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## RED CROSS AIDS ARMY MORALE



Red Cross workers are on the job in all Army and Navy camps and stations throughout the country to assist in the important task of maintaining morale. Above, as Army flier leaves unfinished personal matters for the Red Cross field director to take care of while he embarks on an emergency flight across country. The Red Cross is the official means of communication between service men and their families back home.

## Red Cross, OCD Look to Volunteers For Civil Defense

Washington, D. C.—To the question, "What can I do for America?" the Red Cross is providing an answer for hundreds of thousands of men and women who want to do their part on the civilian defense front.

For women, the Red Cross is providing an 80-hour training course to recruit a corps of 100,000 Nurse's Aides. It is the Red Cross' newest project, undertaken at the request of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense to relieve the current pressure on nursing facilities.

With thousands of nurses being taken into military service with our armed forces, civilian nursing has suffered a direct blow, the Red Cross points out.

Red Cross Nurse's Aides will serve as assistants to registered nurses, performing scores of important duties which will enable nurses to care for more cases. The Red Cross stresses that Nurse's Aides will not take the place of the registered nurse, but will serve in an auxiliary capacity.

On the more dramatic side of civilian defense, the Red Cross is gearing its far-flung disaster fighting machine to handle mass feeding, housing and clothing of exiles under wartime conditions. In cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense, chapters are strengthening disaster relief committees to cope with man-made disaster much on the same scale as relief operations following natural catastrophe.

Organization along these lines includes preparedness measures for fires, explosions and epidemics which may be expected to result from accelerated industrial activity incident to national defense.

Strictly as a precautionary measure, the Red Cross is devising means of confronting emergency relief in the event of sporadic air or sea attacks, considered conceivable hazards in some coastal and boundary areas.

The need for First Aid in civilian defense has not been neglected by the Red Cross. Last year nearly 300,000 were trained in emergency treatment of the injured. This year the figure is expected to go much higher with special emphasis being placed on the formation of detachments which would serve as units in factories, offices, schools and other places where persons are

Red Cross courses in Home Nursing and in Nutrition also are being expanded as a feature of the civilian defense program, it was pointed out. Mounting health hazards and the shortage of civilian nurses may at any time obligate the housewife—or even the man of the house—to assist in caring for the sick. Likewise, the Red Cross is placing greater emphasis on Nutrition courses designed to teach householders the art of purchasing and preparing well-balanced meals within the range of the family pocketbook.

What Helps Business Helps You!



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED—** If the Turse Shorthand Aptitude test which they took recently are authentic, these four freshmen coeds who are training for business careers at NTSTC are the four

students among the 250 taking the tests who are most likely to succeed in secretarial work. Left to right, they are Ouita Taylor, 16, of McKinney, who made 474, the highest score, and Sammye Morley of Quannah, 17, Dorothy Jean

Green of Mound, 16, and Blanche Moseley of Jefferson, 17, who each made 472. Miss Green is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd F. Green. Mr. Green is Superintendent of the Mound Public Schools.—Courtesy NTSTC Publicity Department.

## Secretaries Seek Salaries As Shorthand Scores Soar

Four freshman girls who this year began their training for business careers, are the four students out of 250, who are most likely to succeed, according to scores which they made on Turse Shorthand Aptitude tests given early this semester at NTSTC.

Ouita Taylor, 16, of McKinney, made the highest score, 474, while three other girls were close on her heels with a score of 472—Sammye Ruth Morley of Quannah, 17; Dorothy Jean Green, Mound, 16; and Blanche Moseley, Jefferson, 17.

Miss Moseley also made the second highest score of any of the 250 students on an intelligence test which was given to the group. Her score of 133 was second only to that of Fredna Murdoch of Garland who scored 134.

The shorthand aptitude tests were given on stroking, spelling, phonetic association, symbol transcription, word discrimination, dictation, and word sense. The tests were introduced by Dr. Hilton D. Shepherd of the NTSTC business education staff, who will compare aptitude tests at the end of the year with achievement scores, and who hopes to add aptitude tests in various other business subjects within the next few years in an effort to give guidance to prospective business students.

No correlation between aptitude and achievement scores will be made, Dr. Shepherd said, until at least a thousand students have been tested.

## RULES FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST BY C. OF C.

Here folks, are the rules for the annual Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest.

Prizes will be given for the most attractively decorated home or lawn within the city limits of Gatesville. An home may be entered in the contest with the exception of the homes of the president and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Civic Improvement Committee.

Exhibit may be in the house or

## CANTATA TO BE PRESENTED BY CHOIR AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY EVE

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the annual Christmas Cantata to be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the choir of the First Methodist Church in this city. An outline of the cantata, "The Coming of the King", by Dudley Buck, follows.

- I. Prelude
- Candlelight Procession
- Prayer . . . . . Pastor
- Offertory
- Christmas Story
- II. Prophecy
- Solo . . . . . Mrs. Madison Pruitt
- III. Advent
- Chorus
- Duet, Mrs. Foster, Miss Martin
- IV. The Annunciation
- Soloists, Mesdames Leaird, Pancake.
- V. Across the Desert.
- The Caravan of the Magi—Male Chorus.

- The Three Magi—Messrs. Colwick, Hair, Swindall.
- VI. The Plains of Bethlehem.
- Ladies' Chorus
- Solo—Mr. Colwick.
- Duet—Mrs. Pancake, Miss Martin
- Full Chorus
- VII. The Departure of the Shepherds.
- Solo—Mr. Martin
- Male Chorus
- Solo—Mrs. Leaird
- VIII. Christians Awake—Choir
- IX. The Virgin's Lullaby
- Solo—Mrs. Stewart
- V. The Adoration
- Solo—Mrs. Lowrey
- Magi Chorus
- XI. Adeste Fideles
- Benediction
- Pianist, Mrs. H. C. Stinnett; organist, Miss Minnie Lou Witt; and Director, Mrs. E. L. Craig.

## ANALYSIS OF THE "WHY" AND "HOW" OUR ARMED FORCES WERE ASLEEP

(By Our Military Analyst)  
Hawaii, where the warm southern breezes blow, bringing gorgeous scents of the orient, soothing the restful and "resting". That's the setting. It was PEACE in Hawaii, and Pearl Harbor, also, WAKIKIKI (?)

The "services" pay the 1st and the 5th. It was the first week end of the month. If you've been in the service, you know what happens the week end of the first payday. No one's left on the post or ship except the unlucky KPs and necessary guards. Air planes are put in their hangers at noon Saturday—all the mechanics, service men, officers—yes, even the Old Man is "gone to town". IT WAS PEACE TIME!

When a ship comes to port under power from 3 to 24 boilers, on dropping the "hook" or "tying up" on the lawn, or both, but it must be visible from the street.

Prizes are: \$12.50; \$7.50; \$5.00; \$3.00 and \$2.00.

Judging is to be done between 7 and 10 o'clock between the dates of December 21 and 29.

Judges will be appointed by the Civic Improvement Committee.

Entries in the contest must be placed with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at once.

at the dock, all boilers are cut out except what is needed to run the electric dynamos and the ice machinery, or cooling system. Everybody else goes ashore, except a bare "watch". REMEMBER IT WAS PEACE when the Japs struck—and this is not intended in anyway to excuse the Japs, or anybody.

It seem to this "analist" (?) that this would explain to anyone interested, what happened. The Navy Intelligence, along with the Army Intelligence, we'd say was the responsible parties. The "operations" and 'line' staffs, it seems were following the usual PEACE precautions.

Now, you might look at it this way. If these men WERE off their ships and posts, it might have been good, since so many more of them would probably have been lost if they'd been aboard. It would have probably taken 3 to 5 hours to steam up all those dead boilers if they'd all been there, and that would have been too late. Capital ships can't maneuver in a small harbor like Pearl Harbor—they need oceans in the 10 minutes before the Japs struck, even an airplane motor could not have been warmed up. YOU DON'T NEED to believe this anyway, it's by our "Military Analyst".

**Eliga**

Mrs. Hallie Hubbard, cor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fleming, Mrs. Billy Fleming, Mrs. Harlan Bishop, Mrs. Winford Overton and Mrs. J. W. Wells were Brownwood visitors recently.

Mrs. Jim Manning was carried to a Temple hospital Saturday for treatment. She is in a serious condition. Her many friends trust she will soon recover and return home soon.

Mrs. Arthur Hubbard and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burrow of Killeen Sunday evening.

Quite a few attended the Christmas parade in Killeen Monday from this community and reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. Arthur Hubbard is visiting

Mr. Robert Lee Hubbard and family of Emporia, Kansas.

Loye Hubbard and Derl Bay were Belton visitors recently.

**The Grove**

Lorene Burgess, cors.

There was a large crowd at church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Woody and family spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burgess and family.

The boys who left here Monday for Dallas to take their examination for the Army were, Lee Roy Burgess and Theodor Winkler.

Delores and Virgil Andrews spent Wednesday night with Doro-

thy Ellen and Thelbert Reese.

Wanda Lou Patterson spent the day with Jeneva and Jeneta Howe Sunday.

Geneva Barr spent Sunday nite with Lorene Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Reese and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Watts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Holcomb and son, James, left Friday morning for Arizona to visit their son, who is stationed in the Air Corps there.

**Turnover**

Mrs. Elbert Collier, cors.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graham and girls have moved into the house that Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Williams vacated some time ago. They are tearing down their old house and are to build a nice rock house. Mr. George Lam is helping to do the work.

Mr. Henry Williams visited Elbert Collier Friday morning.

A special meeting was held at the school house. All the people were present. It was for the Red Cross Monday night.

Mr. Wayland Blanchard called in the Elbert Collier home Monday morning.

Mr. Orville Gribble visited in the home of Mr. Newt Blanchard.

**Liberty Church**

Mrs. John Derrick, Cors.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Latham and sons spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Franklin

Rev. Will Jackson filled his appointment here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. John Derrick and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham and sons, Mr and Mrs R L. Miers were Tuesday night guests a while of Mr and Mrs. B. J. Franklin and family.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis the past week.

Rev. W. E. Sims was ordained as minister Sunday here at Liberty Church.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wilson were, Rev. and Mrs. Will Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R L. Miers, Mr and Mrs. Will Power and family.

Miss Lucille Wilson spent Saturday night with Misses Fae and Pauline Graves of White Hall.

Rev. George Jackson and daughters and Miss Anderson of Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Laxton and family, Mrs. Eva Laxton and Lewis Laxton and son of Moshien were Sunday dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Latham and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moore and family of Weatherford, Walter Grant, Mrs Lizzie Moore and daughter, Addie Mae, and Woody Gooch of Gatesville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge Hollingsworth.

J. W. Latham is still quite ill.

Little infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boots was buried in the Turnersville cemetery Thursday afternoon.

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Mr. Ward Burris,  
Sports Editor, The Express,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Wardie:

Well, I had my raddio tuned in

fer war bulletins all week and land sakes alive, I didn't know what my socks had been missin' till I heerd about all them soaps and lathers and bubbles.

Well Pal, the Boy Friend is gone, He wouldn't tell me where, because he didn't know. Said he'd send me a postal card, a souvener and a rock chipped off Tokyo's city hall jest as soon as he could.

He shore looked perty in that uniform. I'd like to have a stuffed Jap fer the Langtry museum—one that's hadthehell shot out of him and is specially full of holes.

I think it's a fine tribute to our colleges the way the boys are joinin' up, and it looks like these footballers are a runnin' true to type, anglin' fer the spots in the Army and Navy air corps where the goin' is tough, like the kind they been used too. They ain't been trained to hunt soft spots, like one or two of our more famous athletes that I been a readin' about.

That old American tradition of "holdin' 'em on the one yard line" is a great thing. And then after you hold 'em, you take over the ball on down, and drive 99 yards to a touchdown. We're a goin' to set a new scorin' record in this game, and don't you worry about holdin' 'em, either. And when the Army, Navy, Air Corps, and Marines, them "all time All-Americans," take over, they's a goin' to be a lot of forward passin', I tell you.

I'll be a seein' you Pal, and "Keep 'em Flyin'."

Yourn,  
LOONY LUCY (...)

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## HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND SIX WEEKS

The honor roll of Gatesville High school students for the second six weeks is announced as follows:

Seniors: All A's Marie Meharg, Cleone Thomas, Daisy Hopson, Twiford Schloeman, Josephine McClellan, Wanda Lipsey, Martha Lou Phillips, Norma Joy Pollard, Sara Frances Graham, Doris Perkins, Norma Apel, Dean Hopson.

A's and B's, Walter Brown, Wayne Blanchard, Sue Jones, Harold Lina, Celestine Rabbe, Robbie Neta Haines, Olen McBroom, Nathlene Sims.

Juniors: All A's, Alice Marie Timmens, Bob Ward, Dorothy Nell Clary, Billy Lipsey, Suzanne Sadler, Kenneth Wallace, Wilda McCorkle, Paul Guggolz, Eloise Thomas, Doris Jackson, Mildred Kirkpatrick, Emily Ament, Charlotte Bertrand, Joyce Marie Jones, Juanita Featherston, Maxine Lovejoy, Tommie Lee Shults, Stanley Edwards, Harry Mack, Margaret Wicker, Patsy Lovejoy, Helen Johnson, Minnie Merle Williamson.

A's and B's, Erma Lee Williamson, Helen Chambers, Lorene Bundryant, Grace Wiegand, Louise Bond, Wanda Laxson, Vivian McKelvy, Hattie Pearl Dyess, Roy Prewitt.

