLY WIGGLY offers EXTRA VALUES in

FLOUR—KB, 24-lb. bag 73c

FLOUR—KB, 48-lb. bag \$1.39

SHORTENING—KB, 8-lb. 79c

SHORTENING—KB, 4-lb. 39c

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COCOANUT, 1-lb. cello bag 20c

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CORN—Del Monte, 2 cans 23c

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Cocoanut—Baker's 3-oz. pkg. 5c

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CELERY—per stalk 9c

STRAWBERRIES—Per box 18c

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APPLE—Delicious, dozen 25c

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COCOANUTS—Large, 2 for 15c

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CRANBERRY—Per pound 17c

BUNCH VEGETABLES—3 bunches 10c

ALMONDS—per pound 18c

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Happy New Year

It's a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a *Happy Christmas*. And our optimistic predictions of a *Prosperous New Year*.

We are looking forward to serving you in the New Year and hope that increased patronage will make our services even more satisfactory.

SUGAR—Pure Cane, 10 lbs. 45c

Limited to \$1 purchase or more

FRUIT COCKTAIL—2 cans 25c

DATES—Pitted, 2 pkgs. 17c

Green Beans & Spud, 2 No. 2 17c

CORN—C. G., 2 No. 2 cans 23c

SALMON, Pink, 2 1-lb. cans 27c

SOAP—P. & G., 7 large bars 25c

Baking powder Cal. 1-lb. can 22c

CANDY, Xmas mixed, 1-lb. 18c

Salad Dressing P. W., qt. jar 29c

Powdered SUGAR, 2 boxes 15c

Preserves, Straw., 1-lb. jar 25c

BROWN SUGAR—2 boxes 15c

ROAST—Swift's Premium beef, per pound 18c

OYSTERS—Fancy selects, fresh, pint, 31c

HENS—Extra nice and fat, dressed and drawn, lb. 25c

HAMS—Swifts' Prem. or Armour Star, 1/2 or whole 25c

PORK CHOPS—Small and lean, per pound 17c

FRESH PORK HAM—small average, 1/2 or whole 18c

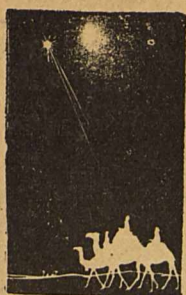
BACON—Extra lean silced, per pound 23c

BUTTER—Banner sweet cream, per pound 37c

Frozen fresh fruits, strawberries and raspberries

We sell a few selected No. 1 TURKEYS, dressed and drawn, ready to cook. Order early.

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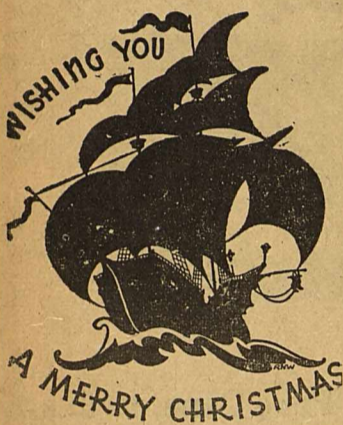


Christmas Thought

We cherish the thoughts of the fine associations that have been ours... and take this means of expressing our heartfelt appreciation.

SINCERE GOOD WISHES TO EACH OF YOU

Grace Draper Beauty Shop



For a Happy Holiday Season to the friends and customers of this firm... and a hearty thank you for your patronage during the past.

D. L. DUKE Service Station



ALL GOOD WISHES To Our Friends at this glorious Christmaside and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Davis



With full appreciation of the true meaning of the words, we say to all...

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR CLEMENCIA'S BEAUTY SALON

Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake." "I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?" Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—" he began.

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disap-

pointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond. "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this "strange" old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit asserted itself, and he looked reassilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly.

Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man?" There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes.

"I don't just think—I'm absolutely positive."

UNSUNG HEROES Helping Make Your Yuletide A Happy One



Since last spring they've been painting toy wagons and putting eyes in baby dolls, just to make your family happy Christmas morning!



At home and abroad they work long hours to guarantee delivery by Christmas morning.



They start several weeks before Christmas each year, cutting evergreens in the north woods and shipping them far away corners to brighten up a living room on Christmas.



Miss Ella Butler of Winston-Salem, N. C., works all year making candles for the Moravian church Christmas love-feasts.



Each autumn and early winter is roundup time on turkey ranches, where birds are shipped to market in time to reach your dining room table Christmas day.

Tyrolian Village Folk Have Odd Yule Rites VIENNA.—Simple-minded, devout folk of the Tyrol have grotesque Christmas customs. At Innsbruck, for instance, they celebrate the Lord's birthday by wearing masks of animals. In another section the Christmas tree is carved out of wood and elaborately decorated. A third extraordinary custom is the wearing of towering headpieces which are brought out only on the December holiday.

'Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas,' Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa.

Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator. Which explains that strangely personal and timely message long distance operators hear out of Racine around Christmas time: "This is long distance, operator—Mary Christmas!"

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand.

Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday. Two years ago, when plumbing business was bad, he was grateful for a \$250 check sent him by Mae West, the actress.

In Rosindale, near Boston, lives an Ambrose Claus who with his wife last year celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Like all other folks named Claus, they seem to have a lion's share of Christmas spirit.

DON'TS Safety Is Watchword For a Merry Christmas

Here are a few "don'ts" for Christmas, recommended by safety authorities:

1. Don't give small children toys involving alcohol, kerosene or gasoline engines. They may tip over and set the house on fire.
2. Don't permit small children to run electrical toys without the supervision of an adult.
3. Don't permit small children to use toy movie projectors without using safety film which burns slowly. Ordinary film burns explosively and gives off smoke and fumes which may cause death if inhaled.
4. Don't use candles or light extra fires without being extremely careful, especially in regard to candles on trees.
5. Don't wear inflammable costumes, especially Santa Claus beards, without fireproofing them.
6. Don't use inflammable ornaments and evergreen decorations.

Superstitious Villagers Fear Year of Bad Luck If Candles Die on Tree

LONDON.—Early Christmas traditions still endure among English Yule celebrants.

No Christmas tree is considered complete in rural areas unless it is bedecked with little candles of different colors. Many people count it an ill sign if once lit the candles go out or are snuffed out before they have burned to their ends. In old days the candle was made such a size that it would burn from the time it was lit until midnight. If it went out before that, evil was portended to the family for the coming year.

The Yule log, which many hold should be lit by a brandy preserved from the previous year's stock, should be blown into a blaze by the maids, but these must have clean faces and hands or the log will not light easily. In the north of England it was once customary to let the servants have free drink so long as the log burned.

Ex-Detroit Paper Boys Aid 65,000 at Christmas DETROIT.—Twenty-five years ago the late James Brady conceived the idea of raising funds to insure needy children a merry Christmas by organizing a group of men who as boys had sold newspapers in the city. The idea was for them to return to their old corners at a stated period and sell papers to all who passed. Last year this organization of oldtimers raised about \$150,000.

Freaks continue to show up in Texas woods and fields. Earl Brownrigg recently killed a white crow. Gerald Liberty of Big Spring killed an albino deer early in the season. John Nunn of the State Highway Patrol possesses a black prairie dog which he shot recently.

Van A. Hamilton, Palestine newspaperman, has no live for alligators. He recently shot two ducks over a lake near Palestine. Before he could reach the birds an alligator scooped one of the ducks into its mouth and disappeared.

Santa Won't Forget

You can't take our word for it—old Saint Nick won't forget such good people as you. Somehow we just know that you are going to enjoy a happy Christmas and we are glad. We sincerely hope that everything you desire may come true and that the New Year will be one of real happiness for you.



Dr. J. F. HOWELL SONORA, TEXAS



TO EVERYONE

'As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.

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The Star Still Shines

A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

THERE never was a time when the Christmas message is more needed in the world than today. With half the world at war, hate and greed has overshadowed peace and good will; brute force has supplanted reason and equity. Unless the lights of civilization are to flicker out entirely and leave the races of men hopelessly in the dark, the Word that was spoken in Galilee must be heard again—and heeded. The sermon on the mount must have for us a deeper and more lasting significance.

For there are things that no sword and no bullet can kill; things that the proudest dictator cannot reach, no matter how long his arm.

It is these things which the Christmas story is based on; it is these things to which it appeals. And wherever the story is heard, it stirs in the hearts of men something that cannot die—a vision of a nobler world and a loftier life, a yearning for a better order, a conviction that the human spirit is immortal.

And we live by our faith in that vision. We must, if our earth is to be anything but a place of fear and tragedy. We can, if we realize that the star which stood over Bethlehem still shines and will go on shining as long as there are men to look for its light.

In that light—in spite of the war lords, the guns and the bombing planes—we can yet bring the promise of the Christmas story to fulfillment.



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An Old Ranger Talks About a Swell Christmas

By GARLAND A. FARMER
Henderson, Texas.
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It was while serving with the rangers back in 1878," said Frank Dalton, 91 years old and now living in Sweetwater, Texas, "that I experienced my jolliest and happiest Christmas.

"The ranger force was kept pretty busy those days chasing organized bands of rustlers who would often steal whole herds of cattle or horses in Texas then run them across the Rio Grande to Mexico. There were a few desperate characters among these rustlers who could shoot as well as any ranger down a pitched battle with them. We had a figure on one or two rangers better than killed or wounded. These rustlers had been active all through the fall, but as the Christmas holidays grew near they quieted down and we rangers had a brief breathing spell. It looked as though we might be able to enjoy at least one Christmas dinner in peace. We were camped in the Davis mountains, 60 miles from Fort Davis, Texas, the nearest town to civilization. Going to Fort Davis to spend Christmas was out of the question as we had to keep an eye on the border lest the rustlers pull a surprise raid. Yet we didn't like the idea of a lonely Christmas in the wilds of Davis mountains.

Mountain Folk Invited

"The ranger captain asked for suggestions as how we should spend Christmas. No one had an idea worth whoop except Jeff Johnson. He suggested a Christmas tree and a Christmas dinner for the mountain folk. At that early day there were a few scattered ranchers in the Big Bend country with their women folk and children. A Christmas tree without presents it would be a flop. So we got into a jangle, discussed the problem and decided to send two rangers to Fort Davis to buy some presents for the tree. Volunteers were called upon to make

the trip. Of course, everyone volunteered, but it was agreed to send the two who had been off patrol the longest. That meant me and Jeff Johnson. We started out, taking along two pack mules. Nothing happened on the trip except one of the pack mules Jeff was leading got cantankerous and jerked him off his horse. Jeff landed in some prickly pear, got mad at the mule and gave the animal a terrible beating. Then he got mad at me because I laughed at him and wanted to fight, but I jolied him out of it.

"Arriving at Fort Davis, we proceeded to do some shopping, but it wasn't at all easy. We had to buy something appropriate to hang on the Christmas tree for the women and children. We argued a long time about it and finally compromised by buying all the toys and candy that one store had in stock and all the handkerchiefs and shawls.

Two Pack Mules Loaded With Gifts

"Then we bought what was needed in the way of fill ins for the Christmas dinner. When all things were got together we had about all two pack mules could carry.

"The storekeeper also had a Santa Claus costume with white whiskers that fit Jeff perfectly, but was too small for me. We bought it.

"Late in the afternoon we left Fort Davis. Riding all night, we hit camp just as the sun was coming up—two tired but happy men.

"Meantime some of the rangers went hunting and had bagged a half dozen wild turkeys, a deer and an antelope. Other rangers rode for miles around inviting the ranchers and their families

to come to the ranger camp and join us in celebrating Christmas. And they came—from as far away as 60 miles—some horseback, some in buckboards, some in wagons. By 2 p. m. Christmas Eve there was a sizable crowd of men, women and children, all happy and

grateful to eat. The camp cook, assisted by the women, had been busy broiling venison and antelope steaks, and cooking bread in an old Dutch oven. The day before he had baked a lot of pies and cakes. If you never ate pies and cakes in a Dutch oven you have missed something. The six turkeys were reserved for dinner Christmas day, to be stuffed with pecan-filled dressing.

"After supper came time for the Christmas tree. All gathered around the tree in jolly anticipation. Jeff Johnson developed a case of stage fright at the last minute and we had to get some one else to act as Santa Claus. Luckily there was an ex-preacher among our guests who had been accustomed to appearing in public, and he volunteered to take Jeff's place as Santa Claus. Everything was now ok, the Christmas tree program got off to a good start and it turned out to be a howling success.

"No child was forgotten. There was a gift of some kind on the tree for every boy and girl and woman. I can still see the happy faces of the children when Santy called their names and they were handed a toy or a sack of candy. And the little girls would go into ecstasies over their dolls—real dolls that opened and closed their eyes. Some of the little girls who lived far back in the mountains had never known any but rag dolls made at home by their mothers.

"That Christmas Eve we sure kept the campfires burning well into the night. Groups sat around the campfires swapping jokes and telling about their experiences since coming to the Big Bend

country. It was late when we turned in to get some sleep before Christmas morning. The women and children slept in the tents, the men outside under tarpaulins under the stars.

