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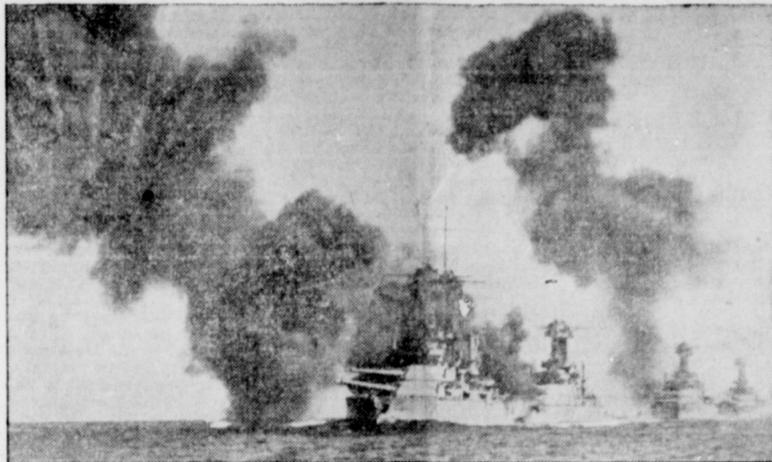
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Funeral services were in charge of Rev. W. C. Wright, of the Farwell Baptist Church, of which Mr. Martin had been a member for many years. Pallbearers were Frank Hastings, John Stagner, Lee Thompson, Sam Aldridge, Gus Johnson and B. N. Graham. Burial was in a Clovis cemetery.

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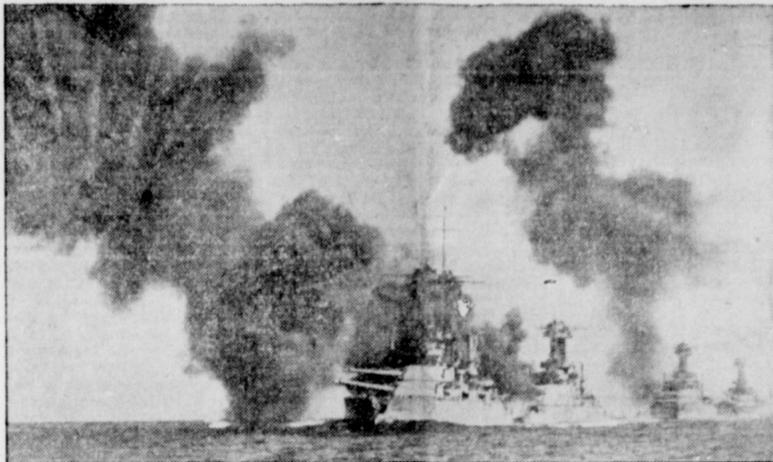
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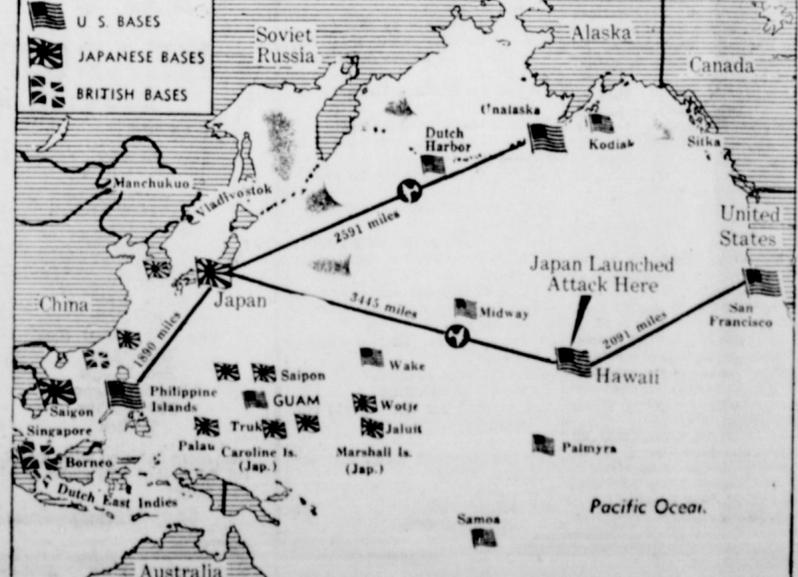
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COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of Jodok

Well, I was gone from my street corner for five whole days and it appears that very few people in Friona even missed me. Thus I am forced to learn that my presence at any place matters very little to the rest of the world, so why should I be "puffed up"?
I went on a trip with my very good friend, Mayor Reeve. Our trip covered about 1000 miles and we were gone five days and four nights. It was a sort of combination journey, including pleasure, hunting, exploration and prospecting, and we remained at our destination two nights and one day before starting on the return journey.
As to the pleasure, or visiting

part of the business, it was a most complete success, as every minute of the time thus spent was crammed full of pleasure; but the hunting part of it was a failure. We had hoped to bag several bucks and a few bears, but not so much as one bear did we see. We saw several bucks, but as we had forgotten to take a gun to the woods with us, we did not get a shot at any of them.
The exploration part of the trip was all right, and we did some very intensive exploring; but the prospecting was but nominal, as nothing was definitely located, but some hope of success still remains for future development.
On our outward trip we traversed the State of Oklahoma diagonally, entering at near the southwest corner and emerging into Kansas very near the northeast corner, and on our return trip we traversed its entire length from east to west, and saw much nice country. And

there was one thing that impressed me, and that was that of all the many towns and cities that we passed through, in Oklahoma, each one of them was located directly east of some other point in the State.
In some parts of the State however, their highway was very curved, and it was sometimes quite amusing as we noticed ourselves rounding these curves, some of which were very acute, which fact was made evident by the fact that at one time as we emerged from one of these curves, we saw the rear of our own car just going out of sight around the next curve in front of us, and we realized that we were breathing the dust we had raised ourselves. But, be that as it may, we are glad to have met our Illinois friends, among them being Eck Allison and Charley Randall and Sam Mann, besides many of my relatives. And I really believe Floyd enjoyed the trip nearly as well as did I.

