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COMMUNITY MEDICAL PROBLEM ANSWERED

The medical problem of many cities which have grown rapidly due to war industries, is pretty much like the problem of the growing boy who spent his summer doing farm work—when he tried to put on his old school suit in the fall, he found he couldn't get into it.

With the astounding Kaiser shipyards alone adding tens of thousands of Portland's population, not to mention other war industries, the city found itself facing a growth from something over 300,000 to between 450,000 and 540,000 persons.

Here was a perfect set-up for waste and experimenting in medical facilities. Following a conference with Edgar F. Kaiser, the Oregon War Emergency Health committee, organized under the leadership of the Oregon State Medical society, set a record in working out a plan to meet this situation. It immediately secured the cooperation of doctors, nurses, public health service and hospitals.

Instead of building expensive new facilities, it found that the 1,650 beds of its principal hospitals could be expanded by 307 beds, with little construction cost. With a shortage of nurses, doctors and all manner of new equipment due to war demands, the utilization of existing buildings, heating plants, personnel and equipment, would thus require a minimum of additional outlay. If the beds are not enough for the proportionate increase of additional outlay. If the 307 beds are not enough for the proportionate increase in population, plans are ready for adding a total of 520 beds.

Thus has the Oregon War Emergency Health committee, in cooperation with industry, and through intelligent utilization and expansion of existing resources, met the health needs of an abnormal war industry population. Portland has set an example for medical care that could well be followed by other communities.

PAY NOW

Twenty-seven million Americans will soon be paying heavy income taxes that as time goes on will become even heavier. To all but a mere fraction of this number, personal income taxes will be a new experience. In fact, according to recent surveys, a good proportion of these people do not yet realize they have been included in the taxable brackets. They are making no preparations to pay taxes. They are spending their money as fast as they earn it. The threat to government authority and solvency by a mass of potential tax delinquents, is serious.

A practical solution is the prompt adoption of a pay-as-you-go arrangement such as the Ruml plan. Mr. Ruml, former dean of

social sciences at the University of Chicago, and chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, observes that: "Nothing can be gained by arguing that people ought to have saved the tax on last year's income out of last year's income. The fact is that they did not do it and now they cannot do it."

Every taxpayer must realize that we cannot survive war, and return to a system of individual freedom unless the government remains solvent. If it is to do that, the people will have to pay taxes and buy bonds on a devastating scale. Tax laws must be mercilessly far-reaching and efficient.

LIFE OF AMERICA

There will be many changes as a result of the war. But change in itself is nothing to fear. Constructive change has made this country great. The fundamental theory of our government encourages constant change, which in turn has brought constant progress.

Every man is urged to exploit his talents to the benefit of society, for which grateful fellow men pay a fair reward. Our manufacturing and natural resources industries are built on this principle of service. Currently they are built on this principle of service. Currently they are turning out the machines of war in mountainous quantities. But in normal times they are ever changing, ever seeking for things that will give the rest of us a fuller, more wholesome life. Not only does this hold true in the development of new products, but also in the field of human relations.

Men and women who work in industry, whether they wield shovels or pencils, work in an atmosphere of change, of progress. It is manifested in a thousand and one small ways, from better light and ventilation in the factory to new devices for settling differences between management and workers.

Managements change too. Men who give their lives to building and operating industries are constantly being replaced. Their jobs are being carried on by other men who work just as hard. "From shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves in three generations," is typical of the changing opportunities that sustain the American system of free enterprise. If we destroy individual opportunities that sustain the American system of free enterprise. If we destroy individual incentive and its desire for change, the life of America will be destroyed.

JAPANESE PROBLEM

The uprising at Manzanar, the Japanese camp in California, where alien Japanese as well as American-born Japanese are being held for the duration, has brought public attention to a condition that requires careful consideration. This uprising showed clearly that there are a percentage of dangerous Japanese in this country. Not only are they dangerous to everything that is American, but they are dangerous to thousands of Japanese who are undoubtedly loyal citizens.

Apparently the hatred of the Japanese who caused the trouble at Manzanar, is as strong or stronger toward the Japanese who are loyal to this country, as it is toward Americans. Hence the lives of such Japanese are endangered when they are confined in the same locations with the alien Japanese.

The problem is a most difficult one when our government is obliged to confine American-born Japanese as well as alien Japanese. As long as dire necessity requires such action, however, it is evident the two groups must be segregated.

Furthermore, some method of

procedure must be evolved to give the loyal Japanese a chance to prove their loyalty so that they will not be forced to associate with the aggressive alien Japanese whose avowed purpose is to sabotage and destroy if given that opportunity in the United States.

The people have confidence that our government will correct this situation with full consideration of the safety and humanitarian issues involved.

Some people don't care whether they are on top of the world or not so long as they can just keep sitting.

Household hint—Ink is more easily removed from white tablecloths before it is spilled than after.

Said the angler to his friend—"The fish I caught was too small to fool with, so I got a couple of other men to help me throw it back into the river."

