

Well, well, it seems like old home week for the editor to be back in his accustomed corner of the paper.

After the interesting, readable, and thoroughly enjoyable contents of this column prepared for the past three weeks by our guest columnist, Mrs. Frankie Georgia Gault...

We do want her to know that her contributions were appreciated, not only by the editor who likes to play hooky now and then anyhow...

If Dink were running for office, someone might get the idea that she was trying to soft-soap the public. But knowing her as they do...

Mention of Hamilton reminds us that we may have to go over there to get a drink of water if the local water plant doesn't soon get over what's ailing it.

Kenny Hoffman started the pot boiling on this year's Santa Claus letters some weeks ago, when he addressed a letter to the jolly old gent...

A newspaper representative then talked things over with Kenny and found out unofficially that he expects to receive an airplane...

Here's hoping that he and all the other kids in and around Hico get just what they want.

Santa Claus letters have been slow coming in so far, but another two from our steadies, Wilma Grace and Malinda Lou Goyne...

"As is my custom, I took one day off this year," he reported. "Myself and family slipped out early Thanksgiving morning and drove over to Weatherford and ate turkey with my old standby sister-in-law, Mrs. Johnnie Lowe...

A girl turned up at work the other day wearing two officer's silver bars pinned to her sweater. One of her office mates asked, "Is your boy-friend a captain?" "Goodness, no," she said. "Two lieutenants."—The New Yorker.

Another Paper Before Christmas While some Christmas messages appear in this issue of the News Review, next week's edition of the News Review will be printed early in order to carry the bulk of these greetings.

The paper, while dated Friday, will be issued Tuesday in time for delivery before Christmas Day. Forms will close Monday at noon in order to accept this.

Cooperation from correspondents, advertisers, and the public in general as usual will be appreciated by the force.

The present with a future—WAS BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS. Keep on Backing the Attack.

E. R. (Hico) Eudaly Named Director of Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 12.—E. R. (Hico) Eudaly, the man who introduced the trench silo to Texas and aggressively promoted its acceptance to the point where there are 40,000 in use...

James D. Prewitt, extension district agent, was named vice-director and will serve as director temporarily, pending action on Eudaly's appointment by the United States Department of Agriculture, Law said.

Formal action on the appointment of Eudaly came after four months of careful consideration of the background and qualifications of various men. Law said in a special meeting held Saturday in San Antonio...

Since termination of the directorship of H. H. Williamson, now agricultural consultant of the Office of Price Administration, the extension service has been directed by George Adams, formerly vice-director and state agent. Prewitt will relieve Adams of administrative functions immediately.

The Texas extension service is a joint co-operative agency of the A. & M. College and the USDA, and the director is chosen by the A. & M. board subject to approval of the USDA, since federal funds are used by the extension service.

Eudaly has been dairy specialist for the extension service since 1931. He is the son of an early-day county agricultural agent. His father, George W. Eudaly, served the extension service in Hamilton County, where he had lived since 1896...

Eudaly was born in Milan County, July 20, 1887, and was reared near Hico, Hamilton County. After attending Hico schools he entered Texas A. & M. College and was graduated with a degree in animal husbandry in 1910.

In the course of his dairy investigations, Eudaly also developed a very simple method by which every dairy farmer can balance the protein content of cattle feed.

Commenting on the appointment, Law said: "In all my twenty-six years' service on the board of A. & M. College no move has received the amount of careful selection and consideration as the appointment of Eudaly as director and Prewitt as vice-director and state agent."

"We feel that Mr. Eudaly by virtue of his outstanding record as a county agent, specialist, and administrator has all the qualifications necessary to carry the A. & M. College agricultural extension work to new heights of successful operation and service to the farmers, ranchers and livestock interests of the state."

WEATHER REPORT

Table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Prec. Rows for Dec 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer: Date—Max. Min. Prec. Dec. 8 71 51 0.00 Dec. 9 76 63 0.00 Dec. 10 74 49 1.11 Dec. 11 55 34 0.00 Dec. 12 67 39 0.00 Dec. 13 65 40 0.00 Dec. 14 51 40 0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 18.95 inches. Temperature Wednesday morning showed a low of 15, with higher temperatures during the day, and another hard freeze Wednesday night.

It's On the Japs

A Japanese motorcycle loaded with beer was one of the prizes captured by American soldiers during their assault on Iki Island. A group is shown drinking a toast to continued Allied victories.

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The Final Push on the Home Battle Front



Final Plans For District Convention Made by Firemen

Hico Volunteer Fire Department met Monday night for regular meeting, with twelve members present. At the business meeting further discussion was had of plans for the District Convention to be held here Tuesday night, Dec. 21.

Some reports from firemen for building inspection were turned in, and methods for fighting fires in designated buildings were discussed. New business consisted of plans for the annual banquet to be held in January.

The firemen take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Henry for the generous check given in response to a call to the theatre some time back, when fire threatened the place, and was promptly extinguished.

REPORTER.

"Scrap" Meeting Postponed Until Tuesday, Dec. 28

George Stringer, local salvage chairman, stated this week that the meeting previously announced for next week has been postponed at the request of Lt. Maynard E. Hann of Camp Wolters, at whose instigation the meeting had been called originally.

The meeting had been set for the purpose of making plans for a big scrap drive to start soon, during which men and trucks would be sent by the Army to assist in collecting and shipping scrap. Stringer said this week that the meeting would be held at the City Hall in Hico Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p. m., at which time he is anxious to have a good representation of the citizenship on hand to meet with the visitors, Paul Winn, county salvage chairman, is expected to come over from Hamilton to attend the meeting.

IMPROVE NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Young, who moved to Hico the first of July to occupy the home they purchased from J. C. Rodgers, have made a lot of improvements to the property. The place is located in the south part of town, just east of the M. E. Waldrop residence, and a recent coat of paint and considerable other work have added to its attractiveness.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, long-time residents of the Gilmore community, left last January with the avowed purpose of making a home in Stamford, West Texas is all right, Mr. Young said this week, but not for folks who are used to being among their friends in this section of the state. They are both glad to be back home he says, and he especially is enjoying the life of a "city farmer."

The Young place on Route 2 was leased to Mr. and Mrs. Duke, but later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Dickey of Gorman who plan to move onto it about the first of the year.

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Ration Reminder!

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

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamps L, M, N, and P good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamp Q becomes good December 19 and remains good through January 1, 1944.

Processed Foods—Green Stamps A, B, and C in book four, good through December 20. Green stamps D, E, and F in book four good through January 20.

FARM HELP FOR LUMBER

Because of the critical over-all lumber and pulpwood shortage, which directly affects farmers, who are large users of lumber and pulpwood products, Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, indicated that farmers should help by: (1) Increasing production from woodlands during the winter and (2) Providing labor for forest industries during the slack winter season on farms. Lumber used on farms for the construction and maintenance of farm buildings requires three and one-half billion board feet of lumber annually, Jones said.

POINTS FOR WASTE FATS

The housewife may now receive one brown ration point for each half-pound of salvage kitchen fats she takes to her retailer. In addition, she will continue to receive four cents a pound. Retailers will give five points for less than one-half pound, nor for any fractional overweight.

PLAN V-GARDENS NOW

Although victory gardeners exceeded their goal of 18 million gardens for 1943 by about 10 per cent, they are asked for another 10 per cent increase in 1944. Arrangements should be made now for the use of vacant land, and considerable preparatory work can go on through the winter. Hard coal ashes can be sifted and stored on plots. Compost piles and supplies of manure can be accumulated, and either turned under wherever ground is not frozen, or stacked for use in early spring.

CATSUP FOR CIVILIANS

Nearly a million cases of tomato catsup soon will be released to civilians. The catsup is being released from specific reserves held and owned by canners, but set aside by them for government use.

SUSPENDER BUTTONS BACK

Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's Order L-181.

WAX USE BINDER TWINE

Farmers may now use binder twine where needed in growing, harvesting, or shipping agricultural products. Previously, use of binder twine was restricted to mechanical self-tying binders.

Dewey Lee Smith Dies In California, Buried Here Tuesday

Funeral services were held at Barrow's Funeral Chapel for Dewey Lee Smith on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, at 2:30.

He was born in Hico on June 11, 1898, and lived in Hico until about 1918. He worked in Dallas a while and for the past twenty years had made his home in California. He died in San Bernardino on December 9.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nannie Smith, and a brother, Frank Smith, of Hico.

Interment was made in the Hico cemetery with Rev. Floyd W. Thrash, pastor of the Methodist church, leading in the service. Pallbearers were George Stringer, B. B. Gamble, C. D. Richmond, Charlie Meador, A. B. Roberson and Cole Hooper.

Ratliff Brothers Make Announcement About Their Store

In order that there may be no confusion about the future conduct of their business, J. B. and Wallace Ratliff are making a public announcement of their plans and policies in an advertisement on Page 2 of this issue of the paper.

The Ratliffs, who opened a market and grocery early last year, state that they have no intention of changing the operation of their business at this time, and that they and their families will continue its operation to the best of their ability.

A/C Billy Seago, after completing his basic training at Garden City, Kansas, has been sent to Aloe Field at Victoria, Texas, for his advanced training. He expects to get his wings in February—and, or, yes—a furlough.

