



CANDY FOR ALL THE KIDS AS LONG AS IT LASTS—BETTER BE HERE ON TIME!

The rigors and vicissitudes of continuing the effort of issuing a creditable paper under the dubious power of only one weak woman and the lazy man just about has done down this week. While we don't like to complain, and fully realize most everyone has more to do than one can do, the editor is impressed with one regret—that he has wasted so much time in various ways in the past, that could be used to advantage now.

The news hook is full of items that should be handled, but handling them this week seems to be a human impossibility. So if the readers will excuse, we'll go to bed—the press bed, so that we may get this issue printed and in the mails. After that we're going to bed for a week, sleeping some and reading an abundance of Christmas cards and package slips from kind friends in between. After that, we'll try to make up for some of our shortcomings in the way we're currently publishing the paper. The remainder of this column we turn over to a capable and traveled writer, Merry Christmas and thanks for kind friends.

THIS AND THAT
By JOE SMITH DYER

BEST GIFT: Christmas, the season of good-will and good cheer, the season of gift-giving, is here again. Christmas, the time that reminds us of our obligations to others, the time above all other times when we strive to love our neighbor as ourselves and to lend a helping hand.

Christmas is here again! What we may have to give from the material standpoint may seem small and not at all important, but when we give our meager portion, with good-will and good cheer, we may be sure the gift is doubled because love enhances, beyond human comprehension, all that is touched even so lightly by its un-falling influence for good.

One great gift we can all give is kindness and we all are able to give that abundantly.

Any person will admit that during the Christmas season we encompass in one single week more genuine happiness than during all the other weeks of the year, and all because we are so sincere and so generous with our kindness.

Kindness wears well and will be long remembered after Christmas is gone.

THRIFT: An authority says that 25 percent of the American people incur monthly obligations considerably larger than their incomes. Now there is a question about this: Is it better to be without things we want, or is it best to go in debt for them? Can we be happier having what we want while we worry over how we are going to get it paid for; or is it wise to do without pleasures, conveniences, comforts, and know that we owe nothing to anybody?

The answer to that question must lie in the way we will come out when we are no longer able to work for a living. If spending now means hunger and suffering later, then present thrift is the wise system.

If by living now beyond our means indicates that we will live to a time when we will actually want, then a wise use of money now is important.

If a large per cent of the American people come to want — and they do — then it is time to think about thrift now.

SEVEN ANGELS: There is a Flying Fortress in Europe today with a crew of young Americans and it's an interesting story how the Fortress got its name.

They formerly were on the "Heavenly Body" and one day when they were taking off on a mission over Germany, Staff Sgt. Gilbert Woerner of Fredericksburg, Texas opened his pocket Bible and placed between its pages an English pound note for safe keeping. Later on he found the pound note marked by the verses on the pages between which he had placed it.

The "Heavenly Body" was damaged and they had to land in the English channel on the way to the home base. The pilot and the co-pilot were drowned. And when Sergeant Woerner took his pound note from out the Bible, he read:

"And I saw seven angels which stood before God."

As giant waves in the channel buffeted them, they looked up and saw a British rescue plane circling over them. And Sergeant Woerner continued to read:

"And another Angel came" and they saw the rescue plane still circling in the sky and they read on:

"And there was silence in Heaven for the space of a half hour" and then a rescue launch came across the water and the plane dropped smoke bombs to indicate the location.

And when they reached the home base and were assigned to a new Fortress, those young Americans named it "Seven Angels."

The first time a person tries to "buy time" if rich he should think of the sign at the entrance of all streets "Pay As You Enter."

News Review Is Popular Item On 1944 Gift Lists

With a scarcity of more gaudy but less serviceable articles for gift purposes this year, more and more people are taking advantage of "the gift that keeps on giving" for 52 weeks in the year—the home paper.

In addition to those previously acknowledged, and some that may have been overlooked on the gift list that has accumulated during the past few days, the following deserve notice:

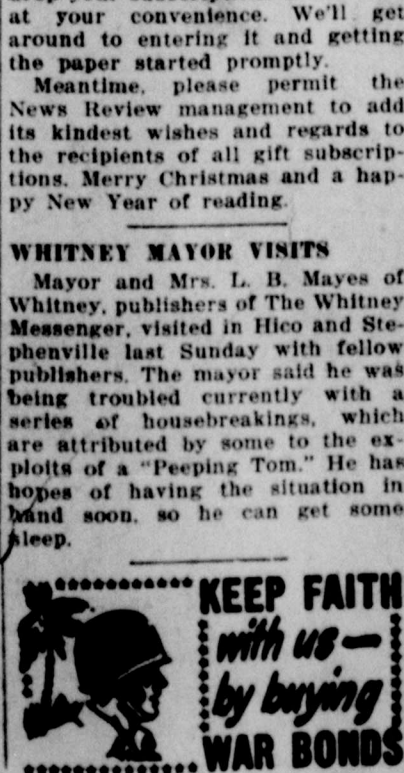
- To Hunter Newman, Route 6, from his dad, W. L. Newman, Ireland.
- To Mrs. Morgan Weaver, McKinney, Texas, from her niece, Miss Irene Frank, Hico.
- To Steve Lewis, F 2/c, Great Lakes, Ill., from his mother, Mrs. R. L. Lewis, Hico Route 1.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Worden, Farmersville, from their granddaughter, Patricia Pinson, Hico.
- To N. T. Akin, San Antonio, from his father, S. N. Akin, our worthy correspondent at Mt. Pleasant.
- To a brother, Sgt. Tom H. Loden, care of PM, New York; and to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loden, Route 5, from their sister and daughter, Mrs. Edith McPherson, also of Route 5.
- To her son, Pfc. James D. Todd, Lemoore, Calif., and to a brother-in-law, D. L. Martin, Compton, California, from Mrs. J. M. Todd, Hico Route 3.
- To Mrs. Elmer Bullard, Electra, Texas, from her mother, Mrs. Lee Trantham, Hico.
- To Pvt. Arthur Howerton, care of postmaster, San Francisco, from his sister, Mrs. Estelle Pruitt, Hico Route 7.
- To a special friend, Miss Katherine Hatts, Dallas, from T/S Irvin Lane, New Guinea and points West.
- To a friend, Mrs. Ervin Smith, Lometa, from Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Rhodes, Hico.
- To her mother, Mrs. Minnie Sikes, from Mrs. Oattie Mae Ware, Dallas.
- To her brother, G. C. Miller, Hico Route 7, and to friends, Willie and Ross Baldwin, Clairette, from Mrs. Ara Denman, Hico Route 7.
- To a friend, Sgt. Henry R. Roberts, care of postmaster, San Francisco, from Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramage.
- To Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conner, Seymour, Tex., from C. W. Giesecke, the NR's Millerville correspondent who visited them recently and couldn't find a copy of the home paper.
- To Coke Mings, Abilene; Mrs. W. E. Lambert and Mrs. Lee King, Cleburne, from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mings, Hico.
- To Guy Eckins Jr., whose tricky health caused his recent honorable discharge from the Navy, from his mother at Hico. Guy Jr. is now living at Clovis, N. Mex., with his family.
- To Mrs. C. C. Woods, Waynesboro, Tenn., from her sister, Mrs. Bert Crockett, who said Bert made her pay for it herself.
- To David Battershell, Seaman Second Class, San Diego, Calif., from his mother, Mrs. S. F. Battershell, Hico.
- To Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harris, Walnut Springs, from Herman Munnerlyn. (How about that gift subscription you always send, Buster?)
- To Miss Nannie Lawrence, Ireland, from Mrs. Nettie Meador.
- To Mrs. J. P. Holmes, Brownwood, from her sister, Miss Marie Lynch of Hico.

The list is still open until after the holidays—but we can't promise what paper rationing is going to do to us after the first of the year. If you fall to find anyone around the office before the holidays, just drop your subscriptions in the mail at your convenience. We'll get around to entering it and getting the paper started promptly.

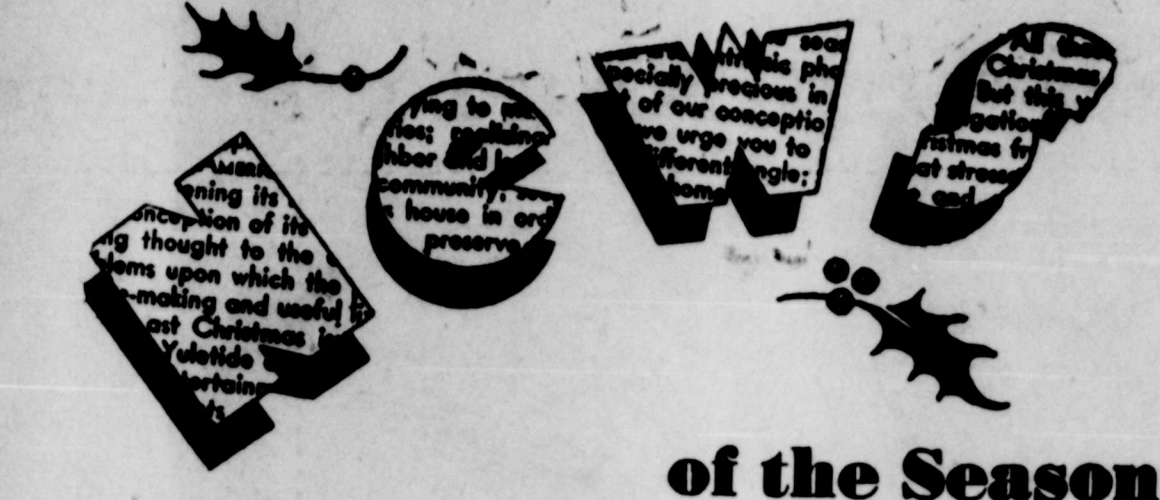
Meantime, please permit the News Review management to add its kindest wishes and regards to the recipients of all gift subscriptions. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year of reading.

WHITNEY MAYOR VISITS
Mayor and Mrs. L. B. Mayes of Whitney, publishers of The Whitney Messenger, visited in Hico and Stephenville last Sunday with fellow publishers. The mayor said he was being troubled currently with a series of housebreakings, which are attributed by some to the exploits of a "Peeping Tom." He has hopes of having the situation in hand soon, so he can get some sleep.

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The Best of the Season



The Big Headlines of Today Are Not Wars, Accidents, Politics, Marriages or Strikes, They're HOLIDAY GREETINGS

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



LOCAL SOLDIER AWARDED COMBAT DECORATION FOR FIGHTING RECORD IN ITALY
Special to The News Review: WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Corporal William R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Route 6, Hico, Texas, has been cited by the 11th Armored Infantry Battalion of the Fifth Armored Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

SERGEANT LEETH RETURNS TO HOME COUNTY AFTER TWO YEARS IN SERVICE
Sgt. C. G. Leeth returned to Hamilton last week after two and one-half years in the Army, to resume active management of his business, the L. & L. Auto Supply. He was honorably discharged from the Army Dec. 7, being stationed at Camp Bowie at the time of his discharge.

Mr. Leeth volunteered for service more than 30 months ago, leaving his business to enter the service of Uncle Sam.—Hamilton Herald-News.

MR. AND MRS. LEETH AND SON, BILLIE GRAY, VISITED IN HICO SUNDAY WITH HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. J. W. LEETH.

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Mrs. W. A. Barbee and little 3-year-old grandson, Willie Barbee, came by the NR office to report the arrival of Willie's young sister, Connie Mae Barbee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barbee on December 18, in Hico. They are taking good care of the mother and babe while the father is serving as Fireman First Class with the Seabees on the Solomon.

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MRS. NORMAN JOHNSON GETS LETTER FROM HUSBAND IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND
Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Dallas, who received a message several weeks ago from the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Norman Johnson, was slightly wounded in action November 13, in France, has now received a letter from him and he is in a hospital in England. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ford of Hico, and Private Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Make Johnson of Hamilton, formerly of Hico.

Private Johnson was inducted into the Army at Hamilton, January 20, 1944. He trained 17 weeks at Camp Blanding, Fla., and left for a port of embarkation, reaching France July 29. He was immediately assigned to General Patton's Third Army in the 90th Division, taking part in numerous battles before reaching the Western Front, where he was injured.

ARRIVES AT McCLOSKEY SPECIAL TO THE NEWS REVIEW: McCLOSKEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Temple, Tex., Dec. 16.—Pvt. Jim C. Carter, whose wife, Bobbie Carter, lives on Route 5, Hico, Texas, was among the recent patients returned from overseas duty who have arrived at McCloskey General Hospital. McCloskey is an Army Service Forces installation, one of the Army's largest general hospitals.

A number of other patients with home addresses in various sections of the country, arrived at the same time.

Ernest Vines Meador has been promoted to Motor Mechanic's Mate, Second Class, according to his mother, Mrs. Nettie Meador, in ordering a change of address. Buck also told his mother that he received a leave recently and went to Sydney, Australia, and saw real civilization for the first time in about a year.

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HICO HIGH 1939 GRADUATE HOME ON 30-DAY LEAVE AFTER 15 MONTHS OVERSEAS
Eldon Rogers, Fire Controlman Third Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers, has been home to spend part of his 30-day leave, after 15 months of service in the Mediterranean Theatre. He was accompanied by his pretty wife, a Fort Worth girl whom he persuaded to marry him about two years ago, after having met her while he was employed in Fort Worth, before entering the Navy.