Sophomores: All A's, William Holcomb, Mary Howell, June Edmondson, Betty Lou Martin, Rebecca Anne Craig, Deane Blanchard, Thelma McCarver.

A's and B's, Virginia Greenway.

## Mountain

Alphine Loer, Cors.

Miss Mozell Brown of Turnersville became the bride of Mr. Bill Barton Saturday, December 13, at the home of his brother, Mr. Dossy Barton.

Mrs. John Barton was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Loer Saturday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barton Sunday were, Mr. Junior and Gene Loer, William Trust, Mr. and Mrs. Dossy Barton, all of Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCarver of White

Hall.

Mr. Gerrel Barrington, who has been working in Brownwood for quite a while, has returned home. There will be a Christmas tree and program at the school house Friday night, December 19. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Ione Conner's mother, sister and brother, of Bee House, came to see her Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher was a visitor in Brownwood Sunday.



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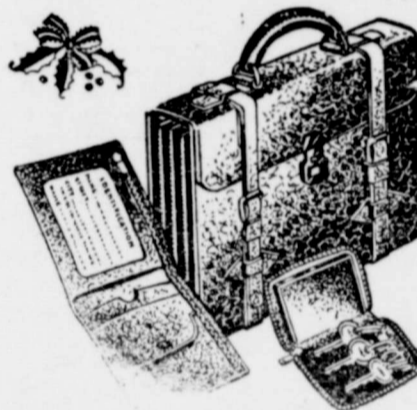
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Charles Ray Basham of San Antonio was a week end visitor with home folks.

Mrs. Tony Wallace of Valley Mills was a Tuesday visitor in the J. E. Hollingsworth home.

Mrs. Ben Kiser of Hedley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth.

Douglas Hollingsworth and wife of Kingman, Arizona are visiting his parents, J. E. Hollingsworth and wife.

Miss Emily Basham of Files Valley was a week end visitor in the home of Mrs. Hattie Carr.

Mr. C. C. Basham was a recent visitor to McGregor for the 90th birthday of her father, Hamp Baker.

Pvt. Bird Dollins of Camp Bowie was a week end visitor with home folks.

Mrs. Tommie Humes of Files Valley was a Sunday visitor in the A. T. Humes home.

Duane Hobin of Kelley Field was a week end visitor with home folks.

Kyle Hobin of Austin was a week end visitor with home folks.

Grady Pendleton left for Dallas Monday.

Miss Thelma Meharg of Colorado City, Colorado is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMinn.

**MRS. OAD PAINTER BUYS ELIZABETH BEAUTY SALON**

Mrs. Oad Painter has purchased

the Elizabeth Beauty Salon, which was formerly owned and operated by Mrs. R. E. Pancake. Mrs. Painter has previously been with the Royal Beauty Shoppe.

She invites all her friends to visit her at her new place of business.

**MISS CAMPBELL IS EMPLOYED AT ETHMA BEAUTY SHOPPE**

Miss Louise Campbell, who was formerly employed in Marlin, has accepted a position with the Ethma Beauty Shoppe and assumed her duties early this week.

A graduate of Nicosia's Beauty School in Waco, Miss Campbell is well known in Coryell County, and she would like for her friends to call on her at the Ethma.

**FIRE "BURNS OUT" ROY PENNINGTON'S HOME'S KITCHEN**

Fire, about 7 a. m. Wednesday "burned out" the kitchen at Roy Pennington's home on Andrews street.

Mr. Pennington, it is said, had lighted the stove and threw the match away, igniting paper, which caught in the kitchen. The fire blazed up, but Mr. Pennington was able to put it out before any further damage was done. He was burned about the head and eyes.

**SANTA CLAUS LETTERS**

Buster Community

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 4 1-2 years old. I want you to bring me a little train and track, a blackboard, a cowboy handkerchief, fruits and candy, and please don't forge my little brother, as this is his first Christmas. He is only six weeks old. Also remember all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,  
ROBERT ED PANCAKE

Dear Santa

I have been a good little girl. I want a doll with a white cap and coat on, and a balloon and good things to eat. I am 7 years old.

Yours truly,  
MATTIE JOYCE COLLIER

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 3 years old and I have been pretty good. I want a little horse and a doll.

With Love,  
DALE LA VAUGHN COLLIER

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doctor set, big truck, large tinkertoy set, Marine gun and some games. Remember the other boys and girls.

Your Friend,  
CUBBY McDOWELL

**Turnersville**

Mrs. Emma Jones, Cors.

Edgar Dollins of Gladewater was a recent visitor in the Neal Dollins home.

Misses Vivian and Edith Pardue were week end visitors to McGregor.

Rev. Barnes and family of Oglesby were recent visitors in the

J. T. Garren home.

Ed Baker and family of Webster were recent visitors in the Louie Baker home.

Joe Maxwell and family of Purmela were Sunday visitors in the Basham home.

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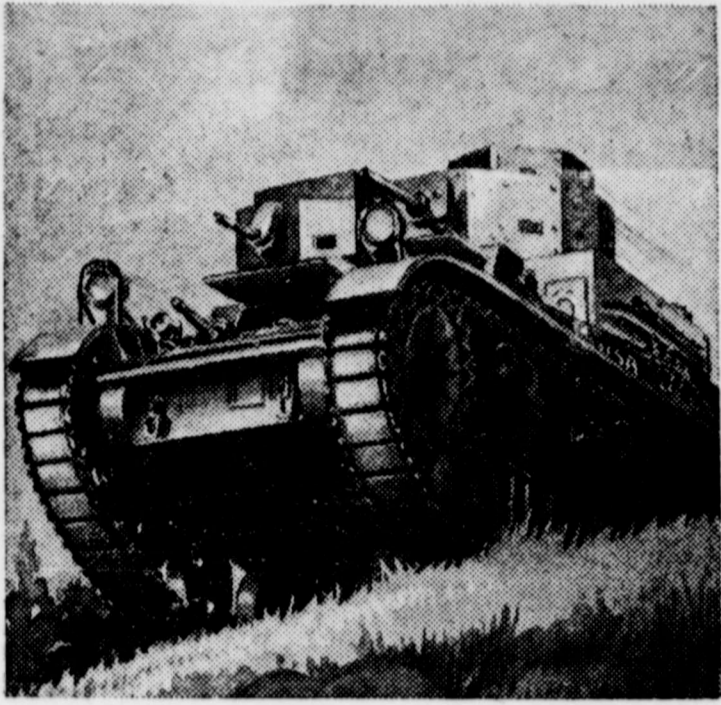
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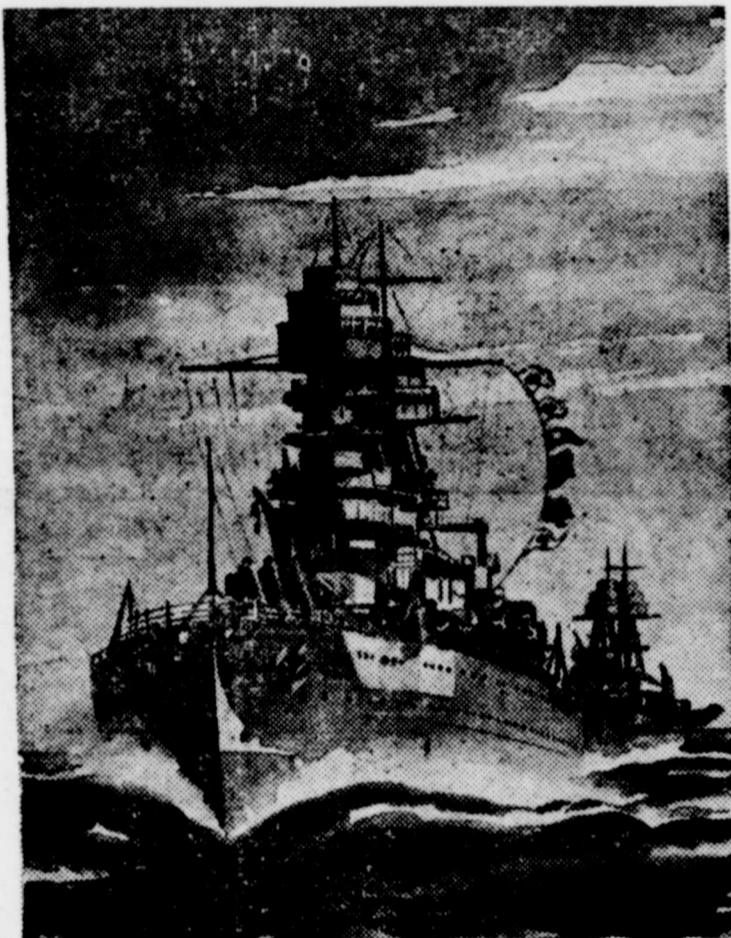


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THIS,  
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THE  
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WAY!



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ALL  
  
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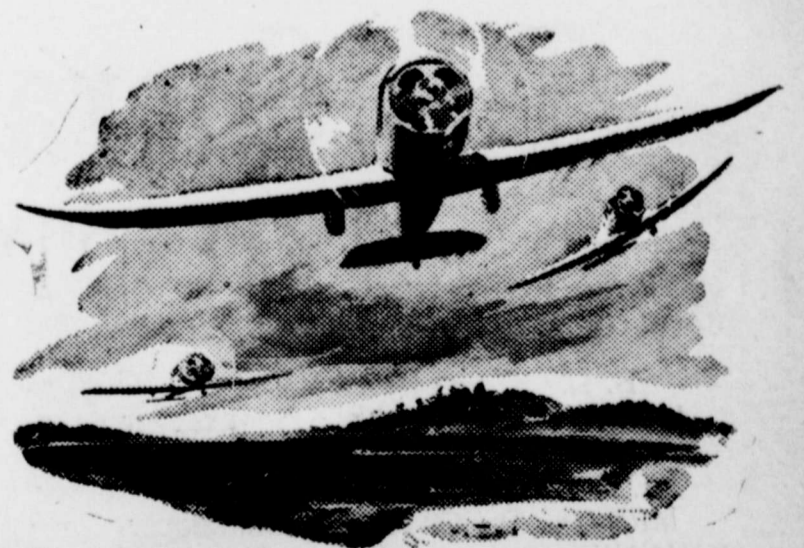
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THE "AXIS"  
THAT WILL  
WIN ANY  
CONTEST  
FOR UNCLE  
SAM



MATERIAL

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CORYELL COUNTY  
**NEWS**

GATBSVILLE TEXAS  
TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1941

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**GREETINGS CUSTOMERS,**  
 Friends, We're Sending A  
 Message, and It's  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**LESTER BRITAIN'S GARAGE**  
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**SIDE GLANCES—**

his feet, with which it seemed to me he designed to beat me down," the author wrote.

Having had his confidence thus shaken at the beginning, he found it utterly dispersed by two incidents that immediately followed: one when the "little flyin brute" broke away in the middle of a vast prairie and led him a four-hour chase; the other, when it dropped to its knees without warning, threw him over its head into a swamp and made him lead it the remainder of his journey, a distance of thirty miles. At last, then he realized that his mount was quite an "accomplished rogue" and even more than that—a very demon incarnate.

**A ROUND-UP**

The extreme versatility of the horse was not apparent, however, until near the end of the author's

stay in Texas, when he participated in a friend's round-up. The little mustang knew the business far better than the rider and—apparently having determined "to show me how impudent and provoking a mustang can be under the mask of faithful and untiring service"—proceeded gleefully to do as he pleased, jerking to and fro after stray cattle so quickly as almost to throw the author into the midst of the herd. "I thought for some time that I should never get my bones whole to Anahuac," he wrote.

Already he had come to regard his demoniacal mount with considerable awe, but this evidence of its extreme cleverness and utter irresponsibility was too much. When he was ready to leave for the United States he very probably was more than glad to part with it for twenty dollars—saddle, brid-

le and all.

**THE FAMOUS FIGHT AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE**

Long after the battle of San Jacinto supposedly had decided once and for all the question of Anglo-American settlers' rights to their new homes in Texas, blood still was spilt for those rights, torture was undergone, suffering was borne. For even after the Mexican Republic for all practical purposes had relinquished its claim to its old province, the settlers had yet to cope with another hostile nation in one sense even more menacing and more terrifying—which fought long and savagely to hold what once had been its homeland.

This other conflict was with the Comanche Indian nation. And when a Comanche warrior—daring, strong, courageous and imbued with a holy zeal for what he considered a holy cause—met face to face with an old time Texan, fire works could be expected. Such was the case at the famous peace conference in the San Antonio Council House. Its story is one of the most ironic to be found in the voluminous Texas Collection of the University of Texas Library, for this "peace" conference precipitated one of the most bloody episodes in the history of the state.

That the hard-headed Comanches would ask for peace was strange in itself; so when, early in 1840, their envoys arranged for a talk with Texas commissioners, the Texans began to prepare themselves for any emergency. And on March 19, when sixty-five Indians, women and children among them, rode into San Antonio for

the conference a troop of Texas soldiers was on hand as well.

Now the original arrangement had called upon the Comanches to bring in all of the white prisoners they had taken—thirteen, it was believed—before the Texans would consider any sort of a peace at all. But when the two parties met for their talk only one captive was produced, Miss Matilda Lockhart; and Mukwarrah, one of several chiefs in the Comanche party, denied any knowledge of others supposedly in their hands.

The Texas commissioners found Mukwarrah's stand a hard one to

accept, particularly after speaking with Miss Lockhart, who had seen others in camp only the day before. And Mukwarrah, in his turn, was in no mood to be doubted. After watching the commissioners discuss the problem among themselves for a few minutes, he broke in with a defiant "How did you like the answer?"