How Donors Fight



WITH THE COLORS

Mrs. Nettie Meador has ordered a gift subscription sent to her son and daughter-in-law, A/S John T. and Mrs. Meador, at La Grande, Oregon.

J. T. Barnett has ordered a gift subscription sent to his brother-in-law and sister, S/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. McQuinn, at Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. McQuinn is the former Miss Bertha Lee Barnett.

"Merry Christmas to All—will see you then if nothing happens" is the added note on a Christmas card from Cpl. Eugene P. Lane, from Independence Army Air Field, Independence, Kansas.

Sgt. Grady Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, has been transferred from Woodward Army Air Field at Woodward, Okla., to De Ridder Army Air Base at De Ridder, La.

Mrs. Jack Malone received a letter recently from her husband, Cpl. Malone, who said he hadn't been traveling much—just from Calcutta to Bombay, which is completely across India.

S/Sgt. Oran Willeford and wife are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Edwards, and sister, Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr. Sgt. Willeford's company has been transferred from Camp Beale, California, to Camp Bowie at Brownwood, Texas.

Donald Lewis, F 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lewis, who has been stationed at San Diego, California, will now receive his mail in care of the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, having been assigned to a ship recently.

Mrs. Lucy Bowie of Duffau has ordered the News Review sent to her son, S/Sgt. Thurman P. Bowie, who receives his mail in care of the postmaster at San Francisco, California. Mrs. Bowie heard from her son last Monday, and he is now in Australia.

Pvt. Ernest R. Walker, paratrooper at Camp Mackall, N. C., will receive the News Review now through the courtesy of his step-sister, Mrs. Hoof Howerton, who came in Tuesday to order the subscription. Pvt. Walker was home recently on furlough, but couldn't stretch his time off through Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Howerton have a son, Pvt. Wylie Eugene Howerton, with the field artillery at Camp Butler, North Carolina.

We have finally located Cpl. Garland Higginbotham, after last hearing from him about four months ago when he was in San Pedro, California. Mrs. Si Rainwater came in last Saturday to have his address changed to Camp Hereford, Texas, where he is an M. P. at the POW camp. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higginbotham, are making their home in Vera, Texas, after moving there last year from Hico.

Mrs. Pershing W. Rodgers has heard a letter from her husband, who is a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and has been stationed in the Solomon Islands. Lt. Rodgers is taking a month's rest in New Zealand, after which he will return to the combat zone. Mrs. Rodgers and small daughter, Silva Lea, born Nov. 11, have rooms in Hico at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Edwards. Her mother, Mrs. W. D. Tolliver, lives in the Falls Creek community, and will be the recipient of a gift subscription ordered this week by her daughter.

Mrs. Rodgers, a former civil service employe at San Antonio, where she met her husband, contemplated taking up flying herself but afterward decided that one flier to a family was enough.

HEAR AGAIN FROM SON IN SHANGHAI PRISON CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberson were pleasantly surprised this week when they received another letter from their son, Coxswain T. J. Roberson, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese government since shortly after the war started. Ted was with the United States forces that put up such a heroic defense at Wake Island. He has written previous letters in the block style of writing required by the enemy, the latest of which was received last September, bearing a January date. Both it and the current message, which bears no discernible date, were written from Shanghai War-Prisoner's Camp. The letter received this week read as follows:

"Dear Mom and Dad: Just to let you know I am well and looking as follows:

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Don't Fool Around And Get Sick While Doctors Are Busy

Austin, Dec. 14.—With the tremendous drain on the medical profession in response to the needs of the armed forces, there is a greater necessity now than ever before for maintaining good health and avoiding any risks that might result in needless calls on the services of doctors.

The shortage in medical attention which is now available to the public will be even greater before the end of the coming year, since more and more doctors are being taken into the services and many of those remaining are not in active practice due to advanced age, teaching, or public health activities, or full-time employment in industry. This situation develops a problem for the practicing physicians who will remain at home, the solution of which to some extent will be in the hands of the general public, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"There is no desire to imply that the family physician, now or later, need be summoned except in dire need," Dr. Cox said. "In fact, there is a greater reason than ever before to seek his advice on living habits, to have him give a thorough periodic check-up, and to have him treat conditions promptly, which, if disregarded, are apt to cause more serious trouble later on. The only point being emphasized is that one should not attempt to consume the doctor's valuable time and energy by insisting that he make a home call when an office visit or suggestions over the telephone might suffice.

"While in cities, lack of medical service has not as yet reached an acute stage, there are already rural sections feeling the pinch. It follows that everyone, both for his own and his country's sake should live sensibly to the end that maximum health may be attained, and avoidable home medical service be eliminated.

"In this connection, the following rules, among others, may be suggested: Eat nutritious foods. Obtain sufficient rest at night. Shun debilitating and exhausting habits. Keep the use of stimulants of all kinds within sensible bounds. Exercise daily. Detour worry as much as possible."

PREACHING AT DUFFAU

Rev. Floyd W. Thrash of Hico will preach at the Methodist church at Duffau on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and bring an offering in cash or of canned fruits and vegetables for the Methodist Home at Waco.

The entire community is invited to attend the service.

NEW FSA LOCATION

The Hamilton County Farm Security Administration office has recently been moved from the third floor of the court house to the first floor... thanks to county officials, says a news release from the county seat.

"Special thanks go to Mr. O. R. Williams, who previously had use of this room in connection with his regular office," the news release continues.

"The FSA personnel are glad to be down with the 'Court House Gang' as well as save themselves that step-climbing every day. The farmers and others who have business with the FSA are also appreciating this change," the government employes think.

"A Christmas Greeting and Best Wishes for the New Year" is the message wrapped up in a card decorated with anchors and ropes and fishes and bubbles, received by the News Review editor and staff from Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hefner Jr. Since the message bore the simple postmark, "U. S. Navy," we suppose it's fair to tell that young Hefner, Yeoman first class, is serving on a new submarine, the U. S. S. Plottfish.



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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Phillips, Mrs. Viola Loader, Mr. and Mrs. Howell McAden and baby, and A. C. McAden of Dallas spent Monday night and part of Tuesday here.
 Mrs. R. S. Echols and Pvt. and Mrs. Billy Echols visited Corp. Ralph Echols in Waco Wednesday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. John K. Myers left Wednesday for Tennessee to visit her mother.
 Captain Virgil McClintock, who is stationed in New York, visited his sister, Mrs. Stacy Tidwell, a few days the past week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harve Sawyer moved from the Woody house, one-half mile east of town, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Oldham, who moved to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Oldham, who moved to the house vacated by Mr.

and Mrs. Ernest Allen, who moved to the house they bought from Mrs. Bryan, who moved to Dublin.
 Mr. Will Helm is very ill. He was reported to be some better Saturday.
 Mrs. Jack Noel and son of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gosdin, this week.
 Pvt. and Mrs. Billy Echols visited in Fort Worth this week.
 J. D. (Gotch) Gregory, who is in the Navy, came in Saturday on a furlough to his wife. She and Mr. Patterson met him in Dublin. His friends are glad to see him.
 Mrs. Lula Belle Bryan and baby of Dallas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman, this week. She returned home Friday. Elaine remained for a longer visit.
 James Worrell, who is in civil service in San Antonio, spent Saturday and part of Sunday with his parents. He was accompanied by his friend, Kenneth Long, James is being transferred to California, and his friend will also go there to join the Marines.
 Mrs. Blanche Royal and children of McGregor spent the past week end with her mother, Mrs. McAdoo.
 Mrs. Ella Mae Hensley and children and Mrs. Flossie Henderson were in Hico Saturday.
 Pvt. Noel Holland, who is in camp in California, came in Thursday for a 15-day furlough to his father. He was called back to camp the next day.
 Mrs. Lena Beavers and her sister, Miss Dorris Helm, both of Arizona, were called home this week to the bedside of their father, Mr. Helm.
 Mrs. C. R. Conley visited her daughter, Charlene, in Dallas this week. She gave up her work and accompanied her mother home.
 Mrs. B. F. Turner of Stephenville and her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Tidwell of Illinois visited Mrs. C. L. Tidwell this week. They are at the bedside of Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Hackabee, who is very ill.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris of Fort Worth visited here this week.
 Mr. Jack Gosdin of Glen Rose visited relatives here this week end.
 Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7, the W. S. C. S. met at the church. We

had a fine program, which all enjoyed. All the ladies that belong sure miss a blessing when they do not come to these meetings. We have questions on the Bible which are very interesting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday after the first Sunday in January.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harper and children of Clifton visited here this week end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Blue of Walnut Springs spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blue.
 Mrs. C. R. Conley received a picture Saturday of her son who is in service. It is a fine picture of Tom, looks as if he should speak.
 Mrs. Stacy Tidwell and children and her mother, Mrs. Strickland, were in Cleburne Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer received a picture recently of their grandson, Captain Ward Wilkinson, who is serving overseas in Africa. It is a fine picture of him.
 Had another fine rain Friday, which will be fine on the grain.
 Mr. and Mrs. Maddon of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb.
 Mrs. Ruby Proffitt and sons of Dublin spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Tom Strange.
 Mr. Dacus of Stephenville spent Sunday with his wife.
 Miss Margie Waldrip of Waco visited her mother and aunt, Mrs. Woody, this week.
 Mr. Fallis and daughter, Miss Faye, of McGregor spent Sunday here.
 Corporal and Mrs. Ralph Echols of Waco visited here Sunday.
 Miss Marie Lawrence and baby of Duffau visited here this week.
 Mrs. D. W. Appleby of McGregor visited her daughter, Mrs. Strange, this week end.
 Mrs. Clara Williamson and her sister, Mrs. Anna Belle Berry of Dallas visited their cousin, Mrs. W. R. Gosdin, Sunday.
 Rev. and Mrs. Cundieff and Mr. Conley attended the Workers' Meeting at Morgan Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis and DeLores Kay and Wilma Raye Burns left Monday for Abilene.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alton Appleby of Dallas spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Leland Appleby.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bryan and her sister, Mrs. Tillie Kaylor of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cranfill.
 Mr. and Mrs. Norris Wellborn of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wellborn Sunday.
 Next Sunday is the time for our first quarterly conference at the Methodist Church. All members be here. Lunch will be served, and conference will be held in the afternoon.
 From now on the night service at the Baptist church will start at 7 p. m.
 The Methodist church decorated a window for the Christmas holidays at T. M. Tidwell's drug store. It is pretty, and others have caught the Christmas spirit and fixed up their windows.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Parks were in Stephenville Monday.
 Clyde Lawrence and Roy Lawrence are in Italy. They have written each other, but at last reports hadn't seen each other.

