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Third Army Moves Up To Aid First Army

Chance Visit To Theatre Gives Woman A Thrill

ABILENE, Tex., (UP)—Mrs. Gail Payne happened to drop in on the Paramount theater here one afternoon to pass the time. Among the pictures showing was a "filler" borrowed by the Paramount from another theater to sound out its program. The "filler" turned out to be a short starring Rudy Vallee and the Coast Guard Band—and showing a picture of Mrs. Payne's son, Horace Rearden, Coast Guard seaman first class, carrying the colors in a parade. Mrs. Payne was very excited. She ran to the theater manager and asked when the short came on again so that she might come back. She was informed that it was being returned to the other theater. Very sadly, Mrs. Payne turned away. But the theater manager wasn't going to let her stay sad. He arranged to have the portion of the film showing her son clipped and presented it to her. After that, Mrs. Payne sent Warner Brothers, the producers of the picture, the clipping and asked that a price be made. The answer came back, and Mrs. Payne was sad again. Warner Brothers were sorry but they couldn't do it. Mrs. Payne tried to forget about the picture, but it was hard. A week later she received three large prints of the film from Warner Brothers. Mrs. Payne thinks that it must have been the Christmas spirit.

Sgt. Beck Now Stationed With Army In England
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Beck have received word that their son, Sgt. Lloyd D. Beck has arrived safely at a station somewhere in England. In a letter to his parents, Sgt. Beck stated that parts of England reminded him of the States but he finds the British monetary system very confusing. Sgt. Beck who is a native of Ranger and a graduate of Ranger high school entered the service of the Army in March 1942 and received his training at Camp Wolcott, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

2 Thousand Coast Guardsmen Man Peacetime Liners
NEW YORK (UP)—Six former peacetime liners now operating as troop and cargo transports are manned by more than 2,000 Coast Guardsmen from the Third Naval District, according to an announcement of Coast Guard Public Relations.

All but one of the liners, the 24,000-ton Wakefield formerly the United States Lines' Manhattan are assault transports which carry landing barges and troops directly onto enemy beachheads. The others are the 14,000-ton Dickman, formerly the President Roosevelt; the 13,000-ton Samuel Chase, former African Comet; the 12,000-ton U. S. S. Hunter Liggett and Leonard Wood converted from the 13,000-ton Munson liners Pan American and Western World.

WAS HIS FACE RED
HOUSTON, Tex., (UP)—That red glare in the sky wasn't a fire at all, but the reflection from a city, electrician's face.

DAILY BIBLE READING
Sunday, Psalm 90
Monday, Luke 2

Red Cross Cargo For Yank POWs Reaches Japan

WASHINGTON—Unloading of the first shipment of American Red Cross relief supplies received in Japan since 1943 and completion of plans for distribution to American and Allied prisoners of war, were announced today by Basil O'Connor, national chairman. Plans for distribution included sending 15 per cent of the total cargo or approximately 45,000 parcels and proportionate amounts of other supplies to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Philippine Islands. Supplies for captive Americans in Japan proper were to be distributed in November. Announcement of these developments receipt at American Red Cross National Headquarters of the plan for distribution from the Japanese delegate of the International Committee of Red Cross. Supplies unloaded at Kobe, Japan, included 300,000 American and Canadian Red Cross standard food parcels as well as clothing, medicine, and other supplies. This was the first shipment sent from the United States to the Far East via a Russian port, and, like the two earlier shipments made by other routes, supplies from the British and American Red Cross societies will be pooled for Allied prisoners of all nationalities. The food parcels in this shipment were specially prepared to include more protein and less starch than those sent to Germany, as escaped prisoners from the Far East have reported a disproportionate amount of starch in the Japanese rations. The shipment via Russia came as result of months of negotiation involving the governments of the United States, Russia, and Japan regarding safe conduct guarantees and other problems of shipment.

Son Officially Reported Dead Calls Father
TATUM, Tex., (UP)—S-Sgt. Earl McCannon thought it was a voice from the other world when he picked up the telephone recently to hear his son, Petty Officer 2nd class Wilbur B. McCannon, speaking. Sergeant McCannon had been informed by the Navy Department that his son was officially dead. But Petty Officer McCannon insisted that he was very much alive and could be seen in the flesh at Tatum if his father would meet him there. There was no ghostliness in that handshake they gave each other when they did meet here a few days later.

Ranger Man To Appear on Bergen M'Carthy Program
Appearing on the Edgar Bergen Charlie McCarthy broadcast Christmas Eve will be Henry Harold Gilmore, 313 Fannin St. Ranger, Texas, as a member of the famous Great Lakes Naval Training Center Choir. Numbering 1,000 voices and made up of recruits in training, the choir will present a picture of Christmas at the Naval Training Center through its Carol singing. The huge choir which will be brought together for this special broadcast is made up of many smaller groups serving the various regiments in the Recruit Training Command. This is the first time that such a large trained choir of service men has been heard on a major network program.

Christmas To Be Theme of Program
At 7:30 P. M. Sunday a special Christmas program will be presented at the Methodist church including special music by the choir and instrumental numbers. A Christmas message will be delivered by the minister, Rev. Wallace N. Dunson, who has extended an invitation to the public to attend the service.

Honors Hero With Parade



Manhattan, Kansas honored its hero, Lt. Walter David Ehlers, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, with a parade. Ehlers is shown in the back seat of the jeep waving to crowds. (NEA Telephoto.)

Famous Cutter Bear Is Oldest Vessel In Navy

NEW YORK (UP)—The oldest ship still serving in the United States Navy today is the famous Coast Guard cutter Bear, which celebrated its 70th birthday this year. The Bear isn't only famous for its age, however. For it was the first American naval vessel to capture prisoners in this war. That honor came to the old ship when she was patrolling a Greenland fjord late in 1941 and seized the German crew of the Norwegian freighter Busko. On the same patrol she also destroyed several million dollars worth of equipment which the Germans had maintained on Greenland for observation. Unheralded, she sailed into Boston harbor several weeks later and delivered the first German prize taken in World War II.

Records disclose that the 200-foot Bear was built in Scotland in 1874 for the sealing trade. Her sides were three feet thick and sheathed in iron bark to crush ice. In 1876 she was brought to this country and put into the revenue service. When two unsuccessful attempts had been made to rescue the survivors of Horace Greely's ill-fated North Pole Expedition in 1884, the Bear was called upon. She pushed her way into the frozen wastes and rescued the survivors.

She remained in the Alaskan patrol service until 1926, when she was given to the City of Oakland, Cal., to serve as a marine museum. In 1932, however, when Admiral Byrd decided to make his first government sponsored expedition to the South Pole, he asked for the Bear. She was reconditioned by the Bethlehem Steel Co. East Boston repair yards. When the war broke out she was refitted by the same yards as a Coast Guard cutter and still is in service today, the oldest vessel in the United States Navy.

Today's War Map



The Nazi counter-offensive moved forward in Luxembourg, rolling into the vicinity of Wiltz and Clervaux, as shown on the map, to the north the Yanks' stopped the Germans' onrush with flanking thrusts. (NEA Telemap.)

Milwaukee Police Have Joined The Motorized Ranks

MILWAUKEE, Wis., (UP)—It is getting so the underworld will have to forego the "flatfoot" taunt when the neighborhood police officer next travels his beat. Officials of another of the nation's larger cities—Milwaukee—have endorsed a proposal whereby the one-man-operated radio patrol car will gradually supplant the patrolman on foot. Members of Milwaukee's International City Managers Assn. say the "motorized patrolman" would ride from one potential crime area to another, leave the car to inspect crime hazards on foot, then ride to the next area. Other cities wherein greater protection is afforded by adoption of such proposals include New York City, Cleveland, Denver, Houston and San Francisco. A recent analysis of figures picturing the degree of such motorization showed Houston, Tex., as the most heavily motorized, with three police officers for each motor vehicle.

Abilene Warned Of Danger In Hadling "duds"

ABILENE, Tex., (UP)—Residents of Abilene have come up against the facts of war. Adults and children have been in the habit of picking up grenade and shell duds near infiltration courses at Camp Barkeley. But army training is not make believe, camp officials warn. "These war missiles are not a lousy duds," they say. Tampering with a dud in any way constitutes a grave danger to the safety of the individual concerned. The thought of these duds, which may explode at any time, being kept in citizens' homes worries the Camp officials considerably. "If you have a dud, don't pick it up; don't even touch it," they say. "Get in touch with military authorities and the dud will be removed by an ordnance expert."

Riot At Ward's Store Quelled

DETROIT—A half hour riot at the strike-bound Royal Oak store of Montgomery Ward and Co. was brought under control made in connection with alleged violence of union pickets at the store. Police indicated arrests might be made. Company announcement of the rioting charged that pickets were "storming counters and tearing things up in general" but police said no extensive damage was done.

FDR Signs Bill For Flood Control

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation providing for one billion dollars worth of postwar flood control projects, but he said he did so, the White House announced today, with the distinct understanding that nothing in the law would jeopardize creation of the proposed Missouri Valley Authority.

Five Killed, One Injured In Crash

MERIDIAN, Miss. (UP)—Five men were killed and a sixth critically injured today when a B-26 medium bomber from Barksdale Field, at Shreveport, La., crashed near Obidish, eight miles east of here.

TO CLOSE RACE TRACKS
WASHINGTON (UP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes took steps today to close all horse race tracks by January 3 to save labor and critical materials.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
FORT WORTH, Tex., (UP)—It will be a pretty joyful Christmas for the wounded veterans at the U. S. Public Health Services Hospital here.

GERMANS TEAR THROUGH CENTER LINE TO WITHIN 29 MILES OF THE SEDAN GATEWAY TO FRANCE

News From Supreme Headquarters Still 48 Hours Behind Events; One American Garrison Reported Surrounded

American Third Army forces, coming up from the south to relieve the hard pressed First Army, were reported to be striking hard at the enemy in Luxembourg, as German tank columns tore through a 40 mile breach in the American center to within 29 miles or less of the Sedan gateway to France. Allied headquarters announcements remained 48 hours behind events, but the Germans still were believed to be rolling ahead into Belgium through the center, even though the First Army's flanks were holding. As of noon Thursday, one German spearhead drove beyond the Luxembourg border to a point 15 miles west of Bastogne, leaving the Hubert area, 29 miles from the French border.