must fight it out or be annihilated or subjugated, and I am just as much opposed to either of these conditions as I am opposed to war, and of the two evils I choose the lesser, which, in this instance, I deem to be the war. So let us lick 'em to a finish.
Westbrook Pegler, one of our noted columnists in his column of Dec. 9, made some remarks relative to our President, as a tough fighter, and that we are quite fortunate in having such a man at the head of affairs during this war into which we have just entered. He intimated that as to cunning and craftiness, Hitler would have nothing on the President, and that Hitler will be calling "foul" many times ere the war is ended; but since he had, himself, torn up the rule book and thrown it away, the President could pay him back in his own coin and Hitler can have no "come-back."

Farmer John SEES THINGS

A philosophy of life which cherished "good will" to all people, is about to receive stimulus anew. At this season, for nearly two thousand years, that natural craving for security which lurks deep in man's inner consciousness has annually burst forth in song, chant, gifts, guests, and expressions of "good will." The beautiful discourses honoring the birth of the world's greatest Peace Maker, Holland's Santa Claus, the Japanese Christmas tree, the English reindeer, Germany's Silent Night, and the American firecracker, all rejoice that good will holds the vital, the living key, to that dreamed of security from the evils within men. Even louder than the thunder of a modern bomber, the whirr of the air-fighter, and the hysterical and desperate denunciation, the Christmas celebrations ring out the hope of "good cheer." The Christ spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men," will again be revitalized and reinvigorated. "Good Cheer" to humanity must reach to all the world. Anything short of an honest "Good Will" policy at home and abroad, is a false policy which cannot live.
Here is wishing a "Merry

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Dilger were Amarillo visitors, Wednesday, having gone there to assist in bringing their son-in-law, Clarence Baxter, home from a hospital. Mrs. Baxter, who has been in Amarillo with her husband, also returned with the Dilgers.

Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" to the farthest reaches of this column.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

CHAPTER XVII—Continued

Benning went to bed after watching for several hours and managed to sleep through part of the day.
From his porthole, Benning saw flying fish leaping out of the course of the ship in late afternoon, which confirmed fast progress south. With evening he caught the blink of distant light myriads on the coast line. He explored the possibility of escape in the night by whaleboat, but concluded he stood slender chance of success in such an exploit. At dark he resumed his reconnaissance of the deck in his effort to locate Bravot.
Schmolz' stateroom was empty at nine o'clock, again at ten. On his third trip down, the boat deck, Benning found that half a dozen men had assembled, including Bravot and Schmolz. He stationed himself again in the shadows of a whaleboat and waited. An hour passed without development, then the group fled out and went to the rail to strain their eyes into the starlit night.
One of them set off a flare, and ten minutes later a second flare. Benning's ears caught the distant hum of an airplane. The sound grew in volume until a plane zoomed overhead and circled to a stop.
The engines of the ship slowed down. Four men lowered a boat. Bravot shook hands with Schmolz and climbed over the rail to disappear down the ladder. A few minutes later Benning caught the flash of oars in the starlight. The plane burst into a roar of sound, lifted into the night and streaked off into the void whence it had come.
Benning returned heavily to his cabin. Bravot's departure by plane clearly meant that the ship would not pause at Tampico or Vera Cruz. But at least, Benning consoled himself, he could play a stiffer game on deck with the French renegade out of the way.
Somehow, in the tense days ahead, he would find a solution to this hideous problem, he vowed. If nothing better, a chance at the radio room, whence he could flash a warning code to the coast artillery forts and naval base guarding the Canal from Limon Bay.
During the next few days, while the dynamite ship ate up the long miles to Panama, Benning carefully went over the vessel and watched his chances. Land had vanished, escape by boat he had dismissed finally as out of the question.
Benning's interest centered on the radio room as his best chance. The radio station lay in a cubbyhole under the bridge. Several times he visited the room, pretending interest in its mechanism. But the radio operator, one Smidt, was sullenly uncommunicative and resentful of visitors.
"You been around here enough, mister," Smidt complained at Benning's third appearance. "I got work to do, so you please keep away."
After that incident, Benning gained an uncomfortable suspicion that he was being watched. Twice he tested his trail by an abrupt about-face on deck. Both times a hatch-faced steward slouched past him with exaggerated preoccupation.
Only one chance remained if he failed at the radio. That was to reach the American officers who would come aboard to check cargo before the ship was permitted to be must not wait on that last desperate extremity.
Benning kept up a careful estimate of the speed and progress of the ship. His calculations told him when the ship must be approaching Limon Bay. Schmolz' plan, he guessed, was to detonate the ship as it passed through Gatun Locks.
Benning's plan of direct action crystallized on what he judged to be the last afternoon at sea. In his cabin he blocked out, on a sheet from his notebook a blunt warning message:
"Commanding General, Panama—Halt American freighter now approaching Limon Bay from New York with cargo of high explosives. General plot in effect to wreck Panama Canal. Instant action imperative.—Benning, Major G-2."
Until he saw Schmolz go to the bridge, Benning loitered about the

