

# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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## Olaf G. South Named County War Fund Chairman

Callahan County Chapter of The American Red Cross will hold their meetings hereafter on the first Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be January 5, 1943.

Olaf G. South was elected as the 1943 county-wide war fund chairman at a meeting held recently when Mr. Lmo Lou of St Louis Field Representative of the American Red Cross met with the local chapter. Miss Blanche Jones was elected secretary.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Bailey Johnson  
Mrs. T. P. Bearden  
Mrs. Ace Hickman  
Mr. Erle Hall  
Mrs. L. L. Blackburn  
Mrs. John Bailey  
Miss Blanche Jones

## Notice Filling Station Operators

Filling station owners no longer will be required to call in person at the office of the Callahan County War Price and Rationing Board, in order to exchange retail gasoline coupons for a bulk purchase certificate, but may handle such transactions by mail, it was announced today.

"This change in procedure has been worked out by the OPA in order to save filling station operators from unnecessary driving." Filling station owners, especially those in rural districts or in towns at a distance from the county seat heretofore were obliged to make special trips to the County War Price and Rationing Board office in order to make this exchange, then had to return to their filling stations with the proper bulk purchase certificates before they could replenish their stocks from gasoline delivery tank wagons.

"All filling stations may now make this exchange of coupons for certificates by mail," and a self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany each group of coupons, for use by the board in mailing back the exchanged certificate to the applicant. When certificate is received by the used distributor or his agent, it must be signed by him before it becomes valid."

It is advised the use of registration in handling this exchange of coupons because unregulations there is no for replacement of lost in the hands of a gasoline distributor. For reason, if coupons were lost enroute to the Board, the distributor might encounter some difficulty in replacing them.

### BAYOU 4-H GIRLS CLUB

Planning a wardrobe that is both economical and attractive was demonstrated to the Bayou 4-H Girls in their meeting at the Bayou school on Wednesday, Dec 16. Miss Marjorie Brown, county home demonstration agent, showed how to take garments consisting of blouses, skirts, sweaters and slacks and assemble them into numerous costumes. By taking eight of these garments the girls saw how to combine them into 15 different attractive suits and costumes.

Georgie Bell Parker, president of the club, had charge of the meeting. Ruby Fae O'Dell was chosen clothing demonstrator and Lucy Bibbs as garden demonstrator.

A call meeting will be held soon to elect a new club reporter and a recreation leader. A sponsor will also be selected at this meeting.

Those present were, Doris McClain, Mona McCoy, Joyce Parker, Lorene Sargent, LaDell Smedley, Flora Ewafford, Leta Mae O'Dell, Georgia Bell Parker, Ruby Fae O'Dell, Lucy Bibb and Mrs. Thelma Smedley.

## Memorial Services Held For Ernest Reavis Dungan

Memorial services were held at the First Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Ernest Reavis Dungan, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Dungan, of Baird who lost his life as a sailor in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific theatre.

The Rev. A. A. Davis, Baptist pastor and the Rev. W. B. Hicks Methodist minister, officiated.

Reavis Dungan was graduated from Baird High School in 1938 and worked for the Ungren-Frazier firm in Abilene and Baird, prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Navy last January.

Survivors are, the parents, two brothers and three sisters, J. T. Miami, Ariz., Mrs. Pauline Edwards, California, Tressa Dungan Miami, Ariz., Milton, San Francisco, and Betty Jean Dungan, of the home. Reavis' father has been with the Ungren-Frazier firm since it was organized 16 years ago.

## Date For Registration For Ration Book No. 1, Extended

The date for registration of persons who have never received War Ration Book No. One has been extended from December 15th through January 15, 1943, Ralph Ashlock, Chairman of the Callahan County War Price and Rationing Board, announced today.

This 30-day extension has been granted because it will be necessary for everyone to have this War Ration Book No. One in order to qualify for War Ration Book No. Two, which will be issued some time early in January during a registration period to be announced later.

War Ration Book No. One will continue to be used for rationing coffee and sugar even after Book No. Two has been issued.

Even those persons who were unable to qualify for War Ration Book No. One last May, because they had excess supplies of sugar may now obtain Book No. One by reporting this circumstance to the Board, which will tailor the book by removing sufficient sugar stamps from it to account for the excess stocks.

The book likewise will have to be tailored to take into account excess supplies of coffee which applicants have on hand. Persons under 15 years of age will have coffee stamps removed from this Book No. One, and persons over 15 years of age who possess more than one pound of coffee likewise will have an appropriate number of coffee stamps removed from their book. Excess coffee must be declared by everyone when the issuance of War Ration Book No. Two begins and all holders of Book No. One will have coffee stamps removed at that time to account for their excess stocks.

