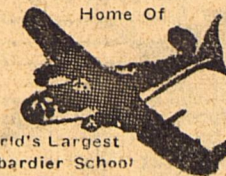


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LEAN CHRISTMAS IN LANDS OVERSEAS —

Yanks Abroad Play Santa Claus

By ED CREAGH
LONDON —(AP)— A lean Santa totes a thin pack for most of the world on this first peacetime Christmas in six years.

hearty Yuletide feast, and the children's Christmas stockings literally gap at toes and heels.

War orphans in Belgrade and Cairo and the children of released internees in Singapore also will share the Yanks' bounty—turkey and sweets, movies and laughter.

Pope Pius Names Spellman 31 Others, As Cardinals

By EDMUND LAURA
Associated Press Staff
VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius XII created 32 new cardinals, four of them from the United States and seven others from the western hemisphere.

The four new United States members, the vatican announced, will be Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, Archbishop John Alphonus Stritch of Chicago, and Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit.

Thus for the first time, the United States will have five cardinals. Previously it never had more than four.

Consistory Set For Feb. 18
The vatican also announced the summoning of a consistory Feb. 18. The pontiff, who spread his appointments all over the world, raised the number of members in the College of Cardinals to the full limit of 70—something which was unprecedented.

Only four of the new cardinals are Italians. As a result, the new college will have 23 Italians and 47 non-Italians, the highest number of non-Italians in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

Spellman, whose appointment had long been forecast, has been reported a likely choice for secretary of state at the vatican, one of the highest positions in the church.

These four, with Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, the only living American cardinal, will make up the list of five United States members of the college.

Most striking feature of the pontiff's appointments was the further internationalizing of the church's leadership.

Wildcats Staked In Andrews And In Garza Areas

By JAMES C. WATSON,
Oil Editor
Locations for wildcats in Southwest Andrews county and in Central Garza County were reported Monday.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-B Cowden, 660 feet from south and west lines of section 3, block A-55, ps1 survey, is to drill to 12,000 feet to explore for Ellenburger production on northeast side of the Dollar Hide field, in Southwest Andrews.

It is one-half mile east and three-quarters of a mile north of the discovery well for Devonian production in that area. Drilling will start Dec. 27.

J. T. O'Neal, of Lubbock, filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill his No. 1-B K. Stoker, to 3,000 feet to test for pay in the San Andres-Permian, in Central Garza County, about three miles southeast of Post, and about one mile east of same operator's recently completed one-mile east extension to the Garza field. It will start making hole by Jan. 1.

The Texas Company No. 1-B Fraser, Southwest Ector County wildcat, in northwest quarter of section 9, block B-16, ps1 survey, was coring below 9,620 feet in Ellenburger dolomite, topped at 9,525 feet on an elevation of 2,977 feet.

In a one hour and 35-minute drillstem test at 9,513-9,610 feet, there was a steady blow of air, throughout the period, and recovery was 285 feet of gas cut drilling mud, with a slight show of oil. No water developed. Operator plans to take another drillstem test after making about 100 feet more hole.

Practically all drilling operations in the Permian Basin were to be shutdown as much as 24 hours to give all crews a holiday for Christmas Day.

Truman To Broadcast At 4:16 P. M. Monday

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman has a Christmas Eve date with the nation Monday before flying to Missouri Christmas to spend his first Yuletide as Chief Executive with his family.

Promptly at 4 p. m. CST, Truman planned to walk out on the south lawn of the White House to light the national community Christmas tree—a big living fir that has remained dark the last four wartime Christmases.

Sixteen minutes later the Chief Executive will broadcast a brief Christmas message to the nation. All networks arranged to carry the address.

An hour and a half before the ceremony, the White House grounds were to be thrown open to the public, with the usual Secret Service precautions in force—no cameras, bundles or umbrellas permitted.

Pope Pius XII Says Real Peace Not Yet Achieved In World

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, replying to the Cardinals' Christmas message, said Monday that the hatred and devastation of war would long remain impressed on the world.

In a world radio broadcast he said that for the first time in six years Christmas was being celebrated in peace, but not real peace.

The Pope expressed satisfaction that with the end of the war new cardinals had been created, bringing to full strength the College of Cardinals.

The holy father called attention to the many nationalities which, he said, illustrated the universality of the church.

The Pope had said earlier in announcing the names of the new cardinals that he regretted that other prelates, however worthy, could not be appointed because the college's traditional limit is 70. He noted that the elevation of 32 would create a precedent for the number named at one time.

Walls of the great hall where the reception was held were hung with red damask. The Pope, in white robes, sat erect on a gilded throne. Before him were two microphones.

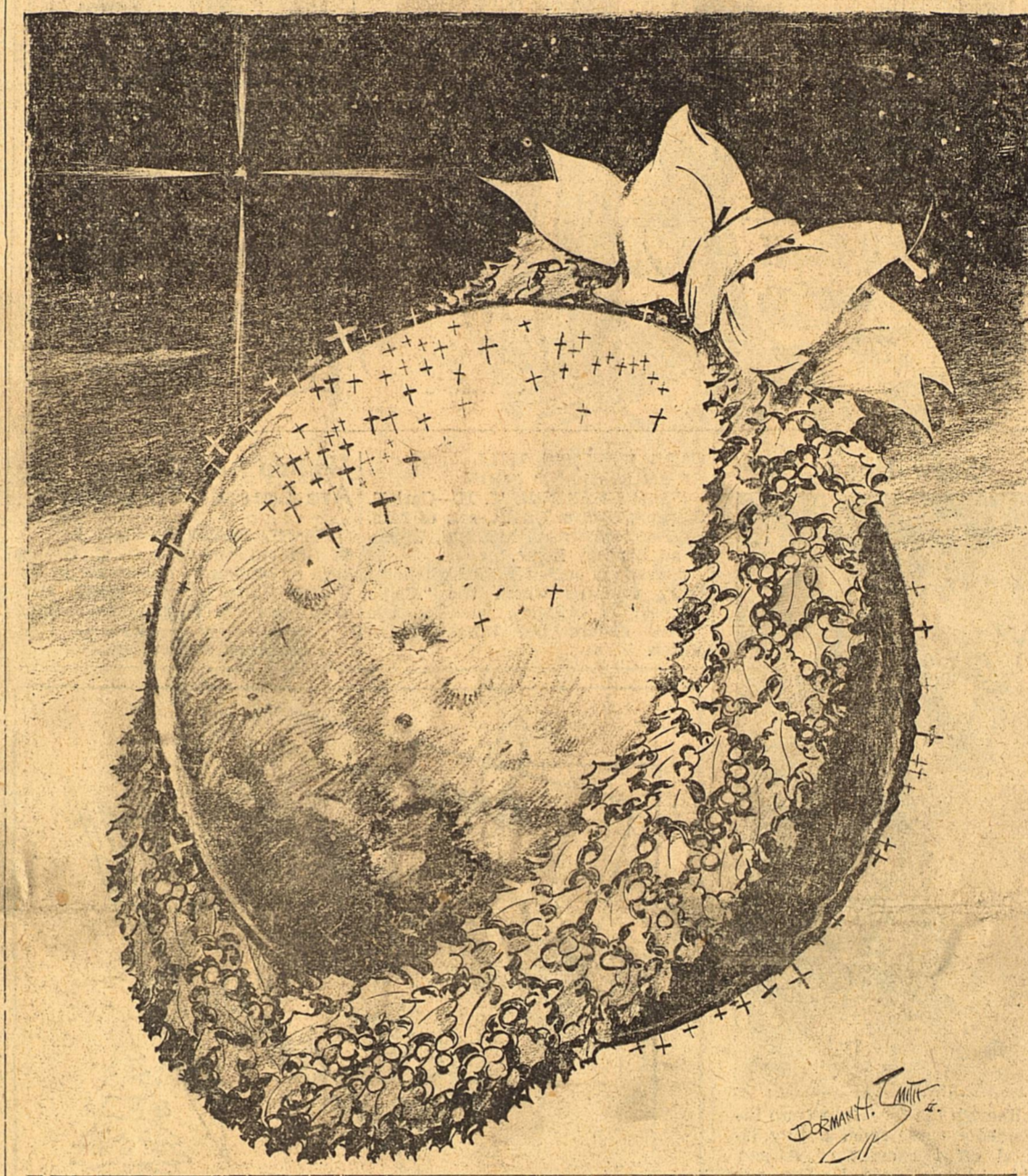
The pontiff looked less pale than usual and spoke in firm tones.

Sailor Is Held In Denison Slaying

DENISON —(AP)— Funeral services are planned Christmas for Marion Norman Turman, 31, of Denison, who was shot to death here Sunday. Denison police said they were holding a sailor in connection with the slaying.

Weather
Partly cloudy and little change in temperature. Minimum temperature Monday 46 degrees at 6:30 a. m.

For On This Day Was Born The Prince Of Peace



Moscow Conference Nears End

Truman, Patterson Christmas Notes Read At Air Field Here

Christmas messages from President Truman and Secretary of War Patterson were read Monday to the personnel of the post by Maj. Wilbur L. Burall, commanding officer of the 577th AAF Base Unit, 8th Ferrying Service Station, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command.

Houston Steel Workers Reject Compromise Pay

HOUSTON —(AP)— A company offer of 12 1/2 per cent hourly pay increase was rejected by steelworkers at the Hughes Tool Company here Sunday, Frank A. Hardesty, district director of the United Steelworkers of America, announced.

No Paper On Christmas Day

The Reporter-Telegram will not publish an edition Christmas Day, so all employees may enjoy a holiday and be with their families. This is an established policy of The Reporter-Telegram.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

CHUNGKING—(AP)— The Communist New China Daily News urged General Marshall Monday to set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)— The transportation dam over which only a comparative trickle of homeward bound service men is flowing will hold upwards of 170,000 veterans in Pacific Coast ports over the Christmas holiday.

NEW YORK —(AP)— Yvonne Goppert, 21-year-old British bride who stowed away on a glider for a forbidden honeymoon, was reunited with her American husband here for the first time in seven months.

Thousands Of GIs Crowd Buses, Trains Effort To Get Home

Every available piece of transportation equipment was put into service Monday as the nation sought to smash the greatest travel jam in the country's history.

Thousands of veterans and civilians shouldered their way into packed trains and buses across the land in the race home for the holidays.

The press was equally great in the air with lines adding flights whenever planes and weather conditions permitted.

Truman-Congress Fight Over USES Now Shaping Up

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A new and bitter row between President Truman and Congress over the U. S. Employment Service appeared inevitable when the lawmakers resume work January 14.

The President provided the fuel for the fight Sunday. He announced he was withholding approval of the measure because it "would immeasurably retard our re-employment program."

He reiterated a request that action be delayed until June, 1947. The government took over early in 1942 in an effort to channel more workers into war production jobs.

The Presidential move brought immediate reports from Capitol Hill that new legislation would be introduced to do away with federal administration of USES.

New legislation would be required to achieve the goal sought by the senators, because the pocket veto is not subject to overriding by Congress.

The legislation returning USES to state control was a rider on a measure withdrawing \$52,000,000 originally allocated in war appropriations.

The Chief Executive commented that he had not only objected to the rider itself, but opposed "even more strongly" its attachment to a major savings bill.

Santa Claus Greets Children At Yucca Theater's Party

More than a thousand Midland children were greeted by Santa Claus Monday morning at the Yucca Theater's Christmas Eve party for youngsters of the community.

J. Howard Hodgr, theater manager, was host, cooperating with Jay Coes and other service clubs of the city.

Santa Claus arrived during the show to visit with the children.

Long before the theater doors were opened, children crowded into the lobby and in front of the building. It was a gala event and one which the children anticipate each year.

Gifts of candy and fruit were distributed to the children when they left the theater.

Comedies and cartoons, including Bugs Bunny, Donald Duck and Popeye films, were on the screen during the Christmas show which was staged in cooperation with the Midland Jay Coes Christmas activities program.

Funeral Services Set For Texas Pioneer

SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS —(AP)— Funeral services were planned here Monday for Mrs. J. W. Richey, Sr., 76, a pioneer Texas resident.

Mrs. Richey was the last direct descendant of Col. Alexander Horton, aid-de-camp to Sam Houston. She died at her home here Sunday as the result of a fall.

Survivors include her husband, three sons and two daughters.

Patton Is Buried In Luxembourg Beside GI Of U. S. Third Army

By KELMAN MORIN
LUXEMBOURG —(AP)— Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was buried Monday beside one of the privates of his beloved Third Army who helped the famous commander force one of the greatest victories of his brilliant career in stamping out the Ardennes bulge.

The grave was near this capital of the little Duchy of Luxembourg among the resting places of 6,000 other American troops who died a year ago in driving back Germany's last bid for victory.

Patton's body arrived on a special train from Heidelberg before dawn. A second special train followed, bringing Mrs. Patton and 10 generals and two colonels who acted as pallbearers.

The casket was placed on beams bridging the open grave under the canopy.

The chaplain, Col. Edwin Randolph Carter, Jr., of Richmond, Va., read from the Bible:

"In the midst of life, we are in death."

As he intoned the words, the flag was lifted from the casket. Soldiers held it a few inches above the silver top as the chaplain spoke.

Then he began reciting the Lord's Prayer. Everyone uncovered.

A squad of Alpine Chasseurs in whose company Patton had been an honorary master sergeant snapped their rifles to attention.

When the last of the prayer had been said, the soldiers folded the flag and handed it to Mrs. Patton.

A curt command sounded outside the canopy: "Half left—aim—fire." Three volleys splintered the heavy silence.

And then the plangent notes of a bugle rang in the air. This was taps for General Patton, the soldiers' command or sleep.

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O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
—Matthew 14:31.

Merry Christmas

Though peace on earth may be new and precarious, and good will may be of doubtful measure, this should be a Merry Christmas for most of us. This is not the year to rejoice with reservation, for there are too many who deserve to celebrate the day with whole-hearted joy.

If there are any who have a happy holiday with accrued interest coming to them, it's the youngsters who have had to put up with a lot from a badly managed adult world these last few years.

Wartime Christmas have been particularly trying for the old generation of small fry whose memories go back beyond Pearl Harbor. They remember days when bicycles, skates and electric trains, and stony metal trucks and fire engines, all of them new and shining, were to be found beneath the tree. They have been remarkably patient with substitutes and it's time they had something better, even though Santa Claus hasn't been able to recon-vert completely to peacetime production.

Wartime Christmas must have been incomplete and bewildering to thousands of the smaller youngsters. They've needed a father around holiday time who was something more than a picture on the table, or a vaguely remembered person who was too far away and too busy fighting the war even to hook a ride with Santa and arrive on Christmas Eve. And needless to say it has been tough on their absent fathers, and on the mothers who tried to do double parental duty with half a heart.

But the wartime Christmases are past. Many of those fathers already are home, and many more even now are on the last lap of the journey that will bring them back in time for the reunion that is the best and most treasured gift of all.

They will find no quarrel with the day's perfection, and the rest of us might take our cue from them. There is trouble and sorrow in the world, as always. But, concerned though we may be, our concern should not intrude upon this celebration crowned at last with victory and peace.

And so, a Merry Christmas to all.

"Just What I Wanted!"



More Light Bulbs Are Snatched From Christmas Trees Here

Bulb snatching from the beautiful Christmas trees and decorations in Midland continued Saturday night and Sunday, police said. A hundred colored bulbs were taken from trees at the H. G. Bedford home, 19 at the Frank Aldrich residence and 18 at the Frank Grimes home. The bulbs are very scarce and police have found no trace of the more than two hundred which have been stolen here in recent days.

Two Midland Veterans Are Enroute Home

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—Carl E. more Midland, Texas, veterans are on their way home. They are: Pvt. Enmit Coates and T/4 Jack Thompson. They are among the 3,000 high-point Army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U.S.S. Windsor.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"—And they brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." These first Christmas gifts of the Magi frequently appeared in prescriptions at the time of the Nativity. Frankincense and myrrh are still prescribed, but gold has been proven to be of no medicinal value. However, CAMERON'S professional reputation is the "golden ingredient" that goes into every prescription we fill.

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Although his forebears (pun intended!) came from a tiny island off the coast of Alaska this 10-month-old Kadiak cub in the St. Louis zoo never had seen snow before. And does he love it! He dances with excitement as the first flakes fall.

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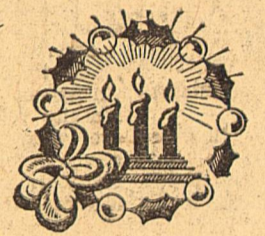
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Another Christmas . . . another year drawing to a close . . . a new year dawning which is different from the last four wartime years because it brings to us all the hope of a year of peace . . . of a better world to come.

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VISITS IN ELLIOTT HOME

Miss Josephine Elliott, who is working at the atomic bomb project in Los Alamos, N. M., is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott.

VISIT IN MIDLAND

Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott of Kref, Texas, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Monical. Read the Classifieds.

Society

ERMA NICHOLS, Editor

SANTA WILL VISIT WITH CHILDREN AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Santa Claus will pay a visit to the Trinity Episcopal Church at 7 p. m. Monday when parents, accompanied by their children, will be present.

In addition to Santa's visit, a moving picture, "The Child of Bethlehem" will be shown.

At 11:30 p. m., a service of Holy Communion and carols will be in session. The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Preston Lea, will sing carols and anthems.

The regular service will be conducted by the Rev. R. J. Snell, rector. An invitation is extended to those who would like to attend the services.

To restore crispness to veils, press them between two sheets of waxed paper.

Yule Program Will Be Held At Baptist Church

A service of carols and candle-lighting will be held at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. Monday. After each song, a special scripture reading will be given.

The feature of the evening will be the arrival of Santa Claus who will bring candy, nuts and fruit for all the young people.

Following the visit of Santa, the group will go carolling through the residential section of the city making special visits to the shut-ins.

PROGRAM OF CAROLS WILL BE GIVEN AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beginning at 11:30 p. m. Monday, the mixed choir of St. George's Catholic Church will present a program of carols under the direction of Paul G. Shafer with Roy DeWolfe playing the organ accompaniment.

The Rev. Frank B. Triggs, O.M.I., pastor, will be celebrant of High Mass.

As the concluding part of the midnight services, the choir will sing "The First Nowell."

Telephone Employees Entertained At Dance

Approximately 150 employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the Midland office and other offices from Big Spring to Marfa were entertained at a dance Saturday night in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel. Refreshments were served during the dance.

C. E. Bissell Family Is Together For Christmas

The family of Col. and Mrs. C. E. Bissell will spend Christmas together for the first time in four years.

