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More Women Than Ever Before Needed Now For WAVES

Dallas, Dec. 14.—Since issuance of the executive order halting enlistments of men, more women than ever are needed for the WAVES, the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve.

Commander E. D. Walbridge, USN (Ret), District Director of Naval Officer Procurement, announced today that "since the martial requirements for WAVES' enlistment and procurement has been changed, an onrush of applicants is both expected and desired."

Commander Walbridge explained that heretofore a married woman whose husband was serving in any branch of the armed forces was not acceptable. "That rule has been changed," he said. "A married woman may now join the WAVES, even though her husband is in the service, provided that service is not the Navy or Naval Reserve."

The office of Naval Officer Procurement at 1530 Allen Building, Dallas, is open and waiting for "patriotic and fighting-mad" women who want to join the WAVES.

Staff Sgt. E. M. Price has sent the News Review force a Christmas card from MacDill Field at Tampa, Fla. Mutt wishes us a Merry Christmas, and All Good Wishes for the Coming Year.

Thinking of you at Christmas and wishing you all the best the season brings, is the message on a Christmas greeting card from Pvt. and Mrs. L. E. Williamson from the Headquarters Air Base at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gleason visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benn Gleason, while he was on leave from Co. I, 357th Inf. Reg., 90th Div., Camp Berkeley, Texas. Young Gleason was recently promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 14.—Robert L. Putnam, 22, of Hico, Texas, has recently been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Stationed at the Eagle Pass Army Air Field, he is one of the members of the Army Air Forces' great ground crews, indispensable to the job of keeping 'em flying.

Pvt. Orville G. Glover returned to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., Tuesday after a 12-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glover, and other relatives. His sister, Mrs. Earl Land, came up from Victoria to spend a few days with him, returning home Tuesday.

Corp. Ben Chenuff Jr., radio technician with the Signal Corps in Florida, has written relatives here that Robinson Crusoe has nothing on him. "Dinty" worked at Houston before entering the service, and should be accustomed to swampy sections, but evidently misses some of the sights while so far away from civilization.

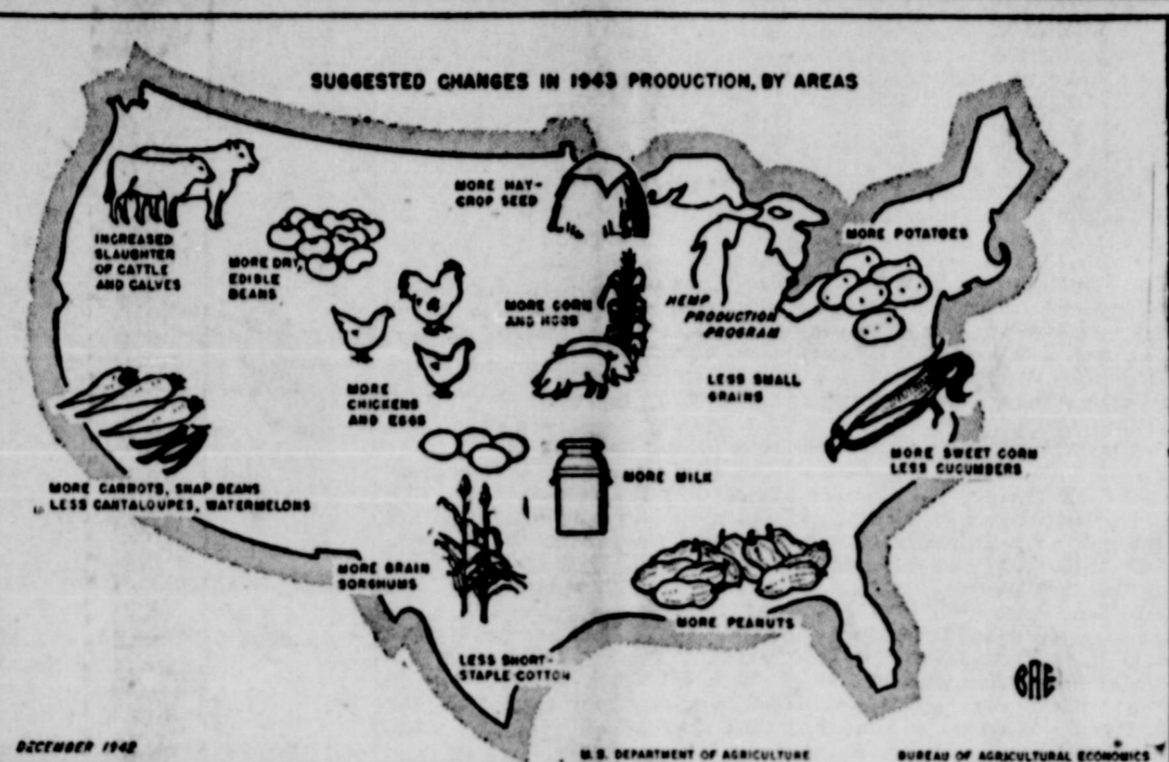
Curtis Falvey has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Falvey, that he is all right but that it took him a month and a half to get to his destination. His mailing address in care of the postmaster at New York would indicate foreign service, but no hint of his exact whereabouts was contained in recent letters.

Mrs. C. W. Polk received a letter from her husband the first of the week saying that he had been transferred from Camp Wolters to Camp Hulen. On Tuesday she received flowers from her son, Derwood and Wayne, who enlisted in the Navy long before the war and are still together on the same ship.

Harry Hudson, who enlisted in the Navy and trained at San Diego early last year, was later stationed at Philadelphia, where he was joined by his wife several months ago. Advice reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson, last week was that Harry had been made a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, which entitles him to wear a stripe and a half on his sleeve.

Col. C. K. Rhinehart, District Recruiting and Induction Officer at Dallas, has advised that Mattie E. Greer, 21, 1151 St. Louis Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, has passed all required qualifying examinations and has been sworn in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. She is the daughter of B. W. Greer of Hico. After being sworn in, this enrollee

Map of Things to Come as Wickard Assumes Control



More, and still more is the "battle cry" of the nation's farmers as the United States heads into 1943. They will produce "more, and still more" of the products shown as needed on the above map if what promises to be great aid to them and their problems materialize through the combined activities, and control, of food administrator Wickard, and labor administrator McNutt.



Santa Claus Wants Kids to Write Him

Must Hurry If They Want Letters in the Paper Next Week

While in Hico making arrangements for his appearance here Saturday afternoon, Santa Claus dropped in at the News Review office and worked over the editor for failing to invite letters from the kids this year.

The editor passed the buck to the linotype operator, who said he was tired and had so many things to worry about that he just couldn't handle the extra work. Then you should have heard old St. Nick raise the dickens.

A compromise was then reached whereby the management agreed to print all bona fide Santa letters that were on file Monday morning. Of course that doesn't allow much time for writing them, and it is possible that a few will be too late.

The paper will be mailed out Tuesday, so if any child wants his letter printed, he'd better sit down right now and write it and then mail it or bring it right on in.

Some of the regulars have already brought theirs in, and they are being printed this week just to start the pot boiling.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 14, 1942. Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little boy four years old. I've been real good and help my mother and daddy lots. Please bring me a spring-motor Tinker-Toy set, a little dump-truck set, and fruit, candy and nuts. And please bring me a cocomant. Your little friend, Joe Arlan Coffman.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 14, 1942. Dear Santa Claus: We are three little girls and we have tried to be good. Please bring us a doll, a book, and a pair of shoes. Love, Mary, Jane, and Betty.

Santa Claus Due to Arrive in Hico on Saturday Afternoon

Like everyone else, Santa Claus has been having his transportation troubles.

But this week he notified A. A. Brown, chairman of the Christmas entertainment committee of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, that he had secured a "C" card for gasoline, and that he would arrive here Saturday afternoon for a visit on the streets and in the stores.

He added that he was working on a "T" card for unlimited gasoline, and that if he was successful in getting this he would be back again Christmas Eve. At any rate he has promised to be on hand next Saturday, and every child in the vicinity is invited to come in and talk things over with him.

Oh, yes—he'll be glad to listen to the kiddies when they want to tell him what they want for Christmas. He also has entered a subscription to the Hico News Review, and will read the letters from the children which it carries, in order to get a line on what he will have to bring along with him on his annual visit.

The jolly old gentleman informed the committee that he had been receiving heavy orders from Hico stores, and that from the way things looked he would be able to fill his needs right here in Hico and save trouble and expense of transportation from headquarters at the North Pole.

All stores everywhere, he said, had been having trouble this year securing merchandise—especially in the toy line. But after looking over the Hico stores, he commended local merchants for having been foresighted enough to stock up early and said that the offerings were as good as he knew of—better than most this year.