## Goodfellows

The Goodfellows distributed Christmas baskets to 25 families in Baird yesterday—Christmas Eve.

Mrs. V. E. Hill served as general chairman.

Mr. Hugh Smith, chairman of the purchasing committee assisted by Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mrs. Carl Lamb, had all the supplies placed in the county library where the baskets were packed Wednesday by volunteers from the Social Clubs and H. A. Warren with his assistants delivered the baskets yesterday morning.

## PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Rev. S. P. Collins will hold regular services at 11 o'clock and 7:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and

## BEST WISHES

for your Happiness  
in the New Year

Your patronage through the years past is evidence of the confidence you have in our organization, and we trust it may continue in the same amicable way for many years to come.

### WILBERT VOSHELLE ENROUTE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Voshelle Sr., received a telegram Wednesday morning from their son Sgt. Voshelle, who had landed at San Francisco, Calif. after an absence of nearly two years. Sgt. Voshelle is in the Air Service and was at Java with the "lost battalion". He will be home about December 28th.

### Mrs. W. J. Ray Entertains Family With Six O'clock Dinner

Mrs. W. J. Ray entertained the members of her family at a 6 o'clock dinner Sunday at the Stanley dining rooms in honor of her youngest son, Harold E. Ray, who left Monday for service in the United States Forces, and as the honor guest, his mother pinned a white rose on the lappel of his coat. She also presented Christmas gifts to each member of her family.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray and son, Jack Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Ray and children, Bernice and Billie Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harville, son and daughter, J. C. and Mary Lillian Harville, Abilene; Mrs. Elmer Norman and son, Lieut. Ray Norman of Electra, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray and the hostess.

Members of the family unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray and children of El Paso, Mr. Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray's daughter, Ruth and family.

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Baird Star will not issue a paper next week, but the office will be open all day each day of the week for the benefit of those having business with the office.

The next paper will be issued on Friday January 8, 1943.

We wish All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ellen and Harold

### MR. AND MRS. ACE HICKMAN RECEIVES LETTER FROM THEIR SON, REAVES

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman received a letter Monday from their son S-Sgt. Reaves Hickman, who sailed for foreign service in September. The letter was written Nov. 1st and Reaves said he was on the high seas at that time, but was getting very anxious to get in port when he could hear from home.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Charity Gilliland and Gusolyn Hall, of N. T. S. T. C., Denton; Marian and Ruth Dyer, John Emery Wheeler, Lewis Hill, Nick Jackson, James Alexander of the University of Texas.

Ben Louis Russell, Clyde and Bill Yarbrough, Russell Chatham, Jack Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jones, A and M.; Ividal Mitchell and Ellen Marie Hill, John Tarleton College; Wanda Warren, McMurry, Abilene; and perhaps others whose names we did not get, are home for the holidays.

### PUBLIC MEETING

All who are interested in the care of Ross Cemetery are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon, December 29th at 3 p. m. This is important.

### BAIRD SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Baird Public Schools closed Friday for the Christmas holidays and will open Monday, December 28th.

### FRED ESTES JR. HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Fred Estes, Jr. with the Merchant Marines is at home for the holidays after an absence of more than a year during which time he has called at many ports visiting many places of interest in Africa and South America. Fred will return to his duties after January 1st.

## C. E. Bray, Former Sheriff, Died At Abilene

Charlie E. Bray, 67, former sheriff of Callahan County, died at his home in Abilene Monday night following an illness of some months.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Putnam at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. A. A. Davis of Baird conducting the services. Burial was made in the Putnam cemetery near the graves of his two sons Harold and Howard, who died some years ago.

Mr. Bray was born in Florida December 16, 1875. He came to Callahan County in 1906 residing at Belle Plain community until 1922, when the family moved to Baird.

Mr. Bray served as sheriff of Callahan County one term, 1925-1926. They later moved to Putnam and Mr. Bray served as County Commissioner of that precinct for several years.

The family moved to Albany and later to Abilene where they have lived for the past three years operating a cafe.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Ben Boutwell of Baird, Mrs. Ralph Keen, Mrs. Lowell Johnson and Miss Betty Jo Bray of Abilene.

The Wylie funeral home of Baird was in charge of arrangements.

## Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnard of Clyde, announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn Bernard to Pfc. W. L. Allen of Fort Bliss El Paso, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Allen, of Clyde.

