



"Give them Japs enough Manila, and they'll hang themselves."—Fibber McGee.

By way of explanation to those who may have been wondering why this column has not been in its accustomed place...

After missing several weeks and not noting any reaction from supposed readers of this column...

Shortly after there was a kick or two from kintolks and other great readers...

Then all at once several cash customers mentioned the fact of their own free will and accord...

So here it is—take it or leave it—and we hope you get the \$4.

This editor is the luckiest person on earth, he guesses.

Some people have a hard time finding cooks and housekeepers. For the past short half dozen years his wife has been postmaster here in Hico...

Now comes the act of a congressman, suggestion by the President of the United States and the post office department...

If this paper seems a little better than usual, if it's a little newer and more readable, credit it to Jimmie L. Holford.

More serious subjects perhaps should be discussed herein—and later on doubtless will be. But this week we just felt like kicking up our heels...

The column has a full realization of the troubles of the world, and shares with other Americans deep concern about the future.

All of us, everywhere, have a year of sacrifice and hard work ahead of us, as has been said often of late...

School Principal Installed As New Hico Postmaster

Robert B. Jackson was installed as postmaster at Hico Wednesday, effective January 1, 1942...

Jackson, who had served as principal of the Hico Grammar School for the past four and a half years...

Mrs. Holford went into the office as acting postmaster March 12, 1936, following the expiration of the term of J. V. Lackey...

Jackson's position as principal of the local grammar school was filled through recent action of the board by employment of Lester Grisham...

Married Men May Enlist As Aviation Cadets

Sergeant William J. Hess, Army recruiting sergeant, located in the Memorial Hall in Brownwood...

Any qualified aviation cadet candidate awaiting enlistment for pilot or navigator - bombardier training who has in his possession certificates from the Chief of the Air Corps...

A total of 22 men have been enlisted by Sergeant Hess since the 9th of December, and vacancies are now unlimited for the Army of the United States...

Hico Pioneer Dies At Home of Daughter Here

Charles B. Lane, born Feb. 21, 1852 in Cherokee County, Texas, who came to this section in early youth, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 1941...

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Young...

Mr. Lane chose for his wife Miss Cemahte Medford, and to this union seven children were born...

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: High, Low, Prec. for Dec 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Looking Back at 1941



Meeting Tonight To Discuss Plans For Defense Guard

A meeting has been announced to start tonight, Friday, Jan. 2, at 7 o'clock, over the City Hall...

Plans were started at a previous meeting of the American Legion, according to W. M. Marcum, adjutant...

Clifton Funeral for Former Resident Buried Here Sunday

William Allen Hancock, who was born at Hamilton in 1873 to a pioneer family of this section...

Mr. Hancock, who resided in Hico for the greater portion of his life, moved from here to Stephenville in the early '30s...

Surviving are his wife, three sons, Marchant of Elsas, Bonner of Dallas, and Herman of Clifton...

Christmas Fire

A barn belonging to Grady Hooper on the lot west of the home of Mrs. C. W. Shelton caught fire from an undetermined cause about 11:30 Christmas night...

Earlier in the afternoon the department had been called out to extinguish a grass fire two blocks south of the railroad on Highway 281...

WITH THE COLORS - Advertisement for a business or organization.

Correction Made In Previous Report Of Sailor's Death

Good news came to members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fellers Wednesday night, when they received a message from Waco...

The Navy Department is glad to inform you that Hubert Austin Fellers, seaman second class, previously reported killed in action...

Louis Abel Sends Season's Greetings To Parents Here

A radio message from Louis Abel relayed by Postal Telegraph from Waco Wednesday bore good tidings for his parents...

The message, conforming with the demands of censorship, bore the simple tidings: "Season's Greetings. Am fine."

Young Abel, who is in the Coast Guard, was known to have been in the Philippines a short time ago, and it is supposed that he was somewhere near the action at Manila.

Meredith Woods Writes Friends Here That He Is Well

Meredith Woods, who was reared in and around Hico and was graduated several years ago from Hico High School...

A censored form card received this week by Miss Golda Hendrix from Meredith had all the bad news marked out...

Young Woods, who is in the United States Marine Corps, was at one time on the U. S. S. Lexington, and has been known to be in Malaya, and at Pearl Harbor...

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Duzan, Casey and Jones Announce Business Change

A three-way trade in local automobile establishments is announced this week by Aubrey Duzan, Charley Casey, and George Jones...

In the deal Duzan turns his used cars over to Casey, retaining his repair shop and J. I. Case implement business...

