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## Possibility of Further Acreage Production

It is possible that cotton farmers of this county might be asked to further increase their cotton acreage on a voluntary basis and with compensation from the government was suggested at the wide cotton hearing held Monday, December 2.

The hearing was called by the AAA committee in an effort to take further steps necessary for the problems facing the cotton farmer.

Four plans for aiding cotton farmers were discussed by the ginners, crushers, shippers, and representatives of various government agencies attending the hearing.

One possible voluntary reduction of acreage below present quota was suggested, several producers present that farmers in their areas would be willing to reduce as much as 10 percent of the payment for such acreage as much as 10 percent of the normal yield per pound of the normal yield as the diverted acreage. The amount necessary was estimated at \$100,000.

It is noted that he had come to the hearing in order to get the ideas of the people and not to present ideas of his own. N. Duggan, director of the Southern Division of the AAA in Houston, presented briefly four plans which have been suggested to the cotton farmer.

The first plan involved price fixing by the government, the director stated, but objections had been made that price fixing would result in stagnation of the entire cotton industry from grower to spinner.

The second plan was that the government loan rat est parity price was suggested, but it was pointed out that both this plan and price fixing would result in increased competition from synthetic fibers which already have taken over part of the market which formerly belonged to cotton.

The third plan is based on the government program but payments would be increased to take up the difference between the selling price and the price. The principal objection to this plan was that it is necessary to get annual appropriation from Congress in order to make it permanent.

The fourth plan was the fourth presented. It was described as a government processing tax with the advantages and disadvantages of such a plan.

The domestic allotment plan was presented by John C. Thompson, executive secretary of the Texas Cotton Producers Association. Walter Hammond, executive secretary of the Cotton Ginners Association, also presented his plan.

Mr. Hammond, president of the Agricultural Association, contended that an export subsidy would be the greatest help, although he admitted that this plan would not be able to hold while the war continues.

Mr. E. Morgan, Texas A. and M. Extension Service Economist, pointed out to restraints of trade on the borders of the United States as one of the principal causes of the acute cotton situation as well as the problems facing other industries.

He urged support for efforts to eliminate these restraints. The tariff was attacked by several speakers as the root of the cotton problem.

Mr. Alcyne A. Hoots, secretary, Floyd County AAA.

## James Samuel Ross Dies Here Saturday

James Samuel Ross, age 73 years, passed away Saturday afternoon at the family home in east Floydada, following an illness of more than a month. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Cone, and interment was made in the Cone cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

Rev. H. A. Lamb, baptist minister officiated assisted by Rev. C. R. Mathis.

Mr. Ross was born May 1, 1867 in Rusk County, Texas, and had lived in Crosby County for a number of years before moving to Floydada about a year ago, where he operated the Blue Goose Filling Station.

Mr. Ross is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adeline Ross, three daughters, Mrs. Willis Adams, Mrs. Glenn Henderson, of Phenix, Arizona; Mrs. Jack Montgomery, Fort Worth, Texas; four sons, Jack and Buck Ross, of Cone; Aubrey Ross, of Hollywood, California; one grandson, Lonnie Ross Bethel, who was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Ross, also survives.

Pallbearers were: J. T. Vaughan, Rube Gray, O. W. Denning, G. M. James, C. O. Gilbreath, Russell Noble, Chester Parrish and Boe Diggs.

## This Is Shrub Hunting Season Say Specialists

College Station December 11th.—While any time of year is a good time to visit a nursery or to explore field corners and pastures to discover attractive shrubs, and trees, this time of year has three definite advantages for the amateur gardener.

Sadie Hatfield, Extension Service specialist in landscape gardening, says: "Now it is easy to distinguish between evergreen trees and shrubs and those which lose their leaves."

This is a good time to observe brilliant fall colors of various plants and choose the most attractive ones to give bright spots in the landscape when flowers have quit blooming.

And third, shrubs and trees may be taken up and transplanted now with more certainty of success than during the summer or spring.