To this there came no reply; instead, the troop of soldiers marched into the conference room, stationed themselves solemnly about its walls. And then—stepping into

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of the most terrifying and most memorably dramatic episodes in the history of early Texas—when, after five months of preparation, the Comanche Indians swept down from the northwestern plains to wreak their vengeance on the white man for the "peace conference" at San Antonio's Council House, which cost them the lives of several high-ranking chiefs. Dramatic as was that bloody conference, chronicled briefly in this column above, its aftermath was equally long-remembered, and for a better reason. For the

story of the aftermath, also culled from the Texas Collection of the University of Texas Library, is the story of a terror unknown in Texas since Santa Anna's doomed march to San Jacinto.

In 1840, when the heart of the Republic was still somewhere in the east, South Texas was a wilderness. There were growing settlement at San Antonio and Gonzales, but few more. It was enough of a wilderness so that, early in August, an army of one thousand Comanche braves could beat a war path through it undiscovered.

On the afternoon of August 6 the Comanches fell unheralded on Victoria. Two days later, so early in the morning as to catch half of the inhabitants still in bed, they struck at Linnville was burned to the ground.

Yet, gratifying as all that must have been, the Comanches satiated their revenge even further with loot from the two towns—between three and four thousand head of horses and mules and a fortune in merchandise from Linnville, which had been unusually well stocked. And with some of the goods taken—top hat and tail coats, for instance—they bedecked themselves and their horses gleefully for a triumphant return to the north.

Meanwhile, expressmen were spreading the terror northward and eastward: a thousand Comanche warriors, two sacked towns smoldering in their wake, were loose in the south. And men like Felix Houston, Ed Burleson and Ben McCulloch rose up to urge and begin preparations for a counter-attack, so that early in the morning of August 12, six days

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the doorway and bolting out of sight the moment he had said his say—the official interpreter gave Mukwarrah the Texas ultimatum: that all of the Comanches must stay in San Antonio as hostages until their remaining captives were bright in.

Well, the interpreter bolted just in time, for it became evident immediately that the Comanches had no intention of staying. In a few seconds the battle of the Council House was on, hand to hand; and when at last it was ended, both insides and outside the place, thirty-seven Indians lay dead and twenty-seven women and children were captives, one Mexican renegade having escaped. Of the Texans, seven were dead and eight were wounded.

This loss of its chiefs at San Antonio was a supreme crisis in the history of the Comanche nation, and from that bloody March day on everyone must have realized that the Indians would not rest until their revenge had fallen upon the white men. In August it did fall: it was the long-remembered Comanche invasion of 1840, the most terrible Indian uprising Texas ever saw.

**HOW THE COMANCHES GOT THEIR REVENGE**  
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after the tragedy at Victoria, two hundred Texans met the invaders for a last-ditch fight at Plum Creek some 27 miles below Austin.

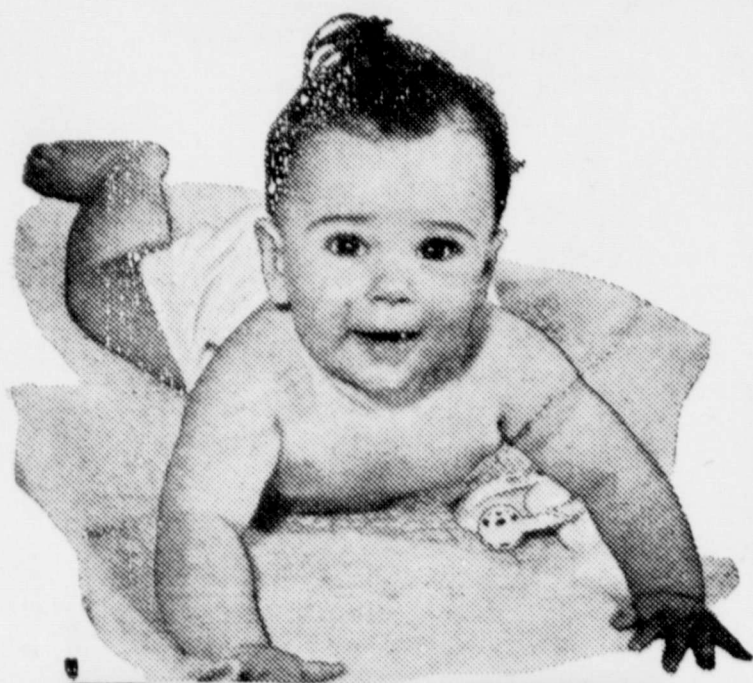
The Battle of Plum Creek, remembered chiefly as a display of savage and wonderful daring on the part of several Comanche chiefs who tried to hold off the better-armed Texans until their long baggage train could be got to safety, lasted for only a few minutes and then turned into a running fight which continued for 15 miles, ending at last in the escape of the greater part of the dispersed Comanche force.

During the entire morning's fighting the Texans failed to lose a man and had only a few men wounded, whereas the Indians paid for their uprising with the lives of eighty braves and with the loss of several hundred pack horses loaded with loot from Linnville. The battle was one of the most successful pitched battles with Indians ever fought by the Texans, and the menace had been shattered.

But the Comanches had got their revenge.

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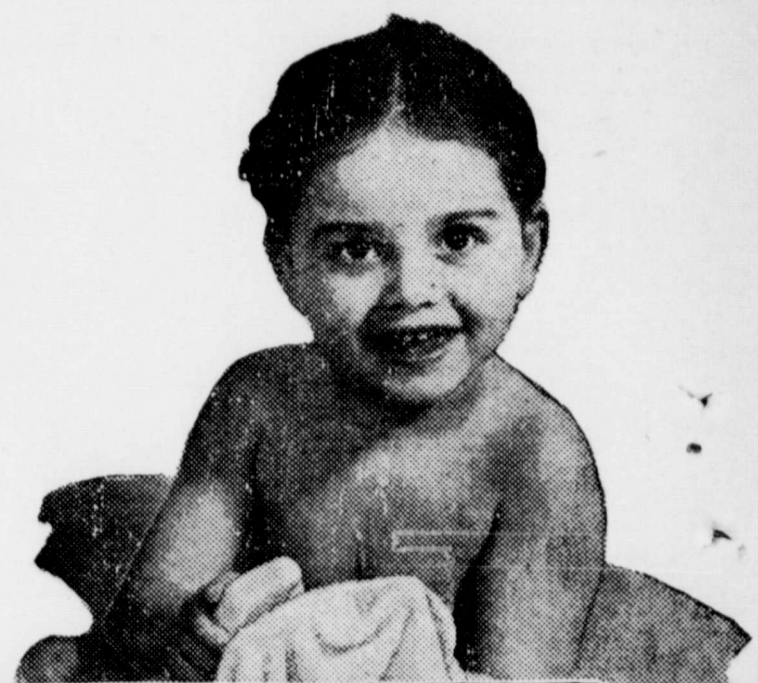
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## Hamilton County Feeder-Grower's Hunch Got Results

Suited—almost like a perfect blood matching—to publication in this the annual Diversification number of WEST TEXAS TODAY, is the following account by I. Commer, of Hamilton county, of his pioneering experiences in poultry raising. As Mr. Commer so graphically points out, diversification in West Texas, to be successful, must first be made successful in the county, on the single farm unit, by the individual farmer. Also, the town must help—with accent on the banker.—Editor's note. West Texas Chamber of Commerce Magazine. West Texas Today.

By I. COMMER

Imagine, if you can, some one trying to sell commercial feeds in a confectionery. That is the way I first became interested in the poultry industry.

My name is I. Commer, and my story begins in 1922 when I was operating a confectionery in Hamilton, a West Texas town. One day during my usual run of business a shrewd salesman dropped in and fast-talked me into buying a carload of well known commercial feed. With practically no forethought, I had made a purchase which was to change by life's business and which led up to my entry into the poultry industry. At the time I did not realize the importance of the transaction. I only knew I had a job ahead—to dispose of the feed.

Few people in Hamilton county knew the values of commercial feed for livestock and poultry, and naturally the farmers and ranchers did not buy any of the high priced feed.

Consequently, the feed remained in the store until the rate began eating it. Seeing that a fellow could not get anywhere with this kind of business, I went into the country and sold every bit of the feed.

### PROBLEM

Pretty much encouraged by my success, I ordered another car of the feed, of which I managed to sell one-half before dumping the remainder. By this time, I was sold on the idea of feeding good feedstuff; yet I was puzzled by the fact that farmers using these products were not making money.

Looking into the problem, I became more and more convinced that the reason good feeds were not reflected in increased profits was that the livestock and poultry of Hamilton county were not of good breeding. Where there is no breeding there is no production whether good feeds or gold dust is fed.

This conclusion served as the genesis of an idea. Why would not poultry do as the major drive for Hamilton county farmers?

They were already convinced that they had plenty of livestock; sheep production was an outstanding industry of this section. Because four cows produced enough milk for breakfast, the farmers were satisfied with their cattle. Of

for they noticed that the women were making more money according to their investments that they were.

To encourage the poultry men and women to build houses for their birds, I began to import more

and better chicks. We bought the very best breeding stock from the best known breeders in the U.S. In the early days there was a distinct absence of good poultry houses, but now such a house is considered indispensable on the farm.

### CONVINCING THE BANKERS

At first bankers did not realize what an asset poultry would be to the farmers of the community, and I have known cases in which bankers refused to lend money for starting a poultry business. These bankers would lend the farmer money to buy cows, horses, mules or sheep, or to help him make a losing cotton crop—but none for poultry.

My next job was to sell the bankers on the merits of the poultry industry. This done, I requested the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and of the local Lions club. I asked these organizations to set goals for every farm in the county of 200 to 300 chickens, six milch cows, 50 or more sheep, 12 beef cattle, and 100 turkeys. This program was a decided success.

An instance of the success follows: In 1922 there were about 20,000 hens in the county, producing an average of 70 eggs each per year; now there are about 250,000 hens producing an average of 165 eggs per year. In 1922 about six car loads of turkeys were dressed in Hamilton county; now 35 to 40 cars were dressed here annually.

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So I began working to increase the poultry population in Hamilton county. I remember talking to a typical farmer, who said in effect: "Now, we don't want any more chickens. We have too many now. They eat all the feed from the horses, and besides, my wife makes me sell the darned eggs. I don't like it."

### SOLUTION

Seeing that I could not do anything with the men, I began talking with the women. Finally, I persuaded some women to order some high bred chickens. We watched their results, kept records on their operations and saw that they made money. Soon, neighbors of these women looked into the poultry possibilities and ordered some fine baby chicks. These women began to compete among themselves and to produce better and better chickens and to reap more and more profits. This proves that competition is the life of business.

Time moved on and the next year I sold six cars of feed. The business continued to increase until in 1928 I obtained the first incubator, it having 52,000-egg capacity. Men were beginning to show interest in the poultry industry,

gram, poultry was a very small item in the farmer's income. Today, poultry in this county is a million dollar industry every year; and with prices looking favorable, income from poultry will exceed that figure this year.

In the early days there was a 12,000 egg hatching capacity with only my feed store and one produce house managing to exist. Now, there are seven hatcheries with a total capacity of 200,000 eggs every three weeks in the county. There are 20 feed stores, 6 large produce houses and about a half-dozen truck lines from this county to Fort Worth and Dallas, all apparently making money from the poultry industry.

With the new industry helping, Hamilton went thru the depression in easy fashion. Three banks stood the gaff of the lean years, and there was no business failure of any kind here during the depression years. The hard boiled bankers are more liberal now than they were before, and every farm has chickens paying cash as they go. Men are interested in how the chickens are laying and a majority of them have taken the poultry work away from the women.

And it is well, for the poultry industry is now one of the major agricultural industries in the Unit-

(See I. COMMER on next page)

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### I. COMMER—

ed States. Late figures show that it ranks third in agricultural income. There are more people in Texas engaged in one way or another with poultry farming than with any other farming project.

Figures for 1940 show that there are 418,002 farms in Texas. Of this number, 370,998 farms keep poultry producing approximately 159,000,000 dozen eggs annually. And because of a boost in egg prices, I fully expect a 10 per cent increase in the industry.

### TURKEYS

At present the needed look at the poultry industry in Texas is at the fact that Texas is substantially slipping as a turkey producing state. This is largely due to the birds produced in Texas. Their inferior quality results in a penalty on eastern markets even though this quality has improved in the last five years. This condition can be remedied chiefly by feeding better feeds to the turkeys. Freight rate discrimination also handicaps Texas turkey growers.

Texas turkeys now need the same improvements that Hamilton

county chickens needed several yaers ago. They need to be bred from better blood-strains in order to be healthier, better disease-resisting birds. Unless something is done in regard to this matter, Texas will lose its standing as the major turkey producing state in the Union.

The last turkey census showed Texas to be first in production with 3,443,951 birds. California was second with 2,593,406, and Minnesota ranked third with 2,508,830. All the other states have increased in production of recent years, but Texas has decreased its production by almost a million turkeys annually, this despite the fact that Texas' abundant grain crops make turkey raising cheaper than it is in other states.

To help Texas keep its place in the sun of the turkey world would be a fine cooperative project for all the different chambers of commerce in West Texas towns.



### SIDE GLANCES ON TEXAS HISTORY

By Charles O. Hucker  
University of Texas Library

### THE TEXAS MUSTANG IN EASY (?) LESSONS

That the wild mustangs which overran Texas in the days of its early settlement were wiry and wily creatures of the prairie is a fact that everyone who knows anything about the state's early history thinks of as obvious. One gentleman, however—and with good reason—went so far as to remark that "the wit of the country appears to be largely invested in the horses".