If the editor should stick to the strict rules of censorship, he'd have to dismiss an appreciated office visit from the wholesome and refreshing pair by saying that the sailor said the weather had been bad up North, but got better when he entered Texas; and admitting that Eldon's wife is plump. But since thirty days is a long time, he'd better be careful about making the latter statement of fact, or he might find that the famous Will Rogers sense of humor, which seems to have been handed down from father to son, has vanished.

Daily papers have published accounts of the arrival in New York Harbor of Eldon's ship, the USS Brooklyn, a light destroyer. And from what we have read, the word "light" may be a misnomer before the cruiser leaves out again. Reporters came on board upon the ship's arrival, and there was quite a celebration, considering wartime conditions.

The local lad wore four stars in his campaign ribbon, indicating participation in four invasions, including North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. While he doesn't talk much about the war, he is remembered by folks around the newspaper office as the lad who said two years ago that the war might get a little tough, and that the battle wouldn't be a pushover, even though he had no fears of the final outcome.

Eldon said, in between cracks at the editor and discussion of the cigarette shortage in the U. S. (which was a surprise, but doesn't bother him, for he doesn't smoke them) that he didn't believe the Navy would mind his admitting that there had been considerable shooting going on over there. He said

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New Officers For C. of C. Elected At Recent Meeting

Election of new officers was had at a recent meeting of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, held after an excellent supper at Vie's Cafe on Dec. 5. The meeting had been postponed from the previous week due to the president's absence from town and a number of other reasons, as explained in the notes of S. W. Everett, acting as secretary in the absence of the secretary.

According to the minutes of the meeting submitted for publication, the following were named as new officers: Rev. O. D. Carpenter, president; Rev. J. F. Isbell, vice-president; Paul Neel, re-elected as secretary, and Jessie Boho, treasurer. New directors will include M. E. Waldrop, Webb McEver, J. E. Lincoln, E. C. Bramlett, Ollie Davis, E. C. Allison, and Sam Elder.

Retiring President Webb McEver called attention to the new Scoutmaster, Bro. Isbell, and his work, and also to the work of S. J. Cheek on the Bluebonnet Country Club site for a memorial to the returning soldier boys of this war. S. W. Everett, Max Hoffman and L. J. Chaney were appointed as a committee to help in any way to further this work.

The body voted to pay for marking streets for parking, and to finance the local visit of Santa.

S. W. Everett was appointed as acting secretary in the absence of the secretary, "and that is why you do not have a better report," his minutes concluded.

The News Review found the acting secretary's minutes in pretty good shape. The only criticism that could be offered was the lack of promptness with which they were turned in for publication.

County and Cities To Provide Extra Police Officers

The Hamilton city council met with the commissioners' court Monday to discuss the problem of extra police service during the holiday season and for a period of several weeks thereafter. The measure adopted provides for one extra officer in Hamilton and another in Hico. The City of Hico will be asked to join the county, along with Hamilton, in sharing the expense.

The commissioners also provided for the repair of the drains on the north side of the court house. In their present condition these drains permit water to flow into the basement of the building.

The court, at its Monday meeting, also heard and approved the report of Miss Thelma Keesee, Home Demonstration Agent, and T. D. Craddock, Agricultural Agent and released their contracts for another year.—Herald-News.

Navy's Need for Radio Men Is Big Opportunity Now

The Navy needs radio men. Opportunity to train in one of the war's newest and most thrilling fields—"Radar"—is offered. Radio technicians have many important duties in the Navy, such as installing, repairing and maintaining radio communication equipment, radio direction finders, submarine detection apparatus, and other extraordinary electronic devices. Upon release from the Navy after the war, the Radio Technician will find countless new opportunities open to him.

Men who have successfully passed the pre-induction physical examination, between the ages of 18 and 38, and men of 17 years of age may take the Eddy test at the Navy recruiting station, Post Office Building, Waco, Texas any day of the week.

Upon successfully passing the Eddy test, you may be enlisted as a Seaman first class, with pay to start with of \$66.00 per month.

See the Navy Recruiter for full information—without obligation.

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 13	55	30	0.00
Dec. 14	64	25	0.00
Dec. 15	71	25	0.00
Dec. 16	66	33	0.00
Dec. 17	74	35	0.00
Dec. 18	65	28	0.00
Dec. 19	68	23	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 31.09 inches.

There are twelve pages in your News Review this week. Be sure you get all of the paper, and also be sure to read the greetings.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce has announced that word has been received from the North Pole promising a local visit with the kiddies on the streets of Hico Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23. The message stated that Santa's time would be limited, and asked that those desiring to meet him be here promptly. He will not bear as much candy as usual this year, perhaps—for sugar is rationed, you know. But he will be glad to see as many children as possible in the short time allotted for his visit.



Texans do get around. This week's news comes from many battle fronts where men of the Lone Star State are on the war path.

Corporal John P. Fleming of Elgin has sent home a Christmas package, received this week by his wife. In the package was a very ornate Nazi officer's dress sword, decorated with the swastika and much gold and silver. The corporal wrote that Mrs. Fleming would have to wait until his return home to find out how he got the unusual souvenir... but the odds are that the Nazi officer won't be needing the sword any more. Texas fighting men have a habit of leaving the enemy very, very dead.

Corporal Fleming, who has done much heavy fighting in Europe, holds the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Sgt. Leo A. Blakeslee, Camp 439, has experienced the unusual by ending the fight in this war exactly where he ended the fighting in World War I... lying wounded in the shadows along the Moxelie River near Metz.

Sergeant Blakeslee, being a bit past youngster age, had to fight his way into the army, but he managed to get in, because he wanted to finish the job started in 1917. He worked his way into his old division... his famed 90th... and when the division went overseas he was with it. He was hit by a sniper near Metz... exactly where he fought when he was wounded in the last war!

From France, too, comes word of another fighting Texan... Lt. Alton Prewitt of Round Rock. Lieutenant Prewitt, an officer of the ninth infantry division, has been given the coveted Silver Star for gallantry in action against the Germans in northern France. He won the medal while leading a small patrol. When he encountered an enemy unit, he ordered his men to wait in cover, while he went forward alone. Then he calmly staged a one-man war, destroying the German outpost with hand grenades.

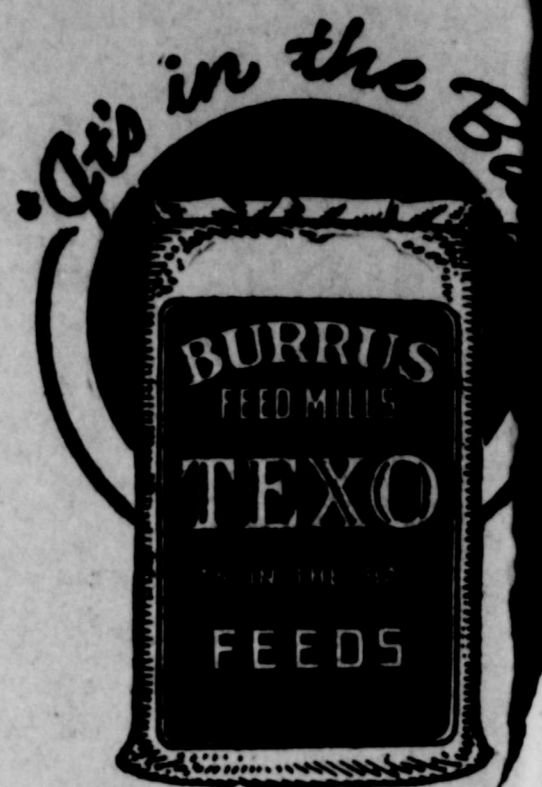
And on the home front, Texas is setting a record for generous support of the war. Records show that Texans contributed so generously to the National War Fund that the Lone Star State will stand high among all states in the union when final drive figures are available. Details aren't complete yet... and some few counties still are not over the top... but when the final "clean-up" campaign is over and all figures are in, there is little doubt that Texas will be near the top of the nation-wide list.

Wayland D. Towner, general manager of the United War Chest of Texas, likes to give credit for the achievement to the many local leaders who worked so hard during the drive. But those close to the state office know that the local campaigners certainly deserve the bulk of the orchids, a lot of the hard work and planning in Austin helped make the drive successful. Judge Ben H. Powell, UCWT president, and other state leaders who served at the War Fund GHQ, did their job so well that every county had full support from the drive's D-Day to its end.

Funds collected will support USO, War Prisoners Aid, and other National War Fund agencies during the coming year, and help to make the war not quite so hard for our fighting men.

All Texans should be proud of their success, through their own county war chests.

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JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

at home and abroad

★ It is with all the earnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter

into the spirit of this association with your loved ones and friends. And though there are gaps in our community life, let's think of those far from home with a feeling of pride, and carry on here at home while our thoughts are with them.

The Present . . .



With a Future!

BARNES & McCULLOUGH
"Everything to Build Anything"

Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We have had ideal weather the last week and most everyone is making preparations for Christmas.

The Senior Play presented last Friday night was attended by a large crowd, and all enjoyed the drama, "Lights Out," which was exceptionally well rendered. Irvin Jones Jr. of Lauham furnished piano selections for the occasion, and Mr. Columbus sponsored the play.

Mrs. Ila Ruth Smith and little daughter, Marianna, are spending a few days with her husband's parents and other relatives at Abilene, Texas. Her husband is overseas.

Mrs. Floyd Noland and little daughter, Wanda, were in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adams and family visited last Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Richardson.

Miss Burnice Sikes of Houston is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kate Slater, and also her brother, John Sikes and family and sister, Mrs. Harve Shields and family during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adkinson of Iredell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Shields and family, last Friday night.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school gymnasium this Friday afternoon. Our superintendent, Mr. Columbus, extends an invitation to all the parents and to any others who desire to attend to take part by placing your gifts on the school tree also. We understand a program has been arranged for the occasion.

Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers visited this week with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sellers, of Lauham. Her husband, who recently entered the service, is now stationed at Camp Hood.

The youngest child of the former Miss Wilma Carraway is reported to be ill in the Stephenville Hospital with pneumonia. We hope by this time the child is improved. Wilma was formerly a member of the school faculty here.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our dear boys in the various branches of service, and to all readers of the News Review. May next year bring peace, and a reuniting of loved ones the world over.

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Merry American Christmas

and Best Wishes for the New Year



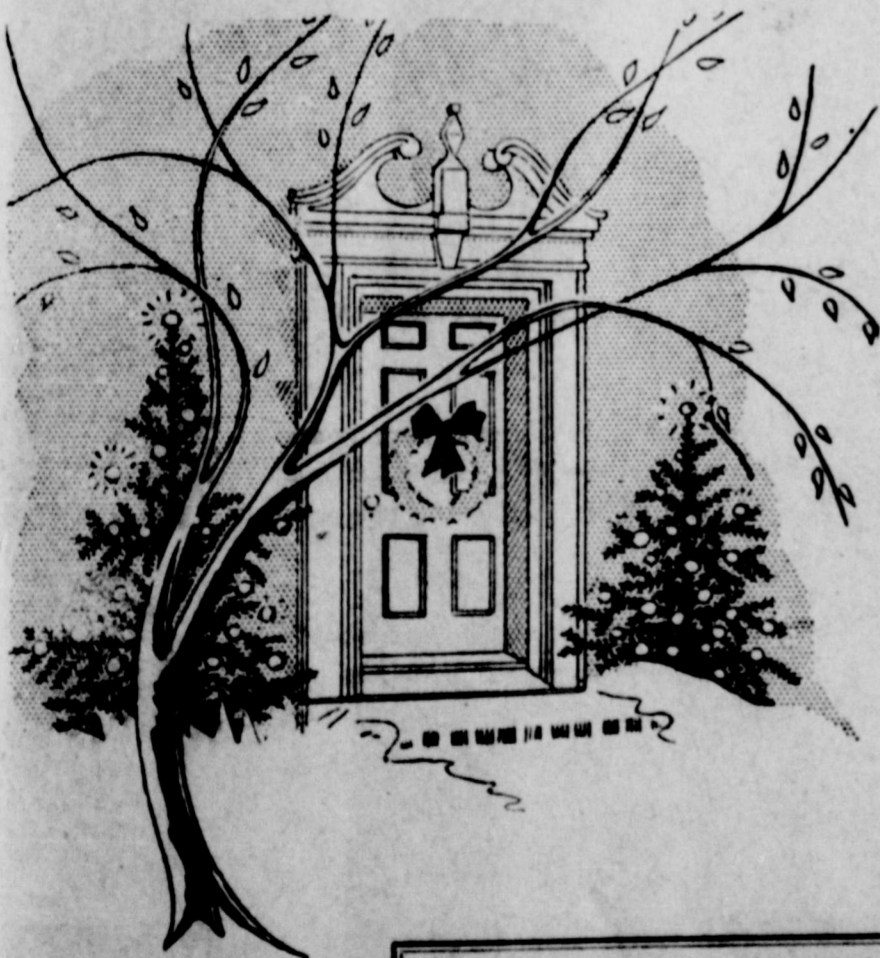
Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way.

Today, thanks to the magnificent achievements of our armed forces, we have gone a long way down the road toward final Victory and we can look forward hopefully to enjoying Christmas as we used to know it—in an atmosphere of peace and contentment unclouded by the shadows of war.