Colonel Bissell is now stationed at Deming, N. M.; a son, Bob, recently received his release from the U. S. Marine Corps after overseas service; Peggy is attending the University of Texas in Austin, and Bill is a student at Midland High School.

Charles Tom Is Honoree Of Dinner Party Sunday

Mrs. J. Alfred Tom entertained with a dinner party Sunday evening honoring her son, Charles. A turkey dinner menu was served.

Charles, a student at St. Edwards Military Academy in Austin, is spending the holidays in Midland.

Old shower curtains make aprons, bibs, place mats or sash curtains for the bathroom.

Forest Has Waited 13 Months For Christmas

CHEYENNE, WYO. — (AP) — It's been more than 13 months since Santa Claus paid a heralded visit to Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, so the four-year-old asks patiently, "How many more days to Christmas?"

Nubbins had his celebration November 19 last year because a bladder ailment seemed likely to take his life before December 25. He underwent an operation later and now he is "just feeling swell," says his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman.

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Coming Events

WEDNESDAY

The Trinity Episcopal Church will have Holy Communion at 10 a. m. The Bible Class will meet at 10:30 a. m.

FRIDAY

Members of the Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will entertain their husbands and social members with a forty-two party at 7:30 p. m. in the Scharbauer Educational Building.

VISIT IN SAN ANGELO

Lewis E. Williams of Midland and Buck McKee of Odessa were Sunday visitors in San Angelo.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

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It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

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Wainwright May Not Receive Boots For Christmas Holidays

Efforts to deliver a new pair of Midland-made boots to General Jonathan M. Wainwright in San Antonio Sunday were unsuccessful as he had left the city. They will be sent to him at his home.

The boots were flown to San Antonio by Colonel Chester P. Gilger, commanding officer of the Midland Army Air Field, but General Wainwright had left San Antonio before the colonel arrived.

The beautiful boots, the gift of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, were made by Leonard Jones of the Jones Boot Shop. On each boot were four stars and the general's initials.

Veils Asked To Sign For Welcome Home Dinner

In order to obtain an estimate of the number of returned servicemen who expect to attend the welcome-home luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel next Friday noon, the Junior Chamber of Commerce requests veterans planning to attend to fill in the blank below and mail to the Chairman, Welcome-Home Dinner, Chamber of Commerce.

A musical program will be arranged for the informal session. The Rev. Vernon Yearby will give the address of welcome and Bill Oolyns, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, will speak in behalf of the veterans.


WELCOME-HOME DINNER
 Scharbauer Hotel, Friday

Name of Veteran _____ Telephone No. _____
 Address _____

Kermit Youth Injured In Fall From Automobile

Larry Wrenn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wrenn of Kermit, received medical treatment at the Western Clinic Hospital Saturday for lacerations of the scalp.

Larry was injured when he fell from the family car Saturday night. He was released after treatment.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Large Congregations Attend Yule Services

Large congregations attended Midland churches Sunday as special Yule services were held commemorating the Christmas season and the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Many of the services had a homecoming note, as returned servicemen attended with their families. Many Midland Army Air Field men attended various churches.

JayCeas Christmas Project Nears End

The Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce will close one of its most active projects in years this week—its 1945 Christmas activity program.

On schedule Monday evening is a caroling caravan about the city and out to the hospital at Midland Army Air Field. On Christmas Day the Yuletide spirit will be spread as visits are made to shut-ins who will receive flowers and words of cheer. Also on Christmas a telephone blitzkrieg will be made with members of various churches assisting.

LICENSE ISSUED

Dewey N. Dale and Marie J. Allen obtained a marriage license Saturday afternoon at the County Clerk's office.

FIREMEN CALLED TO EXTINGUISH BLAZE

Firemen were called to the Standard Service Station at Wall and Colorado Streets about 11 a. m. to extinguish blazing trash on a City of Midland trash truck. The truck was not damaged.

VISITS IN MITCHELL HOME

Mrs. E. A. Mitchell of Houston is visiting her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mitchell, and son, Vernon.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Clarence Scharbauer Jr. arrived home Saturday evening to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer. He is in the Navy and stationed in California.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Dr. and Mrs. Henry Schlichting Jr.
 and Staff of
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Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year

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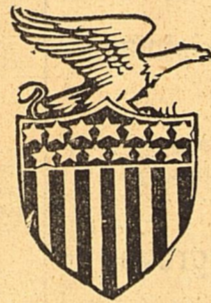
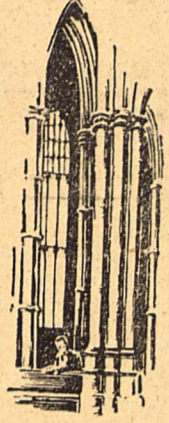
Merry Christmas

to our many friends. We wish to express our Christmas sentiment and a wish for the New Year. May it see the realization of your every hope and ambition.

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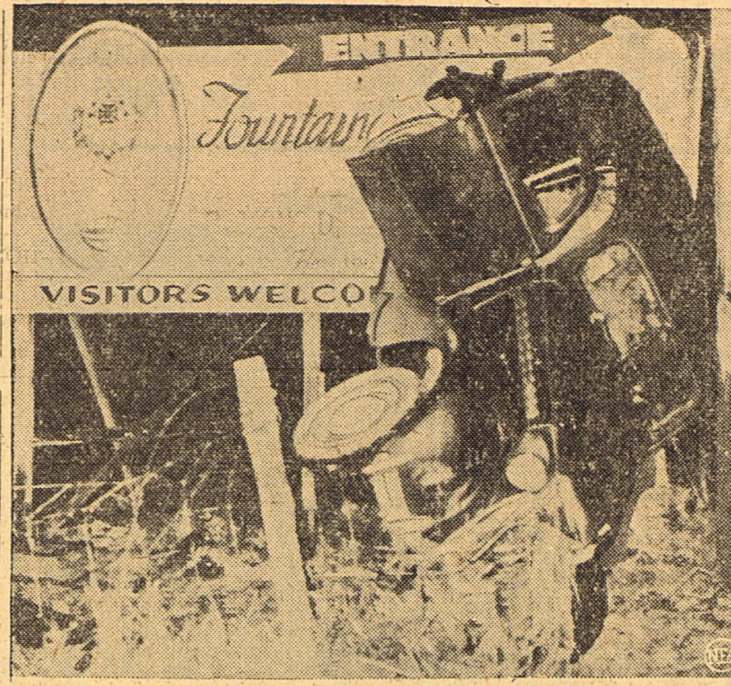


Photo above suggests that motorist Arnold Anderson, 27, took literally the "visitors welcome" roadside billboard near Santa Rosa, Calif. This is how his car came to rest at the end of a 259-foot skid. Anderson was cut and bruised, a passenger in the car was unhurt.

1,200 Pounds Of Roast Turkey Will Be Served At Midland Army Air Field

The average housewife has her Christmas dinner problems, but they are as nothing compared to the job which confronts Staff Sgt. Ralph B. (Happy) Ote, the mess sergeant at Midland Army Air Field's big consolidated mess. Sergeant Ote's Christmas family will number between 1,500 and 2,000 and although he'll have about 25 helpers he's trying to rest up for a very big day Dec. 25. Roast turkey—more than 1,200 pounds of it—will be his main course and there'll be a staggering list of "trimmings." How would the job of peeling 450 pounds of "spuds" appeal to the Lady of the House? Well, that's what it'll take to provide the "whipped Irish potatoes" which will grace the MAAF Christmas tables. Of course Happy has all sorts of mechanical gadgets to help him and a staff of cooks and K. P.s, but 450 pounds is still a lot of potatoes. In fact, most husbands would consider it a tremendous job just to carry them up the basement stairs into the kitchen. **300 Pounds Of Yams** But that isn't all. The Christmas menu calls for candied yams and Happy and Lt. Bradley Isaacs, the mess officer, figure it'll take about

300 pounds of sweet potatoes to fill that bill. That will mean more work for the electric potato peelers and the K. P.s and their "eyeing knives." The meal will start off with fruit cocktail and appetizers, which will consist of celery, olives and pickles. The turkey will be garnished with cranberry sauce—that will run into gallons for 1,200 pounds of turkey—and there'll be country-style dressing. The vegetable of the day will be green peas—Happy declined to guess how many peas except that it would be a "billion or so"—and pumpkin pie will top off the repast. Of course there'll be hot rolls and butter, and plenty of coffee. Candy and nuts and fruit will be distributed to each person and there'll be a surprise gift for everyone.

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Goose Creek Places Two Grid Players On All-Southern

ORLANDO, FLA. —(P)— Names of 72 top high school football players in 12 Southern states plus 60 who received honorable mention, were announced for the 26th annual All-Southern by Ash Wing, Orlando Morning Sentinel sports editor and chairman of the system. More than 100 sports writers received ballots for the annual selections which were limited to seniors. Goose Creek, Texas, continued to stay on the All Southern map by placing two on the first team and two for honorable mention. State Chairman Jack Proctor of the Galveston News selected A. J. Dugas, a guard of Port Arthur, as best in the state, however. John Lunney, 212, six-foot tackle of Fort Smith, was the selection of Orville Henry of the Arkansas Gazette for Arkansas' top player. Despite his weight, Lunney switched to guard on offense and ran interference for his backfield. The All-Southern included: Texas: A. J. Dugas, guard, Port Arthur; Boyer Scrimgeour, tackle, Galveston; Ted Hunt, back, Goose Creek; Byron Haney, center, Goose Creek; Carl Schwartz, tackle, San Jacinto, Houston; F. Moscarro, guard, Galveston. Honorable mention: Gene Slagle, tackle, Goose Creek; Allan Neveux, back, Reagan, Houston; Tom Peacock, back, Goose Creek; Bobby Griffin, Milby, Houston; Purvis Thrash, back, Galveston.

Midland-Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Leave Midland-Odessa	Leave Airport
5:25 A.M.	6:00 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:30 P.M.
2:55 P.M.	3:25 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	4:05 P.M.
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9:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
10:30 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
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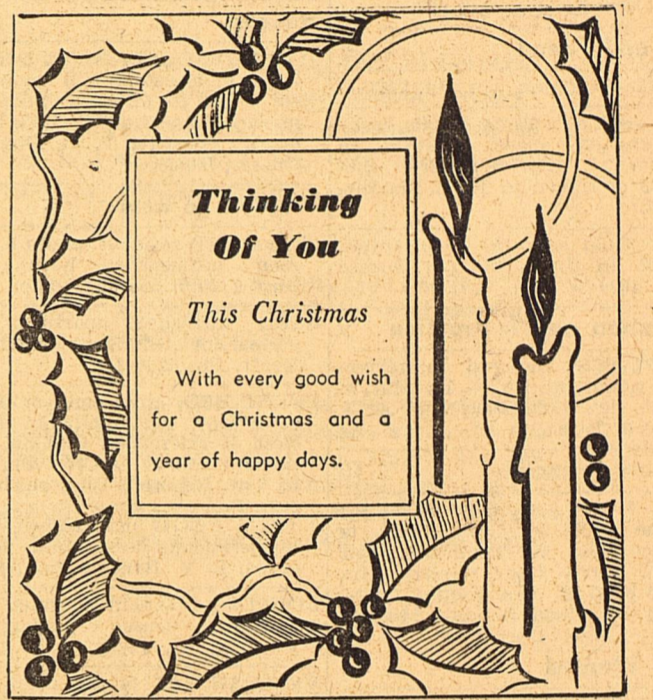
A MERRY CHRISTMAS



With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.

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CHRISTMAS



In the Twilight of Another Year

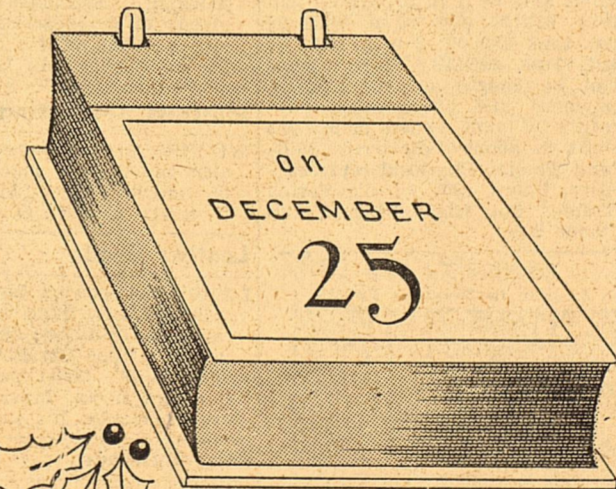
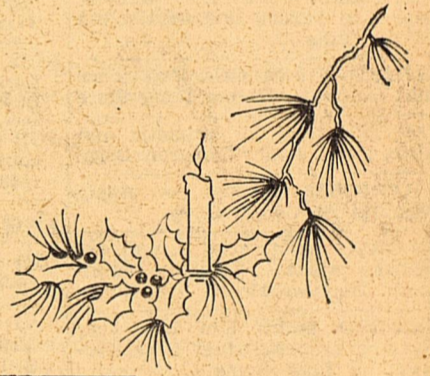
We close the year of 1945 grateful for the friendship and business you have favored us with. We have tried hard to maintain a service and a quality product that would be satisfactory to you.

The shortage of milk products and the heavy demand makes it impossible to furnish you at times with all of your requirements, but you can rest assured we are doing our very best to serve you.

It has been a real privilege and we are hoping our efforts in the past to serve you promptly and efficiently will merit continuous service from you.

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HANDSOME warm jackets, useful travel kits, Bibles, for his gift. Firestone Stores.

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TURKEYS—Have a few baby beef toms left. Ph. 9012-F-4. Mrs. M. G. McConal, Cloverdale Road.

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LOVELY blouses of embroidered taffeta, beautiful imported organza with tie necklines . . . Nothing nicer for her Christmas gift. The Mary Ann Shoppe.

ATTRACTIVE luggage, Savon Bouquet soap in boxes of 12 cakes, choose your gift at Firestone Stores.

LET Sybil's Beauty Shop solve your problem with a lovely Farel Destin fitted cosmetic kit in fine alligator.

THE IDEAL gift, a beautiful Delta pearl ensemble. Hamilton Jewelers.

NO MORE appreciated gift than a Dermetics cosmetic set. See them at the American Beauty Shop.

FOR HER Christmas are manicure sets, attractive dresser sets with nylon bristles. See them at Palace Drug.

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GIFT selection of antique dishes, vases and lamps at 911 West Louisiana.

FOR THE CAR:

PLENTY of 6.00-16 tires. All your car polishing needs and accessories. Midland Tire Co.



These well-loved, familiar words carry more sincerity this first peacetime Christmas than they have in many years. Truly, it is a "Merry" Christmas . . . the war is behind us, our boys are coming home, all the plans and dreams we've had to postpone so long are nearing fulfillment . . . so again we say, "Merry Christmas!"

West Texans, along with all other true Americans who have heeded the oft-repeated slogan, "Do Without, Wear it Out, Make it Do," have pulled in their horns, tightened their belts, and sat tight through the lean years. Now it's time to begin improving and expanding again.

Consumer goods of all types have been harder to find this year, and many of you are still looking for something "extra special" for the family you love. Nothing could give more satisfaction to the whole family, last longer, or bring more value for your money than an enduring "gift" for the home . . . a new roof . . . a new coat of paint . . . new steps . . . a useful and beautiful picket fence . . . redecorated interiors . . . any of these things combine utility and loveliness. Make this a practical Christmas and have something every member of your family can appreciate and enjoy for many years.

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CAFE BREAK-IN IS REPORTED TO POLICE
 Police were informed Sunday night of a break-in at the Tasty Grill Cafe on Wall Street. The report said nothing of value was taken by the intruder.

Read the Classifieds.

Highland Park, Waco Tigers To Clash Saturday On SMU Field

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
 Associated Press Sports Editor

Highland Park of Dallas and Waco, whose season records indicate little if any difference in strength, will clash at Dallas Saturday in the twenty-sixth Texas schoolboy football championship game.

Even when these teams met in early season they were as close as a junior high school boy's first shave. Highland Park won 7-0 but the fans were not sure the Scotties were the better team.

Nothing else has happened during the campaign to denote that one is materially stronger than the other. Against mutual foes—Waxahachie and Marshall—they showed to be smart, hard-tackling, strong-blocking and balanced offensive outfits, each much on the order of the other.

Scotties Slight Favorites
 Highland Park probably will be rated a paper edge favorite because it is undefeated, holds a victory over Waco and will be playing at home. But the points are due to be mighty close.

Dallas became the site of the state final game for the thirteenth time Sunday when the coaches—Eck Curtis of Highland Park and Harry Stiteler of Waco—met at Italy and flipped a coin. Stiteler called the toss and lost.

Highland Park rolled into the finals Saturday by beating Wichita Falls 18-0. Waco got there by edging Goose Creek 7-0.

"Highland Park probably will beat us," said Stiteler, "but they'll know they've been in a ball game."

Curtis smilingly agreed with a statement by Stiteler, a long-time friend, that "we won't beat them more than three touchdowns. Yes, we certainly won't."

Highland Park has won 12 games and tied one, adding 461 points to 45 for the opposition. Waco has won 12 and lost one, scoring 343 points to 51.

To Play At SMU Stadium
 Two powerful lines will clash at Ownby Stadium at Southern Methodist University, site of the game expected to draw the 21,000 capacity of the field. Highland Park's forward wall averages 175 1/2 pounds. Waco's shows 170.1. The Scot back-field outweighs Waco's materially, however, averaging 174 to 153.7. In the overall average Highland Park has a 175-pound team and Waco 164.1.

The price of admission will be \$2.00 for reserved seats, \$1.25 for general admission, 50 cents for students and \$3.00 for boxes. The gate may equal that at Fort Worth Saturday when there was a gross of around \$27,000—the largest take for a schoolboy football game in Texas history.

Coach Stiteler said he would arrive with his squad by bus Saturday morning. He announced that his team was in better physical condition than for the past two games with only one regular out with illness.

Penetrations Will Not Count
 The 20-yard penetration rule will not be in effect in the title game. If the teams tie they will be co-champions.

Both coaches have had long careers tutoring high school teams. Curtis has been at it for 21 years—three at Anson, six at Ranger, one at Electra, 10 at Breckenridge and one at Highland Park. In that period Curtis has had one team in the quarter-finals, one in the semi-finals and now one in the finals. His Anson team won the state Class B championship in 1926. Stiteler has been coaching 14 years—two at Boeville, four at Smithville, four at Corpus Christi and four at Waco. He had teams in the quarter-finals in 1938, 1940, 1943 and 1944, in the semi-finals in 1938, 1940 and this year. His 1938 Corpus Christi team won the championship.