This somewhat cynical gentleman was the author of a little anonymous book titled "A Visit to Texas" which was published in New York in 1834 and from which the quoted observation is taken. A copy of the now rare little book is in the Textbook Collection of the University of Texas Library.

Now our author spoke from experience; for, although when he reached Texas early in the 1830's he knew only enough about the Texas mustang to prophesy that in the future it might become "a valuable article of export," he soon bought one of his own—a small white one, newly broken in—and quickly learned the real facts of mustang life.

### HE LOSES NO TIME

The very first morning, for instance, he had his first lesson in mustang temperament—an experience which immediately "laid the axe at the root of all that conf-traveler loves to exercise towards his horse". He was trying to lead

dence and attachment which a it onto a ferry boat on the Brazos River when suddenly it "sprung at me like lightning, claring the ground entirely, and making a leap of about eight feet. I jumped aside and barely in time to avoid

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"Still gives me a headache, not to mention this hammering, that I didn't have a little 'common sense' and read that News. You'll never know you missed it til you've been thru what I have."



"Uncle Sam's Post Office Department says 'Mail Early', but I'm one of the dopes that don't read the News. I know it all, or thought I did, but this shopping grief has certainly converted me."



"Well, these sox, I could have, any time, reminded myself that these holey stockings would not hold candy for the kids by only looking in the News, but I knew it all. I'm going down right now and slip 'em a dollar, I just won't be as dumb again."



"Talk about a dope, I am the prize winner. Just when I ought to be ready to play with the kids, and say something a little decent to the Little Woman, here I am with 'Late Christmas Eve Shoppingitis.'" MERRY XMAS.

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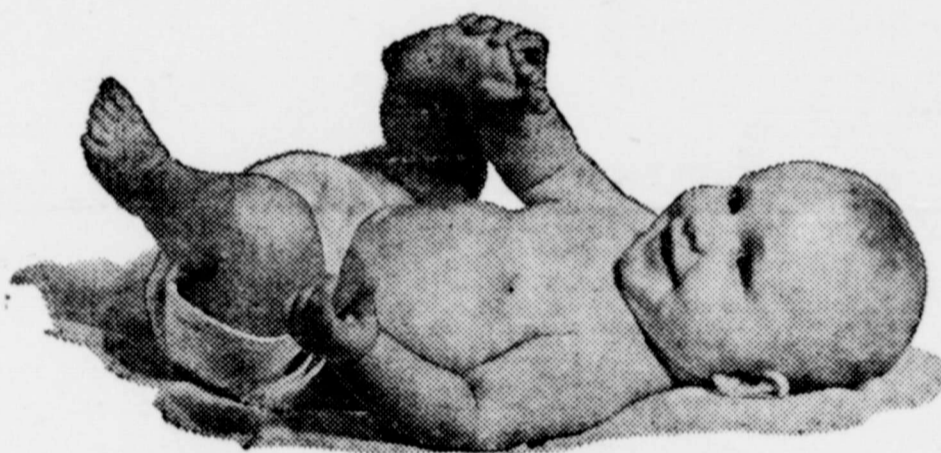
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THE  
CORYELL  
COUNTY **NEWS**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1942

# CORYELL COUNTY JAILS

By FRANK E. SIMMONS

## THE RED LOG JAIL

In so far as I have been able to locate evidence, in official records, a jail was the first public building owned by Coryell County.

At the special term of court June 2nd, 1855, Court appointed a committee consisting of J. L. Montgomery; Sam Friend; J. C. Russell; T. H. Robertson and J. A. Haynes, to draw plans for the erection of a serviceable jail.

September 27, 1855 J. H. Christman received \$984.00 for the erection of the first jail; and in addition for two extra jobs, totaling \$101.13 raised the total amount to \$1,085.13.

The walls were a double tier of post-oak logs, hewed and notched in, and keyed safely to their place with oak pins. Thousands of nails were driven into the logs to prevent prisoners from hewing their way out. There was no door in the bottom story. Prisoners were entered thru a trap door in the second floor. This bottom room was reserved for "tough characters". On the second floor there were two rooms, or cells, in which were placed the prisoners charged with minor offences as drunkenness, fighting, carousing, etc.

This old jail was several times violated by having cow thieves

forcibly removed by mobs, and hung to nearby oak trees. It continued in active use until 1876 when it was replaced by the jail that later became known as the "Old Rock Jail" J. R. Raty, Sheriff S. B. Raby, judge. The logs were hauled out to a farm, about two miles northeast of Gatesville, and one story of the building re-erected on the farm now owned by Mrs. Blanch Powell. At this time, 1941, this old log building is still standing there, a weather beaten, doughy, old relic of 1855. When I was there the building held some cottonseed and sorghum hay. To the south side had been attached a lean-to cow shed; covered with corrugated iron.

## THE OLD ROCK JAIL

The jail that followed the Red Log Jail in 1876, was a substantial rock building. At that time it was one of the best jails in central Texas. It had iron doors, and windows protected by heavy iron bars which were the despair of incarcerated criminals. It had living quarters for the sheriff on the lower front floor. The upper floor had several strong cells for the prisoners.

Many thrilling incidents characteristic of the rip roaring west occurred around this old jail, however it has one distinction. It never suffered the humiliation of having its prisoners removed by infuriated mobs, and hung to nearby post oak trees. One prisoner escaped but voluntarily returned and stood trial in the court, and was exonerated.

About the turn of the century a new jail was erected just off the

southwest corner of the square, facing Leon Street. At this time the old jail was abandoned and the new jail came into use. For many years the old jail was used by different parties as a place to store all sorts of goods. In 1937 it was razed and upon the lots was erected a modern business building. This jail stood on the lot one half block north of the Gatesville National Bank. The jail that stood off the southwest corner of the square was in turn torn down, and

Judge Robert W. Brown, upon his resignation as County Judge, in 1936, was able to report that the county now has one of the best small jails in Texas. It was in this jail that Sheriff W. W. Hollingsworth received a severe blow that was accidentally delivered from a friend while assisting the sheriff to bring a billigerant prisoner under control. Sheriff Hollingsworth's death later came as a result of this accident. The friend was Dr. Ralph Bailey.

## A HEROIC WOMAN

In selecting a few pictures to illustrate the times when the Old Rock Jail was in service for the place of incarceration of Coryell County's law violators we have adopted one by "ANNONYMOUS" which was published in the Coryell County News of June 11, 1937. That was the year the old jail, after standing for 61 years, was torn down.

The story follows:

(Continued on page Three)



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### CORYELL COUNTY JAILS

Tearing down the Old Jail brings back to mind the fact that it once held Powell and Leeper, Bill Babb, and many other early day outlaws, but it also brings back the memory of incidents that illustrate the code of the frontiersman, such as an incident which happened there 60 years ago this month.

The front part of the jail was used as a residence for the sheriff, and the jail was in the rear. It was usually full, and some of the men were rated as desperate characters. There was one man in particular, who had been accused of a very foul crime in an adjoining county, and had been brought here for safe keeping. It is around him that our story hinges.

Some of the men were in the run-around and Ben McClinton, the deputy sheriff, went in to feed them. They overpowered him, took his keys, and released the prisoners from their cells.

In the lower southeast room where Mrs. Ben Friend, the wife of the sheriff, an infant daughter only a few days old, and an old Negro woman. As soon as she heard the disturbance in the rear, and realized what had happened, Mrs. Friend hurried the Negro woman off for help. She then got out of bed, locked the front door, tossed the keys out the window, and returned to her room and sat down by the cradle of her baby. When the men saw their escape blocked by the iron door in front, they turned to her and demanded

that it be opened. She told them that their effort to escape would be useless for the alarm had already been given. For a few moments pandemonium prevailed, and then the so-called bad man stepped forth and said "Mrs. Friend we surrender to you" He then gave her the keys to the cells and hurried the others back into the jail. As the last one passed in he protested "You damn fool! Why didn't you knock that woman down and take those keys? You know she had them", He replied, "I would be in jail till I rotted before I would touch a woman".

And so a jail break was prevented because of the reverence that an outlaw had for a defenceless woman.

Another incident, strange, but true, which had its setting in the home of Ben Friend several years after he retired from the sheriff's office, and in which a cow thief and the same little girl that was an infant at the time of the attempted jail break, played conspicuous parts.

Mr. Friend's four-year term as sheriff had expired and the ex-sheriff had moved to his farm. His home was a double log, pioneer type house; hall between two main rooms, with shed rooms at the rear.

One evening in the late fall Mr. Friend was frolicking with his children before the open fireplace, when a stranger called at the front. Mr. Friend went to meet the man with the little girl on his shoulder, and a couple more of the children tagging to his trousers.

The gloomy, sullen man was invited in to spend the night. Mr. Friend, still playing with the children, tried to engage the man in conversation, but he would say very little, remaining sullen and gloomy. Supper was called, the stranger was invited to offer thanks. He refused, saying that he had very little to be thankful for in this life. Mr. Friend then offered thanks and asked that God's blessing be showered upon this stranger within his gates. After supper all gathered around the fireplace. The stranger still refusing to be led into conversation. At

bed time he was shown his bed, in one of the shed rooms.

Next morning Mr. Friend went to call the strange man to breakfast. He was gone. Journeyed forth in the blackness, and glooms, of the night, from the hospitality that had harbored him.

A few months later Mr. Friend received a letter, post marked, in a western town. The writer related that he was the man who had accepted his hospitality a few months before; and that his mission was to kill the former sheriff

for having gotten him convicted to the penitentiary while sheriff. He had intended to shoot Mr. Friend but feared he might injure the baby. He had seen the happiness manifested in his hosts family, and the fervent prayer for a wandering outcast, intent upon murder, struck to the core of his heart, and that the future did not seem nearly so dark as the night he had gone out into when he left the Friend home. His resolution to kill had left him and a resolution (Continued on page Six)



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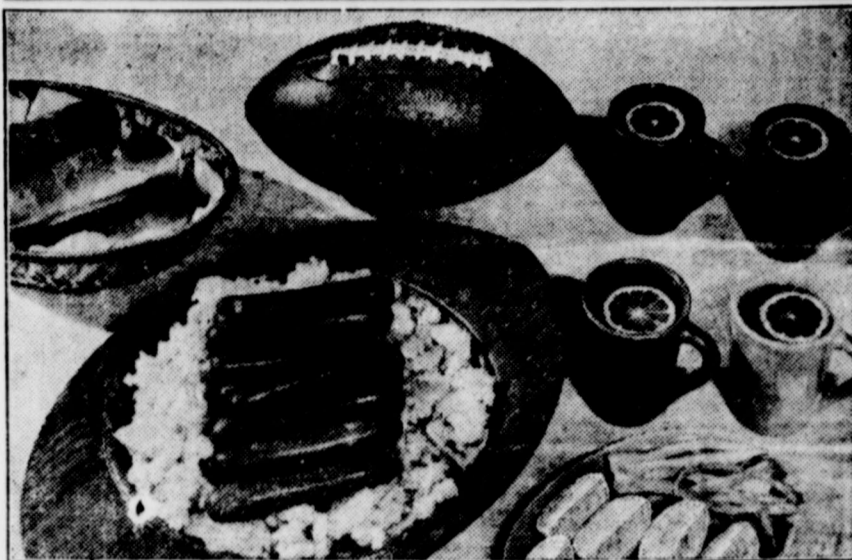
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## Buffet Service after the Game

By BETTY BARCLAY



After the game, cheers of delight over this buffet menu will re-echo those heard during the touchdown. It consists of Hot Potato Salad with Lemon Dressing, Weiners and Finger Rolls, Crisp Carrot Fingers, Hot Spiced Lemon Tea and Lemon Garnishes. Try it next time!

A smart hostess is one who is "first" with the season's entertainment. You can be included in this classification by simply planning ahead. As fall nears and school begins, football is undoubtedly among the chief items of conversation of young and old. Such universal interest acts as a barometer enabling hostesses to plan specific entertainment. Thus, the alert hostess leads the way to party success and is the envy of many.

Why not consider a football buffet for the first fall get-together at your home? Here's an ideal menu because it's quick and easy-to-serve the crowd after the game.

### Football Buffet Menu

- Hot Potato Salad with Lemon Dressing
- Weiners in Finger Rolls
- Crisp Carrot Sticks
- Gingerbread topped with Apple Sauce Whipped Cream
- Hot Spiced Lemon Tea

Lemons play an important role in this menu. The tart appetizing flavor of the juice in the dressing adds zip to the salad as well as aids in keeping the potatoes white. If you are not accustomed to using lemon juice in potato salad, try it soon and I'll wager one introduction will prove itself for the future. Potato salad is never just "potato salad" when lemon juice is among the tasty ingredients. Want the recipe?

**Hot Potato Salad with Lemon Dressing**  
 1/2 cup lemon juice  
 1/2 cup salad oil  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard  
 6 cups sliced hot potato  
 1 cup celery cubes  
 2 strips bacon, cut in squares  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Combine lemon juice, salad oil, sugar, eggs and mustard. Heat to boiling point beating continually to keep smooth. Pour over the hot potato. Add celery. Mix in the bacon squares which have been fried to a crisp, golden brown. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot. Serves 6 to 8.

In Hot Spiced Tea, add a touch of lemon juice and note the tangy goodness. For pep and pick-up after a rousing football game, this delightful beverage is just the thing to "fill the bill." Here it is:

**Hot Spiced Lemon Tea**  
 5 cups boiling water  
 6 teaspoons black tea  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup boiling water  
 6 tablespoons lemon juice  
 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
 Make tea by pouring the 5 cups boiling water over tea. Steep 5 minutes. Strain. Dissolve sugar in boiling water. Combine with remaining ingredients and add hot tea. Serve at once. Garnish with lemon slices. Serves 6.