In suggesting evergreens for planting, Miss Hatfield points out that for the warmer regions of Texas the centozo or purple sage is popular. It does well in alkali soils or neutral soils. Then the agartia or algerita will grow almost all over the state.

Native hollies which are popular include the well-known Christmas holly, the evergreen, deciduous, and desert yaupon. Among the other beautiful native plants are swamp myrtle or bay berry, cherry laurel, Indian cherry, buck thorn, evergreen sumac or kiniknik, mountain laurel, madroña or Texas arbutus, cedars, arizona cypress, and live oak.

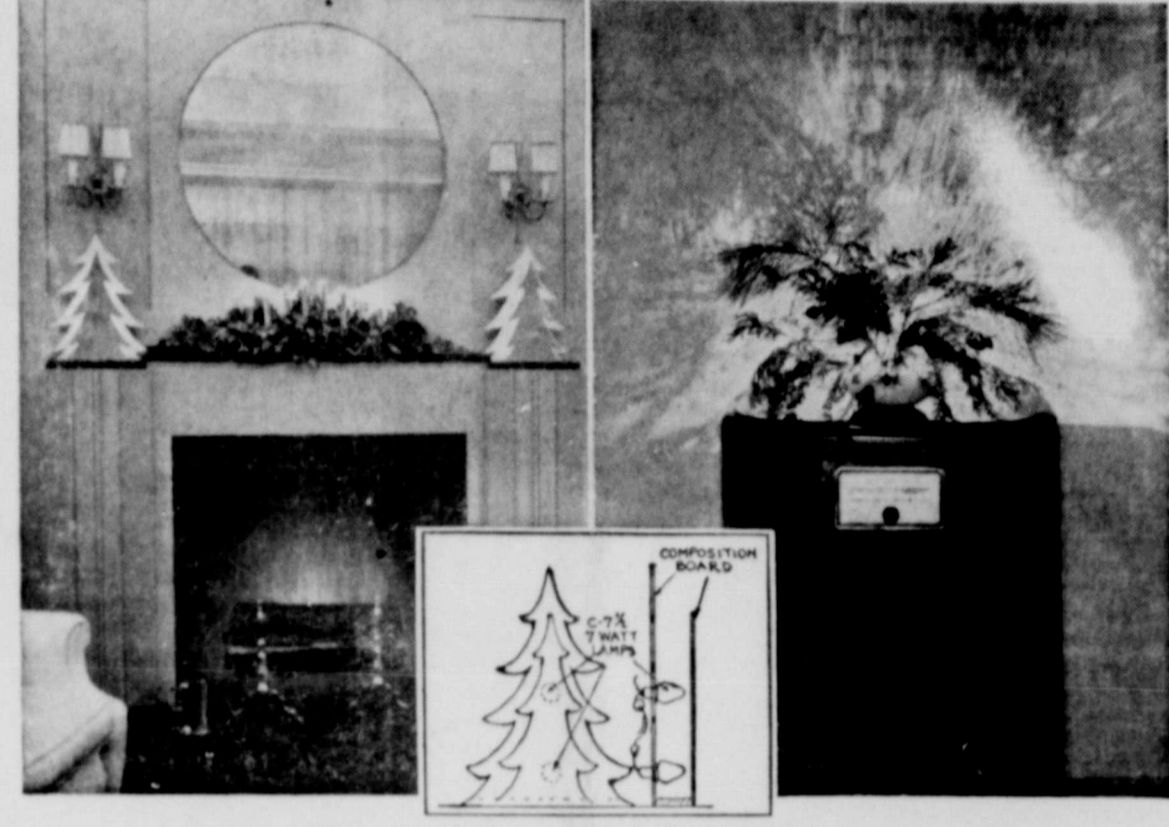
Some of the shrubs which add color after the flowers are gone are the sumacs, maples, dogwood, Spanish oak, red oak, wild cherry, bald cypress, deciduous yaupon.

"Shrub hunting, like deer hunting, can be fun and frequently it's more successful," is Miss Hatfield's comment.

## REV. AND MRS. G. I. BRITAIN, PLAINVIEW COUPLE HAS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Britain observed their 64th wedding anniversary at their home here Saturday.

