



# Merry



# Christmas

**THE WEATHER**  
By United Press  
West Texas: Partly cloudy on Saturday.

# Ranger Times

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Most notable contradiction of the year: the sitdown strikers who asserted they were taking a firm stand for their rights.

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## U. S. OFFICIALS SEEKING SPIES ON THE COAST

**By United Press**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—United States customs and postal authorities joined with the navy today in a coast-wide drive to smash possible espionage activities. These moves were revealed after three mysterious letters were seized from the liner *Tatsuta Maru*, just before she sailed for the Far East.

## Her Highness



Charming Cheryl Walker will be queen for a day when she reigns over the famed Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1. The gala event will be a prelude to the Rose Bowl contest between California and Alabama.

## Christmas, Santa Come to Nursery Tots at Program

Christmas came Thursday afternoon to 45-children enrolled in the Eastland WPA nursery project at the former Pickering Lumber Yard company.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

## Regional Chamber Sends Cards From Its New Building

Holiday greeting cards from the organization's new home at Abilene have been issued by Milburn McCarty, president, and D. A. Bandeen, manager, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

## At White House for Christmas



It's tough not having Daddy at home for Christmas, but 5-year-old Diana Hopkins, above, daughter of WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, should have a pretty good time, at that, for she's to spend the holidays at the White House with little Sara Roosevelt, the President's granddaughter.

## EMPEROR OF JAPAN MAKES HIS APOLOGY

**By United Press**  
TOKYO, Dec. 24.—The Japanese government, with the approval of Emperor Hirohito, issued its official reply today to the U. S. protests against the sinking of the gunboat *Panay*, declaring that "rigid orders" had been issued to respect foreign life and property in China.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Japanese planes that bombed and sunk the U. S. Gunboat *Panay* gave every appearance of deliberation. The planes machine gunned the small boats, taking the survivors, taking wounded ashore, a Japanese surface boat machine gunned the *Panay* as she went down.

## How Celebrities to Spend Christmas

**By United Press**  
How some world celebrities are spending Christmas:  
President and Mrs. Roosevelt—The President will open gifts and have dinner with several members of his family and then attend church. Mrs. Roosevelt will attend a last-minute trip across the country to spend Christmas in Seattle with her daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, who is recovering from an operation.

## FORD READY FOR FIGHT ON NRLB RULING

**By United Press**  
DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford prepared for his second major fight with a federal agency today, as union leaders, backed by a sharply worded national labor relations board ruling, requested a conference with Ford officials to "promote industrial peace."

## Gunboat Leaves For War Area In Which Panay Sunk

**By United Press**  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.—The United States Gunboat *Oahu* will leave Monday with two American consular attaches for the war zone in which her sister ship, the *Panay*, was attacked by Japanese, it was announced today.

## Bottling Company Salesman Reports Couple Robbed Him at Pistol Point

Police today were investigating a case in which Claude Boles, route salesman for the Nohi Bottling company at Eastland, reported he was robbed of \$35 by a man and woman at pistol point north of Eastland.

## Crippled Youth Work Summarized

**By United Press**  
B. E. McGlamery, Eastland district supervisor for the crippled children's division, State Department of Education, has summarized his 1937 work.

## Survey Finds Rural Social Life Meager

**By United Press**  
COLUMBIA, Mo.—Most popular diversions of the average rural high school student in Missouri are reading books and newspapers and going to motion picture shows, a survey by sociologists at the University of Missouri revealed.

## Woman, Not In Fire, Saved by Firemen

**By United Press**  
CLEVELAND—Mrs. Grace Gallagher, 47, has called firemen four times for virtually everything but putting out a fire.

## Christmas Cheer Chairman Thanks Citizens for Aid

As Chairman of the Christmas Cheer Fund Committee, I wish to thank everyone for the fine cooperation received in this work. The *Ranger Times* gave us excellent publicity, together with the work of the Chamber of Commerce, the drive went over in a big way, so far as the records reveal. The drive was oversubscribed when the Elks Club offered twenty-five boxes, together with the Church of Christ offering twenty-five, American Legion 14 and the Rotary Club 10, together with other clubs of the town. This gave us an ample supply.

## Three Are Killed In Truck Collision

**By United Press**  
NEW BRAUNFELS, Dec. 24.—Three persons were dead today and a fourth was in a critical condition in a hospital here, after a truck and an automobile collided on the San Antonio highway, one mile south of this city.

## Dogs Which Killed Man Are Sought

**By United Press**  
DEANDALE, Tex., Dec. 24.—The neighbors of C. C. Brown today hunted the two survivors of a pack of savage dogs that slew the elderly pioneer on a Clay county road Thursday.

## Partition of Land Asked In New Suit

Daisy Gertrude Dill, joined by her husband, J. H. Dill, and Leudie Evans filed suit Friday in 91st district court for partition and division of land described as being the northwest one-fourth of the north one-half of the southwest quarter of section 47 in block 4, H&TC RR company.

## Cousin of Ranger Man On the Panay When It Was Sunk

M. L. Spindle of Ranger has received clippings from a Denver, Colo., paper, sent him by his uncle, Tom M. Spindle, stating that Tom M. Spindle, Jr., a cousin of the Ranger man, was on the U. S. S. *Panay* at the time it was sunk in the Yangtze River near Nanking.

## No Casualties In Two Car Accidents

No casualties were reported in two accidents Thursday afternoon and night when three automobiles were badly damaged.

## An Isolated Island Has Commentator

**By United Press**  
BATTLE HARBOR, Labrador.—Even the barren rock-bound and thinly populated territory of Labrador has its news commentator.

## Mexico Still Has Settling of Earth

**By United Press**  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve found many persons sleeping out of doors in parts of Southern Mexico, as the earth continued to settle after one of the most violent quakes in many years.

## Verdict Withheld In New Yorker's Death

**By United Press**  
HUNTSVILLE, Dec. 24.—Justice of the Peace W. G. Lawless withheld a coroner's verdict today in the death of M. J. Secord, 47, Swedish carpenter from New York.

## Pope Pius Attacks Policy of Nazis

**By United Press**  
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius, at a reception to cardinals today, bitterly attacked the Nazi policy toward the Roman Catholic Church.

## Houston Man Kills Self On Eve of a Christmas Journey

**By United Press**  
HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Sam Day, 52, lumberman, shot himself to death today as he and his wife prepared to take a Christmas trip.

## IS TAKEN HOME

Miss Marguerite Adamson, daughter of County Judge and Mrs. W. S. Adamson, who has been ill in a Ranger hospital with influenza, was scheduled Friday to be removed to the home of her parents at Eastland.

**RANGER TIMES**

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Dreams Can't Charm Away Human Traits

In the path of sentimentalist there is always one big, if unforeseen, stumbling block. People just don't seem to change their characters overnight; the sentimental soul who thinks they will is laying up a big disillusionment for himself.

Nothing could have been lovelier than the sentimental marriage-in-a-reform-school which was arranged last summer for a feminine inmate of such an institution in Oklahoma. And nothing could have been more disheartening—or more human and natural—than the way the thing flattered.

Last summer the superintendent of Oklahoma's state industrial school for girls decided that a bit of wholesome social life would do her charges good. Carefully supervised dances were arranged; and at one of them a boy "from outside" fell in love with and proposed to one of the girls.

The boy was investigated and found to be a decent, law-abiding lad; the girl swore she was genuinely in love. A marriage was arranged. State officials graced the ceremony with their presence; other girls in the school contributed little gifts, someone baked a cake, and the state's present to the bride was a parole.

Here was a sentimentalist's field day, if there ever was one; and it ought to have been followed by a romantic happy-ever-after story, with the sewing of tiny garments to follow in due time. But somehow it wasn't. In something under a month the thing went sour.

And today the girl is back in the industrial school and the boy has sued for divorce, complaining: "She only married me to get out of the school, and she did not intend to live with me."

Sentimental souls are forever stubbing their toes over something like this. It usually leads them to decide angrily that "it's no use trying to do anything for people like that"—for no one can be so cruel or unjust as a sentimentalist whose dream has gone blotto.

But the trouble in these cases is with the sentimentalist, not with the unredeemed sinners who were the objects of the sentiment.

There is a large and ornery streak of the old Adam in all of us, and it can't be charmed away by graceful gestures or honeyed words. The person who thinks it can is simply begging for trouble.

This Oklahoma experiment might have worked, at that. The authorities might have talked turkey to the young woman, explaining that marriage wasn't just a way to get out of the reform school, but was instead a challenge to the best that was in her—a chance to rebuild a broken life, a thing that would demand all the grit and wisdom and sticking power she had.

Intelligent sentiment never forgets that life is hard and that people are frail. It carries an "or else" in its handbag. It insists that those who would be helped must also help themselves.

But sentimentalism forgets all that, bathes the landscape in a haze of romance—and then wonders why, in the end, things didn't turn out well.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—This is not one of those periods when anyone whose function it is to prophesy what's going to happen next in government, politics, business and other national affairs finds himself having very much fun.

Yet there probably is no more confusion inside the government as to the future than there is on the outside—and probably nowhere near as much. The question of who or what started this depression has given way to debate on which forces are now most scared—the administration's or those of "Big Business"? Faith in the curative powers of tax revision, budget-balancing, attempts to stimulate building and other measures is ebbing.

There appears to be real worry in New York that the situation can't be saved simply by tearing down the New Deal, that private capital can't and won't take over during a depression, and that no one really knows the answers. Conservatives who believed in an "independent Congress" and a balanced budget are now not quite so sure, especially after observing Congress in its special session.

Proposals from the National Association of Manufacturers that government co-operate with business toward recovery caused hardly a ripple in Washington, perhaps because of a deep-seated conviction that the N. A. M. is an incurable enemy of the New Deal. There are tugs of war between various sets of administration advisers as to the nature and extent of "concessions to business," but these only accentuate confusion.

Probability that Chairman Joe Kennedy of the Maritime Committee will be made ambassador to England has started everyone guessing whether this is a good sign, inasmuch as it gives pos-

sible the President's closest conservative adviser far away from the White House, or whether it isn't a good sign when Roosevelt demonstrates his faith in his closest conservative adviser. Almost simultaneously Roosevelt has thrown a package of mingled good news and bad news to both conservatives and progressives by appointments of Jerome Frank, liberal lawyer, and John W. Hanes, Wall Street broker, to the SEC.

Dr. Rex Tugwell has just visited Roosevelt at the White House (for lunch) for the first time since he quit the New Deal. Arch-conservative Congressman Bruce Barton of New York, advertising magnate, has advised the N. A. M. to get interested in low-cost housing on the ground that one gesture of "social consciousness" will do more good than all the resolutions in the world.

The political picture continues to be complicated by the third-term specter, and there are rumors that High Commissioner-to-the-Philippines Paul McNutt will seek a coalition nomination for 1940.

The Republican executive committee meets at St. Louis to name a program committee which will be just as much mixed up on the program question as everyone else. Meanwhile the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who will rabble-rouse over 40-odd radio stations every Sunday as long as he can raise money to pay for it, has moved into the Hay-Adams House in a room where he gazes daily across the park at the White House and thinks of new polemics to hurl at its most celebrated occupant.

And if anyone asks you "Where do we go from here?" the best answer is: "I'll tell you!" (Copyright 1937, NEA Service, Inc.)

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



WASHINGTON NEWS



FROM CONGRESSMAN CLYDE L. GARRETT

Merry Christmas

I wish to extend to all my constituents and to the publisher of this newspaper, cordial and hearty greetings at this holiday season for a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This hearty greeting conveys my sense of appreciation to all my good friends at a time when the air is full of good cheer and of holiday activities. At such a time, I am wishful to do and say the things that are in my heart. The best I can think of is an echo of the past—at first an indistinct whisper, then, gaining in volume and cadence, until it bursts forth in a thunderous Peace on Earth, Good Will

Toward Men and I take up the theme with a joyous shout of "Merry Christmas" to all of you, and with a sincere and hearty hand-clasp for 1938. I wish to say GOOD LUCK TO YOU.

