

# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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## Red Cross Needs More Workers

There are not enough workers to make surgical dressings fast enough to fill our quota on time. Callahan County Chapter's quota is 22,400 surgical dressings to be made by January 9, 1943. Less than half of these dressings have been completed. The need is urgent, WONT YOU PLEASE respond and HELP complete these?

On June first this year only 601 Chapters in the entire country were making surgical dressings. On October first, 2,264 chapters were making them. As you know, Red Cross makes 90 per cent of all Surgical Dressings needed for our armed forces, and that need is enormous. Manufacturers have neither the facilities nor the labor to undertake suddenly this vast program. Therefore, the Red Cross has a definite clearcut obligation to be met.

On account of gas and tire ra-

tioning, the ladies in the county are unable to come often to work in the Surgical Dressing room. For that reason more workers must be asked to respond in Baird. The ladies in other towns and communities can well take the sewing and knitting and do it. Of course if you can come in and work in the Surgical Dressing rooms, do so by all means. The requirements are: a wash dress and a covering for your hair, a piece of wash material is excellent Do not wear these garments, but bring them and change in our dressing room. Do not wear nail polish. These are sanitary precautions for the protection of the wounded. I am sure you will be only too glad to comply with these rules of the National Red Cross.

MRS. T. P. BEARDEN,  
Chairman of Production.

## Ernest Dungan Reported "Missing" In Navy

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Dungan received a message from the War Department this morning telling them that their son Ernest, in the navy, was "missing in action".

Ernest enlisted in the U. S. Navy about a year ago. The Dungans live on Snyder lease, owned by Ungren and Frazier.

## Mrs. B. F. Brittain Buried At Putnam

Mrs. B. F. Brittain, widow of Dr. B. F. Brittain, pioneer physician of Putnam, died Wednesday, Dec 9th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Browning, in Fort Worth following an illness of several weeks.

The remains were brought to Putnam, the home of the deceased for burial, funeral services being held Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church, the services being conducted by the Rev. G. W. Parks, pioneer preacher, of Roscoe and burial made beside her husband who died Nov. 26, 1939.

Mrs. Brittain is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Conner and Mrs. W. I. Browning, both of Fort Worth where their mother has made her home since the death of their father.

## Callahan County Oversubscribes Bond Quota

Callahan County went over-the-top in War Bonds and Stamps sales for November. Callahan County's quota was \$22,500.00. The sales for November amounted to \$35,787.35. This with the December sales should bring Callahan County ahead of their quota for the year 1942, according to information given by M. H. Perkins County Chairman.

Most of the counties of Texas are far ahead of their quotas, so everyone in Callahan County should do something for their country and the boys, during this season of the year.

## Important Information From Red Cross

I have just received the following from the Red Cross and as we had some Callahan County boys in the Philippines when it fell to the Japs it will be of interest to the mothers and fathers of these boys.

"The first list of prisoners of war and a short casualty list of dead from the Philippines have been received through the International Red Cross. Families are being notified by the Government. No cable messages are being accepted for prisoners of war in the Philippines. Further information will be sent to you on this subject as soon as it is received."

You may have already gotten your telegram from the government and it would be a good idea for you to write me, as there may be some papers to fix. We have a man at Cross Plains, Baird, Clyde and Putnam to assist with this work.

Please feel free to call on your Red Cross at any time for any problem that concerns your boy in the service, and by all means use the Red Cross to get the man back on furlough when there is an emergency, such as sickness or death in your family. It will save time and the cost of a phone call and a telegram and at times a delay from 12 to 24 hours.

FRED HEYSER,  
Home Service Chairman,  
Callahan County Chapter,  
American Red Cross,  
Cisco, Texas, Rt. 4.

## South Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin of the Midway community were hosts to members of the South family last Sunday for their annual reunion.

The occasion marked the 83rd birthday of Mr. C. E. South, who was the recipient of many gifts from members of his family. He and Mrs. South enjoyed the occasion with the following members of his family being present:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom South and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph South and family; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Webb and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Martin and family, all of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar May of Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Otto May and daughter of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, Abilene; Mrs. Virgil Smedley, Bayou; Mrs. J. D. Gorman, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Olaf G. South, and son, of Baird; Judge and Mrs. C. L. South and son, Coleman and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin, Bob and Nell Griffin of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Jones of Baird long time neighbors and friends of the South family were guests for the occasion.

## Goodfellows Will Remember Needy At Christmas

The Goodfellows met in the county library Saturday afternoon to plan for Christmas Cheer for the needy of Baird. The following committees were appointed:

Mrs. V. E. Hill, general chairman Hugh Smith, chairman purchasing committee with Mrs. Carl Lamb and Mrs. S. L. McElroy as assistants.

The Study Clubs and the Garden Club as has been the custom for some years, have been asked to serve as a packing committee.

Mrs. Clyde White, of the Wednesday Club, is chairman of this committee. Each club is requested to send two members to assist in packing the bags. The bags will be packed in the County Library Wednesday, December 23rd.

H. A. Warren, County Commissioner, is chairman of the delivery committee, he is to ask any one he chooses to help with this work. The bags are to be delivered on Christmas Eve.

The Goodfellows are in need of funds to pay for these supplies, and all are urged to donate as liberally as they feel they can. Please do not wait for someone to solicit funds, but send or bring your contribution to Jack Ashlock at his office or to Eliza Gilliland, at The Star office.