Another healthy thing about breathing through your nose is that it helps you keep your mouth shut.

It is as hard for a rich man to enter heaven as it is for a poor man to live on earth.

Now is a good time for all business men to take a good look at the last syllable in industry.

If, as a writer suggests, women's sentiments are expressed by their clothes, they appear to have been becoming less and less sentimental during recent years.

BABSON—

(Continued from Page 1) nies which are now suffering from lack of business. One sure bet is that companies which are now prospering most during the war, will suffer most after the war, while companies which suffer most during the war will prosper most after the war. There are some concerns of course, such as the merchandising companies, which should do well both during and after the war. The railroads will do well during the war—but afterwards, look out!

BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE

New building during 1943 will fall off. Government building, both of factories and cantonments, will decline while residential building will continue to be held down. This means that not only will the manufacturers of building supplies and contractors have a poor year in 1943 but there is liable to be more or less unemployment among carpenters, masons, painters and plasterers. The honeymoon of the building trades is over for the duration. After the war, however, building should come back with a bang although prefabricated houses may put some union labor out of business. Hence, do not sacrifice good real estate or farms during 1943. Besides, there may be legislation requiring the demolition of buildings over 75 years old.

NEW INDUSTRIES

1943 will see the greatest crop of new scientific developments that any year ever witnessed. These may revolutionize agriculture, industry and commerce even to a greater extent than the war will revolutionize governments, politics and human relations. Among the new industries I especially have in mind are SYNTHETICS for making artificial products better than the natural; PLASTICS for displacing metals and wood; FERTILIZERS and PHOTOSYNTHESIS to revolutionize agriculture; PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELLS to make machines think; PREFABRICATED houses; AIR-CONDITIONING; RADIO HEATING which will dispense with all radiators and oil burners; AUTOMATIC TYPING; UNWOVEN TEXTILES; ULTRA-MICRO-SCOPY which will greatly help the elimination of diseases. NEW ALLOYS with marvelous strength and lightness; HARNESSING THE SUN, TIDES AND WINDS; COSMIC RAYS to supplement our power-houses; AUTOMATIC POWER; NEW MILITARY ARMAMENTS and COM-

MERCIAL AVIATION. Big profits are possible for alert business men and investors.

During 1943 our wives will begin to use dried eggs dehydrated vegetables, frozen meats and other innovations. This does not mean that canned goods will be displaced, but I do forecast a revolution in connection with prefabricated houses, using plywood, aluminum, plastics and rubber; the buying, preserving and use of foods. There will be more experiments in national planning with government guarantees, but with the return of the Republicans to power after this global war, we shall see less, rather than more, rationing, price fixing and regulations. Some time it will dawn upon the American voters that the government cannot give the people anything that it does not first or last take away from them. There cannot be a leveling of living standards without a lowering of living standards.

FURTHER RATIONING

1943 will see more changes in civilian life than any year since the Revolutionary war. Wise are those who are first to prepare for these changes. When one studies the tremendous purchases which the government is making, they make one shudder. For instance, the army recently purchased 30 million pounds of salt, 4 million pounds of mustard and 2 million pounds of black pepper, simply to fill a few months' requirements. Dried fruits are bound to be short in 1943, especially prunes and dried apricots; while the kibosh will still be on stoves, bicycles, typewriters, hardware and rubber goods. I should not be surprised to see the rationing of dairy products, certain furniture, paper supplies, manufactured foods, farm equipment and possibly clothing and shoes during 1943. Some of my associates think there will be rationing of meats, eggs, and cheese, but present statistics do not indicate the necessity for this. Certainly, there will be no rationing of cereals, sugar products and fresh fruits that cannot be shipped.

What is most needed is the rationing of labor union leaders and a lengthening of the working week as the labor week averages only 42.5 hours even after overtime payments. Of course, this is a hot potato that the administration does not like to touch. I forecast, however, that 1943 will see a real step in this direction. The power of the War Labor board will either be curbed or the board will become much more conservative. Manpower (including women) will be allocated. Private recruiting of labor may be curtailed. Farmers, manufacturers and other employers may be obliged to go to the U. S. Employment Service when desiring additional help while employees may be subject to the same regulations when desiring to change jobs.

POLITICAL SITUATION

Certainly we are entering 1943 with a much better political situation than existed a year ago. This does not mean that the congressmen are conservative—some are more radical in certain ways than their predecessors—but they will combine with the conservative Southern Democrats on questions of taxation and war matters. Looking back over 1942, it becomes evident that the tax situation was the most upsetting feature on business and investment. The markets were at their worst directly after the Morgenthau recommendation of a 55 per cent normal tax. When the House voted a 45 per cent tax business began to pick up and even security prices had a real move when the Senate dropped the rate to 40 per cent.

