

A Merry Christmas

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Through the Editor's Spectacles
By GEORGE

both a welcome and a custom that I have column today with a mission of sincere gratitude for the many kind remembrances and good wishes that come to me and to the Christmas season. Remembrances each with a thrill of Christmas and with it a deep sense of gratitude that the sender, in the midst of his or her busy rush and the pressing obligations, has time to think of another.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Christmas that as your hopes and dreams as your dearest friend.

an editor on the New York Times 40 years ago picked up and wrote, in return a scribbled child for an honest answer to a question of threatened editorial on Santa Claus. The editor was that there is a Santa

that subject may appear or "institutional" long and frequent as if we were trying time of the year away a doubt with incantation or Of course, there is a Claus, we say. He is and us, in our human and generosity somehow come to be practical and cold feeling. He is in the of little children and loves and hopes and that make life so such seasons, despite pains and aches and that we endure and yet to endure.

I am compelled to by all that goes on and inside of us; by manifestations of human effort and miseries and that have flowered in pestilences abroad; economic and social and problems perplex us within our country, and by the deep upon the faces of the



15th Century "Nativity" by Francesco di Pietra Santa, Rome.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east of Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judah; for thus it is written by the prophet,

"And in Bethlehem, in the land of Juda
Art not the least among the princes of Juda:
For out of these shall come a Governor,
That shall rule my people Israel."

THEN Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

White Christmas Is Promised for Much of The United States During Yuletide

RAIN OR SNOW FORECAST FOR OTHER AREAS

By The Associated Press

A white Christmas seemed pretty well assured Saturday for a large portion of the United States. In some areas the mercury was going down; in some up, but—

The weather man said there would be rain or snow over the week-end in the lower lake and entire Appalachian regions, the Ohio valley, Tennessee and portions of the north Atlantic states.

The west and midwest, generally, had rain or snow to look for, so did the east.

The west coast had a forecast of light snow over mountains in Oregon, Washington and California, with occasional rains in other areas.

It appeared, too, much of the south was in for snow—or rain.

COLDER WEATHER HERE
Colder weather, with the thermometer near the freezing point, was forecast for west Texas today. A considerable shower which fell here early Saturday morning was followed by a high west wind, which toward evening brought colder temperatures.

Former Scranton Man Named to Appeals Commission

A native of Scranton, Texas, was appointed to the commission of appeals of the Texas supreme court with the naming of C. S. Slatton, uncle of Neil Lane and Pete Slatton, to that body, effective on January 1, 1940. Judge Slatton, who was a member of the court of civil appeals at San Angelo, was reared at Scranton and is a graduate of Scranton high school and Cumberland university, Cumberland, Tenn.

He was a member of the law firm of Johnson, Rogers and Slatton until he resigned in 1937 to accept appointment to the court of civil appeals, succeeding R. L. Bobbitt, who was named to the highway commission in 1937. He subsequently was elected to that bench, and had four more years to serve when he was named to the supreme court commission.

Judge J. E. Hickman of Eastland, incidentally, is a member of the commission of appeals, having been appointed while serving as chief justice of the 11th court of appeals.

Judge Slatton's successful legal career was begun when, in 1922, after having been admitted to the state bar, he was elected county attorney of Atascosa county. He had left a promising railway.

John Glass spent Saturday in Dallas. (Continued on Page Eight)

New London Official Refuses Proffered Gift

NEW LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The city of New London tried to play Santa Claus to its \$4,000-a-year director of law, Thomas E. Troland, to the tune of \$15,000, but the official, a man in modest financial circumstances, would have none of it.

He reported Friday night to the city council that he could not take proffered extra compensation for added work he did and expenses he incurred in connection with the city's acquisition of land for a public park because it would be illegal.

And They Call It Spare-Time Activity

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22 (AP)—It takes a lot of work to put on a college athletic show and University coaches cite these figures to prove it: Behind the nine hours of public performance by the football team are about 100 hours of spring practice, about 60 hours of pre-season practice and 125 hours' practice during the regular season.

Over on the basketball court the boys have it a little easier. They practice about 200 hours a season and perform for the public about 12 hours.

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British Call North Sea Air Battle Greatest

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—An authoritative British account of the air encounter Dec. 18 off Germany's North sea coast called it the greatest battle in the history of aerial warfare and disclosed that between 80 and 100 British and German planes were engaged.

British formation flying, said the statement, withstood "a most courageous and cashing attack of the enemy," in the conflict which raged in the leaden skies over Wilhelmshaven, German naval base, and 75 miles out to sea.

This account said a formation of Britain's Wellington bombers fought "clouds" of Messerschmitt 110s—newly come from the Western Front—and Messerschmitt 109s for an hour and completed a bombing raid on a German port.

(First German accounts of the)

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Weather
WEST TEXAS: Cloudy Sunday, with occasional rain. Colder Sunday.
EAST TEXAS: Sunday mostly cloudy, colder in south and extreme east portions. Moderate to fresh shifting winds on the coast, becoming northerly Sunday.

CHRISTMAS TO BE OBSERVED AT CHURCHES

Special Programs and Music to Be Day's Features

Special programs at Cisco churches will feature Christmas observances today, the eve of the great Christian celebration. At some churches there will be pageants, special music will mark the regular order of worship at others and at others there will be programs emphasizing the gift ideal.

At the First Baptist church the congregation will observe its annual White Christmas immediately after Sunday school, for the needy of Cisco at 10:15. At this time the various departments will make their contributions of food, clothing and other gifts, wrapped in white paper, for to be distributed among the poor.

At the evening hour, Baptist college students, home for the holidays, will present a program of speeches and special songs.

At the First Presbyterian church there will be a program presented by members of the church in keeping with the annual Christmas custom of the congregation. Presentation will begin at 7 o'clock. Twenty characters will appear in the pageant, entitled "In Thy Light," scenes of which will be lighted only with candles.

The morning service at this church will follow the regular order of worship. There will be special Christmas music by the choir.

At the First Methodist church the Christmas theme will be emphasized in vesper service at 5 p. m., at which time a one-act play, "A Christmas Interlude," will be presented.

Services at the First Christian church will follow the regular order, both morning and evening, employing the Christmas theme, no special program being planned.