Father of Two Sons In Service Dies Suddenly

George Griffin, who had lived in this section at intervals during his youth and early manhood...

Funeral services were held at the Hico Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon...

The Business and Professional Women's Club wishes to thank the business firms and others who so graciously cooperated with them in decorating the streets for the Christmas holidays.

Insurance Official Requests Cooperation Of Fire Companies - Austin, Jan. 1—Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner...

Texas Should Put Health Inventory On 1941 Must List

Austin, Jan. 1—Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, stated today that he believed it would be a worthwhile idea for every Texan to take a health inventory...

"The American people are very fortunate. We have scientific knowledge of communicable diseases; we have already made important conquests in the warfare against infectious diseases...

The State Health Department, according to Dr. Cox, is confident that with national health being stressed as our foremost means of civilian defense, 1942 will see great strides of progress in upbuilding the Nation's health.

Beaman Retained As Rural Carrier For Another Year

A telegram from the Post Office Department last Saturday authorized retention of R. L. Beaman as rural carrier out of Hico for another year...

The order issued by the President reads as follows: "Whereas in my judgment, the public interest requires that all employees in the field service of the Post Office Department...

Mr. Beaman, whose retirement was to have become effective on January 1, 1942, has been taking vacation period for several days, and has been with his family at Stephenville...

Death Last Week Called Another Pioneer of Hico

Funeral services for P. P. Porter, who had been living at the Masonic Home at Arlington for the past fourteen years, were held at the Hico Methodist Church last Friday, Dec. 26...

Mr. Porter, who was among the early-day pioneers of this section and gained distinction as a law enforcement officer during the turbulent times attendant to the growth of the community...

He is survived by five children, E. E. Porter of Austin; Mrs. D. A. Platt, Meridian; Mrs. Thornton Wren, Hico; G. R. Porter, Waxahatchie; and James J. Porter, Cisco...

DEFENSE BOND

Q. In a payroll-allotment plan, is an employee committed to purchase any stated amount of Defense Bonds—say, \$100, \$300, or \$500 worth?

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. for mail-order form.

Advertisement for Defense Bonds and Stamps, featuring a cartoon character and the slogan 'Let This Be Your... No. 1 Resolution for 1942'.

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Hico, Texas, Friday, Jan. 2, 1942.

THE ARMY NEEDS NURSES

The war department has called for 10,000 nurses. Many young women in this vicinity probably will volunteer...

Women between 21 and 40 years old can become reserve nurses, but even for the reserve they must have had full nursing training.

MOST ALIENS ARE LOYAL

In a town about the size of ours, a twelve-year-old boy has refused to continue school because of being persecuted by his classmates.

Salem

Mrs. S. P. Saffell and Mrs. L. C. Reed spent Saturday in Stephenville visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. W. O'Bryant and children.

Clairette

Mr. I. E. Durham of Belton spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. O. Durham.

Mt. Zion

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ince and sons, Shirley and Jerry, visited Christmas Day with their oldest son at Brady. Neul has employment there.

Falls Creek

Those that were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ryan and son, John Turner, were Mrs. Ryan's mother, Mrs. L. B. Turner, and daughter, Effie of Lubbock...

tored to Fort Worth Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Nick Driver. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Waugh and son of Welcome Valley and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reed and son of Selden spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Saffell and daughters.

Dry Fork

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables of Hico spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and sons.

Altman

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Upham of Wilson spent Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham and family.

Gilmore

Jack Todd, who is going to college in Oklahoma, visited at home over the holidays.

Carlton

Dr. Raymond Tull and daughter of Abilene were down Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Tull, and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Anderson.

children of Stephenville ate supper Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston and family.

Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths and son of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Knight and children of Greysville, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell and children, Billie and Ella, of San Antonio, Grady Brown of Ellington Field, Lula Mae Coston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffiths and son, Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths and daughter of Hico.

Mt. Zion

Those visiting R. M. Alexander Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alexander, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fenley and daughters, Laredo; J. R. Alexander, Laredo; Mrs. Alice Fenley and daughter, Zelma, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander and children, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Havens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChrystal, all of this community.

Mt. Zion Club

The Mt. Zion Club women had their Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Fred Hyles, Saturday night, Dec. 20. A business meeting was held to elect officers for another year. Those elected were Mrs. B. F. Ince, president; Mrs. S. Rainwater, vice-president; and Mrs. Fred Hyles, secretary and reporter.

Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curry and children of Comanche were in Carlton Wednesday meeting their many friends.