The marriage was solemnized at the First Baptist Church, in El Paso at 8 p. m. Dec. 5, with Rev. I. L. Nearby officiating. Attendants were Sgt and Mrs. Don A. Ferrell of Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Allen was reared at Amartillo and graduated from the Canyon public schools and attended Clarendon Junior College being a member of the National Honor Society of the college.

Mr. Allen finished high school at Oplin and for some months before joining the army was an employee of the McIntosh Dairy here.

El Paso, Pvt. Allen is with the 16th Vet. Evaciation Hospital at Fort Bliss.

For the present Mr. and Mrs. Allen are making their home in El Paso.

### "PRINCE" LOST DOG IS BACK HOME

Last week S. D. Hooper ran an ad in The Star for a lost dog Prince, which belonged to his son Fred Hooper, who lost his life in the service of the Merchant Marines some months ago—and Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. L. Spence who lives on the Manning ranch east of Baird called at The Star office and asked the editor to notify Mr. Hooper that Prince was at her home—had been there for several days and was being well cared for. Mr. Hooper went down Monday after "Prince."

Claude Flores left Sunday for Fort Worth to spend the holidays. He accompanied his sister Mrs. Henry Benham and Mrs. Benham of Balmorhea, who will visit their daughter, Mrs. Charles Reynaud and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, Mrs. J. R. McFarlane and Nick Jackson left Wednesday for Dallas where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crutchfield, Mrs. Geneva Flores, Mrs. Sam Wristen, Misses Christine and Helen Settle attended the annual Cowboys Christmas Ball at Abilene Tuesday night.

## Callahan County Men Leave For U. S. Army

The following group of selectees left Baird Monday for Camp Walters

Harold E. Ray, Baird, Acting Corporal.  
Stephen H. Warren, Baird  
Stanley J. Pearce, Cross Plains  
Carl W. Jennings, Clyde  
William M. Coley, Jr. Cross P.  
Marcus L. Culpepper, Dudley  
James L. Haynes, Baird  
Artie V. Huckaby, Cross Plains  
Dowel A. Abernathy, Rt. 2, Moran  
Berley Harrigal, Cross Plains  
Ernest J. Higgins, Cottonwood  
Louis S. Walker, Baird  
Thurman C. Corley, Clyde  
Raymond C. Corn, Baird  
Charles C. Maner, Baird  
John G. Schaffrina, Baird  
Wilburn C. Young, Baird  
Wayland H. Lovvern, Baird  
Clyde M. Griffin, Clyde.  
Charlie W. Pierce, Oplin

## Joe Totten Turned Over To Pen Officials

Sheriff, B. O. Brame returned from Charlesto, W. Va., where he and Deputy Sheriff Ruck Sibley, of Abilene went after Joe Totten 44, of Abilene, fugitive, from justice for five years, following his conviction in the 42nd district court here, on a charge of murder without malice in the death of Robert Cluney, 14, who was fatally injured by Totten's truck on July 23, 1937 near the Abilene county club.

Totten was turned over to Huntsville penitentiary authorities Monday. He had lived in Charleston the past five years under the name of M. E. Walker and has been working as a carpenter.

## Harry Moore Retired T and P Engineer Dead

H. M. Moore, 71, retired T and P Ry. engineer, died Sunday, December 13th in the Company hospital at Marshal.

Mr. Moore's home was at 1105 Clara St. Fort Worth. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Harveson-Cole Funeral Chapel by Rev. L. D. Anderson. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Moore had been a resident of Fort Worth 40 years. Mr. Moore began his railroad career at Springfield, Mo., where he was born. For the past 15 years until his retirement last year, he was engineer for a passenger train between Fort Worth and Baird.

Surviving are, his wife, a son E. L. Moore of Arizona; a stepson, E. L. King of Fort Worth; two step-daughters, Mrs. Hugh B. Smith of Fort Worth and Miss Mable King of Los Angeles two brothers, George Moore of Denver, Colo.; and Robert Moore of Billings, Mont.; and two sisters, Mrs. Zella Mays and Mrs. Maggie Matthews, both of Springfield, Mo.

## Subscription Bargain Rates Expire Dec. 31

All present clubbing rates with The Star and Abilene Reporter News and The Fort Worth Star-Telegram will expire December 31st and all new or renewal subscriptions must be in The Star office on that date regardless of the date of expiration of your subscription to the two daily papers—all subscribers will be credited for full time.

We will appreciate your orders for subscription.

Respectfully,  
THE BAIRD STAR.