## Yule Lighting Effects Indoors Can Be Novel



No End of Unique Effects Can Be Created to Give Indoor Christmas Lighting Individuality. All It Takes is a Little Dreaming and Originality. Above Are Two Suggestions. Each Is More Fully Described Below.

By Jean Prentice

Many folks wrote me last year for recipes on how to create new and "different" Christmas lighting decorations for the living room. Apparently these enterprising women have tired of the conventional tree and the wreath encircling a red bulb at the window.

This year, fortunately, numerous novelties using lights are on the market. But if a shopping tour doesn't quite "ring the bell" for the decorations you have in mind, perhaps the two effects shown above will do. At least, they may give birth to a better idea of your own.

A simple yet effective treatment for the mantel may be made by surrounding the base of a standard candelier with holly or pine. In this instance, instead of ordinary Christmas tree lights, candle-like amber-tinted lamps, referred to as "T-3/4" by dealers, were used. The miniature trees at each end of the mantel consist of two planes cut from heavy white cardboard. The silhouette effect is obtained by burning colored C-7 1/2 lamps in the manner as shown in the above sketch.

The explosive lighting effect shown in the other display back of the radio was achieved like this. The bowl of pine branches was made to "spill" backward toward the wall. Bright light from clear-glass T-3/4 Christmas lamps, either bunched in the bowl or concealed from view behind the bowl, created the lovely shadow patterns pictured. The shadows may be tinted by adding one or more larger lamps of contrasting color.

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## Cotton Quotas Voted Again Saturday

A dispatch from Washington early this week announced another year of marketing and production control over cotton was assured as returns from a grower referendum in 19 states piled up big pluralities for the agriculture department's quota system.

An incomplete count of the voting showed 761,117 for continuation of the cotton program and 61,409 against. The percentage approving it was 92.5.

Agriculture department officials said less than half of the 2,250,000 eligible farmers had participated in the referendum. Approval by two-thirds of those voting was required to continue the program.

Under the system, the department establishes marketing quotas for all cotton growers. Sales of cotton in excess of the quotas are subject to penalty taxes of three cents a pound.

The program was inaugurated in 1938 and has been in effect ever since.

The 1941 program is designed to limit plantings to 27,900,000 acres, the same as this year, it was said.

## Floydada Gets Fire Reduction

The Fire Insurance key rate reductions were announced this week from Austin by Commissioner Marvin Hall of the State Department among them: Floydada, 39 cents to 37 cents, new pumper accounted for the decrease in the rate.

The pecan tree produces two crops—shade and nuts—Sadie Hatfield, extension specialist in landscape gardening has pointed out. For west Texas the Western Schley and Burkett varieties are good to plant, whole Success and Moore are good varieties of pecan trees for the Gulf coastal and eastern portions of the state, she says.

Recently the Farm Security Administration has broadened its rehabilitation program by making loans to children of its borrower families in order that they may take part in activities of 4-H Clubs and Future Farmer organizations.

## The Christmas Ship and Its Origin

Saint Nicholas is not likely to be a visitor aboard any of our warships this year, although he was formerly a welcome guest at Christmas time.

His coming was heralded by hundreds of children who lived in the vicinity of navy yards. They were invited aboard ship by the sailors and marines who gave them a feast and provided a "Santa Claus" who distributed gifts to their juvenile guests.

Today our navy yards are closed to visitors as a reasonable precaution against sabotage and espionage. What had become a well-established tradition has been temporarily abandoned.

According to Admiral Hugh Rodman, USN (retired), the custom started aboard the U. S. S. New York in 1915 and spread rapidly to other ships of the Navy. Funds for entertaining the children were donated by the sailors and marines who found the smiles of the happy youngsters more than an ample reward.

Two years after its first Christmas party the New York, which had become known as the "Christmas Ship," left suddenly to join naval forces in European waters. The crew had expected to be in an American port, but Christmas found them at Edinburgh, Scotland.

