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The Editor's 2c Worth

We like any man who comes right out says what he thinks—when he agrees with us.

News comes that over 500 generals are being let out of the army. Thousands of white collar desk job holders in the different bureaus have been let out, and these are now hopping back to all parts of the country grabbing off jobs which should go to the boys who were in service. During the war these "patriotic" birds used political pull and got nice fat jobs. The war is over and the public has to look at them some more. Our politicians this next year will doubtless have to answer a lot of questions on "how come" these "in peace invincible, in war invisible" lads happened to swell the ranks of job holders in Washington bureaus.

Read the greetings of the Coke county folks in this issue of The Observer. They're extending to you their best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Face powder has brought an end to more single men than gun powder.

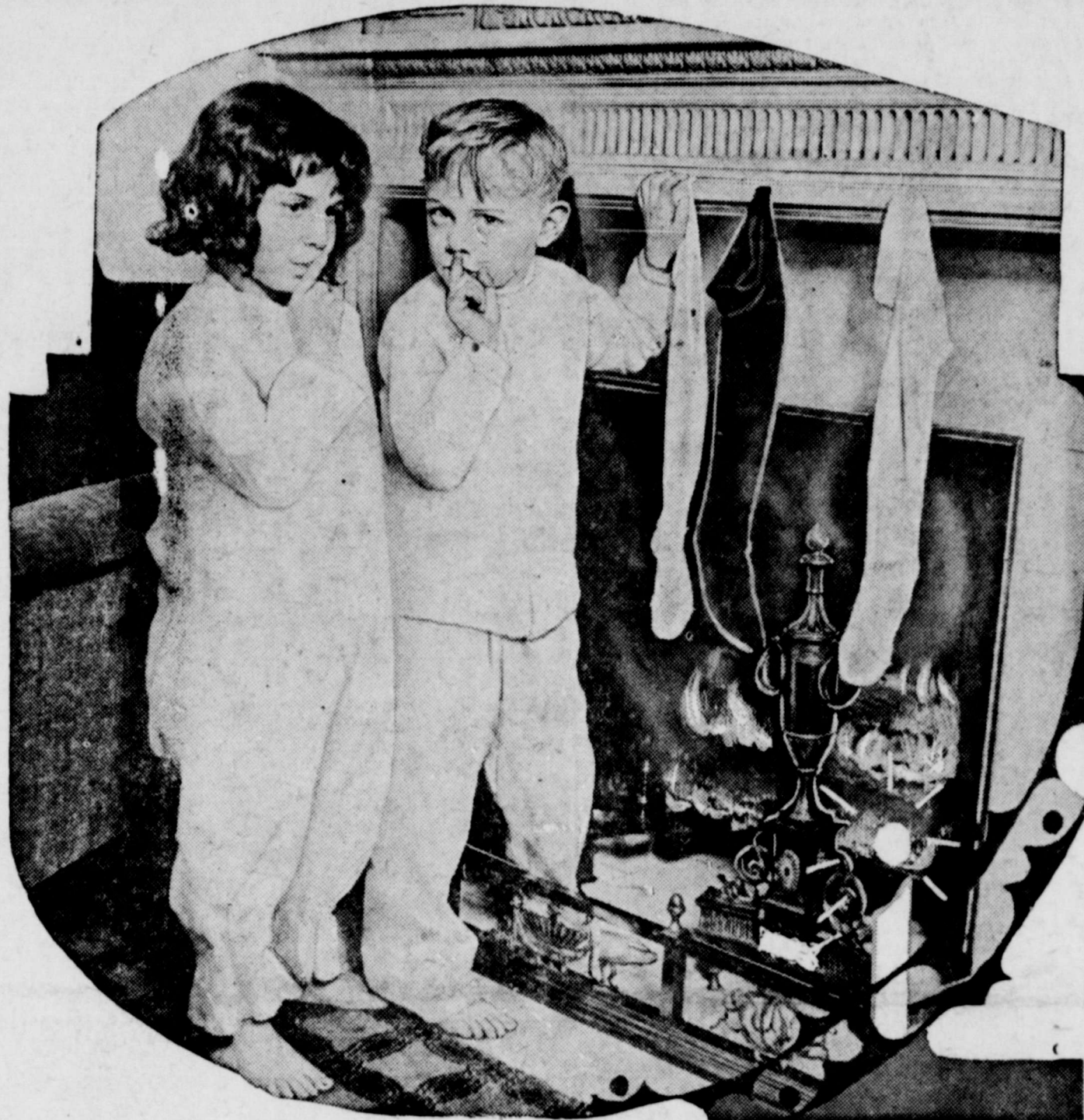
Politics is in the air—even in the journalistic circle. New papers are springing up which have a political background. We're now getting a copy each week of "The Texas News," printed in Austin and mailed at Laredo. Reading between the lines, it will doubtless soon be the exponent of some politico. When a new paper springs up at this period of a campaign, we usually wonder and wonder and wonder. Then we put on our specs and begin to look for the culd gentleman in the woodpile.

Man devotes half of his life to ruining his health, seeking wealth, and the other half spending his wealth to regain his health.

Said an old rabbit twister to me yesterday:

"Tuesday is Christmas, but do you know we don't have any Christmases like we used to 40 or more years ago. In those days Christmas lasted all week. And we got something else besides Christmas cards and factory-made fruit cakes.

"We didn't have autos, radios, coca cola or hot water bottles in those good old days. Yes sir, I said and meant good old days. About three weeks before Christmas we killed hogs, made sausage and smoked the bacon and hams. The next week the women and girls started baking cakes, pies and cookies—and brother, they baked cakes in those days—chocolate, coconut, Lord Baltimore, and shore nuff fruit cakes and mince (continued on last page)



Keith Lofton Weds Norma Richards

Keith Lofton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lofton, and Miss Norma Richards, popular Bronte girl, were united in marriage last Saturday morning in Bronte, at the Baptist parsonage, Bro. Blake officiating.

The groom, who is in naval service is home on leave and will report for duty at Dallas, Dec. 31. He has spent 27 months overseas. The bride is one of Bronte's finest young ladies. The many friends of this fine young couple will wish for them every happiness.

Real Christmas Gift

Bud Jones this week sends The Observer as a Christmas Gift to D. C. Blair at Polar. Mrs. J. C. Rabb also sends the paper to her son, John C. Jr., at Roswell, N. M. And Mrs. J. E. Turner of Amarillo orders The Observer sent to her brother, Johnnie M. Hickman, as a birthday present, and as an Xmas Gift to her other brother, Freddy W. A few weeks ago she had us send the paper to another brother, Ed, down in the Valley. It's mighty fine to have a thoughtful sister. Mrs. Turner in writing us said, "I sure enjoy the paper. Especially liked the one with the pictures of the county officials. I cut them out to keep. How is the weather in Grandoldcoke? It was 11 degrees here last night, but no snow. Maybe down in your country Xmas to talk to the weather man about some nice warm weather." Our good friend Will Fikes, besides renewing his subscription, sends the county seat paper as a Christmas Gift to his two sons, Marion and Weldon, and to his daughter, Lorene.

We received our copy of the Bronte Enterprise, which had ceased publication for the past three months, owing to the illness of the former owner, D. M. West. Messrs. Nunnally, Mullane and Talley, San Angelo men, have bought the paper. The two latter are connected with a San Angelo printery, and the Enterprise is now being printed in that city. It is a nicely printed paper, and the new owners will find the Bronte business men live wires, loyal, and ever ready to support the paper.

Dr. Griffith is making an inspection of food stores and cafes this week.

D. O. King was a visitor in our office last Saturday renewing his subscription to this grand old official rabbit twisters journal.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Conuseller, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

The Editor Writes His Letter To Old Man Santa Claus :

Dear Old Fellow: We've got as much right as the kids have to ask you to remember our friends out here in Twisterland at Christmas, so we're asking you to please bring:

Plenty of happiness and cheer to every home in Grandoldcoke.

You needn't send any rabbits. We have plenty now. Bring A. E. Latham some big red firecrackers; Monroe Parker and J. C. Rabb each a set of those double-dominoes to mop up those domino sharks; fix Doodad up with a stepladder for high shelves; fetch Paul Good a nice pearl handled nigger-shooter—he's got a real six-gun; bring Dr. Griffith a big democratic year; and for Geo. Taylor another title-winning football squad; a helicopter for Skinny Adams; a big crop of bob whites for Freeman Clark; that paved road to the Sterling county line for McNeil Wylie; bring Chisholm Brown a nice

oil painting of that old black tail buck that he didn't get to shoot at; you might bring Gerald Allen that Robert Lee dam; a nice cigar holder for Calvin Wallace, a lot of new Chevys to Turney Casey; more office stove wood for Fred O.; a packed house every Sunday morning for Bro. Campbell; stop the strike so Cumbie Ivey can get a bunch of new Fords; a bigger store for Earl Rob-

erts so Eddie can have more elbow room; several hundred marriage license applicants at Willis' office door; lovely ranges for Marvin Simpson, Frank Percifull, the Roberts boys, Mark Chumley, Cortez Russell, the McCabes, Lem Cowley, Raymond McCutchen and all the rest of our ranchers; bring our commissioners each a big bunch of roses, along with orchids to Ruby L. Pettit, our treasurer. Don't forget that baby talk dictionary for Jack Duncan; bring Joe Dodson a big goods box for those stray cats he's been feeding all year down town; bring Bro. Blake a lot of wedding ceremonies.

Provide Judge Arnold with some fishing tackle; bring to our new business associates at Leeper's, Red & White, and the City Cafe lots of friends; and orchids to Mattie Bell Keyes for her fine ration board work; to the draft board, ration board, the AAA and FSA offices, a big bouquet; and don't forget Travis, and Fay and Jerry; a whopping big bouquet for our school bus drivers, mail carriers, and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Gardner at the post office; bring Bud

Jones some fancy prices for his fine quarter horses; bring Fred McDonald 999 bales to gin; bring the candidates a supply of real cigars so they won't try to palm off cheroots on weans; hurry up those nylons Cumbie & Roach have bought for the wimmen folks; for T. A. bring the bank deposits up over a million; bring all the

lumber Mr. Looney needs; speed up the arrival of Victor Simpson's new equipment; send us a tailor, and a radio repair shop.

And while you're at it, send Gene Baker at the M System 500 pounds of bacon a week; keep our barber shops busier than ever; bring Millard Meek a coupla more gas pumps; send Bruce Clift a big bouquet on account of his helpfulness in every good cause; gardenias to Mrs. Hattie Day for building those Xmas cakes; a big bouquet to Victor Wojtek, always a Robert Lee booster; roses for the telephone office folks; television for our radio addicts; a sheaf of carnations and orchids to Billie's beauty shop; bring the BCD a host of new members; bring Major Lewis a crop of pretty flowers at his pretty home; supply our drug stores with plenty of cokes and keep the Farmalls coming to Ford Hallmark. Bring lots of sales to S. R. Young and Ben Tubb, our realtors; bring John H. Brown everything he needs to help the farmer; bring back Jack Looney's lost coon hound.

And Santy, old podner, bring to our folks at Bronte, Sanco, Silver, Hayrick, Tennyson, Edith, and all the rest of the county everything nice for Christmas; bring to The Observer folks a continued love for newspaper work along with a big hunk of patience for everybody and everything. If you'll hear our call, there'll always be one guy who will never bust his crupper holding back on boosting Grandoldcoke, and that fellow will be—THE EDITOR.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Resume Wage Talks After Truman Bid for Anti-Strike Legislation; Prize Steer Brings \$10 Per Lb.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

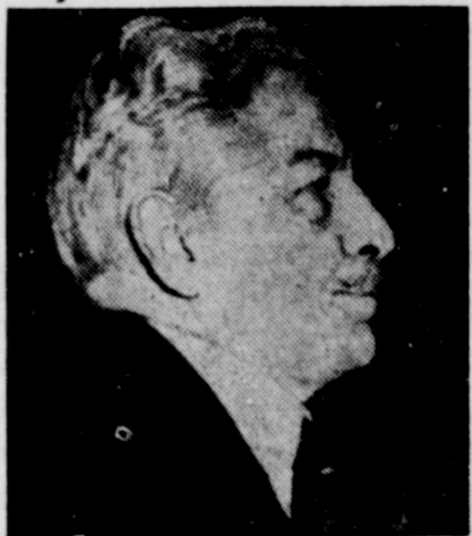
U. S. DIPLOMACY: Charges Double-Dealing

In one of the most boisterous congressional hearings of recent years, wily, silver-haired Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley ripped into the state department career men for their alleged interference with his efforts to unify China and establish it as a base for far eastern political stability.

Alternately calm and heated, Hurley, recently resigned as ambassador to Chungking, told the senate foreign relations committee that during his discussions with Chinese communists he concluded that certain state department officials had convinced the Reds that his policy for unifying the country under Chiang Kai-shek would be scrapped. Instead, the officials were said to have declared that the U. S. would seek to stabilize Asia with a controlled Japanese empire.

In hitting at the career men, Hurley charged that they sided with imperialist Great Britain, France and the Netherlands for keeping the orient divided to permit the continued exploitation of the subject people.

In alleging underhanded state department workings, Hurley stated that war plans drawn up for the Big Three meet at Yalta and favoring the distribution of Allied arms to Chinese Reds if they were within



Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley

the area of proposed American landings, were communicated to the communists. As a result, the Reds moved en masse toward the prospective beaches in an effort to secure the arms ahead of Chiang's nationalists.

Mentioning George Atcheson Jr., and John S. Service as two of the career men working against his unification plan in Chungking, Hurley said they returned to the U. S. to be promoted as his superiors.

LABOR: Truman Scare

Because President Truman's proposal for the creation of fact-finding machinery to speed settlement of industrial strife was reported to have thrown a scare into both capital and labor, General Motors and the CIO's United Automobile Workers agreed to a resumption of negotiations over the union's demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

At the same time, expert observers looked to settlement of wage disputes involving two other major CIO organizations, the United Steel Workers against U. S. Steel corporation and the Electrical Workers against Westinghouse, General Electric and other corporations in this industry.