Allied Bombers Fighters Attack Panzer Forces

PARIS (UP)—Clouds of Allied fighter-bombers, bombers and fighters swarmed into the battle of Belgium today in perfect weather, battering Nazi Panzer forces from the Ourthe to the Rhine and American forces scored an important defensive victory in a great tank battle nine miles west of St. Vith. Early and far from complete reports said 86 German planes were destroyed, 57 by the Eighth Air Force attacking from Britain and 29 by the Ninth Air Force.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—cloudy, light snow in extreme northwest. Cloudy tonight with rain and snow mixed in northwest and extreme west, and rain or drizzle elsewhere. Considerably colder north and west, except portions, with lowest 25-30 in northwest and extreme north except 20-25 in upper Red River Valley. Sunday mostly cloudy. Fresh winds.

LONDON—A station identifying itself as the Luxembourg radio broadcasting on the Luxembourg wave length came on the air today for the first time since radi Luxembourg went silent several days ago and in the German language said it was the "Reichsrundfunk" in indication that Luxembourg city was in German hands.

As the great Belgium-Luxembourg battle grew more critical, a breakthrough in the foggy weather enabled American heavy bombers to get back in action in support of the ground troops and strike at three German transport centers behind front. The attack followed a night bombardment by British heavy bombers of the Rhineland supply bottlenecks of Coblenz and Bingen.

The Japanese reported today that American superfortresses carried out a new attack on Tokyo and flew over the big port of Hongkong on the China coast for the first time while in the Philippines U. S. Troops continued their drive across Leyte and brought the last Japanese escape part of palompon under artillery fire.

Another 1,546 Japanese dead were counted on Leyte as the Americans drove at least four miles west of the Ormoc corridor under the support of U. S. fighter planes. Two enemy planes were shot down in the Leyte gulf area.

Greeks Send An Urgent Appeal To British For Aid

ATHENS (UP)—Rightest Edes forces in Northwest Greece urgently appealed to the British command for help today against an Eilat army of 15,000 to 20,000 that had penetrated 15 miles into Edeas territory, capturing two towns.

The development came as Lt. Gen Ronald Scobie, commander of British troops in Greece, was studying the reply of Eam, governing body of the Eilat, to the formula he laid down last week for settlement of the Greek civil war. The reply was said to be conciliatory and some hopes were held for a quick truce.

NEIGHBOR OF CAPTAIN LUCAS RELATES TALES OF BIG BOOM

Editor's note—The Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association gives some of the romantic history of Spindletop, whose anniversary will be observed on January 10 in Beaumont. Residing in Beaumont today is a man who lived next door to Captain Anthony F. Lucas while the well that was become world famous was being drilled. He is J. W. Kinneer, tax assessor-collector for the South Park School District, a position he has held for 29 years. The house in which Lucas lived is still standing—a two story frame building. "Within 30 minutes after the gusher blew in, I was there," Kinneer relates. "It was a mighty sight and its great roar made many fearful that the earth would cave in."

He was almost the owner of a tract on Spindletop when the well came in, Kinneer says. "I was planning to buy 10 acres there and was saving as much as I could out of my salary as a school teacher. I would have had enough, by February, 1901, for the down payment. But the well blew in January 10." Land that previously could have been carried at \$15 an acre was sold in tracts as small as a sixteenth of an acre at the rate of approximately \$300,000 an acre. Kinneer missed another fortune by a narrow margin. He owned 10 acres a mile from Spindletop and this he leased for \$250 after the Lucas gusher. A month later, a man displayed a certified check for \$60,000 and said, "This is yours for a lease on the corner acre." Kinneer tried to buy back five acres for \$15,000 but the lease-

holder said, "No, I'm going to drill a gusher and make a million dollars." The well proved to be dry and, in later years, the operator who had dreamed of making a million was provided an occasional dollar or two by Kinneer for groceries and died in an almshouse. Kinneer recalls that during the boom grocery stores remained open 24 hours a day; only letters were handed out at the post office, newspapers being chucked into a pile in the corner; it was so difficult to find a place to sleep that two men bought a mattress, put it down on the sidewalk and slept there.

Acres not even in the county was sold to "taenderfeet" at big prices as about 500 feet from the Lucas gusher. Five oil companies had headquarters in one tiny room and it took one man all day to write the stock certificates. With a line a block long in front of a cafe, the proprietor barred the door with a two-by-four; when a customer was ready to leave, the bar was lifted and one man was allowed to enter. "A young fellow arrived in Beaumont on a Tuesday with \$675," Kinneer says. "On Saturday, he had \$32,000 and he remarked, 'I'm just a country boy and if I stay they'll get me. So he got on the Saturday night train for home—Temple, I believe—and he never came back to Beaumont."

When the Palestine "wild well" was raging, Kinneer recalls seeing 11 men lying on the ground at one time; they had been overcome by gas. "Yet, those were tremendous days, back there in the Spindletop boom," he declares.

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"Home Sweet Home"

Editor's Note—The following editorial was written by Pfc. Leo Bennett of the AAF stationed at Sheppard Field, and who was the guest reporter of Ranger Daily Times recently. The editorial was written for an army publication.

Because HOME is what every American boy on the battle fronts of the world is thinking about today, it seems appropriate to publish the editorial in this Christmas Eve edition of the Times.

The remark, "what's so good about that state?" when placed before a group of GIs usually starts an argument that ends only with the 1st Sergeant's pesky whistle or the C-Q's uninvited midnight warning.

GI Joe is eager to learn, absorbs instruction, and has ter heated discussions on why one state is better than the next. Just what is meant by "better," no one has explained—it is the accepted adjective used. The usual kibitzer sitting on the sidelines frankly admits that these pow-wows resemble a sailor and his girl on the park bench—no one knows who is winning.

Adding oil to the fire—like a mouse teasing a cat—is the native Texan, who, like any loyal American, sticks like glue to the belief that his state is the garden of Eden. Joe Armorer, stationed in the Lone Star State, gnawed by chiggers, burned by the hot sun, and chased by rattlers, jumps to arms when subjected to the claims made by his fellow soldiers from the Panhandle.

GI Joe is eager to learn, absorbs instruction, and has been educated in the art of defeating the enemy. He'll absorb all lessons placed before him to perfect his soldiering, but he won't stand for guff about Washington, Iowa, or Kentucky, Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, California's bathing beauties and Pennsylvania's industry have put a finishing touch on a weak bed spring or cracked broom handle. Argue as they may, the conversation never ends and the issue is left dangling like the paratrooper who has mastered the art of getting out of trees he never climbed.

It all adds up like a Chinese checker board—even when Joe is winning the argument in favor of his state—he'll generally get tired and give up. His buddy just can't be convinced—and he can't be blamed.

The issue came close to being solved when a rookie who was refereeing an argument between two Texans as to which part of their state was best stated: "My state has something that none other possesses." For once you could hear a pin drop. Even mustard burns received in recent classes quit hurting. "What does your elegant state have that none other does?" someone asked. "My home," was the answer—and that was that.

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Communion, 11 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor, 11.15 a. m. Subject, Christ Jesus came into the world—Why?

Announcements will be made this morning regarding evening services.

The pastor and wife wish for every one a joyous and happy Christmas.

Come and worship the Lord in the beauty of Hisness today.

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Joe W. Cramley, Minister
Lord's Day

Bible Study 9:45 A. M.
Worship, 10:45 A. M.

Sermon — "The Victor's Farewell".

Young People's Bible Study 6:30 P. M.
Worship, 7:30 P. M.

Sermon — "My Savior's Voice."
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J. L. Jones, superintendent.

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Preaching—11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S.—6:45 p. m.
Evening service 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer service 7:30 p. m.

The Very Thought Of You Opens At Arcadia Theatre Sunday

A warmly moving story of our youth today, a tender tribute to their unwavering faith in the future has been brought to the screen with all the humanness of really fine screen play and a select cast can achieve, in Warner Bros. heartwarming romance, "The Very Thought of You," which opens Sunday at the Arcadia Theater.

Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker and Dane Clark are starred.

"The Very Thought of You" is the kind of picture you'll take away with you when you leave the theater, for it is made of the stuff that is "Youtown," U. S. A., today. It is a timely story of the

problems facing all couples in love during war. Here are their hopes and plans, their hours of loneliness and tears, their brief moments of joy, their ringing laughter. And in their laughter and courage is the answer to all the problems awaited us tomorrow.

The film is concerned with the brief courtship of Dave and Janet, who firmly believe their love of just a few days is of enduring value. The solution to this problem which has faced so many of our young people, is a salute to the youngsters who have made their lives firm footholds in this overcast world at war.

Dave (Dennis Morgan), a serviceman just home from overseas, and hopefully looking for some

assurance that the hardships he has endured have not been in vain, is skillfully portrayed by Dennis Morgan. His characterization as the sensitive young builder, who by some trick of fate has been assigned to a demolition battalion, is the best job Morgan has done to date. The gentle manner in which he handles himself throughout the production should be ample

proof that Mr. Morgan has now added another talent to his ever-growing list, to be displayed along with his other screen successes in musicals and farce comedies.

In the difficult role of Janet, the girl in love, who defies the wrath of her family by marrying a boy she has known only a few days, Warner have wisely cast their new dramatic find, Eleanor

Parker, most recently seen in "Between Two Worlds." Janet's choice is not an easy one for in giving her love to Dave, she is forced to divorce herself from a family life which, although not entirely understanding has sheltered her all her life. And in bearing

Dave's son while he is overseas, she is forced to gamble with a future that may bring her nothing more than memories of a happy but brief love. With a part so meaty, a less talented actress might fall into a quagmire of artificial emotions. Miss Parker, this reviewer is happy to say, comes through with a performance which is at once both deftly competent and refreshing.

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It is with firm resolve to help speed that happy day and with an unbounded faith in the future, that we extend to you and your loved ones our heartiest Christmas greetings and warmest best wishes for the New Year.

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A. J. Ratliff

PHONE 109

PERSONALS

George Wesley Tollett S.1-c son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Tollett is home on leave to spend the holidays with his parents. He has been serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific for the past twelve months.

Miss Jane Matthews, a student

at the University of Texas, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

Mid. H. Reid Hunter USN of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland will arrive Sunday to spend a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hunter, of 505 Elm Street.

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Phone 9511

Ranger, Texas

Society, Clubs

NEW ERA CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The regular meeting of the New Era Club which was held Wednesday at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Arthur Deffenbach was opened with members repeating in unison the club collect.

Mrs. W. F. Croager presided over a short business meeting after which Mrs. Vernon Deffenbach, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Paul MacDonald who gave a review of Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Added significance was given the review through the fact that Christmas is the one hundredth anniversary of the Carol which is still one of the most beloved Christmas stories.