boat deck, then went direct to the radio room.
"Mister, didn't I tell you to keep out of here!" Smidt exploded as Benning stepped into the little room.
Benning said quietly: "I want to use your radio, Smidt. You'll be good enough to do just what I tell you to do."
Smidt scowled at Benning's leveled pistol and yielded with a sullen nod of his head. Benning strapped the fellow's hands behind his back and forced him to stretch out face downward on the floor. Sitting down calmly, Benning started putting his message into Panama. He had buzzed out the words, "C. G. Panama—Halt"—when a voice challenged from the door.
"Yo, my ship has a new radio man!"
Schmolz was framed in the door, his voice a raucous sneer. Murder burned in his round green eyes as he covered Benning with a long-barreled Luger pistol. Behind Schmolz were his mate, steward, and a member of the crew. With an oath he unstrapped Smidt's hands and kicked the operator to his feet. Smidt took Benning's pistol and message and passed them to Schmolz.
"El, himmel!" Schmolz gasped, as he read the message. "A spy aboard!"
In a surge of savage fury Schmolz seized Benning by the collar and jerked him out on deck. With a sudden swing of his ham of a fist, he dropped his prisoner and crashed down upon him with his two hundred pounds of beef and brawn.
"Got here—just in time—didn't I!" Schmolz bellowed. "Not for nothing—did I have you watched!"
Schmolz' beefy fists pummeled emphasis to his words, felling Benning's face and head.
"Chuck him overboard to the sharks!" he roared.
Benning was driven to the rail. He gripped the rail with his hands and held tenaciously against the fatal plunge into the Atlantic. One of his assailants clutched his legs, and

open over the hold. At command, one man seized Benning's legs, the other two helped Schmolz cram their prisoner head foremost through the opening.
Benning plummeted through black space, struck on head and shoulders and lay stunned, consciousness holding by a thin thread. Slowly his mind cleared. He stretched his pain-racked body out on the hard cargo and tested shoulder blades by moving them. There was no fracture. Lying flat on his back, he strained his eyes upward through the blackness. The hatch had been closed.
He muttered to himself: "This time, Benning, you've tangled yourself in a fine snarl. Looks like you're in, doesn't it?"
Benning felt drowsiness creeping over him, a drowsiness that had the power of a strong opiate. He woke with a start to find the engines shut down now. The ship was not moving. He concluded the ship must have stopped at Cristobal. Here a quarantine officer would come aboard. Schmolz would advise him of the nature of his cargo, but this merely for the computation of weights and water displacement required for passage through the locks. Unless suspicious were aroused, the ship would steam on into the Canal.
In a short time the engines churned. Benning took this as verification. The ship was leaving Cristobal.
After a time the engines slowed down, stopped. Benning's pulse hammered in his ears. He guessed that the dynamite ship had come to the locks and was being made fast to the electric mules that would tow

I truly thank another of my good friends, Rev. C. Carl Dollar, for keeping up my end of the program here at Friona while I was away. If it were not for the assistance and support of such good friends as Mayor Reeve and Brother Dollar, and many others whom I could name, if time and space would permit, life on this old sphere would not be worth the time it takes to live it. However, pleasant our trip may have been, we are glad, nevertheless, to be back in Friona.

I was astounded and deeply saddened when we first heard of the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and our dear old United States, although, really I had expected such to happen ever since Japan had signed its pact with Dictators Hitler and Mussolini. It occurred to me that it was just for such a purpose that Japan had been taken into the three-cornered pact, and I am still of that opinion.

I had not intended to comment on this war business, as I am not for war—I am "agin" it with all the moral force I may possess, for as I have on former occasions stated—there is no such thing as a "Holy War," there never has been nor ever will be such a thing; unless a war against pestilence, disease, calamity, ignorance, immorality, hate or any other such thing or condition, might be called a holy war. Such might be the case, but I doubt that even such a war as that could be called holy. The manner in which such a war might be waged would decide as to whether it was holy or not. It is, therefore, quite likely that all wars must be vile, and I am totally opposed to them. True, we are in this war and

