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Sgt. Scott Tells of Conditions In India In Letter To Folks



Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott of Calgary recently received a letter from their son, Staff Sergeant W. C. Scott (pictured above) who is now somewhere in India. He is a gunner and bombardier in the air corps.

Sgt. Scott left last February for overseas duty in the air corps and in less than eight months completed his required number of combat hours. He stated in the letter that he will not fly regular missions again but will fly now and then, of course. He states that he is awaiting his turn to come home for a visit with his parents.

He also stated that people there are dying every day from starvation. They have bread lines. Sgt. Scott said, but these can not feed all of the people who need help. He said the boys in his unit buy things from the vendors and give them to the natives, which makes them very appreciative of the boys in the United States Army.

He stated the priests and missionaries are doing a wonderful job in trying to alleviate the suffering among the natives in India, but they can not cope with even a small part of it.

The people of India, he said, are not organized as they have so many different beliefs and religions. The people who have plenty seem content to watch their fellow countrymen die of starvation.

Sgt. Scott said that he believes that India will offer one of the major problems in post-war planning.

Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For Melvin Webster

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist church in Spur for Melvin Webster, 25, who died in a Lubbock hospital Saturday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. The services were held by Rev. Herman Coe, pastor of the church.

Melvin was born on Dec. 5, 1918, in Falls county, Texas, and moved with his parents to this county in 1937.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Webster, two sisters, Ila Newsom and Mozelle Cathey, O'Donnell; three brothers, Alva and Robert Webster of Calgary, and George Webster of Dickens. Also several nieces and nephews survive.

Pallbearers were Clyde Gregory, Claude Gregory, S. Clark, Chester McCombs and Warren B. Cooner.

Funeral arrangements were with Chandler Funeral Home and interment was in Spur cemetery.

MEMBERS OF TEXAS SPUR STAFF LEAVE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huse and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Switzer left Wednesday night for a holiday visit in north and central Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Huse and children will visit with relatives in Rockwall, while Mr. and Mrs. Switzer will visit in Arlington and Waco. They will return Sunday. Huse and Switzer are members of the staff of The Texas Spur.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Word was received here last week that James Fox, who is in the Navy and stationed in San Diego, Calif., has recently been promoted to the rank of Seaman first class. He is the son of W. W. Fox of Prairie Hill, Texas, a former resident of Spur, and a nephew of Cecil and Charlie Fox of Spur.

Pfc. J. P. Bachman, stationed in Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bachman, east of Dickens. Pfc. Bachman, who is on a fifteen-day furlough, was a visitor in Spur Saturday.

Cpl. Merton Fisher of Fort Bliss, Texas, is spending a 20-day furlough with his father, H. E. Fisher, in Calgary.

Ensign Weldon Delisle, who is in the Maritime Service, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Delisle, this week. He is to report in New Orleans, La., on Friday of this week. He stated that he was glad to be home, but regrets that he will not be able to be here on Christmas Day.

Mrs. M. L. Dlashaw received word this week that her grandson, Billy Joe Jenkins, who is now in San Francisco, Calif., has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Jenkins, who was wounded in action and confined in a hospital for three months, was awarded the Purple Heart recently. This award is given all men who are wounded in battle.

Word was received here recently that Pat Fletcher, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Patton, has been promoted from Signalman third class to Signalman second class. Pat is in the Navy.

S. Sgt. James O. Hart, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., is visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Slim Myers, while on a fourteen day furlough. He is in the Quartermaster Corps.

Cpl. John Hazelwood, Jr., stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hazelwood, and his wife in Spur. He is on a 14-day furlough.

First Sgt. Hazel Watson, who is stationed at the Ordnance proving grounds at Tooele, Utah, is spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Watson, and other relatives. Sgt. Watson, a member of the WAC's, is on a 15-day furlough.

Coxswain and Mrs. Wilmer Slaton, who call Junction, Texas, their home, are in Spur for the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton. Slaton has just returned from 14 months service in the Aleutian Islands. He is in the Seabees and states that he has a 30-day leave.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Mike Harkey of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting with his father, D. J. Harkey, in Dickens and Homer Dobbins in Spur while on an 11-day furlough.

Sgt. Donald Brotherton, who has been stationed at Hereford, Texas, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander while on a 10-day (enroute) furlough. He will report at Salt Lake City to join his bomber crew preparatory to overseas duty. He is turret gunner.

Mrs. Pearl Franklin has received word from her son, J. T. Franklin, who is in the Navy. He stated that he has been in Africa for the past three months but is back in the United States now, stationed in Virginia. He said that he saw lots of sights while overseas.

T/Sgt. Cleo Rogers of Alexandria, La., is visiting his parents,

Merry Christmas to All



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You are giving more this Christmas than ever before. You are contributing toward lasting peace for the entire world by working longer hours, by doing without to buy War Bonds, by offering even your lives. Christmas this year has deep meaning for you, because the joy of giving which means sacrificing is yours. The personnel of The Texas Spur wishes for each and every one of you that the season will be filled with gladness, and may the coming years of peace bring you lasting happiness.