Decision of G. M. and UAW to resume bargaining reportedly followed a secret meeting between company and union officials in Pittsburgh, Pa., in which the danger of the President's proposal to free negotiation was said to have been discussed. Under Mr. Truman's request for congressional authority to set up fact-finding machinery, government representatives would be empowered to look into both company and union books to determine validity of rival claims and strike action would be withheld during the investigations.

Advanced after failure of the labor-management conference in Washington, D. C., to establish mechanism for speedy settlement of industrial warfare, the President's proposal drew quick fire from union circles, the CIO announcing vigorous steps would be taken in an effort to divert the requested legislation.

In openly breaking with the Democratic administration on the proposed measure, CIO Chieftain Philip Murray declared the design of such

legislation was to weaken and destroy labor organization while appeasing American industry which has refused to bargain sincerely over wage demands.

PEARL HARBOR: Prepared: Marshall

Declaring that American military forces in Hawaii were more adequately equipped than at any other installation in the army, Gen. George C. Marshall, former U. S. chief of staff, told the congressional committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster that he felt Maj. Gen. Walter Short was prepared to meet a surprise attack on quick notice.

Reflecting general military opinion, however, Marshall testified that he did not expect a Japanese attack on the big base, even though both the army and navy were aware that enemy spies there were forwarding information on fleet movements in Pearl Harbor to Tokyo. A conservative Japanese thrust southward to Thailand and Malaya was anticipated, Marshall related.

Acknowledging receipt of Short's reply to Marshall warning of possible hostilities sent on November 27, the ex-chief of staff said special attention was not called to the fact that the Hawaiian commander had only reported alerting his forces against sabotage without mentioning other preparations.

Regarding U. S., British, Dutch and Canadian pre-Pearl Harbor discussions, Marshall said their purpose primarily concerned the defeat of Germany rather than Japan. In a message to President Roosevelt sometime in the summer of 1941, the former chief of staff opined that the Allies could not defeat the Nazis with supplies alone, but large ground forces would be required.

Jap Chief Faces Death
First major axis personage to be convicted of war crimes, Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita's life depended on a U. S. Supreme court disposition of his appeal that the military commission trying him lacked authority, and finally upon Gen. Douglas MacArthur if the high American tribunal denied his petition. Though Yamashita was not directly charged with committing atrocities, he was accused of having countenanced them. With typical Japanese humility in defeat, Yamashita thanked the U. S. for supplying him with "brilliant and conscientious" lawyers for his trial, and also praised the fairness of the hearings.

FAT STOCK: Record Sale

Grand champion of the Chicago Market Fat Stock show, Tomahawk, sleek Shorthorn steer raised by Carl A. Henkel of Mason City, Iowa, and Joseph Duca of Belmont, Iowa, brought the highest price ever paid for a steer when it was auctioned off to John R. Thompson, Chicago restaurateur, for \$11,100.

Sired from a Shorthorn bull bred by Chicago Packer Thomas E. Wilson, Tomahawk scaled 1,100 pounds, bringing the owners' return to \$10 a pound, \$1.15 less than the all-time top per pound paid to the Eastern States exposition champion of 915 pounds in 1929. Tomahawk's huge return justified the confidence of its owners, who turned down a \$500 bid for the steer 17 months ago.

High prices prevailed for stock champions, Karl Hoffman, veteran Hereford breeder of Ida Grove, Iowa, receiving \$30,660 for his grand prize carload of 15 steers averaging 1,022 pounds, and George E. Hoffman and his son, George Jr. of Ida Grove, Iowa, obtaining \$1,742 for the top carload of 26 Berkshire hogs averaging 268 pounds.

Honor 4-H

Climax to the whirlwind 4-H congress held in Chicago, Ill., 151 delegates received approximately \$32,000 in awards at the annual banquet staged in the Stevens hotel. Of the total, \$17,200 was paid in scholarships mostly of \$200 denominations while \$14,600 was disbursed in travelling expenses and \$900 in victory bonds.

Of five-day duration, the 24th annual 4-H convention proved a field day for the 1,200 delegates in attendance, 80 per cent of whom had never been outside their home states or stopped at a hotel, and 50 per cent of whom had enjoyed their first train ride in coming to the meet.

Stressing the need for individual progress and enterprise to assure survival, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told 4-H delegates that 50 per cent of the youth living on farms will have to seek other occupations due to increasing efficiency and mechanization.

FARM PROBLEM: CED Solutions

Broader vocational training, special types of rural employment services and an accelerated shift of manufacturing into country areas would materially assist in the increased use of surplus farm labor in industry and help solve one of the primary problems of agriculture, the Committee for Economic Development declared in a statement released by Chester Davis, CED vice chairman and president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

With agriculture destined to look more and more to the co-operative effort of government for assistance in resolving problems arising from heavy mechanized production and pressure on commodity prices, the CED foresaw a need for three types of federal payments within the near future: (1) to enable farmers in depressed regions like the cotton belt to shift to other crops or occupations; (2) to compensate operators for the effect of severe industrial depressions, and (3) to permit realization of the government pledge to support farm prices for two years after the war.

In reference to long-range price policy, CED asked for re-examination of the whole cost system, beginning with a redefinition of parity in relation to existing conditions.

GOP: Map Platform

Making no bones about their conservatism, Republican members of congress drawing up a campaign platform for 1946 called for balancing the budget, economy and reduction of bureaucracy and represented themselves as the counterweight to what they styled Democratic radicalism.

In rounding out their domestic platform, the GOP solons backed collective bargaining with government provision for speeding settlement of disputes, and also stood for government support of farm prices in the readjustment period and agriculture's future fair share of the national income.

In foreign affairs, the Republicans favored the United Nations organization, the right of individual nations to self-government and extension of relief to the needy in war-torn lands abroad to prevent chaos and misery. Advocating a well-trained armed force, the GOP also asked for scientific research to assure the most modern weapons.

Cocky Hermann



Now heading the list of 20 top Nazis being tried for war crimes in Nuernberg, Hermann Goering found diversion in palmier days playing with animals from his miniature zoo at Karin Hall estate. Blandly assuming responsibility for all of his official acts and continuing to swear by national socialism, Goering has been the most aggressive of the Hitlerian big-wigs at the trial, now in its second phase with British prosecution of principals on charges they violated international treaties.

BRITISH LOAN: Trade Help

In what the British termed "a magna carta for world trade," the Truman administration replied to their appeal for a loan to permit an orderly resumption of their foreign commerce by agreeing to an advance of 4.4 billion dollars subject to congressional approval.

Flatly turning down British proposals for an outright grant on the strength of arguments that their early stand had prevented a Nazi victory, the administration agreed to spread the loan over a 50-year period at a 2 per cent interest rate, first payable in 1951.

As a result of the loan, Britain will be able to pay off wartime debts by shipment of finished goods to creditor nations, while still importing material to maintain an adequate living standard. The two countries also pledged to work for a reduction in tariffs and the elimination of quotas and other restrictions on world trade.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 23

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS TO THE WORLD

LESSON TEXT: Luke 2:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

Christmas again! Yes, and it's going to be a joyful Christmas this year, isn't it? Let's not miss a single bit of the joy and gladness of the season. Let's observe all the precious customs and traditions. Let's share in the pleasantness and the laughter. Some may have to do it with a sense of sadness hidden in their hearts, but even they will join us in really keeping Christmas this year.

But don't forget to keep Christ in your Christmas this year as never before! We who know Him should realize how much the world needs Him. We should see in the months just ahead our greatest opportunity to make Him known.

Our lesson topic is "The Message of Christmas to the World." What is that message? Here it is:

I. Make Room for Jesus! (vv. 1-7).

"It came to pass"—yes, it always does when God has given His promise. For seven centuries God had said, "He is coming," and then He came. God rules the affairs of this world even though thoughtless and unbelieving men not only grieve Him, but often defy Him.

Jesus came—but He came to a manger, "because there was no room for him in the inn." Is it not the same today? There is no room for Him now in the hearts of most men. Is He wanted in our places of business, in our governmental offices, in our social gatherings?

Remember, it was not because they hated Him that there was no room. It was just that they were "preoccupied." That is the trouble in men's hearts today.

That is the message of Christmas! Make room in your heart, in your life and in your home for Jesus! Then go quickly and

II. Tell Others About Jesus! (vv. 8-12).

The religious leaders slept soundly the night Jesus was born. They knew the prophecies of His coming, but they were not looking for Him. Perchance some of them slept in the very inn where He could not be received.

But the shepherds were awake. They knew that something unbelievably great had happened, for the heavens were ablaze with celestial glory.

At first they were afraid, but they were soon comforted by the words "Fear not." How characteristic that message is of the whole gospel testimony. Fear not, there is salvation; Jesus has come to seek and to save the lost.

But be sure to note that such a message is not just for one's personal joy and encouragement; it is for "all people" (v. 10). The shepherds realized that and the verses following our lesson tell us that "they made known" what they had seen (vv. 17-20).

How great that need is today! After all these centuries since Jesus came there are still multitudes of people on this earth who have never heard about our Saviour. There are children who would ordinarily have been in church and Sunday school who, because of the war, have grown up in heathen darkness.

Make room for Jesus, and then make Him known to others. That will lead you to

III. Praise God for Jesus (vv. 13-14).

The angels could hardly wait with their praise. "Suddenly" a multitude of the heavenly host appeared, praising God for the blessed message of peace and good will.

The Christian life is quite incomplete and unbalanced if it does not include much praise. The Lord is worthy of all the praise of every believing heart this Christmas Day!

The writer of these notes extends to you the heartiest of good wishes at this glad Christmas season. He pleads with you if you are not a Christian, make room for the Saviour in your heart! Then, let us all make Him known everywhere, to the praise and glory of His name.

It would please the one who prepares these notes to have a word from his friends everywhere, assuring him of their interest and prayers. Just a postcard will do. The address is at the head of the column. Don't expect a reply, but be assured that he will pray for you

Credit Should Be Given Where Credit Is Due!

The Chinese tell a little story about a pauper couple that used to sleep under a bridge crossing the Yangtze river. Each night as they would go to sleep they would think over the day's activities.

One day the richest man in the town—the banker—was crossing the bridge, muttering to himself about his losses that day at the marketplace.

The pauper's wife heard the muttering, and said to her husband, "Fortunate indeed are those of us without financial worries."

Her husband felt elated and, throwing out his chest, said: "Yes, and to whom do you owe your fortunate position?"



IT'S DOUBLE ACTING says Aunt Sussie

Yes, New ROYAL S. A. S. Phosphate Baking Powder gives double action—the first in the mixing bowl, the second in the oven. Assures 2-way safety and success in all baking!



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HER BOSS LIKES HER WHITE UNIFORMS

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.—Miss Minnie Belle Poole must have a particular boss. Here is what she wrote in a letter about Faultless Starch:

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EASY—FOR BUSY FOLKS

Another wonderful thing about Faultless Starch is that it makes it EASY for busy people to do beautiful starching and ironing. It takes only a minute to make perfect hot starch with Faultless Starch. Just cream it with a little cool water and add boiling water while stirring—that's all—it's ready to use.

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You should try Faultless Starch right away. You'll like it so much you'll never want to be without it. —Adv.

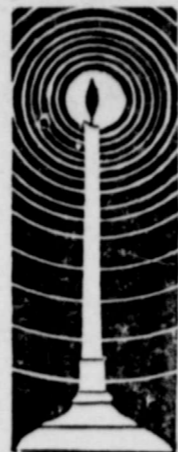
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Plenty Of Paper Shell Pecans

Almonds, Drake 49c lb. — Walnuts, Diamond 43c

Tangerines, So. Texas, lb. 12¹/₂c

Green Onions, bunch 6 1-2c — Yams, East Texas, 9¹/₂c

Carrots, fine flavor, bunch 6 1-2c : Spinach, lb. 10c

Rutabagas, waxed, pound 6¹/₂c

Celery, California, stalk - 19c

Potatoes, New Reds, 2 lbs. 19c

Roasted Peanuts, Jumbo Reds, 12-oz. cello bag - 27c

In Our Meat Department

T-Bone Steak - pound - 35c

Treet, Prem or Spam, can 35c

Seven Bone Roast - pound 28c

Spare Ribs - per pound 25c

Meadow Lake Oleo lb. 25c

Summer Sausage - pound 33c

Libbys Y.C. Peaches No. 10 can 93c

Assorted candies
Candy Hard Filled **37c**
8-ounce cello bag—

Dates, 14 ounce cello package - 49c

Shelled Pecans, 1-lb. pieces 89c

Shelled Pecans, 1-lb. halves 99c

Fruit Cakes 1 pound tin 49c
2-lb. tin 97c

Westshire Mincemeat, 2 pound jar 49c

Per-Sun Stuffed Olives, pint jar 69c

Franciscan Queen Olives, pint jar 39c

Sunmaid Seedless Raisins, 15-oz. 13c

Market Day Raisins, 4-pound bag 56c

Campbell Tomato Soup, tall can 9c

Hershey Cocoa 8-oz. pkg. 10c

C & H Sugar, 10 pound bag - 63c

Blue Gulf Shrimp, 7-ounce tin - 49c

Empire Brand Oysters, 7 1-2 oz. tin 49c

Cut Rite Wax Paper, 125-ft. roll 19c

Gold Medal Flour 10-lb bag 54

Pitted Dates in Brandy, 1 pound jar - 99c

Peerless Fancy Sifted Peas, No. 2 tin - 19c

Peaches, Sliced, Nugget, 2 1-2 tin - 25c

Peach Halves, Nugget, 2 1-2 tin - 27c

Fruit Cocktail, Nugget, 2 1-2 tin - 32c

Maxwell House Coffee, 1 pound glass 32c

Prunes Saratoga 1-lb. 17c
Saratoga 2lb 32c

Lipton Soup Mix 10c

Lipton Tea - 26c
1-4 pound package



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THE mind is the master over every kind of fortune: itself acts in both ways, being the cause of its own happiness and misery.—Seneca.

Kindness in our selves is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in another.—Lander.

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man must keep his friendship in constant repair.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.—John Burroughs.

