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Miss Mabel Lanum And George Short Married Wednesday

To Be At Home At Mitchell Ranch Following Trip

The Marriage of Miss Mabel Lanum and Mr. George Short took place at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock in a beautiful setting of fern and other greenery, lighted by many candles. The Rev. John W. Byrd read the impressive single ring ceremony. Before the service a program of bridal music was softly played by Miss Virginia Byrd, who also played the Bridal Song, "Lohengrin" and the Wedding March of Mendelssohn. Mrs. Short is a niece of Mrs. C. C. Mitchell and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Short.

Given in marriage by her brother, Thomas Lanum of Akron, Ohio, the bride wore a light blue wool frock trimmed in silver sequins and a shoulder bouquet of white roses. Matching accessories completed her costume. Miss Nellie Lanum of Akron, Ohio, her only attendant, wore a frock of dark blue velvet with matching accessories and a shoulder corsage of pink roses.

The groom was attended by C. C. Mitchell.

After the ceremony, the immediate families and a small group of friends were guests at a reception at the town home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mitchell. Mrs. C. V. Grisham, sister of the groom presided at the table, serving the beautifully decorated three tiered cake, assisted by Mrs. Keith Mitchell who poured coffee.

Out of town guests were Mrs. W. D. Lanum, Miss Nellie Lanum, and Thomas Lanum of Akron, Ohio and Mrs. C. V. Grisham of Fort Worth. When the couple left for a brief wedding trip, Mrs. Short wore a suit of brown wool. Upon returning from their trip the couple will be at home on the Mrs. Mary Mitchell ranch.

LARGE GROUP MEN INDUCTED FROM TERRELL COUNTY

One of the largest groups of inductees left Monday of last week for the induction center at El Paso, and among them were the first group of pre-war fathers who have been called from this county.

Those reporting, and the branch of service for which they were accepted, are as follows: Eulalio F. Rios, Rodolfo M. Arredondo, Donald R. Smith, and M. G. Northcut, Jr., all accepted for the navy.

Isidoro C. Flores, Nieves S. Andrade, Jr., Carlos G. Pena, Reynaldo R. Garza, Leopoldo Caizada, Antonio G. Esqueda, Sabino A. Hoiguin, Jose Olivares, and Jesus Hernandez, accepted for the army.

H. H. Stokes, Eulalio Bustamante, Pedro B. Saenz, Jr., Fidel V. Alvarez, Samuel Guadarrama and Genaro G. Esqueda, not accepted.

Seven additional men were transferred to other boards for induction and were:

George A. Newsom, transferred to Frio County, Pearsall

Harvey Hoard, transferred to Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida.

Juan S. Schmerber, transferred to Maverick County, Eagle Pass.

John S. Weyerts, transferred to Brewster County, Alpine.

Will Locke, Jr., transferred to Los Angeles, Calif.

Jose E. Felan and Guadalupe G. Ortiz, transferred to Val Verde County, Del Rio.

Mrs. W. D. O'Bryant and son, William Doyle, left Monday for San Antonio where they are visiting with her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenschke.

NO LIGHTS AT NEW AIRPORT UNTIL FEBRUARY FIRST

Tony Zidank, American Airlines manager who is stationed here in charge of the new emergency landing field recently completed 15 miles east of Sanderson, left Tuesday for Chicago where he will be for several weeks.

Before leaving Mr. Zidank stated that the power plant and other facilities at the field had been operating until now as a test run, and that there would be no more lights until February first. The beacon and field lights, as well as radio facilities, will be in operation after that time. The field will continue to be used as an auxiliary landing field by army training planes from fields in this territory during the daytime until lights are continued again when they will probably also begin use of the field as well as the navigation aid both day and night.

R. W. Robinson, radio maintenance man with the company, has been here two weeks helping with completing details of the preparation. He left Tuesday with Mr. Zidank.

SELECTIVE SERVICE TIGHTENING UP ON NON-FATHERS

Local Selective Service Boards are tightening up on non-fathers, lessening the number of agriculture and occupational deferments for them and at the same time increasing the number of these deferments for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, it was revealed by a comparison of local board reports for October 1 and December 1 by Selective Service National Headquarters. Total deferments in agriculture December 1, were 1,606,661 of which 692,252 were fathers. This was an increase of 33,674 agriculturally deferred fathers between October 1 and December 1.

Selective Service figures it will be required to furnish between 1,900,000 and 2,100,000 men to the armed forces between December 1 and July—thus providing 700,000 to 900,000 replacements and bringing total strength of all forces, including WAVES and WACS, to 11,300,000.

During October and November, an estimated 150,000 men were reclassified out of IV-F for reexamination by the armed forces.

TRAINER PLANE CRASHES HERE THURS. MORNING

PILOTS BAIL OUT, WALK TO TOWN; PLANE BURNS

A twin-engined trainer plane crashed and burned Thursday morning a few miles north of Sanderson at 5:15 o'clock. The plane was occupied by two students from the Marfa Flying Field who were on a routine cross-country flight when motor trouble developed.

They flew over Sanderson but were not able to see anything other than the lights of the town, so headed north. The pilot stated that one motor had gone completely out on them and that the other motor would not keep them up, so they bailed out. Three planes from the Marfa Field arrived early Thursday morning after they had been notified and flew over the section of the country where the plane was thought to have fallen and burned. The occupants, one with a sprained ankle when his chute landed him on the side of a steep hill just below a cliff, walked into Sanderson and made known their plight. In coming into town they had circled and walked several miles and were of the opinion that they had jumped from the plane five or ten miles out. The planes from Marfa soon located the chutes about three and a half miles almost due north of town, but no trace of the plane was found. Both men stated that they had seen the plane burning after it had crashed, and thought that it could not have possible been more than 15 miles distant.