J. E. Gordon Jr., who has been stationed at South Carolina, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Driver and daughters.

Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and sons spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables of Hico.

Carlton

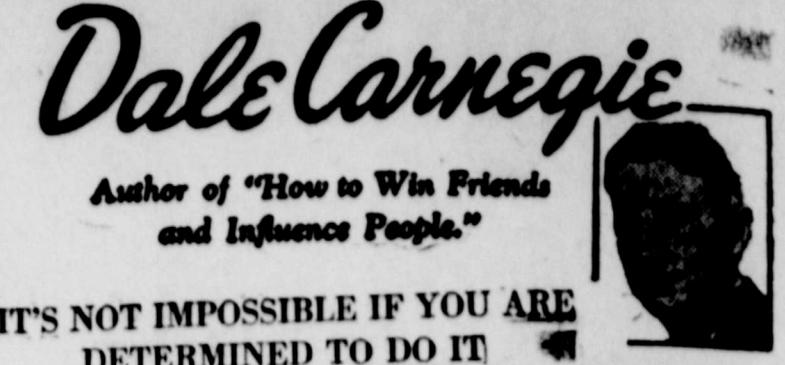
A group of people enjoyed the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tully Saturday night.

Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buchanan in the Palm Rose community and Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Gibson in Carlton Sunday.

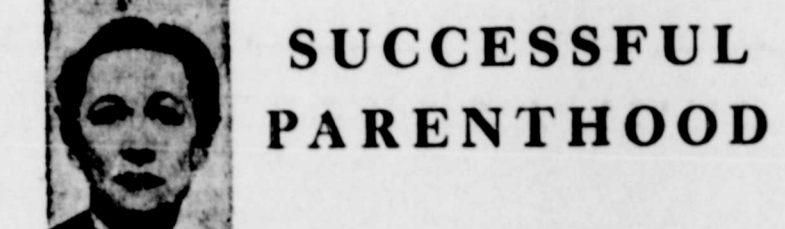
Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lancaster of Dublin and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sanders and son of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thompson of Lantonia, Edgar Thompson of San Antonio spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Clyde Thompson.



Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People." IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO DO IT

You will have to look at the map of Australia a long time to find Dean's Marsh, and when you find it, you will discover it has a population of 140. If you go out from the village about three miles, you will find the home of a sheep rancher. And there in that house was born a girl by the name of Marjorie Lawrence.



SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

SAFETY FIRST FOR THE BABY In advising caution and foresight in keeping your child out of harm's way, we do not mean that you should be in a constant dither over possible accidents.

DALE CARNEGIE

Need a lift? You'll get it from Dale Carnegie's column, which is always full of human interest and inspiration. Famous writer, teacher and lecturer, and the author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Dale Carnegie's column deserves a place on your "must read" list.

Be Sure to Read DALE CARNEGIE IN THIS NEWSPAPER

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# This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN)—A general tightening up of government agencies, aimed at greater efficiency and speed in war production, has been going on here for the past two weeks. In addition, government departments directly tied up with our war effort have been considerably enlarged, which has necessitated moving many non-war departments out of Washington.

The federal government now has so many employees that efficient management demands constant reorganization, and in spite of its unwieldiness the government is now functioning with a minimum of duplication of effort and with an efficiency which has greatly impressed recent visitors to this city.

Under the present reorganization, William S. Knudsen, director general of the Office of Production Management, has been given increased authority. The industrial and purchase divisions, which have formerly been reporting to Leon Henderson of the Division of Civilian Supply, will now report directly to Mr. Knudsen, thus relieving some of the pressure from Mr. Henderson's many activities.

Approximately 10,000 government employees, connected with departments which are not directly concerned with the war, have been shifted to other cities to make room for bureaus directly connected with the war effort.

The office space, as well as living quarters problem in Washington has been acute for over a year, and the new plan of decentralization of the government is expected to ease it to some extent. In the past year the population of this city has increased by over 100,000 people, which has been a severe tax on housing, office space, transportation and restaurant facilities.

The revision of the Selective Service act, calling for the registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 64 and making those from 20 to 44 liable for military service, has spurred the army and navy departments on to make plans for building the biggest armed force possible in the shortest possible time.

Although the revised act still calls for the exemption of men with certain classes of dependents, Brigadier General Hershey, Selective Service administrator, estimates that it will immediately make available a fighting force of 7,000,000 men. The army now has in uniform approximately 1,800,000 men, about 750,000 of whom are selectees.