DON'T LET POX WRECK EGG PRODUCTION

Don't let fowl pox upset egg production. Be on the lookout for this common infection in your community. You can check the ravages of fowl pox by early vaccination. See our recommendations in this, the tenth of our series of ads presenting poultry helps for you.

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HANDLING FOWL POX IN LAYERS

CHECK THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AGAINST YOUR POULTRY RAISING METHODS

- () It's Not Too Late To Vaccinate Now . . .
 Even though your layers are in production, it is not too late to vaccinate to prevent fowl pox. If you have neglected, do it immediately before an outbreak of the infection can occur. Use Dr. Salsbury's PIGEON POX VACCINE first. Then, as soon as the "take" has healed, it is time to revaccinate using Dr. Salsbury's FOWL POX VACCINE. When you do it this way, there is no loss in egg production and permanent immunity is established.
- () But If Pox Breaks Out . . .
 If you did not vaccinate in time to prevent an outbreak, check spread of infection. Clean and disinfect the laying house from top to bottom to kill fowl pox virus. Use Dr. Salsbury's PAR-O-SAN; it kills the fowl pox virus on contact — is economical, easy, pleasant to use. As soon as possible vaccinate all unaffected birds in the flock first with PIGEON POX VACCINE, then follow with FOWL POX VACCINE as recommended above.
- () Treat Ailing Birds
 Help sick birds to recover quickly — give them good care and keep them eating. Dr. Salsbury's AVI-TAB added to their mash stimulates the appetite and gives them conditioning medicines which they need. Remember, to build back vitality, it is important to keep birds on a nutritious diet. Paint pox scabs on the comb and about the face of the birds . . . also pox cankers in the mouth. For this, use a pure solution of PAR-O-SAN.

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- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1/2 cup celery
- 1/2 cup catsup

Mix ingredients and bake. Place in a greased loaf pan and bake at 400 degrees for one hour. Serves 10. Try it on your range.

DON'T WASTE MEAT. Stretch it as far as you can. Use your meat points to maximum advantage.

If you have a new model gas range with "low temperature" oven, cook meat at 300 to 350°. You'll be amazed at the reduction in shrinkage . . . the uniform doneness throughout . . . the juicy tenderness.

The use of meat "extenders", too, will provide more meat dishes. Serve meat loaf, hash, goulash, pot pie, slumgullion. Properly prepared, they're nutritive and tasty.

Salem

By Mrs. W. C. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Noland and children had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ira Noland and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Noland and daughters, all of Salem.
 Mr. John Laney of Fort Worth spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lambert and children, and his mother, Mrs. T. A. Laney.
 J. D. and Fred Ray Noland spent Saturday night with James Weldon Noland.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Driver of Greyville visited Mrs. J. C. Laney Sunday.
 James Weldon Noland and Dorothy Nell Lambert made the honor roll last month.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Albright and children of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Gleesocke and baby of Millerville were visitors in the W. C. Rogers home Sunday.
 Miss Uvon Noland spent Saturday night with Miss Nelda Joyce Noland.

Falls Creek

By Virginia Coston

Pfc. R. J. Russell and wife visited a while Saturday afternoon in the Grady Coston and Mary Foust homes.
 Rev. Clifford Hampton, pastor of the Baptist Church of Fairy, and Mr. and Mrs. Audle Clark and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Orle Morrison and Erlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rainwater Sunday afternoon.
 Mrs. Clara Golden left Saturday for a visit with relatives at De Leon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses following the death of our son and brother, Dewey. This was appreciated by us, and will ever be remembered.

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Those of us who know only what we read in the papers may find it difficult to see any basis for these predictions of early victory...

Most people in this country, realizing that a large scale invasion would undoubtedly mean a great loss of life...

Reading about that interview made us realize how successful the Sphinx would be as a member of the United States congress...

That seems to be the way the voters want their affairs in Washington run...

Believe me, folks, that Cairo Conference was a "Honey" Stripping Japan of her ill-gotten possessions...

By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN.

Betting on U. S.



Bing Crosby's race track, the Del Mar Turf club, has gone to war as a factory supplying bomber parts to a plane factory...

TODAY and TOMORROW by DON ROBINSON

FARMS . . . machines

In 1960, as things look now, farm boys will listen with amazement while their daddies tell them about the old days when they used to have to pull weeds by hand...

For there is little doubt, unless something happens to bottle up progress that the farm of the near future will be operated by a combination of electricity and machines...

Nobody knows, yet, how long it will take to turn farm life into a highly mechanized industry...

Having personally had a recent muscular experience with weeding I am particularly fascinated by the "electric eye" process of pulling weeds by a machine...

DREAMS . . . plans

I recently talked with Glenn Griswold, former editor of the magazine Business Week...

Mr. Griswold spends his time interviewing the heads of large companies like General Electric, Radio Corporation of America...

When we reach the day when we are dependent upon the U. S. treasury for our livelihood...

take a back seat, we will have television in practically every home. We will all have dozens of mechanical slaves...

BLUEPRINTS . . . freedom

Of course all this fairy-land of tomorrow won't just be tossed in our laps as soon as Hitler says "Uncle"...

The blue-prints for fairy-land have been drawn, but their execution will depend on whether we can hold on to prosperity and free enterprise after the war...

Manufacturers aren't going to spend money to perform miracles unless they will all have dozens of mechanical slaves...

At present there are a lot of politicians who would like to put an end to competition and hold on to the government control of goods and money...

The competitive spirit, which gave us more automobiles, more refrigerators, better homes and better food than any other country in the world...

SOCIALISM . . . danger

Since June 3 there has been a bill before congress to substitute socialism for democracy as the form of government which the United States should have after the war...

The Wagner bill, introduced in the senate as Bill 1161, doesn't in so many words say that it recommends that we become a socialistic nation...

All of that protection makes the future of living in America sound very rosy. It may take a lot of fighting on the part of us to turn down a program like that...

But if we don't turn it down, it is going to mean that we will be sacrificing a large part of our freedom for government handouts...

When we reach the day when we are dependent upon the U. S. treasury for our livelihood...

BILLIONS . . . security

If the Wagner bill ever went through it would mean that the government would collect from us each year, for the benefits enumerated above, a total of 12 billion dollars...

That expenditure would be entirely aside from our normal expenditure for government. In other words, the cost of "social security," if the Wagner act was passed, would be about three times the cost of all of Uncle Sam's ordinary bills...

We have no fault to find with people seeking protection against the unpredictable and oftentimes paralyzing expenditures which accompany old age and sickness...

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Garbage Collectors

Now it's lady garbage collectors. Mrs. Lenore Stonfel is perturbed by Mrs. Winifred Hopp as they start a tour of Chicago alleys...

Doctor's bills may be the bane of our existence and it would, at first thought, be a big relief to shift their burden to the government...

For, under the provisions of the Wagner bill, doctors would be dependent on the government for their livelihood...

The medical profession may be partly to blame for the interest which is being shown in socialized medicine. There is no question that the high-handed methods used by some doctors and hospitals have turned a good many people against them...

Perhaps the doctors of this country should adopt the Chinese system under which we would pay them a certain fee each year to keep us well and not pay anything for treatment when we are sick...

'Out of the Night'

One of Britain's night fighters takes part in a soccer game in his time off. The goggles help prepare his eyes so that his vision is ready for night operations...

HOUSE AND HOME

By MARY E. DAGUE

Sugar always seems to go further in cookies than in any other sweet dish so we surely are justified in making some Christmas cookies...

However, this recipe for molasses cookies doesn't take any sugar and this dough is especially good for cookies to be cut in fancy shapes and decorated...

Molasses Cookies One cup molasses, 1/2 cup shortening, 1 1/2 teaspoons soda, 2 teaspoons ginger, 2 tablespoons warm water, 3 cups all purpose flour...

Spice Cookies Two cups brown sugar, 1/2 cup honey, 5 tablespoons butter or other shortening, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon cloves, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon allspice, 1/4 cup finely minced citron, 1 egg, 2 1/2 cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, juice and rind of 1 lemon, 2 tablespoons milk...