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### CORYELL COUNTY JAILS

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In the early winter of 1889, it was Dec. 17, John T. Mattes, W. H. Harvey headed their wagon train out of Gatesville, over the Lampasas Road, for they lived many miles southwest of Gatesville in the Cowhouse River valley. They had been in Gatesville marketing cotton and purchasing winter supplies. The day was sunny and the slow moving wagon train lumbered across the undulating prairies that stretch from the Leon to the brushy hills that overlook the Cowhouse valley. They reached Hard Bargain mountain and slowly descended to the level prairies at the foot of the steep hills. They were nearing their homes.

Back on the road they had come over two horsemen were following them. At a side road, Bob Wells, who had been to his ranch, turned into the public road in time to contact the two horsemen. The men inquired to know how far ahead the wagon train was. After a brief conversation Mr. Wells told them to ride on, for he had frown apprehensive of the disposition of the two men. Mr. Wells sat there "ready to draw" until the men were at a safe distance, and then spurred toward Gatesville.

The two horsemen spurred on after the wagon train. They overtook it about two miles out in the Cowhouse valley and attempted to hold-up and rob the party. When one of them attempted to stop Mr. Matthes' team he struck them with the whip and caused the robber to be thrown into the fence. The man thereupon shot Mr. Matthes and drug him out of the wagon. In an attempt to make a small boy hand over his money, the boy refused, and it was apparent that Ed Powell was going to shoot him, but at that moment Mr. Harvey struck the robber a terrific blow with a bull whip. The robber then shot Mr. Harvey, wounding him severely. The bandits then mounted and rode back toward Gatesville. Mr. Matthes died about 36 hours later. The news of the murder spread rapidly. The next day Bob Wells identified Jim Leeper on the street. Mr. Matthes, before he died, had told the people that one of them had took a Mexican silver dollar off him. Jim Leeper had the silver dollar when arrested by sheriff John Lanham. Powell told the sheriff that Leeper would be found at the Buster place (Mr. Buster was reputed to be a very fine gentleman. He knew nothing of the affair until a posse arrived to arrest Ed Powell) Sheriff Lanham headed a posse, and arrested Powell. Within twenty-four hours of the robbery, Jim Leeper and Ed Powell were behind the rock walls and iron bars of the old rock jail.

An examining trial was had, and Ed Powell and Jim Leeper were

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charged with murder in the first degree. The case was set to be tried Feb. 16th, 1880. J. L. Crain, attorney for defense, made a motion for continuance of the case until the next term of court. The motion was overruled and the trial proceeded, in a heavily guarded court room, for it was feared that the enraged citizens would resort to mob action. The jury deliberated a short time and returned a verdict of "We the jury, find the defendants guilty of murder in the first degree, and assess the penalty at death."

A motion for a new trial was filed. It was denied. A notice of appeal was given. On May 24th, 1890 the Court of Criminal Appeals reaffirmed the decision of the trial court. A motion for arrest of judgement was filed in District Court in July 1881. It was denied.

On July 23rd, 1891, Jim Leeper and Ed Powell, stood before Judge C. K. Bell, in open court for the purpose of having sentence passed. Again the court was under heavy guard, to prevent mob action. The spectators were very tense as they waited for Judge Bell to pronounce sentence of death. "Jim Leeper, Ed Powell, is there anything you wish to say before sentence of death is passed upon you?" There was no response. "I sentence you to be hanged by the neck, at public execution, until you are dead."

Much conniving was done by J. L. Crane, to free his clients, or to stay execution. Attempts at bribery, slander, and false arrests, did not help the defense to accomplish their purpose, any more than

to influence Gov. J. S. Hogg, to stay execution until September 29th, 1891. On that day vast throngs gathered to witness the only official execution Coryell

County has ever had. Armed guards were again placed at all strategic points, to protect the prisoners from mob violence. At two o'clock Sheriff John Ham-

mack sprung the trap and the souls of two men were released to the keeping of eternity. The double scaffold, on which the men were hung, was erected at the rear of the jail.



## WISHING ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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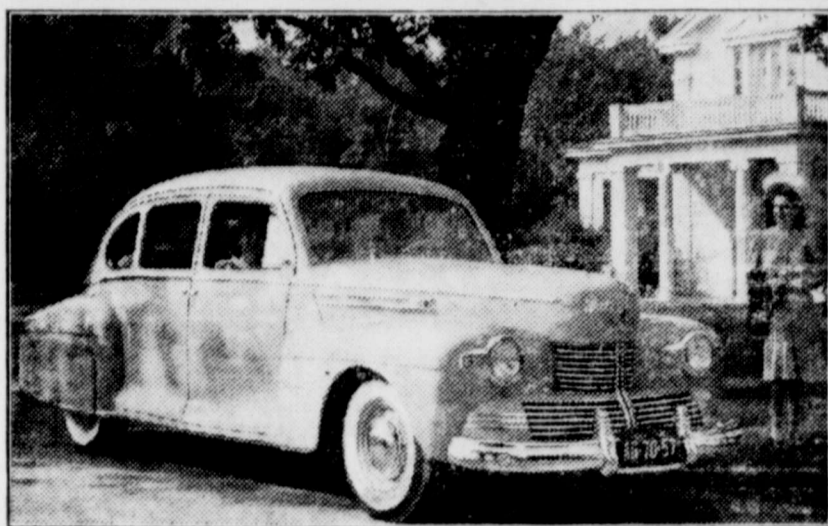
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Holding the ax over his head doesn't scare this turkey a bit! He was declared the Grand Champion of Texas at the State Fair, and he knows these San Antonio students at Texas State College for Women, Mary Ann Curlee, left, Audreen Southwell, and Jo Meree Ridgway, aren't going to chop his head off for anybody's Thanksgiving dinner. The W. T. Halls of Denton own the turkey the girls are threatening.

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Chapter One

A soft, smoky haze lay over the harbor of Gibraltar that early morning when the troopship "Somersetshire," carry Her Majesty's 23rd Royal Lancers, tied up at the dock and lay motionless in the bluish water with the massive Rock looming over her.

The gangplank fell with a whirl and a clank of chains, and Captain Gilbert Reed stepped briskly across it and aboard the ship, followed by a detachment of the men who had been posted under his command in the ancient town.

Captain Reed, a pleasant, mustached, easy-mannered soldier whose youthful face and flashing blue eyes belied his old veteran's air, presented his credentials to the regimental commander in the Orderly Room.

"Hello, Gilbert," said Colonel Blair, shaking hands warmly after the official salute had been exchanged. "Glad to have you back."

"And I'm glad to be back with the regiment. How's Mrs. Blair?"

"My wife's resting in her cabin. She's not much of a sailor—maybe that's why she married a soldier. By the way, Gilbert, I hear you're going to be married?"

"Yes, sir—to Lady Joan Anstruther, as soon as I settle down to my new duties in the War Office at London."

five years, and we're going to be married right after I land."

Withers, the cynic, laughed shortly. "A man that'd marry a girl he hasn't seen for five years would fall for the three-card trick."

For answer, Edrich took a step forward and swung, connecting with the fellow's chin. Withers went down with a crash, while his mates laughed and applauded. He barely had time to scramble to his feet, when the door was flung open and Captain Reed, followed by Sergeant Brough, strode in for kit inspection.

"Ship's Adjutant! 'Shun!" shouted the sergeant. "Stand to your kits!"

The men leaped to attention and stood beside their respective kits while Gilbert, accompanied by the rather pompous sergeant, went down the line. Gilbert, recognizing the unusual circumstances attending the voyage, was resolved to be lenient in his inspection; but the sergeant was as exacting as ever. When they reached young Trooper Smith, Brough noted an unseemly bulge in the trooper's coat, and a button undone. He reached inside and drew out a book.

"What's this?" rumbled the sergeant, opening it. "Looks Greek to me."

"I beg your pardon, sergeant," replied the boy coolly. "It is Greek."

"Silence!" roared Brough. "Take his name, corporal. Improperly

Manus

When turkey makes its first appearance and later is served cold, these garnishes and jellies help to "point" its flavor.

SPICED DRIED PEACHES

- 1 lb dried peaches
- 1-2 cup sugar
- 2 pieces ginger root
- 6 cloves
- 2 pieces cinnamon

Soak peaches overnight, remove skins, place in kettle with water in which they were soaked. Add spice, let simmer until nearly tender, add sugar, cook 5 minutes. Cool and serve.

CRANBERRY JELLY

- 1 quart cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 pint water

Boil 1 quart cranberries in 1 pint of water 20 minutes. Remove from fire and squeeze through a jelly bag. Add 2 cups sugar to the hot juice and boil 5 minutes. Let cool and cut in squares.

APPLE-CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 4 medium sized apples
- 1 quart cranberries
- 3 cups sugar

Put the cranberries and apples through food chopper, add sugar, stir well, and let mixture stand overnight.



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One day their paper said, "Mr. Kerkekogi, Siberian novelist, told our reporter yesterday that all men should walk on their hands and knees. He said that was the healthiest position for human beings."

When Robert read this, he thought, "So that is Mr. Kerkekogi's OPINION, is it? And what does a NOVELIST know about such things anyway? It sounds SILLY to me," and he went to his office ON THE BUS, as he always did.



But John accepted Mr. Kerkekogi's opinion as a FACT and when he got to his office, everybody laughed . . .

Don't think this is such a ridiculous happening. Many people have

confused fact and opinion before. It's a very human thing to do—but not SAFE in times like these.

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"Rolling home to dear old England!"

"Well," observed the Colonel, "It's high time—five years of overseas service is a long stretch."

The Somersetshire by this time was steaming northward again, homeward bound for England. All over the ship the feeling of excitement, the air of delightful expectancy, was increasing almost hourly. They were going home again—home to England after five long years of duty in India.

Below decks, in the men's quarters, as the troopers sat at their ease talking, reading, drinking ale or playing cards, the cheery chorus frequently was started in some part of the room and quickly swelled as the men joined in:

"Rolling home to dear old England,  
Rolling home across the sea."

But one youngster named Smith, a fair-haired boy of twenty-three or so, moped by himself in a corner and showed little interest in the happy event that impended.

"Cheer up, Smith," said Bulger, a plump, happy-go-lucky trooper. "Cheer up, we're going home!"

Smith shrugged his shoulders listlessly. Sitting beside him Trooper Binns, substantial-looking Yorkshireman, was fondly gazing at a photo of a woman and a small child.

"That's the wife and nipper," said Binns, proudly exhibiting the photograph. "He was born while I was in India. I can hardly wait to see him."

"Born while you was in India, eh?" jeered Withers, a somewhat sour-faced cockney soldier. "You never knows what women may be up to while you're away — eh, Binns?"

"What do you mean?" growled Binns.

"Yeah, what do you mean?" joined in a young corporal, Edrich. "My girl's been waiting for me for

dressed on parade and insolence to a superior officer!"

Down the corridor meanwhile a different ceremony was in progress. On the floor of the regimental hospital two convalescent troopers, Murphy and McAllister, were operating the British soldier's favorite gambling device, a Crown and Anchor board.

"Come on, lucky lads, lay it down thick and heavy! If you don't speculate you'll never accumulate!"

Unnoticed by the players, the hospital nurse entered—a slim, graceful girl whose gracious charm was only partly concealed by her business-like horn-rimmed spectacles.

"Murphy, put that board away!" commanded Nurse Harrison.

While the gambling enterpreneur was pleading for a few minutes' more play, Captain Reed and the sergeant burst noisily in on their rounds of inspection. Brough shouted, "Atten-shun!"

Anne Harrison turned furiously on him. "How dare you come shouting into my hospital, sergeant?" Then, turning to Gilbert: "Wouldn't it be possible, Captain, to restrain your Orderly Sergeant and not frighten the life out of my patients?"

"I apologize," returned Gilbert confidentially. "He frightens the life out of me, too!" Then his eye fell on the Crown and Anchor game. "I didn't know, Sergeant Brough, that Crown and Anchor was permitted in the hospital!"

Brough apoplectically confiscated the board and took the offenders' names, while Anne, deflated, stood by silently. Captain Reed then bowed gallantly and a bit sardonically.

"I think we've seen quite sufficient here. Thank you, nurse."

Anne glared at him, helpless to think of an adequate retort.

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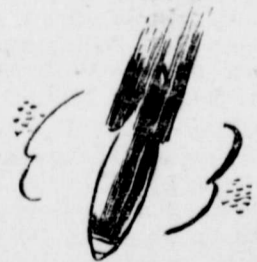
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terminated that is, in one sense: a rather sentimental one—that the friendly city is today the capital of the State of Texas.  
During the decade of Texas independence, Mexico repeatedly sent invading armies across the Rio Grande in attempts to resubjugate its old northern province, twice sacking San Antonio. One of these invasions, of March, 1842, was directed straight at Austin, the Republican capital since 1839; and the townspeople turned out in force to stem the enemy tide. It

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so consider several domestic uprisings which dot its early history. Because they produced no lasting, tangible effects which might serve as reminders of them, the majority have been almost completely forgotten; but one that hasn't been was the so-called Archive War of 1842.  
This long-remembered war probably the least bloody of all the wars recorded in the University of Texas Library's Texas Collection, was fought at a time when the civic honor of the town of Austin was sadly endangered and de-

was short work, and the Austinites returned jubilantly to their homes but only to discover that in their absence the government had been moved out of harm's way to the town of Houston.  
Thus in the summer of '42 Austin was threatened with absolute desertion. But one hope remained, for one government agency had not been moved away. That agency was the General Land Office, whose archives were more voluminous than those of any other branch of the government. And Austin determined to keep those

archives.  
For several months the situation did not greatly change. Once some messengers brought an order that the records be forwarded on, but they were so successfully denied that they became permanent residents of Austin. Then, in November, the seat of government was moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos, and late in December President Sam Houston, more determined to have his archives than ever before, dispatched a troop of soldiers to bring them from Austin.