The Church of God will present a Christmas program at 7:30 this evening.

The Church of Christ will have no special services, but will observe the Christmas theme in regular worship. A visiting pastor will occupy the pulpit.

Fokker, Airplane Designer, Succumbs

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Anthony H. G. Fokker, airplane designer and builder, died Saturday in Murray Hill hospital.

Fokker, who was 49, was taken to the hospital suffering from pneumococcus meningitis. His physician, Dr. Robert M. Cushing, issued an early morning bulletin, in which he said Fokker had sunk into a deep coma "and appears less responsive."

He had been given blood transfusions repeatedly to help him fight the disease.

"Joy Riders" Are Asked to Stop Making Noise

Boys who "joy ride" at night, their automobiles disturbing the community with their horns, were appealed to by police today to stop the practice.

"These boys probably do not stop to think that there are sick people who are disturbed by the noise," said Chief of Police Perdue Saturday. "And even well people cannot sleep very well when there is such noise. We are asking the boys responsible for this to cease the disturbance. If they fail to do so, the department is under orders to pick up those responsible."

First Co-Ed Solos Under Uncle Sam



Martha Nordliek, Stanford University student, wins her right to wear wings as she becomes first co-ed in the country to solo under CAA training.

PUTNAM YOUTH NEAR DEATH AFTER CRASH

Doyle Gunn, 17-year-old Putnam youth, was in a Weatherford hospital Saturday, given little chance to survive a fractured skull sustained when the car in which he and two other Putnam youths were riding crashed into the rear of a parked truck on the Fort Worth highway eight miles east of Weatherford Saturday noon.

The other two boys, Wayne Barber, 16, and Dolphie Hill, 18, were not seriously injured. They were given hospital treatment at Weatherford for bruises and shock.

The three boys were on their way to Dallas to meet a sister of Doyle and take her to Putnam for the Christmas holidays. Eight miles out of Weatherford Doyle, who was driving a small sedan, started to go around a parked truck. Another car loomed in front of him and he swung into the back of the truck to avoid a collision with the oncoming machine. The car was not overturned, but Doyle sustained a blow on the head, which fractured his skull.

Intensely cold weather and deep snow was favoring the Finns.

Two Planes Shot Down

More than 30 bombs were dropped in the Helsinki area Friday by Russians. Most of them were 400 pounders but some did not explode and damage was surprisingly small.

It appeared, however, that the Red fliers were trying to hit some military objectives, such as bridges, railway repair centers and munitions depots. The bombs fell near a railway repair shop.

Two of the seven planes raiding Helsinki were shot down, officials said.

In Helsinki, the civilian defense corps decreed that no snow be removed from the streets so black spots against the surrounding white countryside would not serve as a guide to the enemy from the air.

Frederick Dorsey Stephens, representing the Hoover relief committee which is raising funds to aid the Finnish people, arrived here from Paris to survey relief needs. He acted in a similar capacity in Poland.

Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, commander in chief of the Finnish army, sent Christmas greetings to the troops, declaring:

"None of us will have a home or a fatherland or the blessings of Christmas without victory."

Mannerheim also sent his praise to factory employes, whose work, he said, was "equally important in the fatherland."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hampton, Misses Dorothy and Laverne Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stamey, and Marshall Jones plan to spend Christmas visiting in Whittier, Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough.

BOMBING OF HELSINKI IS THREATENED

Pamphlets Dropped by Reds Demand Surrender of City

HELSINKI, Dec. 23 (AP)—Russians in pamphlets dropped by invading fliers Saturday threatened to bomb Helsinki to destruction if she did not surrender by 1 p. m. (5 a. m. CST).

A Finnish spokesman said he understood the pamphlets carried threats of "terrible" Christmas eve and Christmas day attacks unless the Finns capitulated. The deadline already has passed without surrender.

Of the threatened raids the spokesman asserted: "But they don't dare. We are prepared."

Russian planes swinging over Helsinki in a cloudy sky Saturday attacked Tampere, northwest of the capital, where there is a big munitions base, Tammsaari and Ekenas, to the southwest, and Lohja, west of Helsinki.

Bombs Dropped

Finnish reports said many bombs were dropped, at least one home was burned at Tammsaari and that there was machine-gunning from as low as 150 feet.

Finnish troops Saturday launched their first major counter-offensive on the Karelian isthmus, most important of the several war theaters.

Finnish planes attacked Russian troops, supply centers and transportation arteries in the isthmus sector Friday in preparation for the ground assault.

The Finnish army in the Arctic sector was reported to have forced retreating soviet troops back beyond Hoyhenjarvi, approximately 60 miles south of the Arctic ocean. (Reports reaching Copenhagen said the Finnish counterthrust northward had gone far beyond Hoyhenjarvi and was rapidly clearing the whole corridor of Russian troops.)

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Mother of Miss Self Buried on Thursday

Mrs. A. L. Self, 80, of Dublin, mother of Miss Lucille Self of the Real Merchants association, died at her home late Wednesday, following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 3.

Mrs. Self is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nettie Hayworth and Miss Alice Self of Dublin, and Miss Lucille Self of Cisco.

Hickok Employes Honored Friday

The Hickok company held its annual Christmas party Friday evening at the Country club, with approximately 150 employes and guests attending.

A delicious supper was served buffet style, after which each employe was presented a gift from the company. The ladies were given corsages. The evening was spent in dancing, with music by Ray Judia's orchestra.

J. B. Jeffreys of Fort Worth is a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough.

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ALICE BANKS — a pretty young school teacher.
JERRY DONALDSON — pampered son of the city's richest merchant.
BETTY CARTER — awaits the coming of Santa Claus.

Yesterday, Santa Claus Brown, awaiting the coming of his daughter, clines to life. Mrs. Brown lies to him about the girl's success. At the Carter home, Christmas happiness reigns when the children find their toys. Jerry offers Carter a job at the Palais Royale. Alice Banks comes in.

CHAPTER X
 Alice Banks entered the Carter living room with her gifts for the children's Christmas. She stopped, amazed at the outlay of toys, even more amazed at the sight of Jerry.