In a Walk



Fred Sharaga of New York wins by 100 yards setting unofficial record of 14 minutes and 21 seconds in 15,000-meter Senior National A.A.U. walk in Philadelphia.

Keaton To Return To Howard Payne Staff

BROWNWOOD—(P)—Howard Payne College officials announced the return of McAdoo Keaton as head coach and athletic director.

Keaton is expected to resume his duties Jan. 1 after an absence of three years during which the college here discontinued athletics. He has been an assistant coach since last year at Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

Navy All-Stars Defeat National League Team

HONOLULU—(P)—The Navy all-stars handed the touring USO-National League all-stars their third baseball defeat in five games with Hawaii-based service men, 8-7, Monday.

The Navy jumped into a seven run lead in the first two innings against Ralph Branca, Brooklyn Dodger thrower. A homer with two aboard in the second inning by Navy's Ken Keltner, former Cleveland Indian ace, topped the explosion.

The Nationals scored five runs in the seventh. Tom Brown, Brooklyn Dodger, sparked the rally with a homer.

Watch And Money Stolen From Home

Shorty Wells informed police Sunday night that a wrist watch and \$70 were stolen from his home, 614 West Missouri Street.

It Pays to Advertise.

34 Minor Baseball Leagues To Operate During '46 Season

By JACK HAND
 NEW YORK—(P)—Baseball is all set for a post-war boom with 34 minor leagues ready to open the gates in 1946, an increase of 22 over the number that operated a year ago.

Arthur H. Ehlers, promotional director of the National Association, is working with several other circuits still in the formative stage. It is possible that the all-time high of 44 leagues, reached just before World War II, will be approached before spring training time rolls around.

Most of the increase is shown in Classes C and D because the higher-ranking units of the minor league structure weathered the four years of war in good shape, only the Texas League failing to operate. Seventeen of the 22 "new" loops will belong to the two lower classes, the key points in the development of young players.

Expansion of the farm systems of the major league teams has been an important factor in the re-birth of the minors.

This is how the minors will line up in 1946:

Active leagues that operated in 1945:

Class AAA—American Association, Pacific Coast, International.
 Class AA—Eastern Association, Class A—Eastern, Class B—Interstate, Piedmont, Class C—Carolina, Class D—Appalachian, North Carolina State, Ohio State and Pony.

Suspended leagues restored to active status:

Class AA—Texas, Class A—South Atlantic, Class B—Three-I, Western International, Class C—Canadian-American, Pioneer, Northern, Western Association, Class D—Georgia-Florida, Wisconsin State.

Disband'd leagues re-organized:

Class B—Southeastern, Class C—California, East Texas, West Texas-New Mexico, Class D—Coastal Plain, Eastern Shore, Florida State, Evangeline, Kitty.

New leagues:

Class C—Florida-International.
 Class D—Georgia-Alabama, Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri (KOM).

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With the passing of each year, our Christmas Greetings to you become more and more an essential part of our lives.

This year, perhaps more than ever, we have looked forward to the opportunity of sending a message of good cheer to you. We are aware of the disappointments that have been yours; we are familiar with the good things in life which have been yours to enjoy. And at this Christmas time, we want it to be one of those great occasions which you will long remember as being a happy season, full of hope for Health, Peace and Contentment.

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CHRISTMAS TREE—Few people realize that the Christmas tree, as we know it, came to England as recently as Queen Victoria's reign. Albert, her prince consort, is credited with introducing this charming custom to the English. The practice of decorating a fir tree and lighting it with candles was an old German one. Other festive Christmas greens, such as holly, ivy and bay, date back to ancient Saxon religious rites. Mistletoe goes back to the Druids of England and in the early English Christian church was used as a symbol of peace and goodwill.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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MIDLAND, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1945

SECTION TWO

MORE OFFICERS THAN WEST POINT —

Fighting Texas Aggie Soldiers Will Hold Victory Homecoming In April

COLLEGE STATION—The Fighting Texas Aggies, whose exploits in peacetime gridiron glory are surpassed only by wartime contributions to the nation's fighting forces, will gather here April 19-21, 1946, for their Victory Homecoming celebration. The event was ordered by the men in service in letters from world battlefronts to the college headquarters office of the A. and M. Former Students' Association.

President Gibb Gilchrist of Texas A. and M. College is honorary chairman of the Victory Homecoming, and J. T. L. McNew, vice-president for engineering, is chairman of the general committee in charge of all phases of the celebration. On this committee also are Ford Munnerlyn, College Station; E. E. McQuillen, College Station; and Jake Hamden, Houston.

Three presidents comprise the program committee: G. R. White, Erady, president of the A. and M. Board of Directors; R. Dick Winters, Brady, president of the board of the Association of Former Students; and Bob King, Eastland, president of the Senior Class at Texas A. and M. College, 29 A. & M. Generals.

Major generals—Texas A. and M. furnished 29 general officers during World War II—will mingle with GI Joes wearing campaign ribbons and battle decorations from every corner of the world where combat took place.

Although a staff of a half-dozen employees has been maintained throughout the war by the Association of Former Students, it was found impossible to keep accurate account of the alumni who held rank below that of general officer. The same difficulty was experienced in attempting to tabulate the decorations won by Texas Aggies in the armed services, however Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded to six of the school's former students.

The only surviving Medal of Honor men are Lt. Eli Whiteley of Georgetown, class of '41, and Sgt. William George Harrell of Mercedes, class of '43. Approximately 650 Texas A. and M. men were killed or are reported missing in action to date.

Most trained officers—Texas A. and M. College furnished more trained officer personnel than any other college in the nation, with more than 17,000 in the service and some 13,000 of them officers.

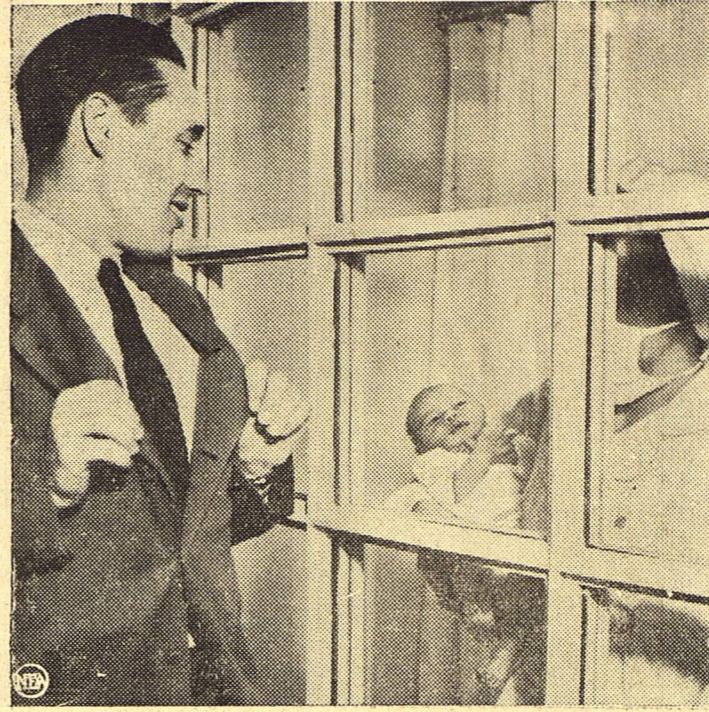
At least 15 of the 25 Texas Aggies present on April 21, 1942, at the annual San Jacinto Day Muster on Corregidor have returned safely, and they will be among the honor guests at the Victory Homecoming. Out of 15 Texas Aggies in the 33rd Infantry Division, 13 received the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The traditional San Jacinto Day Muster of Texas Aggies will be held on April 21 throughout the world, and since the date this year falls on Easter Sunday, it is planned by the Victory Homecoming Committee to have a Commemorative Service on Kyle Field here with the 10,000 visitors expected for the occasion in attendance.

Other Victory Homecoming Committee chairmen are: H. E. Burgess, finance; J. E. Peniston, food; L. B. Locke, registration, information and courtesy guides; Harry Boyer, housing; F. W. Hensel, campus and decorations; E. L. Angell, open house; G. B. Winstead, publicity.

Some of the wild life around Walden pond, which Thoreau immortalized 100 years ago, is more numerous today than in his time.

Feller's Little Feller



Ace pitcher Bob Feller of Cleveland Indians throws out his chest and swells with pride, just as any father, as he admires his new son, Stephen Robert Feller, through nursery windows at Waukegan, Ill., hospital. Young Steve will be another fastballer, no doubt.

Italian POW's Future Discussed

CAPETOWN—(AP)—The future of Italian prisoners of war, many of whom wish to remain in South Africa, is the subject of widespread discussion in Capetown newspapers. Formers, particularly grape growers in Cape Province, want to retain the Italians, and at least 5,000 have said they would like to stay.

The government is considering the advisability of allowing a number of selected prisoners to settle here and defense headquarters has been instructed to ask all POW camp commandants to obtain reports from employers on the prisoners' work, general department and capabilities.

There is no law requiring "In God We Trust" be put on all U. S. coins. It is simply a precedent started in Civil War days.

Modern Menus For Igloos—Ouch!

WASHINGTON—(AP)—"Store food" is raising havoc with the teeth of Eskimos in Alaska. Dr. Oscar Mikkelsen, dental supervisor of the Office of Indian Affairs, says "observations in Alaska prove that the diet of very primitive Eskimos, almost completely cut off from white communities, was infinitely more conducive to keeping good teeth than the diets of Eskimos who have adopted 'store food'."

Polish Unions Say 'No More Strikes'

WARSAW, POLAND—(AP)—The International Trade Unions Congress which recently met here decided that strikes were "a thing of the past." "In the future," the workers' journal "Robotnik" said, "all disputes will be settled by trade union associations."

New U. S. Controls On Building Favor Smaller Dwellings

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new government controls on building affect you, if you're thinking of building a home or anything else. They'll be announced in detail shortly. Here's an outline of why the government thinks they're necessary.

New housing is critically needed, moderately priced housing and building materials are not plentiful.

If there are no controls on the distribution of those materials—there have been none for two months—they can be used for less necessary high-priced dwellings, or stores, or industrial plants.

John B. Blandford, Jr., boss of the National Housing Agency, says

materials have been diverted to (the other 50 per cent free to anyone who can get them.)

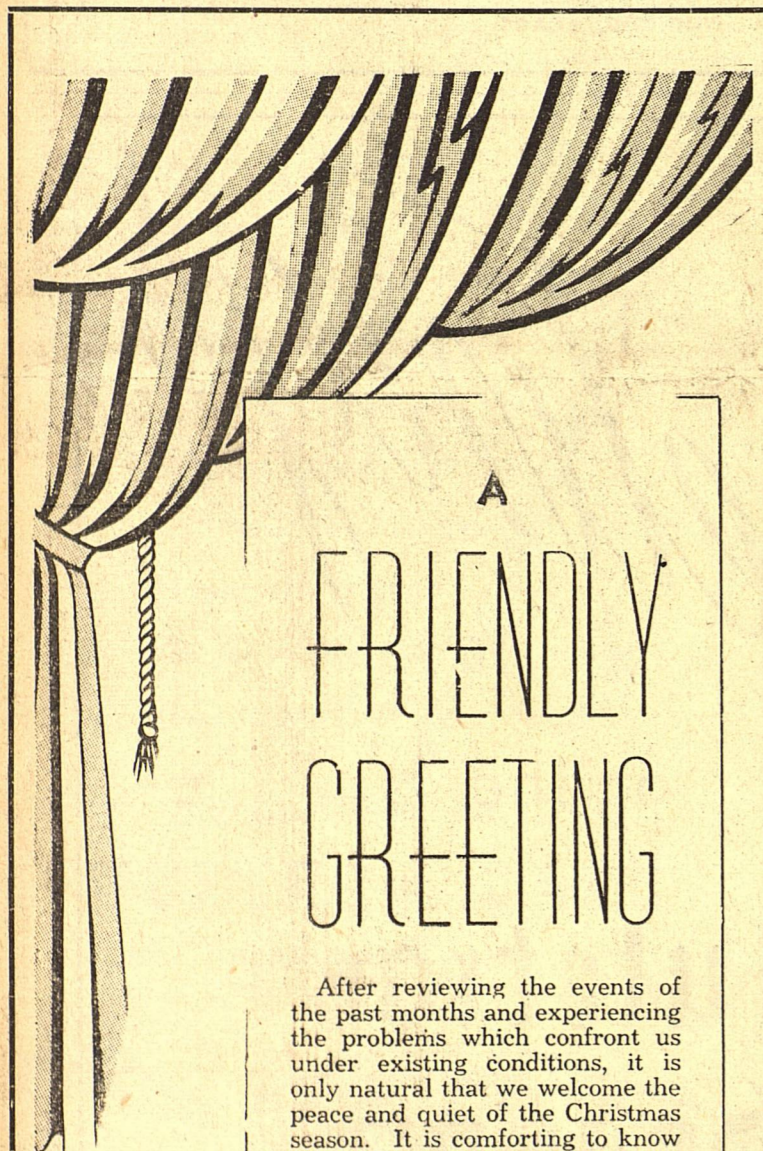
So—to channel materials into moderate-priced housing, the government will take control of half the building materials in this country.

It will do it this way: by setting up priorities on that 50 per cent of materials.

\$10,000 or Less Priority—Then a priority—permission to get the controlled materials—will be granted to builders who agree to use the materials for construction of dwellings costing \$10,000 or less.

This is intended to make sure at least half the materials go into dwellings.

But the government will leave



A FRIENDLY GREETING

After reviewing the events of the past months and experiencing the problems which confront us under existing conditions, it is only natural that we welcome the peace and quiet of the Christmas season. It is comforting to know that we can free ourselves of the distracting thoughts that occupy our minds during ordinary days.

It is difficult this year to express words which will bring comfort and peace to those whose homes and normal lives have been affected so greatly because of the American desire to maintain our way of life. Whatever we might say in this message may sound trite but please understand that our thoughts are sincere and genuine when we say that we wish you a Merry American Christmas. It is our way of expressing ourselves at this time and to let you know that we fully appreciate the trials that have been yours, the determination with which you have met abnormal situations.

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Car Accident Deaths Increase In State

AUSTIN—(AP)—The State Department of Public Safety reported a big jump in motor vehicle accident deaths this year.

To date 1,142 Texans have died in automobile accidents compared with 985 in the same months, through November, 1944. The total injured thus far is 6,963 compared with 4,368 last year.



It's a pleasure for us to be able to extend our felicitations to you for a most wonderful Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with joy and happiness for you and yours.

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TO OUR FRIENDS

The dictionary is full of high sounding words and definitions, but search as we may, we can find no better substitute to express our season's greetings than the time worn phrase—Merry Christmas.

Merry



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Ex-POW To Prepare Christmas Dinner

Christmas is almost here.

We realized that belatedly with something of a shock. But other people are smarter.

Take Sgt. Jimmie Owens of Sweetwater. He's been planning on what he's going to do Christmas for three long years.

Sergeant Owens, now in William Beaumont Hospital, El Paso, was a prisoner of the Japs for 34 months. Last Christmas he had rice and one teaspoon of sugar.

This year Jimmie, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Owens of Sweetwater, is going to cook a Christmas dinner to end all Christmas dinners.

"No more rice!" he said. "I'm going to cook a sumptuous spread for the boys who won't be able to go home for the holidays. It will be the best gift I could receive. I've dreamed of this menu for three years."

It includes celery hearts, stuffed olives, roast turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, mince meat pie,

frozen egg nog, fruit cake and so many other things it makes us drool.

Over in Fort Worth, the Star-Telegram Goodfellows are doing their usual good job. Gifts will be distributed to the city's poor. They will include food, clothing, and as many as 2,000 pairs of shoes.

Cities throughout Texas are all dressed up with Christmas ornaments. It's the cheeriest Christmas since Pearl Harbor. But Fampa had trouble. Their shipment of ornaments was delayed by a truck strike. But, says D. L. Farker cheerfully, they'll be put up yet.

The majority of Texas towns are resuming Christmas lighting for the first time since the war began.

The Christmas spirit was seen in Tyler, too. Marriages exceeded divorces there. Saturday was what the local paper called "Reno day" with 21 divorces. But cupid, aided no doubt by Santa Claus, counted 27 marriages.

GREETINGS

To one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

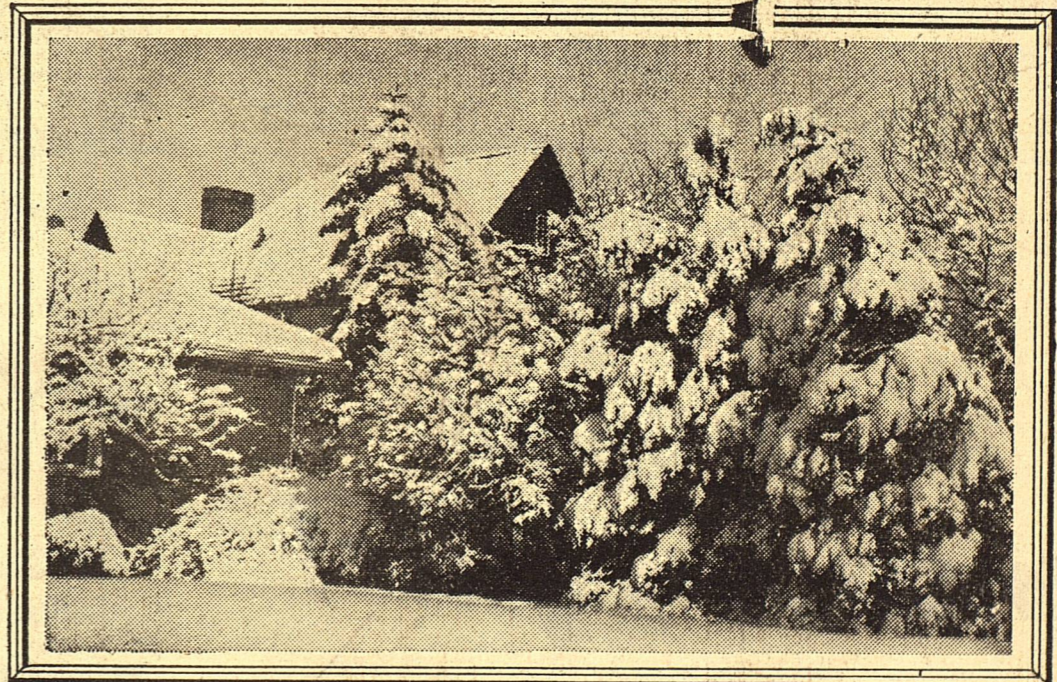
This is an old, old wish, but one that is sincere. It conveys our thoughts explicitly.