It is with firm resolve to help speed that happy day and with an unbounded faith in the future, that we extend to you and your loved ones our heartiest Christmas greetings and warmest best wishes for the New Year.

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LOOKING FORWARD AT CHRISTMASTIME



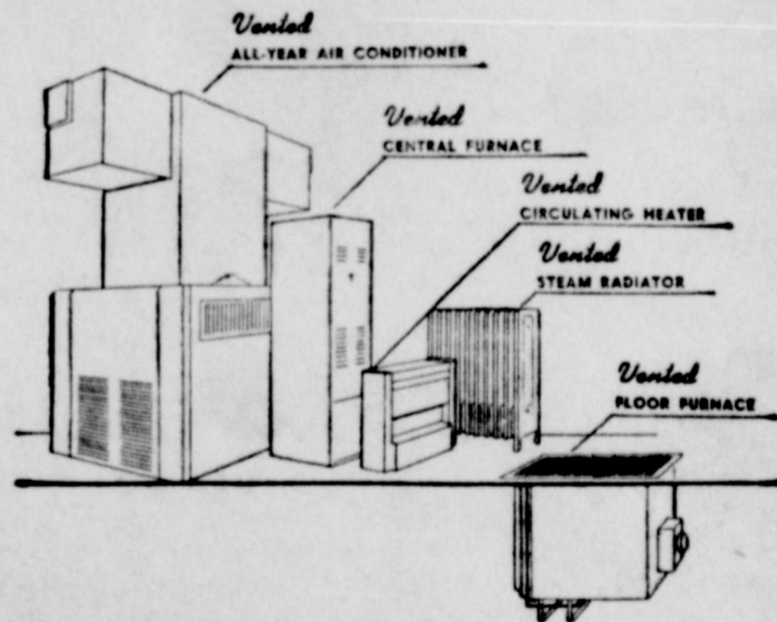
It is impossible for us to send each of our friends an individual Christmas card as we would like to do. So, we are taking this method of wishing you Good Health, and a Merry Christmas during these times when many of our friends and families are unable to join us.

Be Wishes for the Holiday Season

STEPHENVILLE HOSPITAL

And All of Its Employees

New Era Heating requires a VENT



Modernizing or building a new postwar home? Above is a picture of things to come in heating equipment; equipment designed for healthful, pleasant, comfortable living. Each is vented, vented to a flue to avoid wall sweating and eliminate stuffy air. So in your plans be sure to include sufficient flues because, regardless of the type you select, they are necessary for modern gas heating.

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS!

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Hico, Tex., Friday, Dec. 22, 1944.

THE WAY IS CLEAR

Within the short space of two weeks Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made two pleas, one on Thanksgiv-
ing day and one the week before, to urge us to step up production. Already, he said, we are using supplies labeled for Febru-
ary and March and, because supplies can now be sent directly to the front, they are needed in ever-increasing quantities.

In the time following June 6th, D-Day, our armies pushed so furiously and speedily toward the German frontier, they could not stop to insure the capture of the great ports of northern France from Le Havre to Brest. As a result, the farther they advanced, the less pressure they could bring against the Germans. By the time they reached Antwerp and the Siegfried line, they lacked the ammunition and fuel to fight on and finish the war.

Only now that France and Belgium are liberated do we really have bases for invasion. We can transport to the continent all that we can produce and more. No longer do our goods lay over in United States supply depots. Vital supplies move directly from factories here to the battlefields. The way is now clear to the front.

TEXTBOOK SHORTAGE

A serious shortage of textbooks—which may come as good news to some school children but is of serious concern to their parents—is expected unless the book publishers are allotted a larger quota of paper.

We imagine, though the paper shortage has not been eased any, that the War Production Board will take action to supply the paper needed to correct this situation.

When we look over the type of reading that still is available on news stands there seems little reason to worry where the paper can come from to publish school books. We realize that the WPB would be put in the position of favoring one type of business over another if it took our recommendations—so we won't make specific suggestions at the present time.

But in case a real emergency does arise, we might mention the fact that the average news stand now carries 50 or more so-called comic magazines. Is it too much to hope that children might be asked to sacrifice a few of these in order to have the history and arithmetic books they need to continue their education?

Reconstructed Robot Bomb Fired



This is the first picture of the launching of the American version of Nazi V-1 robot bomb. The bomb was reconstructed in 60 days, using fragments found in England. It is said to be an improvement of German bomb. An order for 2,000 has been placed in the United States.

Here's Rea'ice in Your Eye



New York Rangers show that they can dish out a fine spray of ice into the face of Goalie Ken McAuley. Phil Watson of the forward line leaps toward cage, after having passed the puck to his line man, "Ante" Atlas.

A Friendly Greeting
TO YOU

Our Friends and Customers



It's the Season to be friendly, Happy, and contented... may this be your experience this Christmas and every Christmas.



MARK WALDROP

CONSIGNEE

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

Once more it is our pleasure to extend the compliments of the Yuletide Season to our host of friends in this community. It is a very pleasant and joyful custom to renew these as-

sociations—that's why we await Christmas time with eager anticipation. You have been good to us—may old Santa be just as good to you.

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TELEFACT

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1944 \$286,000,000

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AFTER DEFEAT OF GERMANY



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CHRISTMAS



brings to each of us an appreciation of those fine friendships and memories which make life worth living. And so at this glad Holiday Season, we extend to you our cordial greetings and wish for you both health and happiness throughout all the coming year.



THE WISEMAN STUDIO, Hico, Tex.

Christmas Greetings

We all have gone through trials and temptations during the past four years, and though it is hard to get the true Christmas Spirit, the need was never more urgent. Many have lost their homes and loved ones and are subject to natural temptations, and become indifferent to all things else.

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. That time belongs mostly to them, but we grownups get the spirit of the occasion by considering ourselves as children again.

Whatever one may think of the Divinity of Christ, there are no two opinions about the holy unselfish life that was His sojourn on earth; it is impossible for mere man to measure up to His standards, but we should strive to be like Him in some degree.

Christ suffered more than we can conceive, and He kept on serving and earned undying glory. One does not have to have earthly goods to serve as He did before us; a kind word or deed passed on to others lightens their burdens and illuminates their path.

The world is a victim of too much selfishness, some say the war is solely responsible for the disturbed state of mind in which man finds himself today; and even so, was it not national selfishness that brought this about? Others say that a mad era of speculation has caused our present conditions. We should all strive to think more of others, and our own trials will grow lighter. It is our earnest wish that this may be a happy Christmas—happy because we have made others happy—and that this may bring you ounces of enthusiasm where we have gained pounds.

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Plans for Returning Veterans



The national commanders of the big three veteran organizations are shown as they met to discuss plans for a coordinated program in caring for returning servicemen. They are, left to right: Edward Schelberling, commander of the American Legion; Milton D. Cohn, commander of the Disabled American Veterans; and Jean A. Brunner, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Eczema Commonest Skin Ailment

By Dr. J. B. Warren



If your doctor called every case of skin disease eczema he would be right in about half the cases. Eczema is not contagious. Skin is inflamed, with reddened or scaly patches, pimples, or raised portions of the skin, some of which are broken down; there may be oozing of a colorless or sticky fluid, which dries into brownish crusts and itches. One-fourth of all cases are caused by substances handled by the patient—cement itch, wash-women's itch, baker's itch and others. Some foods—pork, acid fruits, gravies—cause some cases.

HOUSE AND HOME By MARY E. DAGUE

Good cooks never were as important as they are now. Poorly cooked food is wasted food and nobody has any food to waste these days. Every woman who cooks must concentrate on her job. Otherwise she may salt her meat and vegetable with too heavy a hand and find some of her foods underdone when the others are ready to serve.

New cooks often find this thing of getting everything "done" at the same time quite a problem. To this end valuable time tables for the cooking of meats and vegetables have been worked out but even time tables aren't infallible. The freshness and maturity of vegetables must be given due consideration. For example, garden fresh, young green beans will cook in a shorter length of time than the same beans that have been picked for 12 to 24 hours. By the same token, as the beans develop toward maturity, the cooking time lengthens.

The size of vegetables influences the cooking time, too. Potatoes cut in halves and quarters will cook quicker than whole potatoes. Cauliflower broken into florets and finely shredded cabbage require less cooking time than if the cauliflower is left in the head and the cabbage cut in wedges.

Good cooks must use imagination and originality in their cooking if they would keep their meals interesting.

For a change from the usual ways of serving corn and tomatoes, try this "melange." This is good served as is or it can be used as a basic sauce for fish or leftover meats.

Corn and Tomatoes en Casserole. Three ears of corn, 2 large tomatoes, 1 medium sized onion, 1 green pepper, 1/2 cup thinly sliced okra, 3 slices bacon, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, coarse bread crumbs.

Cut corn from cob. Peel and dice tomatoes. Peel and mince onion. Remove seeds and white pith from pepper and chop flesh.

Cook bacon over low heat until crisp and remove from fat. Drain on crumpled paper and break in small pieces. Add onion to bacon fat and cook five minutes. Add okra and corn and cook eight minutes, stirring constantly to prevent sticking. Add tomatoes, pepper, salt and pepper and sugar and simmer, closely covered, for 15 minutes. Turn into a casserole, cover with bread crumbs combined with margarine and put in a hot oven for 15 minutes to crisp and brown the bread crumbs. This will serve four persons.

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Here's a Christmas Gift for You

- Not much, to be sure, but with the sincere appreciation in our hearts for the many kindnesses that have been ours to enjoy, we extend this little package of Christmas Greetings to each of you.
● The goodwill of our friends we value immeasurably because we well know that without them life in itself would be empty indeed.
● As we wish you the Joys of Christmas and every Happiness throughout the New Year, we add our heartfelt thanks for all past favors.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

J. W. RICHBOURG And the Store Personnel

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Personals.

Jack Wren of Abilene is here for a visit through the holidays.

Fry Dorsey came in today from Portland, Oregon, where he has been employed the past two years.

Lynn Christopher of Redlands, Calif., is visiting his brother, Geo. Christopher, and wife.

Mrs. Eda Thompson and children, Jimmie Ruth, Terry and John, of Denton, arrived this week to spend the holidays here in the home of Mrs. Terry Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Hefner and children, Betty Jo and Robby Lee, moved this week to Houston, where Jesse has accepted a position with Shell Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cunningham and daughter, Judy, of Vernon visited here last week with his mother, Mrs. F. M. Mingus, and Mr. Mingus.

Mrs. Minnie Pierson returned home Sunday from Brownwood, where she had been visiting the past two months with her daughter, Mrs. Mamie D. Allen, and son, Paul A.

John Pederson Jr., of Hamilton, accompanied Tommy Leath over from the county seat last week end to help him work and look over the football material he will have to face in the future.

In an order for a subscription to the NK this week, Miss Ora Mae Clayton of Arlington sent the following note: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends.—The Claytons."

Misses Priscilla Rodgers, Pansy McMillan, and Mary Ellen Haggard, all students at TSCW in Denton, arrived last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays here with their parents.

Miss Mary Nell Ellington, freshman student at Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, and Mrs. Ruby Lee Miller of Fort Worth are here for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grubbs of Fort Worth, accompanied by Mrs. Grubbs' brother, Tech/Sgt. Gorman Boston of California, were guests Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurshel Williamson and their daughter, Billy Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wilkerson and young son, accompanied by Jake Wade, all of Fort Worth but formerly of Hamilton when Mr. Wilkerson owned the County News and Mr. Wade was an employee, stopped in Hico a short time last Saturday afternoon while in this section for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith of Temple were in Hico Sunday for a visit with his father, J. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harris and children, Kenneth and Beverly, of Walnut Springs visited here last Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mannerlyn.

Mrs. Roy Burleson accompanied her sister, Mrs. Oliver Rosamond and little daughter, Dot, to their home in Dallas Thursday, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with them.

Miss Anabel Hughes, a student in Texas University, accompanied Miss Carolyn Holford to Hico from Austin Thursday and spent the night before going on to Vernon to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Roy Hughes.

Mrs. Beattie Camp of Hamilton spent the week end here with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Segrist, and family. She accompanied Cecil as far as Fort Worth Tuesday, from which point she left for Tulsa, Okla., for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Worth M. Saxon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. June Burkett came in last week from Wilmington, Calif., their current home, for a holiday visit in their old home. They went to Smithville the first of the week, expecting to return and stay until about the first of the year with Mrs. Burkett's sister, Mrs. W. H. Hudson, and family at Iredell. They were met there by Mrs. Burkett's sister, T/S Irene Stegall, who is a WAC stationed at Fort Meyer, Va., while working in the Pentagon Building at Washington, D. C.

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By —
S. N. Akin

J. B. Jaggars and family, who have been living in our community for the past few years, have bought a place near Clifton and moved to it last week. We hate to lose them from our community, and we wish them success and happiness in their new home.

Crockett Slater left Sunday to be inducted in the army. Coyt Clark and wife were in Port Worth with some eggs and also doing some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark received a message late Sunday afternoon that her mother, Mrs. Duck Shirley, had fallen and injured herself. They left immediately for Breckenridge, where the Shirleys live.

Bill Lackey and family of the Long Point community visited with Ovie Brummett and wife Sunday.

We wish for the News Review and all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Altman

By —
Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Waldrop and little daughter, Carolyn, of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore of Wilson, and Mrs. Bill Nix of Stephenville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coneley and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dimore at Wilson Sunday.