The boys were returned to the field and one of the planes remained to search the vicinity again for the missing plane. It had not been found Thursday shortly after noon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Frazier and son, Don, spent Christmas in San Antonio visiting with relatives. They returned Monday. Mrs. S. P. Peterson and son, Buddy, returned home with them for several days visit. Mrs. Peterson is a sister of Mr. Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Kutch and son of Lamesa spent Christmas day here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burleson.

Reappointed Chairman



W. B. Clayton, of Houston, Texas, and Washington, D. C., will again lead the Texas celebrations of President Roosevelt's birthday for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The 1944 campaign will be conducted from January 14 to 31 to raise funds for continuing the fight against the dread disease. A great increase of polio cases in 1943 necessitates an intensive campaign with the entire state participating. Mr. Clayton said. All members of the Texas executive committee and all local campaign directors have been requested to serve in 1944. George Waverly Briggs, of Dallas, has accepted the state vice-chairmanship and will be in active charge of the campaign.

Directors Are Appointed For Farm Credit Board

Will Serve Three Year Terms Beginning First Of Year

Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler and Jake Schwartz of Uvalde have been reappointed by Governor A. G. Black of the Farm Credit Board in the Houston district, according to an announcement by Jack Shelton, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston. Judge Lindsey was reappointed as director-at-large and Mr. Schwartz as district director to serve three year terms, beginning January 1, 1944.

As members of the Farm Credit Board, they are also directors of the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank the Houston Bank for Cooperatives and the Production Credit Corporation, the four permanent Farm Credit institutions serving the State of Texas.

Judge Lindsey has been a director of the Federal Land Bank for the entire term of its existence and a director of the Farm Credit Administration since its beginning in 1933. Mr. Schwartz has been a board member since 1935. Both men have had extensive business experience and are actively engaged in farming and ranching operations.

CAMELBACK PRODUCTION SETS NEW RECORD

Production of 25 million pounds of Camelback in November was the largest on record and an increase of approximately 25 percent over October. Though demand still exceeds production, future production is expected to meet all essential needs. The material produced during November was enough to recap 2 1-2 to 3 million passenger tires and 500,000 heavy-duty commercial tires.

TO SPEED VETERAN'S PAY

Action has been taken to eliminate delays between the date a soldier is discharged for physical disability and the time he may begin to receive a pension or other veterans' benefits, according to the War Department. Steps have been taken so that before the soldier leaves the army, he may get not only competent advice on the merits of individual claims, but also a decision on them.

Mr. and Mrs. James House and family spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in San Antonio. They returned Monday.

Anita Hernandez Asphyxiated At J. W. Espy Home

Body Found Sitting In Chair When No Response At Door

Anita Hernandez, 19-year-old Mexican girl, was found dead sitting in a chair in her room at the J. W. Espy ranch home near Fort Davis Christmas morning. The girl had retired the night before, indicating that she was tired, and apparently had sat down in the chair before preparing for bed. She had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams to Fort Davis to care for their little daughter while they were visiting with Mrs. Williams parents.

Saturday morning no reply was received when she was called and still no response came when they knocked at the door. Upon trying the door it was discovered to be locked. Another door was found to be unlocked after the latch on the screen had been lifted, but it was necessary to force the door open as the chair in which the body was sitting had been placed against it. When it was opened strong gas fumes were discovered and upon entering the room it was found that the heating stove was not burning although gas was flowing freely from it. She had not removed her clothing or opened her suitcase in preparation for going to bed, but was sitting in the chair with her head placed on her arm. She was the daughter of Julio and R-yee Hernandez of Sanderson, and had been employed by Mrs. Williams for several months.

It was thought possible that the wind had blown the fire out when she had entered the room, or that because both doors of the room were closed and no fresh air could enter, the oxygen had been burned from the air causing the flame to go out and allowing the room to become filled with gas, causing asphyxiation.

Funeral services were held from the local Catholic Church Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock with interment in the Santa Rita Cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Joe Oberkamp Funeral Directors.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister and three brothers. One brother, Pvt. Jose Hernandez, came for the services from his station at Fort Bliss, arriving Sunday, and a half-brother, Pvt. Polo Gamboa, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., arrived Tuesday.

Southern Pacific Sets Record For Fourth Straight Year

Manpower Serious Problem Says Head Official of Road

Southern Pacific traffic climbed to a new all-time high in 1943 for the fourth year in succession. President A. T. Mercier revealed Thursday in Houston in a review of the Company's activities in the second year of the war. The statement was released by H. M. Lull, executive vice-president of Southern Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana.

A further increase is expected in 1944. Mercier said, and the railroad will need more manpower and equipment to handle the still heavier load.

Net ton miles of freight in 1943 were two and one-half times greater than in 1939, the last year before defense production affected rail transportation. Passenger miles were three and one-half times greater than in 1941, the last year before the great wartime increase in rail-

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FROM TEXAS TO TOKIO

A letter received by W. C. Durbon from his son, Capt. Carson Durbon, who is stationed somewhere in England contains the information that he is getting along fine there but would like to be back home. He says in part: "... I feel fine, and have managed to keep from having a cold even though it's really cold and damp here. I guess England is ok, but I sure can't say much for their weather.

"I'm getting a lot of exercise now because I have to ride a bicycle around the post. Maybe I'll get in shape for our hunting trip. Bet I couldn't walk up a mountain any more. I'm getting too soft. Sure wish I was home so I could get a nice fat gobbler."

Word from Pvt. Marshall Cooke, stationed at Fort Emory, Colorado, Calif., in a letter received by his parents is that he and W. T. Frazier, U. S. Navy, got together Sunday and looked up Cambell Kerr for a real visit.

In the "Cannon Report", a small tabloid newspaper published weekly for the personnel of Fort Rosecrans, which was mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke is found an article dealing with the results of basketball games. In part, the story reads: "... In a fast, surprising game last Saturday, that featured razzle dazzle playing by the "Head Men", Headquarters, 3rd Bn., rallied in the final half to nose out Btry G 42, to -40. Although Hq. 3rd Bn. was trailing on the short end of a 24-12 score at the half they found the basket with more regularity in the final period and rapidly diminished Btry G's lead. Pvt. "Dead-Eye" Cooke starred for the winners with 14 points, trailed by T-5 Fromm with 12." The "Dead-Eye" referred to is our own Marshall Cooke.

