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Two Yank Armies Drive Closer To Contact

GIVES FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF BASTOGNE

By Robert W. Richards
United Press War Correspondent
With American Forces in Bastogne, Belgium, Dec. 29 (UP)—The boys did not keep diaries in Bastogne "on account of we were too busy."

But events of the 10 days during which the trapped 101st Airborne Division gallantly backed up their commander's now famous answer of "Nuts" to the German demand for surrender were etched unforgettably in memories.

This correspondent sought yesterday for a doughboy who might have kept a diary during the battle. He was introduced to curly-haired Platoon Sgt. Vernon M. Christopherson of Beldenville, Wis., former Lockheed Aircraft employe at Burbank, Cal., who commanded a light machine gun company.

Here is Christopherson's story: "I didn't keep any exact diary but I can tell you day by day. It all started Dec. 10. That's when it began to get tough. We were cut off that day from the outside but we didn't really realize it."

"We went into Novelle three miles northeast of Bastogne that day. I remember Dec. 10. That's when it began to get tough. We were cut off that day from the outside but we didn't really realize it."

"I didn't even get a good look at the Krauts. We had to squat there taking plenty of artillery. It got under our skin I can tell you. Those damned Germans can sure use those 88's. We just squatted and swore."

General's Dash Started When He Was Just A Boy

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (UP)—Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who flew the Atlantic to join his division then encircled at Bastogne, showed considerable evidence of such fortitude at the age of 15—at least his classmates at Kansas City's northeast high school thought so.

The 1917 edition of that school's yearbook carried beside his picture as the quotation of most descriptive of the youth the inscription "A wise man is strong; yea a man of knowledge increaseth strength."

The General evidently was an "activity boy." The list of his school accomplishments included numerous awards for excellence in public speaking with a smattering of attainments in scholastic literary endeavor.

That not all his time was devoted to manifestations of strength through such activities was indicated by a final note.

"Sophy's light, fantastic toe dashes along now with dainty little dots."

The identity of "dots" has been lost to Kansas Citians in the intervening quarter of a century.

Court Closes 1944 Session

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court adjourned its 1944 term today after a brief sitting, with docket of future work lightest in more than a decade.

Paralysis Fund Drive Opens In Texas This Week

DALLAS, (UP) — The 1945 fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in celebration of the President's birthday, is being opened officially throughout Texas this week with establishment of state headquarters in Dallas. Appointment of leaders in every county to direct the local campaigns will get underway immediately.

The appeal will attain its intensive period from Jan. 14 to 31, with Texas people joining in balls, bazars, benefit concerts, sports contests, the March of Dimes and other events to raise funds for waging the war against infantile paralysis.

A Texas state committee, headed by W. B. Clayton, of Houston and Washington D. C., as chairman, and George Waverly Briggs, Dallas, vice-chairman, has been appointed by Basil O'Connor, New York City, president of the National Foundation. Members of the state committee are Rose Boothe, Gonzales; Dr. N. D. Buis, Marlin; R. E. Creager, Brownsville; Frank G. Huestess and Mrs. J. K. Beretta, San Antonio; former governor W. P. Hobby and Col. J. W. Evans, Houston; Mrs. Edwin T. Phillips, Fort Worth; Miss Ethel Foster, Sterling City; I. E. Gross, Greenville; I. H. Kempner, Galveston; E. L. Kurth, Ketyus, Roy Miller, Corpus Christi; Ross D. Rogers, Amarillo; Mrs. Julius Waring Walker, Plainview; Nathan Adams, John W. Carpenter, Mrs. George H. Pittman, vice-chairman in charge of women's activities, W. Marion Newman, secretary, and John E. Owen, treasurer, Dallas.

In 1944 America sustained the second worst epidemic of infantile paralysis ever to hit the nation. More than 18,000 people were stricken and many of the victims will require prolonged medical care and treatment. Mr. Briggs reports. Funds from this year's celebration will help continue treatment for children in every community crippled by the disease and will finance national research looking toward eventual eradication of the dread affliction.