Jerry went to her, took her in his arms under the mistletoe, and kissed her tenderly. He spoke in a low voice only for her ears.
 "I almost killed Santa Claus—I've been trying to take his place ever since," finished up his job for him. Alice, he gave me a wonderful Christmas present—the biggest one in my senses—he gave me back to me. God bless Santa Claus Brown!"

Betty stared at them, speechless with astonishment.
 "My teacher and Mr. Donaldson love each other!" Mother, looked.

Mrs. Carter tried to divert Betty's attention back to her boys.
 "The boys, derivative of love-making, paid no attention to the couple."
 Jerry was so full of enthusiasm that he might as well have been alone in the room with Alice.

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 Alice and Jerry ran out laughing, hand in hand.
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Brown and put an arm around her.
 "Well, you see, dear," Mrs. Brown said softly, "he had to make a trip back to the North Pole."
 "But Daddy said Santa Claus Brown was in the hospital —" Betty began, and stopped short-muzzled with childish insistence. "He always came here first thing in from the street outside."
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Inspired Lubbock Team Whips Tigers For Crack at Title

The inspired Westerners of the second consecutive Saturday afternoon, the Lubbock team, early in the game has been seen in state school football in several places last month. Since then the Lubbock team has been an inspired group of boys, functioning with a finesse and power that make even "Chaps" great team of last year unimpressive by comparison.

Scarcely Threatening

In yesterday's game Woodrow Wilson scarcely threatened. Superbly directed by Quarterback Pete Cawthorn, Jr., the Westerners sent their fine backs, Jackson and Tyson, slashing through the Dallas line and around the ends in a ground attack that converted two of several fine chances to score. Great blocking and great offensive work on the part of Lubbock line and blocking backs supported the ball carrying stars.

Lubbock scored first in the second quarter, coming out of a hole when Tyson kicked into the wind from his two yard line and the Westerners held for downs on their 21, preventing a Dallas penetration. From that point the west Texas team ripped and tore its way 79 yards across the Dallas goal line, being thrown for a four-yard loss only once. The drive was engineered against a stiff wind.

Several times in the second half the not-to-be-denied Westerners drove within the 20-yard line only to be halted by penalties or fumbles recovered by the Dallas team.

As the time ticked into the final minutes of the fourth period the Lubbock team drove into the sacred territory again. On the 19-yard line with a yard to go on fourth down, Tyson stood about his 25 and heaved a pass that Jackson took unmolested in the end zone for the second score. Both kicks for points after score were good.

Clemson Platoon to Parade at Cotton Bowl

DALLAS Dec. (Spc).—An extra feature of the Dallas New Year's Cotton Bowl football classic between Clemson and Boston college will be the crack drill platoon of Clemson college, which will accompany the Tigers to Dallas.

The Clemson marching platoon recently staged an exhibition in Washington and top ranking United States government officials acclaimed it on par with the nationally famous marching West Pointers.

President J. Curtis Stanford, of the Cotton Bowl association received the following telegrams following his announcement that the Clemson platoon would definitely attend the Cotton Bowl classic.

Cotton bowl office Adolphus notes, "The Clemson crack drill platoon put on an exhibition in Washington and was a phenomenal hit."

Lawrence E. Williams, president, Washington, board of trade: "Highly commend you for securing Clemson drill platoon in Cotton Bowl. One of the most interesting and finest exhibitions seen in a long time."

Alvin Q. Ehrlich, president, Washington Advertising club: "Nation's capital had Clemson drill platoon. I unhesitatingly give my endorsement of platoon as thrilling attraction and congratulate you on securing it for your Cotton Bowl classic."

Dr. Wilbur C. Smith of Tulane university: "Clemson drill platoon is the greatest show in intercollegiate athletics. You have a marvelous attraction for your Cotton Bowl game."

Max Farrington, George Washington university: "Washington city accustomed to drills and parades, but the Clemson platoon received the greatest ovation of any in many years."

The marching of the Clemson boys will rival your fine football game."

In addition to the Clemson marching platoon, the large Clemson band will accompany the team to Dallas and will stage several parades before the game.

The Clemson team, band, platoon and more than two thousand fans will arrive here at 9 p. m., December 26. The Boston college juggernaut, accompanied by over three thousand New England fans, is scheduled to arrive here the morning of December 28. Both teams will stage several workouts on the Southern Methodist and new Dallas High School field.

President Sanford will contribute all net profits from the Cotton Bowl game to the new Texas Children's hospital, now under construction in Dallas. Tickets are priced at \$3.30 and \$2.20, and reservations may be made in the

Under the Courthouse Roof

ELEVENTH APPEALS COURT PROCEEDINGS

The following proceedings were had in the court of civil appeals, eleventh supreme judicial district, as announced Friday, December 22:

Affirmed—The National Mutual Casualty company vs. Thomas Jefferson Lowery, Fisher, R. W. Bell vs. Mrs. Pearl Bell, Comanche.

Motions submitted—J. D. Dilute vs. T. A. Norwood et al, appeal of the record for certiorari to Children's hospital, now under construction in Dallas. Tickets are priced at \$3.30 and \$2.20, and reservations may be made in the

for rehearing; American Ins. Co. of Texas vs. Mrs. Ethel Reagan Estes, appellant's motion to file brief or postpone submission.

Motions granted—Henry M. Michels vs. Stella Boruta et al, appellee's motion to return mandate without payment of costs; Traders & General Ins. Co. vs. A. C. Watson, appellee's motion to return mandate without payment of costs.

Motion overruled—The Southern Underwriters vs. J. H. Erwin, plaintiffs-in-error's motion for rehearing.

Serial Story---
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heard him call back, as his reindeer galloped north.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

(THE END)

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W. S. Adamson
Your County Judge

A Merry Merry Christmas

May Joy and Wealth Be Yours This Christmas


T. C. Williams
County School Supt.

Heigh! Ho! Christmas



Here's the best thoughts I can send you. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

B. W. Patterson
Your Judge 88th District Court




BEST WISHES

Good health and cheer to you all

A. C. GREEN

A Calling Card From Santa




May we add ours to the many good wishes of the season for the peace and joy of your family and household.