It was early morning of December 29th when the word spread through Austin that the moment for action was at hand: the troops were packing the archives into wagons for the trip to Washington. So the townspeople gathered together once again, brought up some cannon, and early let fly at the soldiers just as they were about to leave.

The volley did little good for the civic cause, as it was deliberately aimed at the walls of the Land Office building and not at the troops; and did it great harm; as the wagons immediately fled out of town, archives and all. The citizens quickly mounted a company of volunteers for the pursuit, and the race was on.

The next morning, December 30, 1842, the citizens paraded back into town with the precious archives in their train, and the one-day "Archive War" had ended without the expenditure of a drop of blood—only a good deal of persuasive energy. No further attempt to steal away the Land Office was hazarded, and in 1845 the rest of the government moved back to the friendly city—in resignation, perhaps and has remained there ever since.

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**SMITHWICK'S NOTES  
ON COMANCHE LIFE**

"Taking them all around they were the most peaceable community I ever lived in."

Regular readers of this column, remembering the stories recently retold here of the Council House Fight in San Antonio and the great Indian Invasion of 1940, may be surprised to learn it, but the testimonial quoted above—the testimonial of a respected white man—refers to the same Comanche tribes of old Texas who played so prominent a part in those bloody events.

The witness was old Noah Smithwick, author of a book of memoirs called "The Evolutions of a State" which is one of the most human and most popular in the Texas Collection of the University of Texas Library. And Smithwick ought to have known whereof he spoke, for in 1837—"putting my life into hands red with the blood of my race," as he said—he visited the Comanches of Central Texas for three months as a Texas peace Commissioner.

During his stay Smithwick naturally learned much of the ways of



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Comanche life, and the more he learned the nearer he came to a true understanding of the nature of the inevitable struggle between his people and the Indians. He saw clearly that it was a struggle for subsistence by the Indians against white men whom they thought of among themselves—lived according to a religion, a rigid set of common laws, and a tradition of communal cooperation that are seldom understood and appreciated by us moderns.  
Besides, Smithwick found, the infuriating Comanches had many lit-

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as poachers on their inherited property and ruthless destroyers of their God-given herds. He gave that point of view perfectly in the words of an old chieftain.

"We have set up our lodges in these groves and swung our children from these boughs from time immemorial," the old chief said. "When game beats away from us we pull down our lodges and move away, leaving no trace to frighten it, and in a little while it comes back. But the white man comes and cuts down the trees, building houses and fences, and the buffaloes get frightened and leave and never come back, and the Indians are left to starve, or, if we follow the game, we trespass on the hunting ground of other tribes and wars ensue."

Against these white men, therefore, the Indian fought with every weapon and with every bit of cunning he could command so that he and his people might survive. But in his own tribe, he was as good a citizen as you could find, according to Smithwick. For the Comanches lived together at peace

the human habits to which his own people were, and are, devoted. For instance, he wrote, whenever neighboring tribes got together for a friendly visit a tremendous "bull session" soon developed at which all of the braves swapped lies most seriously. Quaintly enough, too, the warriors of different tribes often insisted on carrying on these sessions in the sign language, "not seeming to understand each other's language at all, though it all sound See SIDE GLANCES page 5

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ed the same to me."  
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**AMES NEWS**

(Mrs. Byrom Coward, cors.)

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter and daughter, Sarah Ann, were Waco visitors over the week end. Mrs. Hunter is under treatment of a doctor in that city.

Mr. Jack Lipsey left Monday for Dallas for final examination for the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Curtis Holcomb and young son, hCarles, of Port Arthur are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, during the holiday season.

Mrs. Glen Hinson, who has been confined to her bed for the last few weeks, is able to be up again.

J. L. Coward was a business visitor to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Visitors in the J. L. Coward home Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coward and daughter, Lolietta, of the Ater community.

Guests in the C. P. Lilejblad home during the holidays are, Mrs. Ben Waller and daughter, Sandra, of Port Arthur.

Mr. Alvin Casey of Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Wendeborn of Gatesville, were guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Casey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver and son, Jerry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lilljedahl of Gatesville Sunday.

Rev. Claydene Patterson of Baylor University was a guest of his parents over the week end.

**MORRIS FEDERATION EMPTIES TREASURY FOR WAR RELIEF**

Determined to face the facts of this war frankly, the Morris Federation members in a call meeting voted unanimously to dispense with their Christmas Open House social and to give their entire club funds, seventy-five (75) dollars, to war relief. The members felt that the best way for them to keep up their morale was not in spending time and money for festivities and personal enjoyment, but in busying themselves with plans and work for the common safety of us all.

Using the terms of the radio slogan, they wanted to put their dollars into guns and their dimes into bullets. They realized that every American citizen must either FIGHT or WORK and GIVE towards a speedy, complete victory. Their philosophy is to HOPE for the best and PREPARE for the worse.

These women, some wives of World War soldiers and many of them mothers of boys in this war, know that financial sacrifice is a mere nothing compared to the things the fighting men have to give up, many their lives.

William Percy in writing of his experiences on the front in the World War gives an account of his taking important instruction to the cross-roads for a lieutenant who was to pass that way. As he walked along, all was quiet except for

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the continuous spattering of shells like hail stones upon the road. Stewn along the way were the bodies of fallen comrades. Percy says it seems almost unbelievable but there in the cross-roads in the midst of those torn and broken bodies and the thickly falling shells sat one lone soldier with a telephone across his lap. When Percy commended him for his courage, the youth answered, "Somebody had to do it".

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Mrs. Charlie Kemp and Mrs. Doc Hodges were Waco visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hailey, and a friend of Arrow Rock, Missouri were visitors at the News office Wednesday. Mr. Hailey, now a farmer, was formerly a salesman for Carpenter Paper Co., of Ft. Worth.

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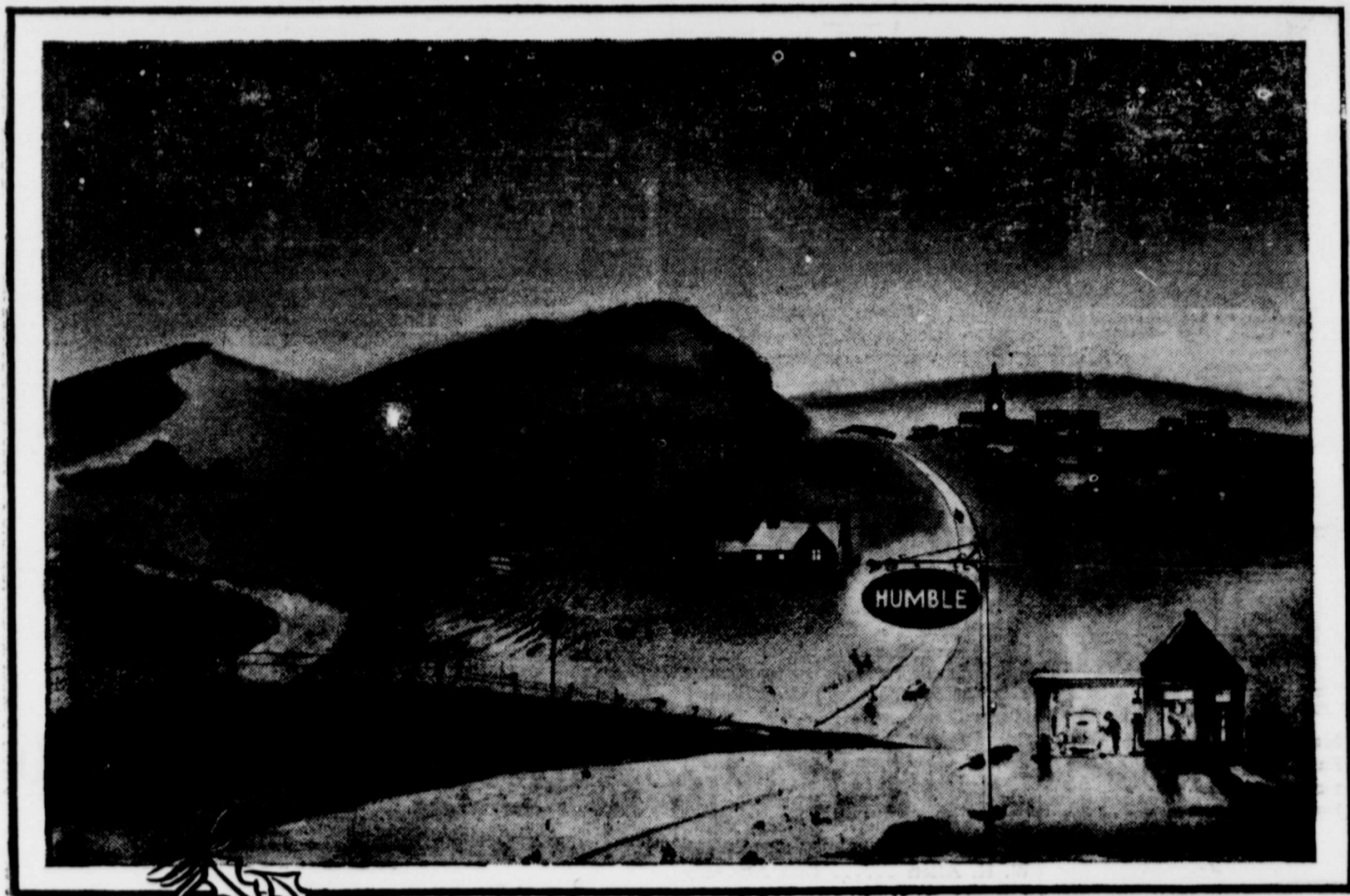
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—v—  
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 Dearest Santa Claus:  
 I am a little girl two years old.

I want a little straight chair and some tin dishes.

Your little friend,  
 Mary Lou Brookshire

—v—  
 Tama Star Rt. Gatesville, Texas  
 Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old. I have been real good. Please bring me a pair of chaps, a football, and a bicycle.

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—v—  
 Bro. and Mrs. Keener of Brown's Creek spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Landrum. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kokel visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kokel one day last week.

J. W. Yancy is expected home Saturday from John Tarleton College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Bayne Dyer and family of Spring Hill visited his cousin, Truman Clem, last week.

Joe and Bob Bland spent Sunday with their brother, Claud Bland, of Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Allman is with their son, Norris Allman, who is ill in the Marlin hospital.

Richard Gentry and wife spent the week end in Brownwood with Mr. Gentry's sister, Lt. and Mrs. Ross Putty.

Trammell Clem and family of Bruceville and sisters, Mrs. Leon Reece and John Crouch, of Killeen spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Joe Clem. Mrs. Clem returned to Bruceville to spend the winter with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Beverly and children, Carroll Beverly of Gatesville, Mrs. Josephine Boyer of Waco, Mesdames Lorena Baker and Evelyn Pressler of Austin spent Sunday with Roy and Jake Beverly of Brownwood.

**Leon Junction**

—v—  
 A birthday dinner in honor of Mr. George Ashby on his 70th birthday was given. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brinkley and Aubrey Lee of Lime City, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Green and children of Oglesby, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and children, Mrs. Cecil Payne and son, Mrs. Billy Ward of Coryell City, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hale and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Nerman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. eVster Ashby and son, Mr. Bay Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hinesley and daughter of Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Van and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Van spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cummings and family of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hodge and son visited Mrs. Dora Sutton Sunday.

**OBITUARY**

**CASTER, MRS. DON FAY**

Mrs. Don Fay Caster, age 28, passed away at the Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Tuesday, December 15, after a short illness. At the time she was stricken she was a teacher in the Pleasant Grove School in Dallas county. She was the only child of our former citizens, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Shults, now of Irving, Texas, and was the wife of J. F. Caster, also of Irving.

She was buried in the Friendship cemetery in this county Wednesday afternoon. Here also rests her grandfather and grandmother, J. M. Shults and wife.

Don Fay spent the early part of her life with her parents in the Spring Hill community; she attended Gatesville High School in 1925. Upon her parents taking up their school work in Dallas county, she attended the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, receiving her degree from that college; and then entered the teaching profession. Don Fay was known among her friends in Gatesville, Spring Hill and Friendship communities to be a girl of high Christian character, of culture, of lovely disposition, and as one whom her native county was proud.

Mrs. Caster is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shults; her husband, J. F. Caster; one son, Robert Wm. Caster, all of Irving, Texas; and a number of aunts and uncles.

**Covettes Win Over Pearl Dragons In "Maple" Contest**

—v—  
 It was close, that is, 19-18. That was the game Tuesday night when the Copperas Covettes played the Pearl Dragonettes at Copperas Cove.

During the entire contest, there was never more than 2 points difference, and with seconds to go, Pearl was leading by a 18-17 margin, when Emily Luker for the Covettes threw two free ones, sewing up the game.

Doris Murphy lead the CC scoring, followed closely by Luker, Fetner, Clay and Medart scored for the Dragonettes.

**COVE BOYS WIN, TOO**

In the second, Cove's Bulldogs won over the Dragons by a 19-17 count.