Texas Division Commended By Corps Commander

With the 36th "Texas" Division of the Seventh Army in France—the 36th "Texas" Division has been commended by Major General Edward H. Brooks, Commanding General, VI Corps, for its part in the fighting through the Vosges Mountains in Eastern France. His commendatory message, addressed to Major General John E. Dahlquist, Commanding General of the 36th "Texas" Division, reads:

"As you pass to another command I want to express to you my deep appreciation for the part played by the 36th Infantry Division in clearing the enemy from his strong positions in the Vosges Mountains.

"Your sagacious handling of the troops at your disposal, spread over an extended front, and your constant pressure and aggressive attitude for several days prior to the Corps attack, held the attention of the enemy and forced him to commit local reserves which later were not available to oppose the main thrust of the VI Corps."

The capture by the 36th Infantry Division of the St. Marie Pass and its continued attacks, culminating in the debouchment into the Alsatian Plain near Ribeaucville, not only blocked the enemy on the right but forced him to fight and continued to deny him the use of his troops elsewhere.

"This was all done without fuss or feathers and in a manner worthy of the splendid Americans under your command."

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS partly cloudy and colder in the northwest and cloudy with light rain or drizzle in the east and south tonight. Sunday partly cloudy, colder in north, with scattered showers near coast.

REFUSES TO RETRACT

WASHINGTON — War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes today rejected requests that he modify his call for closing of all horse and dog tracks by Jan. 3.



A Superfortress soaring off Saan, into the rising sun, symbolizes what will be America's great task of 1945—carrying the war in ever more punishing intensity to Japan itself.

SEWELL AVERY STILL DEFIES FDR'S ORDER

CHICAGO (UP)—Sewell Avery, defiant chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward and Co., strode briskly into his office today, arriving at the mail order firm well ahead of the Army officers assigned by the government to operate Ward's plants in seven cities under a presidential seizure order.

Avery's appearance raised the possibility of an early showdown over whether he or the officer named by the War Department is the actual operating head of Ward's facilities in the cities included in the presidential order.

Meanwhile, Federal Judge Philip Sullivan set Jan. 8 for a hearing on the government's petition for an injunction restraining the company from interference with War department operation of the seized plants.

Sullivan said, however, that if it warranted, the government could request an earlier hearing.

Ranger Boys Far From Home Have Get Togethers

Texas boys have the reputation of getting together no matter in what part of the world they find themselves and that reputation is certainly upheld by Ranger boys.

In a letter received Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward from their son, Don E. Ward who is stationed with the Navy at San Diego, he told of having spent Christmas day with 15 other Ranger boys. He did not name the boys but stated that next best to being home was to spend the day with fellows from home.

Still farther away from home other boys from Ranger are getting together. A letter from Staff Sgt. C. R. (Chick) Williams who is in the Pacific, stated that he had recently visited with Reece Franklin and Homer Gay, Jr., and expects to see James Ratliff soon as he is somewhere close to Sgt. Williams.

Today's War Map



The 8. 1st Army cut off the German spearhead east of the Meuse River have also wedged deep into the enemy's southern flank after Yanks at Bastogne and have encircled Nazi tanks and troops between Celles and Rochefort. (NEA Telemap.)

Tex Petroleum Indtry Pledged To I-Out Effort

DALLAS, Texas. — Texas producers of crude oil will continue to pour very little blood of mechanical warfare into the fight until war comes, Maston Nixon, president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil Gas Association, pledged today in a statement on behalf of the Texas petroleum industry.

"Events of the past fortnight have shown us into some pretty serious things," Mr. Nixon said. "We must examine and adjust every phase of our social and business life with the changed war situation."

"Texas hoards of crude oil are pouring very little blood of mechanical warfare into the fight at 5¢ per barrel above the maximum production of the fields of the state—four per cent of additional oil needed for this global war has been produced by Texas tonight say, at prices which brought the cost to replace increased 50 per cent."

"Now we need with the urgent need to continue the stream until it comes. This we will do for America's boys are more reliable than material things. The burden of production—waste be equal distributed among all the users of oil in Texas."

Shoe Rationing Is Scheduled For Drastic Measures

WASHINGTON — Drastic tightening of the shoe rationing program was forecast today by informed persons who said purchasers may be limited to one pair of shoes every eight months or so.

The present ration is one pair of shoes approximately every six months, and the validation date for a new ration stamp was scheduled to be next May 1.

OPA officials said, however, that they did not anticipate invalidation of current shoe stamps.