May next year see us all more contented with the knowledge that the sacrifices you have made have been worthwhile to the maintenance of our way of living.

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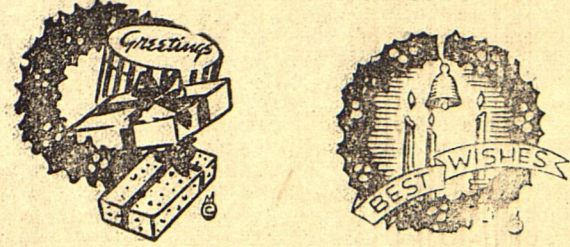
The season to which we have been looking forward to has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

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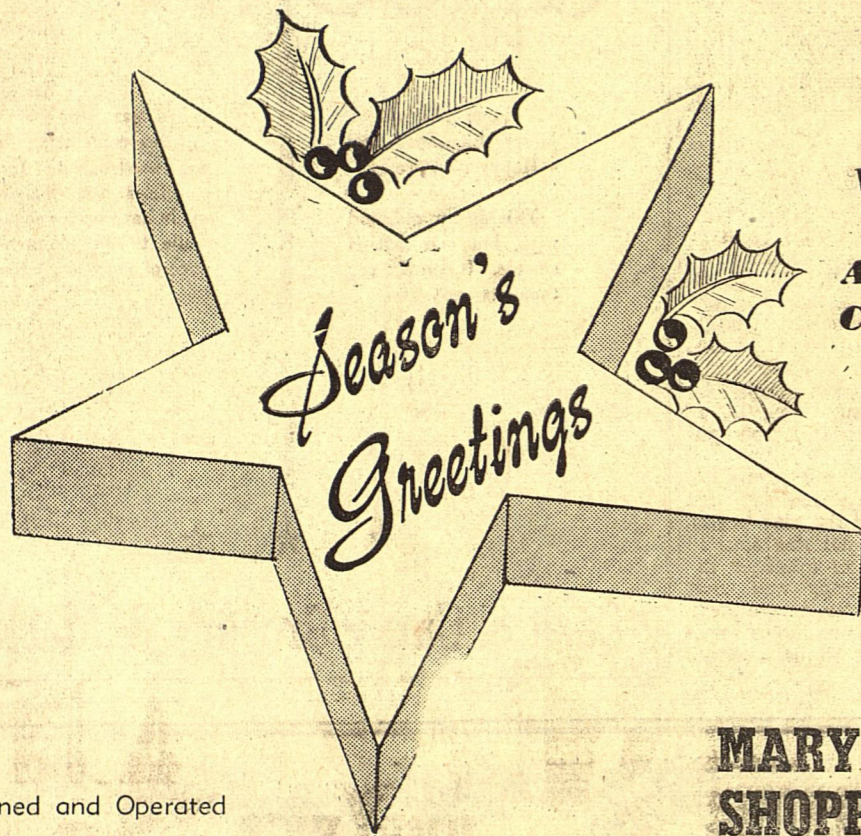
On this most glorious occasion we want to express our heartiest wishes to one and all for a Christmas brimming over with joy and happiness.

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 Typical of the luxurious trousseau lingerie which is returning to counters is the midriff-moulding ivory satin gown, left, with lace cap-sleeved yoke and applied henline. The form-fitting slip, right matches the gown.

BEST WISHES for an American Christmas



MARY ANN SHOPPE

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By **EPSIE KINARD**
 NEA Staff Writer
NEW YORK—Fills and froth are back again in lingerie, which, recovering from the blows of war, comes back gaily in rainbow colors and siren's black, in decent quantities and in styles that whoop up the old allure.
 Showing more awareness of the feminine figure are the ingeniously cut bodices and midriff-molding insets used for both slips and nightgowns, which hug the waist like your own skin, but release fullness above and below the middle to insure more flattery and better fit.
Lavish Lace Trimming
 Hand-work, usually done in Puerto Rico, leans toward the lavish again and offers infinite variety in prettiest-yet motifs. Many laces used are also hand-made. Among them are prewar Valenciennes, Rose Point and exquisite point d'esprit, which again glorify the hemline of the slip and the nightgown as well as its décolletage. Color ranges give you again your choice of flesh-tinted slips to wear under light-colored costumes; pale

blue under navy and red; black for skin-out ensembling with black clothes. For saucy charm, some nightgowns are flecked with polka dots and trimmed with scrolls of fabric in pastel color.
Many Matchmates
 Lace-loaded and ruffle-spilling nightgowns again can be matched to slips of you're a stickler for ensembles or are assembling a trousseau.
 Black is used for many lace-trimmed slips, nightgowns and something new to add to your siren's wardrobe—a net tulle coat, which, slipped on over a one-piece pajama or nightgown, changes you in a twinkling from a stay-a-bed to a glamorously-garbed hostess.

QUICK-FREEZING GARDEN PRODUCTS INSURES PLENTY
 Quick-freezing garden products to insure a horn of plenty the year round is important in these days of scarcity. Up to the minute hints on freezing can be found in the new Emergency Food Commission leaflet, "Primer on Freezing Vegetables." Address request to Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
 In 1850, the world's sugar production was only 1,500,000 tons.

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Valiantly and courageously, let's make this a good Christmas, one that will shine out for all the world to see. Let's make this our pledge because it is in times like the present that we need the encouragement and strength so necessary to meet the trials of the future.

To our customers, our former customers and our future customers, and to those whom we have never had the privilege of serving, we wish to express our warmest Christmas greetings and a word of encouragement.

We are proud of the things you have done toward making this a better world and we are sure that you will have the faith and determination to carry on in the best possible manner in the future.

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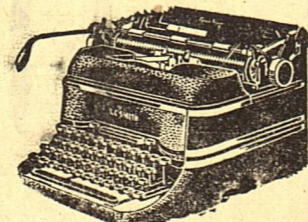
THE SITUATION: You are on a party line and when you start to make a telephone call the other party is on the wire.
WRONG WAY: Keep lifting the receiver every two or three minutes to see if the other party is through talking.
RIGHT WAY: Wait 10 minutes if possible—before trying again to make your call.

The United States consumes each year about 7,000,000 tons of sugar.

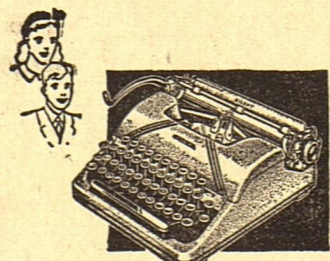
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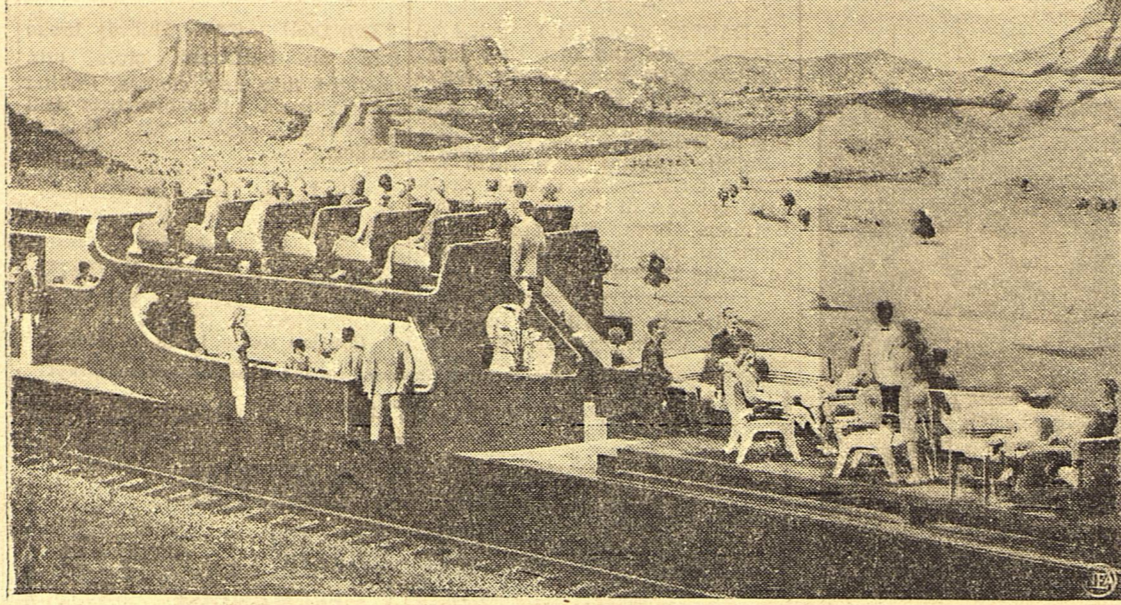
REWARD FOR FINDING DOG: THREE POUNDS OF BUTTER

MILWAUKEE —(AP)— In butter-shy Milwaukee, there is an added incentive to find Mrs. Milton Knipp's lost dog, Penny.
In addition to a cash reward for Penny, just another pooch, Mrs. Knipp is offering three pounds of butter.
She said she had to go to Chicago to get the butter.

LIGHT BULB RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS' USE

GALVESTON —(AP)— One of the original electric light bulbs installed in the auditorium of Rosenberg Library in Galveston 41 years ago was retired from service this week. The bulb which is large and which bears a hand-lettered serial number, was in good condition.

Railroad Car of Future Has Observation Roof



Lounge car of the idealistic railroad train of the future, shown in cutaway scale model above, features elevated observation lounge, lower cocktail lounge and Astra Dome roof, in addition to regular observation car features. The Astra Liner, designed by General Motors Styling Section, is being studied by railroad executives and has been embodied in a test car by Burlington. Demonstration train is promised when manpower and materials permit.

Anzacs Jump Ship, Drink Capetown Dry

CAPETOWN —(AP)— Australian and New Zealand soldiers, indignant at not being allowed ashore at Capetown after the long voyage from England, invaded tugs lying alongside the ships and went ashore.
The men formed up into orderly parties and marched into the city where they were given a great welcome.
The soldiers spent thousands of pounds in Capetown shops and drank the city dry of beer by midnight.
The ship's departure was delayed a day.

CONVICT'S YULE CARD: 'WISH YOU WERE HERE'

INDIANAPOLIS —(AP)— Capt. Robert O'Neal, chief of state police detectives, doesn't know how to interpret a Christmas greeting received from an inmate of the Indiana prison.
O'Neal's investigation of a burglary last summer led to a sentence of 10 to 20 years for the man. Written in ink on a conventional Yule card was:
"Thinking of you this Christmas. Wish you were here."

Galileo in 1609 was the first human being to determine that dark markings on the moon were actually mountains.
By circling in flocks, small birds can outwit hawks, just as bombers staying in formation outwit attackers.

Uncle Dan Barbey, 7th Fleet Chief, Most Determined Man In U. S. Navy

By HAL BOYLE
SHANGHAI —(AP)— If you ask Navy men who is the most determined man they know, many will answer "Uncle Dan Barbey," commander of the U. S. Seventh Fleet.

Vice Adm. Daniel Edward Barbey has directed more amphibious landings than any man in history—62—and has been on continuous sea duty in combat zones longer than any other flag officer in the Navy. Perhaps one reason he has been such a hefty warrior is that he had to fight his way into uniform.

No one has ever been able to make him quit, and neither could the Annapolis medical board which rejected him on physical grounds after he had won appointment to the academy from Portland, Ore., in 1908. He was highest in the competitive exams for the appointment. "You have heart murmurs and palpitations," Academy doctors told him kindly, "but many people have lived to a ripe old age with that condition."

Made Him Angry
It frightened the 18-year-old boy, but made him angry, too. He decided he didn't believe them. He boarded a train for Washington, D. C., and called at the office of the Navy's surgeon general.
The surgeon general saw him, but

shook his head. There was nothing he could do.

Barbey, who the night before had written a note to his hotel manager telling what to do with the body if he died in his sleep, asked, "Who is the greatest heart specialist in America?"

The surgeon general smiled. "There is a Doctor Musser in Philadelphia—if he says you're all right, you're as good as in."

But no sooner had he finished his examination than Barbey fainted. Revived, young Barbey acknowledged sadly, "I guess they were right."

"No," said the doctor, "I just think you're excited. Come back tomorrow."

He Did, And Passed
He did, and passed. Exultantly he returned to the surgeon general, who read the Philadelphia specialist's verdict and told him, with a grin:

"You go down and tell that Academy board to give you another examination, and if they reject you I'll appoint another board and serve on it myself."

There was another obstacle. By that time his Oregon senator had learned of his first rejection and appointed another boy.

The Senator was out of town, but young Barbey found his secretary. At his insistence, the secretary—who was in her room drying her laundry—sent a telegram to Oregon instructing the second appointee to remain there.

Then Barbey found the senator, who said he'd withdraw the second appointment if the lad hadn't already left for Annapolis.

He hadn't, Barbey's telegram had forestalled that.
So determined Dan got into Annapolis, two months late.

San Angelo Woman Has Goering's Signature

SAN ANGELO —(AP)— Autographs of Hermann Goering and six other former Nazi leaders have been added to souvenirs of the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany, of Mrs. Jim Lindsey of San Angelo, whose husband is attending the international tribunal as a representative of the First Infantry Division newspaper.

Others writing their signatures on a piece of stationery passed to them in individual cells were Joachim von Ribbentrop, Julius Streicher, Alfred Jodl, Hans Frank, Fritz Sauckel and Wilhelm Frick.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN FOR LONG

SHAWNEE, KAN.—(AP)— Cpl. John G. Lally, 22, survived Bataan, the Death March, three years and five months in a Japanese prison camp, malaria, beri beri, dysentery, Japanese punk-burning torture, and temporary blindness during his Army service in the Pacific.

Now he has re-enlisted for a three-year hitch in the Regular Army.

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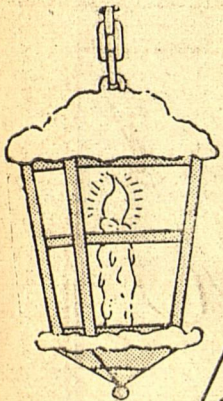
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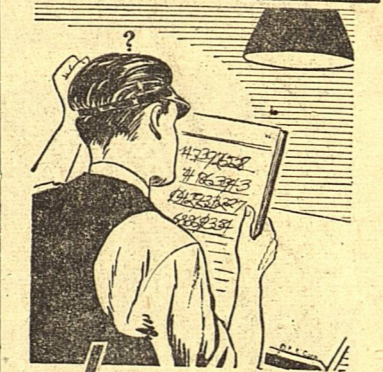
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It's An Old American Custom

This idea of wishing friends a Merry Christmas—but one to which we look forward—year after year. We are grateful to our many friends and it is to you that this message is intended.

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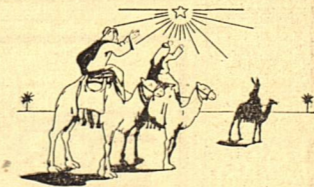
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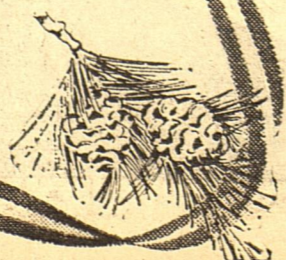
Greetings for a Happy Holiday

Ring out Christmas bells—ring out the merriest Christmas ever to one and all.

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Claude O. Crane
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Tod Crane

Virginia Warren
Irene Wright
Marie Watson



Custer Fought Here

WOODWARD, OKLA. —(AP)— A drive is underway to secure funds to place a marker on a farm where General Custer fought a battle with Indians who killed 100 cattle belonging to a rancher.

Snow makes fine insulation.

POP GOT BRONZE STAR, SON WANTED COCONUT

TACOMA, WASH.—(AP)—Lt. Marvin Morefield is back from the Pacific with a Bronze Star, lots of souvenirs and a worried look. His son, Michael, 3, waiting for him at his home in Seattle, wanted a coconut.

That was the one thing Morefield didn't have.

In Teaching Little Girl Grooming, Give Her Personal Toiletries Set

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

The time to train a little girl in the habit of personal fastidiousness—the most exquisite quality she can possess when she grows up—is NOW.

Wise mothers say: "Begin as soon as your daughter is old enough to brush her teeth and hair, scrub her fingernails, flourish a wash cloth, and lave little bands with lotion when she comes in from play."

One, in particular, who's talking is the mother of seven-year-old movie star Betty Sue Simmons, better known as "Little Bug Nose," who will soon meet her public in "Frontier Gal."

Practicing what she preaches, Mrs. Beverly Simmons is training Betty Sue in a routine which exalts personal fastidiousness by supplying her with her own toilet articles, a big step toward the goal, this mother says. Giving a child her own clothes chest, and insisting that she keep the contents tidy, is still another step, says Mrs. Simmons.

Her tip-off on what it takes to bolster a little girl's pride in a well-kept bureau are pretty linings for chest drawers and gay sachets for tuck-ins.



BETTY SUE: Started early.

Poles Outnumbered By Danzig Germans

GDANSK (DANZIG), POLAND —(AP)—Despite the fact that large numbers have departed for Western Germany, Germans still outnumber Poles in this former "free city of Danzig."

Polish statistics show there are 239,000 Germans in Gdansk province compared to 207,000 Poles. Germans have evacuated 10,626 farms in the country which are to be settled by Poles.

Nearly all snowflakes are six sided, as are honey bees' cells.

Crime Pays— And Trice

LONDON —(AP)— Thieves broke into an outfitters' store and changed into new clothes, leaving behind them suits, overcoats and underwear stolen six months earlier.

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Truman's Request For Army-Navy Merger To Find Tough Opposition

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman's proposal for merging the armed forces will find some iron opposition in Congress.

It will take months to pass Congress, if it ever does. Here's why: Some Congressmen privately admit they're concerned about their own prestige.

Already in Congress are a couple of bills to merge the Army, Navy and Air Forces into one department.

This would abolish the separate departments of war and navy and their two cabinet jobs: secretary of war, secretary of navy.

The two departments, together with the air forces, would be placed under one secretary.

Under one central authority then would come all buying for the armed forces and all scientific research. Activities of all branches would be coordinated.

Army And Navy Disagree
The Army wants this. The Navy doesn't.

It's no secret the Navy doesn't want the Army in a position to give the Navy orders.

Now the matter of prestige and the very important subject of committees and Congressional seniority:

There are four committees in Congress handling primarily military affairs:

Senate — Military Affairs and Naval Affairs.

In the House — Military Affairs and Naval Affairs.

There are 57 Democrats and 39 Republicans on those four committees, which are among the most powerful in Congress. Membership carries great prestige.

Seniority is everything. Members become chairmen through length of service (seniority) and then only through death, retirement or defeat at the polls of all those originally older in committee service.