Recent visits to Washington convince me that the Treasury has temporarily lost its influence with Congress and that the 1943 tax bill will be written by Congress itself and will be fairly conservative. I am much interested in reports that Hon. James Byrne, the new Economic Director, is to be put in charge. For the first time, it is reasonable to hope that a sales tax—perhaps under some other name—will be enacted in 1943. The farmers will continue to have as much influence in the 1943 Congress as heretofore but the honeymoon of the labor and other blocs is temporarily at an end. 1943 will see very few wage raises and certain labor leaders will be put in the dog-house.

MONEY RATES

There may be a slight increase in short-term money rates during 1943; but there will be little or no change in the rates that banks charge their customers. Money rates are now managed by the government ever more closely than the prices of commodities. The idea, however, that money rates will always continue low is just as foolish as were the forecasts of ten years ago that money would permanently remain on a high basis. The pendulum has always swung and it will continue to swing after World War II is over. Whether or not banks should borrow from the Federal Reserve in order to buy government bonds will be debated during 1943. Banks that do this will temporarily make a profit, but whether this will work out as a profit or loss in the end is questionable. In the long run, very few banks, corporations or individuals make money by borrowing money.

The bonded debt of the Federal government is now \$90 billions, or an increase of \$67 billions since the Roosevelt administration came into power. By the end of 1943, this debt may stand at about \$130

billions. Some of it, of course, will be raised by selling additional Victory Bonds to the public and institutions. The amount will largely depend upon whether or not compulsory saving is adopted. I forecast, however, that the major portion of this money must be raised from the banks and chiefly from the large banks. This, of course, means inflation sooner or later.

CROP SITUATION

With normal weather conditions there is every reason to believe that more crops will be raised in this country in 1943 than in 1942 and that farmers should benefit accordingly. On the other hand, there always is the possibility of bad weather conditions including droughts and floods. The large amount of wheat, corn, and other grains in storage, however, should help offset any crop failure in 1943.

The wheat yield for 1942 will be about one billion bushels, second only to the crop of 1915, while the corn crop for 1942 will break all records, amounting to about 3,250,000,000 bushels. The cotton crop for 1942 amounts to only 18,400,000 bales, but this is perfectly satisfactory considering the large amount of cotton in storage. Without doubt, the theory of "winning the peace with food" is sound. Farmers have a legitimate reason for expecting good treatment during the remainder of the war. After the war, their celebration will be over.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Readers will remember that our war production will not reach its height until well into 1943. The plants manufacturing big bombers are not yet completed, shipbuilding is just getting into its stride and thousands of factories are still re-tooling. 1943, however, should witness a transition from construction to production. I, therefore, visualize a drastic re-shuffle of sub-contractors of labor and of contractors in general. This means hardship for management and for the men and women workers. Some communities now doing well will become ghost towns; while other sleeping cities will become busy beehives.

Taking all in all, industrial production should climb into new ground during 1943, averaging about 210 per cent of the 1935-39 level. This would leave only about \$70 billions for domestic consumer goods, compared with about \$78 billions in 1942. This means that only about 10 per cent of the output of the durable goods industry and 60 per cent of the output of the non-durable goods industry will be available for civilian use in 1943. This estimate is on a per unit basis with no allowance for price inflation.

FAILURES

Business failures in 1942 amounted to \$105 millions and I fear these will be increased during 1943. If so, it will be due to manufacturers being unable to secure necessary raw materials or substitutes and merchants being unable to get a supply of goods. In addition to the normal casualties and those additional ones due to the war, I expect a certain "birth-control movement" in business. The government may require new businesses, farmers desiring to increase acreage and especially employers desiring to increase their sales forces to get permits. Sales organizations would be the first to be treated to "birth control." We may also expect to see in 1943 experiments in "closed markets" by limiting the distance that goods can be shipped.

The paid leaders of the farm groups are fighting ceiling prices on farm products, but I believe the farmers would be willing to have a ceiling provided they could also be assured a floor. I am certain that farmers are more reasonable and far more patriotic than the lobbyists in Washington who pretend to represent them. There will be no decline in purchasing power. Men, and especially women, in the farming and munitions districts, will have more money even after the payment of taxes than they have ever had before. The delivery of goods should be easier in 1943 than in 1942 due to an improved tire and gasoline situation.

WAR OUTLOOK

It must be realized that a great improvement in the resources of the Axis powers has taken place

during 1942. Where they were short of raw materials they now— with the exception of a very few commodities—have a surplus supply. For instance, in 1939 the Axis powers had no rubber and today they have 90 per cent of the world's supply; in 1925 they had only 25 per cent of the bauxite, 7 per cent of the iron ore, 9 per cent of the tin, 10 per cent of the manganese ore, 8 per cent of the lead ore and 6 per cent of the world's flax. Today the Axis powers have 66 per cent of the bauxite, 44 per cent of the iron ore, 73 per cent of the tin, 35 per cent of the manganese, 21 per cent of the lead, 35 per cent of the flax and a large percentage of the world's oil. These figures show that time is not necessarily going on our side. The success of the United Nations depends more on making every sacrifice.