WILBUR B. COLLIE

Christmas Peace

On every hand prevails the Christmas spirit. May we add our humble greetings and best wishes for the future.

John White
District Clerk



May Your CHRISTMAS Be Happy



With sincerity and deep felt gratitude we pass on our best grade of wishes for the season

C. L. GARRETT
Congressman of 17th District

A Christmas Orchid to You

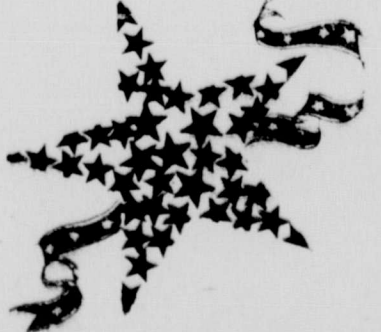


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Geo. L. Davenport
Judge 91st District Court



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To you who have helped make our year a pleasant and more prosperous one we send our deep felt thanks and a word of appreciation in this Christmas greeting.

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Your County Treasurer

The Hotel Storage & Garage

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And the Lord said unto them, Fear not, for I have brought you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 1:10

Earth, take us your music,
Birds that sing and bells that ring,
Heaven with its sweet music,
For all angels and all things,
Earth, set us your anthem,
And sing us a hymn of praise,
For the Son of God is born,
For the Son of God is born,
Brought to us in this way.—C. J. ROSETTI

Christmas Eve and on and on
Shall cover and never cease.
—MISS MAVERGAL

It Might Have Been Us

BUT for the grace of God, it might have been us. Fate directed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee into the port of Montevideo. It might just as easily have steered it into New York harbor.

When the crippled warship steamed into the harbor a few days ago, Uruguayan authorities would have given their shirts if they had not suddenly been tossed into the middle of an international complication. Uruguay had done nothing but sit still. It was far away from the battlegrounds and felt

immune. And then, without warning, it discovered the scene of conflict had quickly shifted to its very front door.

What would the United States have done if the Admiral Graf Spee had tied up in New York, or San Francisco, or New Orleans? How would we have handled this ticklish problem? The war is not over. The same thing can happen over and over again. We had better prepare ourselves.

WHAT all of the Latin-American republics need—and this includes, above all, the United States—is a firm, unequivocal rule concerning belligerent vessels in American territorial waters. It must be a definite, unflinching agreement—one that the belligerents of both sides will understand clearly. It must be a law that makes action automatic without regard for the nationality of the vessel in question.

Brazil already has such a law. It provides simply that any warship of a belligerent nation will be interned the moment it enters Brazilian territorial waters. Uruguay was reportedly examining this law when the Spee limped into Montevideo. Had the law been passed and broadcast before the incident, there would have been no argument. The commander of the Nazi ship would have known what he was in for the moment he entered the harbor.

It cannot be argued that a crippled ship is entitled to haven in a neutral harbor during the period required for repairs. If a fighting ship cannot safely make a home port, it has been vanquished and the nation whose flag it flies should submit gracefully to defeat. It is conceivable that a boat might put into a harbor as a tactical way of escaping further assault by enemy vessels. It is hinted that the Spee might have done this. A neutral nation cannot be expected to lend this kind of assistance to belligerents.

It is desirable that Pan-America as a whole adopt a rigorous policy. Unquestioned internment would probably be best. Such conduct would permit no loopholes. But whatever method is agreed upon, it should be unanimous. It would do little good to have only part of our neutral continents insulated. An "incident" in Uruguay is as much a threat to Brazil, even to the United States, as it is to Uruguay itself.

We must adopt such a policy soon. Tomorrow or the next day there may be another battle, this time just off the coast of Florida. A German or a French or a British ship may duck into an American harbor. Without an established formula, how would we handle the case?

"White Out!"



this time in the Holy Land! To its credit, the League of Nations committee to which the plan was submitted, refused approval. Despite this disapproval, the British government attempted to put the plan into operation. The Jews in Palestine resisted, and continued to receive immigrants and to purchase land for them. Then Britain decreed that all immigration should cease for six months. This was likewise ignored. Finally the collapse of the plan was made a subject of parliamentary consideration and it was discovered that British sentiment was overwhelmingly opposed to the whole idea.

Then came war. Nowhere under the Union Jack was the response to the plea for support of the mother country more prompt than in Jewish Palestine. Out of a population of half a million, 135,000—110,000 men and 25,000 women—registered for war service. With Germany driving out the Jews from Germany itself, and from Austria and Czechoslovakia and from Poland—this little community in Palestine alone holds open the door of escape.

The whole story is an epic, written in blood and tears—a vast canvas that comprehends the heights of stark courage, indomitable resolution, ineffable kindness, and the depths of hate, intolerance, and bestial cruelty.

The voice of America—where in our citizenship we know neither Jew nor Gentile, and where an understanding Congress has approved the setting up at last of a homeland for the disinherited Jews of the world in Palestine—call to England "to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with thy God" as it bears the responsibility for the mandate

that gave it control over the ONLY place in the world where the homeless Jews of the world can go.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—There is more than meets the eye in this formal announcement of Vice President Garner that he will run for the presidential nomination come what may.

Washington has watched with repeated raising of eyebrows the peculiar course of the vice president's race for the nomination. Why has it been necessary for the Garner spokesmen again and again to announce that he is seriously seeking the presidency?

The answer most often given here is that Garner organizers are finding it hard to convince the rank and file of state, county and precinct small fry politicians that they will be safe in getting to work for the Texan with the tempest-tossed eyebrows. Traditionally they are a hard-shelled lot and not eager to miss the band wagon just so some national figure can have enough delegates to make himself a power in the convention. They want to ride the winning horse.

finest pieces of acting the capital has seen in many days.

Many have insisted from the beginning that the 71-year-old vice president wants to succeed Roosevelt. Others have remained perplexed.

That their perplexity is shared among the politicians who will be asked to do the spade work is indicated by the increased emphasis placed upon each successive public pronouncement of Garner's candidacy.

The first "news" of his drive for delegates sort of leaked out. Some thought the idea fantastic in the light of Garner's age, his already long service and his well known disposition to avoid the kind of public show that goes with running for the presidency.