## SISTERS CELEBRATE DOUBLE BIRTHDAYS

Marsha and Gail Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cunningham celebrated their 9th and 3rd birthdays Saturday, their birthdays being Dec. 6th.

A number of little friends were present to share the pleasure of the party and bring greetings and gifts.

Dec. 6th was also the 65th birthday of their paternal grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Cunningham of Jal N. M., who sent them gifts and messages on that day. The little girls also received greetings from their father, Richard Cunningham, Petty Officer, First-Class of the Sea Bees, now in foreign service, with the armed forces.

## BAIRD GIRLS PLEDGE J-TAC SORORITIES

Miss Ellen Marie Hill, now attending John Tarleton College is pledging the Eternas Club. Iva del Mitchell of Tarleton, also is pledging the D. S. F. Club.

Both clubs are social sororities on the campus. Iva del and Ellen Marie are graduates of Baird High School, where they held popular honors. They also are members of the Aggettes.

Ellen Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill and Iva del is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, both of Baird.

## SURGICAL DRESSING ROOM WILL CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

The Surgical Dressing Room will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week for the Christmas holidays. Rooms will open for work Monday morning, Dec. 28th.

## The Cowboy's Christmas Ball

The well-known folk dance, The Cowboys' Christmas Ball, will be staged at Pioneer Hall in Anson, December 21-24. The Schottische, the Polka, the Old-Waltz, the Virginia reel, and the traditional American square will be re-enacted in the pattern of Chittenden's cowboy ballad, "The Cowboy's Christmas Ball."

This old folk dance will be set in a historical atmosphere. All are urged to make up in the style and costume of the sober 80's or gay 90's. Money prize will be awarded each night to the best made-up couple or individual man or woman characteristic of the by-gone days. Entire sets from neighboring towns or communities will be appreciated.

## Memorial Services Held For Tommie Warren

Memorial services were held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Thomas R. Warren, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warren, who was reported "missing in action" Nov. 12th while in the service of the United States Navy.

The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Hicks, assisted by Dr. J. T. Griswold of Clyde, Rev. A. A. Davis and Rev. Royce Gilliland of Baird. The services were under the direction of the Wylie Funeral Home, of Baird.

A large photograph of Tommie was placed at the altar, which was banked with floral offerings. The Christian Flag and the United States Flag placed at each side. The services, which was beautiful and very impressive was attended by the family, relatives and many friends of the happy hearted sailor boy, who was serving his country when reported missing.

Many friends from out of town were here, especially from Abilene where Tommie was well known. Among those from Abilene was the Navy Mother's Club, who came in a body and occupied a reserved section in the church. Among other boys in the service who were at home and attended the services was Glynn Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, who enlisted in the Navy with Tommie. The two neighbor boys spent the first three months in training at Great Lakes separating there, Tommie going to the east coast and Glynn to the west coast. Glynn arrived home the evening the Warren family received the message that Tommie was missing.

Tommie is the first Baird boy reported missing since the beginning of the war.

## PRESBYTERIANS ENTERTAIN

The Presbyterian Ladies met in the home of Mrs. T. E. Powell, Monday afternoon with Mrs. Fulton as co-hostess. A Christmas program was given opening with singing "I Love To Tell The Story". Prayer by Mrs. Hensley Song, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear."

Mrs. N. M. George led the devotional. Mrs. Alexander presented Mrs. Clayton Reed, who reviewed the book, The Good Sheppard.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful lighted Christmas tree. The living rooms were decorated with Christmas greens and candles.

A delicious salad plate was served to seventeen members and guests. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. V. F. Jones.

## DELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. Olaf South was hostess to the Delphian Club Tuesday at 3 p. m. in a Bible Day Program all members answering roll call with Bible verses.

Mrs. Bob Norrell gave the Life Ashe, the author of the Nazarine Mrs. Alexander reviewed the book "The Nazarine."

Christmas carols were sung by the group with Mrs. Hugh Ross at the piano. Mrs. W. B. Hicks was a guest.

The meeting adjourned to meet Dec. 29th with Mrs. R. L. Alexander.

## THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club met Dec. 9th in the home of Mrs. A. E. Dyer with the president, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn presiding.

Roll call was answered with Bible stories.

Mrs. Alexander gave a review of The Nazarine by Sholom Ash. Mrs. Brightwell played Christmas music and a Christmas tree with gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

The club will hold its meetings in the library the remainder of the club year—the next meeting being Dec. 29th.

## Sugar Registration Regulations

Registration of institutional and industrial users of sugar for their January-February allotments will begin December 15th and continue through January 5th, Ralph Ashlock, Chairman of the Callahan County War Price and Rationing Board has announced.

Institutional users will be allowed 60 percent of the sugar base established by them—or the same allotment they were permitted during November and December. The industrial user allotment of 70 per cent also is unchanged for January and February from the amount allowed during November and December.

The only exception to the institutional allotment is that for hospitals treating patients suffering from acute illness. Such institutions are allowed 85 percent of their sugar base, but it is expected that the greater portion will be used for patients, and that doctors, nurses, and hospital employees will be served these same quantities as persons eating in other institutions.

## Navy Reports 1613 Casualties To Kin

The Navy department Saturday announced that 1,613 new casualties of the Navy Marine Corps and Coast Guard were reported to next of kin from Nov. 16-30.

The casualties, which include dead, wounded and missing, brought the total reported to next of kin since the Pearl Harbor attack to 18,838.

Of the new casualties, 546 were reported dead, 66 wounded and 407 missing.