The best opinions are that Germany will be brought to her knees, probably through the lack of oil, in late 1943 or early 1944 and that it will take another year to finish Japan. As Germany does not want to see Japan a world power, she may endeavor to join the United Nations in putting Japan back where she was 40 years ago. This would mean not only cleaning the Japanese out of China, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies, but also making them give up Manchukuo, Korea and Formosa. Of course, the present actions of our Navy in the Pacific are merely to keep the Japanese from pouncing on Russia at Vladivostok. They are no part of the coming campaign to clean up Japan. All of this means that the general war news during 1943 will be better than that of 1942.

CONCLUSION

It is probable that 1943 will witness further cuts in civilian business, that victory models and standardization will be compulsory, that manpower will be rationed as well as all commodities, that a sales tax will be inaugurated, and that inflation, like a great glacier, will continue slowly to push up prices; BUT WHAT OF IT? We grow by STRIVING—not by ARRIVING. Character gains during 1943 will by far offset all losses and inconveniences. This Global War will be a great blessing to all the world by bringing about that spiritual awakening which is the only solution to our troubles. (Copyright, 1943, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.)

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Ministers Alliance To Meet Tuesday

The Ministers Alliance will meet at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Presbyterian church. Matters of importance will be considered.

Those who have questions that should be solved by this organization are invited to appear before the Alliance at this time. All ministers of this area are urged to be present. JOHN C. RAMSAY, President.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOHN C. RAMSAY, Minister 11 a. m.—Sunday school, Cap McNeill, superintendent.

11 a. m.—Morning worship and Communion. Message, "A Meditation for the New Year." Every member of this congregation is urged to consecrate his talents and possessions to the good Lord in the quarterly Communion service on this the first service in the New Year, 1943.

7 p. m.—Kingdom Highway League, Mrs. Pete Robinson, adult advisor.

8 p. m.—Evening worship and sermon. Message: "That My Footsteps Slip Not." Let us honor God with our presence in the house of the Lord on His holy day. Let us begin the New Year right. Your presence is appreciated.

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# Personal

Miss Helen Hale of Lubbock spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale.

Mrs. W. C. Gruben and Matthews and Emma Pearl spent Christmas day in Haskell with Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy and children.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield of Dickens was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Springer of Lubbock spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Drennen. Miss Iwanna Drennen was also a guest in the home of her parents Friday. Miss Drennen is employ in Lubbock.

Mary Bertha Harkey of Abilene visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perry, over the week end.

Mrs. Floy Watson and children, Dewey Lee, Charles Ray, and Zella Mata, visited with her mother in Shamrock Monday.

E. S. Lee was in Dickens on business last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Costellow and sons, Maurice and John Joe, visited Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Miller of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barnett of Littlefield were here Christmas day visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chastain and Neal A. Mrs. Barnett is a sister to Mrs. Chastain.

Homer Proctor was a business visitor in Dickens Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Lee and daughter, La Voris, were in Knox City the first of the week at the bedside of Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. H. M. Cooner, who has been seriously ill. Mrs. Cooner is reported as doing much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruben spent Christmas day with Mr. Gruben's mother, Mrs. Marie Gruben of Royston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kelley and daughters, Carolyn and Kathleen, Mr. Kelley's mother, Mrs. F. N. Oliver, and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cook, spent the week end in Fort Worth with relatives and friends.

J. W. Smith has returned from Wichita Falls where he has been through the clinic. Mr. Smith had an operation about two weeks ago, but is doing fine now.

Miss Mary Kate Brotherton of Hereford spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander.

Mrs. Harvey Lee of Clovis, New Mex., and brother, Mr. Thomas of Portales, New Mex., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur and daughters, Mrs. Bill Caraway and Miss Doris Arthur of Lubbock, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore Jr. and son, Gary Baxter, in Fort Worth Saturday before going to Denton to attend their son's marriage to Miss Leta Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hurst and son, Elbert Jr., spent Christmas day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodwin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassey Allredge and children spent Christmas with Mr. Allredge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hahan in Dry Lake community.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Meador had as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Meador and family of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Simpkins of Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Rape of Steel Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Tunnell and family of Houston.

Mrs. Jack Rector is ill with influenza this week and is unable to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hurst and son L. J., spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith of Abilene. Cadet Andy Hurst Jr., of Curtis Field, Brady, was also present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Speck Lunsford were here Saturday and Sunday attending to business and visiting friends. The Lunsfords left Sunday to visit Mrs. Lunsford's father, E. R. Hardwick, of Clovis, before returning to their home in Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Averett of Grand Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hall and son, Robert Thomas of Kaufman spent several days here this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Proctor.

Horace Hyatt was in Shamrock Christmas day and returned his young son, Billy Brad, and his aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Bulls to his home in Spur.

Dr. Brannen left last Tuesday for Mineral Wells to attend to business matters. He will be gone most of the week.

Mrs. Elsie Smith left Christmas day for Knott, Texas, to visit with relatives through the holidays. She returned to Spur Wednesday.

Miss Ida Mae Moss spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Ralls. After Christmas Miss Moss will leave for Oregon where she will be employed in defense work.