Mrs. L. L. Bruce led the group in singing Christmas Carols after which refreshments were served to the following: Meses Bruce, Croager, Vernon Deffenbach, B. S. Dudley, E. R. Green, J. A. Knox, MacDonald, George Robinson, A. W. Warford, Don Martin, and the hostess.

CHILD STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Child Study Association entertained Thursday with the annual Christmas party which opened with a luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mrs. Master's. The luncheon table was decorated in the Christmas motif and lighted by candles at each end of the table.

Following the luncheon the group gathered at the home of Mrs. George Rogers where a Christmas program by children of club members was presented. The program consisted of readings and the singing of carols. Following the program Christmas gifts were distributed from a gayly decorated tree.

Those who attended were Meses Onis Littlefield, Saule Perlestein, Carl Heinlin, Arlie Carver, J. W. Harrison, J. H. Greer, Earnest Lathan George Rogers, M. S. Wade, J. L. Latimer, Roy Plumley, and Russell.

SUB-DEB CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual progressive Christmas dinner for members of the Sub-Deb Club of Ranger high school was given Thursday evening beginning at 6 o'clock with the cocktail course being served at the home of Miss Norma Jean Heinlin where Christmas decorations were featured.

The salad course was served at the home of Miss Myra Sue Ice where the holiday season was also featured in the decorations. Miss Frances Ruth Hagaman was hostess to the group for the main course which was served at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. M. H. Hagaman. Senior members of the club were seated at the main table and tables for four were arranged for other guests. The dessert course was served at the home of Miss Vera Rae Gordon after which bunco and dancing were enjoyed at the Teen Canteen. In the bunco games high score award went to Miss Carolyn Ducker and low score was won by Miss Johnnie Ruth Eaves.

Those attending the affair are: Meses Billie Jeanne Crawley, Myra Sue Ice, Frances Ruth Hagaman, Vera Rae Gordon, Vera Vivian Cooper, Dorothy Penn, Norma Jean Hinelein, Johnnie Ruth Eaves, Carolyn Ducker, Mary Frances Guess, Valerie Leonard, Jean Roberts, Elaine Brazda, Sarah Frances Whately, Betty Sue Cooper, Wanda Browning, Helen McAnelly, Anne Matthews, Glenna Weaver, Melba Croager, Joan Deaton, Joyce Cole, Loretta Culpepper, and Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick, Club sponsor.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rhodes and daughter, Mary Ellen, of Grand Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Eston Finis Langston of Dallas are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Langston and Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick.

Joe Edwards who has been working in Hanford, Washington, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Edwards.

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MISS JETER, AND CPL. RAYFIELD WED

Miss Freda Jeter of Mineral Wells and Cpl. Joe B. Rayfield, Jr., of Ranger were married Wednesday at 5 P. M. at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. Wallace N. Dunson reading the wedding service.

Mrs. Rayfield is a graduate of Gordon High school and Draughon Business College of Lubbock. Cpl. Rayfield graduated from Gordon High school in 1940 and is at present stationed at Camp Chaffee Ark.

The couple plan to make their home in Ft. Smith, Ark.

Geneva Campbell, 1943 graduate of Ranger high school and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Campbell, 410 Pine Street, Ranger, had her name placed on the honor roll for the second six weeks at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas as a result of her making a grade of "Superior" in 4 subjects.

Geneva is a sophomore in Abilene Christian College and is majoring in Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cole of Pampa are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Jack Wade of Ft. Worth is the guest of his brother, M. S. Wade and family.

Miss Retha Jones of Dallas has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones.

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FOR SALE—Pre-war studio couch, 162 coils, Baby basinet, with folding legs, mattress if desired. Child's hand car all in good condition. 209 Mesquite Street.

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HOUSE for sale, 7 rooms and bath, 1-1-2 corner lot, 1123 Desdemona Boulevard. H. G. Jennings.

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WILL Sell modern four room house to move. Call C. B. Pruet.

BICYCLES for sale, across the street from Ratliff Feed Store.

LOST—Purse containing \$50 or \$60 in currency, some checks, large number of papers. Will give liberal reward if returned to Eddie Stephens.

FOR SALE—Large tricycle, two large wagons, baby's high chair and true-tone radio at 621 Oak Street.

LOST—gent's gold wrist watch in or about Recreation building, Black leather band. Finder please return to the Sweet Shop for reward.

FOR SALE—Electrolux refrigerator, 217 North Rusk St.

FOR SALE—Three pianos. Second Baptist church. See Mr. Hood at the church.

Ranger IOOF Lodge No. 350 has a special call meeting next Wednesday at eight p. m., Dec. 27th. Have degree work in the Second and Third degree. All members are requested to be present.

FOR SALE—One girl's red winter coat. Size 8-10. Excellent condition. See at the Globe.

LOST—Pen part of black Schaeffer fountain pen. For reward return to Mills Grocery.

NOTICE—Last minute shoppers, we will be open until 11 p. m. each day, and all day Sunday, Christmas Eve. Guaranty Ice Cream Parlor.

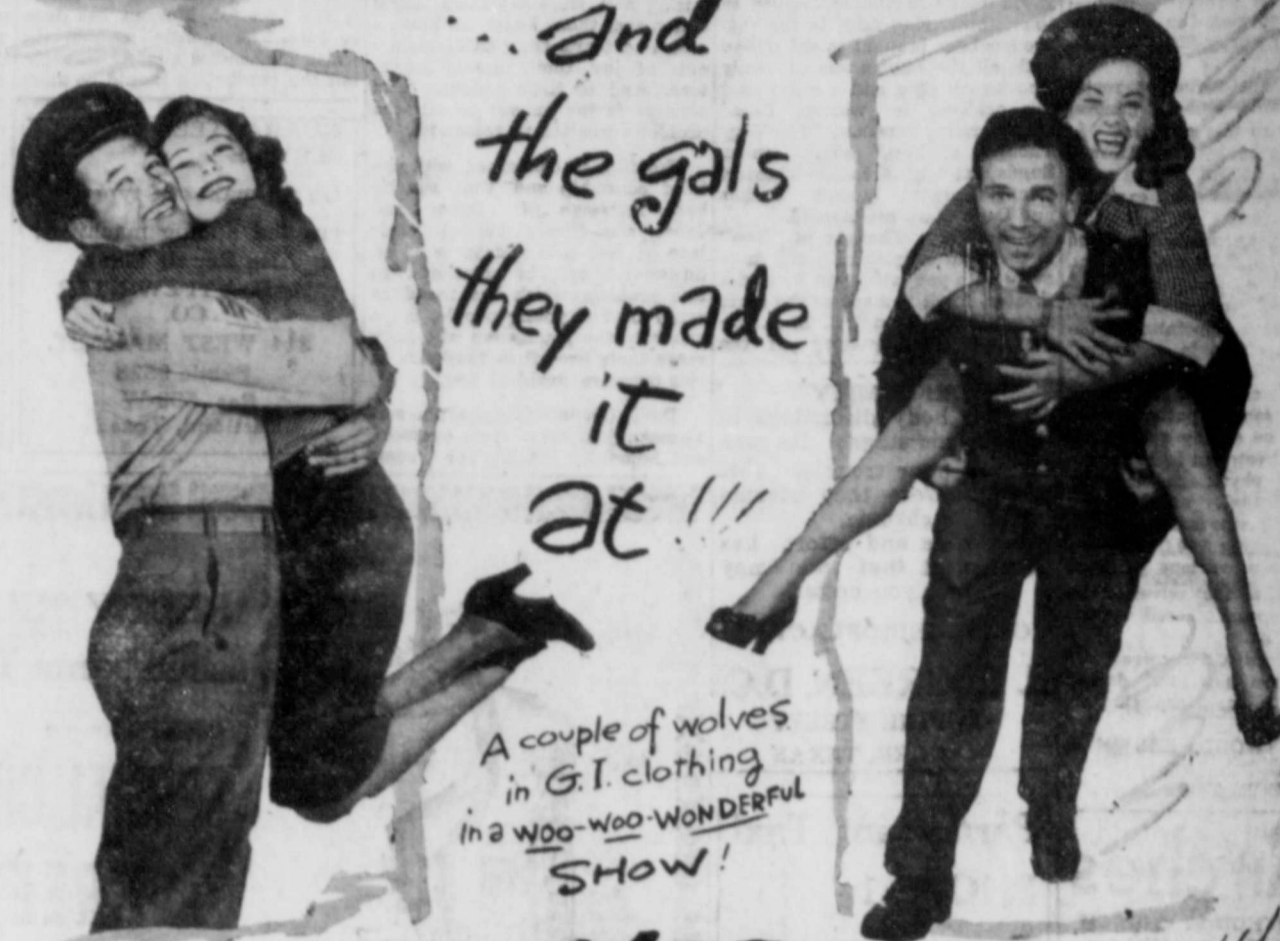
WANTED—Farm hand, will furnish good home with water and gas. Reasonable wages. Must have experience with livestock or agri. college training. References: R. E. Harrell, Box 35. Phone 9903-F12 or 417.

DON'T Forget to get fresh oysters for your Christmas turkey dressing. City Fish Market.

LOST—Mandy on streets of Ranger, from delivery truck one package ladies dresses addressed, Hamill's, Inc. return to railway express agency for reward.

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Sheriff John Hart wishes you and the fairly a Merry Christmas and may increasing happiness be yours for the New Year.

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PHONE 24

RANGER

Burma Theatre Sending Home \$380,000 A Month

MYITKYINA, North Burma UP—Anybody who thinks the American soldier in the Burma-India theater is playing loose with his paycheck should take a look at the books in the Myitkyina post office—they show the GPs are sending home about \$380,000 a month in money orders.

One day recently the total sale of money orders amounted to \$53,616, according to Lt. Sentile A. Rommel, Hempstead N. Y. Myit-

kyina postal officer. And, he pointed out, that's just one army post office.

Besides money, the American soldiers in Burma are sending home a lot of packages, Rommel said. The average day of outgoing mail is 48 sacks of parcels and 16 sacks of letters. An average day's sale of stamps to go on packages amount to about \$2,200, he said.

The Myitkyina post office was opened on Aug. 10, about seven days after the town itself fell to Allied troops under Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell. The post office was set up in what had been the Myitkyian court house in pre-war days—a fairly large brick structure, tall enough to be a two-story building

but having only one floor. The first improvement was a Japanese graveyard, which Rommel and his two assistants dug right in front of the building. Five Japanese found in the building, were buried there.

When the new post office was first occupied the entire postal staff consisted of Rommel, T-5 Rodney W. Robinson, Valparaiso, Ind., and Pvt. Chester Loy, San Francisco Cal. "We worked like hell," Rommel said. Now there are two officers and 13 enlisted men and the work is still hard. They are on duty from 8 a. m. each morning until sometimes as late as 3 a. m. the next morning, seven days a week.