The Navy said that some under the classification of "missing" might be rescued or otherwise reported safe.

A recapitulation of casualties to date gave the following totals:

Navy: 4,348 dead, 1,434 wounded, 8,473 missing; total, 14,255.

Marine Corps: 1,114 dead, 1,370 wounded, 1,921 missing; total, 4,405.

Coast Guard: 38 dead; 11 wounded, 129 missing; total, 178.

The combined totals for these three branches of the services. Dead, 5,500; wounded, 2,815; missing, 10,523; total, 18,838.

## 1943 Auto Tags

Motorists registering automobiles for 1943 are going to get a lot less for their money.

While fees have not been reduced, size of the license plates has reduced sharply.

The Callahan County tax office received its 1943 supply of tabs. Opening of the bundles from the Texas prison system disclosed half pint metal tabs which are only one inch wide and four inches long.

The new licenses are intended for display attached to the 1942 plates, which must be kept on all motor vehicles.

There won't be any immediate rush to buy the new tabs. They can't be purchased until Feb. 1, and autoists can't display them before March 1.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Miss Susie Walker was honor guest of the Sunshine Club at the home of Mrs. W. G. Bowlin Tuesday at dinner—the occasion being her birthday.

Miss Susie has been an active member of the Woodmen Circle and the Sunshine Club since its organization.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Iley Price of El Centro, Calif. a son on Dec. 4, 1942, who has been named Gary Ross. This is the third, son of the Prices. Iley Price is a former Baird boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Price, who now live in Van Horn.

## New Cafe Will Open In Baird

Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Lewis will open their new cafe in the Terrell building formerly occupied by the Tot's Wristen Grocery. The equipment is being installed and they hope to open Sunday.

The furnishings for this new cafe is all modern. There will be booths, tables and counter service where some one hundred guests can be served—the cafe will give day-and-night-service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will continue the operation of the Lewis Hotel which has proven a most satisfaction investment they say. See their announcement in this paper.

## Program At M. E. Church, Sunday

The Methodist Choir, directed by Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., will present the Christmas Cantata "The Infant Holy" by Louise E. Stairs Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## J. E. Scott, Pioneer Of County Dead

J. E. "Uncle John", a resident of the Dudley community in the south-west part of Callahan Co., for the past sixty-five years, died at his home Friday at the age of 90 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Dudley Church, the services being conducted by Rev. J. L. Hester, of Abilene, pastor of the Denton Valley Methodist Church and Rev. Dick Bright, of Potosi.

Six nephews served as pallbearers. They are, G. P. Holland, of Abilene, Harmon Williams of Lubbock, Roy Kendrick, of Denton, Watt Long, of Hollis, Okla.; George Long, of Lone Wolf, Okla. and Phil Scott, of Abilene, Rt. 3. Granddaughters were flower girls. Burial in the Dudley cemetery, was directed by Wylie Funeral Home of Baird.

John Edwin Scott was born Jan. 9, 1852 in Hill County. He was married to Rebecca H. Kendrick on Nov. 19, 1874, at Scott's Chapel, in Hill County. The couple came to Callahan County in the fall of 1877, and with the exception of a brief residence near the Denton community had lived since that time at the family place just east of Dudley.

Mr. Scott has been in failing health since he fell and broke his hip six years ago since which time he has been confined to his home, being able to get about only in a wheel chair.

Mrs. Scott suffered a similar accident some months ago and is unable to walk.

Survivors besides, Mrs. Scott, are, three sons, J. E. Scott, Jr., Edwin Scott and Joe Scott, and two daughters, Mrs. Maud Ogle and Mrs. Ada Rebecca Loper, all of whom live near the Dudley community, two sisters, Mrs. Kate Martin of Matador and Mrs. Betty Severn of Lovington, N. M.; and 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Three of the grandsons are in the nation's armed forces.

Thus another of Callahan county's pioneers, who came west and helped to push the frontier farther on and helped to develop the county, seeing it change from an uninhabited section to prosperous farms and ranches has passed on. Peace to his memory.

## BUCK CARGAL ON HONOR ROLL AT A. C. C.

Buck Cargal, son of Mrs. Lavesta Cargal of Baird, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College, which has been compiled by the registrar from the second six week's reports.

This honor roll is composed of students who are in the upper ten percent of the class in one or more



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**News of Our Boys  
In The Service**

T-Sgt. Elbert R. Ferguson, brother of Mrs. Frank Windham, is with the armed forces in North Africa.

Sgt. Winfred Hooper, of Camp Edwards, Mass, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hooper the past week.

Sgt. Billie Henry with the Air Service stationed at San Bernardino, California, has been promoted to a Staff Sergeant.

Pvt. Gene Finley, stationed at Lubbock Flying Field, recently visited friends and relatives here and in Abilene.

Mrs. M. Pearce has subscribed to The Star to be sent to her son, Corp. Joseph W. Pearce with the armed forces stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

J. Rupert Jackson, Jr., who recently enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves is now at the USN Training School, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Pvt. Julian Farmer, stationed at the Bombardier School at Big Spring, has been promoted to the grade of Corporal. Corp. Farmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian L. Farmer, of Eula.

Sergeant Melzir D. Ferguson, of Eula, recently stationed at Pittsburg, California, has been transferred to Camp Berkeley, where he will enter officers training school.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Minix of the Denton community have received word that their son Pfc. Garth Minix of Fort Bliss in El Paso, expects to sail soon for the war zone.