ON THE NEWS FRONT

Administrators McNutt, Wickard Will Aid Farmers' Production

With the appointment of Claude R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture, as food "czar" for the nation, and Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, and Federal Security administrator, as controller of the U. S. manpower, many of the serious problems which had been impeding the all-out war effort will be lessened, perhaps dissolved.

Despite the increased demands for more food to feed the U. S., the Allies and those in occupied countries, many farm leaders have stated less production instead of more faced the nation because of crop restrictions, and lack of help.

Secretary Wickard now has the sole responsibility of providing remedies for these increasing complaints. Hand in hand with the farm labor situation facing Mr. Wickard, will be the activity of WMC chairman McNutt in seeing that there will be sufficient labor for any job, whether on the farm or in war production plants, to produce sufficiently for victory.

The power which new labor "czar" McNutt has includes control over the selective service commission, besides the authority to move workers in non-war industries into war industries.

War Production board chairman Donald M. Nelson, and Price Administrator Leon Henderson, will work in conjunction with both Mr. Wickard, and Mr. McNutt so that the food and labor program decided upon will continue operation with a minimum of interruption.

Now many of the seemingly impossible problems which have faced American farmers will be solved through the offices of Messrs. Wickard and McNutt. The labor shortage, despite which was growing daily, despite make-shift stopgaps by various government offices, such as the moving of surplus farm help from one part of the nation to another, will be relieved both through the stopping of voluntary enlistments in the various branches of the armed forces, deferment of necessary farm help, and the movement—through authority of the presidential order—of labor to the farm, when necessary, from non-war industries.

Mr. McNutt's authority gives him what is practically dictatorial powers. He now has power over more men in this country than any person has exercised in its history.

The power now vested in the two new "czars" for food and labor are of the type, and extent, that every available bit of labor, food, and material necessary for the winning of the war, and the feeding of millions during the war and afterwards, will be fused into a working combination that is as efficient, and completely organized as possible.

President Roosevelt, when the authority was delegated by him, announced that in case any controversy should arise in which either Mr. McNutt, Wickard, or Secretary of Interior Ickes—who was recently appointed petroleum administrator—were involved, he would personally arbitrate the matter.

All three of the new administrators are midwesterners. Two of them, McNutt and Wickard, are from Indiana. Ickes is from Illinois.

OPA Has Issued New Price Formula; Bulletins Available

To make sure that housewives can obtain supplies of holiday and seasonal food products, the Office of Price Administration has issued a new pricing formula by which retailers and wholesalers will be able to restock their shelves, and a quantity of bulletins explaining this new formula is now available at the office of the Hamilton County War Price and Rationing Board.

The two new regulations, one for use by wholesalers and the other by retailers, permit distributors generally to use the same percentage markup over cost in 1942 which they used on these articles during 1941.

Use of this new pricing method is mandatory for all retailers and wholesalers and for this reason Brown advised food merchants in Hamilton County to obtain copies of the explanatory bulletin as soon as possible from the Board office, at the courthouse.

The seasonal regulations are intended to establish ceiling prices on many commodities which were not sold during March and apply to the following products: Mince meat, plum pudding, fig pudding, date pudding, Christmas cookies, fruit cake, holiday candy, chocolate covered cherries, sweet apple cider, glazed or candied fruits and peels, stuffed dried fruits, dried figs, pure sorghum syrup, pitted and macerated dates and date products.

Says Schools Not Source of Infection For Poliomyelitis

Austin, Dec. 16.—The appearance of poliomyelitis in one or two Texas communities has resulted in considerable apprehension and a request for the closing of certain schools.

According to the State Health Department, closing schools has very little effect on the control of this disease. In a community recently studied, there were 22 cases reported, only nine of which were of school age, and these nine represented several different schools.

To inform the public of the best procedure to follow when poliomyelitis is suspected, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has issued the following statement:

"All suspected cases should be reported to the county health officer and isolated for a minimum of 14 days. Concurrent and terminal disinfection should be employed as in typhoid. It might be well to hospitalize the patient and good medical care is imperative."

"Except for the attendant, members of the family should stay away from the patient. The wage earner, unless employed with food handling, should be free to continue his work. Preschool children in the family should be greatly restricted if not entirely excluded from community activity."

"School children should be observed daily for signs of upper respiratory infection or fever. Upon the appearance of such symptoms, they should be excluded from school until a definite diagnosis is made. Children as well as adults should avoid overactivity to the point of fatigue. Maintain nutrition at the best possible level and be sure to get plenty of fresh air and sunshine."

Fairy Methodists To Honor Boys in Service Next Sunday

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the same being the third Sunday, we will dedicate the honor roll of our boys in service with an appropriate program. We want the names of all the boys in service who have relatives in the Methodist Church at Fairy.

Please come early and make sure that your boy's name has not been overlooked. We extend a cordial invitation to the general public to attend this very sacred service. Services begin promptly at 11:30 a. m.

G. C. WILLIAMS, Pastor in Charge.

FIRE THREATENS HOME

Fire shortly after noon Saturday threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Chifton, but neighbors helped to extinguish it before much damage had been done.

The blaze, starting while the family was away from home, burned only a small space before being discovered.

More Men From Hamilton County Inducted, Accepted

The following named registrants have been forwarded by the Hamilton County Local Board for induction into the U. S. Army and have been accepted for service and sent to the Reception Center at Camp Wolters, Texas:

- Jimmie Thompson, Pottsville Star Rte, Hamilton. Robert Allen Baker, Route 1, Evans. Benjamin Franklin Sohm, Star Rte, Hamilton. Edgar Allen Gossett, Route 2, Hamilton. Otto Hugo Meissner, Route 1, Jonesboro. Robert Darmon Kuykendall, Route 2, Hamilton. William Austin Brown, Hico. Carl Louis Bethke, Route 1, Evans. Lemmon Carl Adam Wagner, Pottsville. Giles Leon Shields, Hico Route 3. Oran Bond Nettleton, Hamilton. Curtis Milton Hartin, Hamilton Route 1. J. D. Upham Jr., Hamilton. Whitfield Riley Coston, Hamilton. William Charles Lawson, Hamilton. Bertice Barnett Jr., Hico. Willie Walter Marwitz, Indian Gap. J. E. Faubion Jr., Ireland. Thomas Jefferson Babbitt, Hamilton.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS OF NEW ADDITIONS TO S. S. REGULATIONS:

Every person required to present himself for and submit to registration and who is within any age group of persons who have been liable for training and service for six months under selective service law must have in his personal possession at all times, in addition to his registration certificate, a valid Notice of Classification issued to him showing his current classification. Upon request, such person must exhibit such Notice of Classification to any law-enforcement officer, any representative of the Secretary of State, any representative of the Secretary of Treasury, any representative of the Attorney General, any official of National Headquarters for Selective Service, any official of a State Headquarters for Selective Service, any member of a local board or board of appeal, any government appeal agent, and any other official designated by the Director of Selective Service, and upon entering active service in the armed forces, such person must surrender such Notice of Classification to his commanding officer who will dispose of it in accordance with the current orders of his service.

A duplicate Notice of Classification may be issued to a registrant only by the local board which mailed the original Notice of Classification to the registrant upon written application made on Duplicate Request (Form 61) and the presentation of proof satisfactory to the local board that the Notice of Classification of the registrant has been lost, mislaid, stolen, or destroyed and that the registrant has made a diligent search for the Notice of Classification and has been unable to find it.

Any registrant whose current Classification Card or Registrant Certificate has been lost, mislaid, stolen, or destroyed, should immediately apply to his local board office for issuance of a duplicate card. If the registrant is too far away from his local board area to apply directly to his local board for a Duplicate Registration Certificate or Classification Card, he should go to the local board nearest him and request permission to execute the proper forms for issuance of these cards; that local board will forward the executed forms to his own local board, and he will immediately be forwarded duplicate cards.

JOE GISH



Wasted money is wasted lives. Don't waste precious lives. Every dollar you can spare should be used to buy War Bonds. Buy your ten percent every pay day.

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The Mirror

SENIOR NEWS

Boy, oh, boy! The Senior Class is the happiest class in school and I imagine most of you people have noticed it. But why shouldn't we be? We have a splendid reason for being. I bet we have you people really wondering now. Well, O. K., if you want to know what it is all about, Monday morning our Class Rings came. Now, isn't that enough to be happy over? At least, we think so.

We have a new student in our class, Alfred Bales. Alfred joined our class in the fifth grade, but left us in the seventh when he moved to Dublin. But now he has returned to graduate with us. We are proud to have you back, Alfred.

This week we are going to interview one of our popular Senior boys, Myrl Ash, better known as "Jack." Myrl is one of our outstanding Seniors and is also a well known basketball player. Now, Myrl, speak up and tell us your likes (remember—no dislikes). Favorite food? Angel food cake. Favorite sport? Basketball. Favorite song? "There's a Star-Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere."