Six-Shooters and Rifles Pop

"As the sun rose over the mountains next morning—ushering in the Great Day in all its glory—six-shooters and rifles began to pop. It reminded me of some battles we rangers had fought with the rustlers. But this time the firing was peaceful and was meant to celebrate the dawn of another Christmas day—the birth of a Christ Child.

"Well, by noon we had all worked up a ravenous appetite—since riding horseback over the mountains or climbing one of the high peaks of the Davis range—we were all set for that Christmas dinner of stuffed turkey, antelope roast, Dutch oven bread, baked sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, ginger cake and coffee. There was plenty for everybody and, believe me, everybody ate plenty.

"About 3 o'clock in the afternoon fiddlers began to tune up and the dancing started. Such old tunes as 'Turkey in the Straw,' 'Arkansas Traveler,' 'The Blue Danube,' kept nimble feet moving to and fro all that afternoon, night and well toward morning.

"Sixty-one years have passed since that Christmas celebration, and I have seen many Christmases come and go, but no Christmas can I recall with as much satisfaction and happiness as this one of 1878 in the Davis mountains of West Texas."

A PRAYER

Dear Father, for a wounded world, and sad,
We humbly pray:
O, send again to hearts of men
Thy Christ, this Christmas Day.
To those who watch through night's dark hours,
As at the Saviour's birth,
O grant that they may hear as then,
Thy "Good will, Peace on earth."



A large cedar tree had been cut from the mountain side, brought in and set up in the middle of the camp ground.

eager to take part in the yuletide festivities.

"A large cedar tree had been cut from the mountain side, brought in and set up in the middle of the camp ground. The women folk began to sort out the toys, candies and other gifts and place them on the tree. The tree was decorated with many-colored leaves and vines that grew in the mountains. At last all gifts were on the tree and it looked mighty pretty and Christmasy.

Venison and Antelope Steaks

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gry and ready to eat. The camp cook, assisted by the women, had been busy broiling venison and antelope steaks, and cooking bread in an old Dutch oven. The day before he had baked a lot of pies and cakes. If you never ate pies and cakes in a Dutch oven you have missed something. The six turkeys were reserved for dinner Christmas day, to be stuffed with pecan-filled dressing.

an ancient kingliness about the shepherd as he swings up from a pasture to the road. His loose garments, open at the neck, accent his grace, even when they are topped by a discarded military greatcoat. Mediterranean shepherds, whether in the Greek highlands or Libyan oases, delight to swathe themselves. Judean shepherds wear a tunic to their knees and a striped outer garment, seamless and hand-woven, with a white square folded into a veil held in place by a black goat-hair ring, or "agal." If shoes are used, they are home-made of rawhide. The whole effect is more classic than that of the felt-hatted Roman shepherd guarding gray-wooled sheep along the Appian Way, or even the kilted Greek or smocked Rumanian herdsman.

The Shepherd's Rod

The shepherd's rod, short and stout, with rounded ends, is carried over his right shoulder. By it the sheep are guided. Under it they pass at night to be counted. A kidskin sack is worn over the shepherd's left shoulder and contains the food brought from home—for few shepherds like to cook in the open, except at festivals. The guardian of the sheep is content with dry barley bread, cheese, olives, grapes, tomatoes, onions.

As in the time of Rachel who met Isaac when she came to water her father Laban's flocks at Haran, wells still have a strategic place in shepherd life. Wise Men's Well, on the edge of Bethlehem, is a favorite halting place where shepherd's meet to exchange gossip and to water flocks on the edge of olive groves where tradition says, the three Kings who had lost their guiding star, found it reflected as they gave their thirsty camels drink.

Usually a huge stone covers a good well and it is too much trouble to lift it until several flocks have gathered. (It is marvelous how the flocks afterward disentangle themselves, for each knows the voice of its own shepherd; "a stranger they will not follow"). Beside the stone well curb there is a hollowed stone basin from which the sheep and goats comfortably drink water dipped up by the shepherds. This is the "cup" referred to in the Twenty-third Psalm, as "running over," because of the generosity of the shepherd.

The shepherds and their flocks still add a quaintness and an old world touch to Palestine. But they are being crowded out by modern agriculturists, who, due to irrigation, plant thousands of pasture land acres to crops that afford abundant grazing for their sheep.

The Legend of Santa Claus

DO you know the legend of Santa Claus, or do you even know if there is a Santa Claus? An 1897 editorial in the New York Sun, which is frequently quoted, advised a questioning child: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias."

But this brief editorial could only attempt to reassure a child's temporary doubtfulness. It couldn't, in its limited space, trace the history of the popular figure, his sleigh and reindeer racing down from the North Pole.

Santa's History

Santa Claus goes back to a legendary origin in the Fourth century. Then he was Saint Nicholas. In fact he's still Saint Nicholas, but in America the Dutch equivalent of his name (Sint Klaas or Santa Claus) has gained a more universal use.

Like other legendary figures, the arrival of Saint Nicholas had its preview in a visitation to his parents. "Nicholas," they were warned, "was coming and he wasn't just going to be an ordinary child." Nor was he ordinary. To his parents, enjoying the usual pride of a new son, he was much superior to other infants born in the city of Parara, in Lycia, Asia Minor.

To more impartial observers, Nicholas was equally superior. While other infants were squirming in cribs, he rose to astonish his parents by thanking the Almighty that he had come into the world. Soon afterward he pledged himself to help God by helping his people.

Patron Saint

After this promising beginning, Nicholas' life becomes somewhat misty. Greater things, perhaps, than humans are able to accomplish, were attributed to him. Certainly all reports were to his credit. He became the patron saint of sailors when he revived a sailor who had been washed overboard on a voyage to Jerusalem. He became the patron saint of maidens by dropping three pouches filled with gold into the impoverished presence of a nobleman of Parara, who had three daughters and three hundred doubts as to his ability

to provide them with a dowry. Certainly Nicholas was connected with gift-giving at Christmas-tide because of his habit of distributing presents to girls who were not married. Naturally, too, this generosity gave him the title of patron saint to all maiden ladies. Gradually, as time blurred his real or imagined acts, he became the central figure in European Yuletides.

From chill Lapland, the world took his reindeer-and-sleigh mode of locomotion. From Russia came his boots and fur-trimmed costume. The combined coincidence of Christmas falling in the winter and northern Europe's nations being especially cold, brought his connection with the North Pole.

Now, in America, he's Santa Claus, a ruddy, sturdy, jolly personification of Christmas cheer, kindness and generosity.



Ancient Beliefs in Connection With the Holly

The ancients believed that the holly possessed some mystic power which enabled it to freeze water and subdue wild animals.

The peasants of Ireland, ever superstitious, used to decorate their homes with holly to propitiate the fairies and gain their favor.

In rural English districts there were two types of holly—prickly and non-prickly. They were distinguished as "he" and "she" holly, though to which sex was assigned the prickly variety was not designated.

It is further stated that according to the holly brought into the home for Christmas, decorations being rough or smooth, the wife or the husband would rule for the coming year.

Some maintain that the holly was the bush from which the crown of thorns was torn that Jesus wore on the cross during His crucifixion. Indeed, the name of the tree signifies holy and it was only through shortening of the vowel that it came to be as we knew it.

The holly was considered in ancient times to be a symbol of the life of nature. For this reason, in some countries it became almost an object of worship. It was held in great veneration by the pupils of Zoroaster, as they believed that the sun never cast a shadow from it.

Doest thou believe on the Son of God? John 9:35.

Shepherds Guard Flocks As of Old

By MADELEINE S. MILLER
(New York Times)

SHEPHERDS still watch their flocks on the rugged slopes below Bethlehem of Judea, "abiding in the field" by night, just as did shepherds of long ago who saw the angel of the Lord and heard the first Christmas message. Centuries have not greatly changed the pastoral life or the habits of life round the little town where Christ was born.

It is not hard to believe that the flocks of today resemble those of 2,000 years ago. Deep-fleeced, stout of body and tail, and caramel-colored, the sheep the traveler sees at Bethlehem blend softly into backgrounds of olive trees, rock-strewn hills and verdant valleys. Huddling close about their shepherd,



Patient shepherds still stand their peaceful guard in Palestine.

contribute a tranquil note that befits the time of the birth of Christ. In Rome stood guard as those of today in the little town of Bethlehem. Perhaps the weary sentry of Caesar Augustus, who maintained a peace by arms, overheard the capture of Christmas shepherds as they came "with haste"—unusual for the time—up to the inn on the edge of the town. The revelation of the Christmas angel: "Be not afraid. . . here is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Ab Shepherds Watch the Flocks

The shepherds who today watch their flocks on the rough ground below the town of Bethlehem, avoiding the terraced vineyards and the well-cultivated fields of grain and vegetables, are Arab shepherds, some of them numbered among the 70,000 Christian Arabs of the country. Many have a dreamy awareness of their succession to the Christmas watchers and take mystical

He himself loves to loll under a bridge before the climb up to the broad tablelands where, thirty centuries ago, Moses led God's people "like a flock" and found space for his wandering Jews enroute to their Promised Land.

As in Days of King Moab

Trans-Jordan today can feed flocks as large as those of Mesha, King of Moab, who was a sheepmaster—he who "rendered unto the King of Israel the wool of 100,000 lambs and of 100,000 rams"—with plenty of acreage for golden grain and herds of white camels. Occasionally a prosperous shepherd rides on a donkey as he leads his flock to distant pastures or richer grazing.

Good shepherds still "prepare tables" for their flocks, not only by hunting good pastures but by plucking wisps of tender grasses for "those that have their young."

There is nothing comparable to the contentment of sheep when they feel their shepherd in their midst. Their dependence gives their guardian a right royal tread, despite his rags. There is

CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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Broader Than Any Creed

THE Spirit of Christmas does not die. Not in any land. Not among the adherents of any creed. Not forever in any human heart. For Christmas is many things and has many names. For those of Christian faith it marks the birth of One who said, "Love your enemies." It has its reverential names in every language. Every Occidental nation has its holy legends, its Santa Claus, its beautiful old traditions. The first Christmas tree grew in a German forest, and has been transplanted to many lands.

But the Spirit of Christmas is broader than any creed that men recite. It was foreshadowed in the earlier, purer days of the Roman Saturnalia. Men have given gifts, relieved the poor, gathered their families and friends around the comforting fires of countless hearths, at this season, since time out of mind.

When the Spirit of Christmas is abroad the narrower boundaries of bigotry and of race fall away. We look deeply into the memories of the whole human race. What poetry it has made of winter cold and darkness, of snow, with the shadows of bare trees traced across it, of stars never more beautiful than in December, of the blessings of fire and food and human affections, of the coming back of the sun after its southward journey!

"Glory to God in the highest!" sang the angels, according to St. Luke. "And on earth peace, good-will toward men." Plowshares are being hammered into swords. People glare at each other across frontiers with fear, hate and suspicion in their eyes. The Western front between France and Germany is being guarded by millions of men and guns that spit death and destruction. But on Christmas day not a gun will be fired. Soldiers on both sides will pause to celebrate Christmas in keeping with the customs and traditions of this good day.



Christmas Thoughts

In spite of the prevailing festive at-

mosphere, this Christmas will not pass without a good deal of serious reflection. And not all of the ramifying thoughts which the day brings forth will center upon immediate disturbances. Many students of current affairs, whether or not of a religious turn of mind, will ask themselves if our civilization has lost the moral force once found in Christ's teachings.

To a very large degree the modern world is shaped by materialistic influences. As a whole the people are pre-occupied with war, economic problems, social betterment and political evolution. Nowhere, in any of these fields, is there to be found an equivalent for the moral and spiritual forces derived from the Christian philosophy.

It would be the capstone of irony if mankind should lose the cohesive forces upon which modern civilization depends. The need for a greater degree of morality is keenly felt today in international affairs, in the relations of management and labor and between individuals. That force is not to be found in science, or in any of the doctrines which focus on material benefits.

Many contemporary thinkers are earnestly seeking a means by which the cohesive influence of the past may be revived through cultivation of spiritual qualities. The comments of many current world thinkers and writers appeal for return to the simple virtues associated with the Christian religion.

If the moral and spiritual forces of Christianity were lost, the world would have to find some other concept of brotherhood, unity or common interest. To date, however, mankind has found no co-ordinating influence which has a fraction of the efficacy of religious faith. It may well be, therefore, that Christmas will gain more profound significance year by year and that this anniversary of 1939 is far more important than many of its celebrants realize.

Message to the World

A fine way to express Christmas cheer is to decorate the homes. The practice is extending year by year and should be encouraged. Particularly now, when American home life in its freedom of self-expression, its peaceful atmosphere and its priceless individuality so strikingly contrasts with conditions in some other countries.