Sgt. W. J. Ferguson, Jr., who has been stationed in a hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, for several months, left Christmas day to return to Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, where he was attending officers candidate school when he became ill. He does not know whether he will resume his studies there or will be assigned to some other post. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson visited with Bill Christmas Day before he left San Antonio.

Bill Cochran, U. S. Navy Air Corps and stationed at Lafayette, La., arrived Thursday of last week to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Cochran.

Sgt. Pat Harris and Mrs. Harris arrived here Wednesday of last week from Harlingen and are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Harris. Sgt. Harris is stationed at the Harlingen Army Air Field. He will report for duty Jan. 3rd.

Reginald Monroe and Jack Turner, both of the U. S. Marine Corps and stationed somewhere in the South Pacific have gotten together again according to letters written to their parents here. Jack and Reginald enlisted together in October of 1942 at San Antonio and received their first training together at San Diego. They were separated at that station but say they think they will be together again for some time. Both are getting a long fine.

Cpl. Ricardo Bustamante sends the staff of the Times season's greetings from Great Britain. He did not state how long he had been in England, but evidently is getting along fine.

Aviation Cadet Jim Wilkinson, who is receiving his basic training at Newport, Ark., is here for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Wil-

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OUR STAFF WISHES YOU ALL A



We aren't worried about the New Year when we remember the fine spirit of cooperation that you have shown in your dealings with us in 1943! Surely, the American people cannot fail while such a spirit motivates their actions. We wish to thank you for your patience and understanding during these critical months

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AWAKENING

From farmers to bankers, from workmen to business men, a majority of whom have heretofore been too preoccupied with making money to think about more fundamental matters...

Evidence of the awakening is pouring in from every side. No one is more impressed with this new stirring of mass intelligence than are editors...

Numerous labor leaders have expressed growing fear of big government, and warn that labor's future depends on the maintenance of individual enterprise...

bankers are always sounding off about private enterprise, but haven't done much about it, and he added: "Meanwhile, the government has moved into private banking to an extent that the public doesn't suspect..."

The farmers are also discovering the danger inherent in an expanding government of men rather than laws. A special House agriculture committee has charged that farm families have been held as virtual serfs on government rehabilitation projects...

In the front ranks of the New Awakening are the business men. The editor of a group of leading business publications bluntly strikes at provinciality in front offices with the words: "Thinking straight about problems that are beyond our personal and immediate status..."

And finally, to those who foolishly rail at bureaucracy and plead for favors from government in the same breath, Hatton Sumners of Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, has voiced a reminder that should be quoted from one end of the land to the other: "You people are the government, the State provides the only machinery through which democracy can function..."

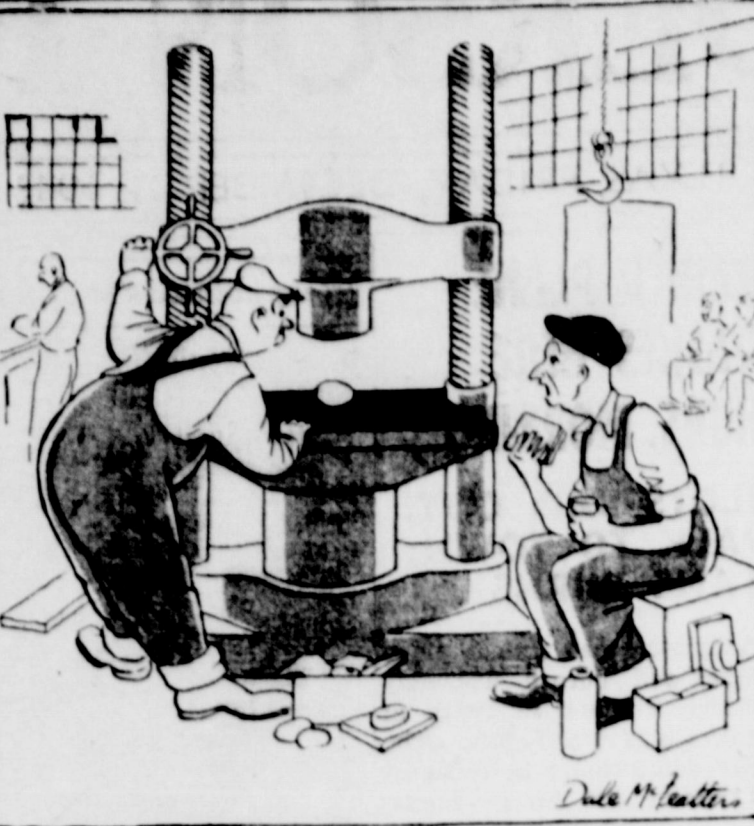
It Happened In Sanderson TEN YEARS AGO This Week - Remember

December 29, 1933

A special meeting of the Terrell County Commissioners was held Tuesday for the purpose of opening bids which were recent-

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeeters



"It still seems a lot of trouble just to crack an egg!"

ly advertised for the purchase of a one and one-half ton truck

Mrs. A. C. Clatfelter and children are visiting relatives and friends in El Paso this week.

Charlie Chandler and sons started this week to drive their livestock back to the old Chandler ranch on Independence.

Two years ago, Mr. Chandler leased his Independence ranch to M. H. Goode, Jr., and moved his livestock to a ranch near Marathon. For the past year he has been leasing range in the south part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. James House spent Christmas in Carrizo Springs with relatives.

Mrs. James Kerr and sons, left last Saturday for San Antonio where they are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher returned Tuesday from El Paso where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bodkin.

Russel Dyer came in last Friday morning from Baker city, Oregon, to visit his mother, Mrs. A. B. Dyer.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Alpine Avalanche— Hancock Hall is the new name for the Sul Ross men's dormitory located on College Hill, back of the main college buildings.