Hobby? Fishing and hunting. Girl friend? Myrl is bashful, and doesn't like to express his opinion about girls, but all the girls seem to like him, but you know, we girls are not bashful, are we? Anyway there's a little bird told us

that Myrl sorta likes a certain little Soph. Is it true, Myrl? Myrl is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 121, and is 18 years old. He has blue eyes and blonde hair, and now you see why we girls all like him. Could you blame us?

JUNIOR NEWS

We are glad to report that our game night was a success, for our part. We hope everyone else enjoyed it as much as we did. I think the ladies that played basketball had a pretty good time; some of them said they wanted to play again some time. The total profit was about \$26.50. We want to thank everyone who helped us on the cake walk, ticket sales, and everything. The Seniors appreciate it, as well as we Juniors, since the money will go to an entertainment for them.

We are glad to have Zedie Bales back in our class. She tells us that she has been living in Dublin since she left our class in grammar school.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

We enjoyed the band in the auditorium Friday afternoon. Several Sophs are members of the band: Clovis Grant, Mary Jane Barrow, Mildred Rellihan, Don Griffiths, and Virginia Coston.

J. D. Jones and Milton Rainwater are out of school working for a while. J. D. has gone to the canteen at Camp Hood and Milton is working for Mr. Hicks. The class misses these boys and wishes for them the best of luck.

Did Mrs. Jones find her living room in a mess Sunday morning? Not if Mary Nell cleaned it up Saturday night after the gang left.

The Sophomores are eagerly awaiting the Christmas holidays. And they sincerely hope Santa gets a "C" gasoline book.

FRESHMAN NEWS

We are sorry to lose Frances Jagers, who has quit school.

Say, Charlie, what was the matter Saturday night? You are not going to let a little red-headed girl beat your time, are you?

Say, Stella, what are you so happy about? It's not because your soldier boy friend came home, is it? I bet it is.

We are glad to welcome Melton Williams into our class.

LATE NEWS FLASH

They are singing a new song these days in the Keeney home. Late—oh, so late at night—Mrs. Keeney sings, "Where Have You Been, Billy Boy, Billy Boy?" And her handsome son replies, in a voice as sweet as the bird's, "Been to See My Sweetie-Pie, She's the Apple of My Eye, She's A Young Thing and Cannot Leave Her Mother."

—Anonymous Reporter.

MR. CUPID'S NOTEBOOK

We are wondering who Gwendolyn K. was with Saturday night. Who was it, Gwendolyn?

Biondie is falling down. It was Paul Izell Saturday night.

Wonder who Mildred Rellihan wanted to go with Saturday night. Could it be that Dan Cupid struck at last?

They say Lloyd A. has had a date with Patsy P. every night this week. That is sorta regular, ain't it?

George S., where did you and Jimmie Ruth ride Saturday night?

Wonder what broke Mary Jane B. and Don G. up. Couldn't have been something about a goodnight, could it Mary Jane?

Billy K. and Virginia C. still have it bad.

Billy Jean W. sure keeps all the boys busy. What about it, Don and Buck?

Milburn sure attends the show often. Wonder why, Pansy. Would you know?

Maynard, Margie sorta turned you down Saturday night, didn't she? But I'm sure your Clairette girl friend would have been jealous.

Wonder how Paul K. rated that Senior girl Sunday afternoon. After all, Jody, Dale might get jealous.

Milburn and Maynard are sorta stepping out. Wonder how they rated those Clairette girls.

Walter R. sure is having a lot of company, eh, Joyce?

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

The winter days are passing quickly by and upon us soon will be another Christmas. And this Christmas will hold a deeper meaning. This Christmas each of us will feel the full effects of the food, clothing, material and manpower shortage. By the Christmas holidays, a year after Pearl Harbor, the war we set out to win will have caught up with us.

It is strange that on the anniversary of the birthday of Him who came into the world to spread goodness, there could be so much hate and evil. That after so many years spent in fighting darkness and fear, as He directed, there could coop up again powers of hatred.

With all the agony and human suffering it would seem that the world has grown farther away from His teachings. But such is not the case in America. We have cast away the tinsel and the gay ribbon, the unimportant things, and have discovered the real spirit of Christmas. We have found, shining gloriously there in the distance, the real Star of Bethlehem. Now, Christmas 1942, we have found at last our purpose and the source of our strength.

"Peace On Earth, Good-Will To-ward Men"—this is our goal; He who died that we might live—this is our Light.

SMILE AWHILE

Jimmie Ruth: "Aren't sheep the dumbest animals?" Mary Jane: "Yes, my little lamb."

Virginia: "What are you wearing your nose wrong side out for?" Mrs. Greenway: "There's a hole on the other side."

Billy Jean: "Don, a little bird told me you were going to give me a locket for Christmas." Don: "It must have been a coo-coo."

Cop: "Your Honor, this man stole a quart of whiskey." Judge: "Prisoner is dismissed." Cop: "But, Your Honor—" Judge: "You can't make a case out of a quart."

Salem

By Mrs. W. C. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Martin and son, Ray, of Duffau are moving on the Tom Laney estate. We are happy to welcome these young folks to our community.

Inspector Holbrook of Brownwood and County School Superintendent Mrs. Jones of Stephenville visited the school here Monday afternoon.

R. L. Lewis of Hico was looking after his interests in these parts Sunday afternoon.

John Laney has gone to Fort Worth, where he has employment.

Miss Tina Rogers spent Sunday after church with Misses Darcus and Marilyn Giesecke at Duffau.

Miss Dimple Lambert of Dallas visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lambert and children, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Giesecke of Millerville were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers.

The farmers in this section have finished with their peanut harvest, having had nice weather the most of the time, for which they were grateful.

Miss Nora Mae Driver of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Driver, during the week end.



Notre Dame still is the nation's top football attraction. Only seven games this season drew more than 50,000 spectators, and Notre Dame played in four. The Irish played before the biggest crowd of the year—95,000—against Southern California at Los Angeles. . . . Because of transportation difficulties Seattle and Portland are to be dropped from the Pacific Coast league and the circuit cut to six teams.

Joe Corbett, older brother of Gentleman Jim, was a star pitcher for the old Baltimore Orioles. . . . Buddy Hassett, Yankee first baseman, hit five home runs this season. In his six previous major league years he hit a total of seven.

There will be no three-cushion billiard tournament this year. The reason: The National Billiards association is unable to obtain a suitable site for the event. . . . Del Baker predicted last May that the 1942 season would finish his career as boss of the Detroit club. He said he expected to be the goat when player salaries were cut and they became disgruntled.

"What on earth has a battleship got to do with my cooking?"



JACK: Plenty, Mom . . . plenty! They tell me down at the Navy yard almost everything that goes into making those babies is cooked with Gas.

MOTHER: Cooked? What do you mean cooked . . .

JACK: Heat-treated . . . to give the metal proper toughness. For instance, Gas cooks armor plate so it will shake off big shells and not shatter under gunfire. And the steel for tanks, guns, planes and bombs . . . they're all cooked with Gas!

MOTHER: But why Gas?

JACK: Why Gas! You ought to know . . . because it saves time and money makin' a battlewagon—just as it saves you time and money cookin' a meal!

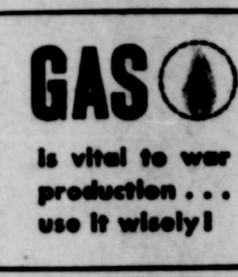
MOTHER: So that's why they say we may be asked to conserve Gas for home uses this winter.

JACK: That's it, Mom . . . Gas is mighty important stuff, and they need lots of it to win the war!

MOTHER: Well, if I can help . . . I'll be glad to do my bit.

JACK: Now you're cookin' with Gas. . . Mom!

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Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexantler

Rev. Arch Jones filled his appointment here last Sunday. Mrs. Minnie Elkins of Eastland spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChristal. Mr. Doyle Partain visited his brother, Bud Partain, last Saturday. Mrs. Alice Fenley of Fort Worth is spending the week with her father, Mr. R. M. Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Billingsley of Stephenville visited over the week end in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin and Mrs. Sam Johnson. Mrs. Henry McCarty of De Leon spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Mollie Cook. Miss Lila Sherrard of Mineral Wells spent Sunday and Monday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard. Pvt. Buck East who is stationed in Colorado is here on a furlough, visiting in the home of a brother, John East, and also visiting other relatives at Dublin and Stephenville. Mrs. T. D. Phillips, who is staying in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardin, is in the Dublin Hospital and is the proud mother of a fine baby girl which arrived Tuesday. Her husband, Staff Sgt. T. D. Phillips, is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

There is going to be a Christmas program and Christmas tree at the school auditorium Friday night. Mrs. S. O. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. John East, and Pvt. Buck East, also Miss Hester Jordan of Hico were visiting in Stephenville Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hatchett of near Alexander Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Hubbard Malinda Woolverton Hubbard was born in Red River County, Texas, on September 9, 1884, and died Monday, Dec. 14, 1942.