Extravagant display is not necessary. A wreath in the window, an illuminated motto, a string of colored lights sparkling in the branches of the evergreen on the lawn, say to the passing stranger: "This is a home, and those safely sheltered within it extend to all the joyous good wishes of the Christmas season."

Such a seasonal message from the household to the world cannot fail of inspirational and encouraging effect.



12-Month Red Cross Record

It is timely at this season of the year to review the work done by the Red Cross for the twelve-month period ended last June 30. A summary of this agency's work, in its annual report, listed 217 catastrophes in the United States and its insular possessions for which relief was rendered, including relief granted to sufferers of the Chilean earthquake last January and to refugees of the Spanish civil war and the Sino-Japanese conflict.

In meeting relief needs in the United States, the report said, the Red Cross spent \$2,187,279 for the aid of 130,000 persons in forty-three States and Alaska. The only States which did not have disasters large enough to warrant aid from the organization were Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming, it added.

Types of catastrophes in which the Red Cross gave aid, said the report, included sixty tornadoes, twenty-five fires, thirty-one floods, ten cloudbursts, four epidemics, three forest fires, fifteen wind and hail storms and nine disasters of other types. In these, it was asserted, 30,693 buildings were destroyed or damaged, 706 persons were killed and 1,990 were injured.

In lives lost and property destroyed, the New York-New England hurricane was found to be the most disastrous, calling for an expenditure of \$1,682,000.

a retired Chicago multi-millionaire. It is a 128-room mansion with 30 bath rooms, some of which have gold-plated fixtures. Verily, this man laid up for himself treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt. He also laid up on earth a colossal folly that will be pointed out as a vain show and a prodigal waste of money.

Admiral Byrd is beating it back to the South Pole in his staunch ship to spend another year down there in scientific research. The Admiral, a great discoverer of ice, snow and penguins, is hardly as great a discoverer as Columbus, but is deserving of praise for having discovered land without people on it to start trouble. Poor Columbus was not so lucky. The land he discovered had Indians on it that started trouble. Later the land was inhabited by whites that started trouble. Later the whites, after getting rid of the Indians, started trouble among themselves and have been at it ever since.

Seventeen thousand new laws were passed this year by the legislators of all the various States. We already had too many laws on the statute books. America has more laws and more law violators than any country in the world. Why? Because about half of the law violators go unpunished. I read a statement in the Chicago Tribune recently which said that half of the crimes committed in Chicago were committed by repeaters—men who formerly had been convicted of violating the law. Small wonder that Chicago is one of the most lawless cities in the United States. Maybe the answer is a return to the whipping post for punishment of crime. Many young criminals are just spoiled children who need a good sound whipping.

Here is a poem I came across the other day and shall pass on to my readers. It blends in with the holiday season:

FOR LITTLE THINGS

We thank Thee, Lord,
For little things,
Like sunset-gold,
Or pumpkins hanging on a frosty vine;
Or gentle rain,
Or echoes from a lovely song.
For little secrets that the world will never know;
For poems in our hearts that never shall be rhymed,
Or blue—just plain sky blue—
For these we thank Thee, Lord.
We might include the carols mother used to sing,
Or Santa Claus,
Or gifts at Christmastime;
For every little thing that makes the universe.
We thank Thee, Lord—
Thank thee reverently,
For little things.

—Donald Dunn.

Harnessing Solar Heat

Dr. C. G. Abbot, secretary of Smithsonian Institute, who more than a decade ago built a solar cookstove at Mount Wilson Observatory, and continued experiments in harnessing the sun's rays, now reports:

"Both solar cooking and solar distilling of non-potable water are practicable and efficient propositions, and likely will be in common use before very long, if the necessary outfits can be produced at attractive prices. Solar water heaters are now used considerably in Florida and California.

"New Mexico could supply from solar radiation," he declares, "over ten trillion horsepower hours per year of mechanical power, which compares with the power possibilities of all coal, oil and water at present used annually for heat, light and power combined in the United States."

Dr. Abbot, who also has devised solar boilers, suggests the sun's heat could be converted into electricity and stored in batteries or water could be pumped by solar power to a high-level reservoir, later to be used in a hydro-electric plant.

"It is possible that so long as coal is cheap and abundant there will be no extensive use for solar power. However, small installations of two to five horsepower units may be profitable under favorable conditions," he said.



Christmas Everywhere

"Everywhere—everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight."

And it is truly. No matter whether the observance is by people speaking our language or one of dozens of other tongues; whether they are snowed in or are shading themselves from the burning sun—wherever people are rejoicing in the birth of Christ, it is Christmas.

Observances of this occasion always first and foremost religious, have for hundreds of years been accompanied by certain festivities, centered in some instances in the season and almost always in the promotion of kindness and good feeling in the family circle and among friends and acquaintances.

In addition to its sacred rites, the charm of Christmas traditions is dear to everyone at this time. Trains, boats, planes, buses and automobiles have been overtaken with hordes hurrying home to be with their families Christmas day. For the past week, more and more decorations of lights and greenery and color have appeared outside and inside.

Last Christmas the President lighted a Christmas tree for the nation in Lafayette Park, Washington, D. C. Everywhere—Christmas; and everywhere rejoicing in the glad tidings of nineteen hundred years ago, and the Christmas spirit which pervades home and friends and abides with us always at this happy season.



The Yule Log

In England the Yule log was a huge section of birch which was cut from a tree selected on Candlemas-day, which was the last day of the Christmas holidays. On the following Christmas it was dragged in and placed upon the hearth with great ceremony, the merry-makers pulling with a will and singing a Christmas carol. It was also kindled with an old brand, linking each Christmas to the one before and the next.

The Yule log must be watched carefully, wherever the custom still survives of burning it on Christmas Eve. Some lore says the Yule log is from Scandinavian sources where, at their feast on the winter solstice, they kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. The huge log was full of good promises and bringing it in from the woods where it had seasoned all year was a noteworthy observance of Christmas Eve. Its flame burned out old wrongs and heartburnings, so it was believed.

Mention of the Yule log brings to mind the ceremony of bringing in the boar's head, the procession which used to mark the beginning of the feasting in the northern European countries. At Oxford it was carried

in by the strongest of the guardsmen singing a Christmas carol, preceded by a forester, a huntsman and a couple of pages carrying the mustard (then a luxury).



The Carolers

The United States is always enthusiastic about any idea which it takes unto itself and a habit quickly grows. Statistics say that in 1918 less than 40 cities made any special point of carol singing, but ten years later more than two thousand took some definite part in this beautiful Christmas observance. Several thousand more must have joined the great parade in the past ten years. In Williamsburg, Va., for instance, the Colonial Carolers from William and Mary College, in picturesque costumes and accompanied by instrumental players, serenade with old English and Latin carols.

"While the stars, that oversprinkle All the heavens, seem to twinkle With a crystalline delight; Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of Runic rhyme, To the tinkling bell that so musically wells— From the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells— From the jingling and the twinkling of the bells."

Thus did Edgar Allan Poe describe some of the thrill we feel when the Christmas bells ring out their paeans of praise and joy, accompanied by thousands of carol singers. All over this world, and especially in the United States, the bells of churches have been ringing out the glad tidings, echoed by the chimes and re-echoed by the carillons—reaching across the hills and valleys, thrilling the listeners miles away.



Our Bill of Rights

We of Texas are thankful there are no blackouts in our towns. Main street still is lighted at night as Christmas shoppers come and go in peace and gladness. Our rights of assemblage have not been denied. Anyone still can get up and express himself regarding the present administration without fear of being executed or thrown into prison. There is no goose-step in Texas. School children in thickly populated sections have not been sent into the rural districts lest enemy bombers drop death on them. Despite a certain amount of criticism and heckling (a great American institution), we know the foundation of our government is intact.

We of Texas are thankful we are allowed to worship as we please. Racial prejudice has not entered into our daily lives. Our neighbor, be he Jew or Gentile, still is our neighbor, and there is nothing to keep us from running over in the morning to borrow a cup of sugar or coffee from him. We have maintained our tolerance while other nations have lost their sense of reason.

A Czech exile in America—a professional man who fled from Czechoslovakia at the time of the German seizure of the country last March—commented as follows after his arrival in the United States:

"America," he said, quite simply and earnestly, "saved my life. Now it gives me the wonderful protection of your great Bill of Rights. I wonder if you here in America realize what that means. You are so used to it. You take it for granted. In large parts of Europe there is no Bill of Rights today. We Europeans know what it is to live without freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of the press and freedom to do anything to correct our grievances. I am grateful to your country. I appreciate what it is doing for the world in maintaining freedom."

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
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CHRISTMAS bells will soon ring out and again we shall be wishing each other a "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" Seems not long ago since I celebrated the last Christmas and paid the last Christmas bill. After 40 the years pass swiftly by. As a boy—waiting to hang up my stocking—I thought Christmas would never come. Days seemed months and months years before Santa Claus answered my letter and brought me the toy train, bugle, drum and pair of skates. Youth lives in a dreamland of rapturous anticipation. A Merry Christmas to you, Youth, and may all your dreams come true.

While on the subject of Christmas, it is well to remember that for many there will be a lean Christmas. The Red Cross, Salvation Army and other charitable organizations may overlook some worthy one who is needy and too proud to let his wants be known. These are the ones the Saviour must have been thinking of when He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." My happiest Christmas would be an opportunity to seek out such worthy ones and befriend them. I should like to speak cheery words, kindly words to them. I should like to lift them up, to imbue them with courage and faith to meet and overcome the vicissitudes of life.

And after Christmas comes New Year. We call it new year but it is just a continuation of the old year with all its aches and pains. We will have a hangover of national problems—such as deficits, unemployment, strikes, relief, neutrality and what not. Let us hope the New Year will not add to these problems but rather give us wisdom and understanding to meet them resolutely and to solve them.

But a silver lining looms out of the old year's fog. Business as a whole throughout the United States has been on the upswing. Corporate earnings for the first three-quarters of 1939 are far ahead of the first three-quarters of 1938. When big business makes money it's a sign of better times. It would

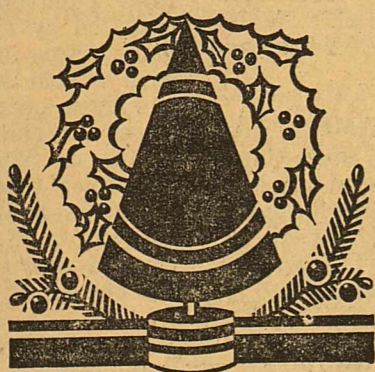
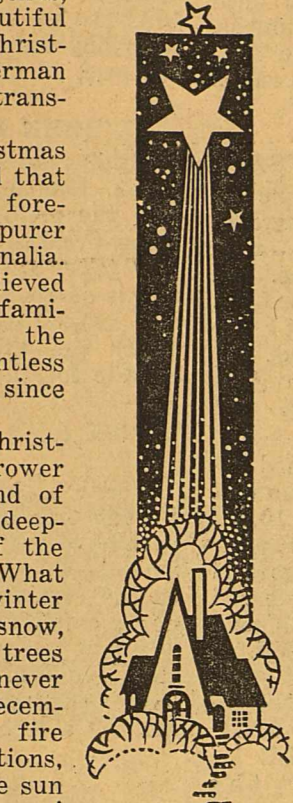
not surprise me if America staged a comeback toward prosperity in 1940. They say you can't keep a good man down. By the same token you can't keep millions of good men down and we have 'em—right here in the United States.

Advertisers are telling us to do our Christmas shopping early. The women folk in my family began Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving. I know, because they come home with mysterious packages that they hide away in old trunks and closets. Furthermore, there are sly whisperings and secret conferences—all of which, at this particular time, has something to do with Santa Claus. Hope I don't get another red necktie. The tie I got last Christmas was so fiery red that a bull in a pasture eyed me suspiciously and pawed the earth when he saw it on me.