Miss Est Jones of Dallas, visited her mother Mrs. E. T. Jones and family the past week.



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News of Our Boys In The Service

George Gillit with the Air Force at San Antonio, is at home for the holidays.

R. J. Wylie, who has been home on a furlough left Wednesday for his duties with the U. S. Army in California.

Gene Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Warren is now at the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Chicago.

Richard Windham writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Windham that he has arrived safely "somewhere in the Pacific"

Pfc. Eugene Swenson, with the American forces in England, cabled Christmas Greetings to his mother and the family.

Albert Kehrer who has been with the engineers corps at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., has been transferred to Kentucky.

Sgt. and Mrs. "Spanky" McFarlane of Big Spring spent the past week end with Mrs. McFarlane's grand mother, Mrs. Henry Lambert and family.

Glynn Gibson who has been home on a furlough left Wednesday for San Francisco, to resume his duties as a sailor in the U. S. Navy.

Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin Niell and baby boy of Lubbock, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Niell's grandmother Mrs. Edna Yonge. They were enroute to Santa Ana to spend Christmas with Sgt. Niell's parents.

Pvt. Robert L. Blakley, with the Air Force mechanical department, Dunican Field, is expected home today for a short visit with

his father and sisters, Larry Blakley and daughters, Nina Manche, Grace and Betty.

D. S. McGee has returned to Ellington Field near Houston after a visit with his aunt, Mrs. John Asbury here. He is with the Medical Corps at Ellington Field.

Caleb McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McBride of Oplin, has returned to his duties as a mechanic in the air service at Harlingen after a visit with his parents.

Matthew L. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hughes sent the following telegram to The Star: "Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, to all at home. All well."

Pvt. William McGowen of Randolph Field, spent several days this week with his mother, Mrs. Joe McGowen and family William who volunteered last September, is a gunner on a boomer.

George Frazier, former employe of The Star sends greetings to friend in Baird. George is with the Marines in San Diego California and likes the life. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frazier of Baird.

Corp. J. L. Walker, a former Baird boy, now in the Air Force is a patient in the army hospital at Camp Walters, Mineral Wells J. L. has been ill sometime, suffering with a kidney infection. He is slowly improving. J. L. asked The Star to say hello to all his friends in Baird. His address is, Corp. J. L. Walker, Ward A-5 Station Hospital, Camp Walters, Texas.

Coffee Rationing

All retailers and wholesalers of roasted coffee are required to submit to the County War Price and Rationing Board not later than December 31, 1942 a report on the quantity of roasted coffee each had on hand on November 28, 1942.

Form R-1202, the form to be used by retailers and wholesalers who do not roast coffee, is available at the Board office.

Form R-1202 is to be used only by retailers and wholesalers of roasted coffee who do not roast green coffee. Retailers and wholesalers who roast green coffee are to use OPA Form R-1203 in making their reports.

Only one copy of R-1202 is required to be filed by an establishment which does not roast green coffee.

All retailers and wholesalers who roast green coffee must obtain Form R-1203 from the State Office of Price Administration. This report must be prepared in triplicate. One copy of this also must be filed not later than December 31 with the local board which serves the area in which the principal business office of the firm is located; another copy must be sent at the same time to the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C. and the third copy should be retained

by the retailer or the wholesaler. Please note that retailers and wholesalers who do not roast coffee may obtain their report For R-1202 from the local board office, while those who do roast coffee must obtain their report form No. 1203 from the State OPA Office, Fort Worth Club Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and sincere appreciation for the many cards, flowers and other kindnesses shown us during our recent sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warren and Family. Tom French.

County Agent's Column

By: Russell W. Sanders, Administrative Officer Callahan Co. A. C. A.

Now is the time to start treatment for the control of cattle grubs in Callahan county. When rotenone is combined with wettable sulphur or soap and used as a dust, wash or dip, it will destroy the grub and at the same time control both the long and short nose cattle lice.

Grubs or wolves, are simply heel fly larvae. Each heel fly in the Spring will lay several hundred eggs in the hair around the hooves of cattle. These hatch into small larvae which immediately bore into the skin and find their way to points along the cattle's back. There they make small holes in the skin, and it is through these holes grubs get air. When rotenone is applied to the back it reaches the grub through these holes. Three treatments are necessary for satisfactory control because grubs continue to come to the backs of animals for a period of several months.

The first treatment should be given in early December, followed by two more treatments about 30-days apart. Experiment has proven cattle do better and gain more rapidly after the grubs are killed.