Sand Tarts One cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 2 1/2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 egg, 1 egg white, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, pecan, raisin, cherry or almond...

Cream brown sugar and butter. Add egg well beaten with salt and vanilla. Add flour mixed and sifted with baking powder. Mix well and chill for at least an hour. Roll very thin on a floured molding board and cut with a star cutter. Place on oiled baking sheet and brush each cookie with the egg white slightly beaten. Sprinkle with granulated sugar and cinnamon well mixed and press a blanched almond, half a pecan, a raisin or a candied cherry in the center of each star. Bake in a hot oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) for ten minutes.

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Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Terry were visitors in Cleburne Sunday.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellison were Mr. W. B. Parkes and daughter, Helen, of Morgan.

Mrs. W. L. Thompson left Wednesday for Corpus Christi to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Pack.

Mrs. W. H. Brown Jr. returned to her home in San Antonio Wednesday after a few days' visit here with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown Sr.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovell were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lovell and family and little Miss Mary Covington, all of Cleburne.

Mrs. Wylie McFadden made her annual visit to the News Review office this week to renew her paper and that of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Thompson, who lives at Big Spring.

Mrs. W. E. Ellison returned home last week from Big Spring, where she had been called to the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Rose, on account of the illness of her little grandson, Walter Charles, who was improving nicely when she left.

Friends here have been receiving Christmas greetings and letters from S. A. Clark, who is now living with his daughter, Miss Mattie, at 2107 24th St., Lubbock, Texas. Uncle Sam, who was commissioner of the Hico precinct for many years, would enjoy hearing from his many friends in and around his old home.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-tfc

In renewing their subscription to the paper, Mr. and Mrs. August Rierson, who now live at Dallas, remarked: "We hope that everything is okay with you folks and that you enjoyed the nice rain and are now enjoying the cold snap."

Miss Carrie Tolliver, who has been working in Fort Worth, came in this week to visit her sister, Mrs. P. W. Rodgers, and small daughter, Silvia Len, in Hico, and her mother, Mrs. W. D. Tolliver, and children of the Falls Creek community.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Spaulding and son, Bennie Melvin, of Camp Hood Village visited here Monday and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding. Noel was wearing a civil service ribbon denoting 18 months service as a fireman at Camp Hood, of which he is now the senior member.

When Mrs. C. C. Woods of Franklin, Tenn., was here for a visit last summer, she said she was interested in reading the Hico paper. So her sister, Mrs. Bert Crockett, has decided that a subscription to the home paper would make a nice Christmas gift, and came in this week to place the order.

Mrs. W. H. Gaston and Mrs. Vyron C. Parr left Monday for Denver, Colo., where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Perkins and son, Paul Edward, of Minneapolis, Minn., left Monday for California where Paul will be inducted into the Merchant Marines. They had been visiting with his brother, Rev. Ralph E. Perkins, and family. Other visitors in the Perkins home were his father, J. W. Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins of Megargel, Texas, who returned to their home Thursday after a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pirtle of Dallas, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Dorriece Pirtle, who is home for a visit with her parents from Ancon, Panama, where she is ward superintendent at the Gorgas Hospital in Ancon, spent the week end here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pirtle. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Doggett and daughter, Loneta, of Hamilton joined them here Sunday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Smith celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at Dublin Sunday, Dec. 12, at the First Baptist Church, with a singing. Mrs. Smith will be remembered in Hico as the former Miss Maude Cunningham, who was a school superintendent of Erath county before her marriage. Those from Hico attending the celebration were George Stringer and Misses Mary Jane Barrow, Jimmie Ruth Thompson and Mildred Reilhan.

Church News

Methodist Church

We had a good service last Sunday and a good quarterly conference, though we were not expecting a visit from our District Superintendent at this time.

"The Promised King" will be the subject of the pastor's sermon for Sunday morning. This was announced for last week but changed on account of the quarterly conference. Our offering for the Methodist Home will be taken Sunday morning. Gifts will be received any time during the remainder of the month but we are anxious to get as much in Sunday morning as possible. Let us not fall below last year's giving to the Methodist Home. A committee will be working after the offering at the church Sunday. Bring your gift Sunday morning or be ready when the committee comes to see you.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. At the close of the Sunday school there will be a brief dedicatory service for the new service flag which is being placed in our church. Every mother and father, wife and sweetheart of our service men is urged to be at the church for this ceremony.

Evening worship at 7:30. The pastor's sermon subject will be "A Christian Christmas." On Tuesday evening of next week we will have our regular annual Christmas tree at the church. Keep this in mind for the entire family. The tree is for the children but we shall all be interested in it for their sake. Let's make it indeed a "Merry Christmas" for them.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Baptist Church

The Training Union will present a program Sunday evening in the main auditorium that will be of interest to the entire community. All are invited, time 7:45.

There will be a Christmas program at the church Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are invited. There will be no exchange of presents. Merely a nice Christmas service.

The Men's Brotherhood will meet Tuesday night. All men of the church are invited. A nice program has been arranged.

The W. M. S. will meet Monday at 3:00 p. m. for their Royal Service Program. All the ladies of all circles are urged to be present. Remember the time.

There will be regular services Sunday. Plan now to attend all these services. We were happy with the 115 in Sunday School last Sunday. It should be more—be one of those each week who "come to the house of the Lord."

Parents please bring the addresses of service men and turn them to the pastor at once. Regardless of when you brought the address before.

Remember "The Little Moon Christmas Offering For Christ" this month.

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

A WORD FROM THE SUPT. OF THE ADULT DEPT.

To everyone who does not attend Sunday school and church in Hico: Those who live here and should be in some Sunday school and church, you are cordially invited and will be gladly welcomed to our Sunday school and church services.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go up into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1.

Come and worship with us. Roll out Sunday morning instead of rolling over. This means you.

W. E. ELLISON.

METHODIST W. S. C. S. NET LAST MONDAY

The Methodist Woman's Society for Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Lusk Randals last Monday afternoon, December 13. Mrs. Randals was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Sid Castles of Lubbock, as co-hostess.

Mrs. Morse Ross had charge of

the program "Needs for Christian Literature." Topics were discussed on the subject by Mrs. W. H. Greenslit, Mrs. C. D. Hanson, Mrs. E. H. Persons, Mrs. S. E. Blair, and Mrs. Ross.

The business session followed, during which all officers were re-elected for the coming year. Lovely refreshments consisting of chicken salad, nut bread, pickled peaches, nut fudge and tea were served from the dining table, with Mrs. Sid Castles pouring.

Those present were Mrs. T. A.

Randals, Mrs. E. H. Randals Sr., Mrs. E. H. Persons, Mrs. S. E. Blair, Mrs. Morse Ross, Mrs. H. N. Wolfe, Mrs. W. H. Greenslit, Mrs. C. D. Hanson and Mrs. H. D. Hanson and little daughter, Martha Lou.

REPORTER.

The finest CHRISTMAS present you can give is one of Uncle Sam's WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

WORKERS MEETING AT LAMKIN WELL ATTENDED

The Workers Meeting held at Lamkin Monday was well attended by all churches in the Association. Mr. Edgar Bradley, newly elected Board member, represented the Hico church.

Those attending: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley, Mesdames W. E. Ellison, H. E. O'Neal, and Gracie Mae O'Neal, and Ralph E. Perkins, Moderator of the Association. The next meeting will be with the Fairy Baptist Church Jan. 20.

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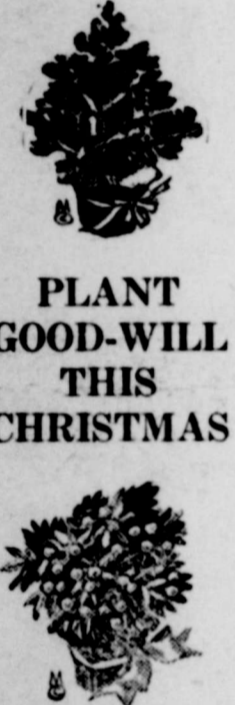
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★ Offer cheery Yuletide greetings that will last for months to come!

A lovely plant will be growing proof of your wishes.

HICO FLORIST Mrs. Lawrence Lane

Six-Inch Sermon

† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

Christ the Fulfillment of the Law Lesson for December 19: Hebrews 1: 1-9; Romans 10: 4-10.

Golden Text: Hebrews 1: 1, 2.

The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews shows the superiority of the gospel dispensation over that of the law, in the supremacy of Him through whom the gospel was brought to men as compared with the messengers God had employed in ages past in the ministry of the truth. Having spoken unto the fathers in "divers manners" through the prophets, God finally spoke unto men in His Son.

The glory of Jesus far surpasses that of the angels by whom God had spoken to men, because of his divine nature and the atonement he made for men (Hebrews 1: 3) and because God had said unto him, "Thou art my Son" (Hebrews 1: 5-9). Small wonder it is that the people who heard Jesus gladly recognized that he spoke as "one having authority."

And Christ, Paul writes, "is the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth." This means that he is the fulfillment of the law—the culmination of prophecy, the answer to all the types of the temple, the Perfect One who has kept the whole law, and the Saviour and Friend of men who can empower them to keep the law when they have faith in him.