**Farm Tenant Plans**  
The first county in the 17th district to be chosen for organization under the Farm Tenant plan is Jones County. The choice was made on the basis of percentage in tenancy. Jones County ranked sixth in the State at the census with a per centage of 67. Only thirty counties were allotted to Texas under the setup for the first year. On the same basis about seventy more will be added next year sometime.

**Aid to Unemployed.**  
After the First of the Year, the unemployed in 22 States and the District of Columbia will be assured of compensation if thrown out of a job. After that date, if a worker loses his job he goes to the State Employment Service where he puts in an application for work and then files for a claim of unemployment insurance. The worker has to wait about three weeks before this given compensation. If at the end of this time, he is still out of work, he is given

his first check for unemployment insurance.

**Relief.**  
350,000 people will be put on the WPA Relief Rolls because of the increase in unemployment due to slump in industrial activity and regular winter decline in activity. There is, according to Administration Hopkins enough funds in the amount already appropriated for relief to take care of the extra number. A bill, however, has been introduced for additional relief appropriations of a half a billion dollars.

**World Business Also Slow**  
Not only has business dropped in the United States but throughout the rest of the World. Great Britain is showing a slack in business, and a rise in unemployment. Italy and Germany show a fall also. South America is having difficulties due to declines in prices of commodities produced over there. Japan, of course, and China, we know their situation.

**U. S. Savings Bonds**  
Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced that United States Savings Bonds cash sales passed the billion dollar mark. This billion investment represents a sale of approximately 4,600,000 bond units, which were purchased by about 1,200,000 people. As U. S. Savings Bonds are sold on a discount basis, and mature at the end of ten years for 33 1-3 per cent more than their purchase price, this sale, expressed in maturity value, amounts to \$1,334,088,242.60, or a daily average maturity value sale of \$1,571,364.24 for each of the 850 business days, which have elapsed since March 1, 1935 when these bonds were first offered.

**S. S. Leviathan.**  
Approved of the sale for scrap of the S. S. Leviathan by the United States Lines Company for \$732,000 to the British ship breaking firms of Metal Industries, Ltd. of Glasgow, Scotland, and Thomas Ward of Sheffield, England, was announced by the U. S. Maritime Commission. The Commission's approval of the sale was necessary under the terms of the blanket mortgage which it holds on the liner and nine other vessels operated by the United States Lines Company. The Leviathan, formerly the S. S. Vaterland, was seized from Germany by the United States during the World War. The vessel is now 24 years old and has been laid up at Hoboken, N. J., for over two years.

**Poor Crops on Poor Land**  
Planting poor crops continuously on poor land may eventually lead to the poor house, according to Soil Conservation service men. Soils subjected to continuous cropping of corn, cotton, tobacco, and other clean cultivated crops are impoverished by erosion, become thin from the standpoint of fertile topsoil and often are unable to produce profitable yields. When this happens farmers are apt to try the next best thing. They choose a less desirable crop and try to make at least something off the land. Usually this is the first step in a downward cycle. Usually it is not long before the impoverished soil fails to produce anything. That's when farm lands are abandoned and when soil erosion is allowed to complete the ruin. The remedy for excessive cropping is to retire the badly eroding areas to grass before the damage has gone too far.

STAFF

M. O. Hazard was a business visitor in Gorman, Monday. Florence Crosby was a dinner guest of Miss Alice Sims last Sunday. Rev. K. C. Edmonds of Ranger filled his regular appointment at the Staff Baptist church last Sunday morning and night. He brought two fine messages at

MYRA-NORTH, Special Nurse - - By Thompson and Co



The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for December 24. Weekly Sunday School Lesson

CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

Text: Philippians 1:12-26.

BY WM. E. GILROY, D. D.  
Editor of Advance

A LESSON on Christian consecration comes, most appropriately, on the day after Christmas, when we have been celebrating God's gift to the world in Jesus Christ.

We do not learn the meaning of Christmas or its lesson until our own hearts have been opened in the spirit of giving. Though we have not the words recorded in the direct sayings of Jesus, Paul's report of the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," expresses the very heart of the Christ life and the Christ message.

Our lesson sets before us the truest and most real form of giving, the gift of a man's life in consecration to the gospel, and in loyalty to Christ.

Paul was so sincere about the spreading of the gospel that he could rejoice even in his own imprisonment and persecution, knowing that the word of God was being spread abroad.

He realized also that his own fortitude under tribulation was an inspiration to others. He could say truly that for him to live was Christ, that his whole being was devoted to his Master.

This loyalty and devotion had so dominated Paul's every thought, word and action that he had no fear of anything in life, and no fear of death. He lived in

a world of spiritual realities that death could not destroy. He had the profound faith that even in death he would gain through a closer relationship to his Lord.

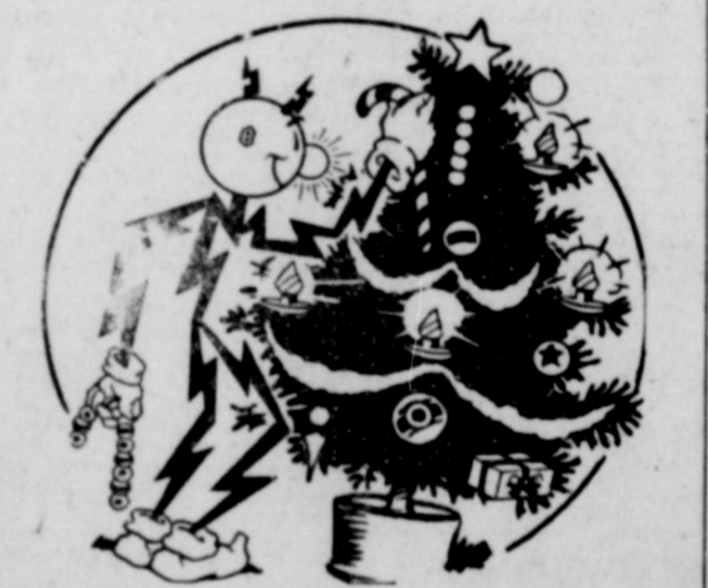
It should be remembered in this lesson that Paul was writing to Christians who were in the midst of discouragement and persecution, in a city where he himself had been cast into prison. It was in this city of Philippi, in his missionary journey to Europe, that Paul had been arrested and thrown into the inner prison with his feet fast in the stocks, and was here that the prison door had been opened and the jailer had thrown himself at the feet of Paul, inquiring, "Sir, what must I do to be saved?"

We need to read this lesson of Paul in the light of the places and backgrounds and experiences of his missionary journeys. These Philippians understood perfectly well what he meant when he spoke of the things that had happened to him, making for the progress of the gospel.

In reading all Paul's Epistles, we should consider carefully the city and the particular Christians to whom they were addressed. A good plan is to read the Book of the Acts at the same time as the Epistles, tracing Paul's missionary journeys and his experiences in the founding of the churches to which he later addressed his letters.

Land of Nativity Broods on Strife

By United Press  
BETHLEHEM Dec. 24.—Two thousand years after angels sang of peace on earth, good will toward men, the land of Christ's birth brooded tonight under strife and bloodshed and only the faithful remembered to pray to the Savior that His precepts may come true.



WITH A HEART FULL OF APPRECIATION FOR HAVING LIVED AMONG GRAND PEOPLE WE EXTEND YOU



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

... and lots of happiness today, and not only for today, but throughout the New Year that is just about here.

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Dollar Bill Lost For Six Months Is Found by Its Owner

Howard Stevens, Ranger Times carrier, believes that if you look for a thing long enough you will find it.

Six months ago Howard lost a \$1 bill somewhere between Anderson-Pruet and the Times office. He retraced his steps several times seeking the bill, without success.

Christmas Eve Howard again made the trip to the Times office, but without much hope of finding his dollar bill. But, in an alley not far from the office he found the bill, somewhat weather beaten, somewhat soiled and slightly torn, but a good dollar bill, nevertheless.

And was he tickled?

Aged Woman Who Has Never Studied Art, Is An Artist

A remarkable picture was brought to the Times office Friday morning by Joe Calder.

The remarkable thing about the picture is that it was painted by a 65-year-old woman who lives in Ranger and who has never had an art lesson in her life.

The woman, Mrs. F. L. Kelly, reproduced the picture from a small calendar she was given last year, and it is an exact enlargement, the coloring and detail work being so perfect that, at only a short distance, it appears to be printed in color instead of being hand painted.

The picture is one familiar to many, being five dogs sitting around a poker table, with all but two having thrown in their hands, and these two studying their hands closely.

The playing cards, some face up and some face down, the pictures of the walls, the chairs, table, laggases of drinks and the drapes are all faithfully and carefully drawn.

It has been suggested by several who have seen this picture, and others Mrs. Kelly has painted, that a suitable place be found in the business section where her pictures can be properly displayed, so that the public can see what she has done.

Rare Pictorial Drama: As Youth First Used His "Gift Eye"



WHAT a Christmas this one is going to be for Frank Chabins, 19, of New Orleans! His is one of the greatest gifts of all—that of restored sight. When the surgeon removed the bandages from Frank's eyes to test the success of the operation for transplanting a cornea "given" to him by John Amos, fellow patient, whose sight was failing, he asked: "See anything, Frank?" "Two fingers," replied Frank. "That's right!" the surgeon said. Then came the drama-fraught instant picture above. The surgeon extended his five fingers. "Now, what do you see by blindness because of lime dust burns. Frank, whose vision had been threatened? "Why, I see your whole hand!" replied

ed, so that the public can see what she has done.

The Awful Truth Hits High Mark In Screen Hilarity

"The Awful Truth"—and the only thing awful about it is that it ends too soon—is so terrifically entertaining it is a menace to those with short wind and weak stomachs. You can't laugh uproariously for seventy-five minutes without being able to take it.

Mainly responsible for this situation is the madcap Irene Dunne whose deft clowning as Lucy Warriner tops her Theodora for laughs.

Superlatives as a rule are a risky business. Nevertheless "The Awful Truth's" reception at the Arcadia theatre where it opened a two-day run yesterday, fully justified them.

It is based on the Arthur Richman stage success of the same name in which Ina Claire starred. The story is as meaty as it is funny, and happily stays on this side of the "screwball" sort of screen fare.



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

As the Yuletide comes again with its message of "Peace on Earth and good will toward men" we are moved to give that greeting which is old, yet always new, and so appropriate...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Home of the Ford V-8

LEVEILLE MOTOR CO.

Morris Leveille, Prop. AND ALL EMPLOYEES!

Christmas Greetings



To close our books for the year without expressing our appreciation for your patronage would be to leave a debt unpaid. We thank you sincerely and extend best wishes for a real, old-fashioned Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring you a brimming measure of happiness, good health and prosperity.



Students Find Rain Or Shine Method of Roasting Weiners

DALLAS — Mechanics students at Dallas Technical high school have discovered a new method for roasting weiners. They call it "the rain or shine method."

The other evening, their wiener roast was almost spoiled by a rain storm. One of the embryo geniuses had a brilliant idea, however. Finding shelter, the group filled a bucket with weiners and applied a blow torch. With in a few minutes, the hot dogs were roasted. Now, they have adopted this particular method of cookery as their regular method.