Rommel said that mail from the United States was now making good time in getting to Myitkyina. Rommel was particularly impressed by this since a lot of Christmas packages started coming in about the first of November, adding to the volume of the mail. Daily average is about 106 sacks of packages and 15 sacks of letters.

In the beginning there was no daily mail. It arrived only twice a week.

The Myitkyina postal authorities made one record once of which Rommel is extremely proud. "We delivered a letter to a soldier in the front lines," he said, "in seven days and 14 hours from Chicago."

Packages sent home by GPs contain just about everything, Rommel said, from Japanese rifles to ivory and silver trinkets which are obtained by various means from the native citizens.

Helping Rommel and his original staff of two are:

Lt. Boyd Fielder, Galax, N. C.; Pvt. Edward Bedia, Richmond, Va.; Pvt. John Y. Bessler, Colorado, Cal.; T-5 Adolph A. Feidita, Utica, N. Y.; Pfc. Edward M. Dupont, Stockton, Cal.; Pvt. Robert L. Soper, Elmhurst, N. Y.; Pvt. Joseph

J. Fox, Waterbury, Conn.; Pvt. Edwin Rywalt, New York, N. Y.; Cpl. Claude Saunders, Detroit, Mich.; Pvt. John O. Yezinski, Portland, Ore.; T-4 Adam R. Kadziela, Chicago, Ill.; and S-Sgt. Harold L. Linscott, Wichita, Kan.

present murals on the walls of American living rooms an change the color and pattern of milady's gown as she moves from one room to another.

More importantly, the light may be used in the doctor's and dentist's office and the operating room to reveal bodily processes or ventral to treatment. Use of black light, after injection of fluorescein, can reveal the course of blood circulation to the physician for study of heart and arteries disease and of bodily reaction during surgery.

GI Lizard Keeps Tent Insect Free

A 7th AAF BASE IN THE PALUS (UP)—Seventh Air Force personnel have found a way to control the myriads of insects—they keep bug-hungry lizards dark green colored and about 30 inches long, in their tents.

The usefulness of the lizards was discovered by 1st Sgt. Edward Kerns of (543 Benning Haus

Road) Baltimore, Md.

"I figure that my lizard eats up at least a million bugs a day" he said. "It makes my tent a lot more liveable."

INSURE your future
Save WITH WAR BONDS

MAY THE SEASON BE A JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU

Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner and we wish that they may be one continuous round of joy and festivity. May 1945 afford much happiness during each day.

We appreciated the pleasure of serving you in a worthwhile manner and hope to be able to serve you in the future.

BELL'S SHOE SHOP
MR. AND MRS. AARON BELL
203A MAIN

A WELCOME TO 1945



It is with reluctance we let 1944 slip away because it has been good to us and favored us with your kind patronage, but we look forward to 1945 as it enters with its opportunities to serve you better than ever before.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU

CURLEY'S CAFE
AND EMPLOYEES

To Wish Our Many Friends A Truly Merry Christmas

May the love of freedom and peace which binds all of us in this great land be restored to the world through the one whose birthday we are celebrating today. And may those who are fighting for this receive His blessings this day.

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Dr. W. L. Jackson
Mrs. T. A. Tune
Miss Jimmie Beth Todd

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WARM AND SINCERE GREETINGS WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

Again it is Christmas with the opportunity it affords us to express to you our deep appreciation for past favors. We enjoy the privilege of serving you and in all sincerity wish for you a glad holiday season with peace and happiness throughout the coming year.

YOUNGS BEAUTY SHOP
305 Main — Telephone 56

New Year 1945 -- We Greet You

When happy associations are past, they leave pleasant memories and as we look back over 1944, we have fond recollections of our associations with you. May this year bring us together often that we may serve you.

That you will have health, wealth, and happiness in the New Year is our wish.

BOURLAND'S MUSIC STORE
106 SO. RUSK ST.



PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL
At this Christmastide as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace we are drawn closer together in a common cause—the cause for Freedom and peace. May this land of ours be ever bound together by a desire to give individuals the Christmas joy and contentment that is their rightful heritage.
MAY JOY BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS AND IN THE NEW YEAR
It Is Always a Pleasure to Serve You.

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HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

We would like to contact each of you personally to wish you a Merry Christmas, but since we cannot do this we take this means to say it and to thank you for your patronage, and ask for the pleasure of serving you in the coming years.

H. H. VAUGHN
Firestone Products

HEARTY GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS CHEER

As the Spirit of Christmas prevails with its beauty story of the birth of the Christ and its legends of Saint Nicholas with his deeds of kindness, we pause to bring our kindest regards and warmest wishes that you and your loved ones will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year. We are always happy to be of service to you.

RANGER AUTO PARTS
319 Main Street Telephone 243

TO YOU AND TO THOSE YOU HOLD DEAR

Because you are our friend we are interested in you personally and interested in those you hold dear. We wish for them, as well as you, the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year possible.

RANGER FURNITURE EXCHANGE

Luck Airman Does It Again As He Cheats Freezing Channel

ATLANTIC CITY (UP) — His chute didn't work. His Mae West leaked. The English Channel was so cold and he was so frozen he barely had a prayer.

But Lt. John D. Goethel, a B-17 bombardier now awaiting reassignment in the AAF redistribution station, said he always knew he'd get back.

"Even when I was numb as all get out," Goethel said, "drowning didn't appeal to me. I thought of my mother. Already she'd received a telegram about my brother being missing in action. I didn't want her to get another telegram."

"I thought of the fellows back at the base. They called me 'lucky.' Twice I was yanked off missions that were fatal. I told them 'if anything happens to me don't turn in my clothes to the supply officer—I'll get back.'"

"I was in the water an hour and 85 minutes, dog paddling when I had the strength. I hadn't seen the destroyer for 30 minutes. I prayed and just as I said 'amen' I saw it again. A guy dove in and rescued me, because there was a mine field near me."

Goethel, a Newtonville, Mass., boy, took his involuntary swim in the Channel on the way back from

Cherbourg. Fire broke out in the 10,000 Knts B5 w2BB 10. 2 engine when the altitude was 10,000 feet, and after the navigator bailed out, Goethel leaped. He pulled the rip cord of his parachute and it broke.

"Then I dropped—and when I hit, the wind caught my chute and towed me about a mile, mostly under water, it seemed, before I could collapse the silk. I inflated the doctors told me later that it was lucky it did — if I hadn't been forced to keep swimming I'd have frozen to death. My temperature went down to 81 degrees as it was."

A British destroyer saw the pair bail out and searched the waters for them. Six times, Goethel said he saw it approach him, only to turn away without sighting him. When he finally did get back to the base, the boys yelled at him. "Look—the ghost is walking"—and he added: "Boy were they right!"

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UP)—Miss Helen White recently retired as a kindergarten teacher with the unique record of having taught for 40 years in the same grade and the same school.

Cards, Browns May Not Play Series In Spring

ST. LOUIS (UP)—The St. Louis Cardinals and their intra-city rivals, the Browns, may not play their annual city series this spring. Some owners always have frowned on the two participants of the world series engaging in

what is looked upon as a "re-run" of the annual fall classic.

Managements of both the Cards and Browns, however, are willing and eager to wind up their spring training with a city series, and plan to do so if they can climb over all the barriers.

The Browns have announced that they will train at Cape Girardeau, Mo., for the third straight year. The Cardinals have completed arrangements to return to Cairo, Ill., where they have drilled since 1943.

Wishing for You An Old Fashioned Christmas With Its Mirth and Cheer



May the gates of the New Year swing open letting in joys for you and yours and may every day of 1945 be one of opportunity which you grasp for health, wealth and joyous pursuit of happiness.

C. J. MOORE AUTO MART

Charlie Moore

IN THE SPIRIT OF YULETIDE WE GREET YOU



Our patrons are worthy of the very best service and throughout the year we try to please. At this time however, we pause from business and wish our friends—

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

H. P. EARNEST

Consignee The Texas Co.



LET EVERY HEART BE GLAD!

CARRY on the tradition that is America. Be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and hope for victory in 1945. BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

BROWN TRANSFER

Raymond Brown

With Best Wishes For The New Year



The courage with which we face the future is the test of our strength and character. As the New Year dawns may we be willing to greet it fearlessly and unafraid.

CLUB CAFE

MRS. MAUD WARD



Our Special Christmas Wish For You ---

"LOADS AND LOADS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER AND HAPPINESS THROUGH THE YEAR"

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GREETINGS...

A Joyous Holiday Season To You



We do not know what is in store for us during the approaching New Year, but it will find us willing to grasp the opportunity of serving our country and our patrons in every way possible.

MRS. HARREL'S CAFE

MR AND MRS. R. E. HARRELL

A YULE WISH



We have received much pleasure during the past in serving you. We would like to show our gratitude by wishing for you much happiness and all the good things Christmas brings as well as a bright and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Blausler

Distributor of Mrs. Baird's Bakery

PLACE HOLIDAY ORDERS EARLY

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED PHONE 103 TODAY

You want to have a merry holiday season; a table bountifully loaded. We want to be as fair as possible when it comes to scarce items. The squarrest thing we can say is, "First come, first served." Please order your holiday foods early, so you won't be disappointed. It will save you the wear and tear of crowded stores later, too!

A. H. POWELL

WE DELIVER

GROCERY & MARKET

PHONE 103



GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION

There is something about the Yuletide that lifts our hearts and minds from every day cares to a gay and friendlier mood. We realize at this time how much our friends have meant to us during the past year.

We appreciate you and wish for you the very best Christmas and New Year you have ever had.

GHOLSON BARBER SHOP

L. E. GRAY — TONY LEWIS

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

To You And Yours

AND A YEAR OF HAPPINESS And

PROSPERITY

JOYOUS



CHRISTMAS

We have more to be thankful for at this Christmas than in many yule seasons past, and it is with deeply, grateful hearts we greet you and give our sincere best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May 1945 shower its bounties upon you.

MRS. HIGDON'S CAFE

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HIGDON

With Christmas Here and 1945

Just Around The Corner



May your holiday season be filled with joy and may your worthy efforts during the coming year be crowned with success. Your loyalty and patronage have meant much to us. May we continue to be favored with such kindness.

A. J. RATLIFF

PHONE 109



OUR kindest thoughts AND BEST WISHES FOR YOU AT YULETIDE

It is with a warm glow in our hearts that we think of our friends at Christmas and of what they have meant to us during the year past.