outward with his legs, and landed on chest and stomach. For several moments he lay stunned, then staggered to his feet and ran toward the tents. Sentries barked a challenge. A figure in pajamas burst out of a tent to level a vibrant voice.
"I'm the commanding officer—what's all this yelling about!"
Benning panted: "I'm Major Benning of G-2. The cargo of this ship is dynamite—it will detonate at any minute! Get everyone clear here!"
The commander swung on his heels with cool promptness and began shouting orders. "All out! On the run! Leave everything behind! Get moving to Mindi—on the wagon-road—never mind formation!"
There was intensity rather than excitement in the officer's voice.
Benning saw that the crew was bursting from the doomed ship. Some, in their panic, leaped into the water of the narrow locks, others made the long leap to the top of the locks. He ran after the officer, Grimes trailing. A puffing sprint brought them to the railroad grade that led into Mindi. Another long run and the officer halted in a deep cup in the Sierra Quebrancha. He commanded his soldiers to scatter into the foothills.
Two miles lay behind. Half an hour had passed. Benning judged. The captain introduced himself, Marlin. He began asking questions, suddenly suspicious that he might have been tricked away from his post of duty. Benning quickly established his identity.
"But how do you know the ship's cargo is—?"
Marlin cut off his query as his cheeks caught the peculiar stir of air as from a gust of wind. Benning's hands dove to cup his ears. He felt himself pitched forward on his face. The earth heaved violently, his head rang with the pain of the volcanic might of the explosion that filled the world. All existence had been reduced to roaring, crashing, maddening bedlam.
A clap of thunder shattered his thoughts. It crashed out of distant hills and jangled far down the Isthmus from Gatun Lake. Benning halted. There came a second crash, a third, a fourth. The detonations followed one another successively, within the limits of a few minutes.

other ground with heavy heels at his fingers. Below Benning could see the water foaming down the hull of the ship.
His feet were clear of the deck, his left hand lacerated into helplessness. A knife flashed in the air over his right hand to slash it free of the rail.
Schmolz bellowed an order before the knife could reach the deck and the bone of Benning's fingers.
"Stop it! Halt everything! Keep him aboard! Ja, I got a new idea!"
The others turned to Schmolz with questioning glares. The knife hung in the air over Benning's hand.
"Ja, in the water it is over too quick!" Schmolz leered. "So I think we give him a nice stateroom—where he can think—until—boom!"
Schmolz sprang forward, seized Benning's collar and hustled him down a narrow flight of steps from the boat deck. He searched Benning's pockets and shouted an order. A watch taken, a hatch closed,

Benning drove the force of his lungs along the deck in warning to the crew and climbed down the ladder, closely followed by Grimes. At coming abreast of the top of the deck, he leaped, propelling himself

I had intended to quote Mr. Pegler verbatim, but find I have given the paper away that contained the article. But, anyway, it occurred to me that Mr. Pegler had left his statement in such a way that it could be easily interpreted two ways, either as a complaint to the President or as a sort of satirical criticism. However, I am not going to venture even so much as a guess to the manner in which Mr. Pegler intended his expressions to be interpreted, for it matters little. However, he did seem to be rather proud of the fact that the President is Hitler's equal when it comes to "low punches" and that he expected civilized methods of warfare to cease to be an entity during this war.

As I have stated it matters little as to the interpretation of Mr. Pegler's expressions, but personally I hope our president will fight this war through on a high plane of honor, integrity and morality. That he will use every honorable means of detecting or discovering the intentions of the enemy, and of intercepting or defeating him by the most honorable means which warfare will permit. If this is done, coming generations of American citizens will have no cause to blush for their country's honor when they shall read this chapter of our national history.

I take this attitude because, personally, I enjoy reading the pages of history telling of victories won through the feats of valor, efficiency and prowess, rather than those won through trickery, chicanery or any underhanded methods; for such methods are sure, in the long run, to cause the lessening of respect of a government, even by its own citizens.

I have always had a fondness for poetry, or stories told in rhyme, as they seem to stick to my memory better than when written in prose. I will remember the story of the hare and the tortoise as told in rhyme in McGuffey's old Fourth Reader, rather than the prose rendition of the same story or fable, and the same of that of the Wasp and the Bee, in McGuffey's Third Reader. These and many other examples of the same sort.

It therefore becomes a peasant thing for me to encourage, if I can, poetic talent of our young people, and to this end I am giving the remainder of my space to a little poem written by one of my young acquaintances, Miss Joy Bicknell, a student of the Friona High School. The poem follows:

A RAPSOODY OF THE PLAINS
By Joy Bicknell
South wind blowing, cattle lowing,
A tuncful mixture of sounds,
Birds a-twitter, lakes a-glitter,
With the wild ducks southward bound.
Roosters crowing—Draw swiftly flowing,
Circling through the fields
Winter is coming, the farmer is humming
As he hurries to gather his yields.

Wild geese calling young calves bawling,
The Windmill's whirling sound,
Cornstalks swaying, sunbeams playing
On the wheat, turning it brown,
White clouds sailing, kittens wailing
In the barn for their noonday meal,
Mother hen scratching, fier brood a watching
And waiting for the insects she kills.

The tumble weed blows and nobody knows,
When it will stop or where;
Regardless the weather, the farmer gathers
His feed, for there's rain in the air.
When the harvest is done, of work there'll be none
Til the planting comes around,
Then out here in the West, the place I like best,
There will be other inspiring sounds.

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SOCIETY

Legion Members Invited To Christmas Party

All the American Legion members and their families are invited to a Christmas Party at the Legion Hut on Tuesday night, Dec. 23, according to Mrs. Rector, who urges all members and their families to attend.

Every family is requested to bring a 5c or 10c gift for each member of the family who will be present.

"This will be your party so be present," says Mrs. Rector.

Christmas Motif Is Feature At HDC Party

A discussion of "The Things That Make Our Peace" was the main feature of the program at the annual Christmas Party of the Farmer County Home Demonstration Clubs, which was held Saturday at Oklahoma Lane.