M. H. Bingham spent the week end in Hico visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. Goad.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and little daughter, Janice, were in Stephenville Friday and visited Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Turnbow and Mr. Allen while there.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McPherson and daughter, Miss Creola, visited Mrs. Effie Goodman in Stephenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore of Wilson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyles Sunday.

Sgt. Vernon Jones of Blackland A. A. F. at Waco spent the week end visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnelly, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones at Palm Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton were Hico visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnelly and daughter, Mrs. Vernon Jones, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adams and children, Marlene and Jimmy, in Hico a while Friday night.

J. L. Youngblood of the U. S. Marines, who is home from overseas service on a 30-day furlough, visited in the J. H. McAnelly home Thursday morning.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

For many years it has been our custom to extend season's greetings to those whom we have the privilege of serving. It has been a custom to which we have looked forward with great anticipation as it always gives us an opportunity to tell you of our appreciation for your loyalty and patronage. These Christmas sentiments have been extremely personal with us because of the many contacts which we have had with our friends in the past.

Our greeting this year takes on added importance. We are fully conscious of your problems, your disappointments, of dreams unrealized, and in some instances personal sacrifices. It is with full knowledge of your experiences during the past year that we attempt to convey our thoughts in this message. When we say "Merry Christmas,"

we want you to realize that the sentiment is deeper than the words imply. We want you to accept this as a personal message especially for you, so that you may understand our desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness.

It is for that reason we prefer to reflect the true Christmas spirit in order that those with whom we are associated may obtain a degree of happiness and understanding. Let us endeavor to make this a joyous season, employing the traditions of Christmas to their fullest extent with the though in mind that in the not too far distant future, we will again enjoy an old-fashioned American Yuletide. Sincere Christmas wishes to you—our friends.

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REFLECTIONS

An ex-Senior soldier who used to astound classmates and teachers with his learnin' came back recently to view the scene of his high school days. Allan Knight was vaudeville comedian of the class of '42. Friends realized from bits of his conversation that the Army was not long in taking advantage of Allan's intelligence.

Mary Nell Ellington, Elva Jo Rainwater, and Mary Ona Whitson were three other cordially received visitors this week. Ag. Judy and Oner (hope they don't mind being called by old familiar names) said that it was more enjoyable to watch suffering seekers of knowledge than to be the ones watched. With above opinion we heartily agree. However, nobody realizes just how hard H. H. S. students really work. If the actual amount of our diligent toil should leak out, we wouldn't get nearly as much sympathy.

The Bureau of Late Reports is going to sue us for unfair competition. Keeping up with what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen is nothing more than a newspaper's first commandment. But, Gee, what is happening seems to require most of the time.

All of which leads up to the fact that through negligence and not intentions we have forgotten to mention a couple of changes in faculty membership. Mrs. E. C. Bramlett and Mrs. E. H. Henry resigned their positions as Fifth and Seventh Grade teachers, respectively. A little conferring, a little shifting and presto—Miss Mary Ella McCullough and Mrs. Webb McEver are now handling the Seventh and Sixth Grades, respectively. (Respectfully too, we are sure). Welcome, and may your apples be as numerous as your paddings are few.

Got a new janitor, also. We are glad to have Mr. Smith because he sweeps our floors and keeps things spic and span. Usa either do it ourselves or not have it done at all.

Four Christmas parties in a row has rung into the hearts and minds of Hico High School that grand holiday spirit. Once more a tree was cut and decorated, gifts were given and received, carols were echoed through the frosty, winter air. Tradition is one of the most wonderful blessings of life and Christmas is one of the most wonderful blessings tradition offers.

An advance guard of reindeer relayed the information that Santa was on his way. Surely he will be able to find most of those good little girls and boys from H. H. S. Since we aren't choosy as to the date, we'll allow him any time between Dec. 20 and Jan. 1.

NOTICE

The Annual Staff is soliciting your aid. Following is an incomplete list of students who have attended H. H. S. since the school year beginning 1940 and who are now in the Armed Service, have been discharged, have been killed, or are missing in action.

If you know of any boy whose name does not appear on this list and who has gone to H. H. S. since the school year starting 1940, and is either in the Service or has been at some time, please get in touch with a member of the Mirror Staff or the Annual Staff.

Also, if you know of any girls meeting these qualifications and is a Wac or Wave, we will appreciate your telling us. We need your assistance to make a complete Honor Roll for our Annual.

Stanley Oakley, Milburn Knudson, Myrl Ash, David Battershell, Maynard Marshall, George Stringer, Sam Abel, Alfred Baker, Claude Barnett, Albert Brown, Bertice Barnett, Raby Bruner, Gail Bullard, Charles Burden, Vernon Busby, W. G. Cole, O. D. Cunningham Jr., Alton Ferguson, Charles French,

Jack Griffin, Wendell Grimes, Clyde Grimes, Durward Hatley, Billy Hancock, Raymond Hefer, William Hodnett, Paul Izell, J. D. Jones Jr., Fred Jaggars, Bobby Jones, Allan Knight, Steve Lewis, T. B. Lively, Johnny McAnally, H. L. McKenzie Jr., Morris Russell, Samuel Manrum, Ernest Meador, Dewayne Needham, Harry Auvermann, Johnny Ogle, Doyle Nix, Baylor Parsons, Hubert Pittman, Raymond Pittman, Currie Poik, Winfred Pruitt, Wayne Poik, Walter Ramey, Elton Russell, Bob Smith, Roy Thompson, Harold Todd, W. J. White, Paul White, Orell Welborn, Worth Wren, Frank Ganoe, Billy McKenzie, Moody Ross, Adrian Liljequist, J. W. Burden, Tommie Abies, W. R. Linch, Wayne Houston, Donald Lewis.

BASKETBALL

Friday, December 15, Iredell arrived in Hico for the yearly battle on the basketball court. The girls played first, losing to Iredell by a wide margin. The boys' game was second, chalking up a 44 to 12 victory for the Tigers.

Girls starting the game were: Wills Dean, Hancock, Louise Hyles and Mildred Trammell as guards; Ada Lee Grimes, Margie Nell Land and Mildred Reilhan as forwards. Substitutes were Betty McLarty, Margaret Allen, Mary Nell Jones, and Carrie Tolliver.

Boys starting the game were: Jack Neel, Wendell Seago, Donald Hefer, Lloyd Angell, and Billy Keeney. Substitutes were H. C. Connally, Charles Grant, Bob Wren, and Clovis Grant.

SENIOR NEWS

Wednesday night at 7:30 the members of the Senior Class met at the Home Eco. Cottage, each bringing an invited guest. We had as our chaperone J. E. Lincoln.

The president of our class appointed various committees for the preparation of our party. Mary Nell Jones, Mildred Reilhan, Elvena Giesecke, Marguerite Lewis, and Lorene Hyles were in charge

of the refreshments which consisted of hot chocolate and a decorated plate lunch. Patsy Plason, James Bobo, Clovis Grant and Glenn Hutton were responsible for the presentation of many enjoyable games. Other members of the Senior Class assisted in decorating the cottage.

We drew names and many nice gifts were received. The Seniors hope to have more parties like this one.

Merry Christmas

JUNIOR NEWS

The whirl of the socialites began Monday night with the Junior Class party at the Homemaking Cottage. A rousing evening with entertainment for everyone beginning at 7:30 was centered around the Christmas theme. Games of both active and passive nature were provided for by a committee made up of Jack Neel, Nelda Fallon, Charlene Sherrard, and Wendell Seago. As a grand climax, good Saint Nick made his yearly visit to the deserving (?) Juniors, leaving in his tracks—no gifts. Well, some, we guess.

Happy New Year

SOPHOMORE NEWS

The Sophs had a class party Thursday night in the Home Economics Cottage. We had a very nice time. We played games, had the Christmas tree and then had refreshments. We drew names and everyone brought a present. Everyone went home with the Christmas spirit and we can all say we had a very nice time.

Wonder Who? Taught Billy Jackson the snake dance... the boy from Iredell is that drives a one-seated Model A... Santa Claus will come to see... is the Junior boy that likes a Soph girl?

Merry Christmas

FRESHMAN NEWS

The Freshman Class had a party Tuesday night, December 19. It was sponsored by Mrs. Segrist. We met at the Homemaking building at 7:30. We played games arranged by a committee of Zella Reece, Louise Higginbotham, Patsy Ruth Roberts, R. W. French, and James Dudley Carl.

Then we were served refreshments of sandwiches, cup cakes, and hot chocolate. The refreshment committee was composed of Mary Nell Battershell, Margaret Reece, Mattie Lou Pace, Joan Golightly, and Janelle Dowdy. Everyone got a gift off the tree since we had drawn names the week before. There were some boys and girls who stayed after the party and cleaned up.

We are glad to have a former student with us. She is Margie Lee Derrick from Lorraine, Texas.

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It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

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★ Make this a really old-fashioned Christmas... make the frosty air tingle with the element of surprise... scatter cheer wherever you go... call out gay greetings across the street!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

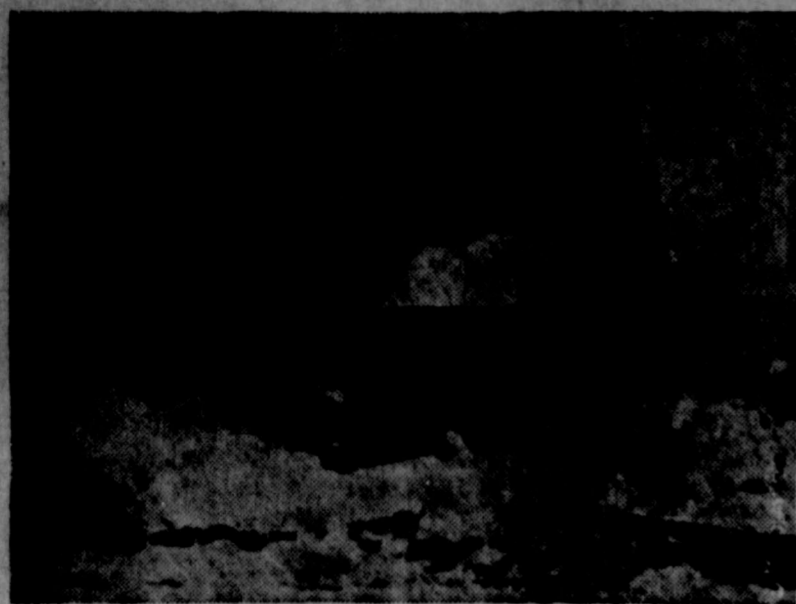
An old-fashioned Merry Christmas to you all!



— LAYING PULLETS FOR SALE —

McEver & Sanders
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HICO, TEXAS

Snow Falling Over Belgium



Gin of an anti-air battery man their gun in a Belgian churchyard, during a recent snowstorm. While the weather has slowed up the action, recent reports prove the pace is still too fast to suit the Germans.

Eisenhower and 'Brain Trust'



American generals of Allied invasion of France during Belgium meeting with King George. (Left to right): Lieut. Gen. George Patton, Lieut. Gen. Omar Bradley, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lieut. Gen. Courtney Hodges. Second row, Maj. Gen. W. S. Keen, Maj. Gen. C. H. Corlett, Maj. Gen. J. L. Collins, Maj. Gen. L. T. Gerow and Maj. Gen. Elwood Quesada. Back row, Maj. Gen. E. C. Allen, Brig. Gen. C. E. Hart, and Brig. Gen. Truman C. Thorton.

Triplets Sell 'Em and Eat 'Em



The seven-month-old Bachant triplets have been enlisted in the Sixth War Loan drive and are shown at play with bonds of the \$100 variety in New York. Their father was killed in the European theater. They appear to be cutting their teeth on bonds.

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that during the invasion of Southern France, when his ship was landing support, the big shells from a battle wagon going overhead sounded like a freight train passing, and lightened the sky with a vivid glow.

About that time Eldon started thinking about his orders and quit talking. In fact, he showed the editor his typewritten orders saying he couldn't even pass the time of day with a newspaperman. And he seemed relieved to learn that he was being interviewed by a farmer and rose raiser, not an editor. But we're going to ask him plenty of questions when censorship is ever lifted. We may interrogate his charming wife ere that day dawns, if she visits here as frequently as she should. Eldon says he hopes she will make lots of money on her job in Fort Worth so he can take it easy when he gets out of the Navy. She says no soap. So they've been up at Fort Worth the past few days arguing it out, but are expected back at home in time for the Christmas tree.

This write-up ought to fix our jaunty but spasmodic correspondent who serves aboard a ship where the boys razz him lots if he even gets his name in the home paper. But we're keeping his paper going during his leave, and it ought to reach the eyes of his brother, Geoffrey, a 3rd Class Gunner's Mate on the same ship. Geoffrey hopes to come home on leave shortly after the first of the year, but he'd better hurry or his long, lanky brother will have all that sausage and other stuff eaten up.

Another brother, Marshall, Gunner's Mate Third Class aboard a repair ship in Pacific service, just doesn't have a chance at the grub unless he wangles a leave and hies himself home soon.

T/5 HUDSON SENDS RECENT DECORATION TO HIS WIFE WHO IS IN WEATHERFORD

Weatherford, Texas
December 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Holford:
Season's Greetings from Weatherford. We are all well and enjoy our home news each week.