But the leaks became currents and the currents drew formal statements of support from other politicians. Texas leaders promised him the state's delegation. Young Elliott Roosevelt began saying nice things about his father's second in command.

All that would seem to have been enough. Yet when the war brought calls for Roosevelt to seek a third term, promptly out of Dallas came the statement of E. B. Germany, Mr. Garner's campaign manager, that Cactus Jack was still running.

Still More Definite

Then on November 19, Mr. Germany spoke out again even more emphatically, as if in direct effort to answer doubters. Garner, he said, "is in the presidential race to win. We have no interest in political trading."

At that time, he expressed a conviction that President Roose-

velt would not seek a third term. As if to wipe out even that spot on an unqualified declaration, Mr. Germany said early in December in Washington that the vice president would run even if President Roosevelt's name also was before the convention.

Surely, that might have been a plenty. But now comes the statement in the vice president's own

words. For Garner, it was a national act. He ran in 1936, formally proclaiming himself a candidate. There was evidence that he planned to follow the same course. Something compelled him that pattern and speak

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"We haven't been in Cisco long, but long enough like it immensely and to appreciate the fine people here. We are grateful for your patronage which has made it possible for us to live here and the fine welcome given us.

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MOBLEY HOTEL

Holiday Greetings

"Heap on more wood; the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our merry Christmas still."
—Scott.

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Good health and cheer to you all
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"At Christmas tide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone. For love is Heaven and claims its own."
—Margaret E. Sangster.
Neal Lane

Other Opinions

A HOME FOR HOMELESS JEWS

(Editorial from the Chicago Daily News of December 12, 1939)

These are the home-coming days of the year. The Thanksgiving, or Christmas, or New Year's Day, all over this God-favored land, in the year 1939, the grown-up boys and girls are going home to visit the old folks, bringing kiddies with them, or grandparents and grandaids are coming from the old home to visit a John, or Bill, in the city, and to see the grandchildren. Thus it is some time—and how precious it is to us!

There's no sweeter word in the English language than "home."

And yet 1939 is the year of the "homeless" people, those who have no spot left on earth they can call "home."

Hitler has made a hell of what was home to the kindly, music-loving gentle people of Austria.

Czechoslovakia is now but a name for what was once a homeland for twelve million liberty-loving people.

Poland is a waste, peopled by helpless, starving women and children, whose men folk are killed or carried off into slavery in an enemy country.

Russia is rapidly making a shambles of the citizens and villages that spelled "home" to the Finns.

Millions upon millions of helpless, hopeless, homeless souls! But among these millions there is ONE class more homeless than all the others—the Jews.

Maybe in some brighter day the Austrians will find themselves out from under the Hitler yoke. Maybe the outcome of the war will see the Czechs who live through its horrors resume self-government. Perhaps the Poles who survive will find a re-established Poland. But what does the future hold for the Jews, driven from the ancestral homes in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland? They flee—but to where?

Gone are all the chimerical schemes for settling the outcast Jews, driven like cattle from the lands that they called "home," in British Guiana, Tanganyika,

Rhodesia, or Alaska. There remains only the dream of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine. There they go by the thousands, suffering every hardship that men and women and children can know on their bitter way—some fifteen hundred every week. It is a "way of sorrow," a new crusade of nameless sorrows, a new crusade of the crushed to the Holy Land.

Hard put to it to feel acutely, as we all are in these days of incredible madness, we cannot without our sympathy and our admiration for the sturdy, resolute endurance that drives the feet of these pilgrims to seek a place that they can call "home."

And what a sorry story is the current story of British official indifference to the fate of the Jew! As we recount the tale we cannot believe that action taken truly represents the sentiment of the British people, which has suffered lamentably under the inept,

blundering leadership of Chamberlain and Simon and Hoare, in no particular has suffered more than in their inept and heartless treatment of the Palestine question.

A little more than a year ago Chamberlain was halted in his announced purpose to scrap the terms of the mandate, under which Britain ruled Palestine, by the outcry that arose, particularly from the United States. He then decided to call a Jewish-Arab conference in London. To this the Jews consented only to discover that this was but a blind to cover the purpose to turn the Holy Land over to a government that would be two-thirds Arab and one-third Jewish. Jewish immigration into Palestine was to be limited to 75,000 spread over a period of five years, at the end of which all Jewish immigration must stop. Just another ghetto.

A Merry Christmas

All the Gifts We Ask of Life Are Seldom Ours to Share. But There's One Gift Which Comes Unasked, which heart could never spare; it makes all Christmas joy more dear—Makes New Year hopeful too.

The Gift That is so Sweet to Claim
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Schools

4G Club Has Christmas Party Friday

The Four G club had its Christmas party Friday morning at the home of Miss Myra Jean Tompkins. The house was attractively decorated for the occasion, and the morning was spent in planning for a forthcoming German dance. Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Alice Slicker, Jeanne Jamison, Katherine Loftin, Betty Lou Muller, Catherine Mae McDaniel, Jane Moore, Marian Jacobs and the hostess, Myra Jean Tompkins.

Sunday School Class Has Christmas Party

The seven year girls' class of the First Baptist church was entertained with a Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of the teacher, Mrs. T. E. House.

During the afternoon, the little guests gave readings and sang songs. After playing a number of interesting games, each little girl was presented with gifts from a lighted tree.

Christmas candies were then served to Wanda Dean Dudley, Patsy Waldman, Monterey Lisensbee, Jo Ann Scott, Mary Prudence Harris, Pearl and Pearlene Farley, Mary Janette Poe and Barbara Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McPherson and son, Dick, are guests of relatives in Odessa.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Novel Barnhill of Clovis, New Mexico, are spending the holidays with Mr. Barnhill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barnhill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper and daughter, Bobby Lee, are guests of relatives in Mineral Wells during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harper and daughter, Lucille, have gone to Austin to spend the week-end.

James Johnson of Texas A. & M. College Station, is the guest of his parents during the holidays.

Livius Lankford, student in Texas university, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. L. Lankford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gregory and children of Grapeleaf, formerly of Cisco, are spending the holidays visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Butts and daughters, Barbara and Roberta, of Covington, are spending today and Monday with Mrs. Butts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell.