The Christmas motif was carried out in the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and in the opening number on the program—group singing of "Silent Night." Mrs. A. B. Wilkinson gave a brief discussion of how the song came to be written.

Miss Elsie Cunningham, home demonstration agent, gave a summary of the achievements of the clubs in 1941.

Mrs. Lee Thompson, president of the Oklahoma Lane Club, distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Oyster Supper Honors Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dollar

Rev. and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar, who left Thursday for Lannett, Ala., were honor guests Sunday night at an oyster supper given by the men of the Congregational Church who had as their guests also all the women and children of the church.

A business meeting followed the oyster and chili supper, and a short program was led by Mr. Dollar.

Walther League Has "Community" Topic

The Walther Leaguers of the Rhea Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church met at the home of Robert Schueler.

Fifteen members and one visitor were present.

After a short business meeting the Leaguers discussed the topic "Living in the World—Your Community." The remainder of the evening was spent singing Christmas Carols. Refreshments

New Officers Chosen By Cong. Ladies Aid

The Congregational Ladies Aid met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. A. Guyer, with eleven members present.

The election of officers for the coming year, was held with the following results: President, Mrs. Carl Maurer; vice-president, Mrs. Guy Bennett; secretary, Mrs. Buford Hughes; reporter, Mrs. Floyd Reeve.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Women's Club Has Current Affairs Topic

The Friona Woman's Club enjoyed a very interesting program in the Club House, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10.

"International Good Will," was the subject for discussion, and the topics, "Good Will Abroad," "Review of the Nations," "Good Will in Our Own Hemisphere," and a brief account of "Current Affairs" were discussed by Mesdames Floyd Reeve, M. L. McFarland, George Treider and Guy Bennett.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Floyd Schlenker, J. C. Wilkison, Ed Boggess, Fred White, Floyd Reeve, Guy Bennett, W. L. McFarland, J. A. Guyer, R. J. Reynolds, O. F. Lange, Bert Shackelford, George Treider, and M. C. Osborn, by the hostesses, Mesdames J. D. Buchanan and H. H. Elmore.

Messenger H. D. Club Has Xmas Party

The Messenger Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas party, Thursday, Dec. 11, in the lovely new home of Mrs. E. M. Jack.

An attractively decorated Christmas tree was the center of interest in the living room. After a gift exchange, Mrs. Jack showed the women through the house.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. F. E. Gaines, Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. Sane Smith, Mrs. W. H. Evans, Mrs. Alta Wylie, Mrs. J. D. Love, Mrs. R. J. Coleman, Grandmother Jack, Mrs. J. T. Guinn and the hostess.

F. W. Reeve was a business visitor Monday at Farwell, where he attended the regular meeting of the AAA County Committee, of which he is a member.

were served by Mrs. Robert Schueler.

Quiz Contest Features Study Club Meeting

A quiz contest was the main program item when the Black Study and Social Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Roy Price.

Mrs. Jim Black conducted the contest after a brief business session had been directed by the president, Mrs. Roy Price.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames W. H. Price, Ralph Price, Clyde Hays, Bill Smith, Jim Black and Tom Pressley, members, and to Mrs. W. C. Neil, guest.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ridling, formerly of Black, have moved to Hobart, Okla., where Mr. Ridling has taken over the John Deere Implement agency.

Eugenia Rae Landrum and Don Alford Reeve, celebrated their third birthday, Monday, with a party at the Reeve home. Those present were Phyllis Ann Treider, Janell, Betty and Clyde Ray Bragg, Duane and Gordon Bennett, Joel Landrum and the host and hostess.

George McLean, who has been ill for the past three or four weeks, is again able to be up and about the home a part of the time. His friends will be pleased when he is able to be in town again.

C. F. Loflin, a former resident of the Homeland community, but now of Uteville, Colo., arrived here Saturday to spend the Christmas season with relatives and friends. He visited the Star office Wednesday afternoon and arranged to have the Star visit his home each week during the coming year.

Miss Elsie Cunningham, county home demonstration agent, will leave Saturday for a two week's vacation which she will spend with her family in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Flo Sterling, junior administrative supervisor with the Farm Security Administration, was a business visitor in Parmer County the first part of this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar were guests in the John White home, Sunday, with Mrs. Fred White and Mrs. Bill Flippin as hostesses.

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH of Rhea, Texas

Fourth Sunday in Advent Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:15 p. m. Divine Worship at 3 p. m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th Christmas program of the Sunday School at 7:30 p. m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25th Divine Services at 10:30 a. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services. Karl W. Keller, Pastor.

Uncle Andy Wentworth Questions Statistics

A letter was received at the Star office Wednesday from our old friend and former citizen here, "Uncle Andy" Wentworth. Uncle Andy inclosed a clipping of the Messenger News from the Star, in which it was stated that some of our farmers were making 500 bushels of maize to the acre. He wants to know about it. Here is his letter:

Cresco, Iowa, Nov. 28, 1941. Please Editor to answer my question regarding the big crop. Did you start a fish story and then shift to crop report? Now, to make me believe it you would have to swear 2 it on a hay stack bigger than Mount Washington. I like 2 hear you are getting plenty rains. Best wishes. Andy.

Well and happy. The item referred to of course was a typographical error and should have read 50 bushels, instead of 500 bushels, which would have been absolutely correct. —Ed.