If the War and Navy Departments were combined into one department, one each of those committees in House and Senate might disappear.

Christmas Tidings

Christmas tidings and the best of good wishes to each of you who have favored us with your friendship and good will in the years past

We are interested in each of you and we desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness. If the past year has been one of trying times, we want you to know that you are foremost in our thoughts and we sincerely trust that the Yuletide Season will help you in some measure to find a greater joy than has ever been your experience.



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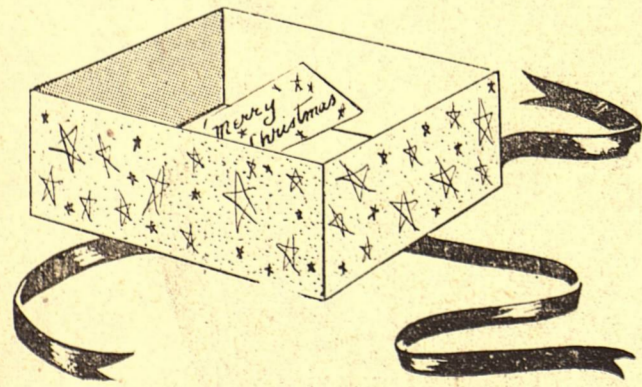
THE LID IS OFF!

It is time for the joys that come from good fellowship and from the remembrance of loved ones and friends whom we hold dear.

As you enjoy the pleasure of opening your Christmas packages and the atmosphere which surrounds such occasions, please keep in mind that we are remembering you and the courtesies which

you have extended us in the past; for the many favors large and small which have made our career in your community more enjoyable and more worthwhile.

Let's all realize for a day at least the lid is off and it is our moral obligation to ourselves and to our friends to make this a delightful Christmas and one to be long remembered.

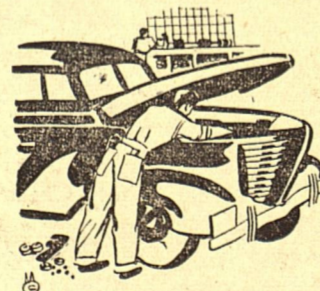


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Farmer Produces A Mass Meeting
AP Newsfeatures

WAIHALLA, S. C.—When 64-year-old W. M. Durham used to move they'd have to add a school teacher. At the place he left, they'd drop one.

That's because he had so many children—25 of his own and seven that a daughter died and left. His youngest now is less than a year old.

That's how it used to be. He doesn't expect to do any more moving.

Until a few years ago he rented farms and worked about on odd jobs.

Now he has a house of his own that he built with a Farm Security Administration loan. His farm covers 218 acres. And he's well ahead on his payments.

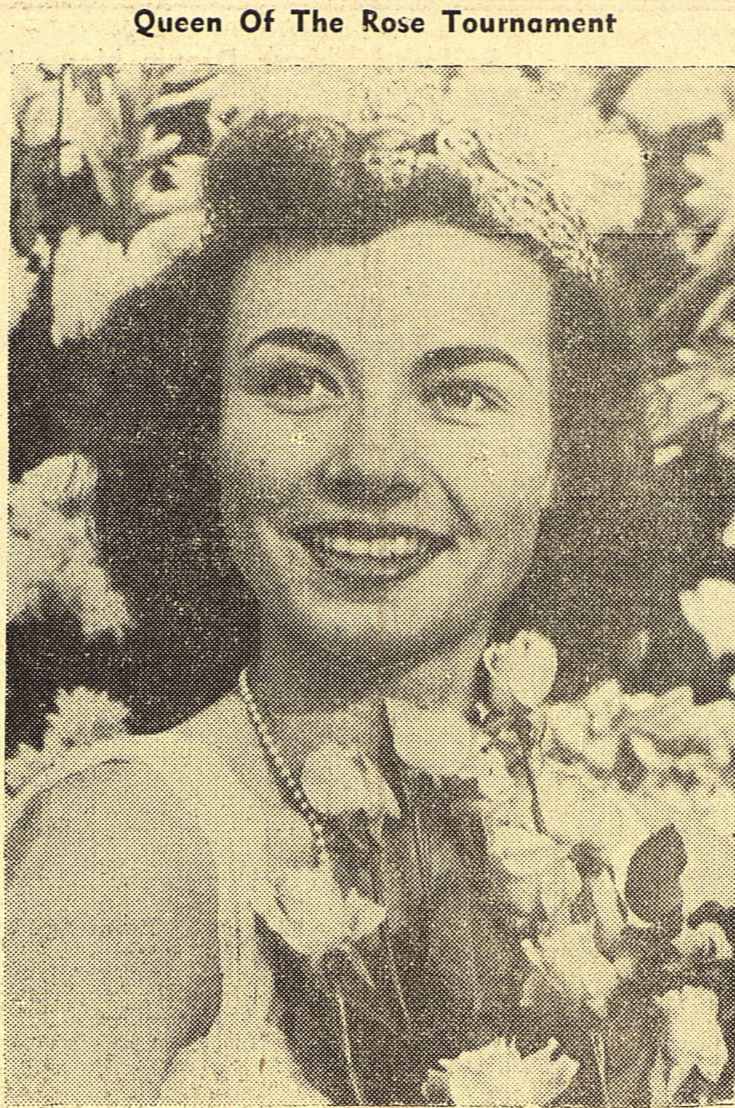
Despite his age, he works hard and is sprightly. He raises on his own land most of everything his family eats.

Durham has been married three times. Eleven children are by his present wife.

Seven of the elder children are married off now. Four of his own boys and four of the orphaned ones he raised served in the armed forces. One was killed.

But there are still quite a few young 'uns about, and Sunday afternoon usually finds Durham on his porch, rocking the 10-month-old.

The 1940 census showed 329,478 native American Indians living in the U. S.



(NEA Telephoto)
Pretty brunet, green-eyed, Patricia Auman, 17, has been chosen the Queen of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses for 1946. She will rule over the celebrated floral fete on January 1.

Nazi Spy Must Aid Kin Of His Victims

WARSAW, POLAND—(AP)—A German spy accused of giving information that caused the killing of two prominent Poles must pay damages to their relatives as well as face a trial for his life in Poland.

A special tribunal ruled that Gustav Beckman, former owner of a German razor-blade factory and a fine villa, must turn over to the widow of Polish Judge Frackiewicz \$7,000; to his two daughters, \$3,000 each and an annual pension; to the widow of Polish prosecutor, Doctor Bieskowski, \$5,500, and to his daughter, \$3,000 and an annual pension.

Relatives of the deceased filed a complaint against Beckman which brought a prompt court ruling.

Beckman is under arrest in the American zone of occupation in Germany. It was announced that he would be brought to Cracow, Poland, for trial.

Chief Brightens Up—But For Whom?

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—(AP)—Attractive new cream colored drapes made their appearance in a place where you would least expect them—the police station here.

The idea came from Chief of Police Joe McFadden who wanted to "brighten the place up."

Snowflake patterns are preserved now by a plastic process.

MOTORISTS ASKS FOR 7 AND 11'S NOT 13
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—(AP)—Illinois motorists, applying for 1946 license plates, didn't want any part of the number "13" says Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett.

Some 50,000 motorists had put in requests for the first 10,000 numbers, he said. The most popular numbers? seven and eleven.

Was He Open-Mouthed About Her Hat?

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—(AP)—Mrs. D. A. Shaffer is nursing some sore knuckles.

She made a quick backhand grab for her hat and rammed her fist into the open mouth of a man behind her.

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Nazi Records Show Germans Lost 3,544,284

NUERNBERG—(AP)—A captured Nazi document shows that the German army high command admitted just before the Ardennes counter-offensive in December, 1944, that Germany had lost 3,544,284 men killed or missing during more than five years of war.

Casualties on the Eastern Front up to Nov. 30, 1944, were listed in the document as 1,410,728 dead and 907,050 missing. Accepting the usual military ratio of four men wounded for each man killed, these figures would place total German casualties on the Eastern Front through Nov. 30, 1944 at approximately 3,000,000.

The Wehrmacht statistics showed 701,734 army, navy and air force

dead as of Aug. 11, 1942. On that same date, Hitler announced that only 350,000 Germans had been killed.

The report also listed these casualties:

Polish campaign — 16,843 dead, 320 missing.

Africa—10,013 dead (this figure is blurred on the photographic copy of the German records), 90,052 missing.

Western Front — up to June 1, 1944, six days before D-Day, 66,100 dead, 3,218 missing. From June to Dec. 1, 1944, 54,764 dead, 338,033 missing.

Italy and Sicily — 47,873 dead, 97,153 missing.

The Balkans and Greek Islands — 24,207 dead, 12,060 missing.

But Just Sometimes

BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA—(AP)—A beggar who claimed to be blind, seized by the police as an imposter, excused himself by saying that he was blind from birth "but, could see a little sometimes."

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It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends



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Looking back over the past months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.

When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.

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PARIS TO BORROW AMERICAN METHODS OF MAKING CLOTHES

By ROSETTE HARGROVE
NEA Staff Correspondent

PARIS—Paris is now borrowing a page from the American fashion book, with the proposed modernization of her ready-to-wear garment industry to provide French women with smart, moderately priced clothes.

A mission from the French dress industry, which will visit the United States this fall, will study the American methods of mass production and merchandising. Jean Allilaire, provisional commissioner of the General Organization Committee of Outfitting and Cloth Workers, will head the group, which consists of eight experts in men's, women's, and children's outfitting and the corset trades.

The visit will coincide with the opening here of the recently created Superior School of Garment Industries, which will supply technical as well as management elements to the various branches of the industry.

Not For Export

There is no indication that French dress manufacturers will try to create an export market. Allilaire said the intention of the expanding industry is to improve the quality of ready-to-wear clothes, thereby creating a greater demand in their domestic market.

"So far as French women are concerned, it's a matter of education and time," asserts Allilaire. "As you know, the women here are essentially thrifty and, for the greater majority of them, ready-made garments are synonymous with poor value for their money. This prejudice will disappear the moment we can prove that a ready-made dress, or any other ready-made garment, will stand the tests of quality and workmanship if properly executed. Anyway, custom-made clothes are now so expensive that they are only accessible to a small minority. Even the prices of the little-dress-maker-around-the-corner have increased tenfold."

Demand Will Increase

The organizers believe that, before long, the percentage of French women who will buy their clothes "off the peg" will jump from 30 to 90 per cent.

Allilaire points out that, before the second World War, Paris had made great strides in her ready-to-wear production. Yearly contests were held by a group of wholesale model manufacturers to judge the quality of production in regard to style and execution.

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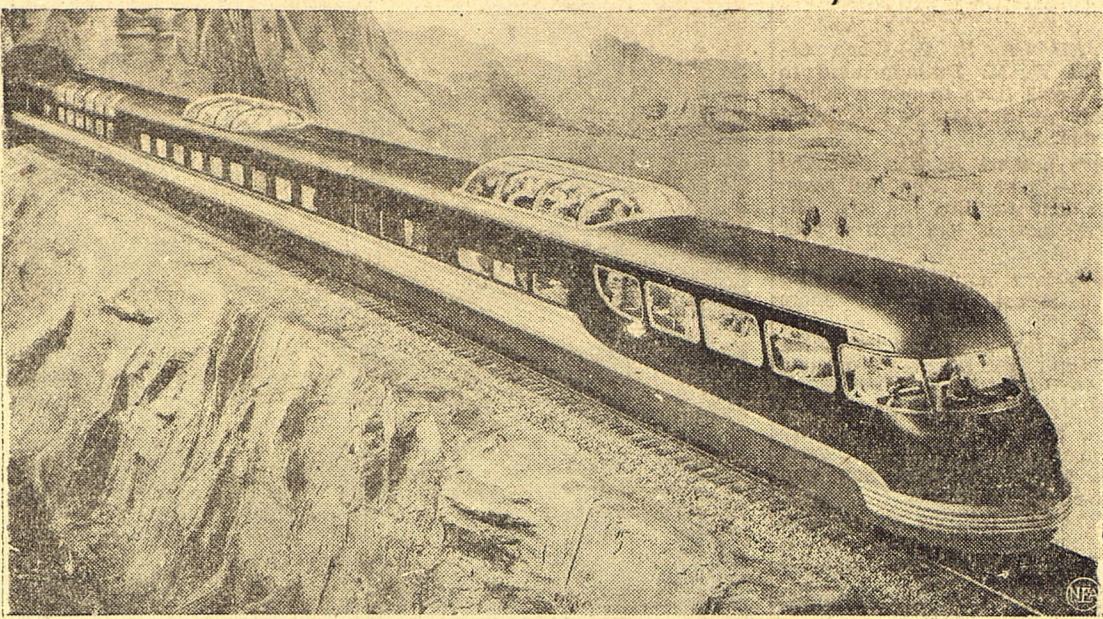


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Planner Of Amphibious Landings Says Future Wars Can Be Avoided

By HAL BOYLE

SHANGHAI—(AP)—"Uncle Dan" Barbey has beaten on more closed doors than any brush salesman; he has landed on more enemy shores than any Viking known to history.

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TOWARD FINAL VICTORY

WITH victory just within his grasp, the Tenth Army Commander, General Buckner, was forward with his assault infantry, observing the progress of this final drive to clean up the island (Okinawa) on 18 June. An enemy artillery salvo squarely bracketed his observation post, and General Buckner died a soldier's death a few minutes later. This splendid leader was replaced by General Joseph W. Stilwell, then Commander of the Army Ground Forces. The Ground Forces Command was given to General Jacob L. Devers, the veteran commander of the Southern Group of Eisenhower's Armies.

General Buckner had won his battle. Within three days of his death, all organized resistance had ceased on Okinawa, our first strategic base within the shadow of the Japanese homeland.

The 9th Australian Division on 10 June made an unopposed landing at Brunei Bay, in northwest Borneo, seizing the naval anchorage and airfields. By overland and amphibious operations the Australians quickly drove south to important oilfields at Seria and Muri. The establishment of air and naval facilities at Brunei Bay, combined with those in the Philippines, completed a chain of mutually supporting strategic bases from which Allied air and naval forces could cover the Asiatic coast from Singapore to Shanghai, interdicting the enemy's overland communications and escape routes in Indo-China and Malaya.

Meanwhile, General Krueger began the final operations against the Japanese on Luzon when the 37th Division drove northward from Balete Pass into the Cagayan Valley. North of Baguio, our forces met stiff resistance from Japanese remnants who had gathered for a last stand among the precipitous mountains. Further

north, Philippine guerrillas cleared large areas of northwest Luzon. On 21 June these forces, assisted by Rangers of the Sixth U. S. Army, captured Aparri, Luzon's northernmost port, and were astride the main road through the valley at Tuguegarao.

End of Luzon Campaign

On 23 June a paratroop force of the 11th Airborne Division dropped just south of Aparri. This force drove 25 miles southward during the next three days to establish contact with forward elements of the 37th Division.

The seizure of the Cagayan Valley virtually terminated the campaign in Luzon, though sizable pockets of desperate Japanese remained to be eliminated. In the liberation of the Philippine Islands, General MacArthur's armies had killed by that time 317,000 and captured 7,236 Japanese against a U. S. casualty figure of approximately 60,628 killed, wounded, and missing.

On 1 July Australian forces landed at Balikpapan in southeastern Borneo. Preceded by a heavy aerial bombardment, assault troops suffered only light casualties in seizing their beachheads. By the middle of July, Balikpapan Harbor was open to Allied shipping.

From California to the coast of China the vast Pacific abounded with American power. In the Philippines, the Marianas and the Ryukyus, our forces under steadily increasing reinforcements from the European continent massed for the final phase of the Pacific war. The enemy's shipping had been largely sunk or driven from the seas. The few remaining fragments of his once powerful naval force were virtually harbor bound and the industries and communications of Japan were rapidly crumbling under the mounting tempo of our aerial bombardment. Lord Mountbatten's forces in southeastern Asia were closing in on Malaysia and the Netherlands East Indies. Chinese armies, newly equipped, trained, and determined led, were gradually assuming the offensive.

The day of final reckoning for a treacherous enemy was at hand.

New Commands

By direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General MacArthur assumed command of all United States Army Forces in the Pacific on April 6. Both he and Admiral Nimitz, Commander of Naval Forces in the Pacific, were directed to prepare for the final operations against Japan. By June General MacArthur had created a new command known as the United States Army Forces in the Western Pacific under Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer to replace the old Southwest Pacific Area. General Richardson was redesignated Commander of the Army Forces of the Middle Pacific.

On 10 July the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered another revision of the Pacific Command. The formerly China-based 20th and 21st Bomber Commands were deactivated. The 21st became the 20th Air Force and the personnel of the 20th Bomber Command was transferred to the Eighth Air Force, which had been redeployed from Europe. General Twining, who had started in the Pacific war with the 13th Air Force in the Solomons, later moved to command of the 15th Air Force in Italy, was given command of the 20th Air Force. General Doolittle retained command of the 8th.

Both Air Forces which now controlled the mightiest fleet of super-bombers ever assembled, were combined into the U. S. Strategic Air Force, the Command which controlled the American Air assault on Germany. General Spaatz retained command of USSTAF in the Pacific. General Giles became his deputy. General LeMay, who once had commanded the B-29 fleet in China, then built up the super-fortress attack in the Pacific, became his Chief of Staff.

Strategic control of the super-fortress fleet remained with the Joint Chiefs of Staff with General Arnold as their agent.

(NEXT: Surrender of Japan)

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"Here's one for you—me just fresh out of the marine corps, and Aunt Hattie sends me an air rifle!"

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NEXT: Moon calendar of the Indians.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOSSER

REMEMBER THIS, STEVE?

I SURE DO, MY BOY! YOU CARVED THAT FIRST NIGHT YOU MET JUNE!

WELL, TONIGHT JUNE AND I COME TO THE FORK IN THE ROAD! SHE'S MOVING FROM KINGSTON!

THAT'S TOO BAD... TOO BAD!

SO WE'VE COME IN HERE AGAIN TO SORT OF HAVE SOMETHING SENTIMENTAL TO LOOK BACK ON!

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WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

LUTHER, MY PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED! THE VERY IDEA OF YOU SENDING A LETTER TO LILY, PRETENDING IT CAME FROM ME!

I ADMIT IT DON'T SEEM AS GOOD A IDEA NOW AS IT DID AT THE TIME MAJOR...

BUT I HAD TO HOLD LILY TILL I COULD GET HOME... AN' NOW IF SHE LEARNS THE TRUTH...

YOU'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF SOOPS HOLLOW AND YOU'VE ONLY YOURSELF TO BLAME!

MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU'LL THINK BEFORE YOU ACT LUTHER... MY ONLY CONCERN NOW IS TO GET THE GENERAL'S FILES AND CLEAR OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN

WHAT'S BITING YOU? I BESTED THE SWAB WITH A BLADE DIDN'T I?

BAH! WHAT CHANCE DID THAT POOR CHAP HAVE? IT WAS MURDER! YOU CUT HIM DOWN JUST LIKE THOSE OTHER TWO YOU SHOT IN '37 BACK YOU COLD-BLOODED KILLER!

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES... NEITHER DO THEY RETURN TO STEAL MY TREASURE!

YEH? WELL, I AIN'T DEAD, AND I KNOW YOUR SECRET!

SO YOU DO, AND SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...

...IT'S TOO BAD YOU HAVE NO WAY TO DEFEND YOURSELF!

THANKS FOR YOUR COLT, I'D SEE YOU FIGHT, MISSY BUT I'LL MAKE OUT!

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

"OK, RED RIDER? THERE, GO UP ON BALDY ON HORSE!"

HE WON'T GET AWAY!

FAR ENOUGH, BALDY!

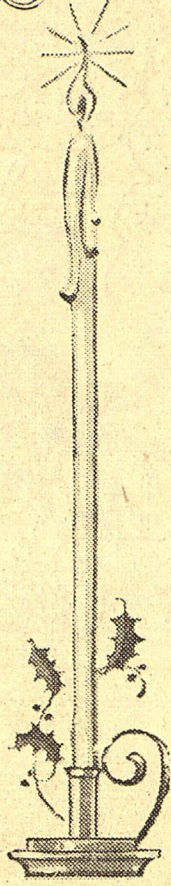
OH, HOW DID I GET...

YOU WAKE-UP LIP JUST IN TIME TO SEE YOU BIG FIGHT, MISSY ANITA!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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New Gowns Have Knee-High Slits, Peek-A-Boo Tops



a "lampshade" plump which accentuates the slim line of another skirt slit to the knee for leg allure. The molded bodice appears again on the dress of navy faille, shown left. More interest here comes from the swish of a bouffant skirt, extravagantly spliced with fuchsia satin in bold applique design. A petal-point collar and shelf-line shoulder caps help to clinch this gown's youthfulness.

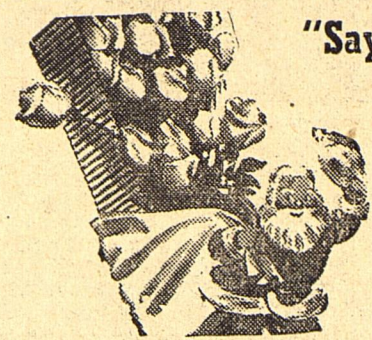
The flashing tongue of a snake is not dangerous; it is a sense organ.



lattice by black sequin sprays, a motif which reappears on a licorice-stick skirt with a sirenish slit. Curve-plastering fit pointed up by sequin embroidery speaks for itself—and for the dress, below—of gray rayon crepe. Flouncing out from the back-buttoning bodice is

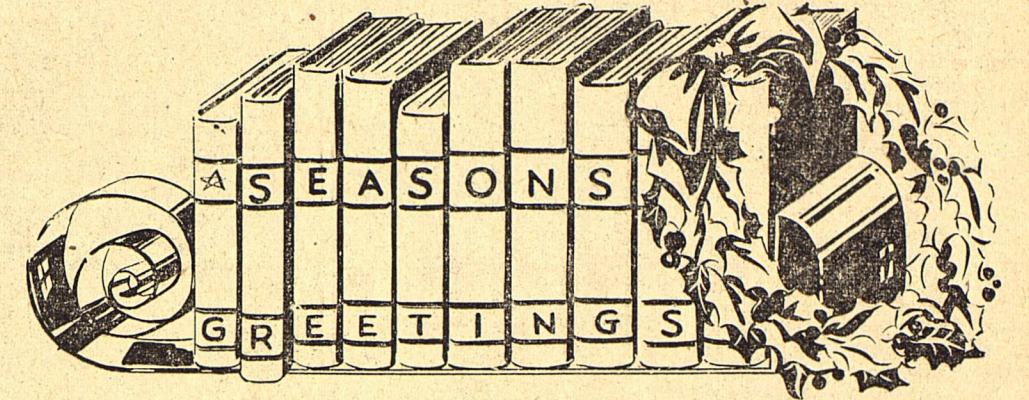
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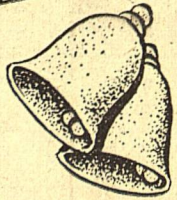


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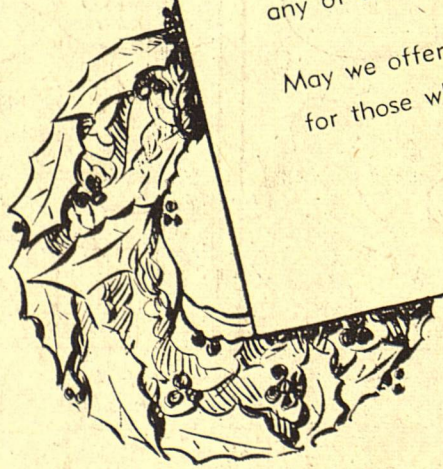
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With our boys returning from the armed forces and no more war horrors confronting us at this Christmastime our feeling of joy should reach to the high heavens. And to add to this that the joy of Peace will always be with us is the greatest Christmas message any of us can wish for each other.

May we offer a prayer of profound gratitude for those who gave their lives.



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By EPSIE KINARD
NEA Staff Writer
NEW YORK — The "welcome home" gown wanted for parties that celebrate Joe's return can be a "covered girl" fashion and still steal the scene from its bare-backed rivals. Built-up dresses owe their triumphs this season principally to the curve-plastering fit of long, sleek tunics or middy-deep bodices. Helping to put the conquest across are knee-high slits in sirenish skirts, shimmering embroidery and peek-a-boo effects, which are always made more provocative when accompanied by prim necklines and sleeves. Example is the Stein-Blaine gown, right, with a sleek tunic top. Its flesh yoke and cap sleeves are

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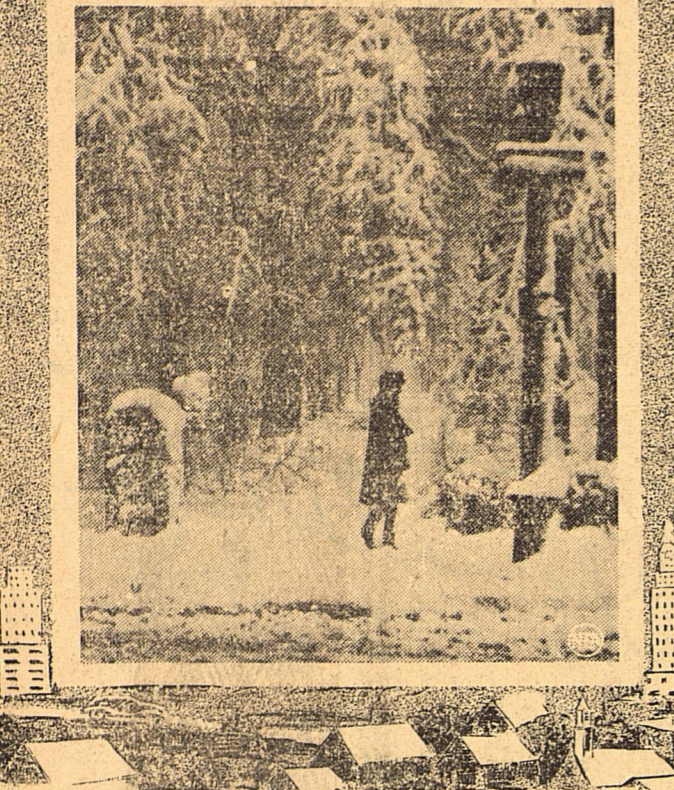
With his twinkling eyes, cherry red nose and snow white beard, a Ruddy Old Saint Nick arrives again, bringing with him a sack full of laughter, merriment and Christmas joys.

We, too, bring to you our sincerest wishes for a very happy holiday.

GRAMMER-MURPHEY

Women's Wear

WINTER



Midland may not have experienced a snow like the one above this year, but the winter, officially, is just two days old—so don't get discouraged. Winter began at 12:04 a. m. Saturday, December 22.

Recent years have seen great increases in U. S. diplomatic staffs in Latin American nations. The Mexico City staff jumped from 72 in 1939 to 237 this year; in Rio de Janeiro the increase was from 47 to 185.

The moon in the first quarter is brighter than in the last quarter by the sun during the first phase is mountainous; mountains reflect more sunlight than the flat lunar plains.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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SECTION THREE

Alaska—Last U. S. Frontier—Attracts War II Veterans

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Thousands of discharged veterans, fed up with strikes, reconversion confusion and the complexities of civilian life in the United States, are heading for Alaska in an attempt to find a simpler existence for themselves and their families on the last U. S. frontier.

Hundreds have already arrived there. Alaskan officials report. Many have found work or are setting up small businesses, but some are finding the going pretty rugged. Approximately 15,000 of the men who were on duty in Alaska with the Army and Navy have said they plan to return. Most of them are now making definite plans to do so, according to E. L. Bartlett, Alaskan delegate to Congress. Thousands of other servicemen who have never been there have also announced their intention of giving Alaska a try.

Officials are worried that the economy of the territory won't be able to stand the strain of the great influx. Already there is a housing shortage more acute than in most U. S. cities. Experts believe that between 5,000 and 10,000 persons are in the maximum that could be absorbed per year without making life in Alaska chaotic.

Hard Work

About 80 per cent of those who are already in Alaska or on the way, have the stuff to carve out a decent existence for themselves and make a success of it. Most of the men who were stationed there during the war—some have asked to be discharged there—are expected to do all right. They know what the life is like and what the problems are.

To those who look upon it as a glamorous adventure, a chance to explore the frontier, Alaskan officials give the following advice:

Daily wages are about 25 per cent higher than in the U. S., but because most of the work is seasonal (like placer mining and fishing) annual wages are low and

prices are extremely high. Withers the same variation of climate as most of the Northern United States. Most parts have weather which makes for health and vigor. Other sections are damp or extremely hot in the summer.

Anyone coming to Alaska without a definite job or finances to start a specific business should have at least \$2,500 to tide him over possible unemployment, and for a fare home if he decides to leave.

On the other hand it is pointed out that many opportunities do exist in Alaska. There is enough wood in Alaska forests to supply 25 percent of America's wood pulp needs. Plans are already underway to start paper pulp factories there. The fishing industry offers many opportunities for small canneries to be started. Small wood-working plants, mercantile stores and service industries are needed in all the cities of the territory.

Servicemen who have been stationed here know that Alaska of-

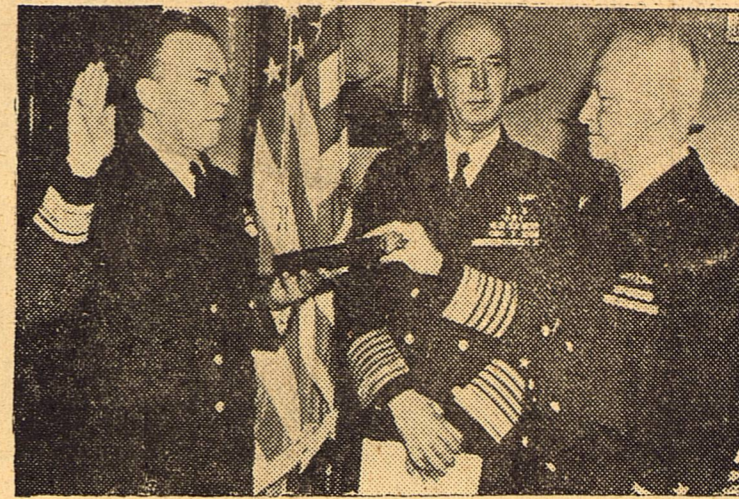
fers the same variation of climate as most of the Northern United States. Most parts have weather which makes for health and vigor. Other sections are damp or extremely hot in the summer.

May Seek Statehood

War has made little change in Alaska. There has been a small population shift from the southeast to the southwest. Citizens there hope the Alcan Highway will help the territory, but aren't overly optimistic about it. Transportation is considered one of the things holding Alaska back now.

Next October Alaskans will hold a referendum to decide whether the territory should request statehood. If they vote yes, and it is believed likely that they will, Congressional approval will be needed. There are other minor steps to be taken before Alaska can become a state. Certain vested interests which have many holdings in Alaska, however, will fight this move because statehood would mean higher taxes.

New Chief Of Naval Operations



(NEA Telephoto)
Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, right, takes the oath as Chief of Naval Operations succeeding Adm. Ernest J. King, center. Rear Adm. O. S. Colclough, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, left, administers the oath.

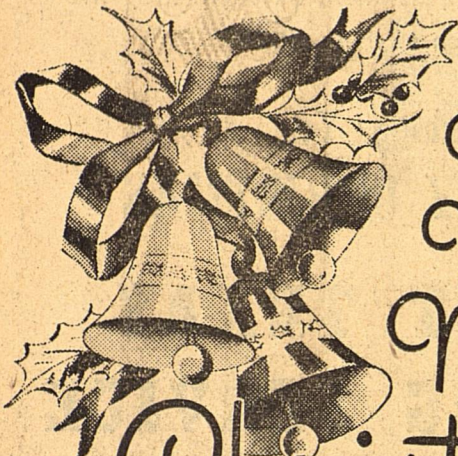
12 Million Servicemen To Receive Awards

WASHINGTON —(P)— President Truman is saying thanks to the 12,000,000 men and women who fought World War II for the United States.

The Army and Navy announced jointly that a "testimonial of appreciation" bearing the Presidential seal will be given to all who served in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard after Sept. 16, 1940, and who have or will receive honorable discharges.

Dispensing with a police escort, Truman drove to Army and Navy medical centers for a pre-Christmas chat with some 600 wounded veterans.

The Five Mile Act passed in England in 1685 forbade any non-conformist minister, who refused to take the oath of non-resistance, to come within five miles of any corporate town where he had preached since 1660, or to act as a schoolmaster or private tutor.



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Merry,
Merry
Christmas

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Highway May Be Named In Honor Of Nimitz

AUSTIN —(P)— Designation of State Highway 16 as "Nimitz Highway" will be considered by the State Highway Commission at its next meeting.

Naming of the north and south road leading into the hill country from North Texas in honor of the Texas-born admiral of the fleet was suggested to the commission in a letter from the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce.



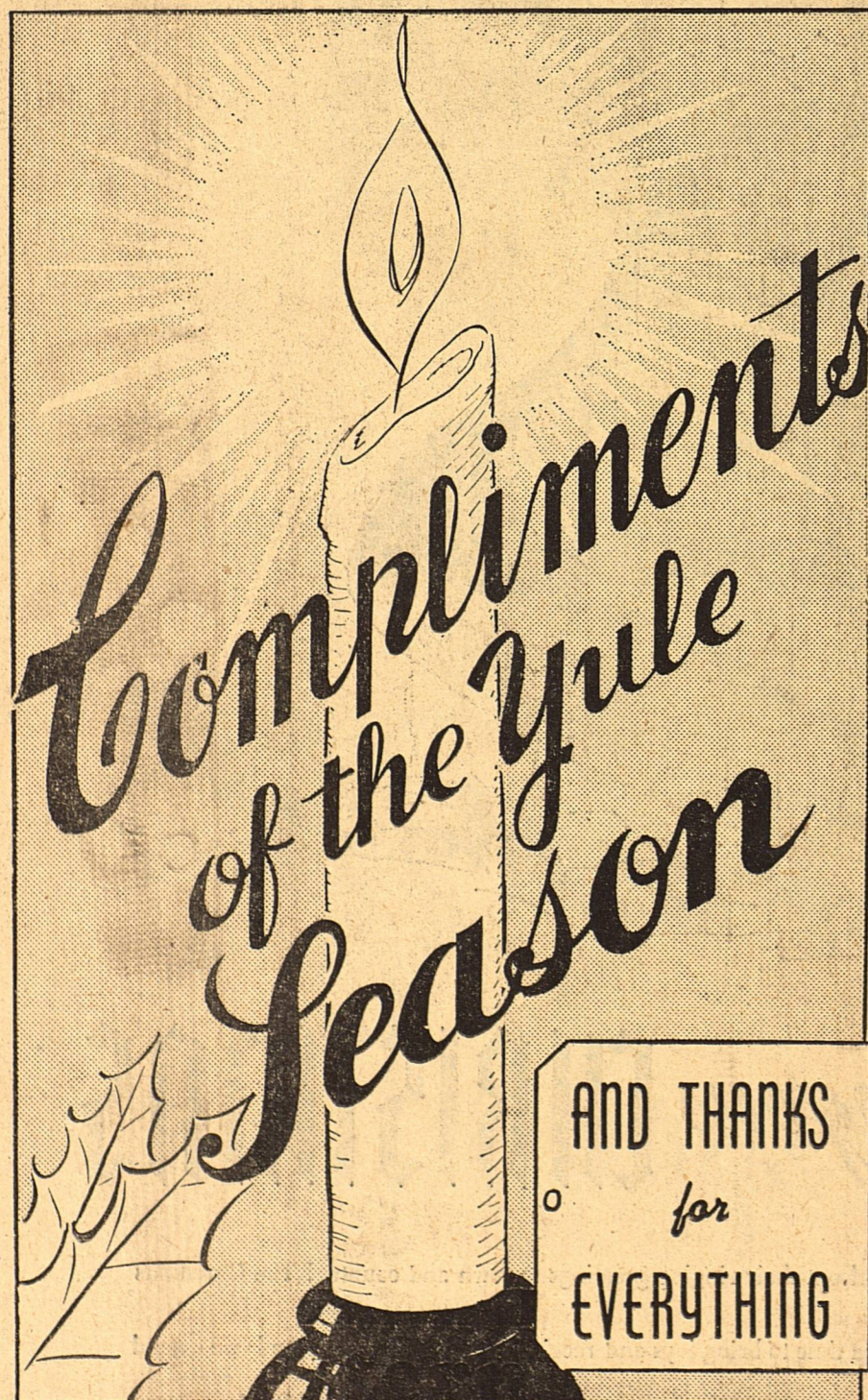
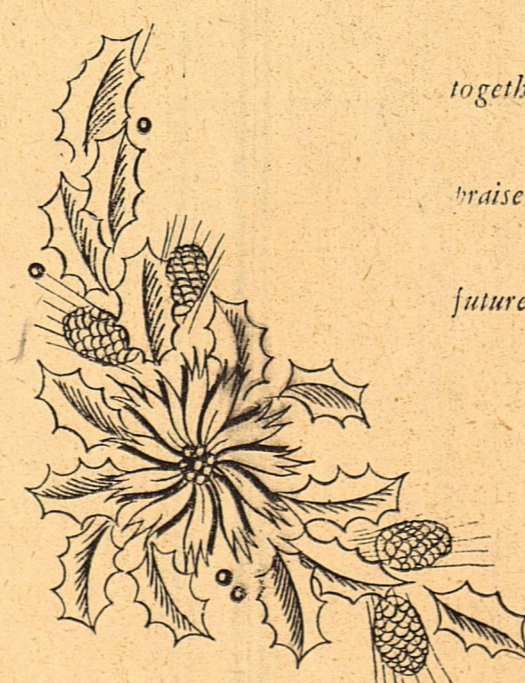
Merry CHRISTMAS

On the day which is the anniversary of the birth of the son of God, how fitting it is that we should enter the friendly doors of the Church of our faith with gratitude in our hearts for the blessings He has granted us. United we have walked the difficult road together, and now with the end of that road in sight, united let us lift our voices in praise of the Almighty. For it is with His guidance that we shall be able to celebrate future Christmases in a world of freedom and everlasting Peace.