Roy Stovall returned last Wednesday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Coleman Dodson of Brownwood spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cargyle of Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Abernathy and children, Patsy Ann and Ruth Lynn of Pampa, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gibson. Mrs. Sam Caldwell of Lubbock was also a guest in the Gibson home. Mr. Abernathy and Mrs. Caldwell are brother and sister to Mrs. Gibson.

Miss Dorothy Crosslin visited her mother, Mrs. C. W. Crosslin of Dumont, during the holidays. Miss Crosslin also visited friends in Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reagan and daughters had as their guests during the Christmas holidays Mrs. Reagan's mother and sister, Mrs. Eita Webb and Mrs. W. W. Bouldin and sons, De Veal and Roy Duane of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hodges and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nally, spent Christmas day in Seymour with Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and family.

John Joe Castlelow is in Houston this week visiting in the Swan home.

W. F. Gilbert was in Dickens on business Monday.

For many years San Felipe, Texas, was the only municipality in the state conducted without taxation. The city government was supported by proceeds from an investment made as the result of the sale of five leagues of land which were ceded to the municipality.

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## W. J. Collier Dies At Daughter's Home

W. J. Collier, 76-year-old Dickens county resident, died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. H. Guffey, at Munday, following an illness that extended over several weeks. Funeral services were held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the Espuela Baptist church with burial in Spur cemetery.

Mr. Collier is survived by several children all of whom but two were present for the funeral. His wife preceded him in death about two years ago.

## EYES FOR VICTORY!

Uncle Sam needs top efficiency and maximum production . . . There is no room for faulty eyesight. Both men and women in war work must have keen vision. If you want top eyesight service at moderate cost, see San Angelo's popular optometrist, that has served the citizens of this section for many years, satisfactorily and at moderate cost. Dr. Fred R. Baker will be at the Wilson Hotel, Monday Jan. 4th, only. Yes—

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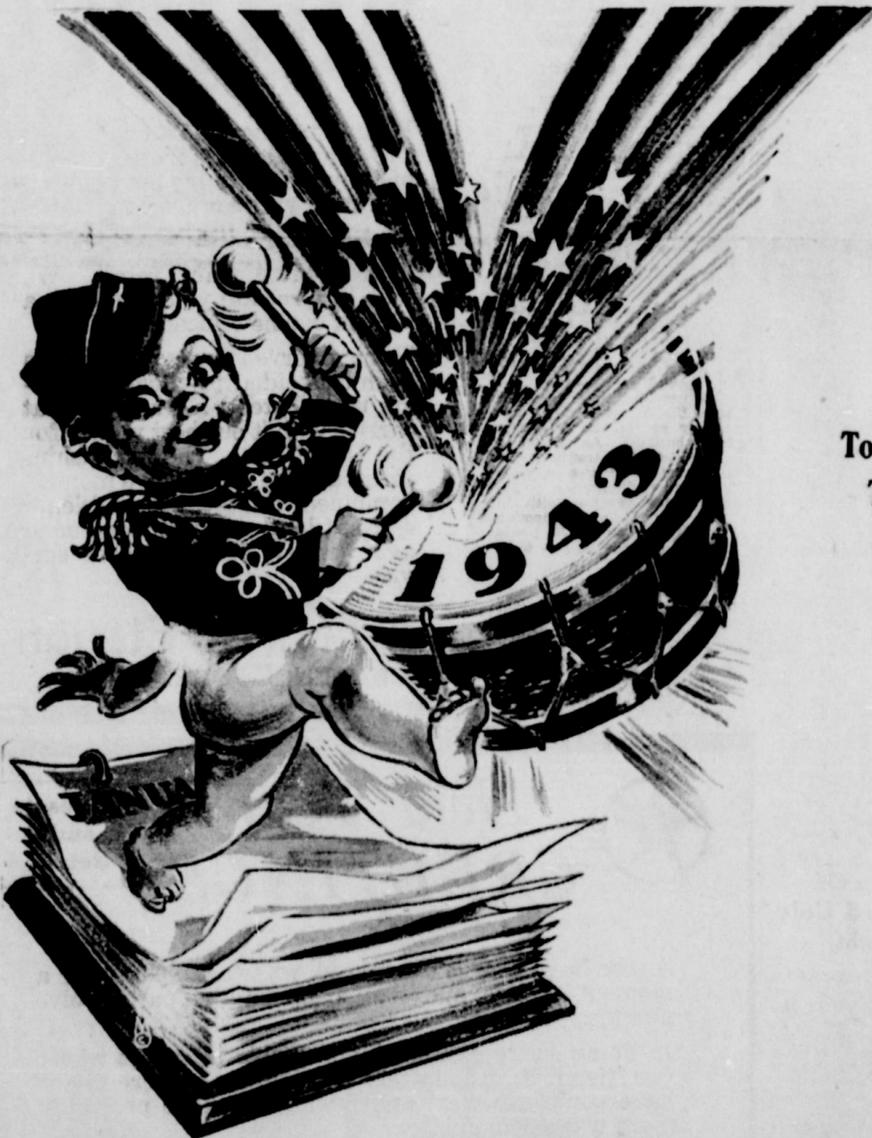
It is good to know that our efforts to please you have not been in vain and that we have met with your hearty approval.