When a small child she moved with her parents to Sevier County, Arkansas, where she spent her girlhood. She was married to J. C. Hubbard on July 7, 1901, at De Queen, Ark. To that union were born two sons, Ralph of Hico, and Rudolph, now deceased. She became a member of the Christian Church about thirty years ago.

She had reared from infancy two grandsons, J. C. and James Rudolph. She was loved for her sweet disposition and kind nature by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Ralph, and four grandsons; one granddaughter, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Bolen of Sanger, Texas, and Mrs. Lou Whitesides of Hico.

Funeral services were held at the Clairette Methodist Church Tuesday, December 15, at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. Floyd W. Thrash of Hico assisted by Rev. W. H. Hogg. Burial arrangements were in charge of Barrow's.

Unity

By Mrs. L. A. Cole

Judson Cole of San Diego, California, visited his parents a few days last week, arriving here Sunday and leaving Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Luckie of Chalk Mountain are moving on the Ross Farm in the house vacated by the Harris family, who are moving to the Malone place.

J. N. Simpson and wife and little daughter of Hico and Mrs. Ollita Freedman of Stephenville were dinner guests of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simpson Sunday.

The Unity Club met with Mrs. Fred Hyles for a working meeting. They got quite a bit of sewing done. Several dresses and slips were made. Mrs. B. F. Ince, Mrs. W. L. Simpson, Mrs. Kirby Killian, Mrs. J. L. Kidd, and Mrs. L. A. Cole talked over several plans for the next year's work.

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



Paul McNutt

Hard on the heels of our entry into our second year of war came the announcement that President Roosevelt has given to Paul Vories McNutt complete authority over the nation's manpower resources for the urgent purpose of co-ordinating gun with gunner, farm with table, supply with demand, and of preventing the haphazard migration of essential workers.

Under the new set-up McNutt will control selective service, with Gen. Hershey remaining in active charge. Enlistment is out, but selectees may still indicate a preference for a particular branch of service. A worker in a vital war industry may quit, or may leave one job for another paying more money. But he can also be asked to go where he is most needed.

McNutt's task is chiefly administrative, and he is well prepared for it. He has been, successively, dean of the University of Indiana law school, governor of Indiana (1933-37), U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines (1937-39), Federal Security administrator and director of the War Manpower Commission.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Pvt. Jiggs Plummer, who is in camp at El Paso, visited his parents this week.

Mrs. J. E. Lawrence visited her mother, Mrs. Ellis of Tahoka, the past week. She returned home Sunday.

Pvt. Johnnie O. Dunn has completed the course of training in the armament school at Salt Lake City, Utah, and received his diploma Nov. 14. His present address is 10th Base Hq., Air Base Squad, Gowin Field, Boise, Idaho.

Miss Mittie Gordon returned last Thursday from Fort Worth, where she visited relatives.

Mrs. Minnie Clark and Mrs. Duncan were in Hico Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden and daughter vacated the Pylant house and moved Friday to the farm they bought from the Hurt heirs, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who moved close to Walnut Springs.

Mrs. Cooke of Comanche visited Mrs. T. M. Tidwell from Wednesday till Saturday of last week.

Mr. Will Robertson and daughter, Mrs. Thelma Sowell, were in Hico Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Henderson moved to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Sparks, for the duration. Mrs. Chester Gosdin of Glenn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers this week.

Mrs. Fannie Yokum and children moved to the residence of Mrs. D. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Edwards and baby moved to the house vacated by Mrs. Yokum.

Miss Faye Fallis spent Friday night with Dorris Miller. Sue Whitley was in Hico last Saturday.

Mrs. Parker of Parker, Texas, is here visiting.

Rev. and Mrs. Cundieff and children vacated the Simpson house, as it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Miller. They have rooms with Mrs. Ida Wier.

Mrs. Otis Bowman and baby of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, are here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prater, of Duffau were here Saturday. They were accompanied by their son, Pvt. Raymond Prater, who is in camp at El Paso.

Mrs. Eva Gregory spent the week end in Hico with her son, Herbert, and family.

Mrs. W. B. Smith has returned from Oklahoma where she visited her husband who is in the Army there.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Fouts of Dallas spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. Elvis Lott and Mrs. Horton were in Hico Monday.

Mrs. Harve Sawyer left Monday for Dallas to visit her sister, Mrs. Glenn Board.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller moved to their new home they recently bought from Miss Grace Simpson.

Mr. Mino Loughlin of Dallas spent the week end with his parents. He was accompanied by a Mr. Brown. His parents accompanied him home to spend Christmas.

Mr. Ed Dunlap was very sick with a heart attack this week.

The Christmas market for turkeys closed Saturday night. Two cars of dressed turkeys were shipped from here Monday. All the turkeys were nice.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burch and baby spent the week end with his parents.

The W. M. U. ladies had their Christmas social Monday afternoon, Dec. 7th, at the home of Mrs. Fouts. Several games and contests were enjoyed. All the ladies took a toy of some kind to be sent to their Baptist Orphans' Home at Dallas. All had a fine time.

Pvt. Ralph Echols, who is stationed in Waco, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby of Hico visited her mother, Mrs. A. L. Harris, Sunday.

Mr. Dick Appleby, who works in McGregor, spent the week end at home with his wife.

Mr. Walter McDowell, who is working in Fort Worth, spent the week end with his family.

Mrs. Bill Davis and daughter were in Hico Monday.

The W. S. C. S. was well entertained Monday afternoon, Dec. 14, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Pike. She was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Burns. Several games and contests were played. The living room was decorated in Autumn leaves and a lovely Christmas tree was in the room with all the trimmings. Each one received a gift. All had a fine time. Refreshments of hot chocolate and sandwiches and cheese were then served.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Phillips were in Dallas Sunday.

Charles Appleby, who works in San Antonio, visited homefolks this week.

The 13th chapter of the serial, "The Mystery Rider," will be shown. A good comedy, and war news and a feature, "The Small Town Kids" starring Stuart Erwin. A show will be in the afternoon

at 2:30, a good Western, comedy and war news.

Mr. John Hudson

Mr. John Hudson was born Nov. 22, 1867 in the State of Georgia, and passed away at 3:30 p. m. December 12, 1942, at his home. He was 75. He lived in Cleburne.

Mr. Hudson resided in Bosque County until he came to Cleburne five years ago. He was a retired farmer.

In 1901 he was married to Miss Ona Lott. To this union two children were born, Melvin Hudson of Meridian, and Mrs. Phil Carr of Cleburne.

He was converted in his younger days and lived a clean Christian life. He was a good man in every way, was a devoted husband and also a devoted father to his two children. The wife and children will miss him so much.

He was confined to his bed for nearly a year. He bore his suffering with patience, for he knew he would be at rest when he left this world.

While he and Mrs. Hudson lived here they made many friends. He was everyone's friend.

The deceased came to Texas in 1894 and all his life was spent here except for the five years he lived in Cleburne.

He had improved some so as to be up some and grew worse Monday when death released him from his suffering.

The funeral of this good man was held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Baptist Church. Bro. John P. Cundieff officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Greebon, the Methodist pastor.

The floral offerings were very large and beautiful. He looked very natural. The loved ones will no doubt grieve for him but not in vain, for the life he lived they know they will see him some sweet day.

He was laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery under the direction of Crosier-Rieson Funeral Home of Cleburne. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Phil Carr of Cleburne and Mr. Melvin Hudson of Meridian; two sisters, Mrs. Maud Seale of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Martha Shaw, of Lubbock; and five brothers, Joel Hudson, Iredell, George Hudson, Walnut Springs, B. Hudson, Abilene, Jim Hudson, Cleburne, and Henry Hudson, Lawrenceville, Ga. He also leaves five grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

The out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral were Mrs. John Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carr and children, Mr. Jim Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Charlie Harvey, Mrs. H. Westham, Mr. Bud Stanley, Mr. L. M. Ramsey, and Mrs. Ray Ledbetter, of Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Malcus Shannon and son, Lloyd and wife, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Tarver, Walnut Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hudson and son, Mrs. Vivian Davis and daughters, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hudson and daughters, Mrs. Carrie Potter, Meridian; Mr. and Mrs. John Kaylor, Meridian; Mrs. Vivian Cadgill, Waco; Mrs. Maude Seale, Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rhodes and children, Hico.

Mrs. Hudson and children have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their loved one.

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Personals.

Mrs. Cecil Reeves spent Wednesday in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Perry of Johnsonville were in Hico Tuesday.

Bill D. Smith of Waco was a week-end visitor in the home of his grandfather, J. J. Smith.