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"This Is Our Homeland"



Alabama FASCINATING CONTRASTS

By Edward Emerine, WNU Features.

THE mellowness of the old, the bustle of the new, the promise of the future. That is Alabama.

The stately ancestral mansions still remain but coal and iron mines nearby now team with human activity. A forest of virgin timber may surround a forest of active smokestacks. The easy-going crossroads general store is not far from a modern highway or an airport. A great oak which sheltered Fernando DeSoto holds its hoary moss over a laboratory where chemical magic is performed. Here is a hall where once swirled crinolines beneath thousand-candled chandeliers, and down the same street is a modern office building where business affairs are discussed. That's versatile, gracious Alabama.

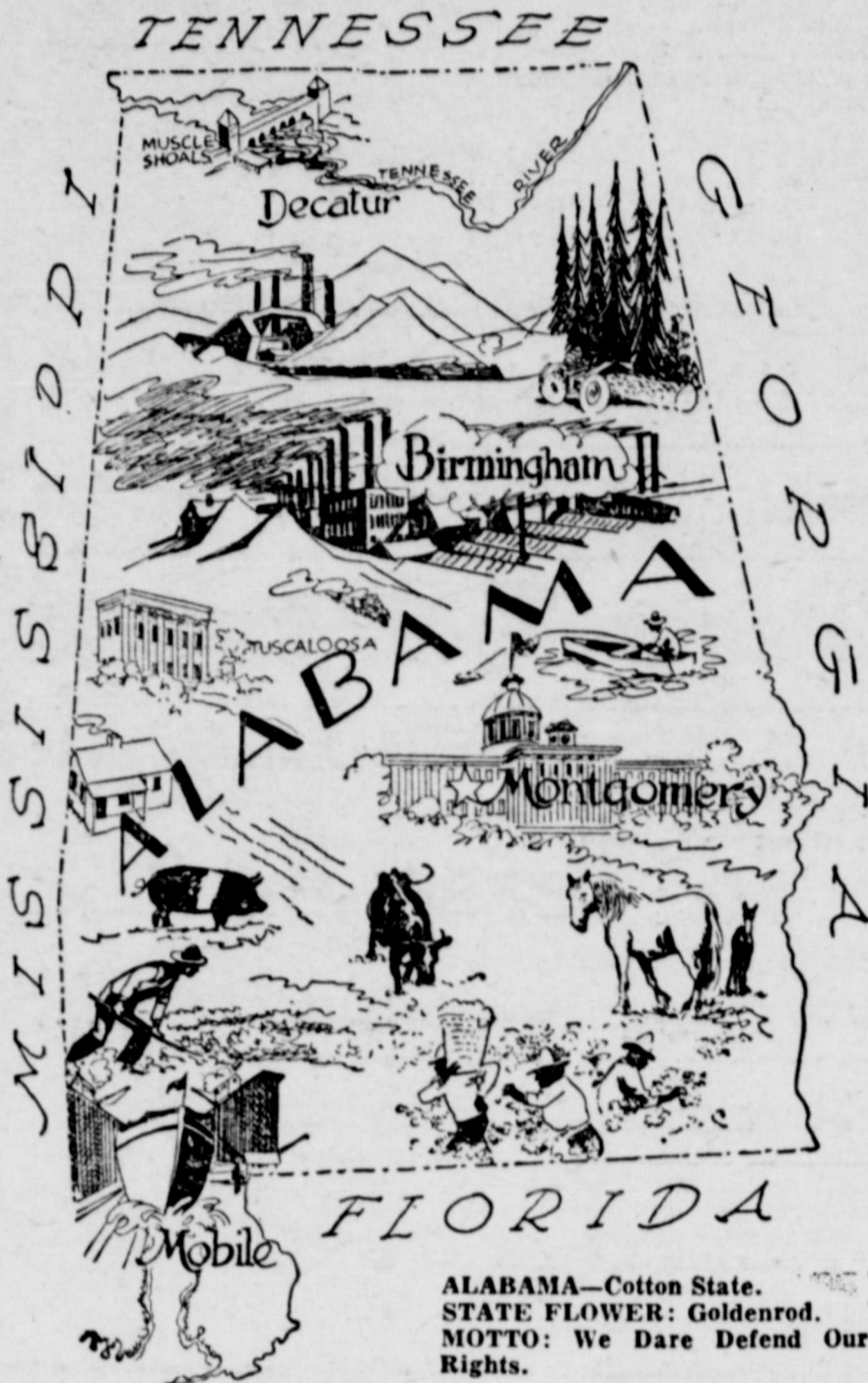
The word "Alabama" in the Muskegean Indian tongue literally means "vegetation gatherers," or "thicket clearers." And well the word may, for Alabama's 200 types of soil grow more than 4,400 species of trees and plants as well as most of the agricultural products known to the temperate zone! Average annual rainfall is 53.87 inches, while the average annual temperature ranges from 60 degrees F. in the northern part of the state to 67 degrees F. near the coast. The growing season ranges from 190 days in the northern part to 300 days on the southern coast.

Cheaha mountain, the state's highest point, is 2,407 feet above sea level. Alabama stretches 336 miles from the Appalachian mountains to the Gulf of Mexico.

Not only is Alabama the land of corn and cotton. It also grows peanuts, hay and oats, truck crops and fruits, and in many sections has specialties such as water cress, gladioli and peonies, as well as its famed azaleas and camelia japonicas. There are many commercial nurseries.

In 1944, there were 1,255,000 head of cattle in the state, both beef and dairy type. Alabama has over a million head of hogs and 17,000,000 chickens. (Southern-fried? Yes, lots of 'em!) Alabama leads the nation in the shipment of live bees and queens.

Beneath the rich top soil, too, Alabama has great wealth. Its mines produce coal, iron ore, flake graph-



ALABAMA—Cotton State.
STATE FLOWER: Goldenrod.
MOTTO: We Dare Defend Our Rights.

Alabama's state government has been streamlined. The state treasury holds a surplus of 40 million dollars. Its industries are expanding. Agriculture is prosperous. Natural resources are being conserved and wisely utilized. Rich by nature, Alabama is made richer by man's skill and intelligence. Alabamans travel toward new horizons.

Civil war, but emerged into a new era of development which continues steadily. With a temperate climate, fertile soil and raw materials, the possibilities for advancement and progress are portrayed vividly against the mellowness of the old South down in Alabama, where people are proud to say: "This is our homeland."



INDIAN MOUNDS, WATERFALLS. . . Alabama's good highways and all-year-'round climate bring scenic points close to those who live in the cities. Above picture shows the highest of the many Indian mounds found in the state. On the right is one of the state's famous waterfalls. With a rich historical background, Alabama has hundreds of old mansions and other spots for tourists to visit. The Alabama Memorial building is a treasure-house of documents, pictures and relics of the stirring days of '61 and other periods of the state's history. Every town retains its historical interest. In sharp contrast to virgin forests and waterfalls are the smokestacks of Alabama's industrial plants, the busy life of its cities and its many airports.



ite, and clay and shale for brick-making. It has sandstone and marble for building, bauxite as a source for aluminum, quartzite and rock asphalt. Five oil wells are now producing in Choctaw county.

In industry, the state has lumber, shipbuilding, textiles, mines, cement, pipe plants, chemicals, steel, aluminum, hydroelectric plants and dozens of others which use by-products and farm products in manufacturing and processing.

The annual value of products manufactured in Alabama is more than twice the value of all farm products. Large industries using the state's natural resources have been successfully operating over long periods of years. The largest manufacturer of cotton ginning machinery in the world began its work in Alabama 136 years ago in Prattville. Large textile mills have operated 100 years.

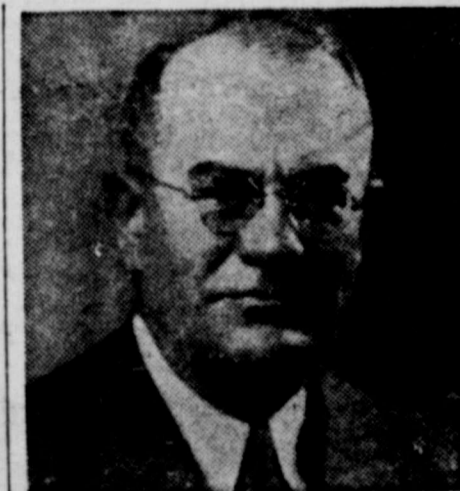
The iron and steel industry is concentrated in the Birmingham district. Necessary coal and ore are readily available for the manufacture of iron and steel.

But they do not forget their heritage of the past.

DeSoto and his Spaniards passed through the lower Gulf country in 1540. Once a part of Louisiana, it was old Fort Louis de la Mobile on Mobile river that was made the capital in 1702. Mobile at its present site dates from 1711. Later Alabama was a part of the territory of Mississippi, formed in 1798, but became a separate territory in 1817 and a state in 1819. St. Stephens was the territorial capital, and Huntsville was the temporary seat of the first state government. Cahawba was the first state capital site, but the government moved to Tuscaloosa in 1826. It was not until 1847 that Montgomery became the permanent seat.

When Alabama seceded from the Union on January 11, 1861, the delegates from the southern states met at Montgomery and selected Jefferson Davis as president of the Confederacy. He was inaugurated at the present state capital.

Alabama passed through the throes of reconstruction after the

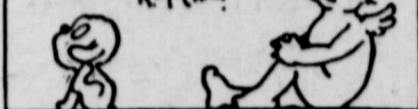


GOVERNOR CHAUNCEY SPARKS Elected governor in 1942, Chauncey Sparks, a bachelor, was a lawyer, judge and legislator before entering his high office. He was born at Eufaula, Ala., October 8, 1884. He is a graduate of Mercer university, Macon, and a member of the Baptist church.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I'm very forgiving and sweet as a rule. The grudges I bear are all quickly erased. But there's one fellow creature I cannot forgive—

The person who won't put the lid on the paste.



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ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Who was the first President of the United States to be born a citizen of the United States?
2. In weather language what is a thundercloud called?
3. What is an aureole?
4. Through what cession did the United States acquire its largest addition of territory?
5. What is a sadist?

The Answers

1. Martin Van Buren.
2. Cumulo-nimbus.
3. Illumination surrounding the body of a holy person in Christian art.
4. Louisiana Purchase.
5. One who delights in inflicting pain on others.

SNAPPY FACTS

about RUBBER



A recent survey reveals that 84.5% of the nation's post-war travelers will prefer to use automobiles as their method of transportation.

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Average passenger tire cost per 1000 miles of travel has been reduced from \$2.35 to 65c during the last 25 years.

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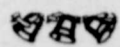
The best place to start your shopping tour is in your favorite easy-chair, with an open newspaper.



Joyous Christmas

1945

That best part of a good man's life—
His little, nameless unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.
—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH



Christmas is the season of the open heart
and the open door. Let none stand out in
the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows,
where each helps share the other's happi-
ness and all do their part towards making
the Christmas season enjoyable for each
and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a
position to serve you. We take great pleas-
ure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

RUBY L. PETTIT

County Treasurer, Coke County, Texas



Merry Christmas one and all

A Salute

to our friends and a big, hearty Christ-
mas wish to you all, this merry, merry
Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to
mind our greatest source of pleasure has
been our contact with folks like you.

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HOLY-NIGHT-SILENT-NIGHT

CHRISTMAS Greetings

AS the light of Christmas again brightens
our faces and lightens our hearts, we
turn our thoughts from ourselves to help
others. For this is the spirit that first saw the
light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two
thousand years ago, and which has en-
dured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your
dear ones and bring happiness to your
home this Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams



Best wishes for Christmas

There's no place like home when
Christmas comes around, and there's
no time like right now to wish all
you kindly home folks the merriest
Christmas ever.

It has been a privilege and a pleas-
ure to have served you in 1945, and
we look forward to your continued
friendship.



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The Season of Christmas

THE STAGE COACH has given place to the streamliner. The electric light has snuffed out the soft-beamed candle. Tinkling sleigh bells are drowned in the roar of motor horns. But who will say that Christmas has lost its charm? With Christmas at hand we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest dealing, and express our appreciation of your friendship for us

"HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL;
BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL,
WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!"



WILLIS SMITH

District and County Clerk, Coke County, Texas



PEACE ON EARTH · GOOD WILL
...TOWARD ALL MEN...

EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



Roe's Red & White Store

Robert Lee, Texas



With this glowing background to remind us, we are ready to speak our piece. It is a very simple one . . . the same as last year and the year before: Thank you one and all for your kindness to us, and

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

McNEIL WYLIE

County Judge, Coke County, Texas



To each of us the word Christmas summons many happy memories. To some it recalls a ride over the frozen countryside to grandma's, sleigh-bells tinkling all the while. To others it recalls happy reunions in mirth-filled living rooms, gay banquets and glowing Christmas trees. But to all it recalls days of charm and endearment, the happiest days of our lives.

May you know this happiness in all its fullness once again, dear friends this Christmas season of 1945

T. W. CASEY

Chevrolet Dealer

Robert Lee



'HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING'

Once more we assemble in happy reunion to celebrate the age-old tradition of Christmas. Short though the days, long though the nights, the glowing background of Christmas makes all hearts light.

Recalling now the happy relationships of 1945 we wish you the choicest blessings this holy season can bestow.

City of Robert Lee



This is the season of good will, and, looking down the long list of names of those who have shown their good will towards us in 1945, we come to yours. We want to thank you for this good will on your part, and to send just the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmastime.

John H. Brown
Blacksmithing—Welding



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1945 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.

Cumbie & Roach

Tests Show Refuse Runs High in Mining

At least one ton of mine refuse is produced for each ten tons of marketed coal in the Pittsburgh area, the bureau engineers found after careful tests for coal content at some mines and general observations at others. The ratio at mechanized mines ran as high as one ton of refuse for every three tons of coal, while at hand-loading operations it was about one to twenty.

Mine refuse comes from falls of roof, cleaning up roadways and working places in the mine, and material that has been rejected in handpicking. It is "gobbed" underground or brought to the surface and dumped in piles. Many surface waste piles are destroyed by burning. Some of the mines in the Pittsburgh area already are recovering coal from mine refuse, while many others are not.