May each of you have a New Year filled with Joy, Health and Prosperity.

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# Social Happenings

## Miss Viola Mills, Mr. Martin Cargile Marry In Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Mills of Abilene have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Viola, to Mr. Martin Cargile. Mr. Cargile is a former Spur resident and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cargile of Abilene.

The single ring ceremony was read by Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, at his home Dec. 25. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jones of Abilene.

The bride wore a white wool suit and a blue blouse with brown accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Mrs. Cargile is a graduate of Abilene high school where she was a member of the girl's band, orchestra and the National honor society. She is attending Hardin-Simmons university.

Mr. Cargile at present is employed at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Abilene.

The couple will make their home in Abilene at 310 Peach street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mason and son Jimmy, were in Sweetwater Friday visiting with Mr. Mason's mother.

## Mrs. F. W. Jennings Hostess At Coffee Honoring Miss Reed

Mrs. F. W. Jennings was hostess Saturday evening, Dec. 19, at 6:30 at a coffee given in her home for Miss Miriam Reed who is to be married to Lt. Everett E. Baker of Fort Jackson, S. C., Friday, Jan. 1. Miss Reed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed.

The hostess presented the honoree with a beautiful linen and lace handkerchief.

Mrs. Jennings' home was beautifully decorated with holly and other Christmas decorations. The refreshments were served in silver dishes buffet style from a large lace covered table. The ladies assisting Mrs. Jennings were Mmes. M. C. Golding and W. T. Andrews.

Refreshments of red and green salad, individual mince meat pie and whip cream, spiced cherries, chicken and sweet sandwiches, salted nuts, olives, coffee, and mixed hard Christmas candy, were served to Mmes. Roy Stovall, W. E. Putman, James B. Reed, W. D. Starcher, Mary Putman, Edna Daniels, R. F. Dickson, W. M. Hilly, M. C. Golding, W. T. Andrews, Miss Idalee Golding, the honoree, Miss Miriam Reed, and the hostess, Mrs. Jennings.

Messes. Roy Stovall, W. E. Putman, James B. Reed, Pvt. Bill Putman of Camp Barkley, W. D. Starcher, W. T. Andrews, and M. C. Golding.

**BANK EMPLOYEES ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of Lubbock were host and hostess at a Christmas party given for employees and directors of the Spur Security bank and their wives at the Spur Inn, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones brought their niece, Miss Dot Barber of Texas Tech, as their guest. Miss Barber was introduced by Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

Miss Mozelle Craddock, a dietitian from Lubbock, prepared the refreshments which were served to 35 guests. The refreshments were in Christmas wrapped boxes which contained fried chicken, pickles, olives, salad, Christmas pudding and cookies.

Names were drawn and each received a toy as a gift.

## Shower Last Week At Spur Inn Honors Miss Miriam Reed

A shower in honor of Miss Miriam Reed at the Spur Inn Wednesday, Dec. 16, was given jointly by Mmes. Roy Stovall, C. H. McCully, W. E. Putman, M. C. Golding, R. E. Dickson, Della Eaton, and Mary Putman. At the receiving line were Mmes. Dickson, Putman, Reed and Miriam.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations, and the guests were served coffee, sandwiches and cookies, with Mmes. Stovall, McCully, Hilly, Francis, and Moore assisting.

Guests attending were: Mmes. O. L. Kelley, E. S. Lee, J. C. McNeil, H. R. E. Dickson, P. E. McGilhar, George S. Link, G. H. Snider, Martha Campbell, Charlie Powell, S. K. Marsh, W. B. Lee, Clarence Foreman, W. F. Godfrey, W. B. Ford Jr., Joe B. Long, T. J. Seales, Ann B. McClure, Hill Perry, A. C. Hull, George Barnes, George M. Williams, J. L. Wolfe, George Gabriel, W. R. Weaver, Foy Vernon, Neal Chastain, Bob Alexander, E. C. Clinkscales, F. W. Jennings, W. T. Andrews, Mary Francis, Doris Moore, H. L. Thurston, E. C. McGee, D. J. Dyess, Cecil Fox, C. H. Elliott, Jack Christian, Mack Woodrum, Jack Rector, M. H. Brannen, L. D. Ratliff, E. D. Engleman, W. P. Foster Jr., C. H. McCully, Henry Alexander, Eldon Powell, Virgil Smith, Eric Foster, Della Eaton, Mary Putman, W. D. Starcher, George Sloan, M. C. Golding, L. H. Hurst, W. C. Gruben Sr., J. H. Grace, Fred Jennings and Misses Vera Sheppard, Isabelle Campbell, J. M. Hickman, Fae Bass, Martha Nichols, Francis Lawlis, Helen Patterson, Wynelle McClure, and Jennie Shield.