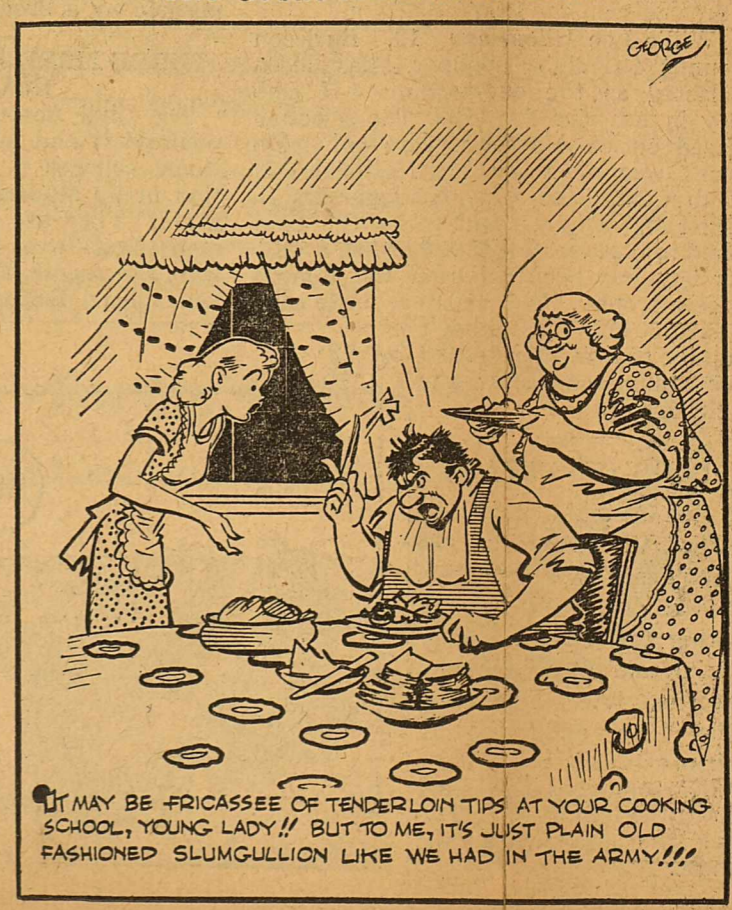
The new automobile models are things of beauty and a joy forever—if you can afford to own one. Wife stopped with me in front of a salesroom and hinted that a certain pretty model car would make a wonderful Christmas present. I didn't take the hint for many reasons—mainly financial—but also I knew wife wouldn't want to ride in a new car in her old clothes. A 1938 model dress, hat, shoes and coat won't match a 1940 model automobile.

A movement is on foot to get more farmers elected to our State legislature. That's not a bad move. Being a dirt farmer myself, I know the whys and wherefores of digging a living out of the recalcitrant earth. Any farmer who makes a success farming these days—in spite of drouths, insects, taxes, high costs, low prices and a hundred other restrictions—is capable of solving legislative problems. He may not be a college or high school graduate, but a successful farmer has common sense, initiative and fair to middling judgment—all necessary qualifications to a good legislator.

Chicago tax collectors are trying to sell a \$4,000,000 estate for \$150,000 to cover unpaid taxes and cost of upkeep. The estate consists of buildings, furnishings and ground, former home of



The Great American Home



"IT MAY BE FRICASSEE OF TENDERLOIN TIPS AT YOUR COOKING SCHOOL, YOUNG LADY!! BUT TO ME, IT'S JUST PLAIN OLD FASHIONED SLUMGLING LIKE WE HAD IN THE ARMY!!!"

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS--from Over the State

LIMIT CHICKEN FLOCKS TO 100
Yoakum voters have endorsed an ordinance limiting to 100 the number of chickens residents inside the city limits will be allowed to keep.

COTTON CHRISTMAS GIFT MONTH
Governor W. Lee O'Daniel proclaimed December as "Cotton Christmas Gift Month" in an effort to stimulate purchase of cotton articles to help growers.

BIG DEER KILL PREDICTED
The State game department estimates that 45,000 deer will be killed in Texas this season. Last year 30,000 buck deer were killed, 5,000 on opening day.

FFC WILL PLANT BLACK WALNUT TREES
Italy, (Ellis county), Future Farmers high school clubs will adopt the planting of black walnuts as a project in reforestation on the Texas blackland.

BUILDING PERMITS GAIN
Building permits in 43 Texas towns during October aggregated \$10,118,168, or 46 per cent higher than the same month a year ago, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

RABBIT HUNTERS WARNED
Dr. George W. Cox, State health officer, has warned hunters against killing slow-moving rabbits. "These rabbits," said Dr. Cox, "are apt to have tularemia, a disease that can be contracted by humans." He also suggested that rubber gloves be worn while skinning rabbits.

PECAN CROP SMALL
The Texas pecan crop this year was estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at 17,400,000 pounds as compared at 23,000,000 last year and a 10-year average production of 25,120,000. The short crop is attributed to drouth and insect damage.

MARRIED BY TELEPHONE
Mrs. Nettie Cottle, of Dallas, was married by long-distance telephone November 3 to R. W. Worley, of Shreveport. The marriage ceremony was conducted at the Shreveport end of the line and occupied eight minutes. The bride left for Shreveport by train to join her husband.

NAIL DIET FATAL TO COW
Paint Rock Herald: "A fine milk cow belonging to Mr. M. C. (Boy) Kemp, with a value of \$75 or more, died as the result of eating too many nails and other metals. The cow had been under the weather for several weeks, so after her death an autopsy was performed and 11 nails, 2 pennies and one small bolt were found in her stomach."

HIGHWAY FATALITIES LESS
A summary of motor vehicle fatalities by the State Highway engineer for the first nine months of this year shows 1,098 deaths as compared to 1,148 during the same period of 1938, a reduction of 50, of 4.4 per cent. More than half, 649, of the deaths this year were caused on open highways.

MASSACHUSETTS GETS \$4,000,000 OF GREEN ESTATE
In November Massachusetts was paid \$4,000,000 as taxes from the estate of Col E. H. R. Green, formerly a resident of Terrell and Dallas, Texas. A United States Supreme Court decision upheld Massachusetts' claim that Green was a resident of that State, over similar claims from the States of New York, Florida and Texas.

NAMED CHAMPION AMERICAN BOY
Willie Lee Ulich, age 19, Burleson county 4-H club member, has been selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy in America for 1939. The selection based on Ulich's four years of club work was made by the National 4-H Club Committee with headquarters in Chicago. This is said to be the first time in history of 4-H clubs that a Texas boy has been awarded the famous Moses trophy. The award is made each year not only upon a boy's ability as a farmer, but on leadership, character and scholarship.

DOG EATS PECANS
San Antonio Light: "Miss Vivian Ortiz, 226 East Fest st., San Antonio, has a dog, Fido, with a liking for pecans. Miss Ortiz said the dog buries pecans, later scratching them up and cracking them with his teeth, carefully removing the meat from the hull before chewing and swallowing the meat."

ENGINE KILLS BUCK DEER
Engine 13, pulling a log train of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, near Diboll, (Angelina county), crashed into and killed a seven-point buck deer.

YAWNS, DISLOCATES JAW
Miss Ruth Huetz, age 19, petite University of Texas co-ed from Waco, yawned so hard in an early morning class that she dislocated her jaw.

COLLECTS PETRIFIED FRUIT
A. F. Moss, Llano ranchman, has a collection of petrified fruit, including oranges, coconuts, a watermelon and a peach. Collecting petrified fruit is a hobby with Mr. Moss.

GOAT-MARAUDING PANTHER KILLED
A six-and-one-half-foot panther that had been killing goats on Hamilton Wilson's ranch, forty miles west of Kerrville, was shot dead after the panther had killed twenty-five goats in one day.

OLDEST WOMAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY
Mrs. Margaret Ann Bailey, 401 California street, El Paso, and believed to be the oldest woman in Texas, celebrated her 105th birthday recently. Mrs. Bailey was born in Paris, Tennessee. She is still interested in day-to-day news events and the simple things of life.

ROAD WORK 1939 TOTALS \$29,300,000
The Highway Commission will have spent a total of \$29,300,000 on highway improvements during 1939 and has a minimum of \$25,000,000 ahead for 1940. The program next year will be somewhat curtailed due to reduced Federal appropriations but there may be added amounts from the Congress which convenes in January.

BOY SUMMONED AS JUROR
Charles Joseph Gaffney, age 10, of San Antonio, has been summoned for jury service four times in six years. Charles owns four lots in a suburb. Excused because of age, he said he had been studying hard to become a juror and believed he would make a good one.

GEOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION CENTER
Geographically speaking, the center of Texas is near Brady, say University of Texas geologists. Population center falls near McGregor, in McLennan county.

"FATHER OF TEXAS" 146th ANNIVERSARY
Texas commemorated the 146th anniversary of the birth of Stephen F. Austin, "Father of Texas," November 3. Austin was born at Austinville, Va., November 3, 1793. His body lies in the State cemetery at Austin, the grave marked by a bronze statue.

THREE MORE FLIGHT TRAINING COLLEGES
The Civil Aeronautics Authority announced it had approved three additional colleges in Texas for participation in its student flight training program. They are Austin College, Sherman; East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, and Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE
Free legal advice for those who can't afford to pay attorney fees has been planned by the University of Texas to start possibly in February or, at the latest, next September. The advice, it is said, will be limited to indigents.

EIGHT THANKSGIVING DAYS
While some States observed two Thanksgiving days—November 23rd and November 30th—Harlingen, (Cameron county), observed eight Thanksgiving days by proclamation of the mayor.

RAT MADE NEST OF BILLS
Puzzled auto supply store employes, of Texarkana, who had hidden \$30 in a wall for safekeeping, only to find it gone, finally pinned the theft on a rat that had feathered its nest with \$1 and \$5 bills.

TEXAS SHARE OF AAA FUNDS
The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reported that Texas led all States with receipt of \$25,345,000 in farmer subsidies. Iowa was second with \$15,412,000 and Illinois was third with \$7,975,000.

DROWNS IN BUCKET OF WATER
While Mrs. C. P. Pritchard, near Stamford, (Jones county), was busy with household work, her 9-month-old daughter toddled to the back porch, fell in a bucket of water and was drowned.

DESCENDANTS OF NOBILITY
A record showing that 400 Texans are descendants of the New World's Spanish nobility has been uncovered by a research librarian at the University of Texas.

BUCK ANTELOPES FOUND WITH LOCKED HORNS
Alpine Avalanche: "Stanley Fulcher, of Alpine, discovered the bodies of two fighting buck antelopes with locked horns. The animals had been dead apparently three or four months, the scene of their death struggle having been on the A. H. Richardson ranch a few miles southeast of Alpine."

STILL LEADS IN 6-MAN FOOTBALL
Texas still leads the nation in the development of six-man football, according to R. J. Kidd, athletic director of the Texas Interscholastic League. The six-man game came to Texas in 1937. In North Dakota, the next largest State for the sport, there are 120 teams.

HOME BUILDING SHOWS INCREASE
Federal Home Loan Bank Board reports that the first three quarters of 1939 new home loans totaling 10,012 and amounting to \$19,835,330 were made by the 121 insured savings and loan associations in the State, compared with 7200 loans amounting to \$15,560,570 in the first nine months of 1938.

REMAINS OF HUGE LAND TURTLE
Among the fossilized remains of a number of prehistoric animals uncovered from the caliche pit near Ingleside, (San Patricio county) was that of a huge land turtle that measured three feet across the middle. Work of excavating is under the direction of Dr. E. H. Sellards, University of Texas geologist. The skeletal parts of other animals uncovered were mastodons, dinosaurs, sloths, horses, etc. Dr. Sellards estimated the deposits were about 25,000 years old.

BIG CROWD AT POSSUM DINNER
Frankston's (Anderson county), eleventh annual possum dinner drew a crowd estimated at 2000 persons. Guests, besides East Texans, were from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Mexico, California, Illinois, New York and Maine.

RESTOCKING GAME
The annual report of the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission discloses that the commission has distributed, in depleted areas, the past fiscal year, 20,000 bobwhites, 533 wild turkeys, 194 white-tailed deer, 33 antelope and 3,429,582 fish.

ENORMOUS SALT DEPOSIT
Dr. Albert Woldert, historian and geologist of Tyler, has announced that one of the largest deposits of rock crystal salt on the American continent is located near Bullard in the adjacent county of Smith.

Dr. Woldert said the salt at Bullard was discovered by accident in an oil drilling test long before the East Texas oil field came into being. The drillers struck salt at 1,200 feet and drilled another 800 feet without reaching the bottom of the deposit. The salt is described by Dr. Woldert as "clear crystal, without dirt or silt veins."

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN
The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported postal receipts in 43 Texas towns during October gained 10.8 per cent over September and 5.5 per cent over the same month last year to a total of \$1,941,604.

BIG DEMAND FOR SCRAP IRON
Based on orders in hand and the expectation that Houston will continue to receive its share of shipments, about 100,000 tons of scrap iron will be exported to England from Port Houston during the next 12 months.

"JOHN GARNER" PECAN
Pecan men say that the John Garner pecan, named for Vice-President Garner, and introduced only in 1935, is of value because it does not scab, has a true paper shell, runs 61 per cent meat and is of good size. The "John Garner" was introduced at a show in Uvalde at which the Vice-President had offered a prize for the best seedling.

HORSE AND BUGGY LAWS WIPED OUT
Under supervision of its legal staff, Fort Worth is revising obsolete laws that have remained on municipal books since 1903. One of these laws prohibited the feeding of horses, mules, sheep, hogs, cats and chickens on Main and adjacent streets. The traffic code then required drivers of buggies and horses to signal with their whips when making a left or right turn.

SAFETY CITY
Amarillo gets credit for being the safest city in Texas against traffic deaths while Austin is the most dangerous, according to figures released by the State Department of Public Safety. High death tolls on highways, totaling 1,228 for a 10-month period, raised the Statewide rating to 9.9, a higher traffic fatality rate than any of the larger cities, State police said.