Other Things May Change but... Christmas Is Always the Same

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE A HAPPY ONE

Our bodies change, our social life changes and the world about us is changing to a great extent, but we wish to send you the same old fashioned greetings and wish for each of you a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

SIG'S NU-WAY GROCERY AND MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Faircloth and S. S., Jr. H. G. Adams James King Melvin Woods



WISHING ONE AND ALL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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May We Say MERRY CHRISTMAS —And— HAPPY NEW YEAR In the Good Old Fashioned Way!

BRAD'S CAFE

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- Mrs. Vivian Brooks, Mrs. Louise Britt, Mrs. Lila Wood, Calvin Templeton, Marion Hunt, Mrs. Jewel Greene

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

May we extend our thanks to all our friends for their patronage and say MERRY CHRISTMAS and IT WISHES to all!

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Roy McCleskey — Joe Todd Pearl Hunt

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To You

We thank you for favors of the past! We will consider it an opportunity to be able to serve you during 1938!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

On this Christmas morning we wish to express our greetings of the season to all Ranger and hope the day will be all that you have been wishing for and that Santa Claus will be loaded with the very best for the entire family.

Your business has been appreciated over the year, and we hope to serve you during the New Year that is so near at hand.

BLACK & WHITE GROCERY & MARKET and CAFE

Wes Marshbanks, Prop.



AND BEST WISHES for the COMING NEW YEAR of 1938

We wish you health, wealth and a world of prosperity.

BLACKLOCK FEED STORE

C. W. Blacklock, Prop.



AS THE CHRISTMAS CHIMES RING TODAY

We sincerely hope they will ring out to you...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

FOR OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

MAY THIS BE THE HAPPIEST XMAS YOU EVER SPENT AND THE MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IN YEARS.

DEFFEBACH GARAGE

Vernon Deffebach, Arthur Deffebach, Fred Tibbler T. C. Weaver.

ST. LOUIS.—St. Louis smoke pallis are so thick that aviators have been grounded on especially bad days. A new regulation of the Bureau of Air Commerce, effective since Nov. 1, requires privately owned planes to stay on the ground when visibility does not exceed three miles and the ceiling is limited to 1,000 feet.

**SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN**

By Mrs. Gaynor Maddox  
NFA Service Staff Writer

THE United States may yet become known as the home of wonderful fruit juice combinations, just as France is called the land of fine wines.

Ladies with tummies that kept them from slipping into the modern silhouette dresses started the "drink fruit juice" movement. In one very swanky New York beauty salon along Fifth Avenue, there is a room set aside for drinking these juices. It's a modern bar, with all the fixings, except alcohol. Ladies of fashion saunter in and ask for a beauty "cocktail." And believe it or not, many men have picked up the habit. They, too, realize that a wide girl isn't all it once was supposed to be.

**Proportions to Suit Taste**  
It is difficult to give exact proportions, because tastes vary. So combine the juices in amounts that please you most. How about a crystal goblet filled with a soft-ly tinted mixture of apricot juice and the milk from a fresh coconut? Or the juice from fresh or quick frozen raspberries, pineapple juice and a bracer of grapefruit juice? Fresh pineapple juice, with a little orange juice and a squeeze of fresh lime is a delight, and likewise a delight is the clear green juice pressed from honeydew melon combined with a little grapefruit juice and a little fresh lime.

All the juices used at the beauty salon bar are, of course, freshly pressed. But if you go in for this healthful and vitamin-mineral-rich habit at home, you may prefer to use a few canned or bottled juices to save the trouble of squeezing. There is a new brand of pasteurized fresh fruit juice in glass bottles which will amaze you with its fresh taste. It costs just a little more, but you will understand why. Not a drop of water, sugar or any preservative

**Monday's Menu**

**BREAKFAST** Pineapple, orange and lime juice, popovers, crisp bacon, grape jelly, coffee, milk.

**LUNCHEON** Red kidney beans with peppers and tomatoes, raw cabbage salad, buttered rye bread, fruit bowl, tea, milk.

**DINNER** Grapefruit juice, loin lamb chops, creamed potatoes, buttered beets, lettuce and celery salad, left-over cake with soft custard, coffee, milk.

The so-called "pasteurizing" keeps it in perfect state for an indefinite period.

Then, too, there are a lot of new juices, including pear, nectarine, plum and peach. These fruit nectars are milder than citrus nectars and combine very well with them. To those women and men who have allergies for citrus fruit, these milder nectars are a blessing.

**Whole Day of Liquids**

If you have never tried going on "a liquid day" for the sake of your health or your figure, try it now. After the Christmas over-eating and over-excitement, your system will welcome it. Begin early in the morning with a glass of grapefruit juice. About ten, take at least 5 ounces of another juice. Then at one, try a glass of skim milk. At four in the afternoon, try still another fruit juice combination. For dinner have no more than a raw vegetable salad and a glass of grapefruit juice. Before retiring, take one more glass of fruit juice. In the morning you will feel delightfully peppy and ready to spring out of bed. And there is a large possibility that your liquid day may have cut your poundage.

**Find Her Among Dolls in Store**



This 20-month-old girl was found wandering among the toys in a Buffalo department store, and no one has appeared to claim her. She was given the name "Jane Addams" as a tribute to the founder of Hull House. Cared for by a Buffalo society, the store's clerks made up a Christmas basket for "Jane," while officials hunted her parents.

Being married to your job is nothing new but the number of men grass-widowed by the depression is no less than tragic.



AND SEASONS GREETINGS to the CITIZENS OF RANGER

May this be a real day of happiness and joy to you. We appreciate the business you have favored us with. Yours for Service.

**LIBERTY SHOE SHOP**

306 MAIN ST. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell



**BEST WISHES**

FOR YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS! We thank you for the business you have favored us with!

**Singer Sewing Machine Co.**  
A. L. LINDSEY

**Locomotive Boiler Is Made Without Rivets**

ALBANY, N. Y.—A locomotive with a fusion-welded boiler—the first of its kind ever constructed—has been placed in service by the Delaware and Hudson railroad.

A fusion-welded boiler is made without the use of rivets to join the sections together. Instead, the pieces are welded. The new locomotive has 27 by 32-inch cylinders and 63-inch wheels, and carries 225 pounds of steam pressure.

**CAMPUS SERENADE BACK**

EVANSTON, Ill.—The serenade has regained the popularity it lost during the jazz age, the Daily Northwestern, student newspaper at Northwestern University, reported after making a survey of fraternity and sorority houses. Interviewers found the guitar the most popular serenading instrument and old fashioned love songs more favored than current song hits.

**Tenant Farmers to Buy Own Farms On New Credit Plan**

By United Press

DALLAS, Texas—Tenant farmers in 23 Texas counties will receive loans with which to buy their own farms, it has been announced by the Farm Security Administration.

Dallas officials said that upon recommendation of a State Advisory Committee, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace had selected one or more counties in each type of farming area for the placing of tenant farmers. Selections were made as follows: Bexar county, eight farms at \$2,500 each. Hidalgo county, five farms at \$4,250 each.

Reeves county, five farms at \$1,200 each. Nueces and Baylor counties, 10 farms at \$7,500. Johnson county, eight farms at \$8,000. Dallas, Falls, Hunt, Lamar, Williamson and Navarro counties, 30 farms at \$8,000 each. Fayette and DeWitt counties, 18 farms at \$6,500 each. Bowie, Cherokee, Houston and Van Zandt counties, 32 farms at \$5,000. San Augustine county, 10 farms at \$3,400. Wharton county, five farms at \$7,500. A total of 146 farms will be bought in Texas at a cost of \$820,250.

Now is the time for all good little Communists to write in to Santa and demand their Christmas presents.



**TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS**

Here's hoping Christmas bells ring out joy for you on this happy holiday.

And let us say with the rest,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and Best Wishes to Everyone!

**WOODS GROCERY & MKT.**

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Woods



**IS OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO ALL OUR PATRONS**

To our friends, who have been with us through the years and have been kind and considerate, and to our new friends who have not been with us so long... we say...

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

**CLARKE'S RADIATOR & BODY WORKS**

W. H. Clarke, Proprietor



**LET US JOIN IN A HAPPY CHRISTMAS MELODY ... A NEW SONG**

The Christmas musical instrument is a harp strung with the heart strings of happy people. The melody is an old-fashioned one... joyous cries of little children, strong deep notes of mothers and fathers, with a calm and peaceful amen by those whose hair is white. Taken as a whole it is the thanksgiving song of pure joy, lifting a world higher and blessing all hearts who will attune themselves to the holiday music.

May we express to you our thanks for the past patronage given us, and look forward to the same happy relations in the future.

**HIGGINBOTHAM BARTLETT COMPANY**

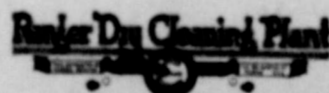
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RANGER, TEXAS



**GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE**

Our patrons are our friends. We could not get along without our friends. It makes us feel good to know that you stood by us in the past, and we solicit your friendship for the coming year.

A YULETIDE OF JOY AND A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS!



Cleaners for Particular People  
S. P. BOON, Prop.



We Greet You With Best Wishes For The Season And Hope The New Year Will Be One of Prosperity and Happiness

**HOUGHTON'S REPAIR SHOP**  
J. B. HOUGHTON, Prop.



**FOR OUR FRIENDS and a A JOYOUS YULETIDE**

A wish to show appreciation for your patronage during the past year by wishing for you a joyous Yuletide and a New Year of satisfaction and contentment.

WE DELIVER — PHONE 103

**A. H. POWELL GRO. & MKT.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell



**JUST AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS GREETING**

We would take a minute of your time to say "greetings of the season" and may this day as well as other days be one of real pleasure, peace and happiness to you and yours.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past... We shall strive even harder to please in the future.

**SINCLAIR PRODUCTS DUPREE SERVICE STATION**

Main Street Crossing on New Highway



**MAY THE STAR OF HAPPINESS SHED ITS GLEAMS ON YOU**

Many people are happy at this time as they enter into the spirit of Christmas, and may we join the happy throng by wishing to all the best of everything for this Santa Claus day.

We appreciate your patronage and hope to serve you in the future.

**MISSION GARAGE**

Nick Gallagher, Prop.



**TO OUR FRIENDS---**

Our wish at this Yuletide is that you may receive your share of all the good things.

We have received pleasure from serving you and our best efforts are at your command during the New Year.

**O. K. GROCERY & MARKET FENGLER QUALITY MARKET**

Mr. and Mrs. George Fengler, Props.

**THE BEST YET!**

That's The Kind of Christmas We Hope You Have

As our greeting, let us express the wish that Christmas 1937 will be the sweetest Yuletide that has ever come to you. May you and all those who are dear to you be richly blessed with the season's best, and may the New Year be a period of new and greater happiness.

**CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL**

ANNA BELLE KINNEY  
Superintendent



We appreciate the happy association with our patrons during the past year and look forward to the New Year with its opportunities to serve again those who have been so kind.

We thank you, one and all, and extend our warmest wishes for your happiness during the Christmas season.

**EUREKA TOOL CO.**

E. F. Arterburn, Local Manager

# CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Prayer worship, 11 a. m.  
Wednesday, testimonial service, 8 p. m.  
Cordially invited.

Eddy: "The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence—the spiritual institutions that tell us when 'the night is far spent, the day is at hand'—are our guardians in the gloom." (page 174).

spirit of rejoicing that more than nineteen hundred years ago, the Saviour came to Bethlehem, and that as a result we are now heirs of Christ, and entitled to share in all of the blessings that Christ brought into the world.

In our spirit of celebration, let us remember that this is the birthday of Jesus Christ, and conduct ourselves accordingly. One way to honor him, is by being in the Church Services on Sunday.