Following the new registration, it is expected that the army will discontinue enlistments and fill all of its needs from the selectees. The navy, which has not taken any selectees, is expected to continue filling its needs through enlistments. The navy expects to enlist 50,000 men in January.

Although labor has pledged to give full support to the production program, government officials are plainly worried over the difficulties which labor and employers had in getting together at the recent Washington conference. Labor was unwilling to accept a freezing of present contracts or to accept the status quo so far as the closed shop is concerned. Their leaders indicated that they would continue to try to expand the closed shop plan during the war.

The employers contend that the closed shop should not be considered a proper grievance to submit to a war labor board.

A detailed plan for press censorship, as well as censorship of communications between the United States and foreign countries, is being set up by Byron Price, former executive news editor of the Associated Press, who has been named by the President as "Director of Censorship." A censorship board, which is aiding in formulating our censorship policies, includes: Vice President Wallace, the secretaries of war, navy and the treasury, the directors of the Office of Facts and Figures and of Government Reports, the attorney general and the postmaster general.

It is expected, so far as newspapers and radio are concerned, that voluntary censorship, of news of interest to the enemy will be carried on first, and will be supplemented with mandatory regulations when it seems necessary.

Plans for civilian defense are going ahead rapidly, each state and town being given new instructions each week for protecting its people and for stimulating civilian cooperation with the production program.

Mayor LaGuardia of New York, head of the Office of Civilian Defense, has asked for 50,000,000 civilian gas masks to be distributed among the people within about 200 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Gulf coasts. It is estimated that the masks would cost \$3.75 each, but it is the plan to distribute them to the people without charge.

Asked if he believed there was danger of our being attacked by gas and having a need for gas masks, the mayor said: "If we have these masks we won't be attacked by gas."



## Fashions and News of the Home Front

### STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



**BALLET LENGTH FOR DANCING.**  
So-called "ballet-length," or mid-calf length, skirts are seen at all the winter resorts and at home town dances. Girls put velvet ribbons on their toeless dancing slippers, when wearing the new ballet-length evening dresses, winding the ribbon about their ankles for a true ballerina effect. This New York creation has a "ballet-length" skirt of lustrous black taffeta over a pink satin petticoat, and a simple jersey bodice.

### Colonial Cottage With A Future

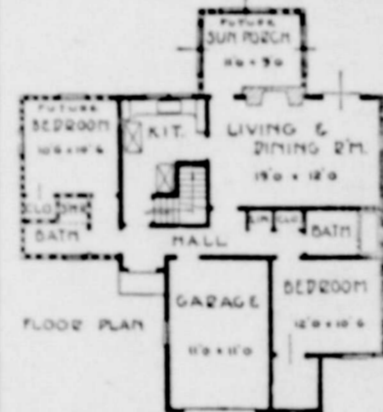


"FAMILIES grow, and so do incomes. Thus, when a house is planned, care should be taken to provide for additions as the time and occasion warrant.

This compact Colonial cottage has been planned with that in mind. It will appeal at once to the average two-person family, and its additions are so designed that they will fit in architecturally and economically when the day for expansion arrives.

All the essential needs have been carefully considered and laid out. The cottage may be built on the unit plan, with the sun-room, bedroom and bath to be added at a later date, or it may be built at once with these features if desired.

The fine lines of the Colonial construction are brought out, and the preservation of the material is assured, by the coats of gleaming white lead with which it is painted. This old-reliable paint is recommended by architects and builders alike not only for its durability and beauty but also for its proved economy.



## America's War and Defense

### Are Your Ears Burning, Mr. Hitler?



Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain is pictured here with President Roosevelt on his arrival at the White House in Washington. A series of conferences regarding the creation of a unified allied command for the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world got under way between the two leaders just before Christmas.