JOHN H. ALLEN BUYS SERVICE STATION HERE

John H. Allen of Ft. Worth has purchased the H. H. Vaughn service station and storage business and will take over the active management of the business on January 1.

Allen has been in the automobile repair business most of his life and has had wide experience in this field. He formerly was foreman of the parts and repair departments for Ford Motor Companies in east Texas and more recently has been working with the Consolidated Air craft Corporation in Ft. Worth. The station will continue to handle T-P products.

He stated Saturday that he will eventually add a line of tires, batteries and auto accessories for service needs to his business. The station, when completely organized will be a complete one-stop service station.

This is the first of a number of Ranger business changes which are scheduled for the first of the New Year, with plans underway for the opening of two new business houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have already moved to Ranger and are temporarily making their home with Mrs. Allen's niece, Mrs. O. C. Southern, while their apartment in the business building is being readied for them. Allen stated Saturday that he and his wife are well pleased with Ranger and expect to enjoy living here.

P-T. A School Of Instruction To Be Held Wed.

A school of instruction for the Parent-Teacher Associations of Ranger and surrounding towns will be conducted in Ranger on Wednesday and Mrs. James Leonard of Ft. Worth, president of the first district of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers will direct the school.

The session will open at 1:30 o'clock at the Woman's club and will continue to 4:30 with a recess in mid afternoon. Mrs. O. G. Lanier, president of the City Council which organization is sponsoring the school, will preside and Rev. Wallace N. Durson will offer the opening prayer. Dr. G. C. Boswell will welcome the guests and Mrs. Leonard.

Mrs. Lanier has urged all members of the Parent-Teacher groups in Ranger to attend the school.

Preceding the school, officers of the City Council and presidents of Parent-Teacher units in Ranger will be entertained at a luncheon honoring Mrs. Leonard at the home of Mrs. Lanier at 12 o'clock.

Damage Estimate Of Houston Fire Now \$250,000

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP) — Estimates of damage caused in a dock fire on the Houston ship channel yesterday rose to \$250,000 today as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation launched a preliminary investigation into origin of the blaze.

The fire, preceded by a series of sharp explosions at the American Liberty Pipeline docks, resulted in destruction of the docks and two oil barges and the damage of several channel boats, including a Coast Guard Fire Boat.

Christmas Mail Reaches Texas Men On Front

With the 36th "Texas" Division of the Seventh Army, France — One of the bus men of the 142nd Infantry Regiment of the 36th "Texas" Division is its chief mail clerk, Sergeant Thomas A. Hoffman, who formerly worked for the Union Utilities in Dallas, Texas. Hoffman handles the Xmas mail and packages for more than three thousand men in his unit.

"Considering that each man gets a full dozen presents, you can see that there's quite some work to be done," says the sergeant. "I have six-by-six truck on the road twenty-four hours a day to carry the stuff for the two regimental post offices. And it takes twenty-five mail clerks to distribute the load."

Sergeant Hoffman has been handling the regiment's mail through two invasions, plus combat in Italy and France. He is proud of that fact. "It's still pleasant to see the packages come rolling in even after our twenty months overseas," he laughs.

But packages aren't all that a regimental post office handles. With no place to spend money, the doughboys have been sending extra cash home in money orders. That alone is quite a responsibility.

An infantry regiment moves fast and often, and causes a mail sergeant plenty of headaches especially with the rush of Xmas mail at its peak. His section has to pack and unpack, set up for distribution, and then pack up to move again. If possible, the mail section works at night—blacked out, of course. A regimental mailman is usually well within artillery range of the enemy. But artillery is all in a day's work to the men who get his kick from seeing his men with high morale and that important Xmas mail from home.

Texas Electors Make Sure Their Action Is Legal

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texas electors really did their work twice on Dec. 18.

Meeting in a downtown hotel at 10 a. m., they selected the chairman and secretary for their meeting, named electors to act for absentees and went through practically all the procedure of voting for Roosevelt and Truman.

Then someone questioned legality of the meeting time and place and it was determined a caucus of the electors came to the State Senate Chamber, formally adopted the proceedings of the caucus as proceedings of the electors and declared their vote cast.

Each of the electors signed a certification of the vote being cast for Roosevelt for President, and another for Vice-President.