This sudden shift in plans did not deter the bluejackets or marines who rounded up 125 Scotch waifs, many of whom were war orphans. They brought them to the dock in buses and thence aboard ship where they were given a good dinner, toys, presents and two bright silver shillings—probably the most cash any of them had ever possessed at one time.

For nearly a quarter of a century our naval vessels entertained children at Christmas, and there is every reason to believe that in due time this pleasant custom will be revived.

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Scientists at the Cornell University (New York) agricultural experiment station are "pasteurizing" soils with electricity to eradicate pests and weed seeds. A soil temperature of 150 degrees Fahrenheit was found sufficient to kill all important disease organisms and most weed seeds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones visited Mr. Matador Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dorris W. Jones.

## Texas Boys Make Good Showing at Chicago

College Station, December 11th.—Woodrow Mills, member of the Sterling county 4-H Club team in livestock judging at the 1940 International Livestock show, Chicago, was placed third in the individual cattle judging contest, according to information received at A. and M. College from Chicago.

Mills was one of the 42 boys from Texas attending the national congress of the clubs held in connection with the International.

The Texas team placed second in cattle judging, 12 points behind the Oklahoma team and one point ahead of Minnesota. The Lone Star boys ranked eleventh out of 25 teams in "all classes," or the entire contest, with Mills nineteenth and his teammate, George Mills, also of Sterling county, in twenty fourth place, in individual scoring.

In horse judging, the Texas team captured third place, with Claude Broome of Sterling county seventh in the individual ranking. The Texas swine judging team finished tenth and last, with Colorado leading in that division.

Texas boys won first honors for team judging of livestock the two previous years, Reagan county youths winning in 1939 and a group from Menard county in 1938.

## Santa Fe Loadings Show Increase for Week-end

The Santa Fe Railway System car loadings for the week ending December 7, 1940 were 19,903 compared with 18,814 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 6,768 compared with 5,512 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 26,671 compared with 24,326 during the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 24,463 cars during the preceding week of this year.

Revised total for the preceding week includes cars loaded or received from connections on Plains Division for period of November 25 to November 30, inclusive, of this year. This figure was omitted from last week's report because of wire trouble.

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## Committeemen to Be Elected in Co. December 13

Friday, December 13, is the date on which community committeemen from the three communities in the county will be elected for 1941. At this election a delegate from each of the communities will be elected to attend the County Convention on December 14 to elect a County Committee for 1941.

Farmers residing in Dougherty, Baker, Antelope, Pleasant Hill, Lakeview, Starkey, McCoy, Allmon, Harmony, Sandhill, Floydada, Blanco, and Campbell School Districts will elect their committeemen and delegate in the County Court Room in Floydada at 2 p. m.

While farmers residing in Irick, Pleasant Valley, Muncy, Aiken, Lockney, Ramsey, Roseland, Lone Star, Sterley, Providence, and Prairie Chapel School Districts will elect their committeemen and delegate at the Lockney Grammar School Auditorium at 2 p. m.

Farmers residing in Cedar, South Plains, Center, Fairview, Hillcrest, Liberty, Edgin and Fairmount School Districts will elect their committeemen and delegate at the Cedar School Auditorium at 2 p. m.

Please show a ninterest in your AAA Program and go to your respective community meetings and select the men whom you want to represent you for 1941 as committeemen.

ALCYE A. HOOTS, Secretary, Floyd County A. C. A.

## Efficient Use of Farm Manure Is Recommended

College Station December 11th.—The soil will not produce profitable unless plant food removed by growth of crops is returned in some form, counsels E. R. Eudaly, Extension Service dairyman for Texas A. and M. College.

Accordingly, efficient use of manure on livestock farms is paramount. Farm manure, the most primitive fertilizer, contains nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, the only plant foods additional to calcium of those removed from the land by crops that need to be replaced. Manure also is beneficial on account of the great variety of bacteria it contains. These cause chemical changes in the manure and soil, and convert insoluble plant food into forms adaptable to crop growth.