We feel that we have no regrets when we look back to our business associations with you during the year 1944.

Our wish is that you have joy untold at Christmas and much happiness during the New Year.

SOUTHERN ICE COMPANY

ROY DAWN, Manager
Elbert Young—E. B. Stiffler

Grandma Comes Home



Grandmother, perched atop a cart piled high with her household goods, is given a ride home again in Metz by members of her family after the Allies' liberation of that French city. (Photo by Charles Haacker, NHA—Army war picture pool photographer.)

War's Toll Of Children Runs Into Millions

NEW YORK (UP)—The children of the world have lost heavily in World War II, millions have died from violence, disease and starvation, it was revealed in a report containing hitherto unpublished data compiled by Laura Vitray, former member of the staff of the United States Children's Bureau, and wartime adviser to the automotive industry on problems of employment affecting women and children.

maintained by Nazi bombs between the start of the war and September, 1944, the report, published in a recent issue of Free World Magazine, stated. Robot bombs alone killed 522 and injured 1,119 between June and August of 1944.

In German occupied countries the children suffered even more. In France 1,000,000 children have died from starvation since the beginning of the war. Today 22 per cent of French children are subnormal as a result of malnutrition 48 per cent suffer from general weakness, and 18 per cent from total undernourishment.

Belgian and Dutch children have been similarly affected. In Belgium 80 per cent of the school

children have reached the pre-tuberculosis state, while in the Netherlands the child death rate has risen 47 per cent from tuberculosis, 180 per cent from diphtheria.

Large numbers of Greek children now are victims of bone deformation as the result of starvation conditions. During the worst of the famine in 1942-43, 110,000 of the 300,000 children in Athens and Piraeus died of starvation.

Millions of Polish children have died during the war as a result of a deliberate Nazi policy of child murder, starvation and deportation to hard labor in factories and work camps.

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The Angels Sang "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men"

The year just passed can make us appreciate more fully the message of peace the angels brought on that first Christmas so long ago. May we re-echo his message and wish for you and yours. Peace and good will through Christmas and the year to come.

HARRY WARNER MARKET
In A & P FOOD STORE

MR. AND MRS. HARRY WARNER
And Elvis Wayne



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

As the candles burn in our windows shedding soft glow, so our hearts are warmed to the spirit of Christmas and we wish for all contentment and good cheer throughout the Yuletide and New Year.

BURTON LINGO CO.

R. S. BALCH, Manager

Best Wishes for Christmas 1944 and the New Year 1945.



We wish to express our gratitude to our friends and patrons for their loyal support during the past year and trust it will be our pleasure to continue serving you.

HOPPER GROCERY & MKT.

MR. AND MRS. T. C. HOPPER



As the Wise Men of the East brought their best gifts on the first Christmas morn so long ago, we would bring our best wishes for your happiness during this yule season and the New Year, 1945.

C. MILLER

GROCERY AND MARKET
111 N. Austin Stret

OUR GREETING



As You Gather Around The Fireside At CHRISTMAS:

As the Yule log burns brightly, the candles gleam from the window, and the tree loaded with gifts for the family stands ready in the corner, we would like for you to know that we are thinking of you and yours at this glorious season of the year.

ANDERSON PRUET

Chevrolet-Service



GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL AT THIS YULETIDE SEASON

As the Shepherds heard the song of Peace on that first Christmas may this Christmas bring nearer to us the time when Peace shall again rule over the earth.

TEXACO SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Penn and Employees

AT CHRISTMAS
SINCERE GOOD WISHES
FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our many friends at Christmas we send greetings and as the gay spirit of the Yuletide makes you happy may that same spirit manifest itself anew every day of the New Year.

WEST TEXAS CLINIC & HOSPITAL

AT THIS CHRISTMAS, WE GIVE YOU OUR GREETINGS AND SAY... THANKS TO YOU...



We wish it were possible to see each of you and extend our greetings for the Holiday Season but as this cannot be done we take this means of thanking you for your loyalty during the year just closing and to wish for you and yours a joyous yuletide and material gains during the New Year approaching.

RANGER LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.

CALVIN BROWN
Day phone 138—Night 312-3



OUR GREETINGS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE YEAR

Another Christmas season has rolled around and with it, the special privilege of greeting you—our friends and patrons. First, we wish to say "Thank You" for the many favors you have extended us in the past. We are continually striving to improve our service that you may profit by the conveniences we have to offer. May your Christmas be cheery and may good fortune be yours during the New Year, 1945.

PARAMOUNT HOTEL & COFFEE SHOP

Western Union -- Greyhound Bus Station



May we say with simplicity but in all sincerity: "MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR"

MODE O' DAY

313 Main

Ranger



To the host of friends who have been so exceedingly kind and gracious to me over a long period of years, for which we are deeply and profoundly grateful, we wish for you and yours—

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

DR. A. K. WIER

ENGLISH WALNUTS
CAME FROM PERSIA... BY A ENGLAND.

WHY DID EARLY AMERICAN GAME HUNTERS NEVER SHOOT RING-NECKED PHEASANTS?

GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE PLAYED IN THE FOUR MAJOR BOWL GAMES!

ROSE BOWL.....1929
ORANGE BOWL.....1940
COTTON BOWL.....1943
SUGAR BOWL.....1944

ANSWER: These game birds were not introduced into this country from China until 1881.

French Architects Find Monuments Are Restorable

New York (UP)—Eight thousand historical monuments in France have been damaged by war but most of them can be restored, a group of architects commissioned by the Institute of Beaux Arts of Paris discovered in a survey, the French Press and Information Service announced.

Some were bomb damaged, but others used by the Germans as hiding places for military equipment and as gun emplacements, were damaged by shell fire. Tanks were concealed in the old churches at Lessay, machine guns were installed in the Cathedral of Provins and in the Chateau de Dampierre. The magnificent cathedral of Amiens and the Gothic cathedral of Reims have been damaged but can be restored, as can the Abbaye aux Hommes and the Abbaye aux Dames at Caen. Both are splendid examples of Norman-Romanesque

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architecture dating from the days of William the Conqueror.

Teacher Finds Silver Foxes Are Little Trouble

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (UP) Foxes—61 of them, silver and platinum—are homework for schoolteacher Madeline Topper.

She started the fox farming business a year ago, when a cousin, Cecil Costlow, who kept a flock of 275 on the Topper farm was inducted into the Army. Costlow sold all except 15, which became Miss Topper's original capital.

The teacher says she has had "very little trouble" caring for the animals. A "correspondence course" from a Toledo, O., fox farmer resulted in some practical advice, she said.

The foxes eat horse meat and cereal, with no apparent gratitude for the care. "You have to watch them every minute or they'll nip an ear—or hand," the teacher explained.

However, they're not in any immediate danger of becoming pests. Miss Topper says she isn't selling any of them.



Nine-year-old Cornelia Stewart of McLean, Va., smilingly displays the doll recently presented to her by the people of Britain, France, in gratitude for liberation brought by Allied armies. The general presented the doll to the children of America, and it will go on exhibition at the National History Building of the National Museum in Washington.

MAY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON BE HAPPY



May Christmas and the New Year bring bountiful blessings to you and your loved ones both far and near. We are deeply grateful and humble for the happiness and joy we have received during the past year and look forward to a brighter future in the days ahead.

THANK YOU FOR PAST FAVORS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY IN 1945

E. P. MILLS GROCERY & MARKET



A joyous Christmas To Each of You And -Welcome to the New Year 1945

Our patrons have made our firm what it is today. A satisfied and delighted customer is an asset, therefore we strive to serve and please in every way. We feel it is a distinct privilege to be able to serve your needs and we assure you we shall continue our same high standard of service. May Christmas and the New Year bring with them much pleasure and good luck.

SWOVERLAND'S CAFE

MR. AND MRS. E. C. SWOVERLAND AND EMPLOYEES
HIGHWAY 80 PHONE 9515 RANGER

A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS



To our friends both old and new, we wish to extend our warmest greetings of this holiday season. We feel that you are more than customers. You are friends who have been kind and considerate and in return we will try harder than ever to render efficient, deserving service to you.

May Your Christmas Be Cheerful and Your New Year A Happy One

WOODS GROCERY & MKT.

MR. AND MRS. H. O WOODS
Telephone 72

1944

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May This Season Be A Happy One And May You Receive A Great Deal Of The Good Things The New Year Has To Offer.

We wish to pause in our happy Christmas celebrations to thank you for your kind patronage during the past. We are looking forward to a continuation of friendship and association with you.

We hope the light of this great New Year just dawning will shine clear and confident as a peaceful bond between you and yours whether they be near or far.

H. G. ADAMS GROCERY & MARKET

MR. AND MRS. H. G. ADAMS AND EMPLOYEES

GREETINGS
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



We have heard the old saying that we get out of anything just what we put into it. We trust that you may be able to put into the holiday season enough wholesome spirit to reap a great harvest of pleasure.

We know that our business is yours as well as our because of what you put into it and we eagerly look forward to pleasant relations with you in 1945.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

RED CHAIN FEED STORE

Mr. And Mrs. G. C. Love



BEST WISHES

As The Star of Bethlehem

Shines brightly, may its rays shed gladness and cheer for you at this Christmas time.

HOUGHTON REPAIR

MR. AND MRS. J. B. HOUGHTON



AN ABUNDANCE OF CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON FOR YOU—

Although our good wishes and kind thoughts are cherished for you, as other valued things at this time they are not rationed. We bestow them bountifully in our many good wishes for A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

NEAL'S LAUNDRY AND EMPLOYES

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May your Christmas be one of mirth and cheer and your New Year full of the good things that make you happy.

THE SWEET SHOP

James Hunt—Loyce Adams

Ring Out The Bells Of The New Year



The New Year will be what we make it. May we help make yours a happy one with our best wishes and our desire to serve you in the best way possible. May good blessings for you continue throughout the New Year and your storehouse for happiness be filled.

C. E. Maddocks and Co.

207 MAIN T TELEPHONE 252

Trouble Seethes in Wake of Liberation



holls high school in New Orleans, and the coach didn't like the way his charges were taking to the field sort of loggery, particularly during Sunday games.

The girls in the homemaking class heard about it. The result: four hours before each game the 40-mouthed squad of double-order specialists gets a carefully de-iced menu—with tea and lemon. The menu: one well-boiled potato, one broiled veal chop (broiled dry), two pieces of dry, rare toast and limitless quantities of hot tea flavored with lemon and very little sugar. There's water, ice for a chaser.

Coach William Seeber can now confine his worries to strategy.