Miss Florence Shannon of Tulsa, Okla., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Lynette Eady of St. Louis, Missouri, is visiting her aunt, Dr. Pearl Waddell.

Miss Kate Holland is the guest of DeLeon relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Standee McCracken are visiting Mrs. McCracken's mother, Mrs. A. L. Cogburn, in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bigby and son are visiting relatives in Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell and children will spend this afternoon with Mr. Russell's parents, Judge and Mrs. B. L. Russell, in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Stephens and son, Blake, plan to leave Monday for a visit with another son, Daskam, in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Kate Hunterman of Albany is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hunterman, during Christmas.

Visitors in the F. E. Shepard home during the holidays are: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brock; Mrs. Minnie Bracewell and Mrs. C. V. Gibson, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan have as their Christmas guests Mrs. Gladys Bray and sons, Bill and Harold Otho, of Norman, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and children, Frank, Jr., and Billy Mae, of Dallas, and Mrs. F. H. Conner of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry of Stanton are guests of Mr. Berry's parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. T. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson have as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vogt and daughter, Elizabeth Adele, of Alpine; G. E. Drewery and son, Ted, of Dallas; Calhoun Anderson of Fort Worth, and Bob Anderson of Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuggle and children are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Geraldine Hines, senior supervisor of nursery schools, and W. T. Francisco, WPA district supervisor, both of Fort Worth, transacted business here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Packer and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Mertzon.

Marvin Grubbs of Raymondville is the guest of Cisco relatives this week.

Mrs. M. W. Robbins and son, Howard, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Robbins' sister, Mrs. S. L. Murphy, in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumpy Collingsworth of Houston are guests of relatives here.

Mrs. Thelma Halstead plans to spend Monday with her family in Comanche.

Christmas Tree, Party Given for Nursery Children

The Cisco Nursery school had its annual Christmas program and tree at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with mistletoe and cedar, and on the wall was shown a Bethlehem scene. The following program was presented: Christmas prayer and greeting; Mrs. Bertie Lomax; reading, Midget King; piano solo, Bobby Walker; Christmas songs, Nursery school children; Christmas carols, grammar school girls choral club; "Silent Night," sung in Spanish by Mary Ramirez and Mary Travinia, and a Christmas story by Miss Lela Latch.

The tree for the party was given by Mrs. Joe Clements, while contributions of candy, fruit, and gifts were made by the Garden club, the junior class of the First Methodist Sunday school, Church of Christ, the Welfare association, Norvell and Miller, the Golden Gleaners Sunday school class of the First Christian church.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served to the following: Mmes. Will Latch, R. L. Latch, Nell Whitehead, C. A. Payne, W. R. Eudy, J. R. Webb, R. R. Williams, Belle Brown, Lena Weatherby, Bessie Pass, Rosa Taylor, Bertie Lomax, Lillie Walker, Lillie Smith, Etoy J. Currie, Marcies, Ramirez, Trevino, Cabanes, Villeneuve; Misses Mary Lee Coats, Mary Ramirez, Mary Trevino, Ester Walker, Lela

Latch, Midget King, Dora Smith, Clara Miller; Messrs. P. W. Weatherby, Lance Miller, Joe Sublett, J. R. Webb and Bobby Walker.

The Mexican mothers presented the school with pictures painted on the ends of apple boxes, and cup towels were given by Mrs. Bertha Webb.

Specs---

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people we see upon our own streets, the troubles and the jealousies and the hopelessness that confront us every day, that we do not believe it truly enough.

The great problem of the world today is a lack of something in which to have faith. What is there in which you place a sublime and absolute faith? What is the good earth of principle or belief on which you are solidly founded? In what, come the worst that may, do you have an absolute assurance, a certainty as great as the certainty that the sidewalk is there when you step on it?

People must have something in which to have faith. After all, despite all that we can see or feel or understand, the greatest element in life is its mystery and uncertainty. Lacking better assurances, many people have come to

put their trust in material things, in political nostrums and "isms," in individuals who possess a strong attraction. Dictators have arisen, and with dictators greater uncertainties and violence and wars. The need of the principle of the real Santa Claus was never greater than today when material knowledge has made men question old faiths and become puzzled by the relationships of things they once took for granted. The puzzle does not fit into a picture so well. The underlying theme, the reason for the picture itself, is not understood.

There could be no better Christmas for many of us than to find the Santa Claus in whom we really believe. Perhaps it's heresy of a sort, but I believe that it is not as important WHAT one believes as HOW one believes it.

Daybook - - -

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aimed right at the heart of the doubts. He will accept the nomination, he said, then added: "I will make no effort to control any delegates."

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old and am in the second grade. I have tried to be good this past year and I wish you would bring me a little rubber Dy-Dee doll, a rake, shovel, hoe, broom, nuts, fruit and candy.

Your little pal,
Mary Prudence Harris

Dear Santa Claus:

I want to thank you again for all the nice things you have brought me before and to ask another favor of you.

Will you bring me an Indian suit and a double barreled shotgun?

Please remember Charles, Mackey, Richard and Edward and all my friends with what they want and please be good to all boys and girls and everybody.

Love,
Joe Denny

COUNCIL MEMBER

Cecil Edwards of Southern Methodist university is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards, for the holidays. Cecil is a member of the student council at the university, which consists of 13 representatives of the seven schools at the university, who govern student activities and formulate regulations for the approval of the faculty.

Frank Shackelford of Texas university is visiting here.

Telephone Co. Employees Have Christmas Party

Mrs. A. M. Worley was hostess Thursday evening at a party given in honor of the Cisco office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company. The party was held at the office building.

A large Christmas tree was the central attraction, and gifts to the employees were distributed by "Santa Claus" Neil Lane. The remainder of the evening was devoted to entertaining games and contests. Eugenia Jackson gave a number of clever readings.

Refreshments were served to about 30 guests.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Flaxier Stevens of Houston are guests of relatives and friends here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witten of Houston are guests of relatives here for the holidays.

Miss June Morehart of Southern Methodist university is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Morehart.

Miss Orla Huestis of Bethany college, Bethany, Okla., is spending the holidays here.

Miss Sue Witten of Levelland is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witten.