As men realize that by their own efforts they fail to reach the highest good, let them trust in Jesus to make them good and keep them good. For the word of faith is nigh, even as near as it was to the Hebrews Paul addressed. So let men receive the apostle's exhortation to confess their faith in Jesus and believe in him in their hearts. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.



Christmas Photos

On account of conditions this year you should allow us a little more time. So COME IN RIGHT AWAY.

THE WISEMAN STUDIO, Hico, Tex.

THIS AND THAT
By JOE SMITH DYER

A MEMORY:

On the mantle in my living room is a glass replica of Ann Hathaway's cottage in Stratford, England, where I have spent some very happy days. The glass cottage always reminds me of Ann's husband. She was 26 and he was 18 when they married. His parents could neither read nor write. All this was 321 years ago. At 56 he died and the world lost a genius. The world also lost a great sage and seer of human nature and still in the town in which he was born some people think of him as a servant and a rover. Out of his brilliant mind he supplied the world with thoughts that will march ahead of the coming centuries.

He did not write from set rules, but as his mind dictated to him. He had little education but he possessed capacity and education without capacity is like an empty box. His heart knew the songs of happiness and the chants of despair and his eyes had burned with all the bitter tears that can come to any man. His success and his failure was constantly going and coming. As a merchant's helper he would have been a failure. He also would have failed as a banker, or a salesman, but he did not fail as a writer because that was what he wanted to do. Life and its success are entirely a question of what you can do best. It is wholly a question of individual fitness.

Despite the fact that Shakespeare has been gone these many years, he still lives in and around Ann's cottage, the same as he lives in his own house on Stratford's Main Street, and as he lives all over the English countryside. His ink stand and quill are still on his writing table. The sword he carried with him into the forest still hangs behind the door.

The world will never have another Shakespeare.

GENEROUS:

Everybody, everywhere, would like to meet the man who walked slowly through a military hospital in Toronto and handed out \$100 bills at random.

Hospital employees estimate that he gave away \$4,400.00.

He ambled through the wards of bed-ridden patients and left behind him a bunch of surprised and mystified and very grateful soldiers. Each clutched a \$100 bill. When his bills had all been given away he walked out of the hospital and drove away in a car with a chauffeur.

None of the patients can recall that he spoke one word while in the hospital.

Not one person had ever seen him before and none have seen him since.

The boys in the hospital hope that he'll make a return trip—and who wouldn't?

THE PROMISE:

Again Pearl Buck has brought to book-lovers another of her fine portrayals of life in China in her latest book, "The Promise." The story begins in China, where Mrs. Buck lived for many years, and sweeps on into Burma. It is the story of Lin Tan who still believes in the promise of foreign aid against the conqueror; his third son who becomes an officer in the Chinese Army, and Mayli, whom the boy loves.

Their romance makes a stormy story played against a background of British retreat. No one except Pearl Buck can write so movingly of China and in "The Promise" she makes a valiant plea for the white man and the Chinese to stay on understanding terms.

A great man is the one who accepts the lemons that fate hands out to him and—starts a lemonade stand.

Altman

By — Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

A. L. and J. H. Montgomery of Dallas accompanied their father, R. J. Montgomery, who has been visiting them, home Saturday and visited until Sunday with their parents and brother, Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton were Stephenville visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cosby and little daughter, Waynell, moved last week to the Knowles place, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Cosby and children who have moved to Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ballard and sons of Lanham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and little daughter, Janice, visited Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Turnbow and Mr. Allen in Stephenville Monday.

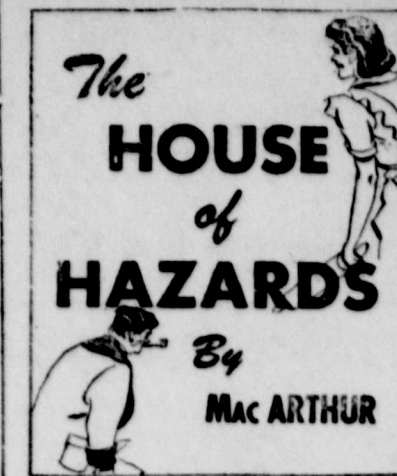
Second Lieutenant and Mrs. M. D. Manning of Ellington Field at Houston were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton from Monday night until Wednesday night.

J. H. Bingham of Temple visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bingham, Sunday.

Martin Bingham spent the week end visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. Good in Hico.

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Banking the Attack!
WITH
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THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



The HOUSE of HAZARDS
By Mac ARTHUR



THERE IS TODAY
By JOSEPHINE LAWRENCE

CHAPTER IX
Big-hearted Sarah Daffodil acts in every capacity for the four-family house in Garret after her husband's death. The frugal, elderly Mr. and Mrs. Peppercorn and the newly-wed Andrew and Candace Thane occupy the two top-floor apartments and below them middle-aged Bert Fitts and his wife—who is too engrossed in war activities to care for her home—and King Waters, veteran of World War I, and his wife Emma, a devotee of fine crocheting. The Thanes invite six couples to their Thanksgiving feast. The dinner is held up awaiting arrival of Hugh Wright, whose wife is already seated at the table. Hugh phones that he has accepted another invitation to dinner and not to wait for him.



Candace Thane met Toni Fitts in the first-floor hall.

"Then, when you did see the way clear to marrying, they passed the Selective Service law," Leila reminded him.

Candace put in, her clear voice insensibly relieving the tension of their nerves. "And so we were married. A year earlier than we might have been except for that."

The only reason there were wars, Leila Orton pronounced shrilly, was because of money. "If no one had any money, we'd all be equal and everything would be all right. Kurt's beginning to think the way I do—are't you, Kurt?"

"You must have been losing money, Kurt," Halsey suggested with a grin.

The young German laughed, revealing his attractive teeth. "I tell Leila I am not a refugee—I am an immigrant," he said. "We have to educate the people."

Leila, who couldn't keep her eyes off Kurt Hermann, made a pretense of hunting for caramels in the candy shell at his elbow. "I had my hair done at Dexter's yesterday. And the operator said to me, 'What is Communism?' Do you know, I've never found out what Communism is! Fancy that—a guy working for only twenty-five dollars a week and he doesn't know what Communism is!"

Dace, Andy pointed out, made twenty-five dollars a week. "She doesn't know what Communism is, either."

"When you come right down to it, Leila," Halsey Kenneth said skeptically, "do you know what Communism is?"

She made a face at him. At least she was interested in the problems of the submerged, she snapped. "Now last week I demonstrated a mangle for a woman who has never done anything but wash and iron. She and her mother have taken in washing for thirty years."

The woman's feet had given out, Leila explained, that was the reason she was in the market for a mangle. "She can sit at it and iron, you see. But her mother is still ironing on her feet. And what do you know? The only day they have to sit down and rest they go to church and like it!"

Kurt Hermann had been listening with puzzled attention. "Are they Communists, then, Leila?" he inquired politely. A short laugh apprised him of his mistake, but he continued to look bewildered.

"That's what burns Leila up—they find life worth living," Halsey Kenneth told him and Kurt nodded, not understanding yet, only fearful of ridicule.

Leila said heatedly. "No one ought to work as hard as that. Things have got to be evened up."

Andy, cross-legged on the floor, shifted his position so that he rested his head against his wife's knees. "You predicate your brotherhood of man theories on the premise that the human race can be leveled off and graded like a flat field. Roll us together to remove the individual bumps, sow us to grass and we'll be one verdant, smooth, smiling lawn to cover the world."

"And the lawnmower will snip off any upstart who dares to grow after his own pattern," Halsey Kenneth suggested.

That was it Andy agreed. "Why shouldn't a laundress go to church and be happy? Leila has a much better paid job, she never goes to church and she's anything but happy. To my way of thinking it proves that the individual makes his own hell and disproves the theory that his heaven must be a cooperative."

Leila said bitterly. "Oh, you and Dace think you know everything. Just because you're happy."

"Happiness," Andy instructed her, not intentionally cruel, "is educational."

On the seventh of December the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. "We'll drop a few bombs on that rice-paper setup in Tokyo and the place will go down like a pack of cards," King Waters said.

His wife scurried to buy soap. All the countries abroad had been short of soap for months now and probably American supplies were low. A few dozen cakes of toilet soap and a box of laundry soap could be kept in her storeroom.

mailbox on the wall. "I said to Bert that I knew you must be lying awake nights, sick with worry, but you have no real call to fret. Your husband will get a deferred classification on account of the baby. He's lucky the Selective Service drawing's hadn't already taken him."

Candace was cold and tired after standing in the bus all the way home. "Andy won't ask for exemption—it's never been a part of our plan."

"Not ask for exemption!" Candace dropped wearily on the hall bench. Her beautiful face above the small fan of dark fur on her winter coat glowed with lovely color, the cold had deepened the inscrutable depths of her enormous eyes. She sat very quietly. "Mrs. Fitts, you believe every young wife who's expecting a baby is planning to keep her husband out of service, don't you?"

"Well—" Toni smirked self-consciously. "You must admit it looks a little suspicious, all these babies coming now. A couple of years ago all young people thought of when they married was how they could pay for a car."

"We didn't," Candace slipped off her gloves, straightened them painfully on her knee. "Andy had to help his father and stepmother—there were children younger than he. I had my mother to support. Neither of us earned much. It took us three years, both saving, to get three hundred dollars together. That's all—except there are thousands like us who were ready to marry when the selective training law was passed. So we married anyway and now there's a war and the babies are on the way—but lots of us aren't dodging anything."