After taking every step they could think of, an extra safeguard was added. A lawyer member was left behind for a day to see that every bit of the procedure for sending the vote to Washington and filing it with a District Judge met compliance.

Red Cross Gift Cargos For POWs Arrive In Germany

WASHINGTON — American Red Cross Christmas packages for prisoners of war have arrived in Europe for distribution to captive Yanks in German prison camps, Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, announced today.

The packages were shipped from Philadelphia in August in order to arrive in time for Christmas despite delays in transportation through war areas, O'Connor said. A large reserve was included to allow for men who might be captured during the months between August and December.

THIRD ARMY ON OFFENSIVE ON 45-MILE FRONT TO THE SOUTH

PARIS (UP)— Converging spearheads of the American First and Third Armies narrowed the wedge-like waist of Germany's salient in Belgium to 12 miles or less today, and Berlin reported steadily mounting pressure on both its flanks with fresh divisions joining in the attack.

The United States Third Army was on the offensive along a 45-mile stretch on the southern flank of the German Ardennes salient today, clearing a six mile stretch of the German-Luxembourg frontier and pushing beyond Bastogne to within 12 miles of contact across the waist of the corridor with First Army troops to the north.

The Germans were reported trying to shorten the western extension of their salient and regroup within the bulge to stall the advance.

CHUNGKING — American planes destroyed or damaged 202 Japanese planes and 48,000 tons of shipping in one week of raids throughout Asia a 9 d 95 down, 49 enemy planes for every U. S. Plane lost, the 14th Air Force announced today.

The Third Army and if possible renew their own northward push. The Russian drive toward Austria gained momentum as armored divisions crossed the Iron river northwest of Budapest and advanced on the Bratislava. German and Hungarian troops fought on in the fifth day of a suicidal battle of delay inside burning and partly wrecked Budapest.

The Allied Fifth Army on the Italian front was on the alert against a possible German attack in force as continued enemy activity was noted toward the west coast, where a small scale Nazi counter offensive had been held in check.

In the air, almost 2,000 American bombers and fighters struck at German communications behind the front for the eighth straight day, their targets including Mannheim, Kaiserslautern and Kassel.

The attacks followed a night blow by British bombers at the railway junction near Bonn and a synthetic oil plant in the Ruhr.

Hope for a settlement of the Greek crisis came today when King George yielded to a British demand and appointed Archbishop Damaskinos as regent. The Regency was directed to try to unite the warring factions behind a stable form of government and retain the royal powers until a plebiscite decides the fate of the monarch.

In the Pacific, the Japanese reported that a 50-ship American convoy had entered the Sulu sea and was approaching Mindoro Island, apparently to supply and reinforce the beachhead on Mindoro, adjoining Luzon.

Gen. MacArthur's daily communique remained silent on the Japanese claim, but reported that his medium bombers had heavily damaged a 7,000-ton freighter-transport in a raid on enemy shipping in Lingayen Gulf, a little more than 100 miles north of Manila on the west coast of Luzon.

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The Year Ahead

By James Thrasher

Five months ago it seemed that the war in Europe might be over today. Four months ago it appeared probable that the turn of 1945 might find us well on the road to reconversion living, toward peacetime existence.

Three months ago it seemed that we should soon be able to turn our whole strength against Japan, even though Germany might not be beaten within the calendar year. Two months ago it seemed that once our presidential election was over the world could set about with hope and enthusiasm to build a permanent structure for peace on the foundations laid at Dumbarton Oaks.

Today we know that 1945 will be a year of hard tasks and fatal actions. We shall suffer somewhat from the summer spree of over-confidence and relaxation, but now at least we know that we are still fighting bitterly with two desperate enemies whose strength and determination are by no means exhausted.

This year is likely to bring the heaviest casualties that Americans have suffered in any year of any war. There will be bad news of setbacks and delays along with the good news of victories. And the bad news will be harder to bear because final victory may be almost in sight.

It will be a year of diligence for all of us here at home. We shall have to guard against impatience and discouragement and war weariness. We shall have to prove to ourselves and to the men who are fighting the war that we can take it, stay on the job, supplying these fighting men's needs in abundance and not cheapen their sacrifices by petty complaints.