In proving that valuable coal is being overlooked in waste piles, bureau engineers sampled a truckload of nearly 17,000 pounds of typical refuse fresh from a mine and found that it contained more than 2,500 pounds of coal suitable for industrial use.

The salvaging of coal from mine refuse may have a role of importance in the future of mechanical operations and low-cost mining, the bureau engineers pointed out. As the unit-cost of mining goes down with full-seam mining and large-scale handling of bulk material, the recovery of coal from mine refuse may become more profitable.

Moderate Temperatures Needed in Bulb Storage

Extra care should be taken in the storing of bulbs and tubers such as those of gladioli, cannas and dahlias. The storing of bulbs and tubers is a problem with many gardeners whose homes have heated basements.

An unheated cellar with a dirt floor which will keep apples and potatoes in good condition during the winter, will keep bulbs and tubers as well. There are three things to guard against in storing: excessive temperature, which will cause them to sprout; lack of humidity, which will dry them out; and lack of air, which will encourage mildew.

A temperature of 50 degrees or lower is ideal, but they will endure higher if the other factors are favorable. It is possible to keep them in a heated basement if they are protected by a covering of earth, sand or peat moss which is occasionally moistened.

Attack Illiteracy

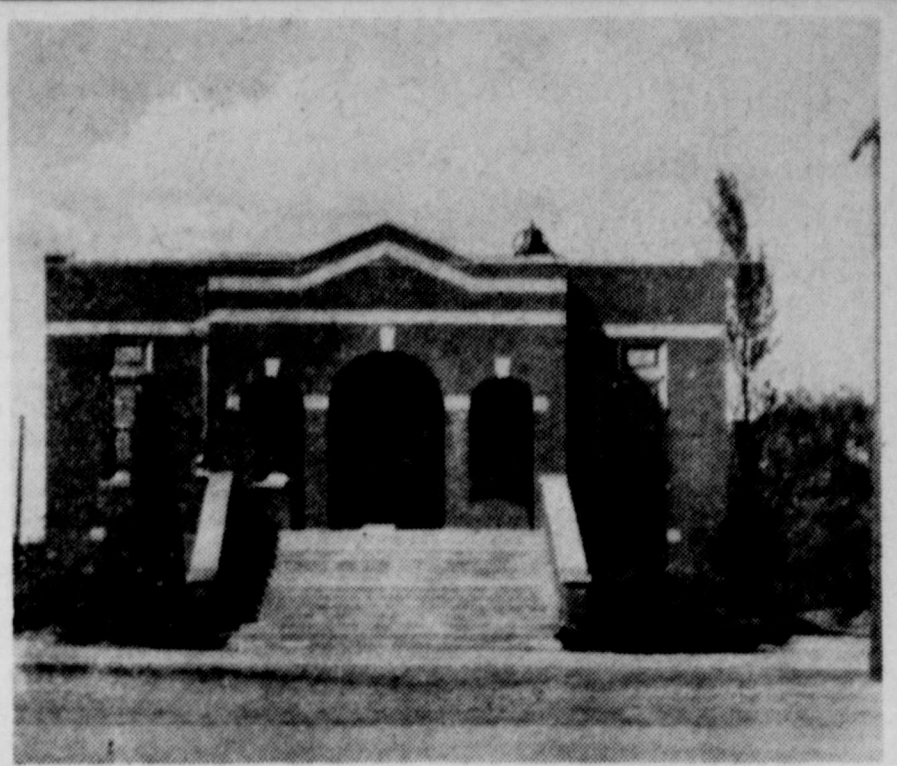
Mexico, with an estimated illiteracy rate which ranges from approximately 46 per cent for the nation as a whole to as much as 65 per cent in certain states, is preparing to launch a mass attack on analphabetism. A campaign is to begin in which each literate Mexican between the ages of 18 and 60 will be asked to impart his knowledge of reading and writing to at least one illiterate countryman.

The most recent census taken in this country, in 1940, shows that only 6,809,241 inhabitants in a total population of 19,563,552 are capable of reading and writing Spanish. Of the remaining population, 8,956,812 persons over the age of six are unable to read or write the national idiom, and more than 1,237,000 Mexicans of Indian origin lack even a speaking knowledge of the language. Official estimates place the national illiteracy rate at 45.57 per cent, but Manana, a leading magazine published in Mexico asserts that almost 57 per cent of the population may be classified as analphabet.

Plant Food Loss

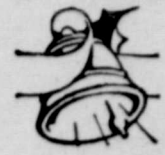
It is just about as difficult to determine with accuracy the quantity of plant food removed by crops as it is to estimate precisely the quantity of either total or available plant food in the soil. The chemical composition of crops varies, being influenced by the soil, by weather, by fertilizer treatment, and by other factors. Another difficulty is the fact that harvesting methods and the utilization of crops vary from place to place. For example, in some areas corn is practically all cut and shocked, both the grain and the stover being removed from the land, whereas in the Corn Belt proper most of the corn is husked from the standing stalk, and the stalks are left on the land. Much of the small grain is harvested with the combine, which leaves the straw on the land, but in some cases the straw is baled and removed.

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As the Shadows

fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Campbell



Listen!

Hear that horn! Hear that excitement in the air, that laughter! It's Christmas, neighbor, the most hopeful Christmas in years!

Imbued with this buoyant spirit of hope we express our wish for a genuine Merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons.

Billie Campbell's Beauty Shop



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

Looney Lumber & Hardware Co.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Congress to Probe Diplomacy of State Department; Maneuver to Modify Demands of CIO Unions

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Although handicapped by an almost complete lack of tools, these German prisoners of war in PW camp at Fowey, England, still managed to turn out this varied collection of toys to help fill Santa's bag for little Britons. The amateur workmen included a former Berlin judge, a doctor from Hamburg and university students.

U. S. DIPLOMACY: Duplicity Charged

Long under fire for its implementation of American foreign policy in the wake of U. S. victories on the battlefield, the state department was scheduled for congressional investigation following ex-Amb. Patrick Hurley's charge that some of its personnel had worked counter to his efforts to promote the unification of China.

In losing his bombshell on Capitol Hill, Hurley declared that certain professional diplomats were inviting future conflict by siding with the Chinese communist party and the imperialistic bloc of nations in keeping China divided against itself and unable to resist encroachment.

While he worked for a democratic China which could act as stabilizing influence in the Orient, Hurley charged, some state department officials told the Chinese communists that his activities did not reflect the policy of the U. S. and they should not enter into a unified government unless retaining military control.

Agreement to investigate the state department followed the demand of Senator Wherry (Rep., Neb.) for an inquiry to determine whether there was any variance between U. S. foreign policy and the Potsdam declaration and whether the foreign service was interfering with domestic affairs in South America, influencing other countries toward communist government, or clashing with the army and navy over occupation policy.

Meanwhile, Gen. George C. Marshall, ex-chief of staff, prepared to embark upon his duties as special envoy to China in the midst of Chiang Kai-shek's redoubling of efforts to unify the country and open the way for vigorous postwar economic expansion. In announcing his program to modernize the country, Chiang declared the No. 1 goal would be the improvement of transportation to facilitate an exchange of materials between the various regions.

LABOR: On Defensive

Heretofore on the offensive with its demands for higher wages to maintain high wartime pay, the CIO was suddenly thrown back on the defensive with the Ford Motor company's proposal that the United Automobile workers pay a \$5 a day fine for workers involved in unauthorized strikes.

Ford asked for this protection against production losses as officials continued negotiations with the UAW, whose leaders have maintained that the industry can afford 30 per cent pay boosts without raising prices because of large reserves and promises of substantial profits from huge postwar output.

While UAW immediately challenged the effectiveness of a fine in curbing wildcat walkouts, Ford officials insisted that the union could exert sufficient pressure on its locals to prevent unauthorized strikes, slowdowns and controlled production.

Meanwhile, General Motors, reversing a previous stand, agreed to consult with government officials concerning resumption of negotiations with the UAW after the union gave ground in its demands for a 30 per cent wage increase. With the company holding out for a modification of terms, the UAW declared that it would seek no wage increase

necessitating a rise in prices.

With the work stoppages in G. M. plants threatening to paralyze practically all of the automobile industry because of its dependence upon G. M. for parts, a further menace to reconversion was posed in the United Steel workers vote for a strike if leaders deemed one necessary to enforce demands for a \$2 a day wage raise.

OPA refusal to grant steel manufacturers price increases until the conclusion of the year's operations permits closer study of their profit also has hardened company resistance to the UAW demands. To the union's assertion that the industry could well pay the increase out of alleged "hidden profits," management has replied that government findings have classified the so-called "hidden profits" as reasonable business reserves assuring future expansion.

WAR CRIMES: Pleads Innocence

First major axis personage to be brought to trial for war crimes, Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya" and Jap commander in the Philippines, flatly denied charges of countenancing rape, pillage and murder and then rested his case.

As the Allied military tribunal pondered the case, Yamashita considered appeal to the U. S. Supreme court in case of conviction on grounds of illegality of the proceedings. Previously the Philippine Supreme court had refused a similar protest, with the demand the defendant be freed for trial before civil authorities.

In taking the stand to deny charges against him, the squat, browned Jap general declared he ordered none of the atrocities related by scores of witnesses or contained in hearsay evidence admitted by the court. To the accusation that he had planned the extermination of the Filipinos, Yamashita declared that common sense indicated the impracticability of killing 18 million people.

The case against Yamashita was complicated by the apparent division of command in Japanese ground, naval and air forces in the Philippines. While as ground commander Yamashita said he had ordered the withdrawal of his troops from Manila for warfare in the mountains, Nipponese naval detachments remained within the capital for the fighting which heavily damaged the city and exposed civilians to danger.

Meanwhile, the trial of 20 top Nazis proceeded apace in Nuernberg, with the U. S. prosecutors drawing from voluminous evidence to prove charges of German conspiracy for aggressive warfare.

Citing a statement of Diplomatist Franz Von Papen that southeastern Europe was Germany's hinterland and must be brought within the political framework of the Reich, U. S. Prosecutor Sidney Alderman quoted documents to show that Hitler had delegated Von Papen to develop a program of Nazi infiltration into the Austrian government to take it over after the aborted putsch of 1934.

Washington Digest

SSB Finds Workers Want Jobs, Not Pay to Be Idle



Only One in Six Who Lose Jobs Ever Ask for Unemployment Insurance, and Even They Soon Leave Rolls.

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Two men who have been life-long friends will have occasion to remember the month of August, 1945, for a long time to come. Sgt. Peter Pugh, waiting for invasion on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Japan, heard that the war was over. Hank Haines, welder in a medium bomber plant, drew with his pay envelope a notice that his job had come to an end because medium bombers were no longer needed.

Of course the sergeant was not discharged immediately. Neither was Hank—not immediately. He had two weeks. Then he went downtown to file his unemployment compensation claim and put in an application with the United States Employment Service for a new job. Within six weeks he was back at the aircraft factory, but instead of welding parts for medium bombers he was working on the engine of a giant passenger plane.

Then Peter came home. Before he went off to the Pacific he had worked at the same plant, did the very same type of work Haines was now doing. Peter needed a job and since he was a veteran, Haines once more had to give up his position and file another claim with the unemployment compensation office.

Fiction? The names are. But the stories contain facts that have been happening thousands of times in all parts of the country since the war ended. Facts like these are telling some important things to an agency in Washington that was set up at the bottom of the depression to try to help people meet the economic crisis that comes to almost everyone some time. This agency is the Social Security board, and I am thinking particularly of that division of it which administers the state unemployment compensation laws.

The sudden end of the war brought manifold problems to this agency. Like many others, it had expected reconversion and demobilization to be gradual processes and unemployment aid was ready to meet that situation. But the atomic bomb changed the picture and suddenly millions of men and women were thrown onto the labor market. There was a sudden rise in claims for unemployment insurance as the country grappled with the problem of creating jobs for the workers who were no longer needed when war contracts were terminated and for the boys who were doffing uniforms for muffin.

Facts on Jobless Pay

In this first experience of its kind since the SSB came into being some important facts are being uncovered—answers to such questions as: What is the truth about peace-induced unemployment in this country?

When on the average will the unemployment compensation periods run out and the crisis become acute if there are not enough jobs?

What kind of people are asking for jobless pay? Is it true that they are taking this money and not bothering to look for work?

Let us see what answers the Employment Bureau of the Social Security Board is finding to these questions as experts here in Washington and in the field sift through a great mass of data. First, I might say that unemployment compensation claims at this writing are a good barometer of the unemployment throughout the country brought on by the war. Later this would not be the case. When there is a long period of heavy unemployment, people who have been out of work for four months or more would not appear on the claims lists and therefore would not figure in the statistics. But the situation is different today. The rise in unemployment is fresh and the periods of payment have not yet been used up by many claimants. So the rolls reflect a true picture of the situation.

As these lines are written, the second wave of unemployment to hit the country since the war ended is mounting as the first wave recedes. At the present time workers are being discharged because they are being displaced by servicemen who are being demobilized. The first wave was made up of those persons who found themselves out of jobs

because war industries had to convert to peacetime operation.

In the first wave about six million workers found themselves out of work as a result of the ending of war contracts. Of these, three million shifted to peacetime jobs right away without any interruption, two million registered in unemployment compensation offices and about one million are unaccounted for—they may have found other jobs without registering in the unemployment office, or they might have gone on vacation or retired. About 1,100,000 former war workers of this number found it necessary to draw unemployment compensation. Right now the claims for jobless pay are dropping each week and Social Security officials say that means the full impact of the first wave of unemployment—the reconversion wave—has been felt. The bulk of the war workers have been laid off. The bulk of those who are going to file for benefits have already done so.

What's ahead, then, is the second wave—the unemployment which will come as an aftermath of demobilization.

It is estimated that from six to nine million servicemen are destined to return to industry in the next 9 to 12 months. In addition, about two million workers who have been in government service during the war will be looking for new jobs. That means that about eight million persons will be thrown on the labor market in this second wave which will come as a result of the end of the war.