FINDS DEER HANGING ON FENCE
San Antonio Express: "R. L. ('Doc') Brown, local cattleman, found a doe deer hanging on a wire fence near his ranch, 18 miles west of Pearsall. In leaping, the deer failed to clear the fence, and her legs were held tightly in the wire. The animal had been dead only a few hours when found."

DOUBLE FISH CATCH
Brownwood Bulletin: "Fishing near here, Wymon O. McInnis, of the Cox & McGinnis ranch, caught a 27 1/2-pound catfish on a 15-pound line. McGinnis actually caught two fish at the same time. The greedy catfish had just swallowed a 1 1/2 pound fish when he nabbed the hook. The tail of the smaller fish protruded from the mouth of the larger one after it was hauled from the stream."

LICENSED WOMAN TRUCK LINE
Hempstead News: "Operated by the only lady truck driver in the State of Texas with a commercial permit, the Lillie Drennen Truck Line, owned and operated by the person for whom it is named, was organized March 28, 1928, with an old Model 'T' Ford truck and has been operating successfully ever since. At the present time Mrs. Drennen is operating with a modern 1939 Chevrolet truck and commercial trailer between Hempstead and Houston, and the quality of her service has increased and solidified her business in her chosen line."

BIGNESS OF BIG BEND
The Big Bend of Southwest Texas, where the Rio Grande makes a wide-sweeping horse-shoe curve, is an area of 28,897 square miles. It includes the counties of Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, Hudspeth, El Paso, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Brewster. The Big Bend territory is larger than the combined States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Delaware. The county of Brewster alone consists of 5,935 square miles, which is larger than the States of Rhode Island and Delaware. Population of Brewster county, according to 1930 census, was 6,624, 1.1 person per square mile.

THE ABSENT ONE
By FRANK L. STANTON

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas,
It rings like a tender refrain;
The sky is so blue,
Like the dear eyes of you,
That with me shall ever remain.

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas,
The halls with the holly are red;
And where do you stay
On this beautiful day,
Where the light on your pathway is shed?

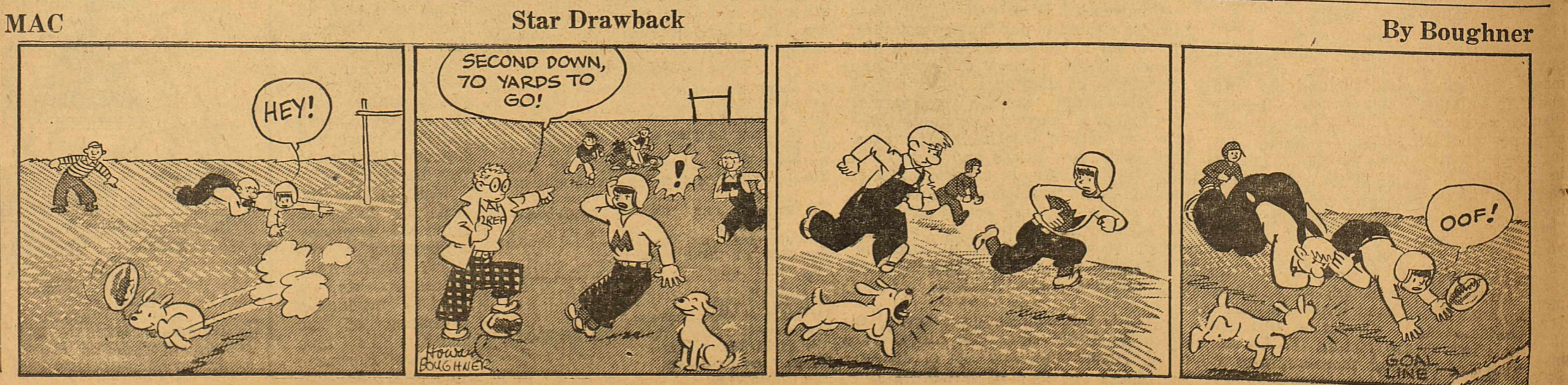
Are you sad and lonely, dearest?
Or does joy fill your heart so true?
In a far-away land
Does some tender kind hand
Lift a flower of Christmas to you?

Oh, the bells o'er the wide world are ringing,
And the skies bend in beauty of blue;
But a thought from the past
Liveth with me at last;
In the Christmas I'm thinking of you!

WAR ON HOOKWORM
Federal agencies will launch a campaign against hookworm infestation in East Texas and eastern Oklahoma. C. M. Evans, regional Farm Security Administration director, said the work would be done in co-operation with the WPA and the National Youth Administration.

FATHER AND 3 SONS IN COLLEGE
A father and his three sons are freshman students in Sul Ross State College and the group plans to finish the four years of college together, receiving their degrees at the same time. Their names: John Godsey, Sr., John, Jr., Joe and Eugene Godsey, of Wink, (Winkler county), Texas.

TURKEY HAMBURGERS
Hamburgers made of turkey meat is a new edible, discovered at Gonzales, (Gonzales county), and said to be sweeping the State for popularity. The recipe: A turkey hen is cooked in a pressure cooker. Equal portions of white and dark meat are ground together, then pressed and sliced to fit into hamburger buns with cranberry sauce and lettuce.



Christmas Decorations

... for the home ...

By HENRY B. AUL
Tribune-Herald, New York, N. Y.

OR a merrier Yuletide do not stop with trimming the tree, but deck the house entrance, the mantel and the center of the dinner table with traditional colors.

For window decoration red or white candles may stand out of a cluster of small brown cones and a sprig of long needle pine or fir wired to the base of the candle holder, or held there with a red and silver ribbon. The same might be used on the wall-light bracket. Spruce or hemlock would not be good foliage for this purpose, since their needles fall quickly indoors unless kept in water.

At the fireplace and mantel candles have always had a place, and red ones in brass holders, staining at each end of a mellowed pine mantel, could be appropriately accented by a gold or silver colored cardboard disk centered at the tip of the candle and attached to the wall behind it. Strands of tinsel might be pinned to the wall to radiate from the disk and point of flame. A sprig of holly or mistletoe with berries is fastened to the base of each candle with red and gold ribbon. In the middle of the mantel a creche is set on paper or cloth matching the tinsel and disk. This is a successful arrangement where the wall is a color to contrast with the light metallic tones in the ensemble.

Draping the Mantel

Upper mantel arrangements may be worked out by draping evergreen roping in the form of tri-parted arches to frame end candles and middle creche, or in swags and canopy shapes with bells placed where the ropes are fastened to the wall. This roping is made from a collection of evergreen clippings, such as juniper, laurel, fir and andromeda and brightened with red berries, mistletoe, pine cones, holly and cranberries.

A plain door might be given an unusual arrangement of three wreaths graduating in size from a large one at the bottom to the smallest at the top.

These could be of holly or cedar, or made of a mixture of evergreen foliage with numerous cones and berries; illuminate them at night with multi-colored bulbs, or wax candles, or with a single electric candle in the center of each wreath.

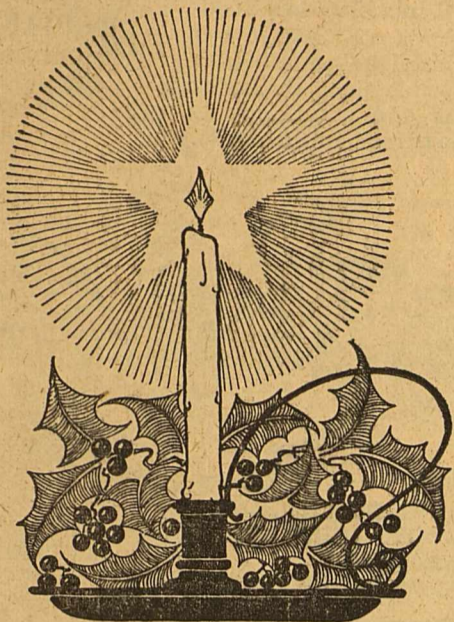
Door Decorations

If the door is not flanked by pilasters, additional decoration may take the form of a Gothic arch of evergreen branches woven into an eighteen-inch wire-covered lights. A different effect would be obtained by using bare branches sprayed with a sparkling white or silver and flooded with red, blue or white lights.

As for the table centerpiece a decorated tree is the order of the day and if you have had the usual miniature one, try making this year's of snow-white popcorn fashioned on a broad paper cone in a size to suit particular conditions. The popcorn with the whitest side out may be stuck to the cone with a sugar taffy or glue. Top it with a goldfoil covered chocolate star and stud the sides with bright red cranberries and other small fruits.

Arrange a circle of shining red apples around the base of the tree each holding a small red candle. A sprig of holly with berries is fastened to the candle with a narrow gold ribbon. With the candles lighted, this centerpiece should look good enough to eat, and will be.

A variation in the manner of using mistletoe over a doorway or arch requires that it be fastened to the top of one or to a cluster of small silver bells hanging from the middle of the arch and a string of colored ornaments extending across the top of the opening and part way down each side.



BETHLEHEM, U. S.

Two little towns in the United States become nationally famous at Christmas-time. They are Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Christmas, Indiana.

Tradition of Pennsylvania's Bethlehem is entwined with the story of Christmas. It was on a cold Christmas Eve in 1741 that the community was named.

Count Nicholas Ludwig Zinzendorf had assembled his hardy band of Moravian settlers in a log house for their Christmas Eve vigil. They sang of the Magi and the Christ Child, their voices hardly overcoming the howl of the blizzard outside.

In the midst of this reverent scene stood able Count Zinzendorf, towering in the flickering candlelight. So impressed was he that he exclaimed:

"How like the scene in Bethlehem in Judea!"

Now the community he founded has grown to an industrial city but many of the customs of the Moravian pioneers remain.

For months churchworkers have been busy preparing for the same Christmas Eve vigils, in local and other Moravian churches throughout Pennsylvania. Many of the special candles, of beeswax formed in century-old molds, are made at Bethlehem. One of the principal workplaces is an apothecary's shop that some say is the oldest in the nation.

Already the Bethlehem postoffice is busy with a flood of mail from all over the nation to get the Bethlehem cancellation on Christmas letters and packages. Many are relayed to foreign lands.

TENNESSEE GUNSMITH STILL MAKES LONG HOG RIFLES

While museum scouts and antique collectors scour the Tennessee mountains for long hog-rifles that played a part in the American Revolution, one old Tennessee gunsmith is still making them just as his ancestors did long ago.

Wiley Gibson, 72 years old and the last of 5 generations of gunsmiths, maintains his little shop at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, near the border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Visitors to the forge feel they are dreaming as they step from the busy twentieth century world into Gibson's eighteenth century shop where he lives and works in a realm of his own.

After looking over the old man's odd assortment of antique tools the visitor may ask Gibson if he will make him a gun. The gunsmith shifts his chewing tobacco, adjusts his spectacles and responds:

"Well, sir, what will you have, full or half stock, a flint lock or a cap and ball?"

And if the visitor gives the order he will find in a few months that he is the owner of a hog-rifle that will drive center with any high priced shootin' iron on the market.

The guns Gibson makes today are just like those his ancestors made and he puts them together by the same crude, painstaking methods. His tools are those of the past, fashioned by his fathers from materials at hand. He is as familiar with the bellows and bow-drill as a modern machinist is with the motor driven forge and drill press. The wood from which he makes the stock was brought by the gunsmith from the nearby

mountains. The metal comes from the village blacksmith shop. Just as his great grandfather did, Gibson forges, tempers, files, cuts and fits the metal parts with a nicety that belies his crude tools and horny hands. And when the gun is finished it will fire a ball that will stop a bear or knock a squirrel from a limb.

Gibson hog-rifles were the priceless friends of mountain folk for 100 years after the Revolutionary War. They kept meat on the table and the redman away from the door. They still hang in cabins of many mountaineers who know when they look down that long barrel they will get what they shoot at. These old rifles won first and second prizes at the last "shoot" held by mountaineers in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 8 years ago.

They got the name at the battle of Kings Mountain when Kentuckians encamped near John Sevier's men remarked:

"Jerushy! Ain't them fellows totin' a hawg of a gun, though!"

CAUTION URGED IN ADDRESSING YULE GIFTS

A warning to write the names of States in full on holiday packages to insure articles reaching their destination is urged by the post-office department.

State abbreviations, written in haste, may be illegible and confusing, especially with such abbreviations as "Mo." for Missouri and "Me." for Maine; "Cal." for California and "Col." for Colorado, and "Mass." for Massachusetts and "Miss." for Mississippi. This condition is aggravated by the fact that in some States two or three towns bear the same name in different counties.

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HOT DOGS IN SCOTLAND

America's hot dog, having reached Scotland recently via the Anchor Line, is being consumed there with gusto, according to the company's catering superintendent, who sent 200 pounds of the popular edible to the home port of Glasgow.

It was front-page stuff when King George VI attacked a hot dog at the Little White House picnic at Hyde Park, New York. Wires burned with plain and fancy descriptions of the event and wireless, radio and cable carried the word around the world.