**MRS. DICK SPEER ENTERTAINS CLERKS WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The clerks of Speer's Variety store were entertained Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 o'clock with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Speer.

Names were drawn in the store the previous week and the presents were distributed at the party. Those who attended the party reported having a most enjoyable time.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Willie Smith, Mrs. Charlie Kearney, Mrs. Cecil Caplinger, Mrs. Edna Daughtry, Mrs. Oleda Bondrant, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Turner and Ann and Charles, Mrs. Lewis Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snider, Gwen Adams, Beth Arthur, Mrs. Tommy Couthren, Udell McDaniels, Mrs. J. P. Legg, Mrs. Coy McMahan, Winona Pace, Oco Curvey, Erena Hoover, Marion Speer, Mrs. Speer's aunt, Mrs. Emma Kewn of Oklahoma, and the hostess, Mrs. Dick Speer.

**MRS. W. B. FRANCIS HONORS MISS MIRIAM REED WITH SHOWER**

Miss Miriam Reed was honored with a lingerie shower, Wednesday night, Dec. 23, at 8:00 o'clock in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. W. B. Francis, 407 N. Carroll St.

The guests were served delicious sandwiches, cookies and coffee.

Those present were: Mmes. John F. Moore, W. P. Foster, Kelly Marsh, Winston Brummett, Chuck Powell, W. M. Hilly, Clarence Foreman, L. J. Hurst, Oscar Ford Jr., C. H. McCully, J. B. Morrison Jr., W. B. Francis Sr., Horace Hodges, James Reed and the honoree, Miss Miriam Reed.

Misses Melba and Sybil Hazel, Regina Lee, Martha Nichols, Wynelle McClure, Joyce McCutley, Jean Engleman, Idalee Golding, Helen Ruth and Winifred Lee, Margaret Weaver, Bonnie and Isabel Campbell, Ann Thurston, Nell Francis, Ruby and Emily Cowan, Helen Patterson, Norma Thurston, Betty Woodrum, and the hostess, Mrs. W. B. Francis Jr.

Miss Pearl Myers spent last week end in Aspermont in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ruthertford.

## Opportunity to Back Up Men In Service Offered By WAAC

The family the serviceman left behind him when he went to war is eagerly seizing the opportunity now offered women by the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to follow him into service.

"This is one of the prime motives impelling young women to enroll in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps as revealed by applicants being processed here," said Lt. Colonel Marvin B. Durrette, commander of the West Texas Recruiting and Induction District.

About 50 per cent of the applicants give as their reason for joining the WAAC the fact that they have a husband, brother, father or other relative in the armed service. They want to back up those fighters to the utmost, and the WAAC offers them a splendid opportunity to do just that very thing.

Also, being a WAAC is a sure cure of loneliness. A WAAC leads a busy, exciting life, with study, physical training, drill and work to keep her mind occupied. Her surroundings are pleasant. WAAC morale is as high as that of any branch of the service.

"Ninety per cent of all WAACs request overseas service," Lt. Colonel Durrette said. One WAAC, for example, has one brother in foreign service with the Navy Seabees, another in Asia with the Merchant Marine, and a sister in Army Censorship work. Enrolled in a WAAC recently, she requested overseas duty, said she hoped she'd get to see Hitler.

Another recent enrollee is the daughter of a first-class private in the Marines, has a brother in the Navy, a sister in the Navy Nurse Corps and a brother-in-law in the Navy. Her hobby is collecting stuffed animals and hopes that in the WAAC she'll be able to lend the men of her family a hand in their job of collecting stuffed Axis rats.

Any unencumbered woman citizen, between the ages of 21 and 44, inclusive, of good character and health and able to pass the Army physical and mental tests, is eligible.

Women interested in helping win this war should contact the nearest Army Recruiting station at once. There is an Army recruiting office in the Municipal building, Sweetwater.



**BURDENSOME BUREAUCRACY**

It has never been my good fortune to meet Bruce MacNamee who, until middle December, headed the United States Travel Bureau. I do not know his home state nor the nature of his youthful environment. My entire knowledge of the man comes from a ten-line Associated Press dispatch, but I admire him. As far as I know he is the only Washington bureaucrat who ever managed to abolish his bureau because he disliked being useless. There is a place in the halls of Harding college for his bust.

The cost of Mr. MacNamee's office could not have been a big item; not much compared to the 100 billion dollars to be spent on war in 1943. But even if there were only two men in the bureau, individually they deserve credit for quitting a useless job and freeing themselves to do something toward winning the war and saving the country, a land where free people may need travel information again some day to go gallivanting on 17c gasoline with two spare tires in back.

**A Man and a Crop**

A teen age boy in our town spent two recent week ends overhauling his old bicycle for his father to ride to work. The lad believes he will not be needing the wheel much longer. Such stories bring a clear realization that World War II is not entirely a matter of money. It is going to take all the time and strength of father and son, and this is nowhere more true than on the farm.