Fred Cutbirth, of Cross Plains, better. For further information consult your local County Agent.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

A United States Civil Service examination to fill Student Dietitian positions in the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. 66C. will be held at Abilene, Texas, Elva L. Smith, Acting Secretary for the U. S. Civil Service Commission, announced today.

Women with appropriate college courses in dietetics are eligible to apply. Applications must reach the Commission's Washington office on or before January 9, 1943.

"Student Dietitians," reported, "receive subsistence, quarters, and a small remuneration during their six months training at the Army Medical Center. They are then raised to Apprentice Dietitians at \$1,440 a year, and six months later, may be promoted to Staff Dietitians at \$1,800 a year."

Full information as to requirements and application blanks may be obtained from Elva L. Smith at

the Post Office in Baird, Texas or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

Applications are not desired from persons already engaged in war work unless they will employ higher skilled as Student Dietitians. War Manpower restrictions on Federal appointments are given in Form 3989, posted in first and second-class post offices.

PERSONALS

Albert Betcher Jr., of Oplin was in Baird Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson of Oplin were in Baird Monday.

C. R. Nurdyke, former sheriff and now with the Texas Rangers at Austin, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Marian Grace, cashier at the West Texas Utilities Co., will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Hamlin.

Jimmie Ashlock had the bad luck to have his left arm broken at the elbow while playing ball at school Friday.

Ida Louise Fetterly is home for the holidays from Palacios, where she is a teacher in the high school.

Mrs. O. B. Brown of Jal N.M. and Miss Ola Bess McGee of Roscoe visited their aunt Mrs. John Asbury the past week.

Mrs. J. W. Turner who has been visiting her father, J. S. Hart, has returned to her home in Abilene.

Mr and Mrs. C. B. Holmes Surles, of Austin, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bearden and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kehrer of Big Spring will spend Christmas with Mrs. Mary Kehrer also visit Mrs. Kehrer's brother Silas Dunlap and family at Belle Plain

W. A. Fetterly, Jr., Ph. M. 3-c was home on a ten-day furlough After completing a three-months course at Columbia University, N. Y. He has now gone back to New Orleans, La.

Miss Christine Settle teacher in the Ballinger Public Schools and Tillie Settle secretary to Supt Nat Williams of the Ballinger schools and Miss Helen Settle

teacher in the Hammond La., public schools are at home for the holidays.

W. M. Isenhower and daughters Misses Geneva and Dorothy of Cisco, were in Baird Monday. Misses Geneva and Dorothy are freshmen in the T. S. C. W. at Denton. They are graduates of Cisco high school.

Mrs. Mae Brooks of Oplin, returned Tuesday from a three months visit with relatives in Hume, Mo., and Genola, Kan. She is now visiting her daughter Mrs. Ernest Windham here.

To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666 LIQUID, TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

TO CHECK MALARIA IN 7 DAYS take 666



Gold Star Memorial Services

The remains of many of our boys in the armed forces who have been lost in action are not now recoverable. We consider it part of our duty, as well as a moral and patriotic obligation to the families of this community to offer our facilities without charge for Gold Star Services commemorating any Callahan County hero for whom it is impossible to provide the usual funeral service.

Call 68 or 38 for information Wylie Funeral Home Phone 68 or 38 Baird, Texas



A TRIP HOME.. The Best CHRISTMAS Gift of All

First on every service man's Christmas list is a trip home to see the folks. He is going home, too—if someone like you or I does not take his seat on the train. This Christmas may be his last visit home for a long time. In order to give these service men the best Christmas Gift of all, we are asking you not to travel from now until January 15th, except in cases of emergency. We sincerely regret that there isn't room for everyone on the trains this Christmas. But, of course, Uncle Sam's men come first—so we ask you to cooperate with us in serving them and their families.



Buy More War Bonds and Stamps

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RY.

COME TO THE MAN WHO KNOWS YOUR TRACTOR BEST—

You'd never let a well digger build your barn nor a plumber care for your animals. In the same respect, it's just plain common sense to take your John Deere tractor to the man who knows it best—your John Deere dealer. We're equipped to meet every John Deere tractor servicing problem . . . to give you your John Deere tractor that has seen long, hard work the power and pep it needs for the coming season. Our factory-trained service man will check your tractor thoroughly . . . grind valves . . . make all necessary adjustments . . . and tune it up so that it will work just about like new. You'll be pleasantly surprised how little it will cost you. Plan now to have our service man check over your tractor. Stop in tomorrow and let's talk it over. F. P. SHACKELFORD Your John Deere Dealer Putnam, Texas



ONLY GENUINE JOHN DEERE REPAIR PARTS fit and wear like the Originals!