The name was selected after a questionnaire had been sent out by President H. W. Morelock to the "old guard" faculty members who have been with the institution from the time it was established, the faculty members voting in favor of the name, honoring the late W. B. Hancock, who donated the land upon which most of the college buildings now stand. The board of regents, at

a meeting held in San Antonio November 25, formally approved the action of the "old guard" in selecting the name.

Hudspeth County News—Geo. Whitehead and Cotton Whitehead are bringing 4500 head of sheep this week for their ranch near Sierra Blanca. Mr. Franklin is foreman for George Whitehead. The Whitehead ranch here has run as many as 12,000 head of sheep at one time.

Big Bend Sentinel, Marfa—Improvement work under way this week in the business district is creating two attractive store-rooms in the building adjoining the Model Shop.

Car Parts Depot will occupy the north storeroom, moving from the present location in the Hoffman Building, across the street. The other 21-foot frontage, owned by Dr. Monroe Slack, is being improved as rental property.

Uvalde Leader News—Additional high honors came to the Uvalde High school this week when for the twenty-eight consecutive year the school was approved for membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges for the school year 1943-44. This is a record which is unequalled by any other high school in this part of the State, and this recognition is the highest rating possible for southern high schools.

Fort Stockton Pioneer—The offices of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be moved from Sonora to Fort Stockton about the first of January, it was announced here this week by Marsh Lea, Fort Stockton ranchman who was recently elevated to the presidency of the organization at the annual convention held in Fort Worth.

Vestel Askew, secretary, was here Wednesday making plans for transfer of the office here, and trying to locate a house for himself and Mrs. Askew.

Publication Says American Farmers Are Not Sanitary

Officials Want Japs To Contribute To American Way Of Life

A slur aimed at every American farmer came to light recently when it was disclosed that the War Relocation Authority, set up by President Roosevelt, urged interned Japanese to take jobs on farms in mid-West states in order to teach Americans lessons in sanitation.

On December 5, 1943, almost exactly two years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Washington newspapers featured the astounding story of how a New Deal publication, MID-WEST FRONTIERS, published by the WRA, addressed the Japs in these words:

"Believe it or not, some few tenants and seasonal workers (in Ohio and Michigan) do not bathe! They think it is unhealthy. We need you people to change our ideas about this. You have a lesson to teach Ohio and Michigan farmers in sanitation. It is a contribution you can make to our way of living."

Many Congressmen immediately apologized to the patriotic farmers for his slur against them.

This disclosure came as a climax to reports of poor management, wasteful administrative practices and excessive payroll-paddling by the War Relocation Authority, a New Deal agency.

On December 7, 1941, all of the 110,000 Japanese in the United States naturally were suspected, although doubtless some were loyal to this country, and the Army moved them into inland camps where the Japs were kept under strict surveillance. No trouble was recorded as long as the Army had charge of the Japs, but on March 18, 1942, President Roosevelt set up the "War Relocation Authority" without consulting Congress.

A typical New Dealer, Dillon Myer, was made director of the new bureau, which today has more than 2,900 employees (250 in Washington) and has obtained over \$120,000,000 from Congress. Despite these enormous expenditures, the WRA has arrived at no successful formula for the interned Japanese.

Washington was astounded more than a year ago with reports that a Japanese association was working closely with WRA to have Japanese "freed" from the camps. A little later, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes hired some of the Japs for work on his farm. Other Government administrators followed suit.

Still later came a well-organized move, originating in the WRA, to move all the interned Japs back to their West coast homes, but this met opposition from General Emmons, who later was relieved of his West Coast Command by the War Department.

A Democratic Congressman told the nation recently the true story of the Japanese riots at the Tule Lake Relocation Center in California and accused the present political Administration of mismanagement and of coddling the Japanese.

Reports still circulate in Washington that the Japanese get thick steaks and other de-

INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CARE FOR PERSONAL HEALTH

"Among the New Year's resolutions to be made and faithfully kept, every individual in Texas should include a determination to do everything within his power to safeguard his own and his community's health," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, stated in Austin today. "The health of the community, the state, and the nation can be no better than that of the individuals comprising the citizenship and in the present emergency every precaution should be observed to prevent the spread of sickness and the possible appearance of epidemics," Dr. Cox said.

The State Health Officer recommended the use of immunization, the maintenance of high sanitation standards in community life and constant watchfulness in keeping personal hygiene and home sanitation at safe levels.

"Some of the most dangerous and debilitating diseases can be completely stamped out by immunization," Dr. Cox stated, "and most other contagious diseases can be held in proper check if proper care is used to isolate the victim and keep others from coming in contact

leacies denied to the "common" man and that huge quantities of war-rationed food, some of it unobtainable by Americans with or without ration stamps, was stored in a Japanese relocation unit in Wyoming, with Jap inmates hiding these foodstuffs in attics and in some instances exchanging ration commodities, such as hams, bacon and canned goods for whiskey.

TOM MILLER AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Del Rio - Sanderson

W GREETINGS 1944 Happy New Year

We make a Prediction And a Wish As the old year wanes Our Prediction: 1944 is going to be a very bad year for the Japs. Our Wish: That 1944 be especially favorable to you... chockful of health happiness and prosperity.

PIGGLY WIGGLY JAMES HOUSE Free valuable book helps solve menu problems "CHEESE RECIPES WARTIME MEALS" Here are 22 excellent recipes for Kraft Kitchen... recipes for meals that will be a big help with rationing. The book is illustrated, recipes are in large, easy-to-read type. For your copy just send order form below.