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## Increasing Farm Buying Power Through Co-op

College Station, December 11th.—Efficiency of the machinery which processes, transports and distributes farm produce, C. E. Bowles, Extension Co-operative Marketing Specialist for Texas A. and M. College, believes has not kept pace with improved methods of production.

Buttressing his conclusions with demonstrable facts, Mr. Bowles contracts the share of the consumers' feed dollars received by farmers in the periods 1913-1917 and 1930-1938. In the former period farmers received an average of 55 cents of each consumer's dollar, but in the latter period this share had declined to 39 cents. Comparably, 45 cents of the 1913-17 dollar went to distribution, including processing and transportation but this climbed to 61 cents in the eight years after 1930.

"One of the most noticeable results of this loss of farmers' exchange," says Mr. Bowles, "is the piling up of surpluses of food and fibre in warehouses surrounded by needy people on farms as well as in the cities."

Check and recovery lies in co-operation because farmers can do little about the problem individually. Co-operatives now are being used to increase farm incomes by carrying farm produce through some of the processing and marketing steps. Co-operative gins have demonstrated they can add an average of about \$2.00 a bale to farmer's return on cotton, and another \$2.00 may be added by co-operatively crushing the seed, records of some of the older co-operative Texas cotton oil mills show.

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(A CHRISTMAS STORY)

By Roger Wheeler

EDITH'S drab room over-looked a snow-covered roof. Not the clean, cheery snow like they had back home on the farm but a murky gray covering on which rested soot of a thousand city chimneys.

"So this is Christmas," she moaned, leaving her chair to pace the floor. "Oh! What I'd give to be back home tomorrow!"

But then, Edith had two Christmas presents to which she could look forward. Today, Christmas eve, the mailman MUST bring her annual packages from home. And tomorrow there would be Christmas dinner with Ken—dear Ken who was working so hard these days that he could hardly take time off to think about Christmas.

Edith heard the bell ring downstairs and she skipped to her door, opening it softly and waiting tensely while the old landlady, answered.

Yes, it was the mailman! And then came the shrill cry: "Miss Harris! Some mail for you!"

Edith practically leaped downstairs, for there would be her package from home. Then her heart sank, for the landlady handed her only two letters, a greeting card from her friend Margie and (of all things at Christmas!) a bill from the department store.

Edith climbed sorrowfully back to her room and wept. Something was wrong, for Mother and Dad never forgot her at Christmas. She cried spasmodically the rest of the day, while downstairs she heard the other roomers shouting Christmas greetings as they arrived and departed.

But finally Edith consoled herself, for she could still look forward to Christmas dinner with Ken tomorrow!

He was due at two o'clock that day, and after church Edith hurried home to get ready. At 1:30 she was seated restlessly awaiting the doorbell.

She was still waiting at 2:30, for Ken did not arrive. And Edith was getting hungry.

Three o'clock passed, and Edith frowned.

"What could have happened to him?" she asked herself.

At four o'clock she cried. It was too much! First her family had forgotten, and now Ken had chosen Christmas day to tell her in this painful fashion that he didn't care!

At 6 p. m. misery began mingling with the pangs of hunger. Edith put on her coat and started to the corner restaurant. But she never got past the door. There she ran into a breathless Ken.

"Edith, dear!" he cried. "Sorry to be so late, but I knew you'd understand when you got my note."

"But—" Edith was confused, "I didn't receive any note, Ken."

"What? But I sent a special delivery message when the boss asked me to finish that laboratory experiment this afternoon. What happened to it?"

The blundering old landlady answered him.

"Please come in or go out, and close the door," she barked from the hall. Then—

"Incidentally, Miss Harris, I forgot to give you these things. They arrived this afternoon."

She handed Edith the missing special delivery letter—and a huge package from home! Edith tore into the Christmas box and found a note from Mother. They'd had a blizzard; couldn't get to town; she hoped Edith would get the package Christmas day.

A few minutes later a happy Edith sat across the table from her Ken in the little restaurant around the corner.

"And now, dear," he began very carefully. "How about your Christmas present for me?"

"But I gave you the fountain pen, Ken," she protested.