Smith and Fetner turning in nice games for the visitors and Auldridge and Adams starred for the



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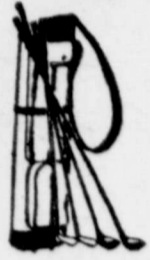
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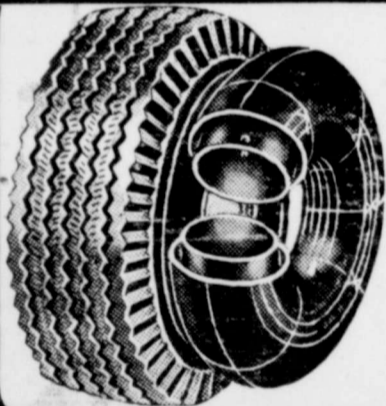
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### TOPSEY HD CLUB

Mrs. Buster Krempin was hostess to the Club on Wednesday evening, December 10. There were eight members present. Visitors were Mrs. E. W. Krempin and daughter, Minnie, Mrs. Jeff Durham, Mrs. Barney Carroll and Mrs. Tom Rhegan.

The Christmas program will be December 22 at the school house. Refreshments were served and Mrs. W. V. McBride will be the next hostess on January 7.—Reporter, Mrs. H. A. Simpson.



### COUNTY OFFICIALS

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THE NEWS



**SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT KING BAPTIST CHURCH**

There will be a special service at King Baptist Church Tuesday night, December 23, with the Rev. A. Loper of Gatesville doing the preaching.

**Ewing**

Mrs. Walter Wiggins, cors.

Rev. Warren Stowe filled his first regular appointment at Bethel the second Sunday. The fourth Sunday will be the next regular

church day.

A Christmas pageant was given by the pupils of the school Friday afternoon. After the program, the Christmas tree, which was beautifully decorated and loaded with gifts, was enjoyed by all. School was dismissed for the holidays and will begin again on December 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Worthington and son, Jackie, have returned from O'Donnell, where Mr. Worthington has been working.

Mrs. Albert Blanchard has returned from a Waco hospital after having an operation on one of her eyes. She returned to Waco Friday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coyle of Mound spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Blanchard.

Mr. Frank Blanchard is on the sick list.

Mr. Johnnie Spence, a former resident of this community, was buried in the Cummings cemetery Friday afternoon. Mr. Spence, who was a World War veteran, died in the Veterans' Hospital at Kerrville, and was buried with Military Honors. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his passing, besides a number of other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Patterson of Eden attended the funeral of Mr. Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Worthington are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Worthington and family attended the Christmas tree and program at The Grove Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Blanchard and children attended the Christmas tree and program at Mound Friday afternoon.

**Schley**

Mrs. Jim Alford, Cors.

The program and Christmas tree at the school house Friday after-

noon was well attended by the patrons.

Mr. Scott of near Gatesville has been moving some of his feed to the Chatham place, where they are

going to move. We all welcome the Scott family to Schley.

Mrs. Mabel Gardner was a caller of Mrs. Jim Alford Thursday.

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**Million Red Cross Volunteers Aid Defense Program**

Washington, D. C.—Behind the front lines of U. S. defenses more than 1,200,000 Red Cross volunteers are on the job — making surgical dressings, knitting sweaters and giving comfort articles, learning the rudiments of emergency mass feeding and scores of other duties in an all-out effort for national defense.

The largest defense task now being undertaken by Red Cross volunteers is the production of 40,000,000 surgical dressings for the Army and Navy, according to Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, national director of Volunteer Special Services. The undertaking came to the Red Cross at the request of the surgeons general of the Army and Navy when a survey revealed commercial manufacturers could provide only ten per cent of the surgical dressings needed.

Home Service volunteers and Gray Ladies, whose duties are directly concerned with the man in uniform also are expanding their programs, Mrs. Davis said.

As a preparedness measure, thousands of women throughout the country are learning mass feeding and nutrition as members of the Red Cross Canteen Corps. Added thousands are being trained in the Motor Corps to serve as emergency drivers.



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**WITH THE COLORS**



Here's a letter from Milton (Hoots) Derrick, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Derrick of Jonesboro who is in the Coast Guard, now a part of the Navy, stationed near Rockland, Maine.

"Sunday Morning Hello Folks: How are you all? I am O. K. We are still patrolling the Rock-hand harbor. They work in 24 hour shifts, and change shifts every day at 2 p. m. Yes, 24 hours without any sleep at all. Then come back here for a 4 hour watch that night, then back on patrol the next afternoon. So you see there is not much sleeping or rest here now.

We haven't had any action yet, but can't tell. We might get some any time now. I was on patrol Friday night and came back yesterday and I had a watch last nite and am going on patrol again to-night. It is really cold here, too. You are really proud and glad to get into some wool long-handles. The temperature gets up to about 10 during the day here and down about 10 below in the late afternoon til the next morning. So you see it is rather cool here.

I am going ice skating next liberty. (Same as going to town). The skating pond opened about two weeks ago and I am buying some skates and am going to show these "Maine-lacs" up here how to skate —bet that ice is hard when you fall on!

We patrol in the lifeboat and it don't have any heat of any kind on it. All the heat in it is from the engine and that is very little. We go out for a run and the spray

freezes before it hits the boat again. That is pretty cold when the salt water freezes before it comes back up to the boat.

Well, I guess I'd better close and get some rest before I go on patrol.

Love to all, HOOTS."

From A. C. Bates Jr., at Fort Clayton, Panama C.Z., he writes saying beyond a doubt they'd see action there but they were well prepared.



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ton. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mahan, Pearl School Children. \$5.02.

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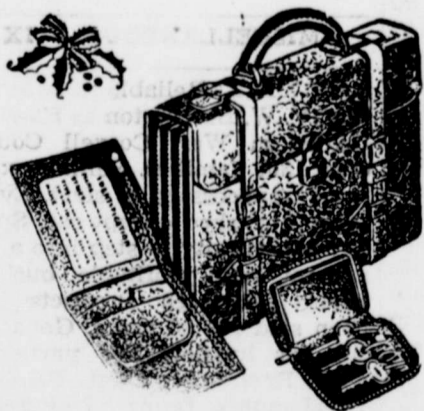
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**Miss Pattillo and  
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Of interest to many people in this county is the marriage of Miss Martha Jean Pattillo, daughter of Mrs. Milton Pattillo of Denton, formerly of Gatesville, and Lieutenant Dave H. Culberson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave H. Culberson Sr. of Gatesville, which took place Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Methodist Church at Phoenix, Arizona, with Dr. R. L. Merrill officiating.

The bride wore a lovely green costume suit, trimmed with a red fox collar, and her accessories were sherry. She carried a white Bible, belonging to her cousin, Mrs. Sherrill Kendrick, of Gatesville.

Mrs. Culberson Jr. was graduated from Gatesville High school and attended Texas State College for Women in Denton the past two years. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. R. L. Suggs and niece of Mrs. J. P. Kendrick and Miss Lula Suggs, all of Gatesville.

Lieut. Culberson was also graduated from Gatesville High school and attended Texas University at Austin before enlisting in the Army Air Corps. He received ten weeks' preliminary flight training at Moffett Field, California; and December 12 he was made an air instructor at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, where he received his "wings" and commission as second lieutenant.

The couple are residing in Phoenix at the present.

**Nancy Beth Ray Is  
Complimented On  
Fourth Birthday**

Complimenting her daughter, Nancy Beth, on her fourth birthday anniversary, Mrs. A. T. Ray Jr. entertained with a party for a group of youngsters at her home near Gatesville Friday afternoon.

After two games had been played, the hostess served hot chocolate, cookies and gum drops, and gave each little guest a peppermint candy cane and a balloon.

The following children shared the courtesy with the honoree: Martha Fay O'Neal, Gale, Terry, and Earil O'Brien, Bobby Arnold Jr., Wayne Browning, Patsy Potts, Charles and Joyce Rogers, David Kendrick and Alfred Ray.

**Yule Fete Tendered  
Local Business and  
Professional Women**

One of the most delightful affairs of the yuletide was the dinner given members of the Business and Professional Women's Club at Peyton's Cafe Thursday evening of last week. The table was centered with a Christmas scene on a reflector, at either side of which were small logs holding red candles. A bowl of red striped peppermint candy in the shape of canes was at either end of the table.

Mrs. Mabel Gardner, the president, read one of Edgar A. Guest's poems as the invocation after the group had sung a Christmas carol, accompanied at the piano by Miss Carolyn Williams.

The menu consisted of turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, English peas, fruit salad, rolls, pecan pie and coffee.

After the dinner, the group went to the home of Mrs. Gardner, where they played several games and exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree. In attendance were the following members: Mesdames Lucille Brown, Frances Cooper, Verona O'Neal, Pearl White, Noma Hodson, Ollie Little, Mabel Balch, Elizabeth Pancake, Mabel Gardner, and Misses Sidney Gibson, Ozella Hargis, Laura Tharp of Oglesby, Pearl Scarlett, Thelma McGilvray, Maude Alyce Painter, Bess Holmes, and Carolyn Williams.

**Annual Dinner For  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
Is Canceled**

Plans for the annual Christmas dinner for the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, which was scheduled for Monday, December 15, were canceled because of the existent world conditions.

For the same reason the Faculty Club party which was to have been held Tuesday evening was canceled.

**Mr. and Mrs. Allen  
Barton Honored At  
Shower Thursday**

Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. Spud Brown were co-hostesses Thursday evening in the home of the former when they entertained with a miscellaneous shower in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barton.

After the guests had registered, they played several games, directed by Mrs. Dossey Barton. The bride and bridegroom found their gifts, given to them on the installment plan, hidden different places over the rooms.

Refreshments, consisting of cookies and punch, were served. Plate favors were small candy Santa Clauses.

The honored couple, who were married recently, are at home in their apartment on East Main street in Gatesville.

**Cooper Company Employees  
Entertained At Annual  
Christmas Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laird were host and hostess to the employees of the Cooper Grocery Company when they entertained with the annual Christmas dinner in their home on East Leon Street Thursday evening, December 11.

The table in the dining room was centered with a bowl of fruit, and on the buffet were large white chrysanthemums. The dinner, which consisted of baked ham, turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, individual congealed salad, hot rolls, pickles, olives, pecan pie, and coffee, was served buffet style.

After gifts had been exchanged from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, the guests participated in games of 42.

Attending were the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Jess Hill of Waco, Ben Shelton, Clifford Clements, J. F. Sellers, Virgil Rayburn, Garland Sydow, Clarence Barton, James Bullington, and the host and hostess.

**Christmas Party Given  
Coterie Bridge Club  
At Sellers Home**

Mrs. J. F. Sellers was hostess to members and guests of the Coterie Bridge Club when she entertained with the Christmas party Thursday afternoon in her home on Pleasant street. The dining room table, which was laid with a lace cloth, had as its centerpiece an arrangement of varicolored berries and leaves on a reflector and was flanked by red tapers in crystal holders. Fall flowers, red berries and leaves also adorned the reception rooms throughout.

After the high score award had been presented Mrs. Louis Neuman and the guest prize to Mrs. B. K. Cooper, the hostess served delicious fruit cake, topped with whipped cream, and coffee. Plate favors were air-spun mints in red cellophane paper.

At the conclusion guests exchanged gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Attending were the following: Mesdames J. W. Laird, B. K. Cooper, Robert Scott, Wade Sadler, Ray Ealy, Earl Heath, Tal McCown, Louis Neuman, Ray Scruggs Joe Bradford, Howard Franks and P. M. Browning.

Mrs. J. B. Williams of Childersburg, Alabama has been visiting here with relatives.

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## Society

### Alvis Home Is Scene Of Luncheon For Bridge Club

The C. E. Alvis Jr. home on College Street was the scene of a lovely affair last week when Mrs. Alvis entertained members of her Contract Club with a luncheon Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

A color scheme of blue and silver was featured in all decorations and other appointments. In the dining room the lace-laid table was centered with a blue bowl filled with silver acorns and pine burrs with silver berries and leaves encircling the bowl. At either end of the table were small blue Christmas trees flanked by white tapers in crystal holders. Silver services and blue dishes were used.

Served buffet style, the menu

consisted of tomato juice cocktail with crackers, baked ham slices with raisin sauce, vegetable casserole, pineapple and cream cheese salad with cranberry Xmas trees, hot buttered biscuits, pickles, olives, hot tea and hot date pudding with whipped cream, topped with a stuffed date.

After the luncheon, the guests participated in a series of contract games in which Mrs. E. W. Jones Jr. and Mrs. Crawford Scott were the high and second high score prize winners, respectively. Other players were, Mesdames Jim J. Brown, John Thomas Brown, Pete Greville, Kermit Jones, Bill Nesbitt, Sherrill Kendrick, Elworth Lowrey, Pete McIver, Billie McMordie, Charles Powell, Madison Pruitt, Rosser Sanders, Johnnie Washburn, and Floyd Zeigler.

Christmas decorations also adorned the living room. Hanging from the mantel was a silver pine spray with red ribbon streamers, and at either side were the red tapers. Each of the four tables was centered with a small blue Christmas tree.

### Mesdames Young, Johnson And Prewitt Are Joint Hostesses At Party

A beautifully appointed party was given Friday evening in the lovely home of Mrs. Willie D. Young on North Lutterloh avenue when Mrs. I. F. Johnson Sr., Mrs. J. M. Prewitt and Mrs. Young were joint hostesses to a large group of friends. Adorning the home throughout were mistletoe, holly and red candles.