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Retail Trade Expected To Continue Upward

AUSTIN—(P)—Despite a decline in total income, the upward trend in retail sales in Texas is expected to continue, says the Business Review published by the Bureau of Business Research.

Wage earners and farmers both will have less income for 1945 than for 1944, the bureau's current review of economic conditions in the state indicates.

Cotton and wheat production were down, poultry and livestock shipments were down, butter and cheese production declined. Wages and salaries were below the peak of 1944.

Higher prices prevailing in 1945 for cotton and livestock could not overcome the decline in farm income, the review stated.

As for wages and salaries, it is

"practically certain" that they will be less than in the peak year of 1944, the review predicted, and that "total income payments in Texas during 1945 will be less than they were in 1944, and that this downward trend tendency will continue into 1946."

In spite of the decline in total income indicated by current figures, the Bureau of Business Research stated there is no reason to believe that retail trade will suffer, and the upward trend in retail sales is expected to continue for some months.

America has lots of alligators but its crocodiles, with long slender snouts, exist only in a small area in Florida.

Alfred Vanderbilt Jr. Weds



(NEA Telephoto) Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., 33, lights cigarette for Jeanne Lourdes Murray, 22, cousin of Henry Ford 2nd, on the eve of their elopment while at the Stork Club in New York City. They eloped to Philadelphia by private plane. It is the second marriage for him and the first for her.

Veterans Expected To Make 1946 Grid Play

NEW YORK—(P)—College grid coaches are predicting 1946 will bring the most rugged and aggressive football in history with offensive-minded war veterans carrying the burden of the attack.

The bulk of the mentors quizzed by The Associated Press in a poll based their forecast on what they saw in the '45 campaign.

The eagerness of the returning vets probably is best exemplified at Boston University where 24 ex-servicemen demanded the school reinstate football, arranged a four-game schedule, lost them all but "had a good time doing it" according to Coach Walt Homer.

While freshmen have carried on in unexpectedly brilliant style, most of the coaches welcomed home the

older harder-hitting vets and thought the freshman rule would be reinstated in a year or two.

Coach Dana X. Bible of Texas said he was ready to have a freshman team as soon as possible. Coach Lou Little of Columbia agreed the freshman rule should be reinstated as soon as the curriculum returns to normal and Coach Glen Rose of Arkansas thought first year men should be allowed to play for one more year.

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CHARIOTS SET GAUGE

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CATTLEMEN WITHHOLD FOOD UNTIL BOND QUOTA MET

EMPORIA, KAN. —(P)— Thirty cattlemen staged a self-imposed "starvation campaign" here and raised \$305,000 to over-subscribe the Lyon County Victory Loan quota.

The cattlemen provided a sumptuous dinner at a hotel and instructed waiters to withhold the food until the quota was filled.

The soup wasn't cool before the hungry diners raised the ante.

Robert Taylor, Back In Hollywood, Wonders If Fans Have Forgot Him

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD—(P)— Robert Taylor wonders if movie fans will remember him.

"It's been a long time since I was on the screen," he told me. "That's why I'd like to get back to work as soon as possible." He said he would probably be broke if his wife, Barbara Stanwyck, hadn't

been working. His build hasn't changed—he lost only four pounds in the Navy—but his face has a much more rugged appearance. And his voice seems much deeper, almost a bass. Bob expects to resume his acting career shortly after the first of the year. Meantime he will do a lot of hinting.

Producer Louis De Rochemont is preparing a movie which he thinks

will be 10 times as exciting as his recent thriller, "The House on 92nd Street." It's an untitled story of the Office of Strategic Services, the "Cloak and Dagger Men" of the recent war, although they don't like that title. They're the men and women who performed espionage work in enemy territory. Rochemont said writers were having trouble sifting the amazing stories.

Ray McDonald bounced out of the Army and the next day was dancing with June Allyson for "Till the Clouds Roll By." Another young MGM actor, Richard Quine, gets out of the Coast Guard, and just in time. The cook left and he has to do the cooking for himself and wife Susan Peters. . . . Frank Sinatra gets an award for "outstanding achievement in industry relations" from the Hollywood Women's Press Club. . . . Richard Arlen is wooing Margaret Kinsella, New York socialite. . . . Barbara Stanwyck will sing three songs in "California." . . . Lou Nova, boxer, gets a good role in "Somewhere In the Night" at 20th-Fox. . . . John Payne and Gloria Dehaven are renting Bebe Daniels' ranch home while awaiting the stork. . . . Anne Jeffreys has not yet divorced her mate, Capt. Robert Serena, but is contemplating action.

Chuckler



Percy L. Greaves, Jr., above, chuckled aloud during the Pearl Harbor investigation and thereby set off political fireworks. His presence was forcefully challenged by Sen. Scott Lucas, Illinois Democrat. Republicans said Greaves was merely "in charge of files." Democrats suspected that Greaves, a former Republican national committee research expert, was a political kibitzer, storing up ammunition for the 1946 campaign.

Manila Is Athletic Wonderland

MANILA—(P)—U. S. Army morale builders have transformed this war-wrecked Philippine capital into an athletic wonderland where 24 sports flourish simultaneously in preparation for the forthcoming Far East Olympics.

Without planking down a nickel for pasteboards, the fans can take their pick of baseball, football, boxing or 11 other major sports. Ten minor activities ranging from horse-shoes to table tennis fill out the program.

At the moment all eyes are turned toward the Olympics, which are scheduled between Dec. 21 and Jan. 1, and the Bamboo Bowl Game, listed for New Year's Day. Grid-iron huskies from eight major bases are battling it out in a round-robin elimination.

The baseball is probably better than the too-young or too-old brand which was peddled in the major leagues the past couple of seasons. Kirby Higbee, Dominic Di Maggio, Johnny Welay and Early Wynn are just a few of the big leaguers competing in inter-base leagues.

The Army sports program rings the bell with the G.I.s. Ritzel Stadium is jammed with 20,000 every baseball game. Football also packs the place and the doughnuts even turn out for minor sports.

The official WPB report shows that the total war production amounted to \$239,205,995,000.

Sailors never whistle aboard ship, not because of superstition, but because the sound might be confused with a bosun's pipe, the engine-room telephone, or the telltale squeal of an improperly lubricated piece of machinery.



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Christmas Greetings

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Christmas Greetings

Here's a brief little message to those of you whom we have served the past year and to those whom we hope to serve next year—may this be a pleasant Christmas for you and yours.

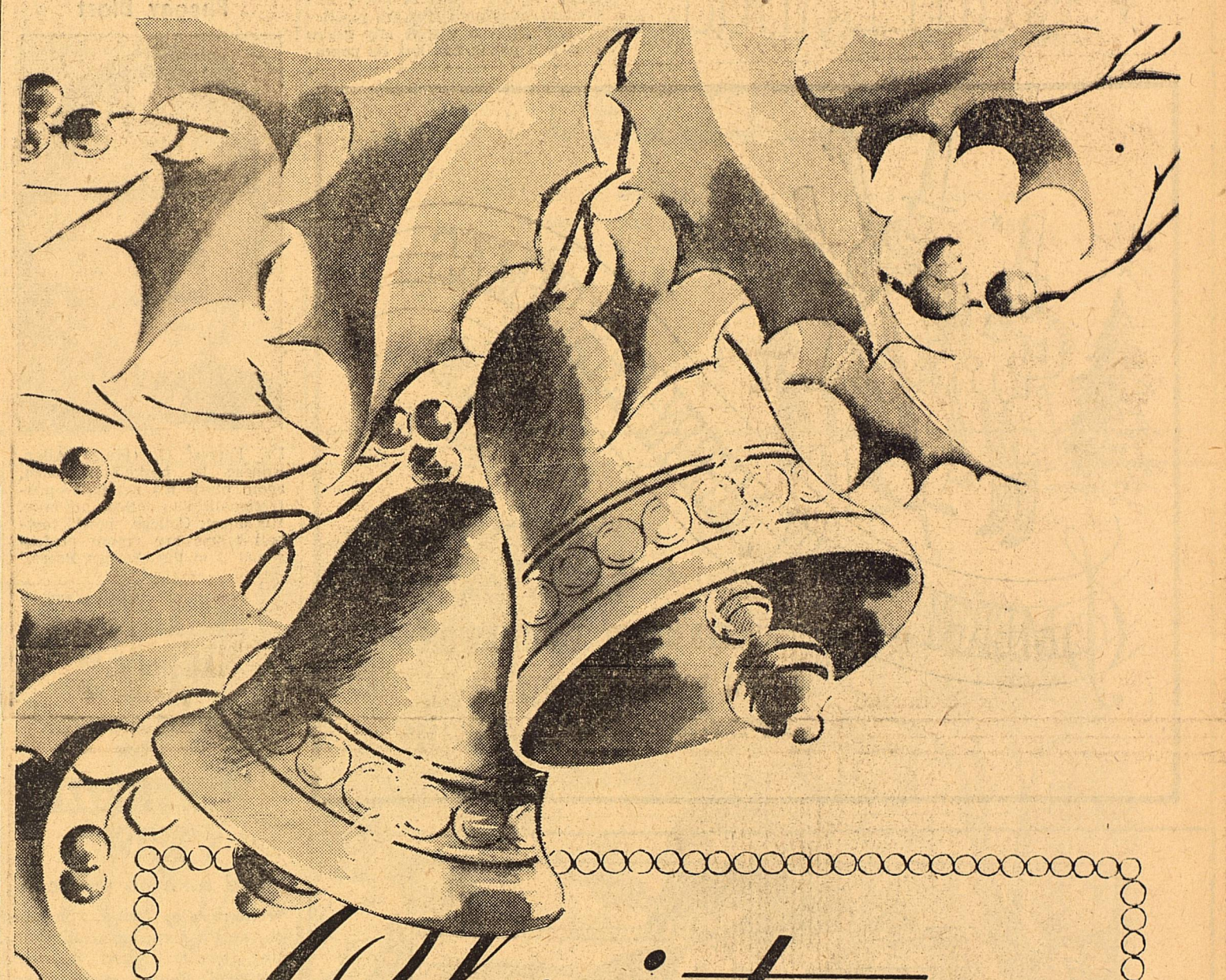


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Deanna Durbin, above, screen songstress, was listed by the Treasury as America's highest paid woman during the calendar year 1943 and fiscal year ended in 1944. Her income was given as \$326,491.



Christmas Greetings

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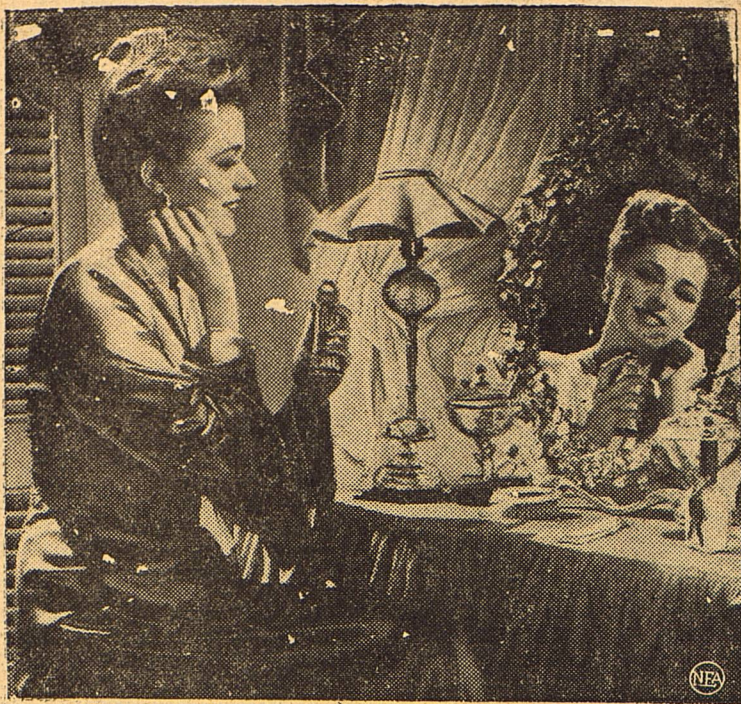
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GREETINGS

Long-Absent Beauty Aids Are Returning



French perfumes soon will adorn dressing tables.

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

Trickling back in as steady a stream as the returning GI's are most of the cosmetic ingredients and appliances which went to war.

Back are a few metal lipsticks, and around Christmas time you can strike up the band for more. Returning to civilian jobs are placticizers which will silence any gripes that nail polish has lost its peace-

time grip. Atomizers? Welcoming banners can't be strung for these until around February, 1946, because a time lag must be allowed for re-conversion from paint-spray devices and medicinal atomizers to dressing-table beauties. The first of

Phoggy Blast



Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, Kansas U. basketball coach, again blasts his pet hate—professionalism in college athletics. His latest: College "bowl" football teams are "more professional" than the Chicago Bears.

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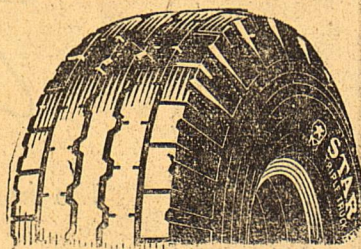
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FELINE IN TREE TURNED OUT TO BE REAL BOBCAT

SPOKANE, WASH.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Peterson didn't pay any attention to the cat that sat next of the morning in a tree; in their front yard. About noon they took a good look at the feline and called the police.

Motorcycle Patrolman Elmo Springer brought the animal down with four pistol shots. It was a 35-pound bobcat.

Grenade In Garbage Can Gives Reason For Worry

MINNEAPOLIS —(P)— Employees at the municipal incinerator have the jitter.
Discarded ammunition is being disposed in garbage cans and Supt. Carl O. Nygaard has suggested war souvenirs be turned over to police, not to his garbage collectors.
Recently a hidden shell blew out an incinerator door and a live hand grenade was discovered—just in time.

15 RATTLESNAKES WERE GOOD REASON TO RUN

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—(P)—Police responded to several hurry-up calls from residents who found a box containing 15 live rattlesnakes.
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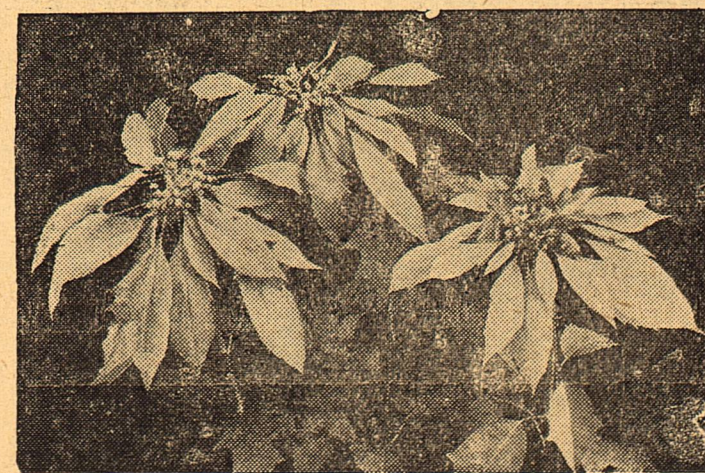
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SO THE DOORMAN HAD THE LAST BIG LAUGH
 ROCHESTER, MINN.—(P)—What it was she was looking for the woman didn't want to say. So she timidly offered the movie theater doorman 50 cents for use of his flashlight.
 Finally, the doorman persuaded her to let him help her. During a hilarious comedy, the woman had lost her six-tooth gold plate.

Reporter-Telegram Classifieds Bring Results

Jap Admits Ordering Prisoners Executed



(U. S. Army Photo from NEA Telephoto)
 Japanese Navy Lt. Kyoshi Fusta, who admitted the execution of an American prisoner of war, identifies a photograph of the victim during the trial of 10 Japanese officers accused of executing five American airmen. The Americans were members of a B-25 bomber crew which crashed on Mille Atoll in February, 1944. The trial is being held on Kwajalein Island in the Marshalls Group.

JUDGE EXCUSES JURYMAN SO HE CAN HUNT DEER
 PITTSBURGH —(P)— Judge G. Malcolm McDonald excused Warlo Sharp from jury duty for one week —with an agreement that the judge gets a venison steak if Sharp gets a buck.
 "Your excuse appeals to me," the judge told Sharp, who had declared, "I want to go hunting before the deer are all shot."