And now that the hot dog has met the King of England and is making good in Scotland, perhaps some romantic soul may start a movement to build him a fitting tribute. For the inscription it might be judicious, perhaps, to use the words set down by the learned jurists of the Supreme Court of the State of New York when they passed grave judgment upon the hot dog. The court described them as "plebeian, but popular, elongated commodities, technically known as frankfurters, but in resort idiom characterized hot dogs." Noble terms for sausage nobility.

YULETIDE CARDS

THE problem of sending out Christmas greetings this year should not be particularly difficult, for there is a wide selection of all sorts of cards being shown. For one cent, for instance, you can send poinsettias and stage coaches (including envelopes).

Shopkeepers seem to think there is a trend again this year away from the ultra-modernistic and the wise-cracking cards that have been in vogue in other years. The trend, they say, is back to the old-fashioned home scenes and such that were popular when mother was a girl.

Plenty of Both Old and New

However, there are still plenty of cards of both the old and the new schools of thoughts for those whose inclinations run that way. There are cards fit to frame and other cards fit only to put away in the bottom of some deep drawer.

There are plenty of religious scenes, Christmas carols, white angels on blue paper, cards that say "Merry Christmas," "Season's Greetings" and "At Yuletide," and Santa Clauses with cotton whiskers, airplanes (not bombers) flying over stagecoaches, cards in the form of calendars, cards in the form of matchbooks, with such quips as "Flash! Hope this strikes you right!" printed on the matches.

Or there are the money-folder cards (two for 5 cents) in which you can insert a phony \$100 bill; cards for mother, father, sister and brother;

cards (with mistletoe) for "My Sweetheart."

A Big Business

The manufacture of Christmas and other greeting cards is a big business worth many millions annually, employing many thousands of persons in large plants in Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia and elsewhere. But the factories give only a limited impression of business and mass production, despite the clamor of complex color presses and die-cutting machines, despite vistas of long tables at which workers apply pigments, tie ribbons, paste foils; fold, sort and box the finished article. Most of the creative phase of the industry—composing sentiments and sketching designs—takes place in small studioli-like rooms.

The industry which serves so much in the holiday season is fairly young. Within the memory of elderly folk Christmas greetings were once conveyed simply by personal letter to those far away and by handshake and spoken word to those near home.

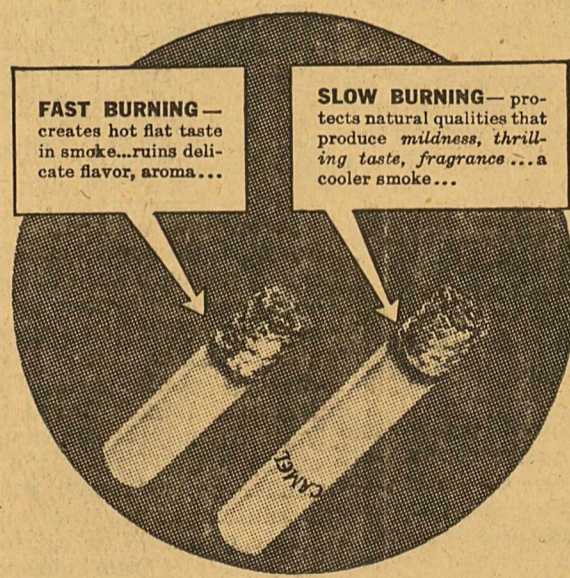
Sir Henry Cole, British government official and dilettante, is generally considered the father of the Christmas card. In the year 1846 he suggested to the Royal Academy painter, J. C. Horsley, that a special card be designed and sent to friends at Christmas.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isa. 55:6.



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TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

M. B. Hill, Van Zandt county agent, reports that Carl Williams, of the Martins Hill 4-H club, was the outstanding 4-H boy this year. Carl had three projects—cotton, corn and sweet potatoes. He made 2,442 pounds of lint cotton on six acres, over 60 bushels of corn on one acre and 384 crates of sweet potatoes on 89 one-hundredth of one acre. Carl will receive around \$580 gross income on the seven acres.

Tyler county farmers, 50 in number, have planted more than half of the 5,000 pounds of grass and clover seed which they are planting to qualify for payment on the Range Conservation Program in 1939.

G. A. Bond, Jr., county agent of Martin county, reports that sodium chlorate was used to kill an experimental demonstration plot of Johnson grass in each precinct in his county this month. Demonstrations on the use of the poison will be held at experimental plots next spring.

Calvin McLeroy, 4-H club boy, of Gomez community, (Terry county), made a labor return of \$286.16 in three years from his swine project, according to his county agent, R. N. McClain. Calvin claims his gain has been much more than money; that in experience he has gained several times that amount. He has learned that you cannot buy feed and make money feeding hogs, but that it will pay to feed a mineral mixture, have shade and plenty of fresh water for hogs.

Charlie Ballard, of Sweeney community, (Brazoria county), reports that he made 40 bushels of corn per acre this year on a field where there would not have been any corn gathered 12 years ago under the same climatic conditions. He explains that turning under all corn stalks, grass and weeds has made his land mellow and caused it to hold moisture so well that his corn grew right on through the hot, dry weather. Admitting that plowing under the stalks and other vegetation is harder work than burning it, he found he was more than paid for the extra trouble.

J. C. Bolding, of Lakeview community, (Floyd county), is taking steps to prevent all the rainfall on his farm ruining 40 acres of good grass land and forming a lake which is of no use. He turned his 640-acre farm over to the Land Use Planning Committee to set up a broad base terracing demonstration. Since Mr. Bolding is a wheat farmer, terraces have been constructed that average 60 feet in width, 18 inches in height and can be traversed easily with a combine. A few days after the terraces were constructed a 2-inch rain fell and none of the water that fell on his farm ran to the lake, while the neighbors had their lakes full of water. Mr. Bolding is well pleased and his neighbors are becoming quite interested.

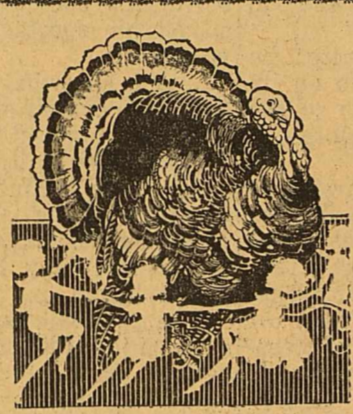
Mrs. Clarence Furr, fruit plot demonstrator of the Rhea Mills home demonstration club, (Collin county), reports that she believes a winter cover crop planted in the orchard and plowed under as a green manure crop early in the spring will be of much benefit to young growing trees. Recently Mrs. Furr had wheat planted in her young orchard, so that when plowed under at the height of about 10 or 12 inches, it will add humus to the soil. The cover crop should not be allowed to grow too rank before being turned under, otherwise it will take moisture out of the soil that will be needed by the trees next summer. Besides wheat, oats and yellow blooming clover are also good as winter cover crops; clover especially, as it adds nitrogen to the soil besides other materials.

G. P. Smith, Gregg county stockman and farmer, has achieved a record in livestock breeding. Smith has 41 cows of breeding, and this fall he sold 41 calves, representing 100 per cent calf crop.

Wheeler county landowners are providing more protection for prairie chickens as a result of their fine work in devouring huge numbers of army worms which seriously threatened the cotton crop in that section. Local growers estimate they saved as much as a bale of cotton per 8 acres because of the game birds, and plan to raise red top cane, kaffir corn, sudan and maize for them to feed on.

At Austin, (Travis county), a group of enterprising boys rent their pet ducks to local housewives, who release them in their gardens. The ducks make a clean sweep of insects without destroying a single plant—and bring their owners a rental fee of 50 cents per day.

Farmers in the Elgin area, (Bastrop county), have been bothered this fall by the very destructive cut ant, T. H. Royder county agent, reports. A quart of High-life added to a barrel of water and poured in the ant-bed is given as a practical way to get rid of the pests. After application of the mixture, the hole should be covered up and tramped down.



Farmers in the Ennis territory, (Ellis county), will receive approximately \$50,000 less for their pecan crops this year than in 1938, local pecan buyers and shippers estimate. Growers report the crop is unusually short.

Armadillos and tumble weeds, heretofore almost unknown in Henderson county, are reported to be plentiful this year. Stockmen say they are finding the little armored rodents in considerable numbers near the brakes and marshes, and the weeds are just as numerous.

A Dallas county milch cow on the Daffron farm near Seagoville set a mark with calf triplets recently. A bull calf weighing 30 pounds was the first arrival, followed within an hour by twin heifer calves, each weighing 22 pounds. All three calves are reported doing well.

The average hen in Texas doesn't pay for the cost of feeding and raising it, J. D. Sykes, poultry coordinator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has declared. Sykes told a convention of the Texas Baby Chick Association that figures show a hen in Texas may be expected to lay 90 eggs a year, and the owner requires a 100-egg output to break even. The national average, he said, is 82 eggs per year.

The farm population of Texas declined about 27,000 in 1938, leaving a total of 2,233,000 at the end of the year, according to a survey recently made by C. Horace Hamilton, economist in rural life, A. & M. College, in collaboration with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The decline represents the net loss of a migration loss from farms to cities of 59,000. Indications now are that the 1940 census will reveal the farm population of Texas will be more than 100,000 less than in 1935.

Cash prizes totaling \$26,910 will be offered to livestock exhibitors at the forty-fourth annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth March 8 to 17, John B. Davis, secretary-manager, has announced.

Farmers, plagued by leaf worms in cotton fields of the Madera valley, have imported a parasite, Trichogramma Minutum, to help them combat the invader. Hardly visible to the naked eye, the parasites are natural enemies of leaf worms and clear them out of cotton fields by destroying the worms' eggs.

Enough fruit trees and berry vines to make a row from Brownsville to Daltart and half-way back were planted by Texas 4-H club girls during the past year, says Onah Jacks, State girls' club agent for the A. & M. College Extension Service.

World War tear gas is now being put to a more humane use by Dr. George H. Godfrey, plant pathologist at the State experiment farm, Weslaco, (Hidalgo county). Choloperin, as the gas is known, is being used to sterilize soil so that plants will grow better. The gas destroys nematodes, injurious fungi and weed seeds, removing competition for the plants.

Twenty-eight hundred pounds of potatoes produced on one-fourth acre of land this year is the record claimed by Fred Ganoa, at the Cannon Stock Farm, Madisonville, (Madison county). Last March the quarter acre was planted to Bliss Triumph potatoes. June 1, 1200 pounds were harvested. The land was then planted to Porto Rico potatoes, and in October 1,680 pounds were harvested.

Mr. Harry Thompson, of the Azle community, (Parker county), is improving her range land by fencing 700 acres with sheep and goat wire. She also placed over 400 goats on her range, hoping they will destroy a lot of the underbrush around her pecan trees. She plans to improve a part of her pasture each year so she will be able to carry more livestock on the range.

According to Tom Lee Easley, Nueces county agent, poison bran bait has been found effective as a stomach poison for a great many insects who have chewing mouth parts. The formula: Mix 1 pound of Paris Green with 25 pounds of dry bran. This mixture should be moistened with a solution of molasses and water, prepared by mixing 2 quarts of cheap molasses and 3 3/4 gallons of water. To increase the efficiency of this bait, add two finely chopped lemons. To control cutworm-infested fields, the bait should be applied broadcast and preferably at sundown. About 10 to 12 pounds of wet mash should treat an acre of ground.

The lowly cedar tree which the government pays to have cleared from Texas hills, may yet come into its own as the source of oil used as a fixative for perfumes, soaps, cosmetics and camphor oil, in the opinion of chemurgists at John Tarleton College. Oil from cedar leaves may also be developed into an insecticide, it is believed, if conditions stabilize and demand for distillation becomes profitable.

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According to Bruce B. Byrnes, Jr., Mitchell county range inspector, there are more than twice the number of quail on the 52 ranches inspected this year over last year. He believes the large increase is due to the Game Preserve Demonstration work done by farmers and ranchers of the county. The ranges where deferred grazing has been practiced have the greatest increase in the number of quail, due to the excellent cover afforded.

Two years ago J. B. Burchett and C. K. Ryan, Duval county farmers, began demonstrations in feeding bonemeal to cattle. This year no cases of creeps have been reported on either ranch. The two ranches are in different sections of the county and represent two different types of ranch land, but results of the demonstrations have been the same. Before feeding the bonemeal, creeps were common; especially during dry weather. The results are even more satisfactory, taking into consideration the fact that rainfall in Duval county has been below normal since 1936. A mixture of 2 parts salt and one part bonemeal was used.

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It's customary for a minister, priest or nun to slight worldly wealth, but among lay members of a church it's unusual. However, it has happened before.

In 1000 A. D. many people thought the millennium was over, and the end of the world at hand. The millennium is the period which the Bible says will precede the last judgment. To prepare for eternity, the people gave away all they owned and went into the hills to await the day of doom.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24.