Others in the houseparty besides the hostesses were, Mesdames I. F. Johnson Jr., H. J. Jackson, Lou Hatter, Harry Flentge, and Pat Holt. After the guests had arrived, little Charles Dickie entered and told them that Santa Claus was there. They were ushers to the garage, which was beautifully decorated. There Santa Claus presented each guest a gift from the Christmas tree.

The group then went to the living room, where five tables were arranged for the games of 84. At the conclusion, a delicious refreshment plate, holding creamed turkey in patty shells, buttered sandwiches, candied apples, gherkins, mints and coffee was served. Another course of whipped jello and cake, was served. A plate with three kinds of cake, fresh coconut, pound and fruit, centered the tables.

Friends who shared the affair were: Messrs. and Mesdames D. D. McCoy, Leake Ayres, Emmett Stewart, R. G. Dickie, H. S. Compton, Jeff Bates, L. K. Thomson, John Burleson, Hurl McClellan, J. D. English, E. W. Brooks R. W. Ward, Harry Flentge, and Mesdames Mettie Bloodworth, Ethel Ford, T. M. Davidson, Pearl White, Blanch Powell, Dan McClellan and Judge and Mrs. R. B. Cross, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Lowrey, Miss Nona Diltz, and members of the houseparty.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whisenhunt of Fort Worth are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Jan Jones, who attends SHSTC in Huntsville, and Bryan Jones, student at Texas University in Austin, are visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Lieut. and Mrs. Dean B. Jones of Camp Wolters have left their home in Weatherford for Washington, D. C., where Lieut. Jones has been ordered for special instruction in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army.

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Jimmie McClellan, student at Rice Institute in Houston, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClellan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McCombs and children of Dallas visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Woodall of Hamilton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodall in this city.

Miss Gladys Marie Phillips and C. H. Wallace Jr., students at SHSTC in Huntsville, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Humes and children of Lamesa are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson Jr. spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Ben Owen Crow, student at N TAC in Arlington, Mrs. Peyton Morgan and daughter, Agnes Ann, of Fort Worth are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Crow. Mrs. Morgan will be joined Christmas by her husband, who will spend the holidays here.

Members of the Sine Cera Club of John Tarleton College have pledged themselves one hundred

per cent to perform any task assigned to them in defense of our country in its present struggle. Miss Adeline Powell of Gatesville is a member of the club.

Mrs. J. S. Payne, Mrs. J. T. Barker of Dallas and Mrs. W. W. Harwell of Naples were guests in the home of Mr and Mrs. J. O. Brown Friday. Mrs. Harwell remained for a longer visit with her sister, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. F. J. Battle left Sunday morning for Denison, where she is spending the holidays with her son, Frank Battle.

Mrs. E. B. McMordie, Mr. and R. B. Johnston left Saturday morning to spend the holiday season in Orlando, Florida with Lieut and Mrs. T. H. Gordon.

Rev. and Mrs. George Pearce Jr. of Shreveport, La. arrived Monday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira V. Younger and daughter of Vernon are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Er-cell W. Brooks.

Mrs. E. E. Britain and Miss Ruth Britain are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Port Arthur.

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The plan of attack was so similar to that used by Hitler in all his aggressive moves that there can be no doubt but that it was "Made in Berlin". However, our Government, never seeking to give anyone reasonable cause for action against us, ignored the obvious Nazi inspiration of this attack and simply recognized the existence of a state of war with the Japanese

Government. Not until Germany and Italy, of their own volition, declared war on the United States did our Government take any action affecting these nations. But after they declared war on us, there was no hesitation on the part of America. The President and the Congress acted promptly and with the greatest unanimity that has ever characterized a Declaration of War against a major power. Only one vote, that of Miss Jenette Rankin of Montana, was cast against the Japanese declaration and not a single vote in either House was cast against the German and Italian Declarations. In 1917 fifty six members voted against the declaration of war against Germany. This time everyone realizes that we are indeed fighting a defensive war—that is a war for the defense of our Country; but no one should misunderstand; this does not mean that we will sit at home and let the enemy fly over our cities, and confine ourselves to merely shooting down such of his attacking planes and ships as we can—No, we all know that the best defense is a strong offense, and America will hunt the murderers down wherever they can be found and utterly destroy them and their ability to repeat this sort of thing. America did not fire the first shot, but, with the help of God, we are going to fire the last one.

Nor are we going to allow the Japs to act as a decoy to lead us away from the fountainhead of the trouble. Hitler has long sought to divert American attention from the North Atlantic and Europe. He has encouraged the Jap attack in an effort to induce America to withdraw our fleet from the Atlantic and to prevent the flow of supplies to Britain and Russia. We

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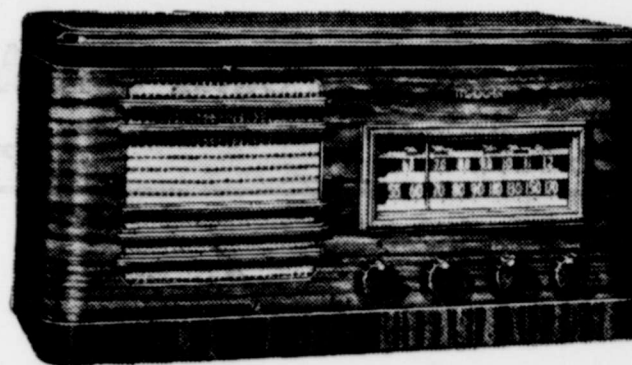
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**POAGE LETTER—**

must not play Hitler's game. We must recognize that we are indeed engaged in a World War and that there can be no victory until Hitler and his Nazi war machine is destroyed. We can and will destroy these forces of evil, in Eu-

rope as well as in Asia. We can and will write a just peace that will make impossible a new outbreak of these aggressors. But to do so we must have unity at home. We are now fighting a two front war. Let us not open up a third and more dangerous front at home. I know that all of you today are

wanting more details of the result at Pearl Harbor (you probably will have them before you get this letter). I would like more details myself, but I believe the President when he says that we will get all the news just as fast as it is verified—so long as it will not be helpful to our enemies. Today Japan would doubtless give a battleship to know just what injury had been done to our fleet. So long as Japan does not know she can not exploit the results of our losses. Why should we make Japan a present of this priceless information? And even more important, why should we go to fighting among ourselves about the blame for the losses at Hawaii? We know that the Japs, with Hitler behind them, are to blame. Isn't that about all the blame we need to fix just now? There will be plenty of time to discover if any of our own officials have been negligent. If there is any negligence, it should be handled by our Commander-in-Chief. You can't win a war if it is to be commanded by town meetings. By the use of a foul the other team has scored on us. A number of our players have been injured. I don't know how many. Possibly our Quarterback (Hawaiian Commander) called the wrong play—I don't know. But I do know that we have a great coach (our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt). If there is any blame to place; if a substitution is to be made, I had rather trust him to make it than to leave it up to the public in the grandstand who can not be informed of what did happen except through loud speakers, that will at the same time tell the enemy all about it.

Congress could not conduct an investigation, as some have so thoughtlessly asked without both giving valuable information to the enemy and creating dissension and discord at home. We must avoid these things. They are exactly what Hitler and the Japs want. The Secretary of the Navy is in Hawaii to investigate. He is on the ground. Congress can not be. America is at War. We must quit grumbling and take set-backs as well as successes in stride. The UNITED States can defeat the Dictators. A disunited nation will be destroyed. It may take a long time and a hard fight, but our united people will win.

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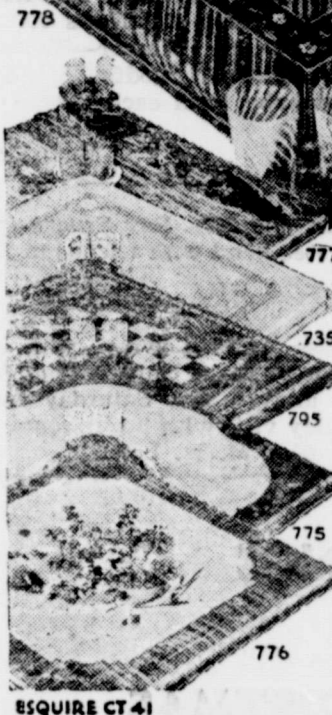
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**BETWEEN BOTTLES**



Mat and Joe's "Ghost Writer"

Me'n Joe, just got to thinking it over, and we decided if we can mooch enough space off the Old Bird, we'll write our ticket for a Merry Christmas.

Mine 'n Joe's idea is this, two or three old tin cans or buckets, (noise makers that we can throw) a glass of ice cream, topped by one cherry (usually from next door), seeing the Christmas Light in town and riding around in the car. Of course, all this sandwiched in between a bottle or so, for me, at least a "night cap" and an "eye opener", but Joe, be'in's he's just a little boy, he wants one about every three or four hours, and sometimes in between.

We don't take much in this Santa Claus gag, so far, we just don't get it, and Santa Claus looks more like a scared old man who scares us little men, than anything. Then, we believe he'll grow on us, and before long, we'll be all-out for Old Santa.

Well, we could go on like this indefinitely, but the main thing we wanted to get into print about was, that we'd not like to miss this Christmas Edition, and the main-ist thing of all, we wanted to extend A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BIG OLD HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN CORYELL COUNTY, AND AN ESPECIAL GREETING TO THE 1942 STORK DERBY WINNER THAT'LL BE HERE SOON. Watch the News for this Stork Derby Winner—it's what you might call "godfather" to the First baby born each year.

Merrily,  
Mat'n Joe

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Struggs spent the wee kend with friends in Ranger.

Miss Anita Lowrey, who is a senior at Texas University at Austin, arrived last Saturday for a holiday visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Lowrey.

**SPORT SCRAPS**

By JONES



Wonder if the boys from Brooklyn don't call it Poil Harbor?

Class A: Temple 19, Lamar 0; Wichita Falls 14, Sunset of Dallas 0.

That leaves Temple and Wichita Falls in the finals, which will be played in Fort Worth. Anybody got any tickets?

Basketball has taken a plunge, since the Christmas season has started, but we will have one femme game this week end when GHS Hornettes meet Mesquite girls and this should be a battle of Amazons. Both are usually close to the top in their six-girl game. It's Saturday night.

Well, who wants sports, anyway, when the greatest sport in the world will be here sometime Wednesday night. Santa Claus!

Miss Betty Jane Sadler, student at TCU in Fort Worth, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Henry Sadler, and other relatives and friends.

Harry Voss of Jonesboro, accompanied by his brother, Albert Voss, of St. Louis, Missouri, spent the latter part of the week in Big Lake, where they visited their sister, Mrs. C. E. Springston, and family.

C. E. Alvis Jr. made a business trip to Austin last Thursday.

Jack Reesing, who is a student at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., and Miss Frances Reesing, a student at Baylor University in Waco, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Reesing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson of

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with RUDY VALLEE

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AND  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**MRS. BESSIE BRAZIEL**  
COUNTY TREASURER



**LEAIRD'S IS JUST A BIT BUSY  
HELPING CORYELL COUNTY  
GET THAT LAST MINUTE  
CHRISTMAS GIFT**

**But, We're Extending Christmas  
Greetings to Everyone!**

**Leaird's Department Store**  
OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES

**RITZ  
Wed. and Thurs.**

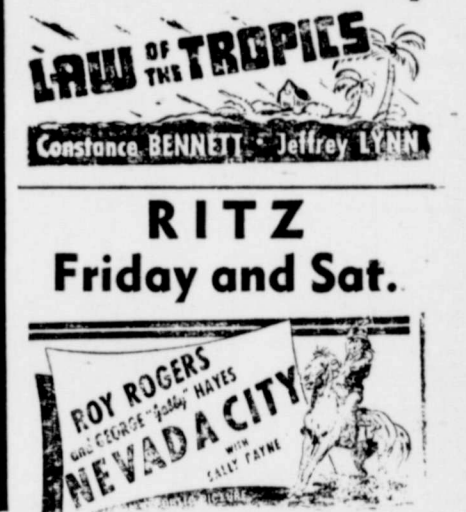


GALLOPS TO  
NEW GLORY  
...AS RANGE  
SONGS RING!

**OUTLAWS  
OF THE  
PANHANDLE**

A COLUMBIA PICTURE

**REGAL  
Thurs. and Friday**



Constance BENNETT Jeffrey LYNN

**RITZ  
Friday and Sat.**



ROY ROGERS  
and GEORGE "Buddy" HAYES  
**NEVADA CITY**

Hubbard City are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCarver. They will spend Christmas Day in San Antonio with his parents.

Earle Worley spent the past few days in Van Alstyne, and he will return today. His wife, who has been visiting there, will accompany him home, and they will spend Christmas with relatives in Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walker of McAllen, and Mrs. T. C. Walker spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sydow and other relatives here. Mrs. T. C. Walker, who had been visiting in Denton, returned home with her son to McAllen.

Miss Louise Mayes, who attends SWTSTC in San Marcos, is here for a holiday visit with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mayes Sr., and other relatives and friends.

Miss Lowrey Burleson, who is instructor of journalism at Orange High School, Orange, Texas is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burleson.

E. A. McDonald, formerly of Gatesville, and now working on a large Army warehouse just outside of Fort Worth, was a visitor here Sunday.

Capt. and Mrs. W. J. Faulk and son of San Antonio were Gatesville visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Watkins of Mexia were visitors in the Tom R. Mears home Sunday.

Captain and Mrs. H. R. Siemers of Elizabethtown, Kentucky were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laird. Captain Siemers is stationed at Fort Knox.