Read The Ads In The Star

Ticket Sale Starts For Home-Coming Banquet

The Annual Home Coming Banquet will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 26, at 8 o'clock, in the Legion Hall, according to Otho Whitefield, who is in charge of the ticket sale.

The ticket sale begins Saturday morning, Dec. 20, and will close Thursday afternoon, Dec. 25. Tickets may be purchased from Whitefield or his assistants, from the F. L. Spring store or from the City Drug Store. The price is 55 cents each.

"Plan to attend the banquet, and be sure to purchase your tickets before the dead-line Thursday night," advises Mr. Whitefield.

Westway Items

BY MRS. MERLIN KAUL

The precipitation of last Thursday night and Friday morning amounted to 72 inch. The moisture fell slowly soaking the ground. Roads have been almost impassable. Tractors have been busy pulling cars through especially bad places, and even tractor wheels balled up.

The teachers are practicing the school pupils for the Christmas program which is to be presented Christmas Eve at the schoolhouse. Mrs. T. B. Cox will be in charge of the music and Mrs. Paul Rudd, Mrs. Buren Sowell and Mrs. Orville Houser will have charge of the rest of the program. Everyone in the community is invited to come and participate in the celebration.

School will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. The children will have their Christmas tree and exchange of gifts after which they will go to Hereford to march in the Christmas Parade. School will convene again on Monday, Dec. 29. The teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Dickson plan to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dickson, at Roby, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dunn at House, N. M., and possibly will make a flying trip to California to see Mr. Dickson's brother, J. L. Dickson, who is in Army training at Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Sowell were dinner guests Thursday in the Ray Singleterry home at Clovis, N. M. Mrs. Sowell was a guest at a club meeting at the Singleterry home Thursday afternoon.

John M. Henderson left Monday for Gainesville where he will spend the week with his daughter, Miss Mary Henderson.

Quite a number from here attended the McDonald Sale in Hereford, Monday afternoon.

Orville Houser stayed at the Marcus Houser home in Hereford Friday night as the roads were so bad.

Among those who attended the Home Demonstration Club Christmas party at the Club House in Hereford Saturday afternoon were Mesdames Al Werner, W. L. Jones, P. B. Sowell, R. M. Gunn, Joe Landers, Orville Houser, C. F. Rickles, Merlin Kaul, Jim Bookout, Nina Beth Hartman, Opal Jane Bookout, Larry Carroll and Walter Lynn Kaul.

The Sam Smith family is planning to spend Christmas with relatives at Roger, Ark.

Mr. Morrison installed a new sink at the school Tuesday morning.

Mrs. R. L. Gollihar was a visitor in the primary room Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Grady Wilson and Norma Sue visited in the M. S. Roe home at Hereford Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Merlin Kaul attended the meeting and Christmas party of the Child Study Club in Hereford Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dickson of Roby spent the week end in the home of their son, Travis Dickson. Their car stuck in the mud soon after they left the paved highway at Hereford and they had to have a tractor pull them all the way to the Dickson home—a distance of 7 miles.

The Sunday School classes drew names Sunday for an exchange of Christmas gifts at the program on Christmas Eve.

Marjorie Morrison was a guest last Saturday night in the home of her uncle, Edwin Morrison, at Bippus. She accompanied them to Amarillo on Saturday.

Dinner guests Sunday in the Clarence Morrison home were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morrison of Hereford. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns and family also of Hereford.

Mrs. J. S. Earp is ill this week.

Mrs. Al Werner and George Turrentine attended church at Hereford Sunday night.

The F. A. Tucker, Henry Hoffman and W. L. Jones families butchered this week.

Jack Allmon is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allmon and Wanda Marie. Jack attends Texas Tech at Lubbock.

"Down-Trodden" Males of Center Take Up Attack Against Housework

The Married Men's Rights Club of Center, Tex., has formulated a bill of rights for henpecked husbands and woe betide the member caught drying the dishes, sweeping or hanging wash on the line.

The law says a man's home is his castle and by golly, the men of Center say the law will be carried out.

It all started this way: One cold night the gang was sitting around John Rogers' drug store, talking about things men talk about when they're away from the female presence, when one of the group was called to the telephone.

Smiling apologetically, he came back and announced: "I gotta run along fellows. Wife wants me to stop by the store and pick up some groceries, see if there's any mail from the late train and do a few chores around the house. Sorry, but you know how it is."

He left the cheery glow of the fire and the friendly conversation and went to mind his good wife.

The survivors commented it was a darn shame he had to go. Someone suggested something should be done about such situations, and then and there the Married Men's Rights club was formed.

Article one of the bill of rights says "No man shall do any cooking his home unless for self-preservation, meaning for his own individual use."

Article two takes care of tasks the club says is "beneath the dignity of a true and loyal member of the club." It reads: "No member shall mow lawns, hoe gardens or otherwise indulge in 'handy' jobs about the yard."

Article three and four banish from men's hands the sewing kit and the broom. Says No. 3: "No member shall sew buttons, even when such buttons are essential to proper covering of the human body. Nails and pins are available at the variety store."

A broom, article four recites, is a weapon of defense, and no member shall take hand to one except in defense of his person.

The family washing must be shunned like poison, "but in extreme emergency, members are permitted to string clothes lines." That's article five.

For the man who likes to dress in comfort and avoid the barber shop, article six was devised.