From our government, 1945 will ask a wiser and more vigorous world leadership than has ever been required of an American government. For the President and the military leaders the year will bring more endless days of imperative decisions. From the new Congress it will demand a selfless, partyless patriotism that must guide against action fatal to world peace.

But this is also a year of hope. The first day of 1942 found the country almost stunned by the preceding 24 days to realize its peril. Two years ago the road from Africa to Berlin and from Guadalcanal to Tokyo seemed endless. Last year the great gamble of D-Day lay in the doubtful future.

Great strides can be taken in 1945. We have superior military force with superior leadership. We have the confidence of most of the world's peoples as the guarantors of freedom and fair dealings. We have the potentialities of still greater strength to throw into the battles for victory and peace.

These are responsibilities as well as resources. To use them fully and wisely is a job that calls for conscious, increased effort by all of us—from President and General to housewife and school boy. What Americans do in the next 365 days will have profound effect on the shape of things to come.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Staff Correspondent

ESTABLISHMENT of what might be called an "ever-normal economy" as one approach to solving the postwar problem of full employment and providing 60 million jobs is put forward in a year-end report just issued by the Senate's Military Affairs Subcommittee on War Contracts, chaired by Sen. James E. Murray of Montana.

Other members of the subcommittee are Vice President-elect Harry S. Truman of Missouri and Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia. The report is the work of the committee's staff, headed by Bertram B. Gross.

While the proposal is presented in the form of a bill entitled "The Full Employment Act of 1945," it has not yet been formally introduced to Congress as new legislation. Instead, it has been merely transmitted to Congress without recommendation or commitment, to stimulate discussion. It should do that, for the bill is revolutionary in character and goes far beyond anything yet presented.

Its first objective is to provide full employment. Say that is 60 million jobs, the goal set by the President in his Chicago speech. To provide 60 million jobs, suppose it is determined that the "gross national product," as the economists call it—meaning the total national production of goods and services—must be 200 billion dollars a year.

WITH these two basic figures established, the bill would require the President to transmit to Congress on the first day of each regular session a "national budget."

Now suppose the President's national budget message for a coming year should show the prospect of 170 billion dollars of total gross national product at 170 billion dollars, made up of 120 billion dollars consumers' expenditures, 10 billion dollars business capital investments, 10 billion dollars state and local government expenditures and 20 billion dollars federal budget for war and navy departments, debt retirement and other governmental expenditures.

This 170 billion dollar total would still be 30 billion dollars short of the 200 billions necessary to provide the 60 million jobs. The President would therefore be required to submit a plan for increasing the gross national product 30 billion dollars' worth.

He might propose that consumer expenditures be raised 15 billion dollars a year by increasing minimum wages to 60 cents an hour; or that business capital investments be increased by 10 billion dollars by reorganizing and modernizing railroads.

WHATEVER the President's proposals, this would be a budget for the national economy which would be transmitted to Congress as a fiscal policy for the ensuing year. Congress might change it all around, pooh-poohing the idea of 10 billions for the railroads and putting it all in public works or another WPA.

It can be argued that this is the old idea of the 1930's for a "complementary economy" in which the federal government was supposed to borrow and spend whatever sums were necessary to make up for business depressions. It's a little more than that.

This isn't a new economy that is proposed, but a new politics. It goes to raise private investments to the highest possible levels, figuring things out in advance to maintain an ever-normal economy.



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Flavia! Flavia! Michal stood in the courtyard of the inn and called to his friend, "Flavia, Flavia."

Flavia came hastily, from gathering old figs. The few fig trees, barren of leaves, yet held the past season's figs upon their twisted boughs, and Flavia's basket was filled with the rain-darkened fruit.

"Why comest thou, Michal?" she asked without greeting.

"Drusus is here," Michal said, and thereupon Flavia's countenance gave a little black about her.

"Here, Michal?" she questioned.

"Here, indeed, within the hour," Michal promised. "He has but stopped with Joel to talk of Malachi."

Flavia looked toward the inn. "It is full," she said. "Someone must be turned away to make room for Drusus."

"Turned out on this night of feasting!" Michal protested. "Then let it be some stout old Roman!"

"Flavia laughed. "You art during this time, indeed! I likely shall depose some little Hebrew maiden like thyself."

"I shall not be a shepherd, on the hills," she said happily. "This night the flocks shall be guarded by the angels among this festive crowd."