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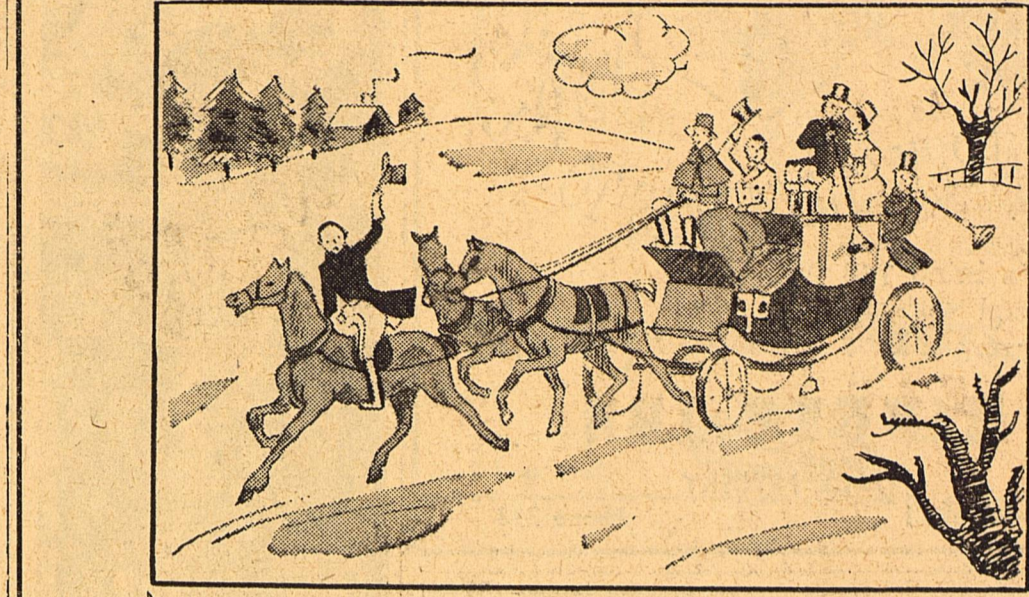
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Two such simple words. Yet no other words can say the same thing better! To them we add three more, equally familiar words spoken to convey a meaning no other phrase fulfills. Happy New Year. And in saying that little, we say a lot—for we express every good wish it is possible to have for your immediate enjoyment of the yuletide holiday—and for your future and good fortune in the year to follow! Thank you for your past patronage—and we look forward to always serving you to the best of our ability.

Amarillo Negro, Oldtime Cowboy, Is Noted For White Flower Tradition

By JACK RUTLEDGE
 Associated Press Staff

The lone white flower of Amarillo is something that those who receive it never forget.
 It is presented with touching dignity by a 78-year-old negro. It is given only to those he considers worthy of the honor.
 The aged negro, son of slave parents, has been awarding these flowers for 51 years. It has become something of a ritual in the capital city of the plains.
 Mathew Bones Hooks was born in Robinson County. He grew up to become a cowboy. He followed the railroad from Henrietta to Clarendon and on to Amarillo, where he arrived in 1900.
 He has been there ever since.
 But earlier, when he drove a chuckwagon over the twisting trails of Texas, he worked for the Clayton family in Pecos. He loved the young son, Tom Clayton.
 Tom went to college, and came home to run his father's ranch. But they didn't teach him the ranch business at college.
Pool Their Knowledge
 "I'm not a horseman," he told Bones when he returned from school. "I'm depending on you to teach me to ride, and a lot about ranches. We'll pool what I learned at college with what you know about ranching, and we'll maybe make one good man."
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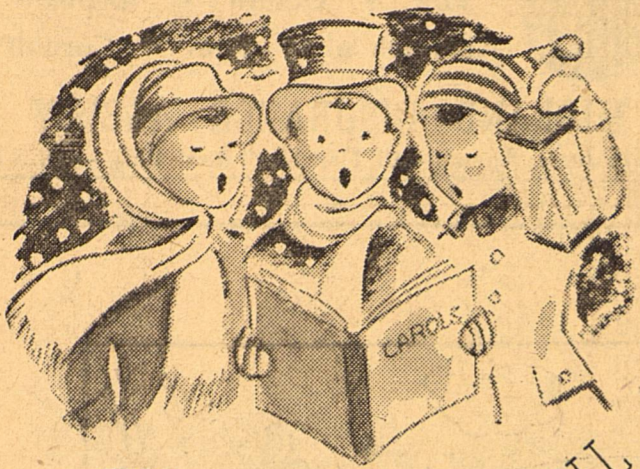
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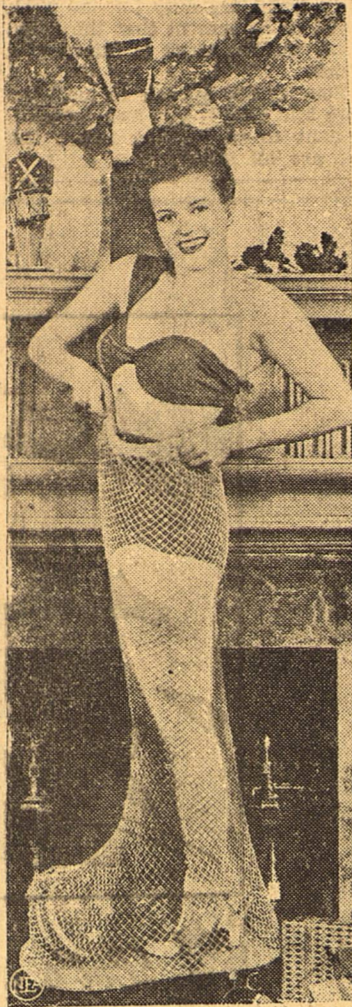
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Christmas Sock



Just hang up a nice big sock Christmas Eve and Santa is liable to put 'most anything in it. But hardly the Christmas doll seen in the photographer's dream above. She's screen player Janis Paige, soon to be seen in "The Time, the Place and the Girl."

Echoes Of World War: Clem, POW Ear Wiggle, Hawaii, Draftee Fight

By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff

Echoes of World War II: An unidentified individual named "Clem" is the best known, or at least the most widely publicized, character at separation centers in the Southwest.

In chalk, in paint, in pencil, his name is written everywhere. "Clem slept here" is printed over a cot. "Clem ate here" is scratched on a table in the mess. "Clem will be here tomorrow." "Clem wore this," "Clem okayed this."

No one knows who Clem is, but the thing started in Europe and has spread throughout the GI-dominated world, making Clem probably the best-known soldier of World War II.

Cpl. Bruno E. Brooks of Moran, Texas, was a prisoner of the Japan-

ese but he says he managed to get out of a lot of work because he could wiggle his ears.

Brooks learned to wiggle his ears, up and down, forward and back, singly or in unison, when he was a kid in Moran High School.

He says it fascinated the Japs. When he got tired, he would begin to wiggle his ears and the captors would gather around silently and just watch with wonderment.

A native Hawaiian married a Denison Marine and has moved to Texas. But she misses the beaches.

Mrs. Cecil Smith says the same moon shines over Texas as over Hawaii, but it doesn't look the same because there is no Pacific Ocean to reflect its silver rays, no beaches to walk on.

Army life is over for millions of

Americans, but it's just beginning for teen-age draftees and like those who preceded them, they like to have their last fling at civilian life, too.

In Dallas a group of them were housed at the YMCA. They were in a rowdy mood, and someone threw a pillow. Then they all started hurling pillows. Before the fight was over, the floor was inches deep in feathers.

A big, tough sergeant made them pick up each and every feather by hand.

HELD UNUSUAL TITLE

The mother of King Zog of Albania held the unusual title of "Dowager Queen," although she had never been a queen. It was bestowed in 1928, when her son was elected king of the Albanians by the national assembly.

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State Aeronautics Commission To Survey Texas Airport Needs

AUSTIN—(AP)—The State Aeronautics Commission is making preliminary plans for a survey to determine precisely how many airports there are in Texas eligible for possible federal aid, as well as to determine how much aid they may need.

A. W. Meadows, executive director of the commission, said that so many factors enter into airport development that the survey must be made slowly and carefully.

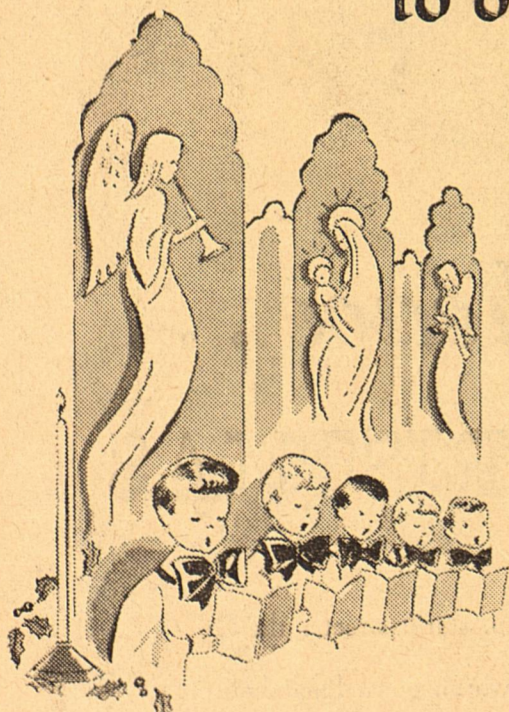
"One of the big questions that will have to be answered by each municipality seeking airport development, is how much space to provide for future expansion," he explained.

"Our survey will have to take engineering and economic conditions into consideration. It is difficult and a big job."

Meadows said that the commission is marking time on this because of the uncertain status of airport aid legislation pending in Congress. Until Congress determines a policy, not much can be done specifically.

Commission engineers have just completed a map locating every municipally-owned airport in the state. Its figures show there are now 88.

Christmas Greetings to one and all



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Flebane is the name of a plant which emits a peculiar aromatic smell and is said to be efficacious in driving away fleas and other insects.

In England the harnessing of dogs to vehicles is forbidden, but in Belgium it is common practice to harness one or more to small milk carts.

Yank Sailors Will Never Forget China Troops If Ferried

By HAL BOYLE

SHANGHAI —(AP)— American's spick and span Navy is still somewhat dazed from the impact made upon it by Chinese Central Government troops it ferried to Formosa and North China.

These joint operations also have had their effect on Chiang Kai-shek's tennis-shod soldiers.

"They certainly lead a different life from that of American troops," said Lt. Dale Boley, commander of an LST which made two lifts of the Chinese troops to Formosa. "But I'll say this for them—they were easily handled and would do anything you told them if you could just get across what you wanted."

Boley sympathizes with China's landlubber army because until he went into the Navy two years ago he himself had never been in a vessel larger than an old-fashioned hotel bathtub.

His experiences in shepherding Chinese occupation troops to Formosa are among his most vivid memories. Like the time Chinese officers smuggled aboard their wives disguised as nurses and 10-year-old sons as "buglers."

All Got Seasick

"They all got seasick in rough weather," Boley said, "and they ate so much rice we could smell it on the ship for weeks afterwards."

"They cooked it on deck over charcoal fires in earthenware urns. During storms we had to take over for them and kept a 40-gallon copper boiler going 12 hours a day."

Because of numerous cases of dysentery among the troops and fear of a cholera outbreak, they were restricted aboard ship to the tank deck and the forward part of the main deck.

"They slept by the hundreds on straw mats laid on the bare iron deck," said Boley, "and everytime the ship rolled they got sick."

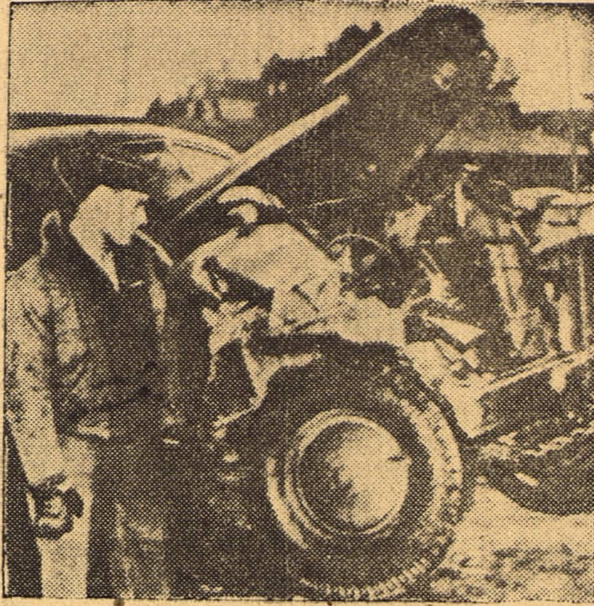
For in their first contact with American Naval life scores of these farm boys and coolies in uniform were unable to distinguish between ordinary deck fixtures and plumbing equipment and it became necessary to string electric lights into all dark corners. The situation improved only after the Chinese army set up demonstration teams ashore to teach latrine lessons to new troops awaiting embarkment.

"One small group of 130 soldiers had two generals to lead them," Boley recalled. "We had them up to our wardroom for turkey dinner and they kept repeating, 'Ting hao, ting hao (excellent, excellent),' all through the meal. They didn't like the way we cooked rice though."

DEATH BY WINE

So fond of wine was the English duke of Clarence that, when he was given the opportunity of choosing the method of his execution after being condemned to death by Edward IV, he chose to be drowned in his favorite beverage.

Driver In Patton Accident



(Radiophoto from NEA Telephoto) Pfc. Horace Wooding, 19, of Sturgis, Ky., driver of the car in which Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was a passenger, when it crashed into a truck near Heidelberg, Germany, examines the smashed automobile. Military police say the accident was caused "by carelessness on the part of both drivers" but no disciplinary action is being considered against Wooding or the driver of the truck.

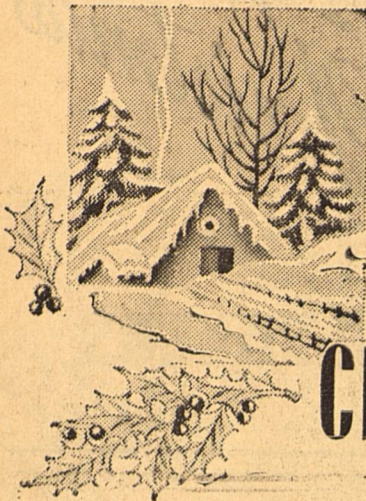
\$3,940 In Prizes To Be Offered At Brahma Show At LSU, Feb. 13

BATON ROUGE, LA.—(AP)— Outstanding Brahma cattle will receive premiums amounting to \$3,940 during the first National Brahma Show to be held at Louisiana State University February 13-17, W. M. Babin, manager, announced.

The show will be held in conjunction with the Louisiana Adult Livestock Show and is sponsored by the Louisiana Brahma Breeders' Association and the Louisiana Economic Development Committee of the State Department of Commerce and Industry.

Frank Scofield of Austin, Texas, will judge the show, Babin said. He will also judge other breeds of beef cattle, with the exception of the Aberdeen-Angus which will be judged by W. L. Blizard of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater.

A total of \$5,286 in premiums is available for other animals in the beef cattle division, the manager said, while premiums totaling \$1314 has been made available for winners of the swine show.



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to all our friends that we've made during our short time in Midland. We want to thank you for the splendid way that you received us to this thriving community. We hope that we have pleased you and will continue pleasing you during the coming year.

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Sailor Jumps Into Sea In Moody Spirit But Is Rescued By Mates

By HAL BOYLE
 ABOARD U. S. NAVAL VESSEL OFF NORTH CHINA—(P)—There are hundreds of sailors on this ship, but one lying in the sick bay knows best the full sweetness of life. He knows because only a few hours ago he tried to kill himself. And now he wants to live forever.

He is a moody man of about 30, whose job was to help handle ship stores. Only a few days ago he was given a summary courtmartial after an inventory showed him short a few cases of beer. He received a small fine and was restricted to the ship for 30 days. The penalty was light, but he brooded about it constantly. He

felt himself disgraced in the eyes of other men, and the situation became intolerable to his overwrought mind. He decided suicide was his only way out.

He didn't want to make a mess of himself. He just wanted to disappear utterly.

During the morning he walked to the after deck and stared into the water for a long time, fascinated by the foamy wake streaking away beneath. He glanced around and the deck was deserted except for himself. And then his brain said "do it," and in an instant he had gone over the rail and leaped dizzily into the rolling sea.

Chilly Water Cools Madness
 The chilly water cooled his mad-ness instantly, and as the waves lashed over his head he saw a million things in life worth living for. He came up to the surface fighting for the breath he no longer wanted to lose. But he was too stubborn to cry out.

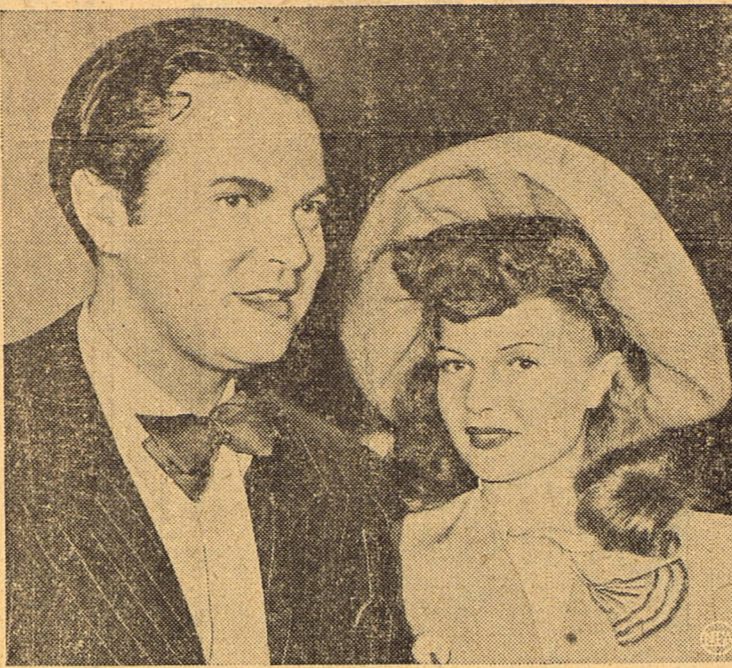
"And besides, I didn't think it would be any use," he told rescuers afterward. "I didn't think anyone had seen me go overboard. I thought I was done for, but I decided to keep swimming until I wore myself out and drowned."

His jacket and shoes hampered him, and although he was tiring fast he managed to take them off, and they sank out of sight in the sea. He turned to gaze at the ship, and then his heart leaped. The ship was circling back toward his position. One of the lookouts had sighted him struggling in the water. Our destroyer escort also had seen him and raced over, and sailors tossed him a lifebelt. He swam to it with fast dwindling strength. Men on our ship by then were close enough to toss him two more lifebelts, and we lowered a small boat and rowed over and pulled him, numb and dripping, from the waves he had been fighting for almost half an hour.

The incident has been the chief topic of conversation aboard ship, and everybody agrees the sailor must be one of the luckiest men in the world; for he had no better than one chance in a hundred of being seen and picked up. It was this lucky chance that saved the life he thought he wanted to throw away.

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It's All Too, Too, Says Rita



Trying to keep up with Orson Welles' activities as actor, writer, director, radio commentator, amateur politician and newspaper columnist is just more than she can stand, reports Hollywood screen star Rita Hayworth. So she, says she and her "boy genius" husband are considering a separation. They're pictured above at Santa Monica, Calif., after their surprise marriage in 1943.

Dog In Yard Was Only Full-Grown Coyote

DENVER — (P) — The Shamy brothers—George, 14, and Jimmy, 11—set out a bowl of milk for the shivering "dog" they found in the family garage.

The animal bared its teeth and snarled.

The boys' father, George, Sr., was likewise menaced. He called police.

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