My husband, J. W. Hudson, is somewhere in Germany with the Second Division in the First Army. He is well and I hear from him rather often. He was awarded the Presidential Citation on November 4 for the part he played in D-Day. He was in a demolition team of 29 boys who cleared the beaches of obstacles the Germans had placed there to prevent Allied landings. They cleared it in thirty minutes then worked with little food or rest for three days. He sent me the medal and I'm very proud of it. Also he sent me a paper, "The Bulldozer", telling all this along with a picture of him and ten of the boys. One of the others I knew was T/5 George Bush from Burnett.

He has sent me coins and paper money from England, France, Belgium, and Germany. They don't look much like ours. He sent me a handkerchief that a German woman had made from a camouflaged parachute. It's very pretty.

By the way, he is now a technician fifth grade, and has been for several months. He has charge of the tools and likes his job very much.

Ruth's husband, Bob Jameson, has left Alaska and is now on the Aleutian Islands. He has a new address, but doesn't say anything about liking the country.

We think you are doing a swell job helping us keep up with the boys in service.

Sincerely,
RUBY HUDSON.

Sgt. Oscar D. Burgan, who gets his mail in care of the postmaster at New York, was corporal only a few days in between his present rank and that of private, according to his mother, Mrs. Bruce Burgan, who was in early this week to renew her son's subscription. Sergeant Burgan's sister, Mrs. Mildred Flowers, also of Route 4 Hico, whose husband is overseas, also has been a regular customer at the News Review subscription counter lately.

Sgt. Audie R. Roberts has written his mother, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, that he is on Saipan and some of his group's planes have been helping to bomb Tokio. Sgt. Roberts trained at Great Bend, Kansas, and went overseas last August. His request for the Hico paper is being fulfilled by his mother. Another son, Cpl. Ray L. Roberts, in the ground corps of the air force, has been in England since October, 1943.

Mary Nell Jones is worrying because her brother, J. D. Jones, S. 1/c in the Navy, stationed at Treasure Island, is going to have to be out a dollar on a parachute for a trip home in a naval plane. Mary Nell says she wants to see her brother, but it seems a shame to make him be out that buck when he probably won't use the parachute at all.

Mrs. G. W. Higginbotham, the former Martha Faye Glover, has returned to Hico for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glover. She has been at Fort Bragg, N. C., with her husband, Sergeant Higginbotham, who was stationed there before going overseas.

O. W. Hefner Sr. has advised the editor that his son is now a Chief Yeoman, serving with a submarine of the U. S. Navy in the Pacific.

HERE'S A FELLOW WHO HANDLES AS MANY RECORDS AS THE NEWS REVIEW DOES

Armond Hotel
San Francisco, Calif.
Dec. 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Holford:
Well, I guess it's time I was writing you and telling you where I am and a bit of what I am doing.

I arrived at the Fleet Post Office here in San Francisco last Saturday. I work in the Fleet Record Division, where records are kept on all Navy personnel on the West Coast, and in the Pacific.

There are better than two million records. Up until now I've had the job of taking care of one set of files, that is, changing addresses and readdressing mail that was sent out to the wrong address and has been returned.

I started out to make a Yeoman, but it looks as though they're going to try to make a mailman out of me. I start to work in the parcel post section tomorrow.

I don't know how long I'll be here. After I kinda get the hang of what I'm doing, I expect to be sent across to work in the Fleet Post Office. Perhaps I'll be sent to Pearl Harbor or New Maya. Tell everyone hello for me. Always,
BILLY.
(Billy G. McKenzie, S 2/c)

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Haile, Hico Route 3, hadn't heard for several weeks from their son, Cpl. Ray Haile, who had been stationed in New Guinea. This week they received a letter from him and he still didn't tell them where he was, but did enclose a Thanksgiving menu from Netherlands East Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan and daughter, Hester, received a nice gift this week from their son and brother, Royal Jordan, Seaman 1st Class, who is stationed in the Admiralty Islands. It was a picture of the men in his group, made in front of an airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jameson received a letter this week, the first in about five weeks, from his brother, Sgt. Robt. O. Jameson, who has been in Alaska for several months, saying that he is now in the Aleutians.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker of Stephenville, former residents of Hico, accompanied by their son, Pfc. Henry A. Walker, who is stationed at La Junta, Colo., visited here Saturday with Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scales.

Bryant Lively has informed the News Review that his son, Pvt. Thomas B. Lively, is presumed to be in the Netherlands East Indies.

WISHING YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hoffman's Dept. Store

MR. & MRS. MAX HOFFMAN AND KENNY
and All the Store Personnel

May All Happiness Be Yours

As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

It is these friendships that bind our ambitions, to be of the utmost service to all.

Neel Truck & Tractor Store

Hearty Christmas Greetings

AND

Best Wishes FOR THE New Year

WILLARD LEACH SERV. STA.
MRS. WILLARD LEACH

Santa Says:

Buy a WAR BOND First!

THERE'S NO BETTER GIFT TO GIVE, whether you wrap it in gay paper and bright ribbons, or just slip it into an envelope. The War Bond you give today will at a future date buy anything the recipient's heart may desire. Yet right now, it's the most important purchase you can make because it's a tangible way of helping to shorten the war and bring our heroes home to enjoy future Christmases at peace.

Millions of Japanese fighters, and tons of Japanese fighting equipment must still be destroyed before Victory is final and complete. It costs billions of dollars to equip our men for the task, and meeting that cost with War Bonds is the soundest investment any one can make!

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

— IN HICO SINCE 1890 —

Personals.

Funeral Services Held Thursday for Mrs. J. C. Rodgers

After a lingering illness of several months' duration, Mrs. J. C. Rodgers of Hico died at 1:10 a. m. December 27, at the home of her daughter, Miss Nettie Rodgers, in Waco. Mrs. Rodgers had received the best of medical attention and care, both at her home here and at a Waco hospital, but she was carried to the home of her daughter when further treatment seemed unavailing.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Barrow Funeral Home in Hico, conducted by Rev. O. D. Carpenter, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Hico Cemetery.

Mrs. Artamissia Ann Rodgers was born in Jack County on September 8, 1864 and was married to J. C. Rodgers on December 23, 1883. Soon after their marriage they moved to Hico, where they have made their home for nearly 61 years, having celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary here in their home last year.

To this union were born four children, three of whom survive. One son, Oliver Stanley, preceded his mother in death at the age of sixteen months. Two sons, David Ernest Rodgers of Hico, and Claude Everett Rodgers of Tyler, survive, besides the husband and daughter. There are also one grandson, William Milton Rodgers, Tyler; one sister, Mrs. S. W. Altman, Cisco, and one brother, Ezra Haynie, of Donham.

In early childhood, Mrs. Rodgers was converted and united with the Baptist church. Although she had been in failing health for some time, loved ones were entirely unprepared for the shock and sorrow of the coming to the end of the way by one who had been their strength and comfort through all the varying experiences of life.

The following served as pallbearers: J. B. Pool, C. D. Richbourg, A. H. Burden, A. A. Fewell, J. P. Rodgers, and H. A. Dinter of Waco.

Among out-of-town relatives here to attend the services were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rodgers and son, Bill, Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Altman and son, F. B. Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dinter and son, Henry, of Waco.

PORTER HOME SCENE OF DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR REVIEW CLUB

At 6:30 on the evening of Dec. 29, the home of Mrs. E. F. Porter was a very festive scene, when the Hico Review Club held its annual Christmas dinner. The bright Christmas decorations of greens, berries and candles lent to the spirit of the season that was prevalent during the entire evening.

The dinner table was spread with white damask, which was an effective background for the decorations. Red satin ribbons formed a cross that outlined an arrangement of tall red tapers banked with greens. The silver tea service added sparkle. The dinner was served buffet style. Miss Hammons, Mrs. Colwick and Mrs. McEver assisted in serving the guests. The menu consisted of baked chicken, dressing, gravy, creamed peas on rosettes, apple sauce, jelled grapefruit salad, hot rolls, fudge, mints, and tea. Mrs. Wolfe presided at the tea service.

During the social hour Mrs. Colwick read "The Other Wise Man." Carols and other Christmas songs were enjoyed.

Hostesses were Mrs. Porter, Mrs. McEver, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Lusk Randalls, Miss Hammons, Mrs. Robert Jackson, and Mrs. Colwick. Others enjoying this occasion were Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. Greenslit, Mrs. Morse Ross, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Pinson, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Isbell, Miss Fannie Wood, Mrs. McCullough, and Mrs. Aycock.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-1tc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Griffiths from Payette, Idaho, spent Christmas with his brother, J. R. Griffiths and family, before going to Springfield, Mo., to visit other relatives. Other visitors in the Griffiths home were three sons, George Griffiths and family, Winfrey Griffiths and family and Frank Griffiths and family; and two sons-in-law, H. D. Knight and J. R. Russell and their families, all of Hico.

Christmas holiday guests in the home of E. S. Rhoades and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bass were W. J. Rhoades, Breckenridge; Mrs. John Alton, Denison; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips and Mrs. Wilson Wren, Lampasas; Mrs. Charlie Rhoades and daughter, Lorraine, Hico; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rhoades, Stephenville; Mrs. Hershel Wren, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith and son, Jim Ed, of Lometa.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurschel Williamson and Mrs. R. J. Farmer were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jones and Mrs.

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nights makes his social contacts limited to the nightwatchman and the people who drop by the office occasionally. The guests who visit the family are either put to work or left to their own devices, as Anabel Hughes, the roommate of this writer, discovered last Thursday night when she came to spend the night and worked all night, getting through just in time to catch the five-thirty bus for her home in Vernon.

One thing Jane forgot to mention was the number of employees her ideal editor has. He is evidently the type who has very little office work to do for himself. Well, we didn't say it isn't ideal. Maybe wartime is not the time for comparing reality to idealism, but we firmly believe that this ideal editor could not exist without a lot of help from the public and a large office force.

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS-STAMPS.

Wins Highest Award



Gen. Douglas MacArthur, right, greets Maj. Richard Bong, leading ace, on Leyte, and presents him with the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He has 40 planes to his credit. Bong was a farm boy from Poplar, Wis.

Mr. C. M. Hall is reported to have been critically ill at his home since the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Powledge of Hico spent Christmas here with mother, Mrs. J. A. Guyton.

Miss Hester Jordan spent the days in Brownwood with her mother, Mrs. D. C. Sevier.

Miss Mildred Bobo of Winkler spent last Thursday for a two day visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Weiser of Hamden spent Christmas day here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Wolfe and son, Paul.

Bill McPherson of Fort Worth spent part of the Christmas holidays with relatives here and at Carlton.

Mrs. Herman Leach arrived Wednesday afternoon from Denver, Colo., for a visit here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. T. U. Little of Stephenville came in Wednesday for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe.

H. L. Stanley has moved back to his Falls Creek farm from Stephenville, where he has resided for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ogle spent Sunday and Monday at Roby with Mrs. Ogle's mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones spent the holidays in Dallas with her father, Mr. Kornegay, and other relatives.

Christmas holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gillis and Miss Lona Shannon of Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. L. Malone and daughter, June, and Mrs. Malone's granddaughter, Rebecca Burden, left Thursday morning for Dallas to spend a few days.

Cleo Elkins of Dallas visited here during Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Clara Dusan, and at Duffau with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Elkins.

Dean Spaulding, Pat Harris and Wayne Thompson left Wednesday for Houston, where they expect to enter employment at the Brown Ship Yards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNeill of Waco; Mrs. C. L. Mohon and son of De Leon and J. J. Smith of Hico spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Wilson of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sparks of Evant spent Christmas day with the E. A. Willis family. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Willis.

Ana Loue Moss spent the week end with her parents and sister, Madge is spending this week in Fort Worth with her sister, and with her brother, Joe Moss, and family.

T. B. McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell West and son, Lary Mack, of Waco spent Sunday here in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Christopher and Mrs. Wylie McFadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swor and son, Donald, of Houston and Sgt. and Mrs. W. D. Gamble of Fort Worth were Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grisham and children, Jan and Roger, of Fort Worth spent the holidays here with her father, H. M. Allison, and at Fairly with his father, J. M. Grisham.

Misses Margaret Rellihan of San Antonio and Jo Evelyn Rellihan of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Ella Rellihan, and their sister, Miss Mildred Rellihan.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rierson and daughter, Sonja Ann, Miss Golden Ross and Dr. Ralph E. Donnell, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins of Fort Worth.

Miss Saralee Hudson came in last Friday from Austin to spend her Christmas vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson. Another daughter, Miss Lucy Hudson, also of Austin, spent Christmas day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and children, Jackle and Mickey, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, arrived last Saturday to spend the holidays in the home of their uncle, Ike Malone, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, of Azee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Odell Jr. of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his parents, Mrs. Odell, Grace Holton, is employed with the Deltz Optical Company, and A. C. is employed at Covair.

Miss Louise Blair of Brady was a holiday guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair.

Frances Brown of Fort Worth spent the week end here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mrs. Tom Barnett of Fort Worth is visiting here with her son, Bill Barnett and family, and other relatives.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tabor were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tabor and Mrs. Sue Rackley of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. George Tabor of Stephenville.

Mrs. S. O. Shaffer returned home Saturday from Humble where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Buck Gray, and family.