Pvt. James M. Walls, tow operator in the Gunnery School at Laredo, where he has been given wings for his flying time, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls the past week end.

Pvt. Joe Tollett, of Camp Clayburn, Alexander, La., is at home on a ten day furlough. He is recovering from an operation for appendicitis, followed by pneumonia.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds left this morning on the Sunshine Special for Wattertown, New York to spend the Christmas holidays with her husband, Corp. Reynolds, who is stationed at Pine Camp, N.Y.

Ensign Leslie Stephenson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stephenson at Eula a few days the past week. He was enroute to the west coast.

Lieut. John Eldon Boydston, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Boydston, of Bakersfield, Calif., and former residents of Baird, is now stationed at Everatt, Wash.

Gene Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Warren who joined the navy at Abilene November 29th, is now stationed at Great Lakes, Chicago.

Lee and Aubrey Loper, U. S. Marines, of Camp Pendleton, Cali-

fornia, left Wednesday morning for camp after a week's visit with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loper. Mrs. Lee Loper who has been here since Mr. Loper enlisted in the Marines returned to California with him.

Lieut. James T. Windham, of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham at Oplin Sunday. He was accompanied by his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Windham and his sister, Mrs. Robbie Davidson, of Abilene.

Sgt. Floyd E. Henderson of Luke Field, Arizona, was promoted to Staff Sergeant Dec. 1st. Sgt. Henderson is a mechanic in the air service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Henderson of Rowden. Sgt. Henderson's wife is with him, living near the field.

Corp. and Mrs. Arnold E. Colcleasure returned Sunday from a visit with Corp. Colcleasure's parents at Longmont, Colorado, and Corp. Colcleasure left Monday for Pine Camp, N. Y. to join his regiment. Mrs. Colcleasure will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds for the present.

Aviation Cadet Robert Walls, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls of Baird, has completed his pre-flight school course at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, and left this week with 340 other Aviation Cadets for primary flying school to become combat air crew pilots. He is now stationed at Avenger Field at Sweetwater.

T-Sgt. Russell Warren and H. A. Warren Jr., who have been with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warren the past ten days left this morning. Sgt. Warren going back to Camp Edwards, Mass and H. A. Jr. going to the Great Lakes, near Chicago. Mrs. H. A. Warren Jr., accompanied her husband back to his station.

M-Sgt. W. B. Hicks, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks, who has been in Hawaii for the past 18 months, called his parents Saturday night from San Francisco telling them that he was coming to Camp Berkeley, Abilene, where he will be attached to the Medical Corps. James K. Hicks, another son, is stationed at Sheppard Field.

Beryle Jones, MM First Class in the United States Navy and his wife made a short visit to Mr. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones in the Midway community Sunday. They were enroute to the east coast. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have another son, Corp. Lloyd K. Jones in the air service and now stationed some where in England.

**Notice Gasoline Users**

In order that essential transportation may continue without interruption, the Callahan County War Price and Rationing Board made every effort to complete the issuance of supplemental fleet, official, non-highway, transport and temporary rations of gasoline by Tuesday night, December 15th, Ralph Ashlock, Chairman of the Callahan County Board, announced today.

At the same time the use of O PA emergency Form R-555, except for emergencies involving serious threat to life, health and valuable property, was discontinued, effective at midnight, Dec. 15th.

This emergency provision of the gasoline rationing regulation was invoked on November 28 when it became obvious that the Board would be unable to process all applications for supplemental rations by December 1. That purpose will have been served, when the Board completes the issuance of supplemental ration books.

The Callahan County Board will continue to issue temporary transport rations to truck and fleet users of gasoline whose Certificates of War Necessity as issued by the Office of Defense Transportation contained errors or who are appealing to the ODT for additional mileage because, as originally issued, such certificates did not allow sufficient gasoline for the certificate holder's essential business.

Mr. Ashlock called the attention of all gasoline dealers to the change in the use of the emergency receipt Form R-555 so there may be no misunderstanding or abuse of this method of obtaining emergency supplies of gasoline.

**A Message To  
American Farmers**

This war we are waging is being fought on many fronts. It is being fought from the home and from the farm as well as on the field of battle. On your farmstead you are already raising food for freedom in volumes never before reached. You are furnishing scrap iron and are contributing your work and money to many war organizations.

You and your family are also buying War Bonds. It is this vital part of your war work that I wish to discuss with you, as one American farmer writing to another.

If you don't have enough money for seed and if planting time were drawing near you would probably borrow seed money and put up something you own as security. You would pay this money back and take up your note when you harvested.

Victory must be planted like any crop and it takes many tools to cultivate it, too. Your Government needs money to put this crop in and I ask that you lend it your money for this purpose. The United States Treasury will give you a note, a War Saving Bond, for the use of your money. This note is actually a first mortgage on all the resources, farms, and industries in the United States because your Government is the chosen representative of those resources, farms, and industries.

When we win this war, when we harvest Victory and Freedom, you who are buying War Bonds regularly today will be prouder still of the part you are now playing. You will have secured your own future too, along with that of your Nation; because you will have a good backlog of soundly invested money always ready in case of poor crop years or misfortunes.

We must plant mightily to harvest Victory.  
Sincerely,  
HENRY MORGENTHAU Jr.  
Secretary of the Treasury.