# CHRISTMAS

*Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men*

**Christmas Cheer - 1942**

Now is the time when all of us are more fully conscious of the goodness that should preclude all mankind. Permit us, then, to thank you for your good will in 1942; we wish you all the merriest Christmas possible.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD**

**Holiday Greetings To All**

AT THIS TIME, when prince and peasant bow in common harkening to the message of good will from old Judea, we want to express our earnest wish for a happy 1942 Christmas season to all our friends.

**W. D. BOYDSTUN**

**Christmas Greetings**

It is not only now, at Christmas time, when we appreciate your patronage. We appreciate it all year 'round, but now, in the last short days of 1942, is the very best time to tell you about it, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**NORVELL & BOYD**  
GROCERY AND MARKET



ANOTHER year. Another Christmas. Once more children look up, the very Star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes as they hear the story of the infant Jesus. Once more the parents of little children everywhere pray that there should be peace on earth---for never before in all history, has His lesson been more worthy of repetition. Good will toward men ---let every man say it over and over. Let it be instilled in the hearts of those just learning the ways of life. Nor is there any man who can observe Christmas reverently---without doing sacrilege to His name---if that man fails to practice the lesson of "Good will toward men!"

**Merry Christmas To Everyone**

Once again a Christmas! May its message of peace and happiness abide with you throughout the Yule Season of 1942, and carry its benign influence to you and yours.

**M<sup>C</sup> ELROY CO.**

**Season's Greetings**

In all this wide world there is little that can be finer than friendship, and we are happy to have acquired the lasting friendship of so many in this community. We thank you now for that friendship and pledge our greatest endeavor to be still more worthy of it in 1943.

**GRAYS STYLE SHOP**  
(At McElroys)

**Happy New Year To All**

THE WORDS ARE FEW BUT THE WISH IS EVERLASTING:

May 1943 be a happy year for you and all you hold dear . . . Thanks a million for your generous patronage.

**CITY OF BAIRD**

**CITY PHARMACY**

**MAYFIELD'S**

Men and Women Wearing Apparel

**MORGAN'S FOOD STORE**

Grocery, Market and Feed

**RAMSEY VARIETY STORE**

**HOLLINGSHEAD'S FOOD STORE**

**A & P FOOD STORE**

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Driskill

**MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**

*THIS YEAR OF 1942 has been one of world tribulation, but nevertheless, many good things have come our way. Chief among them is your continued patronage, for which we thank you very earnestly now, and wish you a very*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**WYLIE FUNERAL HOME**

**EARL JOHNSON MOTOR CO.**

FORD SALES AND SERVICE

**B. L. BOYDSTUN**

HARDWARE

**BRASHEAR'S FOOD STORE**

GUARANTEE D GROCERIEIS

**MODERN SHOE SHOP**

I. A. Allphin

**CLUB CAFE**

A. C. Neubauer, Proprietor

**T P CAFE**

F. E. Stanley, Proprietor

**JONES DRY GOODS COMPANY**

**SAM H. GILLILAND**

**ASHLOCK INSURANCE AGENCY**





**SURE IT'S Christmas**  
By Wayland Moore

**CHRISTMAS EVE.** In the entrance drive of a huge apartment building, Shorty Cavendish huddled in a vain attempt to protect himself from the cold. His normally genial face was pinched and drawn, and his roly-poly body shuddered as the wind bit through his pitifully inadequate clothing.

Shorty was broke. For six weeks now he had been tramping the streets, hoping and praying to find a job. Only the day before he had been turned out of his rooming house, his clothing and other possessions confiscated by a sharp-tongued landlady.

Yet what bothered him even more was the gnawing emptiness in the pit of his stomach. It was then his attention turned to the two men on the corner. For some time they had stood regarding him, the younger man sometimes gesturing his way, the older one shaking his head. Shorty shrugged. Maybe they were plainclothes officers. Anyway, he was going to hit them for a dime.

He approached the men. "Do you happen to have an extra dime, Mister?"

The older man reached into his pocket, drew forth a bill and handed it to Shorty with a smile. "Merry Christmas," he said, then turned away.

Shorty stared at the bill, his heart in his throat. Five dollars. The man must have made a mistake. But when he looked up his benefactor had melted into the crowd.

Shorty remained undecided for a moment, then turned and walked as swiftly as his half-frozen feet would permit toward the restaurant. Through his mind were racing wonderful dreams.