Miss Wynonne Slaughter of Fort Worth spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slaughter, and brother, Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb McEver returned home Wednesday from Hillsboro after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brice McEver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough and daughters, Mary Ella and Frances, spent the holidays in Goldthwaite with their parents, W. P. McCullough and Mrs. J. H. Frizzell, and other relatives.

Mrs. Mary A. Holland and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bommer of Dallas spent Tuesday and Wednesday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Holford and daughter, Carolyn.

Mrs. Maye Hollis and daughter, Mary Helen, of Grand Prairie spent the holidays here in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rainwater, Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gill and Mrs. Morse Ross.

Mrs. F. E. Ragsdale of Harrison, Ark.; Mrs. Gladys Taylor and daughters, Betty Sue and Merry, Marshall, Ark.; and Miss Alma Ragsdale of Temple are spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Hays.

Week end visitors in the home of Mrs. W. L. Malone and daughter June were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Malone, Waco and Mrs. Tom Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burden and children, Rebecca and Buddy, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tudor Jr. and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hicks and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hendricks and niece, Donnie Nell Rich, visited Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manon Crews at Stephenville.

Holiday guests in the home of Mrs. J. A. Garth and daughter, Jessie, were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Garth, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duckworth and daughter, Lorette, Goldthwaite; Mrs. Raymond Lambert, Houston; and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wilson of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Cawthorn of Houston; Mrs. Bessie Mason, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elkins and children, Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Serber of Fort Worth were holiday guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crockett.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Nettie Meador were Cpl. and Mrs. Roy Meador, Camp Hood; Melvin Meador, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and children, Waco; Moody Ross, Mayville, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wren, Mrs. Willard Leach and Mrs. W. J. White of Hico.

Monday night dinner guests in the C. G. Warren home were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Todd of Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pruitt of Prairie Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whiteside and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warren Jr. of Clairette community. All enjoyed playing "42" games.

Mrs. Roy Burleson returned home Tuesday from Dallas after spending the Christmas holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rosamond. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Rosamond and children, Pat and Dot, who will visit with her through New Year's, being met here for the week end by Mr. Rosamond.

Those who visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Auther Hendricks for Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones and son, Merlin, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks and daughters, Grace and Pansy Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tudor Jr. and son, Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks and Eugene, Cecil, Betty Jo and Mack, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson and children, Ray, Russell, and Nelva Joy, of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks and sons Wayne and Raymond, of Fairy, Mr. and Mrs. Willom Rich and daughter, Donnie Nell, of Meridian, Donnie Nell remained for a week's visit.



FOR THE **Miss Sergeant** of the **HOME FRONT**

Most Point-Free Items To Be Rationed Again!

Virtually all point-free canned vegetables and all point-free meats will be back on the ration list by the start of the New Year. OPA rules and restrictions must be adhered to strictly and we kindly ask you to always bring your coupon books with you for your share.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN . . .

But we must again insist upon all our customers bringing their stamps when making purchases of any rationed items, large or small. It's the law — please don't ask us to violate it. THANKS!

We would hate to have a town without a first-class butcher shop; but in order to remain in business we must work with OPA.

The public is invited at any time to inspect the slaughter house and our cattle. We are making every effort to continue providing this large community with the BEST QUALITY MEATS at lowest prices possible to remain in business and hold things together under present conditions.

Many Thanks

We wish to thank all our customers and friends in and around Hico for their patronage and good wishes since we have been in business.

You have had faith in us during recent years as was shown by the business given us. We will show our appreciation during 1945 by continuing to give you quality foods and courteous service at fair prices.

We invite new customers, as well as old friends, to make our store your food headquarters in Hico.

THE WISEMAN STUDIO HICO, TEXAS

WALLACE RATLIFF

MARKET ● GROCERY



Ask any fighting American what he wants most and he'll say "to be home again"; so we're making it our New Year's wish that all our boys return victorious in 1945.

"We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Bernard Kello, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Technician 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Door, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heidemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.



The nickname of Pvt. Milton Lieberman, 27, of Brooklyn, is "Clark Gable." He was wounded in Sicily last August and has been at Halloran since October. Every payday \$12.50 is taken out for War Bonds Lieberman is buying. How many do you buy?

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Mrs. H. Alexander

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanford Christmas were Mrs. Jennie McAnally and sons of Brownwood, and also Pvt. Johnny McAnally of Camp Hood; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson, Clairette; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Stanford, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stanford and son, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Burette Stanford and little daughter, Sonja, Dallas; Mrs. Fay Rossin and little daughter, Linda Gayle, Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thompson and little daughter, Donna Kay, of Arlington, Texas.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe were

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and children of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Max McGough and baby of Ransel.

Guests in the home of Mrs. S. O. Durham and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth Sunday and through the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth East and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. I. E. Durham of Belton, and Miss Baylor Durham of Victoria.

Miss Lila Sherrard of Mineral Wells spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Phillips and children of Longview spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe.

Miss Florine Havens and her father, who are working at Fort Worth, and A/C Tull Havens of Hondo were holiday guests of their mother and wife, Mrs. I. B. Havens.

Holiday guests of Mrs. H. K. Self were Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self and children of Carlton, Pvt. H. L. Self of Camp Wolters, and his wife of Stephenville, and A/C Melvin R. Self of San Antonio.

Mr. R. M. (Uncle Dock) Alexander, who has been seriously ill, is better at this writing. Guests in his home through the holidays were Mrs. Alice Fenley of Fort Worth and her son, Truman, of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Alexander, Wharton; Miss Florine Havens, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Havens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander and daughter, Mrs. Leslie Patterson and baby, A/C Tull Havens of Hondo, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and daughter, Elizabeth, Miss Nila M. Alexander of Stephenville, T/Sgt. Bill Pince of Camp Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChristial, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McChristial of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. George Cansby and son, Donnie, of McAdoo, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander of Kerrville.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChristial were Mr. and Mrs. Ermon McChristial and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McChristial of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander Jr. and son, Lynn Paul, of Kerrville were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Alexander.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mayfield Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mayfield and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mayfield and son, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mayfield and children of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cansby and son of McAdoo were guests through the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and daughter, Mary Jo, of Gladewater visited relatives here through the holidays.

Mrs. Mattie Wolfe and Mr. Jim Walsworth of Stephenville were married Saturday night. We wish for them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Carter and son, Billy, of Kerrville and Mr.

and Mrs. Leslie Dowdy were Christmas guests of Mrs. Mattie Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harvey and children spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris of the Black Stump community.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Partain and baby of Fort Worth were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harvey through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gohlty of Hamilton were guests of Mr. G. H. Gohlty Christmas day.

Miss Nila M. Alexander and T/Sgt. Bill Pince of Camp Bowie were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Stipe and children of Snyder visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Wolfe and sons, Lelon and Dwain, and Mrs. Mary Koonsman spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Koonsman at Stephenville.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stipe and daughter Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stipe and daughter and Miss Louise Stipe of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stipe and children.

Mrs. Elwanda Jones of Fort Worth is spending several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield.

L. E. Roberson, Seaman First Class, of San Pedro, Calif., and wife and baby of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson and daughter of Valley Mills, Mrs. Lewis Roberson, Mrs. Alto White and twin sons, and Mrs. Elwanda Jones were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield and baby for dinner of Christmas Eve.

Miss Beta Hardin of Oklahoma City is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stipe and other relatives and friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank all the friends who were so kind and thoughtful during our recent bereavement. We will always gratefully remember you.

Pauline Driskell Burleson
Louise Driskell Rosamond
and Family.

TRY NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS

To the People

**OF COMMISSIONERS PRECINCT 3,
HAMILTON COUNTY:**

In previous advertisements of this nature you have been told about the way your finances and business have been handled by me as your commissioner. I am now glad to report that the precinct is out of debt, and promise to try to keep it that way as long as I am privileged to handle your affairs.

Naturally I am proud of this record, and believe the taxpayers will be equally proud. During shortages of everything I haven't been able to do all the work I would have liked to do. However I believe I have carried out your wishes in conserving on tires, gas and materials that the government needs for our fighting men.

I respectfully call your attention to the following statement covering receipts and expenditures from June 28, 1944, through December 27, 1944:

MONEY RECEIVED

L. F. Bonner, terracing	\$ 13.50
Bill Luckey, terracing	13.45
Mrs. Ellen Copeland, mowing hay	27.13
Aubrey Duzan, mowing hay	7.50
O. E. Meador, lumber	1.10
Jess Falrey, lumber	18.48
L. H. Adams, lumber	2.52
Mr. Bramblett, lumber	1.10
R. W. Hancock, labor for hands	20.00
J. P. Clepper, one post	1.00
George Stringer, road work	1.90
R. W. Hancock, lumber - tires	59.42
Mr. Priest, lumber - Cutting Edg.	6.45
Mrs. J. W. Falrey, lumber	3.00
S. L. Trimmer, lumber	14.60
B. J. Parks, terracing	8.60
Mrs. Jake Ogle, terracing	25.00
Walter F. White, mowing pasture	40.50
I. H. Priest, lumber	6.50
Geo. E. Holladay, cutting edges	6.50
O. E. Whitson, mowing hay	11.00
F. Bradley, mowing hay	9.00
J. C. Britton, terracing	114.00
Hoyt Walker, terracing	18.00
Joe Abel, lumber	4.55
Joe Abel and Harold Stroud, 1 bridge	50.00
Mr. Terry, lumber	40.00
Paul Hutton, 1 oil drum	2.00
H. R. Watson, road work	25.00
Magnolia Petroleum Co., tax on oil	8.87
The Texas Co., refund on gas	20.00
TOTAL	575.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	3,133.13
Gas, Oil & Grease	1,652.62
Newspaper Ads & Tel. Calls	36.38
Lumber	1,250.29
Blacksmithing & Machine Work	87.23
Victory Tax for Hands	56.10
Parts for Trucks, Tractors, Maintainers and Mowing Machines	938.91
Tools	80.20
Tires for Trucks, Maintainers, Pickups & Tractor	315.32
TOTAL MONEY PAID OUT	7,530.18

With the precinct clear of indebtedness, there remains in the treasury at Hamilton, \$12,429.99; in the bank at Hico, \$2,645.48; and a sum of about \$2380.00 due on terracing (signed up by the Government). A sum of \$1,850.00 has been put into U. S. War Bonds. This makes a total of \$19,305.47 through the 27th of December.

The public is invited out at any time to inspect machinery and see how the work is handled by my operators.

In matters pertaining to road work, and in those pertaining to finances and conduct of the county's business, I have tried during the time I have been privileged to hold the office to use the best of my energies and judgment. I am making every effort to handle the county's affairs in a business-like manner, and welcome any constructive criticism or suggestion from taxpayers at any time.

Sincerely,

R. W. HANCOCK,
Commissioner, Precinct 3, Hamilton County.



Put All You've Got Behind It, Young Feller!

NEW YEAR Greetings

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS DURING THE YEAR 1944, AND SINCERELY HOPE 1945 WILL BRING MORE PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS TO YOU ALL.

J. B. Woodard Produce

— Cash Buyer of —

POULTRY, CREAM, EGGS, AND PECANS

HEALTH
With a Smile!

Your Mind May Cause Indigestion

By Dr. J. B. Warren



Sometimes when you have been upset you have eaten certain foods which caused indigestion. You naturally blamed it on those certain foods. You then tried eating other foods, soft and uninviting, because they were "good for you." You still have indigestion. Try again to eat these foods that you formerly liked but try to keep calm and not excited when eating them. You will find that they will agree with you and you get the full nourishment from them.

GREETINGS!

We Do Hereby Resolve:—

TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER ON THE "VICTORY DRIVE IN '45"



HELP US PREVENT FIRES IN 1945

Want to join us in that resolution? Of course you do! We know that because of your hearty cooperation with us in past days of wartime trials. Accept our grateful thanks, and our promise to serve you as efficiently as possible in the future.

Let Us Continue Our Combined Efforts to Make '45 A Grand, Victorious Year

MEMBERS OF THE HICO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Rates below apply to classified advertising rates, and two-three-time rate, etc., apply only to scheduled consecutives.

Classification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Add
10	.25	.35	.45	.55	.10	
16	.30	.45	.60	.75	.15	
20	.40	.60	.80	1.00	.20	
25	.50	.75	1.00	1.25	.25	

Each five average words to the line. Each initial, phone number or group of numerals count as a word. Allow four words for a News Review box number address.

An error which affects the results of an ad entitles the advertiser to an adjustment for one week only.

After the first insertion the News Review is not responsible for errors. Charge is made for only actual insertions on an ad killed before completion of its original schedule, at the rate earned by the number of times it has been published. Adjustments and refunds are not made after 30 days from publication date.

Wanted

Wanted: Middle-aged housekeeper for about 3 months. Mrs. Tracy Bullard, 814 S. Cumberland, Dallas. 31-3p.

WANTED: More listings. For quick sale of land or any kind of property, list it with Shirley Campbell.

Livestock and Poultry

PIGS FOR SALE. Weldon Pierce, Route 3, Hico. 32-2p.

FOR SALE: Registered Duroc Jersey pigs. McEver & Sanders.



MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

AT REASONABLE PRICES

"Whatever man owes to those gone before can only be paid in memory—respectful and sincere. A memorial will secure that memory, constantly and inspiring, for all posterity." THE DIETZ MEMORIAL CO. FRANK MINGUS Representative Phone 172 Hico, Tex.

DEAD ANIMALS

Call us collect day or night for FREE pick-up of dead or crippled stock. Our army needs the vital material they contain for munitions.

PHONE 303 Hamilton, Texas HAMILTON SOAP WORKS

Lost and Found

LOST OR STRAYED: One red and white setter, named "Red." Liberal reward. Bernard Ogle. 32-1fc.

STRAYED: White bull dog, about 2 years old. Gone about 5 days. Please Notify Claud Herrin, Rt. 1. 32-1tp.

Insurance

LET ME INSURE your farm property. Shirley Campbell. 37-1fc.

Real Estate

For Rent or Lease

FOR RENT: Unfurnished 3-room apartment. Mrs. J. A. Robertson. 32-1tp.

IF YOU want to buy, sell or trade Real Estate, see D. F. McCarty. 1fc. See Shirley Campbell for Farm, Ranch and City Property. 11-1fc

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE: Pure broad-breast bronze Turkeys. Hens and toms, unrelated. Mrs. G. C. Keeney, Hico. 31-1fc.

FOR SALE: Good bundled Hegari with bright hay and excellent heads. .66c. Also good wagon, \$45; double-row cultivator, \$30; double-disc breaking plow, \$35. Elton Samford, Route 3, Hico. 28-1fc.

FOR SALE: 7-disc One-Way. A. J. Bishop. 25-1fc.

FOR SALE—Nice supply of used tractors, mostly late models. John Deeres, Farmalls, Allis Chalmers. Barbee Implement Co., Dublin, Tex. 26-15tc.

FOR SALE: Car batteries at 20% discount. Buy now and save. D. R. Proffitt Magnolia Station. 18-1fc

For Hicks Star Oils and Grease see J. A. Hughes. 11-3c

NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS

FOR RESULTS!

Phone 462

Dr. Verne A. Scott

Veterinarian

Stephenville, Texas

Dalton Memorial Co.

Hamilton, Texas

Many Beautiful Designs in Lasting Monuments

E. H. Persons

Attorney-At-Law

HICO, TEXAS

Carlton

— By — Mrs. Fred Geye

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dove and son, John Lee, of Fort Worth and Mrs. De Roy Dove and son of Pasadena spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rance Sowell.

Mrs. Clayton Lefevre and two little girls of Brownwood spent Christmas with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lefevre.

Mrs. Jennie Hicks of Hamilton visited Wednesday night and Thursday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright.

Mrs. Agatha Prater of Fort Worth visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnett and Latrelle. Her mother and sister accompanied her home Monday afternoon for a week's visit.

Mrs. John H. Clark and Mrs. Fred Geye attended the funeral in Hamilton last Wednesday afternoon of Miss Dorothy Edmiston, sister of Mrs. Raymond Geye.

Miss Gladys Lee Salmon of Dallas spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Miller and children of Brady visited during Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Ensign and Mrs. M. J. Carmichael spent Christmas in Lamkin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montie Carmichael.

Mrs. Doyle Fowler returned Sunday to her home at Lone Oak after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, and to care for her mother who is still confined to her bed. Mrs. Ernest Turney of Dublin, is with her mother this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and daughter, La Jauna Kaye, of Dublin spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geye.

Will Wisdom of San Antonio and his wife and daughter of Denton visited the past week with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vick, and with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Youngblood.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark and children were visitors Sunday in Gustin with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Cox.

Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr. received a message Friday that her husband had been slightly wounded in Germany. He had recovered from the wounds he received some time ago and had come back on duty, when he received his second wounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burden and children, Wendell of Hico, and Mary Louise, a student at Denton, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Clark.

Miss Marie Lowe, a teacher at Amarillo, and her cousin, Miss Mereda Hickerson of Natchitoches, La., spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rogers and baby of San Antonio spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lee, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrd and son of Fort Worth visited during the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lilla Byrd, and his sister, Mrs. Beryl Cosby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and daughter of Fort Worth and their son, S. Set. W. R. Wright, wife and baby son of Amarillo spent

Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright. Other visitors in the Wright home were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collins of Stephenville.

Mrs. Eva Laws and son, Joy Dean of Cisco were holiday visitors with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Zed Laws, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp Jr. and daughter of Dallas were Christmas visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp Sr.

Mrs. Willard Williamson of Cisco returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fisher.

Mrs. Truman Lowery had a narrow escape from death or serious injury Thursday morning as she was on her way to Hico, her car turning over three times. She escaped without injury, though her car was badly damaged.

Mrs. Culmer Jordan underwent an operation the past week in the Gorman Hospital, and is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. A. E. Blanchard was called to Fredericksburg Saturday because of the death of her mother-in-law. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lillie Anderson. The funeral was held Sunday. She and her mother returned home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Viola Waldrop of Fort Worth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan. Week-end visitors in the Morgan home with her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Adams and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Langford, all of Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead had the pleasure of having all their children home for Christmas, and one visitor, Pvt. John Kruce of Camp Hood. The children were Mrs. Jim Ray Anderson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Whitehead and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Whitehead and baby, all of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellison and children of Palm Rose, Pvt. Loys Landis of Camp Hood, and his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landis, of Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Upham of West Columbia spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upham.

Jeffrey Geye, two-year-old son of Cpl. Tech. Raymond Geye, in North Africa, and his wife of Bemidji, Minn., after a two-weeks visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geye, left Friday for his home in Minnesota with his mother, his aunt and baby, and their brother, Jack Edmiston.

Dow Self, employed at McGregor, spent Christmas with his wife and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Finley and children of Walnut Springs, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turney of Lewisville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson and children, and Mrs. Jessie Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead and children spent Sunday at Purvis with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landis.

Shower For Newlyweds

A bridal shower, honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Curry Jr., was given Wednesday night, Dec. 29, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self. Hostesses were Meses. Dock Finley, R. L. Weaver, Dow Self, and H. C. Thompson. The home was attractively decorated with the Christmas

BETTY SUE by McEver & Sanders



The enemy can't frighten us... we've gone through three years of war, and we can go through another... and WE'LL WIN IN THE END. As another year approaches, we join our good wishes to the many you will be receiving. We hope we have served you well in the past... and ask the privilege of continuing to do so in the future.



— LAYING PULLETS FOR SALE —
McEver & Sanders Hatchery
HICO, TEXAS



ACCEPT an old fashioned greeting with old fashioned sincerity. And as the clock in the tower strikes the coming of '45, our thoughts will be with yours, for the Victory and Peace toward which all of our efforts and energies are now united.

DURING THE NEW YEAR WE HOPE TO RETAIN THE HAPPY PRIVILEGE OF RETAINING THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY AS OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS.

Corner Drug Co.
Prescription Headquarters
Phone 108

AT FIRST SIGN OF A **COLD** USE **666**
Cold Preparations as directed



ALL ABOARD FOR 1945— LET'S GO!

Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good — FOR YOU!

Our New Year's Present To Our Customers:
For a limited time, in order to assist our customers in cutting their costs of production, and to help insure a balanced feed for their flocks, we are offering—
FROM NOW THROUGH JAN. 15, 1945— SPECIAL, Per 100
THRIFTY Egg Mash-2.90

— COURTESY IS NOT RATIONED HERE! —
Knox & Tulloh
Cash Buyers of
POULTRY ★ EGGS ★ CREAM
HICO, TEXAS

And You're Only Asked to Buy War Bonds



Are You Doing Your Part?
The First National Bank
HICO, TEXAS
"Fifty-Four Years In Hico"

Palace Theatre

HICO, TEXAS

BUY WAR STAMPS AT YOUR THEATRE

THURS. & FRI.—
"THE ADVENTURES OF
"MARK TWAIN"
FREDERIC MARCH
ALEXIS SMITH

SAT. MATINEE & NITE—
"SUNDOWN VALLEY"
CHARLES STARRETT
JEANNE BATES

SAT. MIDNIGHT—
SUNDAY & MONDAY—
"THE CLIMAX"
SUSANNA FOSTER
TIRHAN BEY
BOBIS KARLOFF

WATCH POSTERS IN LOBBY
FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.

AN
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
WILL BE MADE
NEXT WEEK.

WITH THE COLORS

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for over three years, so we are pretty well acquainted.

"The first day here we were busy setting up our temporary camp. There are seven of us in my section and we occupy a pyramidal tent. We have a stove in which we burn either coal or wood, and have cots to sleep on.

"The boys got the radio hooked up this afternoon, so tonight we have music also. This is too good to last for long.

"The food is good also when we are back in a rest area. Today we had roast chicken with dressing and gravy—then ice cream and peaches to cap it off with. That is much different from combat rations.

"I have received several letters and pictures, and they were duly appreciated. Also received some films and one Christmas package, the pipe fittings and other things. Love.—Raymond."

TWO SONS OF POLKS ON SAME SHIP ARE CATCHING UP NOW ON THEIR MAIL

U. S. S.
c/o P. M., San Francisco
November 28, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polk
Hico, Texas

Dearest Mother and Dad:

We received your two packages and nine letters from you day before yesterday, and what I mean, we most certainly enjoyed them. We devoured all the chow and every line of the letters was read thoroughly, so as not to miss anything. We also got a Hico paper—the first in months. After receiving so much mail (37 letters) our morale is a lot better. We were getting rather homesick.

I can just see Daddy now about to ride that horse. Wayne and I had a big laugh about it. We could see him about to get on him and then look at you, Mother, and laugh. Hope he doesn't hurt you.

I am certainly glad Winnie Oma and her husband are happy. It seems that Wayne, Currie and I are kind of slow about getting married. I guess I'll get married when I am around thirty.

We had a V-Mail and a letter from Currie and he says he's making out O. K. The women in France are not so hot, though. Wait until he gets a good liberty. I betcha he finds a beautiful one.

Ole Walter (Ramey) really looks good in those tailor-made blues. Baby's wife is nice, and you are wonderful. Mother, you look young and gay. Wish Daddy could have been in the picture.

Mother, we love you and Daddy very much and hope to be home before another year has passed.

With all our love,
DERWOOD AND WAYNE.

**HE'S ON OAHU, BUT HE'S
BLUE, 'CAUSE HE MISSES
HIS NEWS REVIEW**

c/o P. M., San Francisco
December 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Holford:

I am fine, just a little blue. I haven't gotten my paper since I left Kohler. You know the paper from your home town is the best thing a soldier can get.

I am on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. It is a pretty place, but give me good old Hico.

Oahu is not the place everyone thinks it is—it is all work and no play with us.

I have seen the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Pearl Harbor, and lots more pretty places. I went through the Dole pineapple factory. I didn't know they could make so many different things out of pineapple, such as cow feed and crystal acids. I sent Marie a map of the factory.

Will close for this time. Hope to get my paper again soon.

Your friend,
PFC. GERALD G. CLEPPER.

Pvt. Homer H. Wilson, who is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., has been in a hospital there for the past two weeks recovering from a broken arm which he received from a fall on ice. His arm was broken in three places, but he is improving now, although he expects to be in the hospital for some time yet. Mrs. Wilson and son, Jesse Carroll, who have been in Kentucky with their husband and father, came in last Thursday for a few days' visit here with her mother, Mrs. T. B. Perry.

8/SGT. W. R. LINTCH OF HICO MEMBER OF GROUP GETTING DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE

Special to The News Review:

15TH AAF IN ITALY.—S/Sgt. William R. Lintch, 19, of Hico, Tex., is an engineer gunner with an Italian based Liberator group which has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy." He is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Commanded by Col. Horace D. Aynesworth, of Childress, Texas, the group received the nation's highest organization award for an attack on the Hermann Goering Steel Works at Linz Austria, on July 25th.

In the words of the citation which accompanied the award, "ground crews worked enthusiastically and determinedly to have their aircraft in perfect mechanical condition to insure the success of the mission."

"The group took off heavily loaded, with maximum tonnage, and, assuming lead of the wing formation, set course for the objective. Their formation was intercepted by approximately fifty aggressive and persistent enemy fighters, and in the ensuing violent aerial battle, the enemy used rocket guns, 20 millimeter cannon, and machine guns in a desperate attempt to disrupt this vital operation."

"Despite very intense and heavy anti-aircraft fire, the gallant crews battled their way through to score many direct hits in the immediate target area, causing destruction and severe damage to the enemy plant and installations."

"The group entered the Italian campaign in January and has since flown more than 125 combat missions over such major Nazi targets as Munich, Germany; Dadvoslau, Austria; Ploesti, Romania; and Blechhammer, Germany."

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**HE'S LEAVING FOR GOTHAM
SOON, SO WE CAN'T SAY WHAT
WE WANT TO ABOUT HIM**

The time has come when Eldon Rogers, third-class petty officer on a light cruiser of Uncle Sam's run to go back to New York and run the Navy's business while his brother, Geoffrey, holding a similar rating on the same ship, takes time out to come home and scrape around to see if he can find anything left to eat at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, of the Salem community.

Eldon, who says he's known as One-Shot Rogers when it comes to hunting, came in the first of the week to see the editor before leaving. He was accompanied by his wife, who makes her home in Fort Worth, but who is going up to New York with Eldon for a short visit while his ship is in port. She was nice and pleasant, as usual, to make up for her sailor husband's sauciness.