Mrs. G. C. Keeney left Sunday for Smiley, where she will spend a week or ten days conducting a poultry school.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hays of San Angelo are spending several days this week here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Hays.

Mrs. Lenora Langston left Saturday morning to stay until Spring with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Wylie, and family at Moran.

Lt. and Mrs. Marshall Cummings and little daughter, Sharon Ann, of Hamilton visited here Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Jones.

Mrs. W. B. Prater and son, Floyd left last Saturday for Fort Worth to join Mr. Prater who is employed at Consolidated aircraft plant.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Jones moved last Thursday into their new home which they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coston.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Driver, Route 7, will receive the Hico News Review for a year as a Christmas gift from her mother, Mrs. Lucille Snyder.

Mrs. George Greer and son of Houston visited here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullins, and sister, Mrs. Gray and baby.

Raymond Lowe came in from Fort Worth Tuesday to take Mrs. Lowe and daughter back with him. He is employed at Consolidated aircraft plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welborn and daughter, Margie, of Fort Worth spent the week end here with relatives and friends. They also visited relatives at Cranfill's Gap.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson of Valley Mills came up Sunday after their daughter, Joan, who had spent the week end here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Meador, and other relatives.

Miss Nettie Rodgers, who is an instructor in Baylor University, came in Wednesday from Waco to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers.

W. H. Greenslit spent Sunday in Fort Worth and was accompanied home by Mrs. Greenslit who had been visiting several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kunds.

Mrs. W. D. Perkins of Iredell called at the office this week and had the name of her son-in-law and daughter, Pvt. and Mrs. G. F. Morris Jr., Cheyenne, Wyoming, added to the list of subscribers to the Hico News Review.

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Church News

Methodist Church

The Christmas program of the Methodist church will be launched beginning with the services on Sunday morning. The pastor will preach on the subject, "God's Personal Gift." The congregation will make its annual Christmas offering to the support of the Methodist Home in Waco. This home cares for 400 children and has a budget of \$125,000 annually. An announcement was made by John V. Lackey, local commissioner for the Home, at the services last Sunday. A committee has been appointed to begin work this week. Members are urged to give cash and canned goods in order to reach the highest possible amount for this worthy work.

"Preparation" will be the subject of the evening sermon at 7:45. The Youth Fellowship will meet Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The youth of the church will have a Christmas social at the parsonage on Monday evening, December 21.

On Wednesday evening the annual Christmas tree and program will be held at the church. Parents are requested to send only simple gifts to be put on the tree. Expensive gifts should not be put on the tree as some children who do not get such gifts might be embarrassed. Such gifts may be given at the home trees.

Let us not say that we cannot have a good Christmas because of the war. Let us be grateful and be more Christian and make it a real Christmas. If we have the Christ Spirit in our hearts and lives we can have a good Christmas indeed. Let the spirit of worship and adoration and giving and good will be manifest throughout the Christmas season.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Baptist Church

The Christmas Season is rapidly approaching. It is time for us to search our hearts to see if we know the real meaning of the word Christmas. Will it be "Christmas for Christ?"

Sunday will be a day dedicated to preparing for Christmas. The morning sermon will deal with the coming of the promised Messiah. Training Union will meet for all ages at 7:15.

Wednesday night, Dec. 23, there will be a program at the church, a pageant, and a playlet followed by a simple Christmas tree. It is hoped that those who do not have a Bible will report that condition before that time. Each child is to bring a gift with his name on the outside. Names will be drawn after they reach the church.

Let each one do his part to spread cheer, to say a cheery "Merry Christmas" and though it cannot be gay under present conditions, through Christ it can be a triumphant Christmas.

There are many ways of making this a triumphant Christmas, one by helping those who are in need. Then let us send to the "Children at Buckner's" a crate or two of chickens. Let each one who can bring a chicken to the parsonage before next Wednesday. Bring them any time from Sunday on. The coop will be under the arbor in the back yard. We will need some 35 to 40 chickens. "Let Us Forget the Orphan."

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Pentecostal Church

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10:30 and the evening worship at 7:45. Hear the old-time gospel and singing. Everyone invited.

Victory Prayer Meeting — Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for the duration at the Pentecostal Church.

The prayers at these meetings will be especially for the safety and return of our husbands, sons and other relatives and friends and victory for our nation.

Everyone who is concerned is urged to be present who can have the force of each other's prayers. DOLLY LINCHE, Pastor.

W. M. S. TO HOLD CHRISTMAS SOCIAL NEXT MONDAY

Monday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 the ladies of the W. M. S. will have a Christmas Social at the home of Mrs. C. S. McNeely. Each lady is to bring some small gift, preferably home-made, these gifts to be exchanged at the close of the social.

Mrs. Aubrey Smith presided over the Royal Service Program Monday, presenting "God's Will and the Relation of Christmas to Present Times." Those participating on the program were Mesdames Smith, Burden, Bradley, Perkins, Bowles, Hancock, and Driskell. At the close the manger scene was presented, followed by the singing of "Silent Night." Each of the 16 ladies present lighted a small candle from the large one and the Scripture was read: "I am the Light of the World; Ye are the Light of the World."

The pastor led in the closing prayer which was a rededication for each one holding a light that each one might "Let his light so shine." REPORTER.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING TO REORGANIZE

Sunday night all young people who were interested in the Epworth League met at 6:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church. We set our goal for ten, but our attendance added up to twelve, so we feel that our work was not in vain. All young people are invited to come and become members of our League. We want to build it up and have a worth-while young people's meeting.

Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:20 all young people who are members of the League are invited to come to a recreation party at Brother Thrash's home.

Thursday, the 24th, at 6:00 p. m. all young people are invited to meet at Brother Thrash's home for recreation and to go caroling. Be sure and be there, for we need you to sing.

You young people don't forget to be at League next Sunday night, beginning at 6:00 o'clock, and it won't hurt anyone to stay for church occasionally.

MILDRED RELIHAN.

Funeral Services Held Sunday For World War I Vet

James Edward Massengale, veteran of the first World War, died at his home here December 11 at 10 p. m., after an illness of some two years. However, the acute attack came as a surprise as he had seemed to be improving.

Born March 21, 1888 in Navarro County, he came with his family to this county when only 6 years of age and has made his home here since that time. He was converted in August 1908, at the age of 20, and united with the County Line Baptist Church where his membership has remained these years.

He was married to Miss Annie Burden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burden of Hico, August 17, 1908 and she only lived two months and eleven days. On August 22, 1927 he was married to Miss Ophelia Bullard who survives.

Mr. Massengale engaged in farming in this community until 1940, when he retired on account of ill health. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Massengale, early settlers in this county, helped in the organization of the Falls Creek and County Line Baptist Churches.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Dec. 13, at 2 p. m. conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Perkins, assisted by Elder Stanley Glescke.

Surviving besides his wife are three brothers, S. E. and J. A. Hico, and J. C. of Fairy; three sisters, Mrs. Dora Houston, Hico; Mrs. B. J. Parks, Fairy, and Mrs. Edith Proffitt of Rochester.

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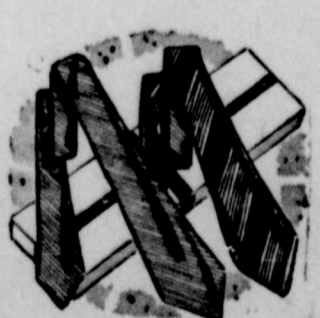
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2 teaspoons salt
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Heat corn stick pans in oven. Brush with margarine. Fill hot pans with batter. Bake in very hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, or until brown. Makes 1 1/2 dozen.

Corn Muffins. Bake in margarine-coated muffin pans in hot oven (425° F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Makes 1 1/2 dozen muffins.

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HOUSE AND HOME

by Mary E. Daque

With our markets a bit limited these days so that we must use the same fundamental foods over and over again we must depend on clever seasoning to break the monotony of the necessary repetition.

Many seasonings are available in the dry state. Some of them, parsley for instance, may be used green as garnishes or relishes in salads as well as in cooking. Success in their use depends more on the right combination of flavors than on any artful or painstaking preparation.

The one exception is curry powder, which must be carefully and thoroughly cooked in a special way to bring out its full flavor.

Restraint must always be practiced in the use of seasonings. Only enough should be used to bring out and enhance the flavor of the food being seasoned.

The way to use garlic in meat cooking is to rub the salt that is needed for the meat in a clove of garlic before seasoning the meat.

The leaves of tarragon have hot, pungent taste. They are commonly used to flavor vinegars for salads, but a few finely minced leaves are very good in tartar sauce.

The leaves of dill are a flavorful addition to fish, egg, cheese and meat salads.

Fennel has a hot sweet flavor reminding one of anise. A few seeds add spiciness to fruit pies and baked fruits. The leaves, fresh or dried, often are used for seasoning fish.