Our services will be at the usual time; Church School 9:45, Morning Service 11:00; Young People's Fellowship Hour at 4:00 and the Evening Service at 7:15. Even though we are to have company over the week-end, the pastor and his family expect to be in each of these services, and we invite others to do likewise.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
W. A. Lewis, Supt.  
Classes for all—We invite you to fellowship with us around the open Bible.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Sermon by Pastor/Subject "If Christ Had Not Been Born."  
B. T. U. organization, 6:15 p. m.

Please note the change in time and everyone be present and on time.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.  
Sermon by Pastor. Subject: "Back or Face—Which?"

A cordial welcome will be found at the First Baptist church. We invite all to worship with us, and if you do not have a church home, we invite you to make "Our Church Year Church."

Merry Christmas to each of you.  
Chas. T. Tally, Jr., Pastor.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
H. B. Johnson, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 10 a. m. with Lawrence Bryan, superintendent.  
Golden Rule Bible class, taught by Carl Clemmer.

This class had a splendid attendance last Sunday. Make it better next Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. Subject, "Thoughts of the Closing Year."

Communion just before morning sermon.  
Christian Endeavor will meet at

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Services will be conducted at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday by Roy Holiday, with Sunday school at the regular hour.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.

**THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Corner Oak and E. Main Sts.  
Rev. A. G. Pool, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.  
Ira Utta, Supt.  
Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
W. M. S. meets Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m.  
Singing school Tuesday night, 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday night, mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
G. Alfred Brown, Pastor

The pastor wishes to take this opportunity of extending Christmas greetings, and of wishing a very joyous and profitable Christmas season to all who may read this message. Taken as a whole, this has been a very good year with most of us, but even those who have met with misfortune and reverses, can join in the

Golden Text is: "Ho, every that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, buy, and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Is. 55:1).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "For ever things were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science text: "The Science of Health, with Keys to Scriptures" by Mary Baker



**CHRISTMAS SEASONS GREETINGS and MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We hope that Santa Claus will bring the things that will make you happy.

**TUNE SERVICE STATION**

Mr. and Mrs. AT Tune and At II

## 75 Per Cent of All Texans Get Water From Underground

**By United Press**  
AUSTIN, Texas—Seventy-five per cent of the state's population depend upon wells or springs for their water supply, records compiled by official sources show. The surveys are being made by the U. S. Department of Interior co-operating with the State Board of Water Engineers.

Sixty-two per cent of the city population and 84 per cent of the towns are dependent upon wells and springs for public water supplies.

Field work has been completed in 41 counties. It has been discontinued, partly complete, in six and field parties now are working in three counties.

Locations, descriptions, water levels and water samples have been taken on 12,865 wells and 432 springs. Text wells totaling 101,753 feet have been drilled with Works Progress Administration labor. The footage is distributed among 5,872 wells.

Results of the surveys have been distributed about the state in county and college libraries.

The tabulation show that in 10 communities cisterns supply water.

6:30 with Mrs. Carothers in charge.

Preaching by the pastor 7:15 p. m. Arthur Shelton and his orchestra will be in charge of the music at the evening service. These youngsters are presenting an interesting program of music at the evening services and you would enjoy it. Come and worship with us.

The pastor and wife wish to take this opportunity of expressing their very deep appreciation for the many expressions of love and sympathy during these days of good cheer and good will. We wish for everyone the very best of everything during the holidays and for the incoming new year. Come and worship the Lord in his sanctuary.

### Try Our Want Ads!



**AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS!**  
Thanks for the nice business you have given us.

**TEXAS FURNITURE CO.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS MAY REIGN**

May this entire holiday season be one of joy and peace to you. We appreciate your friendship and patronage during the past year.

May happiness reign supreme in your life during the year just dawning.

**WILLIAMS HARDWARE & FIXIT SHOP**  
Addie Williams, Prop.



**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON—!**

And the very best of everything is none too good for us to wish for our friends and customers. May this, another Christmas, be just what you'd have it be... that is our wish for you today.

**CARL PAGE**  
Plumbing Technician  
Phone 240 714 Main

## Before Grounded Hoover Broke Up



Silhouetted against the darkening background of the almost unknown island of Heishoto, off the southeast coast of Formosa, the \$8,000,000 Dollar Liner Hoover is pictured here after she went aground and before she was broken in two by pounding waves. The vessel's 435 passengers were landed on the island and later taken to Manila by another Dollar liner, the McKinley. The strange course taken by the ship to avoid Shanghai battle areas was blamed for the wreck.

## Color Scheme Urged For Nervous People

**By United Press**

HOUSTON—The Texas Council of Painting and Decorating believes it could help prevent nervous breakdowns, keep morals on a high standard and prevent crimes.

H. Kaetter of Houston, secretary, said that the decorator could contribute toward a more even nervous tension on the part of the public by sponsoring proper and pleasing color schemes in homes.

"It is our responsibility to guard against nervous breakdowns blamed on improper surroundings, to make homes inviting so folks, mainly children, want to stay at home, thereby keeping morals on a high standard and preventing crime," Kaetter said.



**GOOD CHEER**  
WE WISH EACH OF OUR FRIENDS, PATRONS and CUSTOMERS the VERY BEST CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN!!  
Thanks for the nice business you have favored us with.  
**THAT GOOD GULF GAS LUM LOVE SERVICE STATION**  
(Lum and the Boys)



**GREETINGS**

**AND HAPPINESS TO YOU**

We regard a great many friends and customers in this community very highly, having known them through business relations.

And now that business is being driven out by the Yuletide may we with the others wish you happiness and joy. We appreciate your patronage and hope to continue serving you in the New Year.

**CITY TAILORS**

Phone 541 — Mickey Sloan, Prop

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

MAY THE DAY BE A MOST PLEASANT ONE, AND MAY SANTA BRING YOU LOTS OF GIFTS!

**PARAMOUNT HOTEL & CAFE**  
C. H. Suits, Manager

**X MARKS A SPOT**

FOR SEASON'S GREETINGS from EMPLOYEES OF THE RANGER DAILY TIMES AND EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS

**RANGER CARRIERS:**  
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Donald McCarthy  
Luther Roberts  
Eugene Jenkins  
Tom Hicks

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th**

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. G. Alfred Brown

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
Rev. Chas. T. Tally, Jr.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Rev. H. B. Johnson

**ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC**  
Father S. E. Byrne

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Wallace W. Layton

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Dr. L. B. Gray

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE**  
Rev. A. G. Pool

**CENTRAL BAPTIST**

**CHURCH OF GOD**

**GOSPEL CENTER**

**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON—!**  
And the very best of everything is none too good for us to wish for our friends and customers. May this, another Christmas, be just what you'd have it be... that is our wish for you today.

**CARL PAGE**  
Plumbing Technician  
Phone 240 714 Main



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We hope that you will look forward to this Christmas season as one of the happiest you've ever spent and anticipate the New Year with a great deal of pleasure.

**WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING 1937 AND HOPE WE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU.**

**KEEP-U-NEAT TAILORS**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Collum



**GREETINGS FROM US TO YOU**

—and—  
May the day be all that you could wish for!

**LANGSTON BARBER SHOP**  
F. E. Langston  
Purl Long



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

—and—  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Is our wish for you today!  
**C. J. MOORE AUTO MART**  
Hudson - Terraplane



**AND BEST WISHES**

... the day and season of peace and joy ...  
May you have peace and prosperity, health and happiness. This is our Christmas wish for you.  
We appreciate the nice business given us and trust to serve you in the future.

**REALISTIC BEAUTY SHOP**

**Society**  
ARRITTA DAVENPORT, Editor  
Office Phone 224 Residence Phone 608-W

**Dinner Party Pays Honor to Bride-Elect Miss Mamye Robinson:**  
Arritta Davenport assisted by her sister and co-hostess, Mrs. E. F. Latham entertained with a seven o'clock dinner party at the home of the latter hostess, Gulf camp, Thursday evening, honoring Miss Mamye Robinson, bride-elect of the Rev. Wilson Akins.  
The Christmas theme was carried out in all decorations. Tables laid in white had for centers silver and blue Yuletide blossoms. Place cards read "Engaged—Mamye to Wilson. When opened the wedding date of January 7th 1938 was revealed."  
The hostesses were assisted in the living room with the serving

of tomato juice cocktails, by their mother and aunt, Mrs. Alice Davenport, and Mrs. Christine Ware. Three courses were complete with black and white fruit cake and wine cups.  
Guest list named close friends of the bride-elect.  
Soon following the dinner party members of the W. Y. A. of First Baptist church of which the bride-elect is a past president and now serves as program chairman gathered in the home of Mrs. W. A. Lewis, 605 Cherry street. The group went caroling, climaxing their journey with a return visit to the Lewis residence.  
A Christmas tree invited many admiring glances, aglow with its globes of Yuletide colors. Amid games Santa Claus arrived and all attention was centered about the tree. As each gift was taken from the tree Santa presented it to the bride-elect.

Drawing to a close a delightful courtesy the hostess passed refreshments of hot chocolate and fancy cookies to honoree, Miss Mamye Robinson, and Misses Doris and Mildred Fern Mitchell, Mary Jane and Jimmie Beth Todd, Elizabeth and Odelle Jay, Frances USSery, Edith Mae Taylor, Mona Robinson and Messrs. R. V. Robinson and Dell Cox. Regrets were sent by Misses Mary Davis, Hazel Barker, Eula and Eunice Preslar and Chrystal Jackson.  
**Miss Geraldine Pirkle Hostess To Piano Students of Mrs. Weldon Webb:**  
With parties marking the calendar of many during the holiday season, one of delightful fashion was given at the home of Miss Geraldine Pirkle, 601 Young street in compliment to piano students of Mrs. Weldon W. Webb, and associate class members of the hostess.  
Smartly employed were the artistic decorations. The festive and profusion of cedar together with a typical East Texas pine tree made beautiful the background for the playing of musical games. Winners presented prizes in these clever games were Francis Eubank and Dorothy Lee Brimberry. The dining table was a picture of rare beauty laid in a lace cloth, and carrying for its centerpiece Yuletide blossoms symbolic of the season. Flanking either side stood

silver candle holders set with tall red tapers.  
Present were: Mrs. Weldon W. Webb, and Margaret Jo McClockey, Mary Jane Hicks, Dorothy Jean Williams, Dorothy Lee Brimberry, Francis Ann Eubank, Francine Hatley, Mettamae Woods Lynn, Mercedes and Electra Pearson and Mrs. Nath Pirkle, mother of the hostess.  
**Miss Veda Winsett Is Bride Friday**  
A telegram received in Ranger late Friday afternoon announced the marriage of Miss Veda Winsett and Mr. Hubert Capps at New Orleans, La., at 3 p. m.  
The bride will be remembered as a teacher in the Ranger school system for the past several years and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Winsett of Winsett Springs. The groom, up until his resignation from the school system, was a teacher in the high school and he has recently been employed with the federal government, making his home at Biloxi, Miss.  
The many friends of the happy couple wish them much happiness.

**Forty-Six Children Made Happy With Christmas Party**  
The P. W. A. nursery school, under the direction of Miss Edna Moade, was the scene of a happy occasion on Thursday afternoon when some forty-six underprivileged children of Ranger were paid a visit by Santa Claus.  
The entertainment, a beautiful one, not only in decorations but in spirit, comes as one of the most outstanding happenings at this Yuletide. Mrs. Saunders Gregg, in her fine way, went about arranging for this school a number of months ago, and since her untiring efforts have continuously been given over to the success of its operation.  
Eyes brightened and hearts beat faster when old Saint Nick made his appearance and from the brightly trimmed tree found gifts for every little tot attending the party.  
There were refreshments to make perfect this splendid occasion.