The Rogers brothers, home from 15 months of service overseas, are consistently followed by their home paper in their travels, so they can see what's recorded from the Salem community from their mother who is the NR correspondent there. They don't read any of this part of the paper, so we can say anything we want to about them. If they'd brag on us a little, we might spread on a little of the hero malarkey so they could tack clippings up over their ship for their mates to learn how important they are at home. But it's nice this way, for we don't have to be so careful in our remarks. Maybe Geoffrey will spill us a big war story—about all Eldon would talk about was football and food.

LOOKS LIKE RAYMOND WOULD MARRY THAT GIRL

The editor wouldn't be at all surprised to learn some day that Raymond Hefner and Mary Klein are married. There isn't much time around the office to play Cupid, but match-making is an extraneous duty that just comes natural.

Raymond, after a considerable hitch with the Navy in the Hawaiian Islands, considered several different propositions concerning yeomanship, submarine duty, etc. But after a short time asea he took advantage of the Navy's offer of V-12 training, and is currently attending classes at Southwestern University, and doing very well, we hear.

During week-ends and other liberties he seems to find a great deal of attraction up Dallas way. This week, after spending Christmas in Big D, Raymond fetched the "attraction" to Hico, and we still think his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hefner Sr., are fortunate ever to get a visit from him, for Mary's plenty cute. She has a job somewhere around St. Paul's Sanitarium, she says, but is especially interested in printing offices.

Of course, there's some kind of silly restriction to culmination of romances while a fellow's going to V-12 classes, but some day we expect to record in the home paper that another happy couple has taken the fatal step. When, as and if they do, here's the News Review's congratulations and good wishes.

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Mrs. O. M. Bramblett Jr., writing from Kerrville to give a new address on the paper being sent to Flight Officer Billy Seago, adds the following note: "Billy writes that he has been assigned to the old Flying Tiger Squadron. Although without many of its original members, it is still considered the 'hottest' and most active squadron remaining in China."

HIS SMOKING IN HAWAII —ONE PACK A DAY FOR HIM- SELF, ONE FOR THE EDITOR

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
December 11, 1944

Hello, Kalford:

You probably were beginning to suspect that I couldn't write over two lines and that's about right. I'll try to do a little better this time, however. If I was a master of flowery tongue I would try to tell you about Hawaii, but I'm afraid that what little I could say might leave a bad impression. If you have any travel folders of the Hawaiian Islands, you can index them as mostly fairy tales. Now don't get me wrong, for Hawaii is beautiful in spots. Honolulu, however, is not one of them. It is a small cosmopolitan city made up of mostly slums. As far as the Hawaiian people go, I understand that there aren't actually many pure natives left. There seems to be one of the world's greatest assortment of peoples here. They mostly look like Japs to me, but then I don't really know a Jap from a Chinaman or Korean. You get mighty tired of looking at dishfaces. The good old homely American face still looks good to me. That wasn't meant as a crack at anyone, and any similarities are purely coincidental. I think one reason that shoes aren't rationed here is that so many people go barefooted that they are trying to encourage more of them to wear shoes.

I have good duty here and am thankful that I am on something that doesn't bob up and down and not sink. I know from my address that you draw the conclusion that I am still going to school, but I am not. I have been out about four or five months (I can't keep track of time any more) and am considered as being on the staff though I am not an instructor, thank goodness. I am just one of the boys that keep the Radar going.

Your little recruiting articles make Radar sound very enchanting, but the new sound wears off. I have always been interested in radio so I enjoy Radar however. The Japs don't seem to appreciate it however. I work at night and believe it or not, I really like night work. I start to work at 2200 (10 p. m. to you) and hit the sack every morning between 0530 and 0600. I put in a lot of sack duty. I generally get up between 1600 and 1700, go to chow and the movies, and then the cycle starts all over again. Sounds pretty tame, doesn't it? Of course, there's always a chance of getting hold of enough voltage to jar your ancestors or of your foot slipping some dark rainy night and falling off of a high tower, but it isn't bad. There's a lot more danger of getting into an argument in defense of the state of Texas. We Texans really take a lot of razzing, but I think it is because most of the boys are envious. There are three of us on the night crew. The Civil War is fought at least twice a week, but there have been no injuries to date.

I get liberty every sixth day and generally go to see Doc Hedges but must admit that I slept through the last two. It's good to see someone from home. I have been pretty lucky that way. Sorry to hear that you can't always find your favorite brand of cigarettes, but you might be interested to know that through your sacrifice the boys in the service generally get theirs. I smoke two packages a day, one for me and one for you. They don't keep me from getting fat though, as I weigh around 180. On this navy chow too!

I suppose you are getting tired of this nonsense so I'll quit, and you can file this in your waste basket. So long.

MORSE.
(W. M. Ross, S 2/c)

P. S. I don't believe there is anyone left who is for O'Daniel.

SGT. E. V. DUNN, SON OF FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT, REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Dunn, formerly of Hico, now of Levelland, received a wire from the War Department on Dec. 23 stating that their son, Sgt. Eric V. Dunn Jr., who had been missing since Aug. 3, was now reported killed in action on the above date.

Sergeant Dunn was first engineer on a B-17. He took his basic training at Sheppard Field, airplane mechanic training at Amarillo, aerial gunnery course in Kingman, Arizona, and spent several weeks in Salt Lake City headquarters of the Army Air Base, then went to Alexandria, La., for combat training.

Eric V. Dunn Jr. was born at Lamesa, Texas, December 10, 1923, and lived there almost 18 years. Then he went to Los Angeles, California, where he attended a mechanics' school before entering employment at the Douglas airplane plant. He returned to Lamesa in 1942, and on Sept. 13 of that year he was married to Miss Bobby Reynolds of that city. At present she resides with her mother at Grand Prairie. E. V., as he was always called by his family and friends, was an outstanding 4-H Club boy, was president of his club, and won several trips and prizes on his Hereford calves.

Those left to mourn his passing besides his mother, father, and his wife are his brother, Fred J. Dunn, of Lamesa; three sisters, Jackie Noel, at home, Mrs. Ethel Tarbet of Ackerly, Texas, Route 1, and Mrs. Gladys Kidd of 14751 Western Ave., San Leandro, Calif.

The mother, Mrs. E. V. Dunn, is the former Jackie Wright, and was reared in this community. She is a sister of Jim D. Wright of Hico.

MR. AND MRS. SAM PRICE ENJOY DESCRIPTION OF ROME FROM SON, NOW A MAJOR

Rome, Italy
December 6, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Price
Iredell, Texas, Route 2

My Dearest Mother and Dad:

It is with regretfulness and appreciation that I spend these few days away from the front, in this historical place—appreciation for the privilege, from an educational standpoint, to see the wonders of such a great city; regretfulness that it is not possible for you to see it also.

The treasures here are highly inconceivable, even after one has gazed upon them for hours or even days. To try to portray to you the beauties which have been for centuries existent would be comparable to building Rome itself, with my own hands, overnight. To endeavor in my feeble way to paint for you the pictures I have this day seen would be to mar the stupendous colors of such a marvelous sight.

One's heart is quickened by the outstanding beauty surrounding St. Peter's Cathedral. No matter where I shall ever be permitted to go prior to the termination of this war, I hope I shall never again be so passionately inspired as I was upon visiting that outstanding place. One cannot conceive of the minute detail of the art that is there. The statues of the many Popes who have gone on before are so detailed that I believe fingerprints could be taken from them.

The statue of the late Pope Pius XI is at present under construction. The sculptor is Opus P. Coronica, whom I saw working. The piece will require about ten years for completion.

There are no paintings in the Cathedral itself. It is mosaic which is nothing more than the gluing of tiny pieces of stone of many colors to a marble slab. Of the tiny pieces of stone used to blend the beauty of the pictures, 28,000 different colors and shades were used.

Service in the hotel where I am privileged to stay is so wonderfully complete that one need not leave its doors for any necessities. I have a nice, beautiful room all to myself. There are large glass doors opening out on a little sun porch in front, from which one can see and see a lot of the City of Rome. Sitting there looking down, one thinks it is so unlike America. The streets are crowded with pedestrians, most of whom ride bicycles. There seem to be no traffic regulations for them just mill around.

I can more fully appreciate the attitudes of the great artists, for now I know in a small way how they feel. Looking at a golden sunset, with Rome stretching the distance between, inspires one to be aware of the feelings which never before have been given expression.

Then, raising the eyes to the blue sky background, splashed with tiny blocks of many-colored clouds, the heart reaches up into the high heavens and says: "Dear Lord, such a beautiful, quiet, peaceful world must have its hardened, provoking individualities, sunken in sin, we are aware, but we pray, O God, that the time will be short until such personalities may not have the power to spread over these lands the blood of America's sons and of the world."

From there the feather-like weight of the heart drifts out into worlds unknown, only to return in the realization of total war.

And now, as I retire, I can only do so with regretfulness in that you were not present today. This evening you were with me here. I have seen you in the beautiful room. We have talked. We have loved. I have told you of today.

Goodnight. AL.
(Major Alvin A. Price)

● The above letter is one of the latest received from Alvin, who just recently has been awarded the oak leaf insignia of a major, after several months of service in combat areas. Further information about him and another son of the Prices is contained in the following clipping from the Stephenville Empire-Tribune:

"Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Price, living in the Iredell country, were in Stephenville Wednesday shopping. While here they reported on news that had been received from their two sons who are now serving with the armed forces on foreign soil. Major Alvin A. Price, who is a Tarleton graduate and later finished at Texas A. & M. in 1940, is stationed in Italy where he is commanding an infantry battalion. Given a leave he has recently had the pleasure of visiting Rome where he observed many historical sites. Joining up in 1941 he has seen service in Africa and Southern Europe. On several occasions he has had narrow escapes, the latest being when he was buried alive in a cave. Quick action on the part of his comrades saved him, but in a letter to his parents he said, 'I thought the end had come.' The other son, Technical Sergeant Ewell M. Price, has a record that equals that of his brother, having served both in England and Africa with the AAF. After combat duty from English bases he was allowed to come home and after recuperation he was sent to the South Pacific where it is believed he is a member of a B-25 crew. These two fine sons write their parents they are well and happy, but anxious for the conflict to end so they can return home and resume normal activities."

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Christmas cards from servicemen at various points were appreciated and will be acknowledged as soon as we get around to it.

"LITTLE RED" HODNETT FINALLY TELLS HIS MOTHER SOME PLACES HE'S BEEN

c/o P. M., San Francisco
December 10, 1944

Mrs. Eva Hodnett
Hico, Texas, Route 2

Dear Mother:

I received four letters from you yesterday, and of course I was really glad to hear from you. I also got a letter from Aunt Mae yesterday and she got on me because I hadn't written her for so long. She sent some pictures, and I am really proud of them. I got a letter from Hazel yesterday, and also two letters from Harry. In all, I got 22 letters. And it's about time.

Mother, in case anyone asks you, you can tell them that your son has been around. After I left Hawaii, I went to Guadalcanal, but didn't go ashore there. Then I went on to the Russell Islands. I got to go on a beach party there. Of all the islands that I have seen, the Russells are the most beautiful. Take it from me, they are really pretty. Then I went to Motus Island in the Admiralties. We had a beer party there, and really had a swell time. I can't tell you where I have been since I left there, or where I am now.

Oh yes, I forgot to tell you that I am a Shellback, as I crossed the Equator, and also a Golden Dragon as I crossed the 180th Meridian. However, as you know, I had crossed the 180th Meridian before.

Well, Mother, I can't think of anything else that I can write. I just thought you would like to know a little about where I have been. I will say bye-bye for now, and close with

Love to all,
RED.

(William M. Hodnett, Mo.MM 2/c)

MRS. BREWER GETS LETTER FROM HER SAILOR SON, WHO HAS BEEN IN ADMIRALTY

Seaman First Class Vernon Lee Brewer, last heard from in the Admiralty Islands through a letter to his mother, Mrs. L. L. Brewer, now of Stephenville, said he was well and O. K.

"The weather here has been very stormy for the past week," Vernon Lee added, "and I have been working hard. Cheer up, Mother, because I will be home soon—maybe in April or May of 1945. Two more months to go before I will have my 18 months overseas."

"I went swimming one day last week and had a lot of fun. You know, Mother, I would like to be in Texas now. I've kinda had the blues for the past week or so."

"Sending you all my love and kisses, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Young Brewer sent along in the letter to his mother a program from a jungle chapel of the Naval Construction Battalion, where he attended services Sunday, Dec. 10.

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Julius M. Jones, who has been stationed at Majors Field at Greenville, Tex., was recently promoted to technical sergeant and has been transferred to San Antonio. His wife, who was in Greenville with him, has moved to San Antonio and they are making their home at 4542 S. Presa, according to his aunt, Mrs. Hurshel Williamson.

Cpl. Robert Q. Anderson, stationed at Waldron Field, Corpus Christi, who was visiting in Stephenville with his father, Ike Anderson and family, slipped over to Hico Wednesday for a check-up on everybody.

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Mrs. Willard Leach has ordered a change in her husband's address in his rating. Private Leach, who is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., is now a T/5.

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S/Sgt. W. H. Brown Jr., who is stationed at Normoyle, near Antonio, spent the holidays near here with his wife and son, Robert, with his parents.

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