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MISTLETOE KEPT EVIL AWAY IN OLD ENGLAND

With the approach of the Christmas season, greens for decorative purposes become a subject of increasing interest. One of them, mistletoe, rich in legend, is used each year by those desiring to keep alive old and interesting customs.

Mistletoe is a parasite on many kinds of deciduous trees and derives its life from them. Occasionally it is found growing upon an oak, and because the oak was the sacred tree of the Druids in old England anything growing on it was also sacred.

The mistletoe oaks were worshipped especially by the priests and once each year became the scene for elaborate ceremonies. A priest mounted the tree, snipped off very small fragments of mistletoe with a golden sickle and dropped them onto a white cloth upheld by other priests. Later these fragments were given to the people to be cherished as charms against evil. In some remote sections of England we find mistletoe sprigs still considered good luck, just as horseshoes are in this country.

Mistletoe is of wide distribution, for its sticky seeds are carried about by birds and left in bark crevices.

Because the berries ripen after winter comes the plant, among the ancients, won a reputation for strength and power. It was called "the golden twig," probably from its yellowish color. It had to be found in a dark wood by night, where it was said it "glowed." Under certain conditions mistletoe is faintly phosphorescent and shines in the dark.

In this country mistletoe grows from New Jersey southward to Texas. It is interesting, too, to know that there is a mistletoe found in Canada. It is a tiny brown plant parasitic on the balsam fir. Occasionally a twig may be found on a Christmas tree. It has no significance except its relationship to the mistletoe of superstition and legend.

EAT LESS AND EXERCISE MORE

For many years it was felt that overeating was the only cause in about 95 per cent of the cases of overweight, and that about 5 per cent were due to lack of gland juices—thyroid, pituitary, adrenal, and sex. Today it is believed that a combination of the two—overeating and gland disturbance—is the cause in a great many more cases than was previously thought.

"In a study of this subject in 523 cases" as reported by Drs. D. M. Dunlop and Murray Lyon in the Edinburgh Medical Journal, these physicians consider it probable that, in the majority, overweight is due mostly to overeating and underexercising and in a less degree to some gland disturbance.

The thought then in overweight is that no matter what is causing the overweight, too much food and not enough exercise is mostly to blame and that when less food and more exercise can be taken safely this method of reducing must be given first place. When the results of eating less food and taking more exercise over a period of months is disappointing, the addition of one or more gland extracts as prescribed and supervised by a physician may be all that is needed to bring about a satisfactory reduction in weight.



Our Boys and Girls

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DEAR FRIENDS:

Well, my dear boys and girls, another Christmas rolls around and soon we shall be hanging up our stockings and wishing each other A MERRY CHRISTMAS! What a glorious time is Christmastime, and how we all love it—young and old. Though a joyful day, it should also be a reverent day, for it honors the birth of our beloved Saviour. Therefore, as we think of Christmas, may we also think of the Christ Child, born in a manger, far from home and the comforts of home life.

At this holiday season let us all do something to make some one else happy. The finest way to do this is to give of ourselves and of our time. Why not make an interesting scrap book and send it to some hospital for a little child who is confined to bed? Maybe you could read for an hour a week to some old, or blind person, or speak kindly to some old person who is feeble. I am sure all of you can think of a great many things you can do. Christmas week to make some one happy. And don't forget mother. Help her during the holidays which are the busiest days of the year. The story I am sending you this month will bring the joy of giving closer to your own life.

I wish for all of you a happy time, a kindly heart, a ready smile and the will to do for others.

Devotedly,
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

CHRISTMAS IN THE OLD HOUSE

It was Christmas day in the little house with green shutters, and a very happy Christmas it had been. The floor was littered with toys, tissue paper and tinsel from holiday wrappings. The young father and mother looked with radiant happiness at their son and then at each other. They were happy and thankful for all that God had given them.

The little boy sat on the floor, idly fingering two toy soldiers; but his thoughts were on a house across the street. It was an old, old house—almost 300 years old, and if one had good eyes he could see the date of its erection carved on the beam. Suddenly the little boy jumped to his feet and ran across the room to peer out of the window. He could see the darkened windows of the old house, the second story projecting over the lower one and close under the roof and laden gutter with a dragon's head. The rainwater was supposed to run out of the dragon's mouth, but it ran out of the creature's body instead, because of a hole in the pipe. The little boy didn't care though; he thought the dragon was very grand, and liked to pretend it was alive. All the other houses on the street were new, but the little boy loved the old one best of all. It was a good house to look at; and in it lived an old man who went about in leather knee smalls, wore a coat with great brass buttons and a wig.

Every morning a man came to clean the house and run the errands. With this exception the old man in the leather knee smalls was all alone in the old house. Sometimes he came to the window; the little boy would nod at him and he would nod back. Thus they became friends although they had never spoken to one another. The little boy had heard his parents say the old man was wealthy, but terribly lonely.

The little boy, looking out of the window, thought of his own happy day, and began to wonder if the old man had received any gifts at all. He returned back to the littered floor, picked up some lovely red wrapping paper with gay seals, and carefully wrapped one of his little tin soldiers. He thought the lonely old man would have at least one gift.

When the door of the old house was opened by the man who ran errands, the little boy said, "Will you take this to the old gentleman for me? I have two tin soldiers; this is one of them and I want him to have it because I know he is terribly lonely."

The attendant looked quite pleased, nodded and carried the tin soldier into the old house.

After awhile, the attendant knocked at the door of the little cottage and asked if the boy could come himself and pay his master a visit. His parents gave him permission and so it was that he came to the old man's house.

The brass bosses on the staircase shone more brightly than usual; one would have thought

they had been polished in honor of the little boy's visit. The hall was hung with old portraits of knights in armor and ladies in silk gowns. There was a staircase that wound up a balcony that overlooked a garden. The walls of one room were covered with pig skin, upon which flowers had been stamped together with this verse:

"Flowers fade fast.
But pig skin will last."

And there stood chairs with quite high backs, heavily carved and with elbows on each side.

When the little boy came into the room, the old man said, "Thank you for the tin soldier, my little friend. Thank you, too, for coming over." "Thanks, thanks!" or "Crick, crick!" said the furniture.

On the wall hung a picture of a beautiful lady and cheerful in appearance, but dressed in the fashions of long ago.

"Where did you get her?" asked the little boy.

"From the dealer opposite," replied the old man. "Many pictures always hang there. No one knew this lady; now she's been dead and gone for half a century."

Under the picture, behind glass, hung a nosegay of withered flowers. They were also at least half a century old—or looked it. The pendulum of the great clock swung to and fro, the hands turned slowly round and everything in the room seemed to get older.

"They say at home," said the little boy, "that you are terribly lonely."

"Oh," answered the old man, "memories of the past come often to visit me; and now you are here so I am very well off."

The old man took a book from a shelf. In it were pictures of long processions of wonderful coaches, such as one never sees in our present day, soldiers and citizens with waving flags. A tailor had a flag with shears on it held by two lions, a shoemaker a flag without boots, but with an eagle that had two heads, for among the shoemakers everything must be so arranged that they can say, "There's a pair." Yes, it was a fine picture book.

The old man and the little boy had a glorious adventure into the past. At last the man who ran errands went into the other room to bring preserves, apples and nuts. The walls of the old house echoed with happiness, as the merry laugh of the little boy brightened the face of the old man.

As the little boy started to leave he glanced at the tin soldier he had sent as a Christmas gift and he thought the toy appeared somewhat sad. Perhaps it disliked leaving the little house with green shutters.

"You have been given away," said the little boy in a firm voice to the tin soldier. "You must stay where you are. Don't you see?"

After the little boy was safely across the street, the old man brought out an old box in which were many things: little rouge pots and scent boxes; and old cards large and richly gilt. He opened many of the little boxes and also a piano. But the piano was quite hoarse when the old man played upon it. He nodded to the picture that he had bought at the dealer's, and his eyes shone brightly. Christmas had come to the old house indeed.

The tin soldier was not so happy, however, and, as the old man played, he fell down on the floor. The old man looked and looked for the little gift, but never found it. The flooring was so full of holes that the tin soldier had fallen through a crack, and there he lay. The days passed away; then weeks and even months.

The windows had frozen over, and the little boy had to sit and breathe upon the pane to make a peep-hole in order to see the old house across the street.

Snow had blown into the carvings and inscriptions, covering the whole staircase, as if no one at all were in the house. And indeed, no one was in the house, for the old man had died.

A carriage had stopped at the door, and they had taken the old man to the family vault. No one followed him on his last journey, for all his friends were dead. But the little boy blew a kiss

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HARDWORKING PAUL

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"I thought I could make more money sugaring the 44 trees belonging to a schoolmate than I could helping someone else," Paul said. "He furnished the equipment, I did all the work for half the syrup."

The sap that's collected from the trees is generally hauled to the sugaring house by a horse. Paul didn't have a horse. He had to lug the two big buckets over the slippery ground himself. Then the boiling of the sap—it's really a job for two or three people, there are so many things to watch. Paul did it all alone.

The boy doesn't mind hard work. "I want to get a job where I can work for my board while I go to high school," he says.

CHRISTMAS TREES

A warning that Christmas trees create fire hazards has been issued by the National Fire Protection Association.

"Use only fire resistant material, such as mineral wool or properly treated cotton, to represent snow, and be sure the decorations are nonflammable. Test electrical connections. Do not illuminate with candles. Remove the tree as soon as Christmas day passes, as it tends to dry out and fire more easily if kept too long," said the association.

FRIENDLY HOBBY CLUB

Best wishes to all the members of the Friendly Hobby Club. May all the good things of life be yours, and the assurance of life eternal. May God watch over and guide you through the coming year in my heartfelt wish—and above all—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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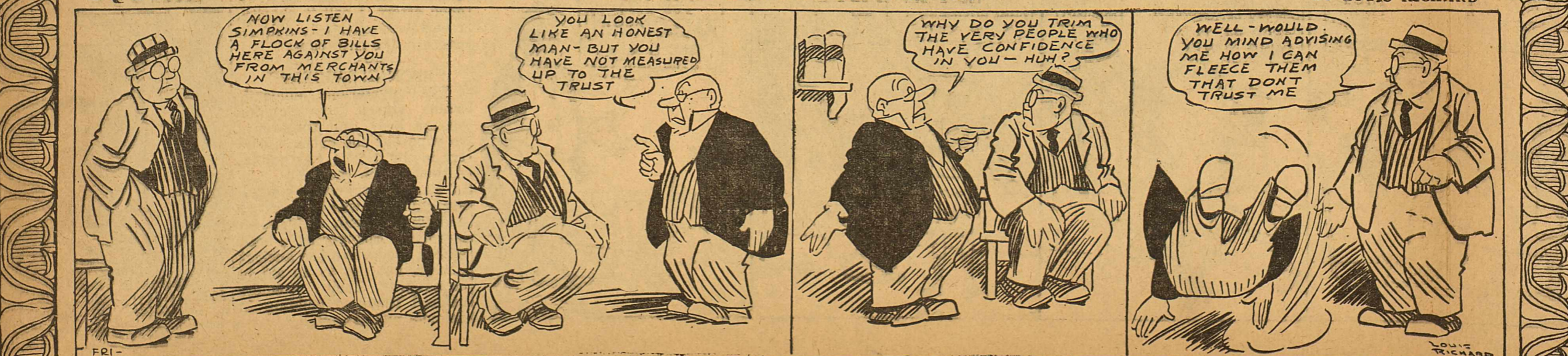
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CHRISTMAS TREES

Everything grows to be wisely used. Like an annual harvest of wheat or tomatoes, trees also grow to be used. As fence posts, firewood, pulpwood, or timber they contribute much to man's happiness, but used as Christmas trees they offer an even higher service to man; they are his symbol of hope and life and God.

Proper cutting is not a menace but rather a means for improving the forest. Removing some trees from a crowded stand is beneficial to the remainder. Out of several thousand trees which begin life together on a given acre, only two or three hundred survive. A forester hastens development of better trees by a timely thinning out of the weaker ones.

The holiday trade in evergreen trees is a five to 10 million dollar yearly business that offers an opportunity to earn bread and butter, plus Christmas extras, to tree cutters, farmers, merchants and emergency laborers.

HOLIDAY POSTMARKS

Postal officials chuckled as they look over the holiday postmarks of cities throughout the United States.

The big business getter still is Santa Claus, Ind., where thousands of folks annually send gifts and cards to have them remailed with the Kris Kringle mark.

While Indiana has the only Santa Claus postoffice in the country, Idaho has a pretty good offering in just plain—Santa.

Florida may not have snow and ice, but it has a town named Christmas. Kentucky, too, has a Christmas.

The postmark Bethlehem attracts a lot of holiday business. The nation offers seven Bethlehems to choose from, as follows: Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

For those who want decorative postmarks there is Holly—in Colorado, Michigan and West Virginia. And in Kentucky there are Hollybush and Mistletoe.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Christmas is observed at sea by ships of all Christian nations more than any other festival. No matter whether the vessel is cruising in the Red Sea, being buffeted by big seas off the Cape of Good Hope in stiff northeaster or even battered by a "Southernly Buster" in the Australian Bight, the ships are decorated with holly and mistletoe and the bands play while the passengers dance and sing.