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May the Light of Joy and Happiness Keep Shining for You and Yours

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Roast Turkey and Dressing Gravy, Cranberry Sauce

Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows, English Peas

Hot Biscuits Drinks

Fruit Cake or Pumpkin Pie

Selection of Other Entries on Above Dinner

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Coffee Shop

GREETINGS

May the bells keep ringing a song of joy for everybody!

JENSEN JEWELRY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Greetings And Best Wishes To You and Yours

X-RAY BARBER SHOP

MANY THANKS,
Everyone, for
Remembering the
RED FRONT for
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May you
All have a joyous
SEASON



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Political Calendar for 1940 Includes Election of President

Following is the political calendar for the 1940 election year, a year in which not only state officers, but a national administration will be elected:

Jan. 21—Last day to pay poll tax. Paying starts Oct. 1, 1939.

Feb. 1—Residents of cities over 10,000 must obtain exemption certificates before this date.

Feb. 12—Commissioners' courts

appoint election judges.

May 4—Precinct conventions for presidential nomination.

May 7—County conventions to name delegates to state convention for presidential nomination.

May 23—State convention is held to name delegates to national convention for nominating president and vice president.

State executive committee selects

convention city.

June 3—Last day for candidates for state office and candidates for other offices embracing more than one county, to file for place on primary ballot.

June 10—State executive committee meets, in city designated by chairman, to select state convention city, and to certify names of candidates for primary ballot.

June 15—Last day for precinct and county candidates, and district candidates in districts composed of one county, to file for place on the ballot.

June 17—Last day for candidates to pay ballot assessments; if rapid, law requires names be left off.

June 24—Primary committee makes up official ballot.

June 27-July 1—Period in which first campaign expense reports must be filed. States and district reports filed with secretary of state; county and precinct reports, with county clerks.

July 7-24—Absentee voting period.

July 15-19—Second campaign expense reports.

July 22—Last day for voters who have moved to secure certificates and have names added to list to qualify for voting.

July 27—First primary. Polls open 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

July 27—Precinct conventions.

July 30—Last day for presiding judges to report election returns.

Aug. 3—County executive committee canvasses returns.

Aug. 4-21—Absentee voting period for second primary.

Aug. 6—Final expense report for first primary.

Aug. 10—State executive committee meets in Austin to canvass primary returns and certify names for second-primary ballot.

Aug. 12-16—First second primary expense reports.

Aug. 24—Second primary.

Aug. 26—Last day for independent candidates to file with secretary of state for place on general election ballot.

Sept. 3—Final campaign expense report.

Sept. 9—State executive committee canvasses reports of second primary.

Sept. 10—State democratic convention declares nominees, adopts

STORIES IN STAMPS



Duane's Wife...
The picture shows Duane's wife, who is believed to be the woman in the picture.

Hitler selected Duane's picture in 1935, for the German postage stamp series issued in 1935 to mark the centenary of the birth of the German emperor.

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vision was ignored in 1938.)

Oct. 1—Poll tax paying begins.

Oct. 16-Nov. 2—Absentee balloting for general election.

Oct. 16—Last day for party state committees to certify names of candidates for president and vice president to secretary of state for general election ballot.

Nov. 5—General election for all state and presidential elections.

Nov. 8—Presidential election.

Really More Than One Can Bear

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 23 (AP)—All through the past football season Coach William Nelson of Mid-

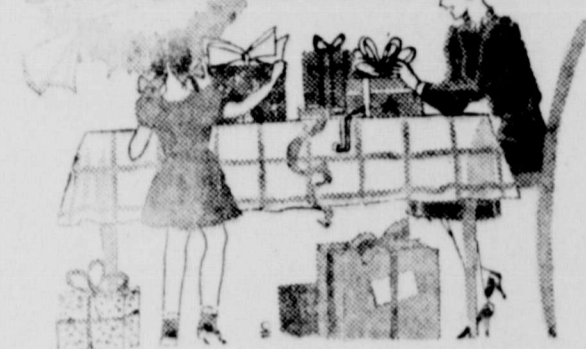
land college wept bitter tears because he lacked a capable punter. Then came the crowning blow At the school "Olympics" Miss Arlene Gardner, a sophomore, stepped up and booted the pigskin 42 yards, 10 yards better than the average of Midland's

best male punter. She learned how to boot from her brother, Wayne, a football star.

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the feast, the ball
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—W. F. Spencer.

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platform, elects new state executive committee and state chairman. (Note: A conflict in the law apparently would require this convention to be held Sept. 3, but since the returns could not be canvassed and no nominees could be declared, this conflicting pro-

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Surgical Sets Broken Rib

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23 (AP)—Couzzingo, claiming three-fourths Sioux Indian blood, spurned aid for a broken rib, and now is mending the injury.

Friday Couzzingo, who was mending his rib, fell, the doctor refused aid. Returning home he pried the member and inserted two holes in the rib with an icepick and anchored the block in place with many screws. Daily he uses the screws to sterilize the wound.

See Ourselves Others See Us

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—Guthrie, theater usher, was surprised when he saw his own wardrobe walking away from him. He called the police and had the man arrested. The man had been into the theater in the basement of the building, while the usher was upstairs at work in his office.

Items of Interest From Putnam

Among students from Putnam who are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends are Willa Grace Pruet, Earlene Pruet, and Zada Williams, San Marcos; Jack Everett, Rice Institute, Houston; Mary Douglas Williams, Amarillo; R. D. Brown, A & M; and Roy Lee Williams, Hardin Simmons, Abilene.

Teachers of the Putnam schools who are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at home are Theda Smith, Wichita Falls; Lenora Stalling, Terrell; and La Frances Hamilton, Snyder.

The Putnam Home Demonstration club had its Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Pete King. The following program was presented: vocal duet by Ruth and Troy Caraway; piano selections, Troy Caraway and Edward King; a quartet composed of Edward King, Troy Caraway, Dolpha Hull and George Caraway, who sang several numbers.

After the program, the guests and members of the club exchanged gaily-wrapped gifts.

Mrs. S. N. Eubank entertained her Sunday school class with a Christmas party Thursday evening at her home.