"Yes, silly one, and I appreciated it. But if you want to make me still happier, listen to this. The boss came in tonight and said I'd done such a fine job on that research project that he was raising my salary. Know what that means?"

"Not the faintest idea," Edith lied. For, after all, you can't take the words out of a man's mouth when he's about to propose!

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**Badger Feast**

One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the badger feast held at Ichester, Somerset. It was started by poachers in Norman times, says the Montreal Herald, and has continued without a break. The lads of the village catch a badger, kill and dress it some time before the feast. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire at the inn and cooked slowly.



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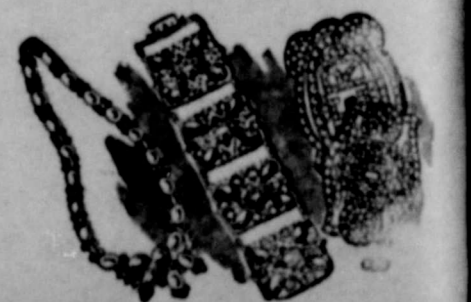


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## Santa Comes to Pierre

By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.



Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her grandpere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my little Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrull!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to 'th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused. "Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam. "Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears. "Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind grandpere."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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## State Nutrition Committee Have Food Standard

College Station, December 11th.—Members of the Texas State Nutrition Committee have adopted a new Texas Food Standard which will soon be available for popular distribution from the Extension Service of Texas A. and M. College and other sources. The standard sets forth in simple terms for lay people what constitutes a good daily diet.

This nutritional guide was prepared by a sub-committee headed by Jennie Camp, extension specialist in home production planning, and it will be used by all Texas educational institutions and governmental agencies working in the field of nutrition. Other members of the sub-committee were Mattie Trickey of the Farm Security Administration, Ruth Huey of the State Department of Vocational Education, and Elizabeth McGuire of the State Department of Health, with Dr. Jessie Whitacre of the Agricultural Experiment Station as consultant.

Use of movies and radio programs in a nutrition education program was also discussed at the committee's third meeting, which was held in Fort Worth last week. The idea is to make people want to eat the right food, to help them grow or buy it efficiently, and to help them prepare it properly after it has been obtained.

Miss Mary Gearing of the University of Texas home economic faculty was appointed chairman of a sub-committee to study nutrition clinics being conducted in other states. The appointment was made by Mildred Horton, extension vice director, who is chairman of the committee.

Encouragement was given by these leaders in nutrition to registration of home economists for voluntary service in time of national emergency. This is a project of the American and Texas home economics association, consideration was given to organization of county association units of the Texas Home Economics Association to aid in the committee's educational work.

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## FUN...IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—(Special)—"It's fun to play in the sun" say these fair visitors to the Valley of the Sun around about Phoenix, Arizona—one of America's foremost winter playgrounds.

These charming devotees of Old Sol are demonstrating a few of the more vigorous activities inspired by the clear desert air and balmy winter warmth. Rest and relaxation, too, are among the popular pastimes and are exceedingly pleasant in this winter home of the sun.



## New State AAA Committeeman Is Selected

College Station, December 11th.—Wilmer T. Swink of Young county wheat farmer, has succeeded Jess Watson as state AAA committeeman from District, it has been announced at state AAA headquarters here.

Swink, who has resided at Olney

since 1919, assumed his duties at the committee meeting here this week. His predecessor had accepted a position with the Southern Division of the AAA in Washington.

The new member of the state committee has been connected in official capacities with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program ever since its inception in 1933. From 1933 to 1935 he was a member of a community committee. In 1935 he was elected to the county committee and was reelected each year until 1938 when he resigned to accept a

position as farmer field representative of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

After his graduation from Texas A. and M. College in 1917, Swink went to training camp and obtained his commission as a second lieutenant in the army. In France he served with the Second Division and there was promoted to first lieutenant. There he met his wife who was serving as Red Cross nurse.

Upon his return from the war, Swink moved to Young county to the farm where he still lives. He raises

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**Wheat Program Compliance Checking to Start Soon**

College Station, December 11th.—The 1941 wheat program is under way.