**Uncle Sam Needs  
More Workers**

Uncle Sam will pay \$88 an hour for laborers at Mare Island, Vallejo and Oakland, California and Hawthorne, Nevada; \$120 a month for stenographers and typists in Washington, D. C.; \$9.12 a day for sheet metal workers, radio mechanics, electroplaters and inside machinists at Corpus Christi, Texas; \$90 a month for mechanic learners while they go to school; and wages from \$1.28 to \$1.73 an hour for skilled tradesmen of all kinds to go to Hawaii or Panama.

Information about any of these positions may be obtained from the local civil service secretary at any first or second class post office where application forms may be secured. They should be filled out and sent immediately to the director, Tenth Civil Service Region, Customhouse, New Orleans, La. Persons engaged in war work of equal skill need not apply.

**MIKE HUGHES LETTERS IN FOOTBALL, AT ACC**

Mike Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes of Baird, has been announced as one of the 23 letterman in football this season at Abilene Christian College, an end on the Wildcat team. Hughes is enrolled in ACC as a Senior. ACC won six, lost two and finished second in the final Texas Conference ratings.

FOR SALE-1928 Chevrolet Coupe five good tires, new battery. In good running condition. Cash. Price Ellis.

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**Red Cross Nurses  
Needed For  
Armed Forces**

In an effort to meet the Army's 1943 goal of 60,000 nurses, 169 Red Cross chapters throughout the nation will establish recruiting stations to sign up nurses for the armed forces, Miss Mary Beard, Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, announced today.

The action follows the request of Surgeon-General James C. Magee, United States Army, that the American Red Cross assume entire responsibility for recruiting army nurses.

Although the Red Cross Nursing Service has been the official reserve of the Army Nurse Corps since 1912 and has supplied the majority of nurses to date, a small percentage has been appointed upon direct application to the corps. The new ruling provides that all applications are to be based on by the Red Cross, regardless of whether they apply to the Army or to the Red Cross, thus leaving the corps officers free for problems of assignment.

Almost 2,100 nurses signed up in the Red Cross war reserve during, November, the largest total in history.

A recent ruling of the War Department permits married nurses to remain in service and also allows acceptance of married nurses under 40 who have made adequate provision for their dependents.

**DOG--LOST**

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hooper who live on the Powell farm south of the depot, are grieved at the loss of their small Airdale Dog, Prince. The dog as a small pup belonged to their son, Fred Hooper who lost his life May 31st while serving his country as a Merchant Marine, when his ship was torpedoed.

Prince was loaned to a boy to hunt with Tuesday night a week ago and has not been found yet; He was lost somewhere in the pastures North-east of Baird.

Prince is described—a dark brown Airdale dog about 15 inches high and has only one eye.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Prince will be rewarded by returning him to Mr. and Mrs. Hooper.

COOK STOVE FOR SALE—burns wood or gas, good condition. See M. A. Nunnallee, at Red and White Food Store.

**SANTA CLAUS LETTERS**

Oplin, Texas,  
December 18, 1942.

Dear Santa:  
I am writing to you again this year. I am going to school this year. I think I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll with long dress, typewriter, doll bed, and anything else you can bring.  
Please don't forget my Daddy

and Uncle who are in the army and don't forget my little friends I have my Christmas tree ready for you. Lots of love,  
Your little friend,  
Shirley Marie Nobles.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll and some toys. I am sorry if I have been a bad girl.  
Martha Ann.

FOR SALE—My Home in East Baird. See or write Louis Reno, care R. L. Hay, Rt. 3, Abilene, Texas.

**KEEP VALUABLE PAPERS**

WHERE YOU CAN REACH THEM IN FIVE MINUTES  
The coming year will be one of strain, uncertainty and confusion for everyone.

Don't add to these hazards by keeping valuable papers where they may be misplaced.

During times like these it's simply common sense to give them the protection of a safe deposit box. You have them at your finger tips the moment they're needed.

**The First National Bank of Baird**  
BAIRD, TEXAS

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**ACT NOW--ANNUAL  
BARGAIN RATE**

BY MAIL  
GET BOTH THE

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--- and ---  
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AND SAVE \$3.85

Regular Rate The Baird Star One Year \$1.50  
Regular Rate Reporter-News One Year \$10.00  
Total \$11.50

Both For  
1 Full Year Now Only \$7.65

This gives you the Abilene Reporter-News, favorite of West Texas Readers for Three Generations, and The Baird Star your county's leading weekly paper, both at a real bargain. This offer may be withdrawn at any time, so act now!

**'Give Him Both Barrels Son'**



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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steakley of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Kylee and Mrs. Tyson here last weekend.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and baby William Robert of Stamford visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. V.W. Walls the past week.

Mrs. Henry Preston and Mrs. Henry Preston Jr., of Oplin and Mrs. Lions Johnson of Denton, were in Baird Wednesday.

F. A. Smith of Fort Worth, has come to Baird as T and P Car Inspector. He will move his family here as soon as he can get a house or a suitable apartment.

Mrs. Horace Anderson and Miss Cubelle Loper of Austin, were here this week to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loper and their brothers Lee and Aubrey Loper who were home on leave from the Marine base in California.

J. T. Kelly who recently went to Olden to make his home writes The Star to say that he was unable to see all who were so kind to him during his stay here and requests The Star to express his appreciation to all the good people of Baird, especially Drs. Griggs and Cockrell and the Nurses at the hospital for their kindly care of him while a patient there and to Dr. Hamlett for his many kindnesses to him.