"No member shall be allowed to be dictated to by any woman, regardless of relationship, as to his wearing apparel, his shaving or neglect to have his hair cut."

The emancipated mate may just grunt and continue reading his paper when the spouse says she's accepted a bridge date for both of them. Article seven specifically declares members must not "fill in at any bridge game."

This, the bill of rights says, "is a rule vital to the success of men's rights."

Finally, article eight disposes of the Sunday-visiting business.

"No member shall be required to go visiting on Sunday if he prefers to loaf around the house. Common courtesy to callers is expected but it is not required that he give up any of the comforts of the easy life to gratify the whim of his mate."

District Judge S. H. (Spot) Sanders was halted before the court appointed by the members. He was charged with helping to take clothes off the line.

The judge got out of that when his wife said, "Spot never does anything around the house. Why he wouldn't even take his own shirt off the line."

Judge E. J. McLeroy, in whose law office the trials frequently are held, was forced to defend himself from an accusation that he had been seen working in the garden.

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Join the Legion, "Carry Through" Aims Of 1917

By ROY PRICE

"What does the American Legion mean to me?"

This question has been asked many times recently, and as we sit here wondering in sorrow and grief over our new war, our minds are led back to 1917 and 1918, holding dear in our memories our hardships and sufferings together. We cherish and will always hold dear in our hearts, these memories. For God and country we associate ourselves together to uphold and defend our constitution, maintain law and order, foster and perpetuate one hundred per cent Americanism and preserve the memories and incidents of that great war. We cherish these thoughts the same as our forefathers did when they gave us this great liberty.

The American Legion, for the past 20 years, has been constantly urging a stronger defense line. We learned the lesson and our obligation to duty has never ceased. We are trying to put this into use. You, who are well aware of these things, know we have made very little showing and now to our sorrow.

The American Legion is not asking alms for its total membership, but we always contend that the disabled and unfortunate Buddies, who lost their means of a live hood through wounds or other things, should be given the best of care through life.

In Paris, France in 1918 and again in St. Louis, we stated our aims of help for disabled veterans. Some abuses have crept in, but we believe that this aim has for the most part, been well accomplished.

This new war will provide new tasks for the Legion. You must lay idle thoughts away, and no doubt you will be called to work without even profit or preference. The principles of freedom have been placed in danger. We love these cherished things. These are thoughts that we, who are trying to serve the American Legion, have tried to support; and it gives us the greatest enthusiasm and love for an organization that stands for them. Not all veterans are acquainted with these things, and naturally do not show much activity to carry through. Thanks, that we are now beginning anew and soon all of us are going to have a different view—not a selfish one.

We have, in past, tried to uphold every task to the benefit of our community. We expect to do more, and if it takes all World War I veterans to baptize Hitler or his rulership in the lake of fire, all we ask is the gangway. Most of us have sense enough now, not to respect our enemy as soon as he shouts "Comrade." We advocate peace, and united we stand; but we still have a spark of TNT and a match or fuse to let it explode in defense of these great principles we failed to receive at the close of War No. 1 and which all these years, we have been longing to leave to our children. We know what war stands for, and it is a deep regret to revive this terrible thing which we fought in 1917, to overcome. Buddies, your honest duty now is to join your local post. The good is great. Come on and show where you stand.

Summerfield

MRS JIM CLARK

There will be a community Christmas Tree and program at the church on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:30 o'clock. The program committee consisting of Mesdames D. C. Walsler, J. B. Nolan and Jim Clark are already at work. First practice was Monday night. The committee met at the school Monday afternoon and practiced the children's part of the program. Other committees to be appointed by the Sunday School Superintendent are the "treat" and the decoration committees.

Old Santa will be here in person and the entire community is urged to bring their gifts and place them on the tree for Santa to distribute.

Bill Prachar and friend, H. Phipps of Walsh, Colo., stopped in at the Lee Curry home Tuesday night to visit his sister, Pearl, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Curry. Bill brought Pearl's saddle pony to

Conscription Invoked As Lady Drones Do Not Respond to Volunteer Plan

London.— Every unmarried English woman between 20 and 30 now faces conscription in Britain's total war effort. England seems determined that women shall bear their share of the war burden.

Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin—whom total conscription of women will help most—had first tried cajolery and conciliatory wheedling in trying to recruit Britain's women for industrial war work. He placed the matter on a volunteer basis.

But the plain fact is, this plan failed. English women simply didn't respond in sufficient numbers.

Now, however, a drastic conscription bill has been approved by the House of Commons which will mobilize England's woman-power on a draft basis. Women Not Specified Alone

Actually, the bill does not directly specify women alone. It will also call up every man in Britain, with no distinction as to class, between the ages of 18 1-2 to 51.

Statutory rights will be preserved of course. Which means that no woman drafted will be required to use lethal weapons unless she so volunteers—and women may take their choice of extending their efforts in some branch of the organized services—the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, The Women's Auxiliary Air Force, the Women's Land Army, and the rest—or they may serve in civil and industrial branches.

But the point is, Bevin will be empowered to recruit women workers for English industries, which are so desperately undermanned.

Bevin had from the beginning of the war one recurring nightmare—the conscription of women. Obviously he was frightened of them and, like all men in his position, he tried to disguise realistic facts with a too propitiatory approach.