Crisis Looms By 1947

As nearly as can be judged, Social Security officials see a crisis by 1947 if there are not enough jobs. That is, they expect that unemployment compensation payments will carry people over jobless periods until about 1947, by which time payments will have been used up. Since the amount of compensation and the length of time for which it is paid are based on previous length of employment and wages, it is plain that a period of spotty employment will affect a worker's future benefits.

A different type of person is applying for jobless compensation these days than when the system was set up in the days when apples were being sold on street corners and unemployment was a major threat to family security.

In the early thirties workers collected their benefits for the entire period of their eligibility and still were without jobs. As of this moment they are collecting for an average of four weeks and then getting jobs. Today more women are applying for unemployment compensation than men. Skilled workers make up more than 50 per cent of the claimants; semi-skilled rank next in number.

As unemployment comes into the national picture again and efforts are made to get more complete jobless legislation out of congress, arguments are heard that people who are able to get unemployment compensation do not bother to look for jobs. This is answered by the Social Security Board on the basis of what they have been finding out from the postwar claims.

They point out first that little better than one in six of the persons who lost their jobs as a result of reconversion is receiving unemployment compensation payments. This shows, they say, that a worker prefers a job any day to being paid for not working. Moreover, they point to the fact that over 750,000 persons, or about 35 per cent of the workers who filed claims initially since V-J Day, have already left the rolls and taken jobs. Then there is the testimony that in two representative cities where special studies were made it was found that two-thirds of the workers who left the claim rolls took jobs before they drew any benefits at all. They say that other cases can be cited to prove the point.

Meantime, as the second wave of jobless workers hits the labor market, the unemployment compensation agencies prepare to handle growing claims for jobless pay unless—and until—peacetime industry gets its wheels turning to provide the jobs that are needed.

Photographs of Interesting Events Earn Sizable Sums

Many amateur and professional photographers have earned sizable sums through the sale of prints to publications over a period of years, says Collier's. The picture of the shocked passengers on the deck of the Vestris, taken a few minutes before they were rescued from the sinking Atlantic liner in 1923, made at least \$8,000; snapshots of the Lindbergh plane, as it capsized and threw its occupants into the Yangtze river in 1931, sold outright for \$9,000.

A "bird's-eye view" of San Francisco, made shortly after its great fire in 1906 with a camera elevated 600 feet by kites, produced a profit of \$15,000.

IT'S NEW ROYAL - and it's Low-Priced! says Aunt Sessie

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Congress to Probe Diplomacy of State Department; Maneuver to Modify Demands of CIO Unions

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Although handicapped by an almost complete lack of tools, these German prisoners of war in PW camp at Fowey, England, still managed to turn out this varied collection of toys to help fill Santa's bag for little Britons. The amateur workmen included a former Berlin judge, a doctor from Hamburg and university students.

U. S. DIPLOMACY: Duplicity Charged

Long under fire for its implementation of American foreign policy in the wake of U. S. victories on the battlefield, the state department was scheduled for congressional investigation following ex-Amb. Patrick Hurley's charge that some of its personnel had worked counter to his efforts to promote the unification of China.

In losing his bombshell on Capitol Hill, Hurley declared that certain professional diplomats were inviting future conflict by siding with the Chinese communist party and the imperialistic bloc of nations in keeping China divided against itself and unable to resist encroachment.

While he worked for a democratic China which could act as stabilizing influence in the Orient, Hurley charged, some state department officials told the Chinese communists that his activities did not reflect the policy of the U. S. and they should not enter into a unified government unless retaining military control.

Agreement to investigate the state department followed the demand of Senator Wherry (Rep., Neb.) for an inquiry to determine whether there was any variance between U. S. foreign policy and the Potsdam declaration and whether the foreign service was interfering with domestic affairs in South America, influencing other countries toward communist government, or clashing with the army and navy over occupation policy.

Meanwhile, Gen. George C. Marshall, ex-chief of staff, prepared to embark upon his duties as special envoy to China in the midst of Chiang Kai-shek's redoubling of efforts to unify the country and open the way for vigorous postwar economic expansion. In announcing his program to modernize the country, Chiang declared the No. 1 goal would be the improvement of transportation to facilitate an exchange of materials between the various regions.

LABOR: On Defensive

Heretofore on the offensive with its demands for higher wages to maintain high wartime pay, the CIO was suddenly thrown back on the defensive with the Ford Motor company's proposal that the United Automobile workers pay a \$5 a day fine for workers involved in unauthorized strikes.

Ford asked for this protection against production losses as officials continued negotiations with the UAW, whose leaders have maintained that the industry can afford 30 per cent pay boosts without raising prices because of large reserves and promises of substantial profits from huge postwar output.

While UAW immediately challenged the effectiveness of a fine in curbing wildcat walkouts, Ford officials insisted that the union could exert sufficient pressure on its locals to prevent unauthorized strikes, slowdowns and controlled production.

Meanwhile, General Motors, reversing a previous stand, agreed to consult with government officials concerning resumption of negotiations with the UAW after the union gave ground in its demands for a 30 per cent wage increase. With the company holding out for a modification of terms, the UAW declared that it would seek no wage increase

necessitating a rise in prices. With the work stoppages in G. M. plants threatening to paralyze practically all of the automobile industry because of its dependence upon G. M. for parts, a further menace to reconversion was posed in the United Steel workers vote for a strike if leaders deemed one necessary to enforce demands for a \$2 a day wage raise.

OPA refusal to grant steel manufacturers price increases until the conclusion of the year's operations permits closer study of their profit also has hardened company resistance to the UAW demands. To the union's assertion that the industry could well pay the increase out of alleged "hidden profits," management has replied that government findings have classified the so-called "hidden profits" as reasonable business reserves assuring future expansion.

WAR CRIMES: Pleads Innocence

First major axis personage to be brought to trial for war crimes, Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya" and Jap commander in the Philippines, flatly denied charges of countenancing rape, pillage and murder and then rested his case.

As the Allied military tribunal pondered the case, Yamashita considered appeal to the U. S. Supreme court in case of conviction on grounds of illegality of the proceedings. Previously the Philippine Supreme court had refused a similar protest, with the demand the defendant be freed for trial before civil authorities.

In taking the Gen. Yamashita stand to deny charges against him, the squat, browned Jap general declared he ordered none of the atrocities related by scores of witnesses or contained in hearsay evidence admitted by the court. To the accusation that he had planned the extermination of the Filipinos, Yamashita declared that common sense indicated the impracticability of killing 18 million people.

The case against Yamashita was complicated by the apparent division of command in Japanese ground, naval and air forces in the Philippines. While as ground commander Yamashita said he had ordered the withdrawal of his troops from Manila for warfare in the mountains, Nipponese naval detachments remained within the capital for the fighting which heavily damaged the city and exposed civilians to danger.

Meanwhile, the trial of 20 top Nazis proceeded apace in Nuernberg, with the U. S. prosecutors drawing from voluminous evidence to prove charges of German conspiracy for aggressive warfare.

Citing a statement of Diplomatist Franz Von Papen that southeastern Europe was Germany's hinterland and must be brought within the political framework of the Reich, U. S. Prosecutor Sidney Alderman quoted documents to show that Hitler had delegated Von Papen to develop a program of Nazi infiltration into the Austrian government to take it over after the aborted putsch of 1934.

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SSB Finds Workers Want Jobs, Not Pay to Be Idle



Only One in Six Who Lose Jobs Ever Ask for Unemployment Insurance, and Even They Soon Leave Rolls.

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Two men who have been life-long friends will have occasion to remember the month of August, 1945, for a long time to come. Sgt. Peter Pugh, waiting for invasion on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Japan, heard that the war was over. Hank Haines, welder in a medium bomber plant, drew with his pay envelope a notice that his job had come to an end because medium bombers were no longer needed.

Of course the sergeant was not discharged immediately. Neither was Hank—not immediately. He had two weeks. Then he went downtown to file his unemployment compensation claim and put in an application with the United States Employment Service for a new job. Within six weeks he was back at the aircraft factory, but instead of welding parts for medium bombers he was working on the engine of a giant passenger plane.

Then Peter came home. Before he went off to the Pacific he had worked at the same plant, did the very same type of work Haines was now doing. Peter needed a job and since he was a veteran, Haines once more had to give up his position and file another claim with the unemployment compensation office.

Fiction? The names are. But the stories contain facts that have been happening thousands of times in all parts of the country since the war ended. Facts like these are telling some important things to an agency in Washington that was set up at the bottom of the depression to try to help people meet the economic crisis that comes to almost everyone some time. This agency is the Social Security board, and I am thinking particularly of that division of it which administers the state unemployment compensation laws.

The sudden end of the war brought manifold problems to this agency. Like many others, it had expected reconversion and demobilization to be gradual processes and unemployment aid was ready to meet that situation. But the atomic bomb changed the picture and suddenly millions of men and women were thrown onto the labor market. There was a sudden rise in claims for unemployment insurance as the country grappled with the problem of creating jobs for the workers who were no longer needed when war contracts were terminated and for the boys who were doffing uniforms for mufti.

Facts on Jobless Pay

In this first experience of its kind since the SSB came into being some important facts are being uncovered—answers to such questions as:

What is the truth about peace-induced unemployment in this country?

When on the average will the unemployment compensation periods run out and the crisis become acute if there are not enough jobs?

What kind of people are asking for jobless pay? Is it true that they are taking this money and not bothering to look for work?

Let us see what answers the Employment Bureau of the Social Security Board is finding to these questions as experts here in Washington and in the field sift through a great mass of data. First, I might say that unemployment compensation claims at this writing are a good barometer of the unemployment throughout the country brought on by the war. Later this would not be the case. When there is a long period of heavy unemployment, people who have been out of work for four months or more would not appear on the claims lists and therefore would not figure in the statistics. But the situation is different today. The rise in unemployment is fresh and the periods of payment have not yet been used up by many claimants. So the rolls reflect a true picture of the situation.

As these lines are written, the second wave of unemployment to hit the country since the war ended is mounting as the first wave recedes. At the present time workers are being discharged because they are being displaced by servicemen who are being demobilized. The first wave was made up of those persons who found themselves out of jobs

because war industries had to convert to peacetime operation.

In the first wave about six million workers found themselves out of work as a result of the ending of war contracts. Of these, three million shifted to peacetime jobs right away without any interruption, two million registered in unemployment compensation offices and about one million are unaccounted for—they may have found other jobs without registering in the unemployment office, or they might have gone on vacation or retired. About 1,100,000 former war workers of this number found it necessary to draw unemployment compensation. Right now the claims for jobless pay are dropping each week and Social Security officials say that means the full impact of the first wave of unemployment—the reconversion wave—has been felt. The bulk of the war workers have been laid off. The bulk of those who are going to file for benefits have already done so.

What's ahead, then, is the second wave—the unemployment which will come as an aftermath of demobilization.

It is estimated that from six to nine million servicemen are destined to return to industry in the next 9 to 12 months. In addition, about two million workers who have been in government service during the war will be looking for new jobs. That means that about eight million persons will be thrown on the labor market in this second wave which will come as a result of the end of the war.

Crisis Looms By 1947

As nearly as can be judged, Social Security officials see a crisis by 1947 if there are not enough jobs. That is, they expect that unemployment compensation payments will carry people over jobless periods until about 1947, by which time payments will have been used up. Since the amount of compensation and the length of time for which it is paid are based on previous length of employment and wages, it is plain that a period of spotty employment will affect a worker's future benefits.

A different type of person is applying for jobless compensation these days than when the system was set up in the days when apples were being sold on street corners and unemployment was a major threat to family security.

In the early thirties workers collected their benefits for the entire period of their eligibility and still were without jobs. As of this moment they are collecting for an average of four weeks and then getting jobs. Today more women are applying for unemployment compensation than men. Skilled workers make up more than 50 per cent of the claimants; semi-skilled rank next in number.

As unemployment comes into the national picture again and efforts are made to get more complete jobless legislation out of congress, arguments are heard that people who are able to get unemployment compensation do not bother to look for jobs. This is answered by the Social Security Board on the basis of what they have been finding out from the postwar claims.

They point out first that little better than one in six of the persons who lost their jobs as a result of reconversion is receiving unemployment compensation payments. This shows, they say, that a worker prefers a job any day to being paid for not working. Moreover, they point to the fact that over 750,000 persons, or about 35 per cent of the workers who filed claims initially since V-J Day, have already left the rolls and taken jobs. Then there is the testimony that in two representative cities where special studies were made it was found that two-thirds of the workers who left the claim rolls took jobs before they drew any benefits at all. They say that other cases can be cited to prove the point.

Meantime, as the second wave of jobless workers hits the labor market, the unemployment compensation agencies prepare to handle growing claims for jobless pay unless—and until—peacetime industry gets its wheels turning to provide the jobs that are needed.

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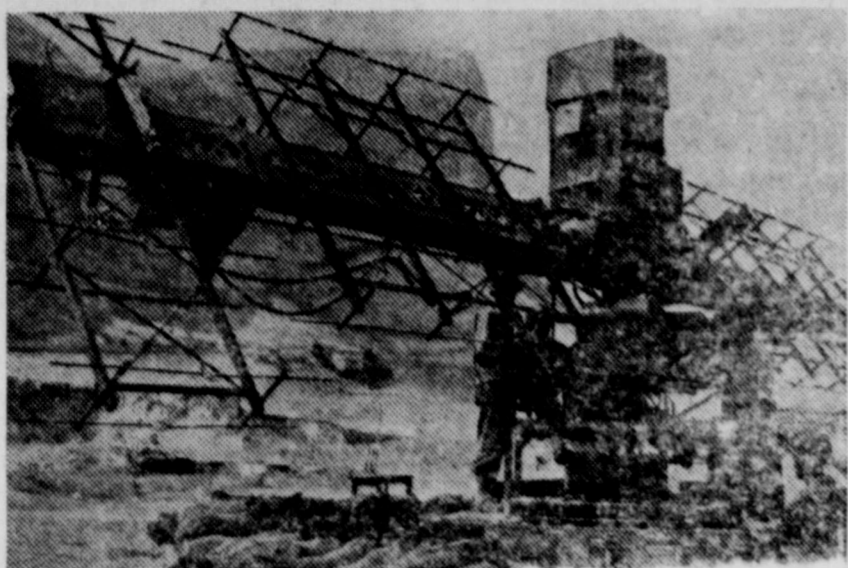
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U. S. Signal Corps Photograph

Here against the rugged background of Southern Italy, a radar silently probes the sky for errant units of the Luftwaffe. Known to the War Department as an "early warning" radar, this equipment helped us to blunt the violence of the enemy's air attack at the very peak of its power early in the war. Thousands of these radars have been manufactured by the Western Electric Company.