**Former Ranger Girl Marries Fort Worth Doctor**  
Mrs. O. M. Grant, Strawn road, announces the marriage of her daughter, Lucille, to Dr. E. H. Charn of Fort Worth, which took place at the home of the bride's sister Wednesday, Dec. 22. Mrs. Charn has many friends in Ranger who will be interested in this announcement. The mother of the bride was among wedding party members.

**Miss Mary Davis is the guest of relatives and friends in Fort Worth. Her visit will extend over the holidays.**  
Miss Edna Moade is in Elk City for the Yuletide visit with her parents.  
Miss Beatrice Pittman, teacher at Cooper school, left Ranger on Friday morning for Gorman, where she was joined by her parents for a visit to Abilene, where other immediate members of the family reside.  
May, is home for the holidays, inlby, is home for the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mitchell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolf, and Foy Saunders, house guest of the Wolfs over the week-end, are visiting Mr. Wolf's mother at San Antonio.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Davis are Christmas visitors in Mineral Wells, guests of relatives.  
Miss Wanda Banks of Saratoga, Texas, is a holiday visitor in Ranger, guest of Mr. R. C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Suits, Paramount hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bray of Fort Stockton are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cook and his mother and father.  
Visitors in Waco for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Eubank and family.  
Mrs. Nannie Walker is visiting in San Antonio, with her daughter, Mrs. Leon Carothers. Mrs. Walker's visit will extend until around the first of the year.  
Hall Walker left Friday afternoon for Abilene, where he was joined by his son and daughter, Wesley and Camilla, for Mr. Walker's continued journey to El Paso, to spend Christmas day with Mrs. Walker.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fiewellen are visitors in Ballinger, guests at the home of Mrs. Fiewellen's sister.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Huffman and family of Albuquerque, N. M., joined the Huffman families of Ranger for the day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Huffman of Cisco.  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer V. Heatley and daughter, Mary Katherine, of Mangum, Okla., are here for the holiday visit in the home

of Mrs. Heatley's sister, Mrs. Stanley McAnelly. Other visitors are Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stafford parents of the house hostess.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Underwood of Monument, N. M., newlyweds of some two months ago, are here for the Christmas holiday.  
Dr. J. E. Matlock will return tomorrow to his home at Port Arthur, after spending today with his sister, Mrs. E. A. Grigollet and family, Ranger Heights.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Abilene continue their visit after a week's stay as guests at the Paramount hotel.  
Motoring to Waco for Christmas day and tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Larson and son and daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coffin are visiting at Dallas, guests of Mr. Coffin's parents.  
Dr. and Mrs. Bob Hodges and sons are spending Christmas at the home of Mrs. Hodges' sister and family at San Antonio.  
House guests at the L. L. Bruce home, Caddo highway, Mrs. Jennie M. Bruce, mother of the host, and Miss Veda Bruce, E. P. Bruce and son, and Floyd Bruce, all of Weatherford, and Roy Atherton of Wichita, Kan.

House guests at the home of Mrs. Blanche Murray and her daughters, Mavis, Katherine and Marilyn, of Austin, are in Ranger for a visit at their home, Strawn road, before going to Fort Worth and Dallas. Miss Mavis Murray a student at State, has pledged the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Last year she was a student at Miss Hockaday's, Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Backlock and family are spending today at the home of her parents, at Carbon.  
W. O. Carroway of El Paso, arrived Thursday for the holiday visit with his parents, Cherry street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Murphy of Dallas are visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson and family of Plainview are here to visit at the home of Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champion and daughter, Vivian.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Donald of Abilene are in Ranger visiting at the home of Homer V. Hodges and wife. The Hodges extend an invitation to all their friends to visit them on Christmas Day. Mr. O'Donald is convalescing from an accident that happened over a year ago.  
Rev. W. E. Hawkins, Jr., of Dallas will be in Ranger Sunday to preside over services to be held at Gospel Center church. Bible study at 10 o'clock will be followed with the 11 o'clock service. The day's program, including a program in the afternoon, will be conducted by the visiting pastor.  
R. C. Habert of Fort Sil, Okla., is visiting in the home of his aunt, and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy.  
**NEWLYWEDS UPSET COUNTY**  
By United Press  
HICKMAN, Ky.—Unstamped official documents piled up while Fulton County Clerk C. N. Holland sought frantically for the county seal. After three days of fruitless search, it was returned by a newly married couple who said they had taken it as a souvenir on their wedding day.

**AND THE VERY BEST WISHES**  
... that day will be one of the happiest days of the year.  
And that the New Year will be altogether one of prosperity, good health and plenty.

**RANGER POULTRY CO.**  
R. J. RAINS, Proprietor

**CLASSIFIED**

**0—LODGE NOTICES**  
Regular meeting Elks lodge of Ranger each Friday night at 8 o'clock. All members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.  
W. A. LEITH, Sec.  
J. C. CAROTHERS, E. R.

**1—LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN**  
LOST: Keys, tag Mrs. Joe B. Herington; If found return to Times Office, please.

**3—HELP WANTED, FEMALE**  
GET NEW WARDROBE FREE. Easiest thing in the world. No canvassing. No experience. No investment. Remarkable new way to make \$25 or more weekly and your own wardrobe FREE. Send age and dress size. FASHION PROCKS, Inc., Dept. G-361, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**7—SPECIAL NOTICES**  
MARINELLO SPELLS SUCCESS in the beauty profession. Good paying positions await graduates. Lowest tuition in history. Write Marinello chool, 4305 Ross, Dallas.

**BROWN'S TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., BONDED, 111 S. Marston St., Ranger.**

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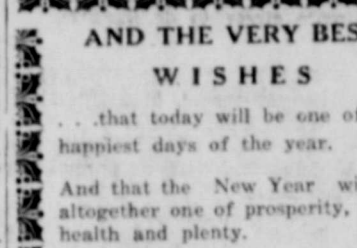
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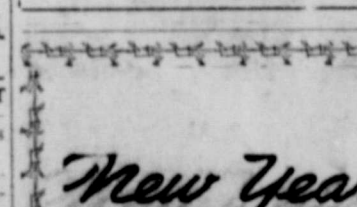


**AND THE VERY BEST WISHES**  
... that day will be one of the happiest days of the year.  
And that the New Year will be altogether one of prosperity, good health and plenty.



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We Extend Our GREETINGS

We feel that you have helped in a large way to make our business a success. We feel it is a privilege to serve you and with deep appreciation to you we extend our greetings for the season.  
Merry Christmas and Happy, Prosperous New Year To All  
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**New Year Greetings**

**THE CHRISTMAS SONG**  
IS A SONG OF JOY AND GLADNESS ...  
AND WE ARE GLAD TO SAY TO YOU ON THIS ANOTHER CHRISTMAS MORN ... AND MAY THE DAY BE TO YOU JUST WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE IT BE ... MIRTH, JOY AND GLADNESS.

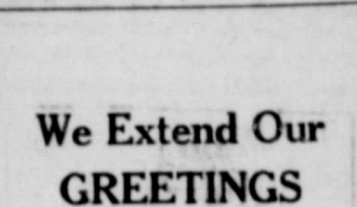
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visit them on Christmas Day. Mr. O'Donald is convalescing from an accident that happened over a year ago.  
Rev. W. E. Hawkins, Jr., of Dallas will be in Ranger Sunday to preside over services to be held at Gospel Center church. Bible study at 10 o'clock will be followed with the 11 o'clock service. The day's program, including a program in the afternoon, will be conducted by the visiting pastor.  
R. C. Habert of Fort Sil, Okla., is visiting in the home of his aunt, and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy.  
**NEWLYWEDS UPSET COUNTY**  
By United Press  
HICKMAN, Ky.—Unstamped official documents piled up while Fulton County Clerk C. N. Holland sought frantically for the county seal. After three days of fruitless search, it was returned by a newly married couple who said they had taken it as a souvenir on their wedding day.

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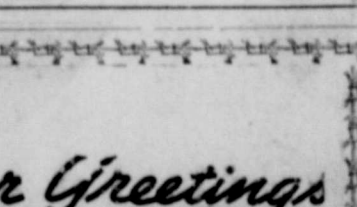


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**GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOUR EVERY INTEREST**  
In our old fashion wish for all Ranger friends and patrons  
May the day be one of real joy and happiness.

**WITT GROCERY and MARKET**



**GREETINGS of the SEASON**  
— MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

**BOURDEAU BROS.**  
Building Contractors



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Is Our Wish for you today.  
We appreciate your business.

**RANGER MATTRESS FACTORY**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Herwick



**GREETINGS FOR THE HOLIDAY**  
The holiday season is here and with a deep feeling of appreciation of friends and patrons and of their value to us. May this be truly a happy Christmas and the New Year Bright and Prosperous.

**MODERNE STUDIO**  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS and SEASON GREETINGS**  
to our friends and customers.  
May the day be one of happiness to you and yours

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LAST TIMES TODAY

**THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING**  
**THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING**  
**THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING**  
MIDNIGHT MATINEE TONIGHT 11:15 P. M.

**THEY TOOK HIS GUN**  
**THEY TOOK HIS GUN**  
**THEY TOOK HIS GUN**  
COMING MONDAY

**NAVY BLUE AND GOLD**  
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# MILLION DOLLAR PEACH CROP POSSIBLE STATES FARM AGENT E. V. COOK

By Elmo V. Cook  
County Agent

Fifty thousand peach trees are now producing fruit on 1000 acres in Eastland County with an average annual production of 50,000 bushels of peaches. This statement is based on the estimated increase in plantings since 1930, which time the census showed 22 farms with a total of 33,000 bearing trees. In addition there are an estimated 20,000 young trees not of bearing age. These 70,000 peach trees occupy about 15,000 acres of land, based on a spacing of 30 feet between

trees. Estimating that peach trees make up half of the total fruit trees, approximately 3000 acres of Eastland County crop land are in orchards capable of producing 100,000 bushels of fruit an average year.

There are approximately 133,000 acres of cropland in Eastland county, at least one fourth of which is adapted to peach production. This means that 33,000 acres of crop land in the county are adapted to profitable growing of peaches, or eleven times the present acreage of fruit. This does not consider woodland that

could be put into cultivation. Therefore Eastland County has a potential possibility of producing at least a million bushels of peaches worth a million dollars per year. This is more than the combine value of all crops now produced in Eastland County and leaves three-fourths of the land for crop production.

At least 90 per cent of the land in the County is composed of Windthorst and Nimrod sandy soils. The Windthorst find sandy loam, which is (according to a recent survey made by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station) "amazingly adapted" to peach growing, has a sandy loam surface layer from 6 to 12 inches in depth for the development of feeder roots with a subsoil layer of reddish clay mixed with enough sand to permit the percolation of water and the growth of roots through it. The clay holds water to carry the trees through the summer drought.

The Nimrod sand is a light colored deep sand with a light colored clay subsoil. It is also well adapted to all fruits, including peaches and apples, although is not considered quite as productive a peach soil as the Windthorst.

Careful consideration must be given water and air drainage in selecting the orchard site, as, according to an old saying, peach trees cannot stand wet feet. Air drainage is necessary to insure against frost damage a site with considerable slope, preferably towards the North or East, with at least twice as much territory below as is being considered for the orchard acreage will assure both water and air drainage. In frost

weather the layer of cold air near the ground literally slips out from under the warm layer if there is lower ground handy. This warms the air among the trees and lessens frost damage.

A subsoil is necessary which is friable, or has enough sand mixture so that it will break apart when crushed in the hand. This assures root penetration and water-holding capability.

Examine roots of weeds growing on the proposed orchard site for knots caused by nematodes. These microscopic animals infest cold, wet sand and kill or reduce the production of fruit trees.

Land where crops die badly in dry summer weather is not adapted to fruit.