C. M. Bell of Abilene, district representative of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram was in Baird a few days ago. Mr. Bell tells us that he is now a grand father, a boy being born to his only daughter, Mrs. James E. Fain, nee Margaret Bell, on Dec. 4th. The baby has been named James Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Fain live in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Bell's son, Gaston Bell is in the army stationed at Hamilton Field, Calif.

Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Mrs. L. L. Ford and Miss Doyce Coast left Saturday for California. Mrs. Atchison to join her husband who has been working in the shipyards at Wilmington for several months. Mrs. Ford to visit her daughters Ruth and Catherine Ford in San Bernardino and Doris Ford in San Francisco and Miss Doyce to resume her work at San Bernardino. They were accompanied to Sweetwater by Mr. Ford, Mrs. M. J. Holmes, Mrs. Haynie Gilliland and son Gary and Mrs. Edgar Smith, where they boarded the Santa Fe train for the west coast.

The Spanish Club of Baird High School met December 14th and enjoyed a social at the gymnasium. Senora Nichols and 12 of the members were present. The group played Spanish games.

DOG LOST--Small dark brown Airdale Dog, about 15 inches high, one eye out, answers to name "Prince". Reward for return to me or information leading to his recovery. S. D. Hooper, on Powell farm south of Baird depot.

## Red Cross Workers

Below is given the names of the women who worked in the Surgical Dressing Rooms the past week from one to forty-three hours each.

There are still 9300 dressings to make and we have made 14-100. There are only 19 more days in which to finish our quota if it is to be ready on-time.

The Chapter has received a new quota of 25,000 dressings for January and February.

There is an urgent need for these dressings. Let's get them made.

BAIRD, Wednesday, Dec. 9:

- Mrs. Norma Baulch
- Mrs. Eva Lee
- Mrs. Clarice Havens
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Cornie T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Anna Jackson
- Mrs. Mae Cook (Midway)
- Mrs. Nellie Griffin (Midway)
- Mrs. Dollie Fulton
- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Mrs. Ellen Hollingshead
- Mrs. Kate Shelton (Clyde)
- Mrs. Maud Briscoe (Clyde)
- Mrs. Katie Russell
- Mrs. Beatrice Brown
- Mrs. Alta Barton (Clyde)
- Mrs. Hattie Tate (Clyde)
- Mrs. Irene Green
- Mrs. Ellen McGowen
- Mrs. Bess Hughes.

BAIRD, Thursday:

- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Bess Ray
- Mrs. Tommy Womack
- Mrs. Willie Barnhill
- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Mrs. Viola Atwood, (Woodley Lease).

- Mrs. Lella McGowen
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Sallie Eastham
- Mrs. Lenoir Harp
- Mrs. Jewel Green (Clyde)
- Mrs. Zettie Jensen (Clyde)
- Mrs. Audrey Raley (Clyde)
- Mrs. Bess Smedley
- Mrs. Lua James
- Mrs. Lillie Davis
- Mrs. Beatrice Brown
- Mrs. Vida Hill.

BAIRD, Thursday Night:

- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Lella McGowen
- Mrs. Lillie Settle
- Mrs. Helen Brown
- Mrs. Anna Jackson
- Mrs. Meniville Mitchell

BAIRD, Friday:

- Mrs. Geneva Flores
- Mrs. Dollie Fulton
- Mrs. Beulah Dyer
- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Ellen Hollingshead
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Lula Mae Russell
- Mrs. Faye White
- Mrs. Hannah Hensley
- Mrs. Vida Hill.

BAIRD, Saturday:

- Mrs. Lella McGowen
- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Mrs. Eva Lee
- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Pattie McBride
- Mrs. Afton Hall
- Mrs. Beatrice Brown
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Edna Yonge
- Mrs. Ellen McGowen
- Mrs. Bessie Short
- Mrs. Ellen Hollingshead
- Mrs. Helen Brown
- Mrs. Vida Hill
- Mrs. Alma Norrell
- Mrs. Irene Green

BAIRD, Monday:

- Mrs. Norma Baulch
- Mrs. Ellen McGowen
- Mrs. Belle Freeland
- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Mary Holly
- Mrs. Ila Hammons,
- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Miss Mae Cooke (Midway)
- Mrs. Dollie Faircloth (Midway)
- Mrs. Ophelia Faircloth (Midway)
- Mrs. Nellie Griffin (Midway)
- Mrs. Willie McElroy,
- Mrs. Ruth Gilliland
- Mrs. Lenoir Harp
- Mrs. Anna Jackson
- Mrs. Beatrice Jones
- Mrs. Cordie Brame
- Mrs. Hattie Tate
- Mrs. Ethel Lurnece New
- Mrs. Lula Mae Russell
- Mrs. Pattie McBride
- Mrs. Mae Belle Taif
- Mrs. Ida Holt
- Mrs. Mollie Brightwell

BAIRD, Tuesday:

- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Ophelia Faircloth, (Midway)
- Mrs. Lou Wilson (Midway)
- Mrs. Nellie Griffin (Midway)
- Mrs. Dollie Fulton
- Mrs. Kathleen Lamb
- Mrs. Ellen Hollingshead
- Mrs. Mary Holley
- Mrs. Rosa Dawkins
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Ellen McGowen
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- Mrs. Stella Webb (Midway)
- Mrs. Ophelia Faircloth (Midway)
- Mrs. Edna Yonge
- Mrs. Ellen McGowen
- Mrs. Lillie Settle
- Miss Bessie Mae Browning
- Mrs. Nita Browning
- Mrs. Inez Windham (Oplin)
- Mrs. Reable Reed
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fetterly
- Mrs. Stella Gilliland
- Mrs. Meniville Mitchell
- Mrs. Hattie West