Like a seeing-eye dog guiding his blind master through a maze of traffic, the sixth sense of radar will reduce travel hazards for man in the peacetime world. By putting a deadly finger on enemy ships, planes and submarines, radar hastened the end of the war. This same uncanny power to see the invisible promises to make peacetime air and sea travel entirely foolproof, regardless of night or weather.

Safety for ships and planes is one immediate application for this new pathfinder. Innumerable other uses are sure to flower from the knowledge born of thousands of manhours devoted to radar research during the war. In the amazingly rapid development of radar, the Bell Telephone System assumed the role of "the Nation's largest single source of radars during the war."

Up to June 30, 1945, Western Electric, the manufacturing branch of the Bell System, had supplied to the Government more than 52,900 radar systems of 64 different types, valued at more than \$800,000,000, according to Mr. Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. With the aid of hundreds of sub-contractors to which it provided specifications and details of manufacturing procedure, Western Electric has supplied more radars—all of them of Bell Laboratories design—than any other manufacturer.

Bell Laboratories has had a larger group of scientists and engineers than any other industrial organization working throughout the war in advancing the radar science and in designing new radars for the army and navy. The laboratories led the way also in volume of radar designs and

of designs for new and essential components. In all, the laboratories scientists and engineers have designed some 100 different radars for use by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in all fields of application.

The Bell Laboratories and Western Electric together have had substantially full responsibility for development and production of radars for Navy ship gunfire control. All large guns of the U. S. Navy are pointed by radars designed and produced by the two organizations.

Radar systems designed and made by the Bell System research and manufacturing team have been standard for B-29's in the Pacific for navigation, target location and high altitude bombing. In addition, the Bell System developed and produced low altitude radar bombsights used extensively by the Army and Navy in attacking enemy shipping.

Western Electric Company's yearly output of radars reached a record high of 22,000 in 1944. These units, together with components, spare parts and test equipment, were furnished at a value of \$340,000,000—an amount equal to almost a million dollars for each day of the year. This record was greatly exceeded during the first six months of 1945, when Western Electric turned out 19,800 radars.

Because of urgent requirements of the Armed Forces the Bell Laboratories in 1944 was at work on 81 different types of radar systems and Western Electric produced 44 different types, of which 20 were new in production that year.

The brains that developed and produced radar so effectively for war are now at work for peace.

Says The Wildcat Apostle



I lay my turkey drumstick down long enough to wish The Observer and it's readers a Happy Christmas with all the trimmings.

Made Long Trip

Monday of last week the Clift Funeral Home had a call for ambulance service for a party from this city to Dodge City, Kansas. The weather wasn't balmy here when Mr. Clift left but the going was very good. When he got to Dodge City, his destination, the weather report was blue and Bruce lost no time in heading south toward Graandoldcoke. His ambulance has made several long trips this year, and the service he gives cannot be excelled in any city.

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Rugged Tires

The outstanding quality of synthetic fibers required in military fabrics is the quality of ruggedness. Both rayon and nylon have found many volume uses on that account. Viscose rayon has a large part in the tire program. It is being used also in self-sealing gasoline tanks for planes, tension cord for field lighting cable, the tapes and shrouds of chutes as well as the canopy, tow targets which started with viscose rayon and are currently acetate rayon reinforced with viscose, the cord in V-belts for transmission, and mixed with cotton yarn in aviators' and paratroopers' uniforms. Nylon, with its high tensile strength and ability to give before breaking, has been used in glider tow lines, mountain climbing ropes and bomber tires.

Wood of Life

Number one in importance of tropical woods is the lignum vitae or "wood of life." The unusual strength and tenacity of this wood makes it ideal for bearings and bushing blocks which line the stern tubes of steamship propeller shafts, and its resin content makes it almost waterproof. Other Middle American timbers such as mahogany, used for making the hulls of sub-chasers, and balsa, used in aircraft construction, have contributed to United States war industry.

BUBBLES SEZ—



• Bundles from heaven, yes... but babies take twice their weight in wash! And it's awful hard to get the soap! Where there's fat, there's soap, remember. So keep saving USED FATS to help make it.



1945 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 1945

OUR FOREFATHERS

celebrated Christmas sometimes under the greatest of difficulties, to say nothing of danger. Today, in warm, lighted homes we welcome the arrival of Yuletide, without thought of those early hardships. It might make our Christmas a little happier, our hearts a little more thankful, to take thought of these things.

In the reverent spirit of this glorious season we now wish each and every one of you the deep joys which only Christmas can bring.

Leeper Supply Company



• The long awaited occasion is here—CHRISTMAS—and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships. We cannot tell you how much these friendships have meant to us. We treasure them, every one.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

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Christmas Joy 1945



Santa Claus would never get down the chimney with our load of good wishes for a Merry Christmas to the people of this community, because he just couldn't squeeze through.

You've been mighty good to us and we appreciate it beyond words. We want you to enjoy Christmas this season of 1945 as never before.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith

The Observer For Fine Printing

**Chosen One Showed
The Badge of Industry**

Canny young Jean was a wonderful aid to her mother when time came to start the new Victory garden. She proved it the very first day.

Mother was seeking an industrious, energetic man to help her do the planting. Two men came to apply for the job. Jean looked them over solemnly and then advised her mother to engage the little one.

"Why not the big man?" mother whispered.

"No," objected Jean, "he's got a patch on the seat of his pants. Hire the other one—his patches are on his knees!"

**Makes
Young Mothers
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Today, the modern way most mothers use to relieve miseries of colds is to rub Vicks VapoRub on the throat, chest and back at bedtime. Results are so good because VapoRub...

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Great for All Ages!**



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by Many DOCTORS

Helps tone up adult systems—helps children build sound teeth, strong bones.

It's GOOD-TASTING!

SCOTT'S EMULSION

**People Make Fun of
Mrs. Beulah Hankins**

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. — Mrs. Beulah Hankins, who lives at 634 S. Collier, wrote an amusing letter to Faultless Starch Company recently. She said,

"I want to tell you about your wonderful starch. I sure think it's grand. Several people make fun of me for not boiling my starch. They say this starch is for lazy people. I have a boy four years old and I iron ten to fifteen suits of clothes a week for him. I love to iron them as Faultless Starch makes easy ironing. I also have twins, eight months old, and do they have a laundry—from twenty to twenty-five dresses a week and most of these are white ones. They iron so smooth and smell good. Thanks again for Faultless Starch. It sure saves me many hours of ironing."

SAVES TIME AND WORK

That's probably the most wonderful letter anyone could write about Faultless Starch! Mrs. Hankins is a busy wife and mother and she has found that Faultless Starch saves time and work for her. She makes starch without cooking and she has found that Faultless Starch makes her ironing easy. She gets a kick out of people saying that her Faultless Starch is for lazy people. Certainly she isn't lazy!

MADE A SPECIAL WAY

If you are busy, too—especially on washday and ironing day—you deserve the time-saving and work-saving help Faultless Starch can give you. You see Faultless Starch is made a special way to help you through your washing and to save you hours of ironing. So why not enjoy Faultless Starch? All you have to do is ask your grocer for it. Then you can make perfect hot starch without cooking! And you can make ironing so smooth, easy and beautiful. It's yours for the asking... Faultless Starch!—Adv.



**Grading Potatoes by
Specific Gravity Test**

**Cornell Points Way to
Mealy Potato Culling**

By W. J. DRYDEN

Farmers may soon be stamping their potato bags "guaranteed to be mealy," and thus secure a premium for quality potatoes. This has been made possible by work conducted by Prof. Ora Smith of Cornell university.

Specific gravity, based on the dry matter content of the tubers, is the basis of this test, which makes it possible to sort out the mealy potatoes from those which are less mealy or soggy.

All potatoes sink in water. By adding common table salt, the water is made heavier and some potatoes then will float. These are the non-mealy or soggy ones. By having several containers of suitable



Prof. Ora Smith determining the specific gravity of potatoes as outlined in this article. The method is simple and may be applied to the home, farm or commercial handler of potatoes.

size, each with a different concentration of salt solution, it is possible to separate an entire lot into groups of soggy, slightly mealy, mealy and very mealy potatoes.

For a quick differentiation, two solutions are cited. Potatoes that float in specific gravity 1.078 (22 ounces of common salt to 11½ pints of water) are definitely not mealy. Those that sink in 1.078 but float in 1.088 (24½ ounces of salt in 11 pints of water) are slightly to medium mealy. Those that sink in 1.088 are mealy. This would vary somewhat with the variety.

Handy Band Cutter



Home-Made Band Cutter Made of Mower Tooth.

A band cutter for corn shredding can be made by sawing a slot lengthwise through a piece of broom handle, and insert an old mower or binder section.

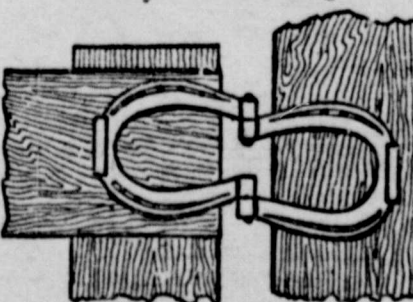
**Check Potato Storage
For Better Products**

As some of the newer varieties of potatoes tend to develop an internal reddish-brown discoloration when kept closer to the freezing point, it is well to check up on the condition of the tubers from time to time. In many varieties a temperature of 36 degrees F. or higher is recommended.

Some of the newer varieties have special storage requirements and have caused a good deal of trouble. Severely affected seed pieces usually decay after planting, resulting in a poor stand and many weak hills.

The discoloration usually is revealed only when the tubers are cut, for most of them appear normal on the outside.

Sturdy Gate Hinges



Stout hinges may be made from old horseshoes. Spread the nail holes with a punch to take larger spikes or small bolts for attaching hinges to the post.

**IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY
SCHOOL Lesson**

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
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Lesson for December 16

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**EXALTING CHRIST IN THE LIFE
OF THE NATION**

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6, 7; Luke 1:26-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6.

Christmas is coming! It should be a blessed and delightful time this year. But do not fail to ask yourself, What is its true meaning? Why did Christ come? So that we could feast and celebrate? Surely not. He came first of all to be a Saviour; but do not forget that the Saviour is also the King of kings.

When Jesus came, His people Israel were practically without a government. They were a subject people under the rule of Rome. Their national life was in ruins; darkness had settled over their land, and there was both national and spiritual darkness. Christ came as their King, as well as the Light of the world.

I. Darkness—but the Light Is Coming! (Isa. 9:2, 3).

When Jesus came there was deep darkness in Israel; there was no king. National honor and glory were at low ebb. Religious leaders had lost their spiritual vision and zeal. They were going through the form of godliness but denying its power. Read the book of Malachi for a picture of their desolation.

Then Jesus came, and the greatest Light of all time shone forth in the darkness. He was and is "the light of the world" (John 8:12). They that followed Him did not stumble in darkness (John 9:5; 11:9). How sad that they received Him not (John 1:11)! The reason? They loved darkness rather than light (John 3:17-21).

Military leaders, educators, and scientists are saying in our day that there must be a spiritual rebirth of the peoples of the earth if we are not to have another war which will destroy everything. No mere revival of "religion" will do it. We must have Jesus, the Saviour and the Light!

II. Chaos—but a King Is Coming (Isa. 9:6, 7).

We have already suggested that Isaiah's prophecy came at a time of chaos in the affairs of the nation. Would they ever have the order and dignity of a nation again? Who was to be their king? What kind of leader would He be? Our verses give the answer.

Seven hundred years before Christ came, the prophet presented a glorious, detailed picture of the coming One. He was to be born as a Babe—a Son—but the "government shall be upon his shoulder."

What kind of King is He? His names reveal Him.

"Wonderful"—that word has been so misused that it means comparatively little to us. It really fulfills its true meaning in Christ. He is unique, remarkable, yes, truly wonderful. "Counsellor"—in every detail of life great or small, an infallible Guide. "Mighty God"—not just like God, or representing God; Christ is God. "Everlasting Father"—the tender and loving, unfailing One to whom time brings no change, for He is the "Father of eternity." "Prince of Peace"—He is not yet the Ruler of the nations of the world, hence we hear not only of wars but of rumors of wars. Mark it well that there will be no enduring peace until He comes to reign whose right it is to reign, the divine Prince of Peace.

III. Jesus Christ—the Light and the King (Luke 1:26-33).

If Christ is to be honored in the life of any nation, yes, of our nation, He must first be recognized as the Son of God, the Lord of glory, the everlasting King of kings.

We need to emphasize that fact now when both military and political leaders are talking about the need of spiritual revival to save the world. Let us be sure that they mean more than just to pay formal recognition to a great man and a distinguished moral teacher. He is the Saviour, and there is none other (Acts 4:12).

Note the marvelous fulfillment of prophecy which actually took place in the coming of Jesus. Isaiah (7:14) said He was to be born of a virgin. He was (v. 27)! He was to be the Son of God (Ps. 2:7). He was (v. 32)! And so on through all the detailed prophecies of His birth.

We celebrate the fulfillment of these prophecies at Christmas time.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Apply a little colorless nail polish in the area where a buttonhole is to be worked. As the polish dries, it stiffens the cloth and working the holes is thus made easier.

Fingernails are a menace to rubber gloves. To prevent their cutting through the rubber, insert wads of cotton in the finger tips of the gloves.

Arrange canned foods so last year's cans are in front where they will be used first.

Inasmuch as nuts absorb moisture, they should be placed in boiling water for a few minutes before adding them to cake or bread dough. Otherwise they will make the baked product dry.