### Hero's Widow



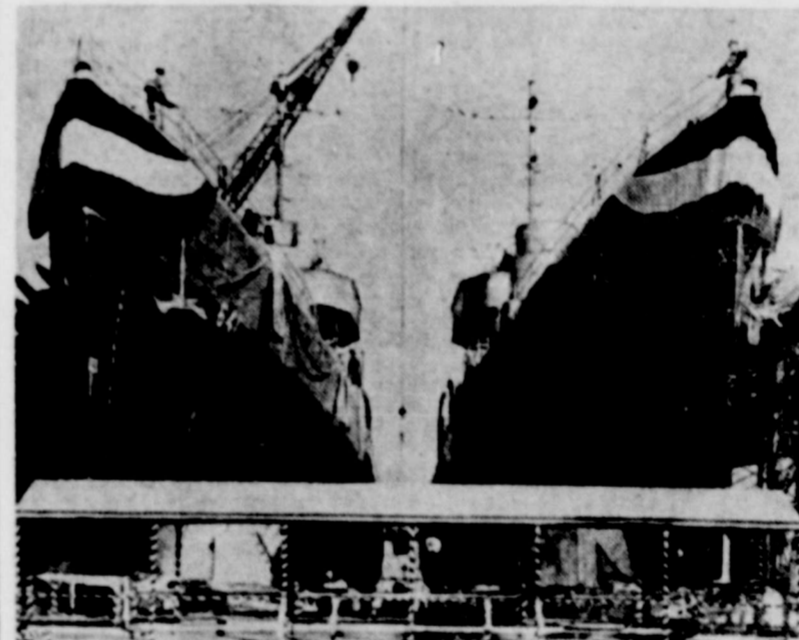
Mrs. Colin Kelly, widow of the heroic army flier who scored three direct hits in sinking the Jap battleship Haruna, is shown with her baby son. Rather than mourn Mrs. Kelly said she was proud "... and didn't he give those Japs something to remember him by!"

### Two-Man Sub



Announcement has been made of the sinking of a two-man submarine by a U. S. destroyer during the Jap raid on Hawaii. One of this type is shown above.

### Two Answers to Axis Aggression



Uncle Sam's two newest destroyers, the U. S. S. Tillman (left) and the U. S. S. Beatty are pictured above just before launching ceremonies began at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard. First time in the history of the South that two destroyers were launched together, this is part of America's answer to aggression.

## News From the Farm Front

### Farm Income at a Twenty-Year Peak



By L. G. ELLIOTT  
President, LaSalle Extension University

Merchants in agricultural regions are continuing to experience large increases in sales as the result of increased farm income which has put more money into the farmer's pocket than has been there for 20 years. Farmers are now receiving \$2.40 for every \$1 they received nine years ago, and their incomes are still rising. The new prosperity of farmers, making itself felt just in time for Christmas buying, has brought about a larger early Christmas trade than in any previous year. Generally, merchants catering to farmers report a sales volume gain of almost 20 per cent over a year ago.

Purchasing power in many communities and throughout every part of the country is also being increased by the large new manufacturing plants that are being put up to produce defense materials. Employment in these plants is furnishing many persons with larger incomes and in that way increasing their ability to buy more products of industry and of agriculture.

People in cities also have more money to spend and they are increasing their purchases of food as well as of other products. Industrial pay rolls and employment are steadily rising in spite of dislocations among some industries that are having difficulty in getting enough raw materials. During each of the last six months, employment has exceeded all previous levels. The total amount being paid out to employees is 40 per cent higher than it was at this time last year. Average weekly earnings for each worker are about 20 per cent higher.

Most of the major industries continue to operate at close to capacity. Some factories making less essential civilian goods have had to curtail production, but the opening of new plants equipped to turn out military supplies, has more than made up for these losses. The general average of business activity in all parts of the country remains high, and is expected to continue on this plateau for some time.

**Prices Up 30 Per Cent.**  
Some farm prices declined during the early fall months, but they are still about 30 per cent above a year ago. Prices of grain, cotton, and meat animals dropped, but prices of truck crops, fruits, dairy products, chickens, and eggs, have held up well. Several of them have moved higher, but not nearly so rapidly as they did earlier in the year.

Not all is clear gain for the farmer, however, because the prices he has to pay for what he buys and many of his operating costs, have also risen. Farmers are paying the highest wages since 11 years ago, and in many communities good farm labor is scarce. Although the costs of services and most commodities are higher, they have not gone up as much as has the cash income received by the farmers.

Next year farmers are expecting even better conditions for they are already planning to produce more, and prices are likely to be somewhat higher. The 1942 farm program calls for greatly expanded production of meat, dairy products, eggs, fruits, and vegetables. By providing plenty of food, the farmer will not only be making his income larger but will also be adding to the food supply of the nation.

Harvesting was delayed in many parts of the country by unusually wet weather during the fall months.

### This Little Pig



Destined for the Grand National Livestock exposition to be held in San Francisco's "cow palace" in mid-November, rather than the market, is this little pig holding hands with pretty Miss Mariou Thompson.

### Champ Husker



Floyd Wise of Prairie Center, Ill., is shown in action during the eighteenth annual National Corn-husking contest in which he husked 45.47 bushels in 80 minutes to defeat 21 other contestants for the championship.

## THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS

BY McARTHUR