Toni Fitts pressed her thin, angular hands downward over her carefully whitened hips. "Don't you see, till after the war is over, or at least to have a child, you'd know the worst and could plan accordingly. We may all be better off dead, before this war is over."

The girl on the bench shook her head stubbornly. "Don't you see, that's what we're afraid of, Mrs. Fitts? We're not afraid of marriage, or of having babies, or even of death, but we're scared we may die before we can live. There are some things you can't postpone and your youth is one of them."

"But for the duration—" "Andy and I won't be young then. We are now. After the war we don't know what we may have, but we do know what we have now—youth."

Toni Fitts, meeting Candace Thane in the hall a few days later, spoke triumphantly. "Has Mr. Thane heard anything from his draft board?"

"Not yet." There was such a difference in the way the various draft boards handled their quotas, Mrs. Fitts observed. A great many young men preferred to enlist, rather than wait their board's action. "I hear the boards are going to adopt a ruling that once a man is classified, he can't enlist. I wonder if your husband's heard that?"

"If he hasn't, I'm sure someone will tell him," Candace declared, laughter bubbling suddenly in her brown eyes, as the telephone summoned Mrs. Fitts back into her apartment.

The last week in January a bad cold and high temperature put Toni Fitts flat on her back, as she expressed it, in bed. To be accurate, she was not flat, but propped up with pillows and fuming, when Sarah Daffodil came up to see her. Sarah thought she looked ill, but made no comment and set to work quietly to put the room in order.

"I wish I knew something I could do about the income tax," Toni had been ordered to rest her throat, but it was impossible to persuade her not to talk. "I'm more than willing to do my part, but it does seem as if a little consideration might be shown me, after all I've done."

"You ought to gargle," Sarah interposed, wondering if there was

any medicine at all in the medicine cabinet.

The doctor had promised to send her something from the corner drugstore, Toni said indifferently. "You know everyone is so selfish—it's everyone for himself, first. I met Mrs. Thane coming out of the bank the other noon—they must use the midtown branch of the Farmer's Trust, because she was on her lunch hour. She had just had their income tax returns made out by Mr. Yates, who's made mine out for years. I asked her if she didn't think it was terrible, the way we're being gouged and she said they didn't have much to pay. Probably they both make small salaries. Next year, of course, they can deduct for the baby. I reminded her of that."

"You did?" The words seemed jerked out of Sarah.

"Oh, yes, and I mentioned, too, that when her husband lands in the Army he won't have to pay—income tax I mean—until six months after he's been mustered out. The rest of us, I told her, will probably be paying half our income in taxes to keep the Army equipped and fed."

"Well?" "She looked at me with those big eyes of hers and she said, 'Mrs. Fitts, you remind me of the people who cross the street to avoid meeting a disabled soldier selling poppies the week before Memorial Day—or forget-me-nots the day before Armistice Day.' Now did you ever! I didn't get the connection and I told her so."

Sarah rose as the buzzer sounded. "That's your medicine from the drugstore," she said.

"Would you expect me to support myself, if you went into the service?"

King Waters grunted. "If I got a commission, I could take care of you, I ought to be a major at the very least, with my experience in the last war."

"It won't do you any good in this one." His wife frowned.

"When's that Thane baby due?" he asked crossly.

Mrs. Waters murmured, "This month. No—not me think. This is February. Next month, March. Sometime toward the end of March, I believe. Why?"

"Here's a case of a man who was deferred—put in 3-A because he claimed he had a dependent mother and sister. Then he got married and the board reclassified him. Put him in 1-A. He's appealing. His wife works, but he claims his mother and sister are still dependents."

"A guy of military age hasn't any business getting married, especially if he has been classified by his board." King Waters made up in firmness what he lacked in logic. "Now you take young Thane—he'd never be deferred, because his wife works and can take care of herself. So he decides to have a family, figuring that will give him dependents. The draft board, if they're on their toes, will throw out his appeal. He's just trying to outwit them."

Andrew Thane hadn't appealed for deferment, Mrs. Waters suggested, his wife told everyone that he had no intention of doing so.

"All a blind. He hasn't been called yet, has he?"

Mrs. Waters cut around an advertisement untidily with her nail file. "No, I guess not."

"The baby hasn't been born yet, has it?"

Mrs. Waters shook her head. "When it is, you'll find The putting in a claim for two dependents. His argument will be that his wife has to stay home to care for the child. Why, I tell you I've heard of couples married six or seven years who are having their first baby this Spring. I don't suppose that're on connection with the draft?"

Mrs. Waters murmured, "The Thanes haven't been married one year, let alone six."

"It's the principle that counts. I'm thinking of signing up to make speeches before young men's organizations—a campaign's under way to raise the morale of youth."

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HICO, TEXAS

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Four work horses and harness, double-row cultivator and planter, single-row cultivator and planter, 14-inch John Deere sulky. Also some smaller equipment. Elton Samford, Route 3, Hico. 30-3c.

FOR SALE: Bicycle with one brand new tire. See Don Griffiths. 30-1c.

FOR SALE: 1934 Chevrolet coupe, good condition. At Jake Blair's Warehouse, Mrs. W. L. Thompson, phone 2912. 29-2p.

FOR SALE: A good turning plow. See it at Tom Powers Blacksmith Shop in Hico. 29-2c.

EVERBEARING Strawberries for sale. C. A. Crouch. 29-3p.

FOR SALE: Very choice Holstein, Guernsey & Ayshire heifers \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y. 29-5c.

JERSEY COWS - Fresh and coming fresh. Trade for range heifers. J. N. Russell. 28-tfc.

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Real Estate

See Shirley Campbell for Farm, Ranch and City Property. 11-tfc

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Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We have had damp, cloudy weather, with some rain, for the past week. We would surely like to see some sunshine. Grain is looking fine since the recent rains.

Mrs. Emma Lackey has returned home after a month's visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hardy Walker, and family of Corpus Christi. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been living in Corpus Christi for the past year. He has employment with the Nueces Transportation Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers spent Sunday visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sellers. His brother has been very sick with flu and pneumonia, but we are glad to hear that he is on the road to recovery.

Bobbie Todd was brought home from the Stephenville Hospital last Tuesday, where he has been since Thanksgiving day, when he was painfully injured when he fell from a trailer load of bundle feed. His arm and collar bone were broken. He is able to be up, but for fear of further injury will not return to school until after Christmas.

Mrs. Gladys Cox was in Gatesville Monday. While there she visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. V. H. Heyroth.

We were glad to learn the whereabouts of our old schoolmates, Herne, Bailey and Mamie Childress, with whom we went to school some forty-odd years ago at Duffau. And we just wonder if they remember a little girl who lived on Duffau Creek by the name of Eunice Newman. Well, we do scatter, don't we?

Mrs. Dovie Noland moved from our community Monday. She has been making her home with her son, Floyd Noland, and family. We understand she has moved to the home of another son near Clairette. She is a lovable character and we are going to miss her greatly.

Mrs. Brittle Little is suffering with a badly sprained ankle which she received Saturday morning when she slipped on a wet culvert in front of her home. We sincerely hope she will soon be fully recovered and be able to be out again.

Word has reached here announcing the arrival of a little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutton of Altus, Okla., Friday, Dec. 10th. The little miss will also be welcomed by two small brothers. Mrs. Hutton is the former Miss Lorene Garren. Both she and her husband are former residents of Fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dansby are also entertaining a new baby girl, born in their home Nov. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Knapp of Olin, who formerly resided here are also the proud parents of a new baby girl, who made her arrival last Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hoover last Sunday afternoon.

Several from here attended the singing at Johnnie Jackson's last Saturday night. The singing will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pitts Saturday night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goyne and little daughters, Wilma Grace and Linda, attended a musical recital at Cranfill's Gap last Friday night. Little Miss Wilma Grace was a participant in the recital. She is very tiny indeed, this being her second year in school. But we must say, she and her little sister Linda are very sweet, intelligent chil-

dren. Their mother is a member of the faculty at Cranfill's Gap.

Visitors in the Jno. Burney home last week end were their daughters, Mrs. Billy H. Taylor of Dallas and Mrs. Jno. I. Chesley of Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goyne and daughters, Wilma Grace and Linda Lou, were dinner guests in the W. E. Cunningham home last Sunday.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John G. Greenland; R. F. Franklin and wife, Mrs. R. F. Franklin; Mrs. R. F. Franklin, a feme sole; G. W. Johnson and wife, Lauren F. Johnson and to the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each and all of them.

GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Hamilton County, at the Court House in Hamilton, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4951. The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Phoebe Ann King, a feme sole; Mrs. Mattie Jordan and husband, J. W. Jordan; Effie Moss and husband, Drew Moss; Audlie Moss and husband, W. A. Moss; Mrs. Myrtle Kilpatrick, a feme sole; Mrs. Cora Zachary and husband, Louis Zachary; C. H. King; Vera King; T. H. King; Mamye King; Winnie Nance and husband, A. D. Nance; Lona Adams and husband, Clyde Adams; Mrs. Ollie King, a feme sole; Genevieve West and husband, Paul West; Merle Lawson and husband, Wm. Lawson, and Enid King Holyfield, a feme sole, as Plaintiffs, and John G. Greenland; R. F. Franklin and wife, Mrs. R. F. Franklin; Mrs. R. F. Franklin, a feme sole; G. W. Johnson and wife, Lauren F. Johnson, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each and all of them as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: A suit in trespass to try title and for damages to 325 acres of land out of the John G. Greenland Survey, partly in Hamilton and partly in Erath County, Texas, described in one tract as surveyed by John R. Eidson, licensed land surveyor on November 18th, 1943, field notes now recorded in the Deed Records of Hamilton County, Texas, and made a part hereof for a better description. Plaintiffs plead the three, five and ten year statutes of limitation, alleging that any right, title, or claim which the defendants ever had to said land of any part thereof is long since barred. Plaintiffs pray judgment and title and possession of said land, damages and costs of suit, removal of the cloud from their title etc.

Issued this the 30th day of November, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Hamilton, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1943.

C. E. EDMISTON, Clerk
District Court, Hamilton County,
(28-4c) Texas

Keep on Backing the Attack with your purchases of WAR BONDS. Give War Bonds for Christmas.

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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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- Military Sets
- Shaving Sets
- Service Men's Kits
- Pipes
- Cigarettes

These are only a few of our many gifts. Come in and let us show you our many selections.

WE HAVE A LARGE VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS CANDIES . . . WE KNOW WILL PLEASE

Corner Drug Co.

The Rexall Store



REMEMBER when you could walk into our office at this time of the year and see row on row of gleaming appliances on display . . . ready to bring joy and happiness to many a home on Christmas Day?

It's a different story now. Our sales floor is empty because electrical appliances have gone to war. But they'll be back some day—better than ever—to again occupy the spotlight of favor at Christmastime.

Until then, buy War Bonds—the most timely and thoughtful gift of all. Help speed Victory and the return of our fighting men to their homes. The more bonds you buy, the sooner the war will end and the sooner you can enjoy the better electrical appliances and better electrical living to come.



Give the Present with a Future . . . Give War Bonds . . . so there will always be a Christmas!

The Holiday Telephone Rush

Because it is the next best thing to seeing them it has been an American Custom for many years to telephone holiday greetings to loved ones and friends in distant cities. More than ever, folks will want to make these calls this Christmas season, and we are going to do our best to get as many of them through as possible. It is best to avoid placing calls to far distant points and centers of war activities unless essential, but do not hesitate to call nearby points. The shorter calls will in most cases be completed promptly. But regardless of where you wish to call, your Long Distance operator will be glad to give you information on how much, if any, delay you may expect.

May we of your Telephone Company wish for you and yours a Happy Holiday Season.



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"HERE WE GO AGAIN"
FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY
EDGAR BERGEN &
CHARLIE MCCARTHY

TUES. & WED. (NEXT WEEK)—
"RHYTHM PARADE"
A Monogram Picture

THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—
"STAGE DOOR CANTEN"

SPECIAL—
FRI. AFTERNOON MATINEE—
(DECEMBER 24TH)
"SANTA FE SCOUTS"
THE THREE MESQUITEERS
CHRISTMAS DAY MATINEE—
"THE KANSAN"
A Glorified Western

WITH THE COLORS

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forward to hearing from you again. The Japanese are very good to us and with the help of the Red Cross makes this place better.

"I am looking forward to seeing you again but don't know when I guess only the Lord knows that. Tell everyone I am keeping my chin up. All my love, TED."

The letter had been examined by both U. S. and Japanese censors.

Mrs. Leslie Kinser, Hico Route 6, has not heard from her brother, 1st Sgt. Alvin A. Bell, in several weeks, so does not yet know whether or not he is receiving his weekly copy of the home paper which she paid for recently. She has heard through Sgt. Bell's wife that the blood clots in his legs have washed up into his lungs, causing him lots of pain. He has been moved from Sicily back to North Africa, and has a new address. His friends are hoping with the family that it won't be long until he can be at home.

Emily Post might know, but the editor hasn't been informed all about the fine points of etiquette service men use in sending out Christmas cards. We received an appreciated seasonal greeting last week from Mr. and Mrs. Geary Cheek, mailed at San Diego, California. And all the time we were practically certain that the Mr. Cheek in question is still aviation machinist's mate, first class, with the United States Navy, unless his status has changed since last we heard from him and Mammy. It's been a year now, kids; ain't you never comin' home together no more?

Naval A/C Sam Abel is getting closer to home again, having moved up to Baylor University at Waco from his former station at Austin. The hefty ex-member of the Hico football squad has been around a lot since joining the Navy, as his subscription card is covered with changes of address including a period of service in the Pacific when he was aviation machinist's mate, second class. His brother, George, said they expected Sam home last week end, but were disappointed because he is so busy flying he can't take a chance on leaving and probably missing some good flying weather.

"Christmas Greetings from the Middle East" on a V-Mail letter with an appropriate design which lent itself admirably to micro-filming, comes to the home paper from Corp. Edward H. Henry. Looks like some of Edward's enterprising and artistic pals might have sold him on an idea which cost him a pretty penny when he invested in the greeting cards. But what does he care? The postage was free, anyhow. We appreciate the greeting, but are still looking forward to another chatty letter from our roving correspondent.

(LATER—Now we are mad. We have found out that Edward's wife, besides receiving a similar V-Mail greeting, also got a cablegram the same day.)

Sam Mangum is doing fine in the Navy among the Pacific Islands, according to a recent letter from his mother, Mrs. Vida Mangum, at Charlotte, Texas. "He is storekeeper now on his ship," she continued, "and sure thanks his Hico teachers for teaching him typing." Mrs. Mangum says she's working on the M. M. Davis Ranch near Charlotte, and really enjoys it—especially the good things to eat. Her note continues: "Vegetables grow here the year around. We have a fine 1 1/2-acre garden, have canned tomatoes, squash, English peas, 11 chickens and two turkeys last week. Some good neighbors brought us in fresh ham, also venison and a large sack of oranges. A cold-freeze locker is full of all kinds of good country food." Mrs.

Trio In Teheran Guarantees Victory



Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia, President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of England as they met in Iran. A document signed by all three read in part: "The common understanding which we have reached guarantees that victory will be ours.—We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and purpose."

Your BRAIN BUDGET

- 1—Is the amount of precipitation (snow and rain) throughout the world (a) 100 tons; (b) 16,000,000 tons; or (c) 1,500 tons per second?
- 2—What kinds of birds live to the age of 100 years or more?
- 3—Who are known as the 3 B's?
- 4—The petrified forest is in the state of _____ (fill in blank).
- 5—Does the term "white coal" refer to (a) diamonds; (b) lime; or (c) water power?

ANSWERS
1. (b) 16,000,000 tons per second. 2. Duck, Raven and Swan.
3. Bees, Bumblebees and Bombs. 4. Arizona.
5. (c) water power.

Mangum also made mention of a new grandson born to her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Rechenbin.

WHAT'S THAT STUFF YOU'RE GIVING THE BOYS, LUSKIE?

Lusk T. Randals, Ph. M. 2/c at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oceanside, California, has sent his parents in Hico a copy of a very interesting publication, the first copy of the new Hospital News at his station, which temporarily is called "What-Zit" for lack of a better name. Among the other interesting items, we find on one page of the paper a mention of the local lad, as follows: "Stopped next door to the pharmacy and there was Randals mixing a lot of tasty looking liquids. He says 'Stand back' and as he adds some smoking looking stuff, whoosh, look what came out—our own little Speln. Speln shouts, 'What hit me, did anyone get his tag number?' And there's Scott raising Cain 'cause Betty Grable didn't appear. Gotta get out of here 'fore they use me for their next experiment."

LOTS OF READING FOR WAC THIS CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Vernon Jenkins has a level head, and when she administers a dose of something she wants to be sure to have an antidote ready in case the results are not what is expected. She was in the office Saturday afternoon to order the paper sent to her sister, Pfc. Dorothy Holladay, who is in training with the Women's Army Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. At the same time Pauline informed the editor that she was sending her sister a nice Bible, just in case she might want variety in her reading. The Holladay family recently received a number of the personal possessions of their son and brother, 1st Lieut. Dan Holladay, who is reported missing in action with the Air Corps in North Africa since Dec. 31 of last year. Included in the items was Dan's diary, which gave a lot of information about his daily life in the Air Corps.

LISTEN AND WE'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET

Sam Price let out a secret last Saturday. It happened while he was showing the editor a pair of boots he had bought out of wood, neatly mounted on a block of wood, and complete with spurs and rowels in miniature, the handiwork of one of his sons, Captain Alvin Price, who was recently home on his way from Camp Adair, Oregon, to Fort Benning, Ga., for special training. Al made the trinket several years ago, while a student at John Tarleton College, and finished the metal work later while employed with an oil company in the Panhandle. His dad brought it to town upon request from a friend who had heard about it and wanted to see it.

If you're ready to hear the secret now, here goes—but hold your breath and cross your fingers: If something unlooked-for doesn't happen to prevent it, the Prices' youngest son, E. M., the inimitable one and only "Mutt" is coming home for a visit Sunday, and he's bringing that bride we folks in Hico haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting. If the noted bombardier is still a technical sergeant, he is getting that furlough a month ahead of schedule. But if we ought to say he is on leave, then the drinks are on Mutt, for he's been holding out information on the editor again. At any rate we'll all be glad to greet and meet his wife.