Above the clangor of the midnight bells one might hear the ringing of another Bell, whose chimes mean "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In your pursuit of happiness during 1944 we wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

WHISTLER DRUG

NEW YEAR 1944 NEW HOPE! Paul Revere was born on New Year's Day, 1735. We hail that day! And just as he returned to his goldsmith's work, long after his historic ride, so will we return to the normal occupations of the ways of peace. That day we also hail, looking forward to it with renewed hope. On this Eve of New Year, 1944, we salute all of our friends. Happy New Year to you! FRANK'S SUPER SERVICE

1944 Greetings WE WISH FOR YOU IN 1944 LOADS OF GOOD LUCK SANDERSON MERCHANTILE COMPANY

BRING YOUR FURS DEAD WOOL and MOHAIR to W. A. HAYNES ONE MILE EAST TOWN AT LAST CHANCE BUILDING

We pause to extend our sincere holiday greetings to our customers and friends. It has been a pleasure to have served you in 1943. We hope for a continuance of your friendship in 1944.

EARL PIERSON
AGENT FOR
FAY HUNSAKER
DISTRIBUTOR OF PHILLIPS BUTANE



The hum of those Liberators high in the sky is a portent of progress—a glimpse of the reality that, speed the day! lies beyond the turn of the road. Freedom is on the march!

That you may participate in all of the good things that 1944 may bring is our sincere New Year's wish for you.

THE TEXAS CO
M. R. (SON) TURNER, MGR.



* The first Union Flag of 13 stripes was unfurled by George Washington on New Year's Day, 1776. This is another good reason for rejoicing at this time, for Old Glory is a symbol of freedom wherever it waves.

So, Happiest New Year to you, and God bless you, one and all!

JIMMIE'S STEAK HOUSE
JAMES WORD

AT THE PRINCESS—

BETTE DAVIS, PAUL LUKAS
IN "WATCH ON THE RHINE"

"Watch on the Rhine," Warner Bros.' film version of Lillian Hellman's famous prize-winning play comes to the Princess Theatre Sunday and Monday. The picture has an impressive cast headed by Bette Davis and Paul Lukas. Featured players include Geraldine Fitzgerald, brilliant young actress of "Dark Victory" and "The Gay Sissers," Lucille Watson of Broadway fame, Beulah Bondi and George Coulouris, that jet-black villain of radio, stage and screen.

In this intensely dramatic story of human beings and their courageous fight for freedom, Bette Davis, Hollywood's top dramatic actress is cast as Sara Muller, American wife of Kurt Muller, a German anti-Fascist. Action is laid in the luxurious Washington home of Fanny Farrelly, wealthy widow and mother of Sara, and begins with the visit of Sara, Kurt and their three children. Mother and daughter have not seen one another for 18 years, and the reunion is tender and moving.

As the story progresses, the mystery of the weary and sick Kurt Muller begins to emerge. The children, delighted with this unaccustomed luxury, inadvertently reveal that they are more accustomed to being in hiding; Count Teck de Brancovis, a house guest of dubious character, acts too curious regarding Kurt and his affairs. Fanny Farrelly, at first oblivious to undertones hinting impending tragedy, is gradually brought to an understanding of her son-in-law's true profession, and with it comes a more realistic appraisal of the world as it is today.

The terrific climax of the story is in the showdown between Kurt and the pro-Nazi Count, whose attempted blackmailing Kurt answers with the kind of heroism to be found only in one who fights for something more important than himself.

"NORTHERN PURSUIT,"
EPIC OF ADVENTURE

A fiery-brilliant performance by Errol Flynn, against the icy-

brilliant background of the snowy expanses of Canada's Hudson Bay country, dominates the vivid epic of adventure.

"Northern Pursuit," the new picture which plays at the Princess Theatre Wednesday and Thursday. In an exciting narrative which cleverly alternates guile with explosive outbursts of physical action, his portrayal is a sensitively accurate blending of his impetuosity in "They Died With Their Boots On" and his restraint in "Edge of Darkness."

Julie Bishop, Helmut Dantine, John Ridgely and Gene Lockhart head a supporting cast which is in every instance equal to the story's dramatic vigor and intensity.

To the party of uniformed Nazis, landed on the coast of Hudson Bay on a sabotage mission, the setting is a hostile force which almost annihilates them at the very outset. Only the leader, Colonel von Keller (Helmut Dantine) survives an avalanche of snow and falls into the hands of Royal Canadian Flynn) and Jim Austen (John Ridgely).

Speaking German to the Nazi and revealing his own German descent, Steve hopes to learn more of the captive's mission and his Canadian contacts. But the less subtle Inspector Barnett Claps Keller into a concentration camp, which doesn't hold him very long.

An elaborate plan to regain contact with Keller meets a Nazi, who needs Steve in order plans. The play and counter-play between Steve and Keller continues with the terrain again an ally of Steve, until the trail comes to its end: an abandoned mine in which lies a disassembled bomber with which the Nazi hope to bomb the Welland Canal. In a climactic struggle the plan is finally frustrated.

As Flynn's sweetheart Laura, Julie Bishop is as forceful and resourceful as she is pretty, taking a key part in the strenuous action. Helmut Dantine as von Keller continues to avenge his real-life imprisonment in a concentration camp by a full-length portrayal of a Nazi that audiences will love to hate.

The sincerity and integrity which made John Ridgely such

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To have served you in 1943 has been a pleasure and a privilege. We hope we have served you well enough to merit your patronage in 1944. Right now we want to say
Happy New Year To You and Yours

MI-LADY'S BEAUTY SHOP
MRS. HOUSTON STOKES



LIKE a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1944 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

JAKE'S BARBER SHOP



Just a line to extend to you our sincere thanks for your patronage in 1943, and to wish you and yours a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. Remember, we are always at your service.

D. O. BOSWORTH
WINDMILL WORK



* The success we enjoyed in 1943 is not merely the result of chance. It is the accumulating reward of long years of effort on our part to give the most in quality and service for your money. That policy holds good in 1944, a year which, we hope, will shower many blessings upon you.