Fruit growers and nurserymen are rapidly learning the importance of terracing land before setting fruit trees. Eastland County has sufficient rainfall but it is badly distributed and there is nearly always a summer drought. Terraces hold the moisture until needed. Some successful fruit growers place their trees on the terraces while others place all the rows between the terraces. Both methods are good, the important point is to terrace.

Prospective locations for each tree should be marked, allowing at least 30 feet between trees. Several shovels full of manure should be worked into the soil at each location as long before planting as possible or one to two pounds of commercial fertilizer can be spaded in a few feet from the tree at planting time or just before the trees start out in the spring.

As it costs no more to set good producing, frost resistant, adapted varieties than off brands, careful consideration should be given varieties. An orchard should not have too many varieties, possibly not more than four or five. The later varieties should be placed on the deeper soil as they require more food and over a longer period of time during the growing season. Varieties which are adapted to commercial fruit production in

Eastland county are:

Ripening June 1-15th.  
Early Rose (Must be thinned on tree.)

June 15-30.  
Faires Beauty.  
South Haven.  
Golden Jubilee

July 1-30.  
Leona, Lena, Elberta.

August 1 to September 1.  
Frank (must be thinned on tree.)

Indian Cling.  
Fruit trees should be grown at home or bought from reliable nurserymen although few nurseries sell inferior stock, street sellers who are not well known for their reliability should be avoided. It is best to visit a nurseryman and select trees. A reliable nurseryman encourages this and will replace doubtful trees. The cost of trees is a minor investment as compared with the value of the land and a few extra dollars are well invested if they insure good trees.

Although reasonable care should be taken in setting out trees, methods of digging holes and size of the holes vary. One should only be careful to dig a hole slightly larger than the root system, trim off all broken roots, place the tree two or three inches lower than it grew in the nursery, and pack the dirt well around the roots. If the soil is dry the trees should be watered when planted. The roots should not be exposed to the air any longer than is absolutely necessary. It is recommended that trees be leaned slightly towards the Southwest so that prevailing winds will straighten them up.

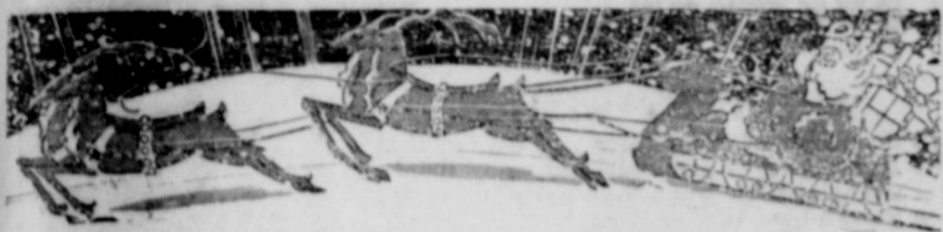
Small trees should be topped 18 to 24 inches from the ground to insure a low crown and prevent possibility of sun-scald damage to the trunk. The fertilizer mentioned is a paying investment at planting time.

Unfortunately, too many fruit growers plant trees, then forget them and expect a profitable return. This is the greatest mistake being made by fruit growers in Eastland county. Peach trees are not short lived trees if properly cared for.

Trees should not be pruned heavily but enough to keep the trunk protected from sun scald, to keep out dead limbs which harbor insects, to keep limbs from getting too long for heavy bearing, and allow the bottom limbs to rest on the ground when heavily loaded.

It is poor management to raise a cash crop between fruit trees as they need all the moisture and food possible during the growing season. Summer cultivation shallow hold moisture in the soil and planting a winter cover crop on small grain or vetch are recom-

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OUR KIND THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES ARE FOR YOU

# CHRISTMAS

MAY THIS YULE SEASON BE ONE OF HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND 1938 TRULY A GLORIOUS YEAR FOR YOU!

## Swaney Pharmacy

TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY ---- WE EXTEND



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2ND — We hope that our premium-sharing plan that does not increase the cost of your food needs, has given every home an added convenience. WE URGE YOU TO SAVE YOUR PURCHASE SLIPS!

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# Piggly Wiggly

AND ITS EMPLOYEES



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Because we appreciate your support during the past year we reward you with our very best wishes of Happiness and Prosperity for the coming year.

### CLEMMER'S DAIRY



MAY YOU HAVE

## A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS

THAN YOU'VE EVER HAD BEFORE!

If we are to have happiness in life we must remember the pleasant and happy experiences and forget the sadness and gloom of the past.

As Christmas draws near and as we look back over the past year we can be thankful for a great many blessings and take courage to look into the future and expect much of the New Year.

We are grateful to our friends and patrons . . . and sincerely wish happiness and good fortune for each of you during Christmas and the New Year.

H. P. EARNEST

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Merry Christmas

## AN OLD TIMELY WISH FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our forefathers wished each other a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just as we are wishing you!

We hope you feel our sincerity in bestowing this old fashioned wish!

### IZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Opposite Young School



TO YOU, AND WE MEAN EVERY WORD . . .

At this time of the year, when we think of the good things of life and we are reminded of our friends and patrons . . . we want you to accept our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season.

## SCHOOLEY'S BAKERY

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Schooley



## AND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

We feel that we know the needs and wishes of the people of this community . . . We know their needs and have their welfare at heart.

We say to each of you . . . the more joy you receive from the holidays and the more prosperity the New Year brings will make us happy to know that all is well with you

## PATTERSON & CALVERT SERVICE STATION

Prairie Crossing, New Highway

Merry Christmas

A CHRISTMAS WISH FROM US --- TO YOU

Our wish for this Christmas is that the choicest blessings of life, pleasant environment, good associates that will add to a store of rich experiences may be all your's. To you and yours we give this wish of happiness and contentment for the holiday season and throughout the coming year.

We thank you for every courtesy you have shown and earnestly solicit your patronage for the New Year.

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**AND BEST WISHES**

To the people of West Texas . . . We feel that we owe a debt of gratitude and many thanks for the splendid patronage given us during our ten years of business in Ranger.  
J. L. AMBLER, Manager.

**MAY THIS BE THE MOST JOYFUL CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER HAD!**

**Million Dollar Peach Crop Possible States County Agent Cook**

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mended. The winter cover should be plowed under in the spring but deep plowing should be avoided as it destroys feeder roots.

Cultivating too close to the trees is dangerous as it is very easy to damage the limbs with plow or harness.

Jackrabbits are a hazard to young trees in Eastland County. They can be poisoned economically with strychnine poisoned grain or salt but the trees should be protected up from the ground for 18 inches. The following methods are recommended:

(1). Wrap the body of the trees with heavy paper to a height of 18 inches, leaving 2 or 4 buds above the point where the tree is wrapped.

(2). Heat cottonseed oil, linseed oil, or peanut oil until it begins to smoke. Do not boil. Stir into the hot oil 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. of sulphur. Cool and apply with a paint brush over the entire surface of the trees as they are set out.

Rabbits should be poisoned by placing poisoned grain in small piles (1 tablespoonful) along the trails at intervals but a few inches to the side of the trail. Poisoned grain can be home mixed or secured from the County Agent. In hot weather mix 1 ounce of strychnine with 1 1/2 lbs. of salt. Bore 1 inch holes about three fourths through wooden blocks. Fill the holes with the poison salt and damped to make the trails. Strychnine thinly dusted on quartered apples placed on sticks also makes good rabbit baits.

Eastland county is surprisingly free of diseases that usually attack peaches but these are rapidly becoming more common and at least one insect, the cireulis, does much damage to the fruit, spoiling at least 25 per cent and lowering the market value of the rest. A few will find it necessary to spray for San Jose scale in the winter but ordinarily the following schedule will suffice and this is only necessary on bearing peach and plum trees:

1st spraying should consist of a mixture of 50 gallons of water, 1 1/2 lbs. arsenate of lead, and 6 lbs. dry lime sulphur and should be applied when most of the blossoms have shed off the young fruits.

2nd spraying using the same mixture should be applied 14 days later.

Spraying should be done at a pressure of 200 lbs. or greater. This requires a good barrel sprayer as a minimum investment or a power sprayer for those who have sufficient acreage in orchard. A good barrel sprayer costs about

\$13.00 with 30 feet of hose necessary to spray around the entire tree. The chemicals to spray an average bearing peach tree cost about 10 cents for both sprayings and the investment is profitable.

With the increased interest being shown and a rapid increase in fruit production being expected in the West Cross Timber section, including the Counties of Eastland, Erath, Comanche, Brown and Callahan, soon a definite marketing set-up will be necessary.

At present the demand far exceeds the supply and during the harvest many trucks leave empty after trying to buy fruit.

A marketing organization, to be successful and satisfactory, must be organized and operated by the growers themselves. When this happens the fruit will be sold on its merits and the poorer grades will go begging for a market. Then the fruit growers will be forced to produce a quality product and those who do this now will be that much ahead of the demand.

Far-sighted farmers can grow their own nursery stock, save expense, and assure healthy, disease-free trees. Peach seed should be saved for this purpose.

Peach seed should be planted not later than November 1. The soil should be of a sandy nature if possible, and well drained. The garden is a satisfactory place for planting peach seed if no nematodes are present. This can be determined by examining the roots of vegetables growing there at this time. The seed should be planted in rows at least four feet apart, sowing them in the row at the rate of four seed per foot, and covering two inches deep. One hundred feet of row space planted in peach seed will make a good demonstration. One to three bushels of peaches with the flesh on should supply about 400 seed which will plant 100 feet of row. The seed should come up in April and by June will be large enough to be budded to proven varieties. Eastland County needs a nur-

**Barber Kills a Doe Without Paying Fine**

By United Press

KERRVILLE, Tex.—R. Marshall Dixon, Kerrville barber, killed a doe deer, but he didn't pay the usual \$61 fine.

Dixon reported to the game warden that the female deer attacked his automobile one night and ended second best. The doe was distributed by the warden to the city's needy families.

**Season's Greetings To Our Patrons**

We are appreciative at all times of the year for your patronage and we are glad this season gives us an opportunity to thank you for favors granted us in the past. May we have your continued support.

OUR WISHES ARE FOR A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS!

**MR. AND MRS. R. E. HARRELL**



**OUR YULETIDE WISH FOR RANGER AND COMMUNITY . . . MAY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RING TRUE . . .**

Our BIG WISH for you today is the happiest Christmas you have ever had, and may peace and plenty be yours through the years that are to follow.

**RANGER FURNITURE EXCHANGE**

Colonel Brashier F. P. Brashier Bill Brashier  
AND ALL OUR EMPLOYEES!



**"The NIGHT is COLD, The Welcome's WARM!"**

CHRISTMAS comes once more, a messenger of joy and benign feeling for one's fellow men in the bleak winter. It is a time of open hearts, warm and cheering as the open door of a lighted house, when the snow is crisp and the crystal moon hangs in a frosty sky. The Hassen Company door, like every true friend's, is always open. For many years Ranger has found Hassen's the store with a warm heart, treating its customers not merely as bargain-hunters, but as friends! Today, to its growing numbers of friends, this company wishes one and all a

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

**Hassen Co., Inc.**

A Ranger Institution Since 1919

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!**

Little folks live from Christmas to Christmas. It is the big event in the year for them. Older ones anticipate Christmas with equal zest and delight.

MAY WE NEVER GROW TOO OLD TO APPRECIATE "MERRY CHRISTMAS" AND MAY YOU HAVE THE HAPPIEST OF ALL CHRISTMASSES THIS YEAR!

Allow us to thank you also for your patronage, and to look forward to your continued interest in 1938 with a promise to serve you even better.