Flavia reflected. "Indeed there is a man of Galilee had spoken for room for the night. I must send him word that my brother is coming from Rome and it is impossible to shelter the wife in our inn. Truly the caves are better shelter than the Galileans are accustomed to."

Michal regarded the other woman gravely. "Thou hast borne a son to one of us, thou hast lived here for years upon our land, meeting all comers to the inn, yet thou art a stranger to thyself, Flavia," she said. "Yet in-

the light wind that sifted the snow. He thought that surely it was 10 years since snow had fallen on the hills, there would be no thicket tonight for the snow would betray the perpetrators. He could doze if he willed.

"Surely in a dream he arose, and left his flock unguarded, to follow the shepherds. Yet even dreaming, the welfare of Michal and little Dana was uppermost in his mind. He thrust a bleating lamb into the bosom of his robe, silencing it that it should not disturb his darlings. And then he followed.

THE wind quickened, a star seemed to excel all others in brightness, and Joel realized the other shepherds were walking into the light of the star.

The star's light was suddenly blinding in its brilliance. The startled shepherds halted, while all the light of myriad stars seemed to beat down upon them with a hard bright light that changed to a miracle of soft effulgence, and a spirit from Adonai stood by them, and the glory of Elohim shone round about them, and Joel's heart stood still.

Hidden by the Lord, the shepherds heard the word. "Be not afraid, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be the sign unto you. Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

The stars were now a shining heavenly host, hazy, indefinite, yet entirely real. The lamb in his bosom stirred, and Joel's mind flashed for an instant to the tiny son at Michal's breast, Michal, his beloved, asleep within the sheepfold.

Yet the other shepherds were speaking now, and Joel fell in with the plan the spokesman urged. "Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see now, this thing which is to come to pass, which Elohim hath made known unto us."

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GREETINGS for 1945

If you have a bounteous New Year with material blessings, peace and contentment of mind and body, then will our wish for you have been fulfilled?

We are anxious to serve you and to show that we want a part in making the New Year a good one for you.

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Shortest College Team



Coaches hunt six-foot-six boys, but not Kalamazoo College, which won two of its first three starts with a lineup averaging only five feet, seven-and-a-half. Left to right: Paul Hiyama, Hazen Keyser, Tom Sugihara, Gus Birtas and Louie Spitters. Captain Keyser, going up ladder to reach hoop, is five-six. Others are under six feet. Sugihara and Hiyama are Japanese-American students. The latter swished 19 baskets in the three outings.

Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Wallace N. Luncey, Minister
A. J. Rathiff, chairman of the Board of Stewards.

(Across the street south of High School).
Mrs. Leslie Hagaman general superintendent.
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:50 a. m.
Choir led by Mrs. Homer Heatley.

Women's Society of Christian Service every Monday at 4 p. m.
Mrs. C. E. May, president.
Board of Christian Education meets every Second Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.
Board of Stewards meets every Second Monday at 7:30 p. m.
Al Larson, chairman.

The choir has weekly rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Welcome to First Methodist Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Walnut and Marston
W. H. Clark, Pastor
A special prayer service will be conducted by Miss Mildred J. Baker, Educational Director, for all the workers of the church at 9:00 a. m. as we enter the New Year.
Sunday School, with Mr. A. W. Warford Superintendent, at 9:45 a. m. There are classes for every age.

Morning Worship will be held at 11:00 a. m. with Mrs. M. Ruth Hamrick directing the music. Mrs. F. P. Brashier at the piano, and Mrs. W. H. Clark at the organ. The pastor will preach on the theme for the day—"Contrition, Confession, and Consecration."
The church will be open during

the afternoon and individuals are invited to come for private prayer and meditation.

Evening worship will be held at 7:30 p. m. Miss Wilda Dragoon will direct the Harmony Girls in "A Program of Christmas Music".