SANDERSON BAKERY



PROGRESS IS THE KEYNOTE OF THE FUTURE. AND ON ONE POINT AT LEAST WE ARE FIRMLY RESOLVED. WE ARE GOING TO SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS STILL BETTER IN 1944. OUR EARNEST WISH IS THAT THE COMING YEAR MAY HAVE MANY UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS IN STORE FOR YOU AND YOURS.

ROYAL CLEANERS
W. W. SUDDUTH



TICK, tock! Tick, tock! 1943 is wearing out. Another and, we hope, much better year, is ahead of us. Let us enter it with new zeal, new hope, new objectives. Looking forward, we wish you all the blessings the bright New Year can possibly bring.

BORDER SERVICE STATION
HAL J. ROWLETT



Our entire business has been built upon friendship. We look upon all our customers as our friends, and are determined to give them the friendliest service possible. It is our aim to wrap up a little friendliness in each transaction.

Thanks, friends, one and all, for the privilege of serving you. And we want to say right now, as fervently as we can say it . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR
McKNIGHT MOTOR CO.

AT THE PRINCESS-

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a likeable character in "Air Force" again marks him as a comer and the seasoned Gene Lockhart, giving spirit and substance to an important char-

acter role, is certainly a "stayer." In which connection it might be interesting to note that Monte Blue's handling of his part keeps him definitely on the "comeback" trail. Raoul Walsh is a director with a decided knack for action. Here in the frozen North he keeps things warm and humming,

THE UNTIDY HOUSEKEEPER



with no danger that either actors or audience will suffer from frost-bite. He has often been assigned to Flynn's pictures and again their collaboration has produced a gratifying result.

"Northern Pursuit," produced by Jack Chertock, was written by Frank Gruber and Alvah Bes-

sie from Leslie T. White's story. Prominent among the supporting players are Tom Tully, Bernard Nedell, Alec Craig, Tom Fadden and Warren Douglas, a rapidly rising newcomer.

RATIONING At A Glance

Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in book four is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in book one, good for one pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in book three good for one pair.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamps L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1. Brown stamp R is good through January 29. Brown stamp S becomes good January 2 and remains good through January 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of war ration book four is good for 5 points for the purchase of pork through January 1.

Processed Foods — Green stamps D, E, and F in book four are good through January 20.

Gasoline coupons are not valid for purchase of gasoline unless state and license number endorsed in ink on face of stamp prior to time of purchase.

It used to be that when the starter on a man's car wouldn't work, he got out and cranked. Nowadays, he just sits and waits until somebody comes along to give him a push.



The top of the world to you, folks! And now listen! We're going to give you still better service in 1944. Think we can? We've got a record to beat, but just watch us. This is our New Year's pledge to old customers, to new and potential.

EMPIRE CLEANERS
MRS. P. E. DISHMAN

ADDRESS RATION BOOKS

Hundreds of lost ration books dropped in the mail by the finders are being sent to the Dead Letter Office every month because owners failed to fill in their addresses on the covers, according to OPA. Every holder of a ration book should make certain that his current address is plainly written in the space provided for that purpose on the cover.

Holiday Cheer



The future? Your guess is as good as ours—but, if our wishes count for anything, there is a lot of health and happiness in store for you in 1944.

LOMA ALTA SERVICE STATION
CLAYTON STUBBLEFIELD

ALAMO LUMBER COMPANY
R. V. RANEY, MGR.



WE can hardly wish you 366 SUNNY days during 1944, but we can and do wish you 366 HAPPY days. We hope that the coming year brings you more true happiness, true friendships, and more opportunities than any year that has gone before.

Spirit of '44 GREETINGS



MANY years of continued progress can, in no small measure, be attributed to your esteemed friendship and cherished patronage. To all of you we extend thanks and most sincere holiday greetings, with the hope that 1944 has in store for you much that is beyond your most optimistic expectations.

OWL TRUCK LINE AND FEED STORE
M. G. NORTHCUT



SOME day soon we hope to thank you personally for your kindness to us during 1943. But right now, with the Spirit of New Year's in the air we want to say

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kerr Hotel and Coffee Shop
COFFEE SHOP CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25-26



HAPPY NEW YEAR

For many years in succession we have been wishing our friends and customers a Happy New Year. It is with the greatest of pleasure that we now renew this custom. Many thanks, and every good wish for you.

HARRELL'S DAIRY



The past comes before us in review... memories of peaceful New Years; memories of rainy New Years; and of New Year's Eves when the wind shrieked like a banshee and sleigh-bells jangled along country roads; memories of when this town was young. Yes, we have seen many a New Year's come and go.

To the oldest inhabitant, to the youngest, and to all the good folk in between, we say now, as we have said so often,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BUFF CAFE
MR. AND MRS. H. G. HOLT



Undue Optimism is hardly justified, but, looking into our crystal ball, we see better days ahead. In the light of this fact we say Happy New Year with the old-time spirit. May the best of everything come your way in 1944.

SANDERSON STATE BANK



ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1944 IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENVISION A BETTER WORLD... "A WORLD WHICH SHALL AFFORD TO ALL NATIONS THE MEANS OF DWELLING IN SAFETY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH WILL AFFORD ASSURANCE THAT ALL MEN IN ALL LANDS MAY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT." MAY GOD SPEED THAT DAY, WE PRAY, AS WE SEND YOU OUR NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

JOE OBERKAMPF

President Gives Own Christmas Greetings

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MAKING AMERICA STRONG

BLOCKBUSTERS!

CARRIED BY LIBERATORS AND FLYING FORTRESSES, THE GIANT BLOCKBUSTER WEIGHS UP TO 4,000 POUNDS. TEN AND A HALF FEET LONG, 42 INCHES IN DIAMETER, IT CAN CAUSE WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION WITHIN A RADIUS OF 100 YARDS!

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are crying for meat, because that would be in violation of bureaucratic directives exemplifying the omniscient judgement of the OPA. I can't eat 34 hogs myself. So the only legal manner in which I can dispose of them is to give them away.