The American, British, German and Dutch ships, and also the Scandinavian passenger liners, observe Christmas Day with all kinds of good cheer.

The Italian and French ships make more of New Year's Eve, since they observe Christmas from the religious viewpoint, but they also have special dinners for passengers and the crews.

1,800-YEAR OLD AQUEDUCT

A 2,000-year-old drain in the market place at Athens, Greece, will again be put into service. The Greeks may have had a word for it, and apparently their word for their water system was "durability." A 1,800-year-old aqueduct, which carries water to the city from a distant of 10 miles, was repaired and has been in constant use for 75 years.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

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HOLIDAY FESTIVALS

Even though war clouds, depressions, unemployment and other burdens tend to sadden our homes, we should put forth extra effort to make the holidays happy and pleasant for our children. Day by day in the home, school and public place they hear the horrors and hardships of modern war. There is much we can do to counteract this unhappy memory of their childhood.

We should first direct their attention to the real reason we celebrate the holiday season. America has drifted far from the true significance of Christ's birthday. Too often it is just a time for lavish giving and eating with perhaps a little "charity-giving" to ease our guilty conscience. If we want to make this a really joyous and never-to-be-forgotten Christmas, let us do two things—forget the tinsel, glitter, selfishness, and recall a manger cradle with a little babe. Then let us focus our eyes on Him and remember the shadow of the cross. As we think on these things we will recall His words, "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Not only shall we reverently observe His birthday, but we should take action—putting His thoughts and teachings into our deeds. Not only should we administer clothing and

food to the poor and unfortunate at Christmas-time, for what is known as an "emotional intoxicant," but arrange a definite program of helpful activity throughout the year. Welfare agencies handle the distribution of food and clothing in an efficient manner to provide for bodily needs. How much more we can

give if we went, for example, to the hospital or home of some invalids and read to them for a few hours each week. Or find some mother who is greatly overworked and help her with her tasks, both physically and by imparting a smile and kind word to her and all we meet—no matter how tired and discouraged we may be.

There are many ways to bestow gifts, and you will find that if the giving requires a sacrifice on your part, your own happiness will be increased. The real gifts are from the heart, and come from love and understanding of our fellow man. Happiness brought about by this kind of giving alone is abiding and lasting. Such an attitude will surely bring contentment and the true Christmas spirit for which we strive. In the joy of doing good we will forget the troubles of life and find "the peace that passeth all understanding."



CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE HOUSE

One of the happiest families I know worked out a plan to pool the money they would have spent for individual Christmas gifts to one another, and will use this mutual fund to convert their cellar into a recreation room. While helping my friends with the idea, we visited several attractive homes where basements had been made into play rooms. For your guidance I am passing on some of the information we gathered:

One home we visited had a hobby basement room. The walls were white, the floor a dark gray, and plenty of cabinets had been built to house the collection. Navy blue homespun was used for upholstering the furniture, and also appeared in the rag rugs.

Another transformed cellar had sand-colored painted walls and ceiling. The floor was aquamarine and the upholstery combined coral with aqua.

Gay clowns and balloons, stenciled on the white walls of another play room, were done in red, yellow and blue. The floor was painted to match the dark blue hangings at the windows. Toys, swings and slides were of natural wood, well-sanded and varnished.

Still another recreation room had canary yellow walls with chocolate-colored painted bars running up and down them. Behind the bars

were painted monkeys, seals, kangaroos, elephants, giraffes and other circus animals. The slide, see-saw and sand boxes were painted cherry red.

If the play room is to be used for older children and grown-ups as well, you may still use the same background but with different furnishings.

Perhaps you would prefer a quiet study room instead of a recreation room. If so, the following is a description of an ideal one: The walls were a soft gray with a somewhat lighter ceiling. The columns were pale gray, fitted around with shelves on which were bright Indian relics and pottery. Upholstery on natural-finished furniture was in autumn reds and yellows, and a bear skin rug was displayed against the background of a red-brown painted floor.

Another study had a distinctly masculine atmosphere, with beige walls, natural finished cabinets, upholstery in hunter's green and curtains of monk's cloth.

A smart sports room had lemon-yellow walls, clear varnished bowling alley, dark green painted floor and bench upholstery and hangings which ranged from cardinal to maize and tangerine.

If desired, painted floors can be covered with gay-patterned linoleum. A few rag rugs add warmth to the room, and are easily cleaned.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS—WE DINE

Many fine ideas for correctly and cleverly setting the table are on display in most stores, so I am going to increase the number of recipes instead of the usual article on table decorations. The recipes were especially chosen for holiday festivals.

SPECIAL TREAT IN A MINUTE

Orange Cheese Anglaise
On toasted buttered halves of muffins arrange Swiss cheese cut in matchstick pieces. Sprinkle with shredded orange peel, candied or fresh. Toast in hot oven. Serve at once.

PARTY CAKE

Cocoanut Lemon Cake
Bake white cake in two thick 9-inch layers. Spread Cocoanut Lemon Filling between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle cocoanut generously over sides and around top edge of cake to make 1-inch rim, leaving circle of filling in center.

Cocoanut Lemon Filling
3 cups water
½ cup lemon juice
¾ teaspoon salt
1½ cups sugar
1 cup flour
4 egg yolks
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon butter
1 can Baker's Southern style cocoanut.

Grape-Nuts Mousse

1/3 cup sugar ¼ cup water
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
¼ teaspoon vanilla 1 cup cream, whipped
¼ cup Grape-Nuts

Bring sugar and water to a boil and boil until syrup spins a thread when dropped from tip of spoon (232° F.). Pour slowly over egg whites, beating constantly. Continue beating until mixture is cool (about 3 minutes). Fold in cream and vanilla. Add Grape-Nuts. Place in freezing tray of automatic refrigerator and let stand 3 to 4 hours, or until firm. Or turn into mold, filling it to overflowing; cover with waxed paper, press cover tightly down over paper, and pack in equal parts ice and (Continued top next column)



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salt. Let stand 3 to 4 hours, or until firm. Makes about 1½ pints mousse.

Christmas Relish

6 cloves
1 pint water
1 package lemon flavored gelatin
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup vinegar from sweet pickles
12 maraschino cherries, sliced
6 sweet pickles, sliced.
Boil cloves in water 3 minutes. Remove cloves. Dissolve gelatin in 1 3/4 cups of this hot liquid. Add salt and vinegar. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in cherries and pickles. Turn into half-size individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with fowl or ham. Makes 10 half-size molds.

Brazil Nut Strips

4 slices bread, 1 inch thick
1 egg, slightly beaten
¼ cup milk
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup finely chopped Brazil nuts
Remove crusts from bread and cut in 1-inch strips. Combine egg, milk, salt and sugar. Dip bread in egg mixture. Sprinkle with Brazil nuts and fry in deep fat (385° F.) until golden brown, or bake in very hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Serve with maple-flavored syrup as a dessert or with afternoon tea.

Chef Sauce

2 tablespoons Wesson oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Dash paprika
Beat well and then add
¼ cup tomato juice, ½ teaspoon grated onion.
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Cherry Salad

1 package cherry flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
1 cup cherry juice and water
½ cup seeded canned white cherries, cut in quarters
½ cup diced canned pineapple
Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cherry juice and water. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in fruit. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

Appetite Lifters

There are endless ways to serve

sponge cake—especially the yellow sponges. You can use two layers for fruit shortcake, or spread a lemon or chocolate filling between and top with whipped cream. Two four-inch squares with ice cream between and a "pour-over" sauce of chocolate make the Ice Cream Shortcakes we're suggesting for one of the menus. Small squares or rectangles of cake may be covered all over with soft white frosting or Certo jelly and rolled in chopped nuts or Baker's cocoanut, plain or toasted. Strips of cake can be substituted for lady fingers in ice-box cakes or Charlotte russe.

Two old-fashioned desserts suggest pleasant ways of using up stale sponge cake—Sponge Cake Pudding, cherry-flavored custard poured over individual slices; and Fruit Trifle, a combination of orange sections and cake cubes with soft custard—richly deserve their new popularity.

HIS ANNUAL GIFT 50,000 POUNDS OF MEAT

Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy in the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y. Now operator of a Denver, Colorado, packing plant, he contributes 50,000 pounds of meat annually for distribution to needy families.

This is the eleventh Christmas on which he has given twenty-five tons of meat to help make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels distributed in ten pounds each. In the 11-year period Mr. Sigman has given away more than 250 tons of meat.

"I've had the idea ever since I was a little boy," the businessman, now 60 years old, explained. "I was in need a lot of the time myself."

The actual plan for a Christmas meat party came to him after he had observed dozens of adults and children at his packing plant asking for discarded scraps of beef, mutton and pork.

"That made me start it," Mr. Sigman recalled. "I'm very far from being a rich man, but if a man makes a good effort, I call it charity. I borrowed money to help finance it the first time."

SPONGE EPIDEMIC

The mysterious epidemic which struck the Bahama sponge beds, and threatened to wipe out the entire industry in the islands, has halted. Although the mortality rate of the tiny animals (sponges are animals) was between 70 and 95 per cent, it is much less now. Sponges have been widely used since the ancient Greeks, but not as an aid in cleaning. Their soldiers utilized them as padding in helmets and armor.

HAPPINESS IN WORK

Work should be man's chief joy. Each must have his own and the test of its belonging is his happiness in it. The happy worker knows the thrill of creative power that turns the grilling job into a labor of love. It is then that work becomes what it was meant to be, our way of spiritual release.

Every man and every woman must have his share in the world's work and feel himself and herself responsible for its just completion. Each must earn his way by daily toil and each must gain his just reward. So shall the nation prosper and progress.

We as a people should protest against selfishness whether in high or low places. We must unite against un-American practices whether endorsed by our rulers, our labor and political leaders or our plain citizens.

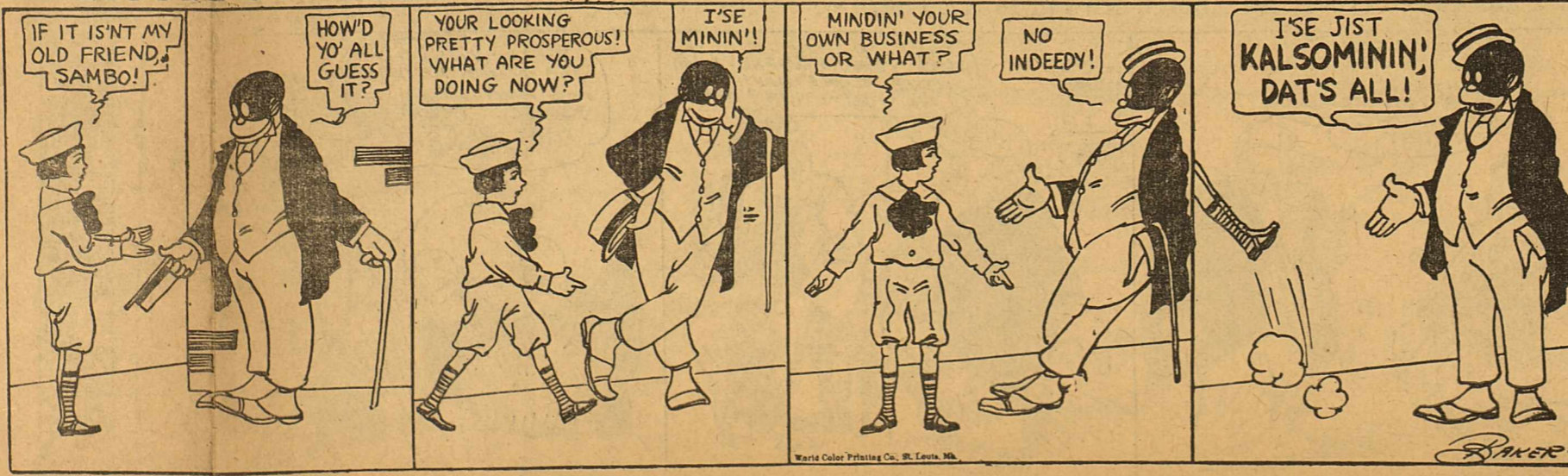
All workers pray that the quality of independence our forefathers breathed into the spirit of this nation shall live on in our labors and be sweetened and strengthened by brotherly kindness into true devotion to American ideals.—Angelo Patri in Youth Today.

ONE OF BIGGEST JEWELS

A 153-pound topaz, one of the biggest jewels in the world, has been added to the collection of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. The topaz might aptly be called the "chameleon gem." A French jeweler, nearly two centuries ago, discovered that yellow Brazilian topaz, when heated, changes to pink. Consequently, practically all pink topaz worn as jewelry has been disguised by that method.

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