A paste made of baking soda and water will remove coffee stains from enameled kitchen ware.

Try trimming an old whiskbroom into a sharp V-point for cleaning hard-to-get-at corners and crevices in furniture and floors.

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Time To Hang Up Your Stocking

★ One of the biggest items in your Christmas stocking this Yule season of 1945 will be our note of thanks to you and our wish for the biggest, merriest, happiest Christmas you have ever had.

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To you—and you—and youall, my best wishes for an old-time Coke county Merry Christmas.

Party Dress Aid To Victory Loan



Dress-up school dances call for gay frocks. This one is black and white plaid rayon accented with a pointed midriff of black crepe. Making it from a pattern which can be found at local stores, a thrifty schoolgirl can amass savings for Victory Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department



to one and all 1945 Christmas Cheer

Again may you know the fragrance
Of hemlock, pine and holly.
Again may friendly voices call
A greeting warm and jolly;
And again may the meaning of
Christmas,
Deep and still more true
Bring faith and hope and gladness
To the hearts of yours and you.

Meek's Service Station

A Merry Christmas



★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it. Even the birds—what few remain—appear to share in the general rejoicing that has come over the world.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season of 1945 will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours . . . that it will bring to your home the soft glow that even Christmas tree lights cannot bequeath—the full joy of Christmas seasons long past but forever remembered. May such a Christmas be yours!

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Bronte, Texas



A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community . . . one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year 1945 we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

Earl Roberts Grocery

Home Owned—Home Operated

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MERRIEST *Christmas* OF ALL · 1945 ·

And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas!

PAUL GOOD

Deputy Sheriff & Tax Collector



*Noel! Adeste Fideles!
Holy Night!*

Hark! The Herald Angels sing. Once again the air is filled with song and music . . . the music of the spheres. Once again it's Christmas with all that this sacred holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas of 1945 will be a truly happy Christmas for you and yours.

H. C. Varnadore

County Commissioner, Prec. No. 1



At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

ROBERT LEE STATE BANK



Today's grownups are only yesterday's children who once stood before a fireplace on the Christmas Eves of the past, or who, just before Christmas, were as good as they could be.

The heart of the Christmas season is friendship and eternal youth, and we could not ask for finer friends than ours. It makes us happy to greet all our friends this Christmas season of 1945 with the best of Yuletide wishes.

Frank Percifull

Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector



MERRY CHRISTMAS
☆ TO ONE AND ALL ☆

Unselfish interest in others is the keynote of happiness at Christmastime. May each gift you receive breathe love and devotion and bind the ties of home and friendship more securely.

As for ourselves, we desire to express our appreciation for your loyalty to us in 1945, and wish you a Merry Christmas.



R. S. Walton

Gulf Distributor Phone 108 Bronte, Texas



Peas May Be Green, But —

PEAS may be green—in fact they should be, if they are fresh young things—but they have had sufficient social experience to appear at the most sophisticated parties and in the most sophisticated dishes.

If you are a modern hostess and believe in adding a few smart dishes to your culinary list, every month perhaps, so that your meals never get into a rut, you will want to keep plenty of canned peas on hand. Order them in the various sizes, both can sizes and pea sizes, so that they will be adapted to your various needs.

Party Peas

The following suggestion for a pea dish has been selected with an eye to both vogue and "good taste." It is yours for better parties.

Pea Puff with Pineapple: Drain the contents of one No. 2 can of peas, reserving the liquor, and press through a sieve. Make a thick white sauce of four tablespoons butter, four tablespoons flour, one cup of milk and then add the pea pulp. Season to taste with salt and pepper, add three well-beaten egg yolks and fold in the three stiffly-beaten egg whites. Pour into a buttered baking dish and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven—350 to 375 degrees—until set and a delicate brown. It will take about twenty-five to thirty minutes. While baking, cook two tablespoons butter and one cup of crushed canned pineapple together until thick and rich. Spread this over the baked puff and serve at once. This serves eight persons.*



a Merry Yuletide to All

WHEN we see little boys and girls shaking hands with Santa Claus this thought comes to mind:

We would like our expression of appreciation for your patronage to be a hearty shake of the hand for each of you. As we seem to be denied this opportunity, please accept this, while a substitute for a handshake, as no less sincere in wishing you a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME

for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart

It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

LATHAM FEED STORE

Robert Lee, Texas



To One And All

CHILDREN looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical sleigh drawn by mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas that transforms the commonplace. That Christmas of 1945 may be for you the happiest Christmas of all is our sincere wish.

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All Over But the Richard Powell ~ Shooting

AN INNER SANCTUM MYSTERY
STARRING ARAB AND ANDY BLAKE WHO FEATURES

CHAPTER XIX

I knelt beside Joey for a moment, then straightened. He had been dead when he hit the floor. Renee was still waiting by the desk. The fist doubled against her side seemed darker. Her body swung lightly up into my arms. I carried her out into the corridor. We were lucky. The smoke wasn't suffocating, and the flames had started on the top floor and hadn't gnawed their way down yet. I started downstairs.

"Bob," she said suddenly.
"Sorry. This is just Andy."
Her eyes opened. "Bob used to carry me like this."
"Did he?"
"He used to say I ought to try out for the ninety-pound team."
"You could still make it."
"I mustn't talk about myself," she whispered. "You still have work to do. Did you understand that he went into the powerhouse? He took the black-light set with him. He can attach it and signal through one of those slots near the roof. Don't let him tell the men on the U-boat about the convoys."

"We'll take care of him."
"The door will be open, Andy. He expected Joey and me to follow him."
"I'll make sure he doesn't get lonely."

I picked my way through a jumble of furniture on the first floor, kicked the back door open. The guard, the man who had kidnapped Paula Thompson, was still huddled beside the steps. But he was off the books as completely as Joey. His head lolled at a queer angle. Apparently the fat man didn't like to leave unsolved problems lying around; the guard might have talked, later. I carried Renee well back from the house and placed her gently on the sand.

Her eyes were feverish, and she gasped, "I used to be afraid. Afraid of dying. Afraid for my people in Brittany. Afraid that the Germans could not be beaten. Now I am not afraid. It is worth dying to beat the Germans. Tonight I stood at the window and when the guns fired the third time I found that I was no longer afraid."

I said gruffly, "You always did have what it takes."
"I—I'm sorry you saw how I acted with . . . with—" she nodded toward the powerhouse—"with him. It wasn't really me."
"I know it wasn't."
"Will Bob understand?"

Feet scuffled in the sand and Arab ran up to us. She dropped to her knees, spilling an armful of loot. "How is she?" she gasped. "I grabbed a tablecloth. You'll have to rip it into bandages, Andy. My fingers—"

Renee pressed the stained fist harder into her side. "Let me alone," she said sharply. "The U-boat. You must warn the ships about it. You must go after that man in the powerhouse."

Arab bent and kissed her. "I brought Joey's flashlight," she said. "And I brought that international code book you were using. I can work the flashlight with my thumb and warn the destroyer. Andy will do the rest."

Renee smiled. Her head drooped onto the sand. Her lips moved. I leaned close. She was crooning an elfin melody. For a moment I could see Renee and her big Dartmouth kid hanging over their balcony, watching moonlight on the Seine and humming a quaint little college tune. I don't think there could have been any homesickness in the way Bob had sung it, because there wasn't any now. She whispered it softly: Dartmouth will shine tonight, Dartmouth will shine tonight, Dartmouth will shine tonight, Dartmouth will shine tonight, Dartmouth will shine tonight, Dartmouth will shine tonight. When the sun goes down and the moon comes up . . . Dartmouth . . . will . . . shine . . .

It was almost gay, almost a challenge. The elfin whisper faded. She lay there quietly, smiling up at the Dartmouth moon. From the look on her face, Bob must have been waiting.

I got up stiffly.
"Take the shotgun," Arab said. "I can't handle a shotgun. Let 'em know about the sub."
She pushed something into my hand. "Take this, then. Please take it, Andy."

It was the hand grenade from the fat man's arsenal. I stuffed it inside my undershirt, remembering

my trouble earlier in trying to untangle a gun from my pocket. I walked across white sand to the powerhouse. I thought about Renee, and the building blurred and I had to gulp knots out of my throat. The door was slightly ajar. I kicked it open and went in.

The fat man straightened slowly. He had been crouching on a narrow platform, adjusting the blacklight set to bear out through a seaward loophole. Light from a single electric bulb flashed on his glasses. The room was filled with the shudder and whine of the dynamo, and at first I could not hear what he was saying.

Finally I caught a sentence. He had said, "This time we will not be interrupted."

I moved carefully toward the platform. There were steps leading up to it but this time I wasn't going to hand him any presents by making a rush. The platform wasn't wide. I could stay on the floor and yank him down. When he saw I wasn't charging he started down the steps. His round polished head hunched between his shoulders. The long fat arms swung out, fingers stroking the air ahead of him. He was three steps up when I reached the bottom of the stairs. Suddenly he whirled, dropped to his hands. A foot lashed at my throat. I was waiting for it. I jerked back my head, caught the foot with my left hand and flipped it. The fat man crashed down.

I locked a foot around his ankle to steady myself, ripped hooks into his left kidney with my free hand. His bent back was a sweet target. Like socking a drum. I pounded him three times. He grunted, jerked upright. Something tore agonizingly at my locked arm. I dug into his kidney once more and then he whirled around and let me fly off at the wall.

It wasn't a clean toss. I hit spinning, felt skin burn off one shoulder. But I kept on my feet. My right forearm ached. A curved flap hung loose three inches above the wrist. It was lucky, though. His teeth had missed the artery . . . and rabies takes a long time to kill a man.

"Just for that," I mumbled, "we'll see how you like blinking glass out of your eyes."

And suddenly he broke and ran. Ran sobbing along the wall and up the steps onto the platform. At the top he swung around. I could hear his breath whistling above the dynamo. He jerked and tore at a pocket. For a second I goggled up stupidly at him. He was yanking out his gun. His hand wavered up, faltered, rose again. The slide of the automatic had a greasy blue shine.

I ripped open my undershirt and

clamped my fingers around the waffle pattern of the hand grenade. It felt good. It would raise hell in this concrete room. I wouldn't have picked a room like this for my first lesson in using a hand grenade, but the selection was limited. He had the gun now. It steadied on me. I cocked my arm and thought: this is for Dartmouth. And I burned it down the groove at him.

Flame slashed at me. A blast of noise seemed to stave in my eardrums like old barrels. I closed my eyes and let things go dark . . .

When I opened them again, ages later, I heard myself mumbling, "I got the guy I got the guy I got the guy I—"

Someone tugged at my arm, argued with me.

For some reason I was walking. I complained, "Why don't you let a guy stay in bed after he's blown to bits? This is a hell of an army walking a guy around and around . . ."

"Andy! Oh, Andy, please."
The fog swirled around in my head and smoked quietly away. Arab was clinging to my arm, laughing and crying. We were walking through sand. The fragment of moon I had seen ages ago was still skimming through the night sky.

I growled, "Where's the hospital? What am I doing here? That grenade tore me to bits."

"Oh, Andy," she choked, "it didn't go off! You aren't really wounded. Just a bitten arm and a lot of bruises and—"

"Just that, huh? And why didn't the grenade go off? One of your lousy defective Ordnance grenades. I'll get off a military letter with nineteen indorsements and see about these defective grenades."

She nuzzled my arm and quivered with an assortment of laughs and snuffles. "They don't ever go off unless you pull the pin," she moaned. "You didn't pull the pin!"

"They ought to print directions on the things. How would I know you had to pull a pin? What happened to the fat man?"

She shuddered slightly.

"Well?"

"Andy, you hit him with it."

"Did I hit him hard?"

"If you can always throw grenades as hard and straight as that, we'll have some special ones made up for you, without pins."

"Yeah, but I saw a flash and there was an awful bang."

"A forty-five makes an awful racket in a closed room."

"He missed me, huh?"

"Yes, darling. And I've been walking you up and down for five minutes to wake you up."

Arab took a deep breath and clung to me. Her lips felt cool and soothing. "Andy," she whispered, "I won't ever try to stir things up again. From now on I'll be a mouse."

I scrubbed a hand over my aching face, peered at the flaming house and distant depth charges. "If you're going to be a mouse," I said solemnly, "God help the cats."
(THE END)

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W. L. White



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THE trouble began at Christmas time. Rod Fairfax gave his wife, Esther, a nightgown. She knew he was going to give her a nightgown because the Fairfaxes were a practical family with a limited income and they always talked over such things as Christmas presents before they bought them.

It was black. Black silk crepe. It had doodads here and there to Even it up a bit.

Esther stared at it. "Oh, Rod!" she said, her heart sinking.

"Isn't it a pip!" Rod cried happily.

"It's a pip, all right. But—but it must have cost an awful lot."

"Well, as a matter of fact, it was a little more than I intended to pay, but you needed it and just this once I thought I'd splurge. After all, you deserve nice things."

"Yes—but—but—all that money for a nightgown—and now I can't have a new evening gown." Esther plopped down on the divan and began to weep.

"Be practical! You telling me to be practical and you go throw away



"It looks great." Rod said of the dress Esther had made over.

money on a thing like that when all I can do is wear it to bed! And I do need a new evening gown. I'm going to make a speech at my college class reunion in February and—and oh, I had planned on a new evening gown." She sat up, and became defiant. "And I'm going to have one," she declared.

Esther began weeping again, but it didn't do any more than provide an outlet for her bitterness. A new evening gown, she knew, was now entirely out of the question. Even if they could afford it she could never persuade Rod that she needed one to wear for only one night. Now, a nightgown, you could wear every night. More practical.

Relations between the Fairfaxes were a bit strained during the ensuing weeks. Esther trotted out her two evening gowns, one of which she had bought at a bargain sale a decade ago and the other which had fitted her fine when she was twenty pounds lighter. She ripped them both apart and made a single garment.

"Swell!" Rod approved. "It looks great. It does something for you."

"Among other things," Esther replied icily, "it makes me feel like the dickens."