Having done so much for the farmer I feel that there should be some reciprocation, so having something to give away I'm going to give you the honor of receiving the first. I am therefore sending you one nice pig, express prepaid. No doubt Vice-President Wallace and Secretary Jones will be glad to butcher this pig for you, unless you think it inadvisable to trust them together with knives."

Mrs. Keith Mitchell returned last week from several weeks visit at Hemphill with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bustin Canon spent the Christmas holidays in Austin with their daughter and family, Lt. and Mrs. H. Herbert Brown and baby daughter.

Mrs. Frank Weigand returned Sunday of last week from several days visit in San Antonio.

Miss Helen Ruth Harrell, who is attending the University of Texas at Austin, is here for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Harrell.

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Funds Available For Care of Soldier Wives, Children

Federal funds are now available with which to provide maternal care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces and for medical and nursing care for their infants, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has released funds to the Texas State Health Department with which to administer this program.

Two distinct services will be rendered under this program, explained Dr. Cox: complete maternity care for wives of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; medical and hospital care for sick infants under one year of age whose fathers are within these four pay grades.

Maternity care as provided under this program will consist of medical care during the prenatal period, child birth, and six weeks thereafter—including any complications resulting from pregnancy.

Sick infants will be given medical, hospital, and nursing care during the first year of life. Nursing care, in the home, will be made available by local health departments where there are established services. Bedside nursing care will be provided only upon the recommendation of the attending physician.

Forms for requesting care may be obtained from the local or State health departments, Welfare agencies, American Red Cross Chapters, USO centers and local physicians.

The United States Congress

made it clear in passing the legislation making provision for this service that this is not a "charity" service, but that it is to be provided as the right of any wife and infant of an enlisted man in the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh pay grades of our armed forces.

Miss Adeline McConaughey of San Antonio left Monday to return to her duties after spending Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. D. O. Bosworth and Mr. Bosworth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caroline and son, Jimmie, returned Wednesday from Pecos where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sudduth and little daughter, Barbara Ann, spent Christmas in Fort Stockton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown.

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1944 Greetings

An old adage assures us that "silence is golden," but, on the Eve of New Year's, we can hardly agree. We believe this is the time to speak up and tell you how much we have appreciated your patronage during the past year, and to wish you good luck in 1944.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP
MRS. ALTHEA O'BRYANT

HEAR THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Ring out wild bells your New Year's greetings. Blow, whistles, blow! On with the dance, let the joy be unconfined!

Again we wish for you all the good things that 1944's cornucopie may contain.

TIP FRAZIER

INSURED TRUCKING

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELCOME OUR NEW YEAR
BRING EXTRA FORCE
TO BACKING IT UP
A SOLDIER, SAILOR
MARINE. YES, HERE'S
BRING YOU A GREAT,
PROUD NEW YEAR.

E. CORDER
CONTRACTOR

HOLIDAY CHEER TO ALL 1944

With the Hun on the way out, there is unusual cause for rejoicing this New Year's of 1944. So, let us make merry in the fullest sense of the word.

We wish you a Happy New Year, and look forward to greater service to all of you in 1944.

BEST CAFE

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

of KNOWLEDGE by TOPPS

WALKIE-TALKIE ONE-WAY RADIO STATIONS MADE FOR ARMY SCOUTS ARE NOW USED ON SHIPBOARD FOR COMMUNICATION WITH NEARBY BOATS

WOMEN NOW MAKE UP MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL PERSONNEL IN AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION COMPANIES

A COMPANION IS SOMEONE WITH WHOM YOU SHARE IDEAS. THE WORD IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN WORDS "COM" (WITH) AND "FRANS" (FRANCO).

A CANTROUPE IS NOT A MUSKATELON. ITS NAME IS ONE OF SEVERAL TYPES OF HARELINS THAT BELONG TO THE MUSKATELON FAMILY.

INDUSTRY IS BUILDING A 38-TON WATERWHEEL GENERATOR WHICH WILL ADD ALMOST 300,000 WATTS OF ELECTRIC POWER FOR U. S. ARMY ENCAMPMENTS AND CITIES IN ICELAND.

Happy New Year 1944

Sponge off the slate --- Let's start a spotless page

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PYTHAGORAS, when asked what time was, replied that it was the soul of the world. And so it is. Time—precious, priceless—is the span during which we build up enduring friendships, and in our business friendship counts for a great deal. We thank you cordially for yours.

MAY THE SANDS OF THE HOUR GLASS, DRAINING AWAY DURING 1944, BRING TO YOU MANY GOLDEN HOURS OF HAPPINESS AND JOY

Cooke's Food Market

MR. AND MRS. GREENE COOKE

HOLIDAY SEASON



May this New Year's bear a photographic likeness to the one of your heart's desire, and may 1944 be an album of 366 very happy days. This, friends and patrons, is our New Year's wish for you.

Princess Theatre

Sunday - Monday
Matinee Sunday, 2:00 P. M.

"WATCH ON THE RHINE"
BETTE DAVIS
PAUL LUKAS

Tuesday
"FALCON STRIKES BACK"

Wed. - Thursday
"NORTHERN PURSUIT"
ERROL FLYN
JULIA BISHOP

Friday - Saturday
January 7th and 8th
"SOULS AT SEA"
GARY COOPER
GEORGE RAFT

FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS

Tom Shaffer is spending the Christmas holidays in San Angelo with relatives.

Mrs. W. E. Grigsby is in San Angelo where she was called to be with her father, J. L. Glass, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conner and baby returned Monday from Del Rio where Mr. Conner recently underwent an emergency appendectomy. He was getting along fine, but contracted a case of the flu after returning to Sanderson. He is somewhat improved at this writing.

PICKING DAISIES



ALL HAIL THE NEW YEAR

Peace On Earth...

ONE'S "home may be frail; its roof may shake, the wind may blow through it, the storms may enter, the rain may enter", but at New Year's even such a home may be alight with cheer.