IS THERE A JAP SCHOLAR IN THE CROWD, PLEASE?

Mrs. J. T. Abel was dropping things and breaking them again last week. But her nervousness was excusable, for she and Mr. Abel received two cards Thursday from their son, Johnny Louis Abel, who is in Philippine Prison Camp No. 1 in custody of the Japs. The cards were on regular forms, the first word they had received from him since last September when a similar message that he was well and sending regards to his family was received. The only other time they have heard from him was in August of this year, seventeen months after the capture of the Philippines by the Japanese, until which time the only report they had received was the official notice that he was missing in action in the Pacific area.

Mrs. Abel thinks the cards came in on the mercy ship, "Gripsholm" which arrived on the East Coast recently. No date or point of mailing was discernible on the back of the card, as the figures and lettering were in the Japanese language. English was used on the standard form on the cards' face, but so far she hasn't located anyone who can translate the hieroglyphics on the address side. In case someone who reads this understands the Jap lingo, he would confer a favor on the Abel family by looking at the cards.

ADRIAN BURDEN, C. M. M. M. MARRIED IN NEW JERSEY

H. Adrian Burden, Chief Motor Machinist's Mate in the United States Navy, was married to Miss Lottie E. Oman of Clayton, New Jersey, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, at 7:30, in her home city. The groom is a son of Mrs. Mayme Burden of Hico. Miss Mary Jane Oman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Harold Zettle, Adrian's buddy, was best man. Only close friends and relatives attended the ceremony. The bride wore a blue dress trimmed in sequins and a corsage of orchids. A short honeymoon was spent in Camden, N. J., before the groom returned to his base at Gloucester, N. J., where he is now stationed. Adrian has been in the Navy for nearly four years and his last visit to Hico was last January.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Christopher have heard from their son, Claude, who is in a hospital in Hawaii recovering from an injury to his knee. Claude, who is with the Signal Corps, has been overseas for some time, and his former address in care of the postmaster at Seattle leads to the conjecture that he was in the Battle of Attu. The extent of his injuries is not known, but the family and friends hope that he will recover rapidly so that he may be able to continue his hitchhiking when trains get too slow, like they did about a year ago when he was home from San Luis Obispo, California.

"Buon Natale" in Italy means Christmas. Greetings in the good old U. S. A. was the wording with a Christmas design on a V-Mail letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. John Collier from their son, Sgt. R. O. (Billy) Collier. The Christmas card salesman aren't so aggressive in the Pacific area, it seems, or else the mail service is slower, for the Colliers haven't yet received similar greetings from their other two sons, Pvt. James J. Collier and Pfc. William Clay Collier, out of San Francisco. However they have received frequent V-Mail letters, so they don't mind

SON OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN FINAL PHASE OF TRAINING

LUBBOCK, TEX., ARMY AIR FIELD (Special).—First Lieutenant Robert C. Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Beck of Hico, recently arrived here to complete the last phase of his flight training. He is one of several student officers in the latest class of aviation cadets and aviation students to report to LAAP in quest of the famous "silver wings."

Lt. Beck's wife, the former Lois I. White of Harlingen, Texas, plans to join her husband soon. He is a 1938 graduate of Texas A. & M. and won a degree in engineering administration. While attending Harlingen High School, he lettered in football and was judged the best all-around Senior high school boy in 1935, and won the W. K. Kellogg Health Foundation Fellowship in 1939. He was manager and owner of the Valley Refining Co. in Harlingen and during 1941, wore a brace on his back for eight months as a result of a gasoline explosion.

LAAP is an advanced pilot training school, where Uncle Sam's Air Force is giving its heavyweight aviation cadets and aviation students the final lap of their training in bi-motored AT-17 Bobcats, which is but a rehearsal of the Flying Portresses, Liberators, Mitchells, Marauders and other multi-engine ships from which they will soon rain terror on the Nazis and the Nips. The Commanding Officer is Col. Ralph E. Holmes, a command pilot with 17 years experience in the Air Corps as a communications officer, balloon observer, airship pilot, aircraft observer and heavier-than-air pilot.

WHO SAID KENTUCKY HAM WAS GOOD AS HOME CURED?

In sending a change in address for one of her sons, William M. Hodnett, F 1/c, from port Hueene, Calif., to a Fleet Post Office address out of San Francisco, Mrs. Evt Hodnett enclosed a letter from another son, Cpl. Harry F. Hodnett, as follows:

Campbell Air Field
Camp Campbell, Ky.

Dear Mom: Have been intending to write for several days. Just haven't found time. They have been keeping me pretty busy of late.

Have received three copies of the Hico paper. It seems they will come regularly. I saw where Johnnie Ogle was at this camp. It is such a large place I would have one heck of a time finding him, even if I knew his address. Besides, it seems I will not get much time off. The Army is getting to expect all work and no play, it seems. I don't mind it, though. The paper is plenty good. I can keep tab on all the boys I know. There are a lot of people mentioned that I don't know. Still it is news from home for me. I certainly enjoy it. You haven't said anything about your pig for a long time. Guess it has grown a lot. Sure would like to wrap my lips around a piece of home-cured ham—good, that would be good. Well, there isn't any news, so will sign off for this time. Give my regards to all, and write soon. Love, Your Son, HARRY.

HAS THRILL OF MEETING BROTHER IN AUSTRALIA

Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Holford:

Well, how is everything going with you and everybody around Hico? Seems like I would enjoy walking the streets in the old town again, but from the looks of things I will have to wait a few days. Australia is a lot like the States, but there is no place like the old U. S. A. for me. Did you have a big day Thanksgiving? I really enjoyed the day fine. I had a brother to come to see me. He got here two days before Thanksgiving and stayed for the holiday. When a fellow is 12 or 14 thousand miles from home and gets to see some of his folks, I call that luck. He came to see me once before since I have been in Australia—about six months ago. Well, here it is show time, and I sure don't want to miss out on that and I don't know anything to write this time.

Good luck to everyone in Hico and a Happy Christmas and New Year to Hamilton County. Your friend, JAMES POTEET.

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LESSONS IN GASTRONOMY AT A SERGEANT'S PAY

S/Sgt. Leighton Guyston came in from Camp Claiborne the first of the week for a visit with his mother and other relatives and friends here. Leighton said he had a ten-day furlough, but that he was the victim of a shabby trick—he has to be back in camp on the 23rd, two days before Christmas, unless he contracts "cat fever" or some such malady to detain him.

After finishing school here and undergoing a period of adjustment to the cold business world, Leighton was employed by a trailer-manufacturing concern at San Antonio before his entry into service. He didn't expect to set the world on fire when he put on a uniform, although he says he and some of the other boys who went with him might have fallen a little too hard for the recruiting talk indicating a master sergeant's rating pronto. However he has fared well, having gone from private to private first-class to corporal to sergeant in successive weeks.

He says the army, especially the branch he's in, has lots of good equipment and his system has about gotten fixated to the shakings-up received in line of duty in jeeps, army trucks, etc. On the side Leighton has developed into quite an epicurean, not to say a gourmand, or even a gourmet. Listening to his tales about steaks served in cafes where the chef is insulted upon being asked for catsup; fish cooked in paper sacks; pousee - cafe, cajan coffee, and other bon mots encountered in his off-duty travels just makes one's mouth water. And you just ought to hear him tell about Thanksgiving dinner at his camp!

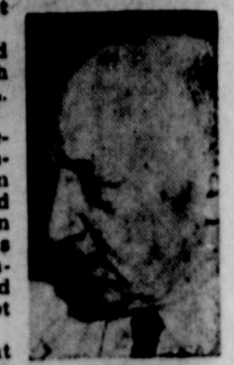
But in spite of all these tales of gastronomic delights encountered away from home, Leighton says there is nothing anywhere to beat his mother's cooking. And the beds seem a lot softer at home, too—especially when one gets to lie in them until the middle of the morning instead of having to pile out at 5:30 a. m. Like lots of other local boys, Leighton has realized that the army has its own ways, and he has adjusted himself to his surroundings and duties and saved himself a lot of grief, if we are to judge by his response to questioning. For one thing we attribute his philosophic attitude to his devotion to things culinary as well as military, for we've never seen a well-fed grouch yet—or a cheerful civilian who cursed the army upon entering the service.

Louis B. Giesecke Jr., Duffan, has completed his training at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Oklahoma, and will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. The Navy has announced. Upon his graduation, Giesecke received the rating of Seaman first class.

"Meet the People..."

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

• "You can shear a sheep year after year, but you can take his hide only once."
• That is one of the homely axioms often stated by the man who heads the committee which writes our tax laws—Representative Robert L. Doughton.
• For 30 years "Farmer Bob" has been representing his district of North Carolina in congress. His nickname has stuck with him from the days when he tilled the soil and raised stock. He later became a bank president in North Wilkesboro, N. C. This background has given the 60-year-old congressman a conservative outlook. He believes taxes should be levied merely to pay the bills of government and not for social reforms.
• Although our taxes have risen higher than at any other time in American history, Doughton's constant efforts to lower them are apparently beginning to take effect. The last request by the treasury department for 10 1/2 billion dollars was answered in a bill passed by the house which provided for only 2 1/2 billion.



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