Prelude: Selections from "The Messiah" Handel Violin Overture
Hymn, "Take Time to be Holy"
Prayer
Announcements
Offering, "Two Christmas Carols" Arr. by Saenger Violin Octet.
Group I
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Mendelssohn
"Silent Night", Gruber
"The First Noel" Old English Carol
Group II
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

"O Holy Night"
"Glory to God"
Group III
"The Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah" Handel
Benediction
Choral Response

Following the Evening service the Training Union, with W. A. Lewis, Director, will meet. This service is to be followed by a Reception for the members of the church who have joined in the year 1944. After the reception there will be games and songs.
The climax of the evening will be the Watch Night Service in the auditorium at 11:30 till 12:01 mid night.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. H. B. Johnson, Pastor
Church school, 10 A. M. with Lawrence Bryan, Supt.
Men's Bible Class taught by the pastor.
Preaching and Communion 11 A. M. Sermon subject, "A New

Creation.
Preaching by the pastor at 7 P. M. Subject: Choose You, This Day Whom You Will Serve.
We are starting in on evening service. Note time of meeting and be present.

other materials had been substituted but was itself substituted in many cases for other materials less plentiful in supply.

"The new year should see large amounts of aluminum use which must be expanded rapidly as manpower may be suitably diverted to their development.

"Prime examples of this first classification are airplane landing mats weighing about half as much as the older steel type, aluminum gasoline drums weighing 21 pounds each as compared with 52 pounds for those of other materials, aluminum hopper cars and a revolutionary aluminum boxcar. Aluminum truck and trailer bodies are now being built under WPB authorization."

More Aluminum To Be Available For Civilians

PITTSBURG (UP)— Even with substantial reduction in production aluminum is still being made in this country at a rate three times that of peacetime peaks. I. W. Wilson, vice-president, Aluminum Co. of America, said today.

During 1944 ever-increasing quantities of the metal poured in to new military applications, he added. "Because of its availability, aluminum was not only returned to those military uses for which

Buy War Bonds

AS WE GREET THE NEW YEAR

1944 is gone. We have made mistakes by which we hope to profit and face the year 1945 with renewed courage and determination. We would like to continue our service to you and shall strive constantly to assist you in the best possible way. May your New Year be a wholesome Happy one with prosperity at your door.

E. L. MARTIN CO.
The Friendly Store

SEASON'S GREETINGS

It's great to be a part of this community, to know and serve its people. That's why we always look forward to presenting our annual message of good cheer to our good friends everywhere.

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FINEST DRESS FOR MEN
220 MAIN STREET
SAULE PERLSTEIN

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

As the end of another year draws near, we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your Friendship, Goodwill and Co-operation which we have enjoyed.

GEORGE L. DAVENPORT
Judge 91st Dist. Court

NEW YEAR'S BEST WISHES

Another year, a new and brighter page in history... time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers better than the year before. We sincerely appreciate your patronage and shall strive to merit your continued good will. May good health, good luck and happiness be yours in abundance in 1945!
The best New Year's Resolution of all!

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J. C. PENNEY CO.
Joe N. Graham, Manager

OUR FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO

EACH OF YOU AND A NEW YEAR OF HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

We would like to contact personally each of our friends but since we cannot do this we take this means to say "THANK YOU!"

LEWIS CROSSLEY
County Judge

AGAIN WE SAY

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

A cheerful wish for you and yours that your happiness may be multiplied many fold.

CLYDE KARKALITES
County Tax Assessor-Collector

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

It is always a pleasant experience for us to be able at this season to extend to each of you our Heartiest and Most Sincere Wishes for Joys during the Holidays sufficient to last throughout all the days of—

THE NEW YEAR

HOMER SMITH
County School Superintendent



I've learned something. It pays to buy Sinclair Opaline or Sinclair Pennsylvania Motor Oil. These oils last so long they save you money.



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The Season's Greetings And Best

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Old Bills Await Action From New Legislature

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Two of the most important acts of the last Texas legislature still are waiting court "OK" as the new legislature prepares to meet two years later.

The so-called Anti-Loan Shark Act is pending before the state's Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin. It was submitted December 29, but not argued then.

The Manford Act regulating labor unions is pending before both state courts and the U. S. Supreme Court.

Final decision on both acts may become moot if the new legislature amends or repeals either statute.

Another hard-fought act of the last legislature—the Chiropractic Act—was knocked flatter than a pancake by decision of the State Court of Criminal Appeals, and a new measure to supplant it will probably cause one of the battles of the new session.

While the Chiropractic Act has been held invalid, it must not be confused with the Chiropractic Act.