- Mrs. Belle Gillit.
- BAIRD, Wednesday:
- Mrs. Corinne T. Blackburn
- Mrs. Beulah Dyer
- Mrs. Belle Allphin
- Miss Marjorie Brown
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fetterly
- Mrs. Cordie Bryant, (Rt. 1)
- Mrs. Dollie Fulton
- Mrs. Vida Hill
- Mrs. Eva Lee
- Mrs. Lenoir Harp
- Mrs. Grace Haley
- Mrs. Loula Mae Russell
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TOM WINDHAM,  
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LAST Christmas our local jewelry  
store added two new depart-  
ments we never had carried before.  
One was a toy counter, where a se-  
lection of movie dolls was featured.  
The other--an optical department--  
catered to the trade who could not  
afford glasses unless they could ar-  
range to pay for them on credit.

Visiting the shop the night before  
Christmas, I watched a tiny little  
girl . . . I'm sure she couldn't have  
been more than six . . . standing  
before the already sadly depleted  
doll counter. Her eyes were big as  
she looked up at the one doll still  
unsold, and there was a child's  
longing in them as she tugged at the  
tattered overall jacket of her fa-  
ther, busy talking to the optome-  
trist.

"Daddy," she called, her voice  
shrill with excitement, "look! Isn't  
it the darlings thing? Do you  
think Santa will bring it to me?"

The man's tired face turned  
toward her, and a hurt expression  
flushed across it settling hopelessly  
in the gray eyes. "Fraid not,  
Mary," he answered. "I saw Santa  
in a store down the street a while  
ago, and he said that he'd be about



She turned to make one last appeal!

out of everything by the time he  
reached our house. Reckon he  
might have some sweets, or maybe  
a rag doll, though. And he's prom-  
ised for sure to bring those glasses.  
"Oh!" Tears were in her eyes,  
but she fought them back bravely,  
and her worn coat sleeve wiped the  
last trace of them away.

"I did so want one of them," she  
whispered. "But I'm glad Santa  
isn't going to bring it to me. It  
means that he's found someone else  
who wants it even worse than I  
do, don't it, Daddy?"

"Come on, Mary," the optome-  
trist called, taking the little girl by  
the hand. "Santa told me to see  
what kind of glasses you should  
have, so's to be sure he'd get it  
right. Now just sit in this chair  
and do as I say."

The examination didn't last long,  
and I was still there when it was  
completed. The optometrist turned  
to the father. "I'll make a special  
effort to finish them tonight," he  
said.

He was back soon, a slip in his  
hand. "I've fixed it with the man-  
agement. A dollar now, and a dol-  
lar a month until the balance of  
five dollars is paid."

Mary had returned for a final  
look at the toy. "Don't you think,  
Daddy, that the glasses could come  
as a birthday present, and . . . oh,  
I did want a doll so badly! But . . .  
but I won't cry."

Her father hadn't heard. He was  
busy feeling in his pockets for the  
dollar needed for the down payment.  
He found a lean wallet, and from it  
pulled a quarter and seven dimes.  
He counted them over twice, a  
scared look on his face, then began  
a renewed search. Triumphant-  
ly, he finally produced an eighth dime,  
and handed the silver to the optome-  
trist.

As the man in overalls and his  
elfin daughter started toward the  
door, the girl behind the doll coun-  
ter looked at the optometrist, then  
at me, a tear in her eye. Then she  
ran after the pair. "Wait a mo-  
ment--isn't your name Mary?" she  
asked.

"Uh-huh?" the little girl an-  
swered, bewildered.

"Then I guess Santa meant you.  
He was here just a few minutes ago,  
and said he had a doll for a little  
girl named Mary, but he was afraid  
he wouldn't have the time to deliver  
it. Then he remembered that the  
little girl's father said he was com-  
ing here, so he asked me if I'd  
keep the doll and give it to  
you. That's it, up on the counter.  
Take it and run away, because I'm  
so busy I haven't time to talk."

Shyly, Mary reached up for the  
proffered treasure, and hugged it  
close.

Mary was speechless while her  
benefactor busied herself behind the  
counter. Suddenly the girl felt a  
tug at her skirt, and Mary was at  
her side, looking up at her. "I be-  
lieve you're Mrs. Santa Claus," the  
child whispered, awe in her voice.  
As the door closed behind the  
pair, the girl took her purse from  
her bag and looked inside.

"Mrs. Santa Claus, indeed!" I  
heard her mutter. "Lucky for me  
this is pay day, or Mrs. Santa  
wouldn't eat tomorrow."

**A Christmas  
Carol**  
by Douglas Whitney

THIS, friends, is a Christmas  
story though stories of kindness  
shouldn't only bob up with Kris  
Kingle. Our tale is concerned with  
Robert Parker.

If you don't remember him, ask  
some of the older folks. Parker was  
once one of the leading character  
actors of the legitimate stage. For  
years he tramped the hinterlands  
in support of the great names.

The week before Christmas al-  
ways found Parker in New York at  
the center table of the Leopards  
club, the noted actors' organization.



This was his day.

The room was always well filled  
the week before Christmas. It is a  
tradition in show business that the  
weeks preceding Christmas and  
Easter are the worst in the theater.