Newsman Crashes Army But Past Catches Him

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (UP)—Once a newspaperman always a newspaperman—such is the experience of T-5 William S. (Red) Fox, who runs one of the few one-man newspapers in the Army.

The 44-year-old veteran of a half-dozen Eastern news rooms

finally succeeded in getting in the Army in October, 1942, in spite of his family of six children, but he wound up still a newspaperman working on the Medi-Call, Fort Bragg, N. C. paper for the medical.

It wasn't long after he came to Pinney General Hospital here in July, 1943, before he drummed up interest in Pinney Findings. It's now his baby—a neat mimeographed daily. He's a stickler for makeup, and though Fox has all the responsibility of editor, circulation manager, typist and stencil cutter, it is rated one of the neatest and best sheets of its type in the country.

End of Rainbow



Rodney Shirley of Salt Lake happily measures 14 1/2-pound, 32-inch rainbow trout caught with light fly line following half-hour battle.

Paramount Taxi
PHONE 1
FOR SERVICE—
H. R. HICKS
Paramount Hotel
SAFE COURTEOUS
Buy Those Bonds
And Stamps

Sheriff Meets Doctor Who Gave Him Six Months

CLAYTON, Mo. (UP)—Deputy Sheriff Walter Baschmitt saw an automobile speeding along a St. Louis county highway. When the deputy halted the car, its driver identified himself as a physician, hurring on an emergency call.

"Remember me?" asked Deputy Baschmitt, also identifying himself. "When I last saw you 20 years ago, you told me I wouldn't live more than six months without an operation."

"But you had the operation, didn't you?" quired the doctor. "No," replied the triumphant officer.

"Well, I'll be darned!" exploded the speeder. Then came Deputy Baschmitt's "patient" warning: "Drive slower, or you won't have over six months to live, yourself."

Girls Feed Squad Pre-Game Diet
NEW ORLEANS (UP)—Now football's a pretty important thing to the students of Francis T. Nic-

DEFORMITY
Is your body distortions in the chronic stage? Be sure to have your trouble corrected before they become chronic. Much time and effort has been spent that we may serve you better.

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RANGER, TEXAS

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H. R. HICKS

Taxi Service, we are inaugurating a pick up and delivery service for trunks, boxes, packages, etc., any light delivery.

FOR PICK-UP AND DELIVERY
PHONE 542
Bonds And Stamps

YULETIDE GREETINGS

To All Our Friends And Patrons

This season of the year reminds us of the opportunity to express appreciation to our patrons and give them our very best wishes for the season. We resolve to strive harder than ever to merit your patronage in 1945.

STRONG'S FLOWER SHOP

MR. AND MRS. C. A. STRONG AND MARGARET JO—Telephone 76



From Us To You A Wish

Sincere for Happy Holidays

For you and yours, whether they be around your fireside or in distant places, we wish all the joy and gladness that Christmas can bring and may you have untold blessings during the New Year.

We would like to serve you in 1945 to prove that we want to add to your happiness during the coming days.

RANGER TIRE SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Culpepper Telephone No. 301

401 W. Main



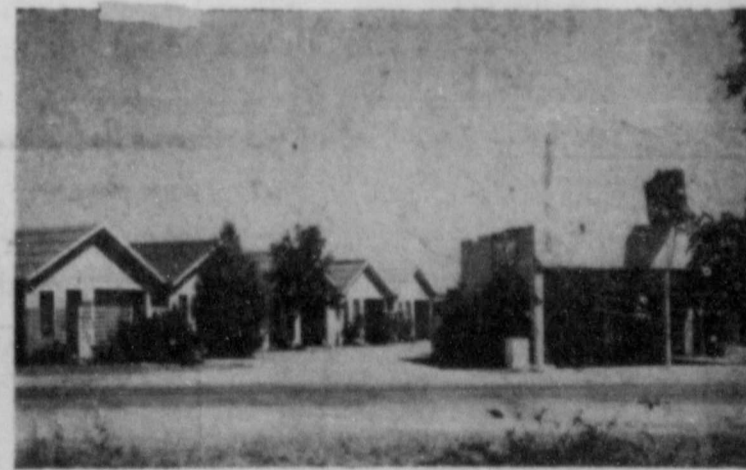
BEST WISHES FOR THE YULE AND THE COMING YEAR

There is something about the Yule season that lifts our minds from everyday cares to a better and friendlier mood. We realize at this time how much our friends have meant to us during the entire year. We wish for you the very Best Christmas you have ever had and a prosperous happy New Year.

GRANT'S CAMP AND GROCERY STORE

Mrs. O. M. Grant, Prop. TOURIST ROOMS HIGHWAY 80 EAST TRAILER PARK RANGER, TEXAS By Day, Week, Night

OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE



To you and yours at this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness—happiness that will last not merely through the holiday season but that continues throughout the entire year 1945. We would like at this time also to express our thanks for every courtesy you have shown during the year just past.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

MODERN COURTS

Mrs. H. E. Snyder Opal and Happy HIGHWAY 80 EAST PHONE 84 RANGER

Meet Red Ryder and Little Beaver



When New York City's Children's Aid Society gave a comic book costume party and dance, Robert Califano, 10, left, showed up dressed as Red Ryder and caught up on the adventures of Wash Tubbs, popular NEA comic strip characters; while Bobby Cassella, 7, impersonated Red Ryder's partner, Little Beaver. He holds stack of comic books which will be sent to servicemen.

Pennsylvania Nets 25 Million On Liquor Sales

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—Pennsylvanians drank enough spirits during 1943 to place the commonwealth first among the 17 liquor monopoly states with a total sales volume of \$139,136,000. Auditor General F. Clair Ross reports. What Ross calls "an extremely profitable enterprise" represented expenditure of \$14 per capita and brought the state a profit of \$25,659,000, or 19 per cent of net sales.

Pennsylvania's closest competitor, Ohio, ran a poor second with only \$84,840,000 while the other states lined up as follows in a U. S. Commerce Department report: Michigan, \$80,538,000; Virginia, \$43,475,000; Alabama, \$27,301,000; Washington, \$25,047,000; Oregon, \$22,846,000; Iowa, \$20,259,000; West Virginia, \$19,321,000; Main, \$18,550,000; Utah, \$9,253,000; Montana, \$8,479,000; New Hampshire, \$8,121,000; Idaho, \$4,040,000; Vermont, \$3,254,000; and Wyoming, \$2,773,000.

Army Quickly Opens Belgian Rubber Plant

AKRON, O. (UP)—Close cooperation between the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and Army ordnance officers has resulted in the speedy re-opening of a captured rubber plant in Belgium recently.

With the capture of Belgium, an undamaged rubber plant fell into the hands of the American forces. Tire and receipts for the offensive were badly needed and precious time would be saved by bringing the plant into production.

Needs for opening the plant were flashed to Army Ordnance in Washington and relayed to Goodyear. Within six hours a four-ton shipment of synthetic rubber, tire fabric, compounding chemicals and solvents were on their way to the Cleveland airport 30 miles distant where planes were waiting. The shipment was flown to the Eastern seaboard, transferred to Army transport planes and arrived in Belgium in a matter of hours. Following closely was a second shipment of 10 carloads of tire materials, sent by fast train and fast ship. With the receipt of these materials the Belgian factory is

being believed to be in operation. Succeeding shipments will follow in less spectacular manner to keep the plant operating.

After Four Years in Army Board Looking For Him

HARVARD NEE (UP)—Sgt. William Edward Doyle, after serving a four-year hitch in the Army at 13 camps and airfields in the United States and nine months overseas, has learned that the War Relocation Authority is looking for him.

Although Doyle considers Chicago his home, he registered for selective service at Detroit, and was inducted in January, 1941. After spending eight months at Fort Custer, Mich., Sgt. Doyle was released from active duty, since he was over 38. Two months after Pearl Harbor, he was recalled into active service.

The Wayne county, Mich., draft board wrote his mother, Mrs. James Doyle, Chicago, seeking instructions as to the whereabouts of the "missing selectee." Mrs. Doyle mailed the letter to her son, a member of the Harvard Army Air Field staff.

Buy War Bonds

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AND ELECTRICAL
REPAIRS
J. C. Craver
ELECTRICIAN
PHONE 48 RANGER

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO OUR FRIENDS



We value your friendship and we strive to be worthy of your patronage. We are interested in your welfare and happiness and shall make it our goal to please you.

Accept our best wishes for a Yuletide of joy and a New Year of prosperity in the same spirit in which it is given.

COSDEN SERVICE STATION
EDDIE STEPHENS

May 1945 Bring Promise of Good Things in Store For You
May we ever be ready to make the best of opportunities of life.
May we ever be ready to make the best of opportunities the New Year affords.
We assure you that it will be a supreme pleasure to again be of service to you.
LEVEILLE MOTOR CO.
Morris Leveille—Artie Campbell—Phone 217

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE CHERRY AND THE NEW YEAR BE A HAPPY ONE
Diamonds-Watches-Jewelry
If It's New, We Have It
D. E. PULLEY
Watchmaker Jeweler
203 Main

Greetings
Happiness and Prosperity to You For Christmas and The Coming Year
In return for your past favors and kindness in the past, we bestow upon you and yours our very heartiest wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May health, wealth and joy be yours.
STAR DRY GOODS
MR. AND MRS. MAX STAR

YULE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES
It's time to MERRY CHRISTMAS in the Land of the Free!
Individuals make up our community. We feel that when we are serving our community as a whole, we are serving each person within its bounds. Because the demand was greater, we have had to strive harder to render efficient service to you as a body as well as individually. We appreciate your cooperation and help and urge that you call on us at any time we can render service.
We greet you at this joyful season and wish for you the best of all good things.
MR. AND MRS. C. E. MAY
INSURANCE
Telephone 418

A Wish Sincere
For your continued happiness and prosperity throughout Christmas and New Year is what we would ask for you this season.
We trust you will continue to make use of our services in 1945
Mrs. W. H. Gay's Eat Shop
HODGES OAK PARK SCHOOL

A Wish For Our Friends and Patrons
May the bells of Christmas and New Year ring the glad tidings of peace for you and yours. May you and your loved ones derive all the joys from earnestly pursuing the things that ultimately achieve happiness and contentment.
Best Wishes For Happy Holidays
Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Montgomery

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
We repeat the same old phrase so often used, yet by repetition it has gained a sincere and appealing ring. We think the simplest and most direct way to convey our best wishes to you, on this particular Christmas Day
MERRY CHRISTMAS,
HAPPY NEW YEAR
JIGG'S CAFE
PEARL SHELTON, Owner
Turkey and all Trimmings—Open All Day Xmas.