The foot testers have their own board of examiners, which, incidentally, will hold a meeting in Ft. Worth January 16 and 17, to

conduct examinations for applicants for state licenses. Sessions will be at the Blackstone Hotel.

Livestock Men, Senators Carry Fight To Vinson

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Western senators and livestock men today carried to Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson their campaign to prevent imposition of ceilings on live cattle prices—a step which they contend would result in disastrous meat shortages.

They were to meet Vinson in a conference arranged by Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., a leader in the fight against price ceilings. Urban spokesmen have demanded the ceilings on grounds that ceiling-less live cattle prices combined with regulated meat

prices are forcing retailers out of business and preventing an equitable distribution of meat.

The conference coincided with issuance by two government departments of reports painting a dimmer prospect for civilian food supplies in 1945. Speaking of food generally, the commerce department said there will be enough for all in 1945 but it probably won't be the kind people want.

Protein Intake Generates Blood

LINCOLN, Neb. (UP)—Women blood donors regenerate blood more rapidly when given a "protein" intake of protein, Dr. Ruth Leverton, home economics department of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, reported to the American Dietetic Association.



Red Ryder



By Fred Harmon

Dr. Leverton conducted a study last year at the university with 20 women students, who acted as blood donors and received a carefully balanced diet. Blood values

measured weekly indicated those girls who were given 75 grams of protein a day regenerated blood much more rapidly than those receiving the usual intake of 50 grams.

SHOPLIFTERS STEAL \$50 MILLION A YEAR

NEW YORK (UP)—Shoplifters 85 per cent of whom are women, make away with \$50,000,000 worth of goods a year, a professional de-

partment store detective says in a current magazine article.

The "spotter" said many of the petty thieves are war workers building a nest egg for postwar plans, others were thrill seekers and others were socially prominent women covering up bridge debts.

According to the article in Life Story, an average sized store in a large city loses between \$75,000 and \$80,000 annually, and since the war, the shortage of trained help has made the shoplifting easier.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A **COLD** USE **666** Cold Preparations as directed.

BARBS

THE supply of Christmas trees this year will be adequate, says the OWI. Only the trees—not the buyers—should be trimmed.

Remember that the ones in service are carrying on—and then don't put off buying more War Bonds!

There is talk of another meeting of the Allies' Big Three. When these good fellows get together it's always bad weather for the enemy.

Japanese news agency admits that more than 70 Jap generals have been killed since May We turn the loss of the gold brail!

A missing ship's cabin on the sea has been found in single. There's four missing, and he's married.

ALL WAR BOND DRIVES GO OVER THE TOP...

RING IN THE NEW IN THE NEW

As the bells ring in the New Year 1945, may they peal forth our warm wishes of contentment and happiness for you and yours. It has been a pleasure serving you in 1944. Call on us often.

Ranger Furniture Exchange

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PHONE 24 RANGER

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JOHN ALLEN SERVICE STATION

PHONE 246

HERE'S -- OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest Greetings for the season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.

EARL CONNER, JR.

District Attorney

OUR NEW YEAR'S WISH

Is for each and everyone the best possible in—

1945

ROY L. LANE

District Clerk

JAN. 1-1 RESOLVE

- To face each day with courage high . . .
- To realize the importance of the little day by day contributions to the war effort . . .
- To cooperate with all special wartime programs . . .
- To buy more War Bonds and Stamps
- To accept the curtailment of special services and the wartime shortages without grumbling . . .

For the sake of a better world to come!

HENRY DAVENPORT

Commissioner Precinct No. 1

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND THANKS

We feel deeply grateful for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past and take this opportunity as the year ends, to thank you for all the fine things that have been ours to enjoy. In the New Year, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will. In appreciation of this valued good will, and the splendid patronage resulting from it, we extend to you and yours a cordial greeting at this, the beginning of another year.

May the New Year be filled with all the good things you so much desire.

H. G. ADAMS GRO. & MARKET

PHONE 21—WE DELIVER

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

Soldier, Sailor, Marine, War Nurse, Civilian Homemaker, we are thinking of you this New Year Day, hoping that the good cheer of the holiday season reaches you wherever you are. We want to thank you for your patronage in past years and we hope that we will be able soon again to serve those of you now in distant lands. The friendship of everyone of our customers, here at home or far away, means much to us, and you may be sure we will strive continually to be worthy of it.

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