Born of extremely poor parents,  
Parker had never forgotten the mi-  
series of poverty. Each year it had  
been his custom to arrange a vari-  
ety show, using the talent of the  
Leopards club. The money realized  
went toward the purchase of food  
baskets which were distributed ev-  
ery Christmas day from the lobby  
of the clubhouse.

When there was snow, instead of  
the carriage he would use a sleigh  
and, like Santa, set out on his an-  
nual round. It took a great deal of  
money, but as a result, Bob was  
beloved by everyone.

Bob grew older, and his stage en-  
gagements became fewer.

One day, at a club meeting Bob  
stood up and addressed the mem-  
bers: "Gentlemen, I'm getting old.  
It's time for me to put away my  
grease paint and costumes, and re-  
tire. Before doing so I want to ex-  
tract a promise from the general  
membership. I ask that you gen-  
tlemen continue to run the annual  
Christmas basket benefit for the  
poor. I cannot assume the task any  
longer. Will you do this for me?"

Actors are a sentimental and gen-  
erous lot. They promised Bob that  
the tradition would be faithfully  
maintained, and honored him further  
by voting him a life member. And  
so, retiring from the scene, his vis-  
its to the club became infrequent.  
The baskets were forgotten.

A year ago, Bob came back to the  
club a little before Christmas.  
He looked much older, his shoulders  
bent and his shock of white hair  
noticeably thinned.

"Gentlemen," he said on rising,  
"this is probably the last time I  
shall address this group. I am an  
old man now. There is one favor  
I wish to ask of you. As many of  
you may recall, the distribution of  
Christmas baskets was my hob-  
by and sole interest outside the  
theater."

His voice breaking, he continued:  
"I wish to request you to give once  
more your time and talents for a  
benefit, the proceeds to go toward  
the basket fund."

Moved by the appeal of their old  
master, the Leopards gathered all  
their resources and achieved an un-  
usually successful response. Every  
prominent actor and actress within  
a day's traveling distance ap-  
peared. The theater was jammed to  
capacity. A large sum of money  
was realized.

To Bob's supreme delight it was  
a white Christmas. Since he was  
too old and feeble to sit again on  
the driver's seat and guide two  
prancing horses, the club arranged  
for the needy to come for their bas-  
kets. All day Bob attended to the  
distribution.

He took the subway home. His  
smile remained despite his wear-  
iness.

An hour later he was seated at a  
small table in a plainly furnished  
room. A tiny white-haired lady sat  
opposite him. "Robert, will you  
carve, please?" she requested with  
marked deference.

"With pleasure, Mrs. Parker.  
White meat?"

"Yes, if you please, Robert."

"This is a wonderful occasion,"  
he said. "Were you embarrassed,  
dear? I hated to do it, Mary. When  
you came to the head of the line  
and I handed you the basket, I was  
afraid that some of the boys would  
recognize you as my wife."

He seemed a trifle perplexed.  
"Strange I should have felt uncom-  
fortable about it," he mused. "Sure-  
ly two as poor as we deserve a  
Christmas basket, don't you think?"

**EULA NEWS**

Well how is The Star force,  
and everybody?

It has been sometime since I  
have written to The Star and  
when I saw the name of my late  
good friend, W. E. Gilliland, I  
felt like if he was here he would  
say, "where is my friend, Patsie"  
so here I come with a few lines.  
First, will say that while we  
have some sickness around Eula,  
I do not know of anyone seriously  
ill.

We have had a very good year  
so far as crops are concerned.  
This awful war, we hope, is  
slowly coming to an end.

Our hearts have been made sad  
by so many deaths among our  
friends and acquaintances.

Here's hoping that The Star  
just starting on a new year, will  
prosper.

We send greetings to all for a  
Merry Christmas.

"PATSIIE."

**COTTON GINNING REPORT**

Census report shows that 4163  
bales of cotton were ginned in  
Callahan County, Texas from the  
crop of 1942 prior to Dec. 1, as  
compared with 4196 bales for the  
crop of 1941.

**EPISCOPAL SERVICES**

Rev. H. H. Black will hold ser-  
vices at the Episcopal Chapel of  
the Lord's Prayer Sunday after-  
noon, Dec. 20th at 2:30 o'clock.

All cordially invited to attend  
thes evices.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

William B. Hicks, Pastor

We are so very happy that the  
services were so well attended  
Sunday, but there are many more  
of the members of the church that  
should be in the services, and we  
crave as your pastor, to have the  
privilege of ministering to your  
spiritual needs.

Next Sunday should be a great  
day in the Church and in your life.  
We are celebrating the Birth of  
The Christ, the One who brought  
peace and good will to mankind.

Sunday evening our choir under  
the direction of Mrs. W. O. Wylie,  
Jr., will give a very beautiful  
Christmas Contata, "The Infant  
Holy". We invite the people of the  
town to hear this beautiful ren-  
dation. Come and worship with  
us, we desire to help you with  
your problems and make life hap-  
pier and sweeter as the days  
come and go.

**LAUNDRY NOTICE**

Due to gas rationing, we make  
only two trips to Baird each week  
to pick-up and deliver laundry.  
Monday's and Friday's our agency  
is now at the Swinson and Tan-  
kersley barber shop. Call, Phone  
131 for any information in regard  
to laundry.

ABILENE LAUNDRY  
Grover Gilbert, Representative

**CHURCH CALENDER**

The First Methodist Church  
of Baird.

- Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
- Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
- Junior League 6:45 p. m.
- Young People's 6:45 p. m.
- Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
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- Woman's Society, Mon., 8:30 p.m.

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