Marjoram is used either fresh or dry for flavoring soups and stews and in the stuffing for all meats and fish.

Sage ordinarily is used in poultry and meat stuffings but it is surprisingly good in cheese dishes and vegetable combinations. The flowers sometimes are used in salads, especially in those made with cheese.

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



DARK LIGHTNING

By HELEN TOPPING MILLER
WNU FEATURES

CHAPTER IX SYNOPSIS

Gary Tallman, a young petroleum engineer on his way to a job in Mexico, gets as far as Texas, where he is given a ride by Mona Lee Mason. They have an accident, and Gary is seriously injured. Mona Lee takes him to her home. There he finds two reasons for not going on to Mexico—Mona Lee's daughter, Adelaide, and evidence of oil on the Mason ranch. Harvey Mason, Mona Lee's husband, is going ahead with his plans for a well despite Gary's protest that they may not find oil. Trouble has turned up in the form of Mason's son-in-law, Oliver Kimball, who has kept Mason from getting water except by piping it out from town and who is waiting for Mason now as Mona Lee urges Gary to join them.



They found the break a mile down the road.

"Please, Mrs. Mason—" But she had walked away quickly to the living room door. "Harvey, Gary's here if you want him," she said.

Harvey got to his feet, and his face was red. "Come on in here, Gary. You know Oliver—and this is Mr. Paterson—Tallman's bossing this oil job for me."

Paterson was a type he knew. Suave, lawyer turned salesman. "I don't think you need any outside help to get at the bottom of this proposition, Harvey," Oliver said. "You're not going to lose a cent by accepting Paterson's proposition. On the other hand, you stand to lose plenty if you refuse to listen."

"Mind stating the proposition?" Gary asked politely. Oliver bristled a little. "I don't see why we should. We've made it perfectly clear to Harvey."

"Perhaps I can make it plain in a few words, Mr. Tallman," Paterson was blandly agreeable. "I happen to represent the people who own the refinery nearest to Mr. Mason's project. We don't at this time wish to buy any more oil. However, the people I represent are willing to take over the lease on this property—mineral rights only, you understand—and hold it for future development."

"You figured this out, did you?" Gary said to Oliver, smiling coolly. "Very clever job."

"It's a holdup. I don't care who figured it out!" shouted Harvey. "You're quite certain then, Mr. Mason, that you don't wish to protect yourself by coming in with us?" Paterson rose. "Your well is only spudded in now. Plenty of trouble can happen before you hit the sand. We could save you from all that, you know."

"I can save myself," snapped Harvey. "Good day, gentlemen." "They aren't telling all they know," Gary said when Oliver's car had backed viciously out of the drive. "Something's stirring—and may not be pretty."

Very early next morning Gary saw the man in the brown suit walking across the field. "Ouch!" he said to Hickey. "I knew it. Here it comes."

"That feller?" drawled Hickey. "He's a lawyer. Slide Ellis, from up in town."

"Might as well slog along down there and see what he wants." Harvey and the lawyer walked toward the house, and Gary went back to the slush pit, but unease made him prickly. He went to the house an hour later, heard loud voices barking at each other in the living room, and slipped upstairs unobtrusively.

He heard the front door close while he was shaving, and then the sharp slam of the back door as Harvey went out. Then Ellis' car went snarling out of the drive and when Gary went down again, Mona Lee was lingering in the hall.

pasture out there that I bought from Elihu Plummer, back in '28. Slide says he represents one of Plummer's minor heirs."

"I won't compromise with a low heel like Slide Ellis—nor with that crummy son-in-law of mine, either. I'm going ahead with this well, if I have to fight the whole state of Texas to do it."

"I'd advise you to see your own lawyer, at any rate," Gary said. "I'll go and see him—the first thing in the morning. And I'll let those birds know they're in a tight."

"The thing to do now," Gary told Hickey, "is to rush this well down as fast as we can, safely, before somebody comes along to stop us."

"O.K., your feller," Hickey said. "We'll jam her down till they come out with the papers."

Gary stayed out late that night, watching the drilling, and Adelaide came out with a flashlight and perched on the tool box, watching, too. Gary went and leaned on the box beside her. "Lord, I wish she was a well," he said.

Under the flaring lights, the great behemoth labored and grunted on. "Make a swell mural, wouldn't it? If some artist could catch those lights and the glow from the boilers." He jumped as the rumbling machinery was suddenly silenced, and a yell came from the men on the derrick floor.

Gary ran swiftly and Adelaide followed, jumping lightly over planks and puddles. "What is it?" she gasped as she climbed up and looked at the grim-faced group of men surrounding Gary.

"No water. Somebody has cut our line. Get your car, quick," Gary ordered. "We'll have to find the break and fix it."

The rumble of the boilers died as the fire was shamed. Men hammered in the slabs of wood that held the heavy joint steady in the casing. Hickey lit his pipe and sat down on the tool box, but Gary and Adelaide ran, stumbling and panting in the dark, to the garage.

"Maybe we can get it fixed without telling Dad," Adelaide said breathlessly, as they dragged the doors open. "He's had so much trouble already."

a deep breath of relief, went down to straighten the pipe and wait for Hickey. An old truck with two men in it had slowed to a stop, dimly visible in the dusk, and one man got out and lifted the hood and stood fiddling with something about the motor. Gary sensed that this was a stall, that the man who still sat in the truck was watching him, and not his partner. He was certain of this when a car whirred by, honking, and the flare of the headlights shined, briefly, a brand new ax lying in the back of the truck. He walked boldly out to the truck.

"You fellows want something?" he asked. "The man at the hood let it down with a bump. 'Ain't hitting right,' he mumbled. 'What's up? Got trouble on your water line?'"

"You knew about that, did you?" "No, we didn't know nothing about it. Just seen you standing there—"

"You saw me standing there and you knew that something was wrong with our line. You'd better get going—the sheriff's on his way out here now."

They swore at him, and the truck tore away, but not before Gary had noted the license number. "O.K., your feller," Hickey said. "We'll jam her down till they come out with the papers."

"You can find out from the tax records who owns that car," Gary said. "But we can't prove that they actually cut the line. The thing we have to do now is to see that it isn't tampered with again."

"Could put it underground—but we won't need it long enough for that," Harvey said. "How far down is she now?"

"Two hundred feet. But this is going to be a deep well, Mr. Mason. Hickey says so, too."

"I don't care how deep she goes, if we hit oil. But time is what we need."

"And time, unless I'm very much mistaken, is exactly what they're not going to give you."

With morning, a carload of dull-faced men arrived very promptly, and though Harvey went into a rage he had to accept service on the documents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Birth of Jesus.
Lesson for December 29; Luke 2:8-20.

Golden Text: Matthew 1:21.
Though Jesus was born 2,000 years ago, world conditions were like the present—the Caesars had spread their conquests afar as would-be-Caesars have done today. And as the way of Rome had to do with incidents of Christ's birth, may the tragic conditions now lead us to value anew the blessings that birth should insure to mankind.

The enrollment decreed by Augustus Caesar provided the occasion for the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. And beautifully Luke described the incidents that attended the wondrous event there.

To shepherds who watched their flocks by night, to the lowly, God revealed himself and spoke through them of the Babe born in a manger but destined to rule the world, not through a Caesar's might but through love and sacrifice. "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself," said Napoleon Bonaparte, "Have founded great empires. But upon what do these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love and today millions would die for him."

We dare trust this Christmas that beneath the ruins of war the foundations of faith, love and hope are still unshaken. The only thing wrong with the world is sin. And blessed hope should stir the hearts of those who read the Golden Text. The title of the Babe is the Christ, the Anointed of God to save men; his name is Jesus, which means Saviour. In this blessed union of title and name let us renew our faith and hope as we shall again celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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WOMEN IN THE NEWS

BY JANET COPLER

FARM WOMEN: Speaking to the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau federation, Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota praised farm women for their contribution to the national war effort. Governor Stassen commended the work of the auxiliary services of our armed forces and the production workers in war plants; but added that "no one has matched the long, hard hours of toil of the men and women, boys and girls on the farms of America." He said he might "lightly suggest that farm women be called the American Eaglets, the 'Eaglets' to stand for 'Energetic Assistants to the Good Lord's Emergency Table Supply.'"

TO WASHINGTON: Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's decision to remain in Washington for several months gives China a gifted and influential representative in the nation's capital. Although she is an informal, if not strictly unofficial, envoy, there is little doubt that Mme. Chiang will discuss additional aid to China as part of the United Nations' plan. And there is reason to believe that she will emphasize the fact that one of China's major war aims is the restoration, after the war, of all territory now under foreign occupation and, what is more important in the long run, the removal of all foreign interests.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The Pennsylvania Railroad has hired 25 Negro women as section hands. Although they will work in regular gangs with men, they will do only the lighter work. A story from Daytona Beach, Fla., states that the second WAAC training center, established there December 1, has provided the army with its first woman MPs.