**E. H. & E. P. MILLS GROCERY and Employees**

**GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS--- BOTH OLD and YOUNG**

Friends have been compared with silver and gold. New friends are as silver and old friends are as gold. We value our friends more than we do these precious metals because of their value and worth to us. As gold and silver shine in the Christmas lights and make a beautiful glow, the smiles of our friends make a glow in our hearts. May happiness and good fortune be yours for Christmas and the New Year.

**Joseph's DRY GOODS — FURNITURE GENERAL ELECTRIC APPLIANCES**



### Chapel Trailer Is On Two-Year Trip

By United Press  
 HUNDRED OAKS, WINCHESTER, Tenn.—Two Paulist priests are making a two-year trail of the Tennessee mountains in a cathedral on wheels—a modern auto trailer equipped with an altar.

The missionaries, the Reverend Thomas M. Halloran, and the Reverend James F. Cunningham, began their trip in September in their 25-foot \$5,200 trailer. The trailer chapel, named the St. Lucy Catholic motor chapel in memory of the donor's 5-year-old daughter, contains beside the altar, a motion picture projector and screen, an electric phonograph and a public address system.

Traverse Rural Areas  
 The priests stop in rural communities, play hymns and sacred

music on the phonograph and show religious motion pictures. Their sermons are intended to afford non-Catholics an opportunity to understand the doctrines of the church.

The chapel-trailer was designed by Father Cunningham in co-operation with George Chaplin, trailer engineer, and Maurice Lavanaux of the Liturgical Arts magazine. The trailer rides on two sets of wheels, and is 23 feet long outside. The rear door opens, making a speaking platform illuminated by floodlights. Above the speaker's head two loud speakers carry his words for many blocks and are capable of reaching 20,000 people.

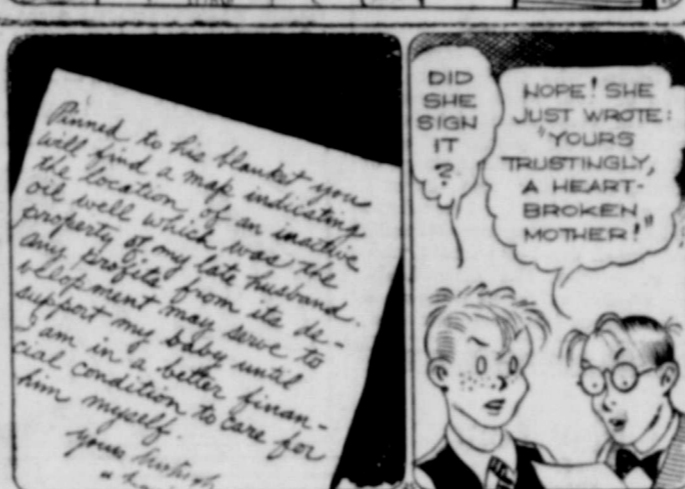
Inside the chapel-car is an altar, a vestment case containing all necessary equipment for Mass, a lending library and the motion picture equipment for showing "The Life of Christ."

Comforts are Provided  
 Sliding doors separate the chapel proper from the living quarters,



L. H. FLEWELLEN  
Ranger, Texas

### FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



which contain a kitchenette, sink, wardrobe near the door holds stove, table and a divan which clothing. Each night the program opens up to make a double bed. A

with 15 minutes of recorded music. The announcements and a question box program follow. A short 12-minute sound picture is shown and a 20 minute sermon delivered. The whole service takes an hour and a half. The first Mass was celebrated at Cowan, Conn., with Peter Harris and his two sons, Peter, Jr., and William, making up the congregation. At the second service, at Tullahoma, 15 attended. From 250 to 300 attend the services at present.

## A MERRY Christmas TO EVERYONE

MAY THE DAWN OF ANOTHER CHRISTMAS BE BRIGHT AND FAIR!

For all our friends and patrons we trust that this Christmas brings only happiness and joy.

Our big wish for you is a real old fashioned Merry Christmas.

## A. J. Ratliff

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 Slide-fastened, button or wrap-around front! Full 54 inch, ankle-length skirts usually found in \$1.98 styles. Floral prints in tubfast percales. Sizes 14 to 44.

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 80 square percales! Button front coat styles! Soap-front frockets! Shirtwaist or dressy types! Sixteen gored skirts! Pique collars, some with modulations of lace! Slide fasteners! 14-32.

# Wards January WHITE SALE

SAVE 10% TO 26% EXTRA SAVINGS OVER WARDS REGULAR LOW PRICES!

**Silvanias**  
 Regularly 13¢! Tubfast percales. New! 38 in. Sturdy. **10¢** yd.

**Blankets**  
 6½c Fleecy-downs. American cotton. 70"x90". Pastel Plaids. **54¢** ea.

**Cannon Sale**  
 19c Turkish towels 20"x40". Save 26%. Sale 1 Wash Cloths. 4 for 10c. **14¢**

**Remnants**  
 Tubfast cottons. 1 to 10 yd. lengths. Shop early! **8¢** yd.

**Longwear Sheets**  
 Lowest price in twelve months! Full bed size, 81"x99". Will wear over 4½ years and launder 234 times. Hand-torn. **84¢**

**Longwear Cases**  
 Regularly 23¢! Size 42"x36"..... **21¢**  
 12½c Thrift Cases  
 Sturdy muslin. 42"x36". Save 20%... **10¢**  
 19c Cannon Towels  
 Turkish. Sizes 20"x40". Pastels.... **14¢**  
 38" Economy Muslin  
 Regularly 8¢! Unbleached. Only..... **7¢** yd.  
 10c Bleached Muslin, yd..... **8¢**

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 USE WARDS MONTHLY PLAN ON PURCHASES TOTALING \$10 OR MORE!  
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 Ranger, Texas

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

THE BEST WE HAVE IS YOURS

It has been our pleasure to serve you to the best of our ability in the past. We trust we may be able to render more service to you. And now at this holiday season we extend to you our very best wishes for all the good things of life.

**TEXAS DRUG STORE**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harness

MERRY Christmas

BEFORE CHRISTMAS GOES BY

MAY WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOU WHO HAVE MADE OUR BUSINESS POSSIBLE BY YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT. OUR BEST WISHES ARE FOR A CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF JOY AND CONTENTMENT.

**SCOTT'S STORE**  
 P. A. REED, Manager

Best Wishes

FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS —TO ALL OF— RANGER'S CITIZENS

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 T. H. PACE, Prop.

### Phi Beta Kappa Key Is Awarded to A Sightless Girl

By United Press  
 NEW YORK—Helen O'Connell's education seemed doomed when she lost her sight at the age of 13. Now, Helen, a senior at Hunter College, has been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

When she was graduated from high school her grades were too low for entrance to Hunter College. Determined to go to college, she attended the New York In-

stitute for the Blind and passed her Regents there. Now she is completing a full college course in three and one-half years. When she is graduated soon she hopes to be accepted at the New York School for Social Work since she is a member of the first class to be graduated in the field of Pre-Social Specialization at Hunter.

"I don't know yet just what I will be able to do in the field of social work, but I am tremendously interested in it, so I hope there is a place for me," she declared.

Helen was born in Ireland, the youngest of 13 children. Now she lives at 457 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn.

She has been able to do her college work through the help of readers provided by the special fund for that purpose by the state. Helen is the envy of her classmates in her Shakespeare class for she doesn't have to read the plays. She lets the talking books read them to her. She takes her class notes in Braille.

For 10 years she has been a member of the Blind Players Club, a dramatic group in Suffern, N. Y. Twice she has acted in the club's spring performance at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

### Wool Spinning Is Helping a Family To Balance Budget

By United Press  
 RUSHMORE, Minn.—Mrs. Martha Odens, who carded her first pound of wool when she was 11 years old, came forward today in favor of the old spinning wheel.

She still follows the pattern of grandmother's day and earns a comfortable living for herself and children by carding and spinning wool, which she knits into a variety of articles. Her market, she says, reaches as far as Illinois.

Her output last year, she said,

### ALLEY OOP



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also permitted enrollment of boys. The Bismarck was one of 30 such non-reservation schools opened in various parts of the country in the early years of the century. Eventually all of the education will be handed in the various reservations.

The institution was made entirely by grants from Congress.

It's a confusing era. A fellow listed his professional trucking and the employment agency got him a job in a room.

**AND A KINDLY WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS**

We wish to thank you for the friendly business relations during the year.

**WE WISH FOR ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**BURTON LINGO CO.**  
 R. S. Balch, Manager

**AND MERRY CHRISTMAS**

IS OUR WISH FOR YOU ON THIS CHRISTMAS!

Your patronage, courtesies, and your favors during the past year have pleased us. We hope our efforts have been pleasing to you.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS IS OUR SINCERE WISH**

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

**HORIZONTAL**  
 1. 6 Jolly old St. Nick.  
 11 Liquid part of fat.  
 12 Concise.  
 13 X.  
 14 War flyer.  
 15 Company.  
 16 To accomplish.  
 18 Paid publicity.  
 19 South Carolina.  
 21 Scarlet.  
 22 Dry.  
 24 Passage.  
 26 He lives in the —.  
 31 Branches.  
 33 Ratite bird.  
 34 Gods.  
 36 Nothing.  
 37 Cardinal number.  
 39 To assume.  
 41 And.  
 42 Upright shaft.  
 44 Before.  
 45 Doctor.

**VERTICAL**  
 1 Therefore.  
 2 Singing voice.  
 3 Born.  
 4 Something very inflammable.  
 5 Form of "a".  
 6 Court.  
 7 Commander.  
 8 Circle part.  
 9 Consumes.  
 10 Southeast.  
 15 He comes down —.  
 17 Alleged force.  
 18 Like.  
 20 — delight in him.  
 21 To countersink.  
 23 Walking stick.  
 25 Race track tipster.  
 26 Tidy.  
 27 Lubricant.  
 28 Right.  
 29 Point.  
 30 At this place.  
 32 Intellect.  
 34 To sketch.  
 35 Slave.  
 38 One who runs away.  
 40 Harassed.  
 43 Grinding tooth.  
 46 Singlass.  
 47 To nod.  
 48 Nude.  
 50 Lacerated.  
 52 Falsehood.  
 53 Nominal value.  
 54 Coin.  
 56 Native metal.

included washing and carding the wool for 11 comforters, 118 pairs of mittens, and 18 sweaters, all of which she knit herself. In her spare time she finds leisure to crochet lace and insertions for pillow cases, and fancy tops for sofa pillows.

Mrs. Odens' first tutor was her grandmother, who acquired the art in her native Germany. The wheel she now operates was purchased for her by her late husband 21 years after she had "worn out" the one she had used for years previous to that time.

She takes great care in selection of wool. Particularly, she is on the outlook for cockleburrs. Contrary to popular belief, she said, it is not the wool itself which scratches the skin, but the points of burrs left in it.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL**

As the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new, we want to thank you for the favors given in the past year of 1937, and we look forward to 1938, with its prospects of serving you. A Merry Christmas to all, and a Prosperous New Year.

**MRS. STOKES' BOARDING HOUSE**

**MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE A HAPPY ONE FOR YOU**

MAY THIS SEASON WITH ITS MIRTH AND CHEER BE A HAPPY ONE FOR YOU.

MAY THE NEW YEAR LAVISH ITS RICHEST BLESSINGS ON YOU.

WE GIVE TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT AND GOOD WILL DESERVE THE BEST WE HAVE.

**KEN UMBERSON**  
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**HAPPY YULETIDE GREETINGS**

and best wishes for the Christmas season... may every minute of the day be one of joy and happiness.

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Again We Say Merry Christmas

**TRADERS GROCERY & MKT.**

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**Mr. and Mrs. R. V. GALLOWAY and Family**

**Christmas Cheer**

**GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS**

Our business has been a pleasure during the past year because of your loyal support. We express the hope that our service to you may be continued during 1938.

**MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE MERRY and Your NEW YEAR PROSPEROUS**

**ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP**  
 T. T. NOTGRASS, Prop.

**SURE — WE SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**JOY to you!**

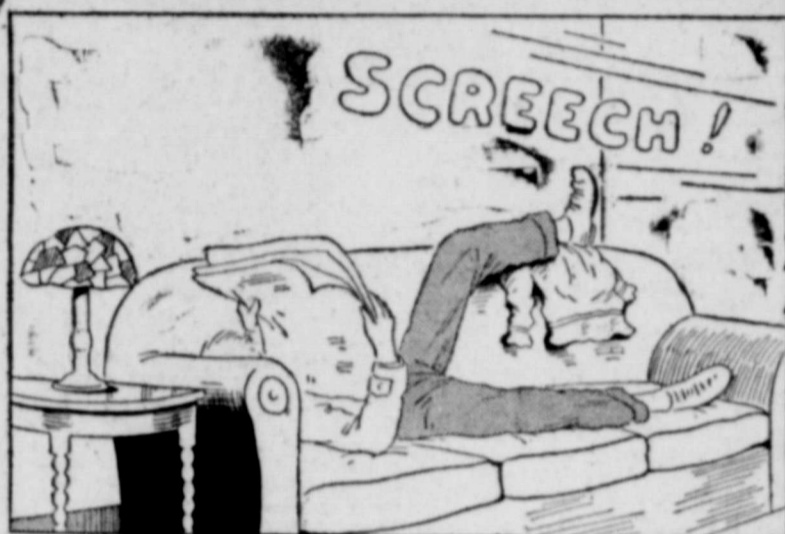
WE FEEL THAT OUR FRIENDS MEAN MORE TO US THAN MATERIAL THINGS. TO US OUR PATRONS ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS. WE STRIVE TO KEEP THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL IN THE DAYS TO COME. WE WISH FOR EACH OF YOU A HOLIDAY SEASON OF MIRTH AND GOOD CHEER AND MAY PROSPERITY BE YOURS DURING THE COMING YEAR.

**H. H. VAUGHN SERVICE STATION**  
 AND ALL EMPLOYEES!

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By Scarbo



### A Wish That Is TRULY SINCERE

We are sincere when we wish for you the BEST LIFE HOLDS DEAR THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR! MAY YOUR JOYS BE MANY!

**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE**  
Collier Bros. Props.

### Japanese Soldier Rated First Class In Equipment, Last On Dress Parade But Well Fed; Not So Good As Marksmen

BY H. O. THOMPSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
TIENTSIN, China (By Mail) (UP). — The Japanese soldier at the front is one of the world's best equipped fighting men. There is nothing cheap or shoddy, or in any way resembling the flimsier Japanese gadgets sold abroad, in what the Japanese soldier has at his disposal in actual combat. The Japanese at home has dainty, undersized possessions. Everything is on the small side as befits a small people.

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## Related Holiday

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CAST OF CHARACTERS  
LINDA BENTON—Heiress, daughter of a famous singer.  
CAPT. BARRYMORE TRENT—Hero, flying "hardshell."  
MRS. BENTON—Linda's grandmother; a "strong woman."  
Yesterday, Barry, leaving Linda afraid and fearful, starts on his hazardous rescue trip. At the airport, another woman's voice takes the air to speed him well!

CHAPTER IX  
THE voice that spoke next was unmistakably familiar. It was the voice of Rita Blanchard. "There isn't much you can say, is there?" Rita began, "when you see someone whom you have—been very fond of—Barry Trent and I played together as children—setting off alone in the dark on such an errand? . . . But I do want to say to Barry, if he is listening, 'God-speed' and 'come back soon!'"

"Children together, my foot!" snorted the Duchess when she could get her breath. "Rita Blanchard was plucking her eyebrows when Barry was playing with blocks. . . . What some people will do for a little publicity!" They went to bed then. . . . That is, they went to their rooms. Linda, climbing the stairs, it seemed for the first time since Barry's coming had brought the old house to life, that the faces of the dead and gone Trents lining the stairway peered down at her with secret, silent hostility.

Officers Well Equipped  
But on a cold morning at the front the men have what it takes to carry on efficiently. The officer who seemed so sloppy on the streets of Tientsin a few days ago is a different man now. He has a fur-lined sleeveless garment which leaves his arms free, or a fur-lined jacket. His pistol, dispatch case, field glasses, ammunition and canteen are trimly attached to his belt or slung over a shoulder.

The soldiers have warm coats, part camel-hair wool, hooded to keep off rain or snow. They button back in front so that the knees are not impeded in heavy going. Their comfort kits, weapons, emergency rations, are securely stowed on them. The soldiers are small but husky, with strong leg muscles and shoulders broad for their height.

The artillery and supply trains are on the European model. They stowed the best of North China's atrocious roads in splendid shape. The horses were a problem. Thousands were brought over from Japan but the strain of hauling heavy guns and cargoes through a foot of mud was killing. In some places a false step plunged a horse up to its belly in mire.

Army Rations Good  
The Japanese soldier is better fed than in former years. In the first Sino-Japanese conflict 50 per cent of them had beri-beri, a dangerous disease, caused by a diet deficiency, which cripples the muscles. In the Russo-Japanese war 85,000 Japanese soldiers suffered from it. Officials say there has been none in the present North China campaign.

Unpolished rice has been substituted for the polished kind and other items have been added to the diet. On my visits to the front I ate soldiers' rations and found them palatable and nourishing. There was canned beef, canned fish, bean soup, rice and vegetables.

For emergency rations the men carried, in cheese-cloth bags, hardtack biscuits in which essential food values had been blended. Supply officers told me the biscuits would remain edible for ten years but that the ones we were eating were only two years old.

Always Boil Water  
Water is a problem in China and the rule of health here is always to boil water and never to eat anything raw which grows close to the ground. The Japanese were extremely careful about water. They sank deep wells, then filtered and disinfected the water. Where no wells were available water was boiled. Foods gathered from the countryside were always cooked and soldiers were told not to eat anything raw. The danger is dysentery, which caused such havoc among Southern soldiers in the Civil War in America.

The fighting qualities of the Japanese army are debatable. There is no question of individual courage. There is ample evidence that the Japanese soldier is as courageous as any living man. Perhaps he is too courageous, for he is prone to make the issue an individual one, like the samurai or Japanese warriors of feudal times, instead of relying on team work and organization.

could not find tasks enough to keep hands and mind busy. There were unendurable idle moments in which she found herself wandering about, her hands lingering in caress upon objects Barry had used or touched—his chair at the table, a book he had been reading—her mind traveling around and around again the cycle of their brief, stormy companionship.

Late in the afternoon old Miranda came upon her sitting on the lower flight of stairs, her elbows resting on her knees, her chin cupped in her palms, her eyes wide on space. "My dear Miss Benton, how tired you look!" she said, with a gentleness so unexpected that tears sprang to Linda's eyes. "I'm afraid I have been too exacting. . . . I wonder sometimes if I am not a very trying old woman."

When Linda only murmured vaguely, she went on, "Do go out and get some fresh air. Do you skate?" They tell me the skating on the lake is good now. So Linda half-heartedly dragged her skates from her trunk, and putting on a gray woolen skirt, a short gray fur coat, and a cap and scarf of jade green, started out for the lake.

As she passed Judge Baldwin's house, she remembered that she had an errand there. She and Barry had been so hurried yesterday that they had not waited for their marriage certificate. Judge Baldwin was to fill it out and have it recorded for them this morning. Linda had promised Barry to call and get it. He had been very insistent upon this.

This time Linda went boldly up the front steps and rang the bell. The maid who came to the door looked startled when Linda asked for the judge. Hadn't she heard? Judge Baldwin had gone out to see a friend off on the train the evening before, had suffered a heart attack on the platform of the depot, and had been taken to the hospital.

Linda thought of asking if the judge had left a paper for her; but if Judge Baldwin had been stricken almost as soon as she and Barry had left him and Mr. Chadwick at the depot, obviously he could not have filed the record of their marriage. In fact, he could not even have finished filling it out. . . . Not that it mattered. That could be attended to later. Anyhow, she had kept her promise to Barry.

SHE walked on down to the lake and put on her skates. Skating was one of Linda's accomplishments. She had been well taught, and though she looked frail, her body was as strong and supple as finely tempered steel. On skates, she was as much at home as most girls on a dance floor.

She had not been on the ice long before she began to realize that people stopped skating to watch as she skinned by in her swift, humming-bird flight. . . . Then she began to hear voices—snatches of conversation: "—and Miss Chatham said they fairly jumped apart when she opened the door"—"Oh, the dowager's not worried. She'll see that Barry doesn't slip"—"Of course, no one's quite good enough for my grandson, the captain!"

With burning cheeks, Linda almost ran home. A little later she came upon Mrs. Trent seated before the dining room table. Spread out before her were dozens of photographs. . . . Photographs of Barry—Barry as a grave, dark-eyed, adorable baby in an almost complete state of nature; Barry as a small boy, grinning ingratiatingly, with one front tooth gone; Barry on horseback; Barry in uniform—Barry at every age and in every mood.

A little sheepishly, yet with the air of one determined to brazen out a compromising situation, the old lady said, "Quite a gallery, isn't it? The newspapers asked to borrow one." But Linda knew why they were all spread out there; and she felt a rush of affection for the old lady that she would not have believed possible five minutes ago.

She had come back to the house determined to leave it as soon as she could get ready. She would leave a letter for Barry, explaining to him that her position here was untenable—unbearable. She had already begun to pack. Now she went slowly upstairs and put her clothes back into closets and drawers.

After all, hadn't Barry left old Miranda in her care? That night the radio reported Captain Trent well on the last leg of his flight. There was one ominous sentence in the broadcast, however, that sent Linda's nails deep into her palms. "It is hoped," the announcer said, "that Captain Trent will make a safe landing in time to escape the unseasonable tropical storm which is sweeping westward across the Caribbean."

(To Be Continued)

for military conduct, regards each soldier as a "human bullet." His life is not as important as the mission to which he is dedicated. A soldier killed in action is deified. There is no more honorable death. Recently subscribers on a rural line near here complained of a phone that was always in use. The only clue to the mystery was the ticking of a clock which was heard by everyone on the line. An inspector investigated and visited every subscriber on the circuit. He finally entered the home of an elderly lady who was living alone. The mystery was solved. The woman was using the telephone receiver as the "darning egg" for socks.

### Telephone Used In Knitting a Mystery

NORTH BAY—New uses for the telephone are being discovered every day.

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Pete's Dog, "OSCAR!"

### May Your Home Be Filled With Christmas Cheer

May we share our Christmas wishes and good will with you and yours in the home. It is a pleasure to serve you at any time and we solicit your continued support during the New Year.

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L. E. GRAY, Prop.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS RANGER AUTO PARTS

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Phone 243

### DEAR SANTA:

Will you please bring loads of cheer to our friends and see that they enjoy the holidays. Bring them also a New Year filled with opportunity for success and happiness.

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### OUR SINCERE WISH


MAY THE LIGHT OF HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT CONTINUE TO SHINE FOR YOU AND YOURS.

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### GREETINGS--- AND THANK YOU

We appreciate greatly your friendliness and your patronage during the past year. We extend greetings at this time and wish for you a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

**MR. & MRS. VANCE BLAUSER**  
Distributors  
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### Merry Christmas AND BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE

As Christmas time draws near take a small amount of joy from each day of the year obtained from loved ones, friends, homes, food and health. The best wishes you have in store for those you know and love. These things are now in your possession, mix them with our wishes for more of these same past blessings and you cannot fail to have a happy Christmas.

### WEST TEXAS HOSPITAL