London's newest, smallest movie theater, seating 24, has been opened in the ministry of information. There government experts will see propaganda films before they are generally released.



First Presbyterian Church
Sunday school, 9-11. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Christmas service with special music. Sermon subject: "Where is He That Is Born King of the Jews?" Annual Christmas pageant, "In Thy Light," 7 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to these services.
—Dr. Gary L. Smith, pastor.

First Christian Church
Bible school, 9-11. Morning church service, 10:30. Subject: "What Jesus Bought." Young people's meeting, 6 p. m. Evening preaching, 7:00. Sermon subject: "The Wise Men."—Rev. Clark W. Lambert, pastor.

The Boss Wants Favor --- He Gets It

LLANO, Tex., Dec. 23 (AP)—Bud Evans is a cow-hand by trade, but he doesn't draw the line at odd jobs.

Mark Moss, Evans' employer, wanted a deer to replace a pet one that had died on his game preserve.

So Evans rode forth, enticed an eight-point buck into roping range with cottonseed cake, roped and tied him single-handed and then loaded him in a trailer for delivery to Moss.

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"Miss Wilderness" Goes To Town

(AP) Feature Service.
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 23.—May Larsen is a daughter of the wilderness and she doesn't react to dances like the ordinary 18-year-old girl.

With her two brothers, she had her first look at civilization here recently. The three had never been out of British Columbia's wild Cariboo Trail country before.

Taken to her first dance, May,

an expert horsewoman and rifle shot, later confessed, "Meeting a couple on the trail takes much less courage than going to a dance. I just trembled all over."


May, with her brothers, Jack, 25, and Leonard, 13, gaped and gaped as they toured Bellingham. The youngsters got the most enjoyment out of riding in the elevator. Invariably when the elevator stopped they'd ask the operator: "Did we go up or down that time?"

The Larsens live at Hoop Lake, 250 miles north of here in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

Three ships were sunk off the coast of North Carolina by submarines in the last World war.

LUTHERAN FARMERS MEET. Younger farmers of the Lutheran community met Thursday evening at the Lutheran church in a community meeting for the discussion of common problems.


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Promise Made at Birth Redeemed After 25 Years

ABILENE, Dec. 23 (Sp)—A promise spoken 25 years ago was carried out recently by a Callahan county ranchman.

Twenty-five years ago A. W. Beasley was employed by W. O. Hampton on his farm in the Adair community, 11 miles southeast of Abilene.

A daughter was born to the Hamptons. Beasley asked Hampton to allow him to name the child, promising that he would give her a good education.

The promise was kept. Hampton fulfilled it for 25 years. Beasley's daughter, named "Cora," is now a well-known pianist in Abilene.

A few days ago Beasley collected the money to pay for the daughter's education. She is now studying at the University of Texas.

trailer behind her car. Beasley selected a good yearling heifer, subject to registration, from his herd of Herefords and loaded it in the trailer.

This story is contributed by C. R. Armstrong, who lives in Abilene and operates a jewelry shop in Baird.

British Call--

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air battle described it as the largest ever fought and reported 36 of 52 attacking British ships were shot down against the loss of two German ships.

British planes at first minimized the damage to the battle damaged German ships. It is now stated that 17 British planes were shot down and 12 German ships were damaged.

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RED RYDER

By Fred Harman

NO LITTLE BEAVER RED RYDER HAS NOT BEEN HERE -- YOU SHOULD BE HOME IN BED!

BUT ME WORRY ME NOT GO HOME TILL ME FINDUM HIM, MISSY JOJEAN!

THAT LUCKY DRAKE AND HIS FRIEND SHARK -- WONDER WHAT THEY DO OUT HERE IN DARK!



World production of coal is about one billion tons annually.

German Train Wreck Claims 182 Killed

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two disastrous collisions on Germany's war-strained railway system Friday claimed 182 lives and injured 139 persons, officials announced today.

The second occurred between Marksdorf and Kluffern when a passenger train and a freight train struck head on at top speed. It killed 50 persons and injured 30.

One hundred thirty-two persons were killed and 109 injured when two passenger trains collided at Genthin.

Authorities made no comment on the series of wrecks which have plagued the rail system since Oct. 8, costing 319 lives and injuring more than 311, but the "blackout" generally was regarded as responsible.

On the Genthin wreck, the papers also commented that misty weather made signaling difficult. First investigations indicated that faulty signaling caused last night's crash, railway authorities said, and the state prosecutor ordered arrest of the Marksdorf and Kluffern station agents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Starr of Laguna hotel, have as house guests during the holidays, his mother, Mrs. Emma L. Starr, of Sulphur Springs, and his sister, Mrs. Mina Starr Bloom, of San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dodson of Eastland are guests of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosell Daniel plan to spend Christmas at Sweetwater.

Former Resident--

road career to study law at Cumberland. In 1924 he was elected district attorney, and, by a coincidence, the district judge with whom he served, became a member of the court of civil appeals with him at San Antonio. He held the office of district attorney until 1930, when he resigned to become a member of the legal firm of Johnson, Rogers and Slatton. Judge Slatton's parents were pioneers of Eastland county and his many friends are proud of his success in his profession.

CLARENDON, Tex., Dec. 23 (AP)—Archie Wood says he has a tom cat that will out-do any hunting dog in the business. "The cat pounces, stalks them if they run and retrieves dead and wounded birds as fast as you can shoot them," avers Sportsman Wood.

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Dogs Of War Scare Bird of Peace

NEUFCHATEL, Switzerland (AP)—The storks of Alsace, so beloved by Alsations that they became the insignia of the whole French province, have been frightened away by the guns of war and are making new homes near Neufchatel, Switzerland.

Many another bird, including many wild ducks and swamp birds, have fled the Alsace marshes and the Aisatian Vosges for new homes in Switzerland.

Most of them have chosen homes around Lake Neufchatel—just a few hundred miles south of their usual home.

Alsation storks, settling in Neufchatel chimneys, were greeted with joy by the Neufchatel farmers, for it's considered a sign of good fortune to have a stork family choose your chimney for a nest.

Miss Ruby Lee Blanton of Roby is visiting her aunt, Miss Ruby Love.

J. G. Rupe of Midland is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rupe.

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