Standing on the threshold of 1944 there is reason to believe that the new chapter has brighter pages for all. With this thought we extend to all **OUR SINCERE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS**

CITY DRUG STORE

Southern Pacific —
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road transportation began. "Our personnel met the severest tests in the company's history but came through victoriously in every undertaking in 1943," Mercier declared. "New records were achieved by nearly 100,000 Southern Pacific men and women in spite of a growing manpower shortage, now around 10,000, and a stringency of equipment necessitating the most intense utilization of locomotives and cars."

As a further indication of the size of Southern Pacific's war load, it was pointed out that the traffic for every day in 1943 was greater than the traffic of fall peak days in peacetime years.

President Mercier also called attention to the fact that the



METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Services:
9:55 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
3:30 p. m. Church School, (Dryden).

4:30 p. m. Worship (Dryden).
8:00 p. m. Evening worship.
Nursery maintained during morning service at Parsonage.
Rev. John Klassen, Pastor

BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday:
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
7:00 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening Worship

Monday:
4:00 p. m. Meeting of Missionary Society.
Wednesday:
8:00 p. m. Prayer Service and Bible Study.
James O. Todd, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study, 10:00 A. M.
Singing Service begins 10:50 A. M.
Preaching Service, 11:05 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.
Communion morning and Evening.
Wednesday night service at 7:45 o'clock.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mass every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 a. m.
Mass on week days at 7:45 a. m.
Rev. N. Femenia, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. John W. Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School--- 10 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m.
Evening worship at 8:00.
Choir practice, Wednesday at 8:00.
Woman's auxiliary every 2nd and 4th Monday at 3:00 p. m.

ST. ELIZABETH EPISCOPAL MISSION
Communion Service at 10:30 a. m.
Evening Services at 7:30.
First Wednesday of each month. All welcome.
W. H. Martin

MEXICAN METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Services:
10:00 a. m. Church School
11:30 a. m. Youth Fellowship
8:30 p. m. Preaching service
Worship services: Thursday at 8:30 p. m.
Everyone welcome.
Rev. P. O. Calderon, Pastor

NEGLECT MAY INVITE PYORRHEA
Do your gums itch, burn or cause you discomfort, druglists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy. **CITY DRUG.**

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On
Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.
Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.
No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

MAKING AMERICA STRONG

HELLCAT!

INDUSTRY IS TURNING OUT HUNDREDS OF THESE NEW WAR-INSPIRED NAVY FIGHTERS WHICH "GO UP- STAIRS FASTER!"



sudden wartime industrialization of the West and Southwest, added to the westbound flow of military traffic, has made Southern Pacific's transcontinental westbound traffic heavier than its eastbound, whereas in pre-war years the reverse was true.

Manpower is Southern Pacific's greatest problem today, according to the announcement.

"With more than 14,000 former employes in the armed forces, our company is facing a serious shortage of personnel in almost every phase of its operations," Mercier said. "Every means is being used to overcome this handicap, including the employment of some 4,000 women in non-clerical capacities to do work formerly performed exclusively by men. We have also imported about 7,000 Mexican track workers, all efforts to recruit this labor in the United States having failed."

Heavier loading of freight cars, quick unloading at terminals, record-breaking upkeep of rolling stock, and further installations of centralized traffic control, whereby the capacity of single track is increased about 50 percent, were cited among the

helpful factors in handling Southern Pacific's unprecedented traffic.

But the tremendous load in 1943 could not have been carried, he said, without the practical and sustained cooperation of commercial and military shippers, Office of Defense Transportation, Interstate Commerce Commission and Regional Shippers Advisory Boards.

The generous aid of the press in helping to explain the wartime problems of the railroads has also been of great value, the railroad president said.

"Whatever the demands upon Southern Pacific in 1944, I know the company's men and women can be relied upon to continue to do a grand job," President Mercier declared.

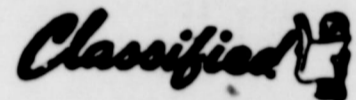
Miss Billie Jo Leatherwood arrived Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Miss Iva Leatherwood, and with Mr. and Mrs. James Word. She returned with Clyde Word who spent Christmas in Ozona with his family.

Mrs. C. V. Grisham of Fort Worth returned home Thursday after a two weeks visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Short.

TEXAS TO TOKIO—
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son, Jim was met at Monohans Sunday by his father and will leave Monday to resume his studies.

A letter received from John Fisher Charlton, A. M. M. 3-c. U. S. Navy, tells us that he has completed his "boot camp" training and is visiting in Glendale, Calif., where he formerly



FOR SALE—Two Briggs & Stratton AC Electric Automatic light plants. Bill Haynes, 1 mile east of town. 40-tfc

FOUND—Red bald-faced steer calf, marked under sloped right ear. Owner inquire at the Times office. 43-c

BIG BEND ABSTRACT CO.
Asa Jones-Owned
Dependable
Brewster County Abstracts
R. W. Taylor, Mgr. Alpine, Tex.
Fuller Bldg. — Upstairs

was employed with company. He states received his aircraft mate rating before "boot camp". Says ing orders for some

Charles Rogers, Jr. second class, writes that he is now instructor operators school, in or near the Hawaiian Islands. Charles has been at school for the past months and evidently tered the course pro- oughly since he has instructor.

Information received public relations office Army Service Forces Center, New Orleans, the effect that Pvt. H heard in a radio broadcast Sunday morning place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee of McCamey spent here with his parents Mrs. Lee Grigsby. H. L. Grigsby of also visited here with his grandparents his parents while they

Turkey FOR SALE YOUNG AND FAT Pounds. See ALFRED BEN OR PHONE

DR. R. VAN B DENTIST - X- In Office Tuesday-W Friday - Saturday McCombs Mondays- Office of DR. E. A. ROBE Fort Stockton,



* Another year, another page... time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers still better than the year before

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY HAVE A GOOD TIME AND DROP IN TO SEE US REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME HERE



THE KERR MERCANTILE COMPANY
COMPLETE DEPARTMENT STORE