WE WISH FOR YOU
Christmas
Joy
AND GOOD CHEER
AND FOR THE NEW YEAR MUCH HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY
THE GLOBE
MR. AND MRS. SAULE PERLSTEIN

Remembering You In A Very
Special Way This
CHRISTMAS



We all have a direct or indirect part in working for victory. If we can't see action on the fighting front we can swing into action on the home front. Let us do our part in spreading Christmas Cheer and happiness to those about us. As our part we would like to wish each of you the things your heart most desires for Christmas and a new year filled with hope for Peace and Prosperity. We Shall Continue To Give You Efficient Service in Return for Your Kind Patronage.

PROMPT PRINTING CO.

Paul MacDonald
Telephone 51

MANY GOOD WISHES FOR
FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the time for enjoying our privileges of happiness, contentment, and the greatest privilege of all, that of serving others by giving gifts and doing kind deeds. We feel this is the time to express to our friends appreciation for their loyal patronage.

CASIS NOVELTY COMPANY

MR. AND MRS. I. D. CARLISLE



This is the high tide of the year, Christmas, steeping every heart in the benevolent spirit of Him, whose birthday it is.

May the day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your desires.

L. R. PEARSON

BUY WAR BONDS

MAY THE HOLIDAY
SEASON BE A
HAPPY ONE
FOR YOU



We would like for you to accept our Christmas greeting in the same spirit we give it, for we mean every word sincerely. We are wishing that this Christmas will be different from any other Christmas you have experienced because it will be brighter and happier than before with prospects for a brighter New Year ahead. May this same New Year pour out its richest blessings on your every effort.

JOSEPH'S DRY GOODS

MR. AND MRS. D. JOSEPH AND EMPLOYEES



Coach Red Rolfe, former New York Yankee baseball great, gives Paul Walker, Yale's All-American end and this season's basketball star, some advice.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

AS YOU GATHER AROUND YOUR FIRESIDE



As the Yale season again rolls around and brings together your loved ones, may the joy and benediction of Christmas be upon each of you.

GREER SHOE SHOP

MR. AND MRS. J. H. GREER
118 MAIN STREET

SINCERE GREETINGS
FOR THE YULETIDE

On this glad day that marks the birth of the Prince of Peace we greet you and your household though the members be far or near. May the tie of the Christmas Spirit bind your hearts together in joyous units as we commemorate this holy event.

For you and yours we wish all the joy and other cheer that Christmas can hold and a bountiful New Year with good measure of health, happiness and prosperity thrown in.

In return for the thoughtful consideration we have received, we shall strive to show our appreciation in a material way by giving you as courteous and efficient service as possible.

MORRIS

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HOME

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Morris

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Telephone 184

THE AMERICAN FAMILY CIRCLE
AT CHRISTMAS



Does not include merely members of immediate family but the friends also—This is the American home at its best. This year with families scattered and with the problems of transportation you will have more than ever the privilege of having friends around your hearth fire—The joy of pleasant association will add much to the spirit of your Christmas and you will be greatly blessed.

We feel that it is fitting at this time to express gratitude to our friends for their loyalty to us. We shall strive to merit your continued patronage.

RANGER RRY CLEANERS

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ROGERS

MAY JOY
AND PEACE
BE YOURS AT
CHRISTMAS



Although it is impossible to see each of you and give you our personal greetings, we take this means of expressing our sincere personal wishes for a Christmas filled with the good things that only unselfishness and devotion to family and friends can give.

May the New Year bring peace to your heart and prosperity to your door.

GODWIN FURNITURE CO.

And Employees

MAIN STREET

This Curious World by W. Ferguson



4,000 AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN JUNKED EVERY DAY DURING 1944! WALKING TO WORK OR SHARING YOUR CAR WILL HELP CONSERVE THE NATION'S VITAL CAR SUPPLY.

Quoting Odds
"YOU DON'T LIGHT A MATCH, YOU SCRATCH IT," SAID ANTHONY SOUSA, Oakland, California.

CATERPILLARS HAVE ONLY SIX LEGS! THE FLESHY CLASPERS TOWARD THE MIDDLE AND REAR ARE NOT TRUE LEGS.

NEXT: Where did English walnuts originate?

Winter Coats Of Fur Bearers Laid To Light

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (UP)—Contrary to popular belief, the weasel and other fur-bearing animals do not get their coat colors of summer brown and winter white because of seasonal temperature changes, Dr. L. B. Clark of Schenectady asserts.

The union College biology department teacher explained during a Science Forum talk that the change is actually brought about by the length of daylight to which the animals are exposed.

Investigators at the federal game farm at Saratoga have shown that they can hasten the priming of silver fox fur by manipulating light in the pens," he added.

Dr. Clark also pointed out that animals are not the only organisms controlled by change in the duration of daylight.

"Plants are actually grouped into sun-loving, semi-shade, and shade-loving plants. Another classification has been recently made through the discovery that some plants form flower buds only if the days are increasing in length and reach a certain duration—the long-day plants; while others only set flower buds when the length of day is decreasing and reaches a certain minimum—the short day plants."

BUY WAR BONDS

BARBS

THE hold-up business isn't as big a crime as the business hold-up caused by strikes in war plants.

"Husband Shot in Cafe Brazil"—headline. What has become of the high aims of our women?

December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, was a great day for the purchase of War Bonds—just like today, tomorrow and every other day!

Germany reports that Hitler had a conference with the Hungarian Puppet Premier. Like all puppets, he is just being strung along.

The WPB announced that cigars and gum may be wrapped in cellophane. As far as we can see it won't take much.

A YULETIDE WISH FOR YOU PERSONALLY



Wherever you may be at this time we extend our greetings and wish for you all the joys of a Happy Christmas and may each day of the coming year grow brighter one by one.

This occasion brings to our attention the fact that we can express openly our appreciation of the kindness you have shown us during the past year. Thanks a lot. We promise to merit your continued loyalty in the days to come and to give our best in service, and we hope 1945 brings better things in this respect.

TEXAS DRUG STORE

MR. AND MRS. JACK CHAPMAN



YULE GREETINGS

The yuletide with its friendliness and unselfish motives bring us closer together in spirit than any other season of the year.

In all sincerity we wish for you the peace and the joy of Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

WEST'S MODERN GARAGE

Frank Arrandale

WE SINCERELY HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE THE BEST YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN



We hope, too, that 1945 will be a New Year full of thrilling experiences and many opportunities for success. To you, our loyal customers, we ask that you accept our thanks for your loyalty and patronage and we assure you that we will be able to serve you in a more efficient manner during the coming year. Our words are not mere trite expressions, but we want you to know and realize just how sincere our thoughts are for you when ye say.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW-YEAR TO EACH OF YOU



M. L. KING

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Ranger Peanut Co. Inc. Ranger Texas

GREETINGS...

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS



Looking back over the year 1944, we see it has been a year of unusual pleasure for us because we feel that we have been able to serve you better than before. We feel that it is our duty to improve our service that our business might prosper and grow and that by making such improvements that are possible, we may show our appreciation to our steadily increasing number of customers for their patronage. Knowledge leads us on in the quest for perfection but we realize our shortcomings such as are always present in any human service.

We all look forward to 1945 as a year that is brighter in prospects of peace and happiness for all than any year for some time and may we all enjoy these things for a long time to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

E. L. MARTIN CO.

THE FRIENDLY STORE AND EMPLOYEES

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WYATT JACOBS
MRS. R. C. CARWILE
MRS. BERT PHILLIPS

MRS. JACK URBAN
JANE CARVER
MRS. CROSSLEY
EFFIE BUTLER

A JOYOUS YULE SEASON

It is fitting, we feel at this time to tell you that we appreciate your friendship and your patronage and we wish for you—

A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

A. L. STILES SERVICE STATION

HIGHWAY 80 AND MAIN STREET CROSSING

A MERRY YULETIDE TO YOU



The mistletoe over the door has given us a sign of the Yule season and we would like to enter into this joyous spirit and extend our best wishes for a holiday of good cheer for you.

We appreciate your business during 1944 and will anticipate a renewal of friendly business relationship in 1945.

A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

J. C. PENNEY CO.

JOE N. GRAHAM Manager

Christmas Greetings AND MUCH HAPPINESS TO YOU



Accepting happiness which is in store for each of us means leaving disappointments and unpleasantness behind. Christmas is a good time to begin anew and accept happiness with a challenge to keep it during the coming year 1945. May you have a holiday season of good cheer and happiness throughout the New Year.

We have certainly received a maximum of pleasure serving you in 1944 and sincerely hope that we may continue to assist you in the New Year.

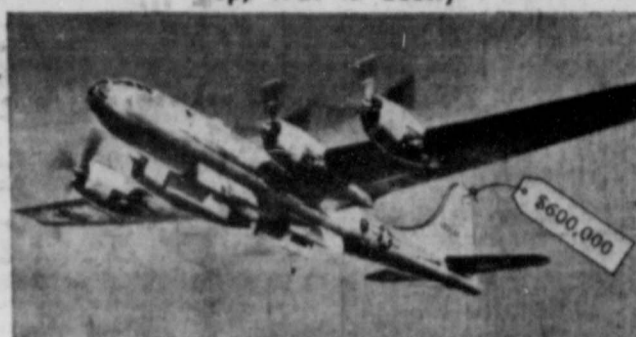
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Audrey Yonker
Manager

Verna Lee Brown
Gertrude Palmer

Yep, War Is Costly



Super-Fortress



50-Caliber Machinegun



Light Tank



Liberty Ship

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 24. The Golden Text is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era the Christ, as the spiritual idea,

the reflection of God, has come measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth" (page 333).

Alphus R. Smith With U. S. Marines

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed) — Marine Sergeant Alphus R. Smith recently was promoted to his present rank from corporal.

Sergeant Smith saw his first action in the Pacific when he landed with assault troops on Guam. He is now a section leader in a heavy mortar platoon.

The husky Leatherneck attended Eastland High School before entering the Marine Corps in December 1941. His mother, Mrs. Eunice L. Smith, now lives at 512 South Dougherty Street, Eastland.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Friendship, like gold, becomes more precious with age. We oftentimes neglect our friends and fail to speak words that will let them know just how much they mean to us. So we are grateful for the season that brings our hearts and minds to the realization of the worth of our friends and also gives us the opportunity to say "We appreciate you, and thank you for the kindness and favors bestowed on us through your loyalty and patronage."

Our wish is that this holiday season be one of joy and merriment and the year 1945 be a succession of days filled with all the good things of life.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the star of the East guided the Wise Men to the Manger of the Christ-Child, may the spirit of Christmas guide you to a New Year of Peace and happiness.