VEGETABLES OVERALLS: John M. Roche recently quoted as saying that women working in war plants should not wear clothes designed for men. Mr. Roche is not a designer, but a safety engineer, and it would be interesting to know what he recommends.

BOOM, ETC.: The curious have been intrigued by the meaning of the word from which the Coast Guard's newly organized auxiliary, the SPARS, takes its name. According to Webster's unabridged dictionary a spar, in nautical usage, is "a general term for any mast, yard, boom, gaff, or the like."

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Your BRAIN BUDGET

- 1-Who was it that said, after the Yanks invaded N. Africa: "French West Africa has placed itself freely under my orders." (1) President Roosevelt, (2) Admiral Darlan, (3) General Eisenhower, (4) Field Marshal Kessel?
- 2-Not a seasoned hobo, but a poet wrote these words: "Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take, No matter where it's goin'." Was it: (1) Edna St. Vincent Millay, (2) James Branch Cabell, (3) Carl Sandburg, (4) Robert Frost?
- 3-What is the new name of the army air corps?
- 4-Was it (1) Kentucky, (2) North Carolina, (3) Tennessee, or (4) Virginia which produced 465,235,000 pounds of tobacco (the record) in 1941?
- 5-Which of the following states leads in having the greatest percentage of farm operators who are full owners: (1) New Hampshire, (2) Connecticut, (3) New York, (4) Maine?

ANSWERS
 1-Admiral Darlan.
 2-Edna St. Vincent Millay.
 3-Army Air Forces.
 4-North Carolina.
 5-Maine: 89.5%, having 31,467 full owner farm operators.

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This WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN)—During the short period between the November election and the convening of the new congress on January 4, President Roosevelt has succeeded in setting up a dictatorship stronger than any which has ever been dreamed of under our democratic form of government. Whether he acted quickly in order to get the jump on the strong opposition which he faces in the new congress, or whether he simply felt that the time had come when he must make full use of the wartime powers which had been granted to him, is a question which could be debated by the hour, but whatever may be behind the timing, the people in this country, from now on, will have their lives dictated by the President and those to whom he has delegated power. And it is generally agreed here that these moves were necessary for the best interests of the country.

The greatest source of power has gone to Paul McNutt, who will have absolute control over manpower. He will determine who goes into the armed forces, what present civilian occupations are necessary, what men and women will be assigned to war production work and who will be trained for vital industries.

Just how far Mr. McNutt will go in using his power to determine how each of us earns his livelihood from now on will depend on the manpower needs, but there is no doubt that millions of men, whether they choose to or not, will be forced to work at an occupation picked for them by the Manpower commission.

Although Mr. McNutt now has final control over selective service, there are certain limitations contained in the President's order on manpower. For the time being he is not to draft any man for the armed forces who is 38 years old, or older, and he is not to permit enlistments in either the army or navy of men between the ages of 18 and 38.

The order ending voluntary enlistments probably means that no man in this age group can hereafter have any choice in the branch of the armed forces in which he will serve and cannot take part in the war unless his draft board decides that it is his turn to go. It also means that commissions, formerly given primarily to enlisted men, will now be awarded according to the comparative merits of the drafted men. Possibly, when a man is wanted by the army or the navy because of particular skills, a plan will be worked out by which he can be called by his draft board "by request."

The Manpower commission, in conjunction with the army, the navy, the department of agriculture, etc., will determine whether a man can best serve his country by working in a war industry, by entering the armed forces or by working on a farm. The commission will have the right to assign men of over 38 to any occupation other than the armed forces and the men over 38 will still be able to enlist in the army and navy if they wish.

One of the best features of the new control over the selective service is that the commission will have the power to issue mandatory regulations regarding what classifications of men will be taken first for the nation as a whole, rather than leave the final decision up to local draft boards. There has been much criticism in the past when General Hershey, director of the selective service act, would make a statement saying that one group, such as married men without children, should not be taken until all single men in a state had been drafted, and local boards would ignore that statement. This was caused by the fact that General Hershey did not have the power to make such regulations mandatory.

The next most important delegation of wartime power is that given to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard in his new role as food administrator. Under the wide powers given to him, he will have dictatorial authority over the production, distribution and consumption of food. He will determine what all of us will eat, what foods will be rationed, how many men should be assigned to farm work, what quantities of each type of food will be produced and how transportation problems will be handled. In addition to his control of the food supply, Mr. Wickard also will have control over other farm products such as cotton and tobacco.

As a result of the powers given to Mr. Wickard and Mr. McNutt, the people of this country can expect a period of regimentation in 1943 by which the activities of all of us will be guided from Washington.

The President made another move, in this short period between election and the convening of the new congress, which probably would have been made by the new congress anyway—that of ending the activities of the WPA. This agency, set up when the nation faced a grave unemployment problem, seemed to have no purpose when the nation is now facing a manpower shortage, so the President has ordered that all of its activities be disbanded by February 1. Thus was liquidated one of the pet New Deal agencies which, during its seven years of existence, had over 8,000,000 men on its payroll and expended over 10 billion dollars.

IF YOU DON'T SEE WHAT YOU WANT IN THE NEWS REVIEW CLASSIFIED, ADVERTISE FOR IT. THE COST IS SMALL AND THE RESULTS ARE BIG. JUST PHONE 132.

Carlton

— By —
 Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Ray Montgomery who is attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Montgomery, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd LeFevre spent Monday in Brownwood with their son, Clayton LeFevre, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton LeFevre are entertaining a new daughter and Mr. Edd LeFevre said he sure had the big-head.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Tull and children of Abilene spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Tull, and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Anderson.

Mrs. Charlie Wilhite is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wagoner, and husband of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobby Thompson and children spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Leo Finley, and family of Walnut Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williamson of Gustine spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fisher.

J. S. Minter and daughter, Gwendolyn and Maxine and Mrs. Hubert Stuckey and daughter were Hamilton visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Callie McKenzie left Monday for Waco to visit her children, Mrs. Runnie Rothrock, and husband, also Mrs. Mabel Bell and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barnett and daughter, La Trelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geyer attended the funeral in the funeral home of Mr. Henry Livingston, who lived near Alexander.

Mrs. Agatha Prater of Corsicana spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barnett, and daughter, La Trelle.

Mrs. Fred Geyer visited her daughter, Mrs. Paul Warren, and family of Harbin last week.

Mrs. Jennie Smith who has been visiting her son, Eb Smith and wife of Gustine, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Maggie McPherson is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Duzan, and husband.

Mrs. R. L. Brimer is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brimer, of Houston this week.

Duffau

— By —
 Mrs. W. A. Deskin

The teachers and school children are busy with their school program for Christmas.

Mrs. Mildred Flowers who has been employed at Waco is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Bruce Burgan.

Louise Prater, who is employed at Waco, spent the week end here with her folks.

Alva Deskin and son, Bob, also W. O. Moore of Abilene spent one day the past week visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fallin and daughters, Delores and Nelda Paul, spent Sunday with Mrs. Fallin's mother at Stephenville.

Mrs. Veraon Yokum and Bobby Jean King of Camp Branch community visited Mrs. Lewallen Monday eve.

Mrs. Alva Deskin and daughter, Maxie Juan, also Mrs. R. L. Erwin, Wilma Dee and Mary Hester Burgan and Carolyn Flowers had business in Hico Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey of Hico spent Sunday afternoon in the A. T. Lackey home.

Friends of Hinds Strother and Frances (Pappy) Stone will be glad to know that they are all at Miami Beach, Fla., and doing fine. G. B. Strother Jr. is an M. P. at Laredo, Texas, and Jim Burgan is at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. Pete Burgan is in Camp Wolters, Texas.

Peanut threshing is no respecter of day or night in this community.

A large crowd attended the shower last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howard, honoring the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Yokum.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Howard spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Artis Dale Adkins of Stephenville. Artis Dale leaves Wednesday for the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stringer and children and Miss Mollie Burgan spent Saturday in Hico.

There is quite a bit of moving in this community.

Falls Creek

— By —
 Virginia Coston

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Stephenville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston.

Mr. J. D. Ryan made a business trip to Hamilton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trammell and daughter of Red Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson of Hico spent Sunday with Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam and family and Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Washam a while Saturday night.

Virginia Coston spent Saturday night with Mary Nell Jones at Hico. Grady Coston spent Sunday in Hamilton visiting his nephew, W. R. Coston, who left Monday for service in the Army.

Christmas



Gift Suggestions

As a rule stocks are not large, and desirable goods in our line are scarce and hard to get. We were tipped off to this months ago and did our best to prepare for this emergency and succeeded in some respects, but in others we could not get all the goods we wanted.