He merged with the crowd in front of a toy shop, felt himself jammed tightly against the display window. A small boy and girl stood beside him, their noses pressed to the cold pane, staring in mingled awe and anticipation at the big red wagon on display. Then he noticed the woman who stood behind them.

She was shabbily dressed, and on her face was a look of despair. The little girl glanced back, eyes shining. "Do you think Santa will bring us that wagon, Mama?" she asked. "That's all Jimmy and I want. Just that wagon."

The woman tried to smile. "I'm afraid not, darling."

Shorty suddenly realized that he was free to go on. Still he hesitated. "But, Mama," the boy pleaded, "we wrote to him. We told him where we live now . . ."

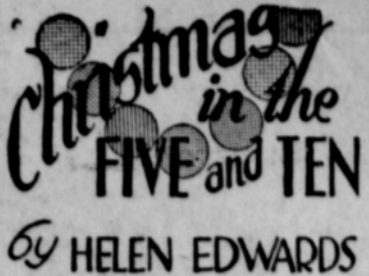
Shorty stepped forward impulsively. "Pardon me, Madam," he murmured, pressed the precious five-dollar bill into her hand, and walked quickly away. Not, however, before he heard her gasp of delight.

He stood on the curb, unaware of the freezing wind, as happy as he had ever been in his life. Tonight he would sleep in the city jail . . . a common tramp. But tonight he had done something of which he would always be proud.

A hand settled on his shoulder. He turned, recognized the gray-haired man who had given him the money. For an instant Shorty was frightened.

"I'm sorry, sir," he said. "I wanted to tell you of your error right away, but you left before I could. I haven't the money now."

The man smiled. "Don't worry over that," he said quietly. "It wasn't an error."



**Christmas in the FIVE and TEN**  
By HELEN EDWARDS

MARY'S feet throbbled. Her knees wanted to buckle beneath the weight of her slim young body.

"Fifteen minutes more!" She saw Mr. Adams, the cross-looking floorwalker, frowning in her direction and she hastened to tidy her counter. Clerking in the five and ten, she decided, wasn't such a bad job—except during the Christmas rush.

A shabbily dressed old woman stood across the aisle looking wistfully at a display of curly-haired dolls on Mary's counter. The faded blue eyes were making an effort to read the price tag.

"May I help you, madam?" Mary asked. The woman looked up guiltily, then her fingers fumbled nervously at her shabby black purse.

"I—ah—I—no, I don't guess so." The woman turned and almost ran from the store. At the door, however, she turned and slowly retraced her steps to the counter. "How much for that yellow-haired doll, miss?"

"Twenty-nine cents. Shall I wrap it in our gift pack? That will be ten cents extra."

"N—no, I'll come back later. Not tonight, please."

As Mary nodded her head the woman's shoulders seemed to sag lower, and she trudged slowly toward the door.

Mary's thoughts kept returning to the wizened old lady as her tired feet dragged through a long Wednesday and a longer Thursday. As she left the store Thursday night she was almost happy, reflecting that there would be but one more day of the Christmas rush.

A timid hand clutched at her arm. Mary recognized her near-customer

of the preceding week, and smiled encouragingly.

"That doll, miss—" she seemed momentarily at a loss for words—"it—is it sold yet?"

"No, we have a few left. Do you want me to save one for you?"

"If you could?" Mary nodded and the woman hurried away.

Mary selected an especially nice doll the next morning and laid it carefully beneath the counter. Then she watched, between spurts of last minute shoppers, for the timid old lady. At noon the doll still rested beneath the counter. At six it was still unclaimed. When Mary sold her last remaining doll a few moments before nine, she reached for the hidden one.

"I'll give her a few minutes more," she decided. "If I put it out it will go almost as soon as anyone sees it."

At last she appeared, breathless as if from running. She gazed along the counter and stark despair was written in every line of her face.



**A SWITCH in TIME**  
By MADGE ELWOOD

CORPORAL McNEW laid his whiskers on the window sill. It wasn't he thought, military duty to play the role of Santa Claus at the garrison Christmas party. He couldn't, however, disobey his commanding officer. Nor did he want to after hearing about that vacancy for a corporal at the recruiting office in Kansas City. McNew had been born there, Marianne lived there now and only yesterday he'd heard that Marianne had been seen with a fireman.

The colonel, though, had made his role more difficult. "Er—" he'd drummed on the table with his fingers. "I want you especially to convince my son. Make him believe that Santa Claus is really magic. My son is—er—fascinated by anything in the electrical line. He's been—er—quite disturbing. I've told him that Santa only gives presents to good boys. If you can encourage his belief, it'd help the regiment—and—me."