The consequence is that Miss England ignored both his threats and his promises and just waited to see what would happen. Meanwhile, the need for a further 500,000 women did not grow less and British war industries were clamoring for more and still more workers.

Many Causes

Red tape has been responsible to some extent for this state of things. Employers have also been somewhat to blame, desirous of being spared the bother of initiating new help.

Some people thought that a voluntary appeal, based on down-to-earth facts, would have brought a ready response. Others favored compulsion from the start. Everyone is unanimous, however, in declaring that the system of call-up, followed by a "heart-to-heart" interview and subsequent cooling of heels for more than 80 per cent of the interviewees was enough to quench the ardor of even the

her. We will know where to go now for some good riding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walsler ate Sunday dinner in the S. L. W. her home in Hereford. They visited Mesdames Walsler's mother, Mrs. J. C. Lance in the afternoon. Mrs. Lance is ill with the flu.

A group of six boys met recently at Rev. Marcus Rexrode's home to discuss the possibilities of reorganizing a Royal Ambassador. The boys decided to meet again on Friday night, Dec. 19. All boys of R. A. age are urged to meet with Mr. Rexrode at this time.

The local W. M. U. met Wednesday for a combined missionary and Bible study program. Mrs. Jim Clark led the missionary program which was a study of Christmas in Palestine. Assisting Mrs. Clark were Mesdames B. E. Roberson and Ky Lawrence, votional. Mrs. Lawrence directed. Mrs. Marcus Rexrode led the devotional Bible study. Present were Mesdames Roberson, Lawrence, L. L. Cannon, Clark, C. R. Walsler, D. C. Walsler, Rev. and Mrs. Rexrode.

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Lieutenant-Colonel McMullen, commanding officer of the field, is directing the program.

Any young person with a high school education or its equivalent is eligible. Applicants need only pass general intelligence, aptitude and emotional tests conducted by the San Antonio Air Depot and the civil service commission.

Persons accepted for training are placed immediately on Duncan Field pay rolls. They begin a basic course which covers depot organizations, regulations, air corps material, air corps tools, drawing and air corps forms. Other schooling covers shop mathematics, blue prints readings, physics, the elementary

theory and practice of the specific trade.

When a student completes his three-month course, he is given a certificate and "graduated" to an advanced course, which is divided into two sections; a course in theory and practice of the trade for junior mechanics and another for journeymen mechanics.

At the end of a six-month period, students are rated as helpers. They then earn \$110 a month.

Men who are in advanced courses are rated as mechanics and paid up to \$175 a month.

The Duncan Field courses include: aircraft mechanics, aircraft engine mechanics, aircraft machinist, sheet-metal mechanics, radio mechanics, drafting, instruments, parachute mechanics, supplies, administration, accounting, welding and propeller mechanics.

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The sensible way to clean most cottons is to wash them. Colored cottons need to be fast to washing and to sunlight if they are to be satisfactory for very long. And cottons should not shrink more than 2 per cent in order to retain the fit of a garment. Look for definite facts about both these points on labels or on the bolt ends of yard goods. Textile

they can learn invaluable trades while they earn good pay."

experts say there is nothing to the old custom of soaking materials in a solution of salt and water to set the color. It does not work; it is a waste of salt, and it is likely to soak out some of the color.

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With hope that farmers and cattlemen will realize the importance of putting their machinery in shape for next year, we quote the following letter, which U. S. D. A. officials have asked be published in Parmer County and other counties.

Friona, Texas,
November 28, 1941.

Dear Farm Producer:

Subject: Farm Machinery Repair—Scrap Iron

We wish to call your attention to two matters in connection with U. S. D. A. Farm Defense Program.

First: All farmers are being urged to check up on their needs for repair parts for their machinery immediately, and purchase or order parts by January 1. If this is done, farmers can pretty well be assured of getting the parts, whereas, if the matter is delayed, it may be impossible to get repairs in time for next year's harvest. New machinery is going to be scarce, due to limitations on the use of steel, and to the fact that factories are engaged in defense production.

Second: The steel mills are in urgent need of scrap iron to use in their milling processes, and it is believed that many thousands of tons of this material is lying around the farmers of the nation that could well be turned into the channels of trade.

You are, therefore, urged to go over your obsolete and worn out farm tools, strip them of bolts and parts that might later be used for repairs and bring the remainder into local junk dealers who have indicated they can pay good prices on material of this kind.

A ceiling has been put on the price, and it is very unlikely that the scrap will bring more later on.

Yours very truly,
WALTER S. MENEFFEE, Chairman,
Parmer Co. U. S. D. Defense Board

To Our National Defenders the producers of Agricultural Products and Livestock:

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Furthermore, we know that each and every one is willing and anxious to do his and her part in time of national emergency. For this reason, we your implement dealers, want you to know that our manufacturers have asked us to pass on to you the urgent need of keeping your machinery and farm equipment in good shape.

All of us know that Farm Machinery will be scarce and hard to get next year — and possibly even more so in years to come. Therefore, it is highly essential that all of us dig in and do our part. For that reason we join the Federal Government in reminding and asking each of you to repair and improve your equipment during the next few months.

At the present time, you will likely find ample parts to make your repairs. Later this may not be so simple. We live in a Great Producing Section—and it is Our Patriotic duty to do our part in preparing for Production.

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