Out in the country every man counts, for a man means a crop planted and tended and harvested. A one-man crop is food for a good many people. In some measure, every crop means more to eat, lower food prices and a safeguard against inflation. Every useless "payroller" wastes more than his own efforts. He wastes also the work of those who grow his food. He is a vote for higher prices and shorter rations; a soldier in the army of inflation.

**Farmers Can Think**

The farmers of America are thinkers. They read more than most classes of people and listen to their radios some. When a farmer receives callers from so many different government agencies in one day that he feels the need of a reception clerk, he knows one thing for sure: There are too many bureaucrats thriving around on gravel roads who ought to be saving rubber.

The federal farm planning tangle is not the only hay-wire agglomeration that needs to be melted down and poured into a useful mould. Actually there are a dozen different federal agencies in the housing field. From the veteran Home Owners Loan Corp. to the new War Relocation Authority (now making asylums for Japs in the Arkansas rice country) they are all in the house building business. An official of the administration, testifying before a Senate committee, called it a "confused multiplication of defense housing agencies with ill defined functions, competing avidly with one another." I will not try to improve on this terse description.

**The High Hurdle**

It is my sincere belief that growing bureaucracy is the tallest hurdle between the United States and victory. There are some three million names on bureau payrolls now and I am amazed at the complicated machinery of the so-called Renegotiation law.

This hasty piece of legislation recently created three large, new bureaus—one in the Army, one in the Navy and one in the Maritime commission.

And what are they to do? Are they to figure war contracts again and again in search of excessive profits by manufacturers? Why is it necessary to do that, when the manufacturers are hardly able to earn two per cent after paying the well-known 90 per cent excess profit tax? There ought to be a much better reason than that for diverting needed man-power from the war effort, on which depends America's victory abroad and prosperity at home.

Messes. Pat Williams and Billy Ray Barrett returned to A&M last Friday night after spending the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Helen Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barrett.

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May this year mark the milestone of the end of the war and strife, and may you enjoy with the rest of the world a Victorious New Year that rings in peaceful times.

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**NOTICE!**

Hatchery Starting Saturday, January 2nd—Come in and let's talk Chix!

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

BE SURE TO VOTE SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd

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**Albert Power**

(This Advertisement Paid For By Friends of Albert Power)

**MRS. W. M. HILLY HONORS MISS REED WITH DINNER**

Mrs. W. M. Hilly was hostess to a dinner given in her home for Miss Miriam Reed, Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas candles, tinsel and wreaths were used as decorations. The honoree was given a beautiful service for four, Russell-Wright pottery set.

Games were enjoyed and refreshments of salad, rolls, coffee and dessert were served to the following guests:

Mmes. W. B. Francis Jr., Clarence Foreman, Chuck Powell, John F. Moore, R. E. Dickson, James B. Reed and the honoree, Miss Miriam Reed.

Misses Wynelle McClure, Idalee Golding, Jean Engleman, Francis Lawlis, Joyce McCutley, Helen Patterson and the hostess, Mrs. Hilly.

**PARTY FROM SPUR SPENDS CHRISTMAS IN RUIDOSO**

Mrs. Dick Speer, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Starcher and Billy Dee, Miss Oco Curry and Miss Marion Speer all spent Christmas in Ruidoso, New Mex. Mrs. Speer reported that the snow was over 18 inches deep not counting the drifts, and that the scenery was beautiful. The trees were laden with snow and some of the lower branches touched the ground. The party was caught in a snow storm just before they arrived in Ruidoso, but the next morning the weather was fine for bob-sledding. Mrs. Speer and her guests returned to Spur Sunday.

**Final Meeting Of Defense Guard Unit Thursday Night**

There will be a meeting of the Texas Defense Guard at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night at the Spur high school building. This will be the final meeting in Spur.

The local company is being mustered out and all members of the Defense Guard who belonged to the company in September are requested to be present.

All members must bring equipment, including the uniforms that belong to the company.

Mrs. Walter Jimison and Mrs. Dick Speer and daughter, Marion, were visitors in Lubbock last Tuesday. Mrs. Jimison visited with her husband who is stationed at the Air Base.

**ACHING-STIFF SORE MUSCLES**

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**NOTICE!**

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—both wholesale and retail. We will appreciate you paying us a visit in our new location.

To have served you in the past has been a decided privilege, prompting us to extend a Greeting that carries with it our best wishes for the New Year. The friendships formed these past twelve months, combined with those other friendships of long standing, lead us to again renew our pledge of service.

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**New Year GREETINGS**

Wholesale and Retail

As the New Year is ushered in, we wish to pause for a moment or two and look back on the past twelve months.

In doing so we can see innumerable instances where our friends have been very considerate—where favors have come our way, and friendships have proven in more ways than one.

Consequently, it is with genuine enthusiasm that we stop at the threshold of the New Year to wish each of you all the good things we can think of for the next twelve months. We are grateful for all you have done for us and take this means of expressing our thanks to each of you.

May the New Year Be One of Health, Happiness and Success to All.

**The Texas Co.**  
 JACK CHRISTIAN