He'd have to be a perfect Santa Claus, McNew thought. Sonny was very skeptical.

"Hello." Peeping in the window he saw the object of his worries,



Tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers.

accompanied by the regimental mascot—Henry, the goat. McNew slipped into a closet. Too late, he remembered his whiskers. The goat, as the regiment had learned, had an appetite. McNew's fears were confirmed when he emerged from the closet. The whiskers were gone, and he heard Sonny giggling.

"I bet Santa Claus ain't magic enough to grow more whiskers. I bet he ain't magic at all. Dad doesn't know everything. Say, Henry, I wonder if Santa Claus can see in the dark. I know how to turn off the switch—"

McNew sighed. Soldiers were supposed to be ingenious. McNew remembered some cotton fields nearby.

The band played a traditional Christmas carol. Corporal McNew stood beside a gaily decorated tree and began to distribute gifts to the children of the regiment. He called out Sonny's name. Then the lights went out.

He took a step backwards as tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers. Fireflies must have made their homes on the abandoned cotton he had plucked. McNew stepped on a package, stumbled and grabbed the tree for support. He caught a branch. Out of the darkness, he heard Sonny's voice: "Yes, Santa, here I am."

"Here—" McNew tried to hand the boy the package containing the electric train. A firefly rested on his whiskers. "Here, Santa Claus carries his own lights, you know."

"Is it magic?" asked Sonny. "And you grew more whiskers—"

McNew stumbled again, reached for support. The branch cracked and broke. Falling, he caught Sonny's hand. "Here!"

The lights went on. Sonny fled down the steps and McNew saw that the colonel was comforting a weeping boy. A corporal who'd given the colonel's son a switch for a Christmas gift would never be recommended for a recruiting job in his home town.

The annual event at last over. McNew painfully removed the cotton from his chin. His suffering was in vain.



**The Last Christmas Card**  
By Estelle M. Nelson

MA SAWYER sewed the final stitch in the Christmas turkey while she kept her ear "peeled" for the postman's step. Still, she actually dreaded his coming lest he bring another card of loving regrets like the one she received yesterday from their son Fred. Even four grown boys did not dispel the possibility of a lonely Christmas for Ma and Pa.

She answered the double ring, and forced a smile as she waved Ben's card at Pa. "He can't make it, neither. None of them ever yet mailed a card unless they wasn't coming."

When she came out, Pa asked mildly, "You ain't gittin' a cold, are you, Ma?"

"Cold? Nonsense. Pa. Jest the Christmas onions, I s'pose." "Oh, Jim will make it easy, seeing his children is almost grown. And Billy most died of disappointment 'cause he couldn't come home last year. But folks can't travel with a new baby and three other young ones. This year it'll be much better for him."

When Ma left her tree decorations to throw a log in the stove, the crimson glow might have shown Pa the lines of fearful doubt on her round face. But he had just wasted another match on his pipe. "Suppose neither Jim nor Billy can come?" ran through Ma's tortured mind.

At quarter to four, she wished the letter carrier a merry Christmas and hurried back, her hands filled with cards. This was the last mail. If neither son had written, it would mean both boys would arrive about six, laden with mysterious bundles.

Then Ma spied Jim's bold writing in its usual purple ink. There was a special message for his parents and a five-dollar bill.

"The spruce trimmings look fine, Pa," she said. "I won't think of the mess when it dries, for Billy does set such store by Christmas. And coming on Sunday this year, it will give them an extra day to stay." A peal of the bell interrupted her. "It's Billy, got off a little



early," she called as she hurried to the door.

The postman beamed, because he didn't know that Ma's expectant smile was not for him. "Overlooked this before, Mrs. Sawyer."

Silently Ma passed the card to Pa after her own swift perusal. The simplest greeting in Billy's careless scrawl, "Sorry we can't make it."

"Well, I s'pose everything is for the best, Pa. What with all I've cooked, it wouldn't do any harm to invite poor Miss Coombs over."

Pa packed his pipe slowly. "You sure hanker after work, Ma," he sighed.

"We might as well cut into the ham and cake. That'll be enough." "You ain't eating before six?"

"Might's well. I'm starved," she lied. Four boys and all alone for Christmas! Not one of them able to come home. A short, clipped ring of the bell. Fred's present, perhaps Billy's, too.

"Express package," sang a man's voice. But the thought of a square brown box held no thrills for Ma. It was her brown square-shouldered son she wanted as she opened the door.

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