Traders' Grocery & Market
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MAY WE WISH FOR YOU

GOOD CHEER AT CHRISTMAS AND GOOD WILL THROUGH THE YEAR



With gratitude we say thanks to you for your cooperation and patronage during the past year and we will enjoy serving you throughout the coming year.

MILTON GEORGE SERVICE STATION

Highway 80 and Ho. St. Tel. 444

SINCERE GREETINGS



When we take this means to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year", it could not be said with more sincerity or be more hearty if we met you face to face. We feel that you are worthy of our kindest greetings because you have judged our service in the past and have given us your loyal patronage. We trust we may meet you often during the New Year approaching—a year filled with good luck, good health and good cheer for you.

A. H. POWELL GROCERY AND MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell
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BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

As Christmas is a time to be joyous, we would not bring you a lengthy message but we do want to extend our best wishes for your Christmas at this season. May your New Year be filled with good luck and good health.

RANGER STEAM LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rushing and Employees
Phone 134



The Merriest Christmas And The Happiest New Year Possible

We have enjoyed our work of serving you and your family and take this means of saying how much we have appreciated the favors you have shown us in the past. We look forward to another year of pleasant business relations with you.

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Many Gifts Go To Soldiers At Camp Bowie

Mrs. F. M. Kinney, County Chairman for Camp Bowie Camp and Hospital Council of Brownwood, this week sent about 1,000 gifts, including 3 boxes of oranges, 4 boxes of apples, 3 large bags of nuts. These gifts were picked up by trucks at Eastland, Cisco and Rising Star.

Mrs. Kinney stated that additional gifts would be sent to Camp Bowie around December 21 and she urges those desiring to contribute gifts for this purpose to take them to the County Red Cross office in Eastland prior to the 21.

"I desire to express my appreciation for the splendid cooperation for the splendid cooperation

U. S. Wartime Savings Reach 100 Billion High

NEW YORK—Wartime savings of the American people have reached an all-time high of \$100,000,000,000, recent figures reveal.

The leading medium of these savings is War Bonds, three out of every five Americans owning at least one a study by the life insurance companies in America of figures from both government and private sources shows. War Bonds account for \$36,883,000,000 of the total savings.

Life insurance is next as a savings medium, accounting for \$33,049,000,000 of the total figure, according to the study. About 50 percent of the people have savings in this form.

A large porportion of the population has a savings account, about a third of the population saving their money this way, the study reports. The Postal Savings System, next on the list, also has grown during wartime and is now at an all time high.

IS IN TRAINING

Roy Roper, 403 North Ammerman St. Eastland is now in apprentice Seaman training at the U. S. Maritime Training Station, Avalon Catalina Island, Calif.

Facing Japs?



Following announcement that he had been "relieved of his duties" in Moscow, Marshal Klimenty Voroshilov, above, one of the Red Army's greatest soldiers, was reported by the German-controlled Budapest radio to have been appointed commander-in-chief of Russia's Far Eastern forces. If true, the move is seen as a hint of possible Soviet cooperation in the war against Japan.

India Urchins Cry 'Wares' in GI Slang

NEW DELHI (UP)—The American GI is leaving linguistic footprints as he passes through India towards Far Eastern battlefronts. Barracks phrases of the American soldier—and his slang—now are heard on the lips of many of the hordes of urchins who in Indian cities constantly and clamorously petition to shine "the GI's shoes, carry his luggage, or lead him to interesting adventure (they say.)

Swear words like the common "hell" and "damn" are supplemented with other words and phrases seldom printed outside the ultra-realistic novel. However such phrases—denoting chagrin, etc.—sometimes are used incongruously and incorrectly.

Often the words appear to be used without knowledge of their nature and without inflection. As Mark Twain explained to his wife when she attempted to break him of swearing by repeating his obnoxious phrases, "you have the words, darling, but not the music."

But at other times they are substituted for and integrated in Hindustani, even though it is one of the better mediums of invective and abuse for the adept.

While most of the words are too earthly to appear in print, ancient American slang phrases are also heard alongside the rougher elements of the language. Such phrases include "hot stuff," "gee whis," "you tellim, boy," all pronounced in a more or less understandable accent. Where these were picked up is not clear. You seldom hear the soldier use the phrases. So far no jive jabber has been noted.

In most cases the urchins acquired their "vocabulary" by overhearing passing soldiers and by listening to the conversation of their customers as they polish boots. On the other hand there is in some cases evidence of careful coaching by some GI jokers. The motive for gaining this linguistic ability has an economic basis. Quickly to analyze acceptable approaches for efficient removal of bakbeesh from the soldier they soon realize the old "no mummy, no poppa, no brother" attack had become obsolete. To attract attention many have adopted these words and phrases which they believed would do the trick—and it

possibly has meant a few extra annas for them.

In this linguistic infiltration GI Joe by far outstrips Tommy Atkins. Although the British soldier

has been in India for many years, his favorite barracks expression is seldom used by the urchins.

Buy War Bonds

WASHINGTON — The Senate today approved by voice vote and sent back to the house for conference a billion dollar flood control bill authorizing hundreds of irrigation projects.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IS NOT RATIONED

There is a super-abundance of Christmas Cheer for you, during this entire Yule Season and our wish is that you have a—

SPECIAL ALLOTMENT OF JOY AND HAPPINESS

that will last through the entire New Year. We particularly wish the best for you in grateful appreciation of your kindness during 1944. We look forward to serving you again.

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Montgomery Ward



It's Christmas

Holly on the door and a candled wreath in the window. Stockings by the fireplace, carols in the dark, and the jeweled Christmas tree glittering through the night. What would Christmas be without them?

THE ANSWER IS . . . IT WOULD STILL BE CHRISTMAS.

For Christmas isn't symbols . . . Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up, overflows, bursts forth from the heart of every human being. It goes far beyond the traditional forms of our American observance . . . adopts a hundred different forms all over the world and transcends them all. Christmas is the sweetest emotional experience shared at one time by mankind.

There's not a flake of snow in the South Pacific tonight, not a single tinkling sleigh-bell. But the tender joy of Christmas fills fighting American hearts on every atoll and palm-fringed isle. There are no street-singers in the North Atlantic, nor a Christmas tree in all its watery waste of miles. The men on the icy convoys need no symbols to remind them . . . their thoughts and love and prayers tonight are winging home to you. So let not the absence of a loved one depress you or steal your holiday joy. The Spirit of Christmas is working in his heart as in yours; he is sharing your Christmas with you just as certainly as if he were greeting you in the glow of your own lighted tree—as he will, most assuredly, on a Christmas yet to come.

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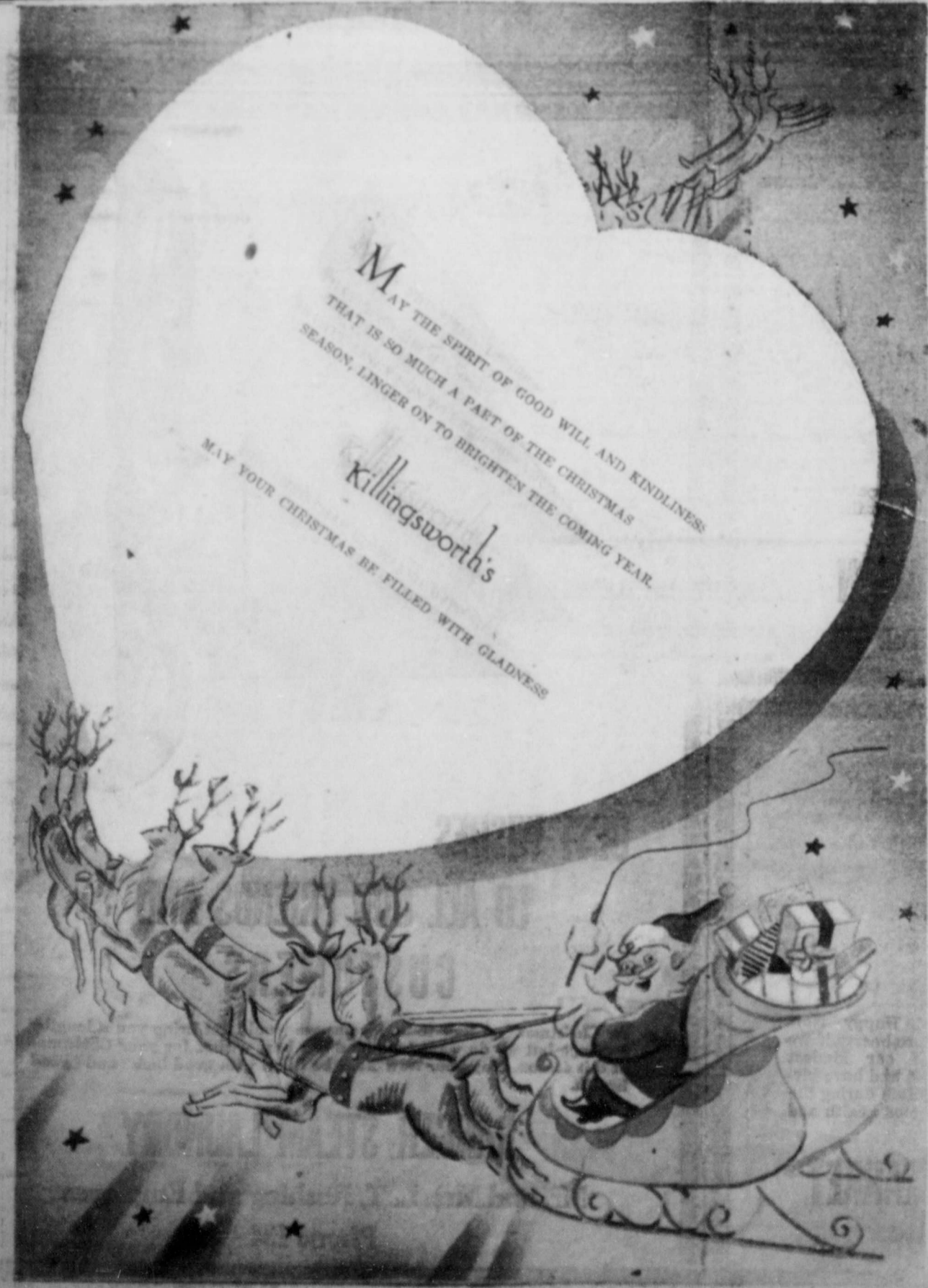


So may the Spirit of Christmas light a candle of cheer in your hearts that will shine all during your holiday and glow throughout all the new year!



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MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND KINDLINES
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