With most of the wheat in Texas already seeded, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's performance checkers this week begin the detailed task of checking compliance with the program.

In a series of meetings starting December 2 officials from the state AAA headquarters in College Station are instructing county employes and committeemen in the proper procedure for measuring wheat acreage planted in the State. C. H. Mosley, state compliance supervisor, has announced.

In District 1, the Panhandle, five meetings will be held, the supervisor said, with county administrative officers, performance supervisors, one county committeeman and time clerks from four of five counties attending each. In District 3 two meetings will be held with representatives from nine or ten counties attending each. The meetings will be held December 2 in Pampa, December 3 in Permyon, December 4 in Dalhart, December 5 in Amarillo, December 6 in Childress, December 10 in Graham and December 11 in Benjamin.

After these two districts have been covered, Mosley said, the instruction schools will move on through Districts 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10, comprising the wheat section of Texas. The series will be finished in December in time for similar schools to be held in commercial vegetable counties starting in January.

**Grow Winter Vegetables in your Back Yard**

Want winter grown vegetables? Then roll up your sleeves and reach for the spade!

Miss Jennie Camp, Extension Service specialist in home production planning at A. and M. College, outline a simple plan for transforming a cold frame from the conventional plant bed to a flourishing garden of green stuff.

For best results, she says, select a protected plot, three feet by forty, at the south side of a building. Put around it a frame about 12 inches high of scrap or new 1 x 12 inch lumber and spade in about ten inches deep one half to three quarters of a wagon load of well-rotted barnyard fertilizer. If the soil is fairly tight and satisfactory watering is desired, lay a row of sub-irrigation tile of tin cans or concrete down the center and six to eight inches below the surface. If you don't know how to do this one of the county extension agents will be glad to show you. If the soil is loose surface irrigation would be satisfactory.

Make a cover of wall canvas with a substantial hem. Tack down at the back side of the frame and pro-

vide means of fastening it securely across the front and ends. On chilly nights a wagon sheet, old cotton sacks or blankets should be used for additional protection.

Under ordinary conditions three to five plantings in the season can be made. Rows should be eight to sixteen inches apart, planted the narrow way to make cultivation easier. Proper attention must be given to locating the vegetables according to the length of time required for maturity.

Three classes of vegetables may be grown: quick maturing (30-60 days); moderately quick (60-80 days); and slow maturing (80-90 days). As fast as one row is harvested, replant it and the dining table will not want a steady supply of spring vegetables while the snow flies.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nelson are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday, December 4, in a Plainview hospital. The child has been named Etta Sue. Mrs. Nelson and baby was brought home Tuesday from the hospital by Harmon's ambulance.

Class I railroads during the first nine months of 1940 installed in service 265 locomotives, of which 73 were steam and 192 were electric and Diesel. For the same period Class I roads have placed 52,685 new freight cars in service.

Brazil's 1937 cotton crop, largest in the country's history, was only two thirds as large as Texas' production for the same year.

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**1940 Cotton Crop Will Exceed that of Last Year**

The 1940 United States cotton crop will exceed last year's harvest by one million bales and stand only 700,000 bales below the ten-year average, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports.

From this source prospects for a yield of 12,847,000 bales is reported, exceeding the Department of Agriculture's October 1 report by 100,000 bales. Factors responsible for the increase shown in the November 1 forecast include maturing of late bolls in the Carolinas due to unusually favorable weather in October. This resulted in an increase of 105,000 bales in the two states over prospective production a month ago. Favorable weather also boosted yield prospects by 115,000 bales in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Large crop outlook in the five states more than offset poorer prospects in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported.

Ginning is behind the corresponding period of last year over much of the cotton belt, but the crop's quality, on the basis of cotton ginned, is showing somewhat better than at the same time in 1939. The Service reports. A large portion has stapled at medium lengths, and there has been some increase in the proportion stapling at 1 1/16 inches and longer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. visited with friends in Lubbock and Mrs. Jones' brother Tubbs and Mrs. Tubbs.

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