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- Shaving Sets
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OLIVIA DeHAVILLAND
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SANTA LETTERS
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good. I, Patsy, am 8 years old and want you to please bring me twin dolls, house shoes, ironing board, and a little sewing machine. I, Mary Ann, am 5 years old and want a doll, a little washing machine, house shoes, and a little iron. I, Wanda Sue, am 2 years old and want a doll, a duck to pull with a string, and a set of dishes. We all want some fruit, nuts, and candy. Remember all the other little girls and boys. Your little friends, Patsy, Mary, and Wanda Noland.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 14, 1942.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy nine years old. My daddy said I have been good. I am in the fifth grade, and I like my teacher. Please bring me some soldiers, a puzzle, and some books. If you have something else to spare remember me with it. Remember the soldiers and White Christmas, Santa. Don't forget my nuts and fruits. Your pal, Kenneth Graves.

P. S.: Santa, little Bennie Spaulding is in Killen, Texas this Xmas—he will be expecting you.

Fairy, Texas, Dec. 13, 1942.

Dear Santa: How are you? I am just fine. May I have a Me and Meme doll and a refrigerator? I want 4 things and two trains in one, and a G. Snow Baby. Malinda Lou Goyno.

Fairy, Texas, Dec. 13, 1942.

Dear Santa: Please, will you bring me a doll the name of which is Miss Sunshine, if you can? I want three things and am 7 years old. And may I have a little Army nurse set, and an Army officer . . . 6 pieces. Wilma Grace Goyno.

John F. Malone, 65, Former Resident Dies In Ft. Worth

John F. Malone, age 65, former resident of Hico, died at his residence, 4424 Poinsettia, Fort Worth, Friday, Dec. 11, at 11 p. m. He is survived by his step-father, G. W. Crist, Hico; three sons, J. E. A. M., and Wade A. Malone, Fort Worth; three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Bunn, Waco, Mrs. Harvey Teague and Mrs. J. E. Hill, Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Warren, Mrs. Junie Bryan, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Rhoda Crist, Hico; brothers, Ed Crist, Hico, Roy Crist, Smithville, and Zeb Crist, Hillsboro; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, Bobby Rex Joyce, grandson of Mrs. Lillian Bunn of Waco.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Dec. 14 at Shannon's North Side funeral chapel in Fort Worth. Rev. O. E. Patterson of Fort Worth officiating.

Pallbearers were J. D. Pruett, Jess Wright, Jess Elms, Jim Simms, L. A. Whitfield, and T. B. Whitfield, all of Fort Worth. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mr. Malone was born May 25, 1877 near Hico where he lived for 35 years during which time he was active as a farmer. He was married to Miss Allie Langston of Hico in 1895 and they made their home near Hico on a farm for several years. Later Mr. and Mrs. Malone moved to Fort Worth where he was employed by Bewley Mills in 1912 and he worked for this company for 17 years. He also worked for the Texas State Highway Department for a period of six years, and also several years for Tarrant County.

Mr. Malone moved to Springtown where he lived on a farm from 1933 to 1937, then later he went back to Fort Worth. Some time after he came back to Fort Worth he became established in a filling station business in Brookside Addition of that city, which business he was in at the time of his death. He was known in the Brookside Addition and established there for his generosity as he was in every other community he lived in.

Mrs. Malone passed away last year on Dec. 5 and was buried in Fort Worth Dec. 6.

Mr. Malone had many friends in the Hico community and several relatives. Many will grieve at his going and will remember him as a man with many friends and loved ones.

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WITH THE COLORS
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was placed in the reserve, sent home to await calling to active duty. Upon call to active duty, reservists are sent to an accredited training center and after completion of the training course, are put to work with the Army. In his letter Col. Rhinehart said that the applicant stated her ambition was "To help win our freedom."

John Otis Chenault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chenault of Waco, is training with the Marines at San Diego. He has written interestingly to his uncle and aunt here. Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett, telling of his daily work. He has been working out on the rifle range, and is becoming quite a marksman, and was expecting to take tests this week end.

Mrs. Olga Duncan of Fairy was in the News Review office Wednesday to have the address of her son, William A. Duncan, changed from San Diego, Calif. to Alameda, Calif. She received a letter from him saying that he was very happy now since his transfer, for he is in the same barracks with seven of his friends with whom he worked at Albuquerque, New Mexico, before enlisting in the Navy.

Pvt. William T. Malone (Jack to homefolks) sends a Christmas card to the News Review with the inscription, "With every good wish for Christmas Cheer, and the best of Happiness in the Coming Year." Jack is a former employe of Randalls Brothers, and will receive the home paper each week during the coming year through the courtesy of his former employers. Mrs. Malone is remaining at Hico, and is also employed at the Randalls store. Along with the Christmas greeting Jack sent a very interesting poem, which lack of space prevents reproducing.

O. W. Hefner Jr., Y 3-c, serving on the U. S. S. R-7, has sent the News Review a Christmas Card bearing the "Season's best wishes." He recently sent pictures of himself to his parents and to Leonard Howard which we really ought to reproduce to show our readers how he looked with a full beard. If we hadn't seen him when he came back from El Paso one time before entering the service, we might write a congressman protesting against such hardships being imposed on the lads in submarine duty. He looked about like Santa Claus in a coal mining town.

"We have received a card from our sons, Geoffrey and Eldon," wrote Mrs. W. C. Rogers of Hico Route 5 this week. "They have made a safe landing somewhere on the East Coast. Eldon states that if everyone had seen what he has seen they would be glad to do their bit for Uncle Sam and Democracy; it is very pitiful to see people losing their teeth for lack of proper food, and they have little clothing, but they go about their business hoping and praying that the countries that have plenty will get through and restore them." Geoffrey has made his rating to G. M. 3-c, and is very proud of it.

Mrs. Tracy Ballard has written from Dallas to renew the subscription of her mother, Mrs. Ida Aiton, at 814 S. Cumberland, Dallas. "We enjoy the paper a lot. I especially like to read the news about the boys in the services as I went to school with a lot of them. I'm sending the location of my two brothers and wish you'd put it in

the paper. We send our paper to Bob every week Private Frank L. Aiton is at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. He was home on leave this week end for the first time since entering the service in August. Private Robert G. Aiton is at Camp Chafee, Arkansas. Bob has been in only a short time."

Henry A. Wieser of Hamilton, who operated the Hico Mill & Elevator Co. before entering the service, has been commissioned a second lieutenant and received his wings at the AAF Bombardier School at Big Spring. The world's greatest bombardier training area Thursday began giving the Axis the old "one-two-three" as three huge bombardier training schools simultaneously graduated classes of "lords of the American bomb-sight." For the recently activated AAF Bombardier School at Big Spring and the new San Angelo Army Air Field, it was the first crop of "Hell from Heaven Men." Among those completing training in the West Texas Triangle were 52 men from Texas.

Corp. Edw. H. Henry sends us a message from Camp Young at Indio, California, in an envelope upon the front of which is emblazoned in red, "Idle Gossip Sinks Ships" so we will refrain from detailing the exact change of address he asked for on his paper. "About ready to take a train ride, then a boat ride," he writes, adding the lines he wants under his name on the mailing galley. "I sure used to hate these 5-slug addresses on a Mustang mailer. I cursed Dr. Miles every time I got one. What would a newspaper do without Dr. Miles?" queries the erstwhile printer and newspaper owner who reformed into a theatre manager before entering the service. "See you next Christmas," he added, just before wishing us all a Merry Christmas.

Staff Sgt. Othar S. Carlton, stationed at the Glider Pool at Fort Sumner New Mexico recently, but expecting a change almost any time now, was in Hico a short while Monday on his way for a visit at Austin. He expected to come back for a visit with friends at his old home and with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Carlton at Stephenville, during a ten-day furlough. Just before he left camp Sgt. Carlton had been shown a written order from the War Department that volunteers from basic training into glider training be made second lieutenants upon completion of their course. He expects to finish soon, as he has been going to schools of one sort or another for seven months, and hopes to be transferred to California. "Flo" wants a warmer climate, and remembers a certain Hollywood party where Bob Hope and Bing Crosby picked him and three buddies up and took them in for a good time.

Pvt. Rollie Alexander Forgy got a three-day leave from Waco Army Flying Field and came up Thursday for a visit with his wife and friends. Rumor has it that when Roberts asked Rollie what he'd like for Christmas he replied that he wanted a printing press and all the equipment that goes with it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Golden moved to the Mrs. W. W. Newton farm the past week and will live there the coming year.

Bill Howell is back in the community again. He has been working in Clovis, New Mexico.

Hugh Harris spent Sunday and Monday with homefolks.

Will Frank Perkins spent Monday night with Billie Wayne Newman.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our appreciation for the kind words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers at the death of our darling husband, brother, and Uncle Edd. May God bless you all in our prayer.

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