Rod said nothing. He had been reading the papers during the past few days and had learned that this alumni dinner and reunion which his wife was attending was really something. Many of the girls in her class had married men who had prospered and were famous, and it occurred to him that, stacked up against these females, Esther, in her made-over dress, might look a bit dowdy. And if she looked dowdy that would reflect on him, wouldn't it?

Esther departed the day before the reunion and that night Rod read in the papers that, because Mrs. John Cannon, wife of the celebrated piano virtuoso, had agreed to attend, the affair had assumed the proportions of a major social function and would be broadcast over station ABC-XYZ.

So Rod, feeling qualms of guilt, settled himself in his easy chair the next night, tuned in and lent an ear. He got a big bang from hearing his wife's voice come over the air and at the conclusion of her speech he felt pretty proud. In fact, he felt so proud that he wished now that he had bought her the evening gown. He could imagine her

standing up to the microphone with the eyes of several hundred fashionably dressed females watching her, feeling like a plugged nickel in her made-over thing. He began to think of something he could do to make up for the humiliation he had caused her.

Rod blinked again. Esther laughed merrily. "Darling, I went up there without my made-over. Imagine! So I did the only thing I could. I wore the lovely black nightgown, and it really looked stunning. Oh, Rod, you were right. A black nightgown is more practical!"

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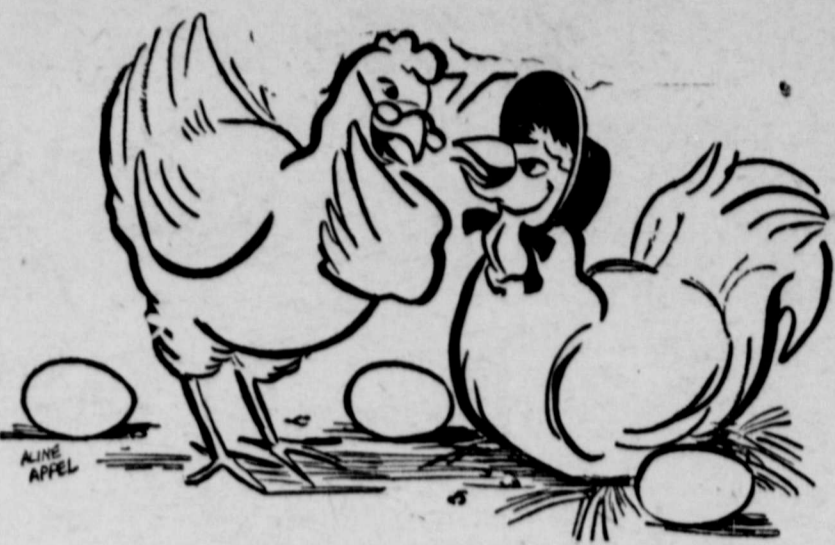
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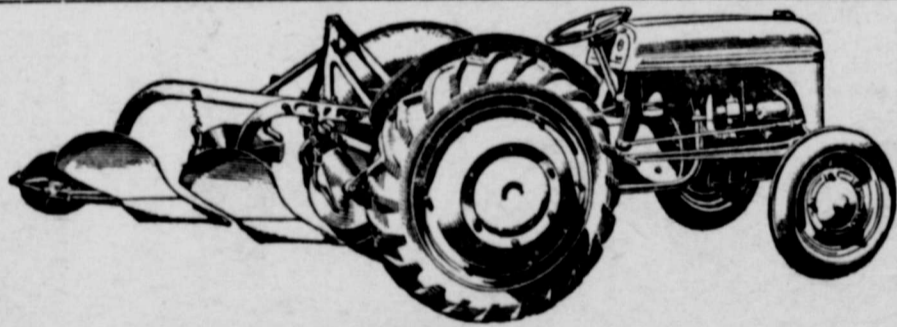
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Washington Digest

Strive for Employment Of Disabled Veterans



Act to Furnish Handicapped With Chance for
Gainful Occupation; Industry Pledges
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By **BAUKHAGE**
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

When a lot more workers than jobs begin to plague the employment offices of the country, some 2½ million men stand to have a little tougher sledding than their fellows . . . that is, unless the program that will be getting under way as these lines appear achieves the worthy purpose that its designers have for it.

The potential workers who are going to get this special help are the men who have made the second greatest sacrifice in World War II—the ones who gave all never came back. I'm going to talk about the disabled American veterans.

In times of great unemployment a person with a disability has two strikes on him when pitted for a job against a perfectly able-bodied worker. Therefore, the Disabled American Veterans, a veterans' organization whose membership is confined solely to the war disabled, is setting up the machinery to go to bat for him so that he from whom much has been taken to keep the rest of us secure within the wide bounds of these United States will have at least as good a chance as his able-bodied colleague in getting a job where he can earn a living for himself and his family.

For the first time in its history, DAV, the Disabled American Veterans, has set up a highly integrated national network of employment officers headed in Washington by Dr. Gilbert S. Macvaugh, a disabled veteran of this war and a former lieutenant commander with wide experience in personnel and employment counselling. These employment officers have their hands reaching out in two directions—one toward the disabled veteran and one toward the employer in an endeavor to bring the two together so that the employer and the veteran may meet and reach an agreement on a job.

Let me give you two small examples of the type of thing the DAV is getting ready to do in a big way.

Take the case of the man who had been wounded in the invasion of Normandy. An injury to his spinal column paralyzed him from the waist down so that he is bedridden. On directions from the Washington DAV office, the local employment officer of the DAV contacted the man to see what kind of work he might do while in bed and yet receive some income. In the man's community there was a small plant for making hooked rugs. The DAV representative arranged to have the bed-ridden veteran make hooked rugs and market them with this concern.

Then there is an entirely different type of case—seeing that justice is done the disabled veteran after he does get a job. A guard was employed in a certain public building. He had a slight nervous disorder for which a psychiatrist was treating him, prescribing a little medication to be taken while on duty. One day the medicine made the veteran feel drowsy and he asked to be relieved from duty for a few hours until he could overcome it. That was refused him. Subsequently charges were preferred against him and he was given a letter of suspension. The DAV National Employment officer went to the mat for him and had the whole case uncovered.

Find Boys Can Do Job Well

Back of the helping hand offered to the disabled veterans to get them into jobs a lot of spade work has been going on—the ground has been prepared with great care so that when the crisis comes—many workers and few jobs—the former G.I. who literally gave part of himself for the rest of us will have an opportunity to work. The DAV asserts that he can do a job well in spite of his handicap. It points to records it is accumulating which show that when a disabled veteran is hired, he shows great care and conscientiousness in performing his task. It's something like the story of the old Washington airport—it was one of the most dangerous in the United States, but there were no major accidents on

it. The answer was that pilots, knowing the hazards, took extra precautions in using the field. So a disabled veteran, already knowing what it is to be handicapped, uses considerable extra care.

I said the DAV had set up a national employment program for the first time in its existence, headed up in Washington by a National Employment officer. Then each state has a Chief Employment officer. The DAV in each state is divided into chapters, or local units, and each has an employment officer also, thus bringing the contact of this helping hand right down into the community where the veteran lives or is hospitalized.

Before the program can begin operating in the complete way envisioned by its planners, the men who can offer the jobs have to be contacted personally and the challenge of their opportunity to make work available to handicapped veterans has to be put squarely before them. This has been the first task of Dr. Macvaugh and his corps of employment officers.

DAV Gets Off To Good Start

A strong beginning was made when at a conference in Atlantic City the following representative organizations, among others, were contacted personally by the DAV National Employment officer and asked to influence the businesses for which they are spokesmen to put disabled veterans on their work rolls: the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Bankers association, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, the American Farm Bureau federation, the American Retail federation, the Air Transport association, Aircraft Industries association, Investment Bankers association, Committee of Economic Development, American Trucking association, American Waterways Operators, Association of American Railroads, National Foreign Trade Council, National Retail Dry Goods association, International Association of Lions Clubs, National Grange, National Association of Motor Bus Operators, and so on. But this gives you an indication of the scope of the cultivation of the soil for jobs for disabled veterans.

Available jobs are made known to the Veterans' Employment Representative of the United States Employment service, which has agreed to designate an assistant in each state who will specialize in the employment of war disabled G.I.s.

The DAV has developed a system whereby its chapter employment officer knows as soon as a man who has a disability is released from an institution and is available for work in his community. He also knows the disabled veterans living there who need jobs. It is his task to bring the men and the jobs together.

It is the DAV chapter employment officer who takes the man to the veterans' employment representative of the USES where the jobs are registered, and on to the prospective employer, if necessary, to clinch the employment of the ex-G.I.

There are five planks in the employment platform of the DAV.

First, to convince employers that they should employ disabled American veterans, somewhere, IMMEDIATELY;

Second, to support the training of disabled veterans for more than one key job in an industry so that when heavy unemployment develops, the disabled man will not be the first discharged, for he will be able to do more than one job;

Third, to advocate increased wages for disabled veterans because they have become more valuable as a result of the multiple training;

Fourth, to try to improve working conditions for the disabled ex-G.I. so that his job is a pleasant one;

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Little Miss Rebecca Davis of Ballinger is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift.

Mrs. Isham Austin was shopping in town last Friday.

Cecil Danford, having received his discharge from the army at Fort Sam Houston, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCabe were shopping in town Saturday.

Walter Allison of Colorado City visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers Monday.

The Observer office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Mrs. Fred Killam of Sanco was in town Monday shopping and while here ordered The Observer for the forthcoming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson were Christmas shopping in town Monday.

D. R. Campbell, Dr. J. K. Griffith and Cumbe Ivey were in Dallas the first of the week. Mr. Campbell while there had an eye operation, which his host of friends hope will be entirely successful.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull attended the funeral of Mrs. Will Dawson at Merkel Sunday. Mrs. Dawson died at Merkel suddenly last Friday. She is survived by her husband, and two children, Eddie of Merkel, and Mrs. Blanche Young, California. The Dawson family resided near Sanco for years, and the death of this Christian woman will be heard with sadness by many friends.

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pies that had mincemeat in them. We killed a turkey that had been in the coop for a month, and with chestnuts in the dressing, we had a dinner table centerpiece which was the real article. Didn't have silver knives and forks—they were the bone handle kind. We even used gourd dippers in those days. Percolaters were unknown—we ground our Arbuckles in a mill on the kitchen wall and biled it in a tin pot.

Everybody had a Christmas tree at home—and it was loaded with apples, oranges, strung popcorn, colored paper chains, pretty colored glass dohickeyes, etc. Pa got suspenders, a new IXL knife or a razor strop; ma got a new fascinator, dongola oxfords or a new reticule; the girls got Hoyt's coleagne, curling irons, hair ribbons, etc. Little boys usually got red top boots, copper toed, jumping jacks and fire crackers.

"There was always a big Christmas tree at the school house, with a fine program before the presents were distributed. Everybody got something. The poor were always remembered—and the schoolhouse Christmas tree was a big affair every year.

"Lots of weddings happened during Christmas week—and there were more receptions and feasting. In those times the weather would get awful cold at Christmas, but we didn't mind the cold. If we went hossback we bundled up and lit out—if we went in a buggy, it didn't take long to heat some rocks. And when we got there, we'd always find a roaring fire in a big old fireplace. And how that mesquite could warm up a box house.

"Yes sir, times has changed. Christmas ain't what it used to be. No more gum drops, barber pole stick candy or lemon drops—no more sage in the sausage—no more anvil firing—no more men's silk handkerchiefs or rubber collars.

"Pfooy, Christmas ain't what it used to be. And besides after we'd stuffed ourselves a week, we never had to call the doctor or be



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hauled off to a hospital (didn't have any) to be operated on for appendicitis, neuritis, arthritis or any of these new-fangled itis ailments. We had good grub, good cooks, and good times in those days in Grandoldcoke."

The Rodeo

Saturday's rodeo was a big success despite inclement weather, some \$200 being raised by the Coke County Livestock Association for the spring club show. Raymond Schooler and Delmir Sheppard were the arena directors. The matched roping between Merle Proctor of Bronte and Bill Guest of Abilene, Proctor won. Bronc rides were made by Bud Clark, Bob Fields, Aubrey Jones and Fred Parker.

Calf roping results: First go round, Bob Fields, 24.6; Wayne McCabe, 39.5; Merle Proctor, 41.9; second go round, Roy Schooler, 28; Buster Fields, 39.9; B. W. Waldrop, 51.2; third go round, Proctor 16.5; W. H. McFarland, 17.12; McCabe, 20. Slow time was reported on account of cold, biting wind and large Brahma calves.

The Observer, for the 55th year wishes you and yours a very Happy Christmas!

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons subject to the 1946 democratic primaries For District and County Clerk:

R. T. CAPERTON

Wilfred Gardner, old home boy who has been with the armed forces in the Phillipines, phoned his mother from San Francisco Sunday, that he expects to arrive home soon.

The Observer editor is all set for Christmas. We had Mrs. Hattie Day to build us one of her famous chocolate layer cakes this week, bought a box of big red apples from Doodad, and Gerald has promised to save us a box of King's chocolates. Whoopla!



Says The Senator From Sanco

At this gladsome time of the year I'm wafting to you my best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many kind deeds and services rendered to us, which helped us to bear our sorrow in the loss of our dear husband and father. May the Lord bless each of you.

MRS. A. W. LITTLEFIELD.

WANT ADS

A shipment of 22 cartridges, long rifles, just arrived. On sale Saturday afternoon, one box to a customer. Shot gun shells, Super X, 12s, 16 and 20s. On sale Saturday afternoon.—Leeper Supply Co.

Lost—Large black dog, tan around eyes and chest. Notify Jack Looney.

Lost—Two white face cows from Ben Steffey's farm; also 29 head of sheep, part of them having ear clipped. Notify J. W. Robinson or leave word at Earl Roberts Grocery. 28



We want you to get just what you want and to be just as happy as you can be. We want you to be happier this Christmas than you have ever been before.

As for us, we are more grateful to you this Christmas than ever before, for it marks a peak in our pleasant relations. We could not allow this important occasion to slip by without wishing you all a

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