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C.F. Cook Appointed To Price Panel of Rationing Board

Mayor Lawis Lee announced this week that C. F. Cook, superintendent of Spur schools, has been appointed to the price panel of the War Price and Rationing Board of Dickens county, rounding out a panel of four members. The members of the panel are

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rogers, in the Dry Lake community while on a 15-day furlough. Sgt. Rogers is in the Army Air Corps.

Mrs. Myrtle Sharp has heard from her two sons. Pvt. W. J. Sharp and Pvt. Lonnie L. Sharp, who are in the Army. She stated they are both doing fine and they would appreciate hearing from anyone in Spur. Their addresses are Pvt. W. J. Sharp, 38338718, Service Co., 63rd Inf., APO 913, Camp Adair, Oregon; and Pvt. Lonnie L. Sharp, 381-08859 703rd Bomb. Sqdn., 445th Bomb. Group, APO 634, Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Minyard Ensey, Yeoman second class of the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Training Center, Melville, R. I., arrived in Spur Monday to spend a 17-day Christmas leave with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey. For the past fourteen months he has been attached to the personnel department there. Mrs. Ensey has been here visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Powell, since Thanksgiving.

They will return the first of the year to Newport, R. I., where they now make their home.

Word of Appreciation To Spur Fire Dept.

J. W. Adams, superintendent of schools at Afton, stated in a letter to The Texas Spur that he wishes to thank the Spur volunteer fire department for their response to the call for help when the vocational agriculture building and band room at the Patton Springs school burned a few days ago.

Free Kiddies Show At Palace Theatre

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J. D. says, "Come on, kiddos, and join in the fun. It's all free."

S-Sgt. Joe Ousley Named Second Capt. Of Student Body

S/Sgt. Joe B. Ousley, son of County Clerk E. H. Ousley, of Dickens, is undergoing a course of Army Air Force instruction up to five months prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces. He has been appointed Aviation Student Second Captain of the student body, according to word received here from Headquarters 87th College Training Detachment, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., where he is stationed.

He will continue to hold this position in the Detachment until such time as he is required to participate in elementary flight training.

MINCE PIES FOR LUCK—THAT'S BRITISH TRADITION

One of England's gay Christmas traditions centers around its delectable mince pies. It seems that each mince pie eaten between Christmas Eve and Twelfth Night will ensure a whole month of good luck in the coming year.

That works out to just about a pie a day for 12 days, to cover the calendar year—a stunt that would seem more likely to cause chronic dyspepsia than good fortune. But these aren't the pies we Americans are accustomed to—the English mince pie is about the size of a doughnut. To eat a dozen in as many days is no trick at all, when two or three of them can be gobbled with a cup of tea.

Austin Bell, proprietor of the City Meat Market, is ill this week, having a touch of flu.

Courthouse To Close Friday Noon for Xmas

The county courthouse at Dickens will be closed from noon Friday until Monday morning to enable employees to make last-minute purchases of Christmas gifts and to allow those who plan to spend the holidays out of the county time in which to make their trips by Christmas day, it was announced this week by County Judge E. H. Boedeker.

City Commissioners Hosts To Employees Of City At Supper

Members of the City Commission of Spur entertained all city employees at the municipal light plant Tuesday night of this week by having prepared a nice Christmas supper for them. A small gift was given to each employee.

Mayor Lawis Lee was unable to attend as he was called out of town late Tuesday afternoon.

The two commissioners, Carl Proctor and O. B. Ratliff, made short talks on the responsibilities and duties of each employee for the coming year.

Each employee was also given the privilege of making short talks. These talks showed that each one is determined to work harder for the best interests of the city. A friendly feeling of cooperation was evidenced at this gathering, the first of its kind ever held in Spur.

Those present were: Commissioners Carl Proctor and O. B. Ratliff, City Manager Truman Green, Syble McDaniel, Skeet Read, J. B. Britton, Homer Teague, Alph Glasgow, Joe Wolfe, J. O. Adcock, J. W. Steel, Floyd Hines and W. O. Dement.

17,084 Bales Ginned From 1943 Cotton Crop Up To Dec. 1

This year's cotton crop, prior to Dec. 1, for Dickens county topped the 17,000 bale estimate of several weeks ago by eighty-four bales, according to a report by the United States Bureau of Census. The total ginnings were 17,084 bales, as compared with 19,651 bales for the same period last year.

State ginnings totaled 2,583,210, the report said. For the period ending the same date last year the State of Texas had ginned 2,671,648 bales.

In the Lubbock area a total of 454,788 bales were ginned in the fifteen counties from the 1943 crop for this period.

Kent county ginned 2,998 bales prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 6,094 for the same period last year.

Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends.

For a live new record of our act of love

everywhere . . . a lasting Peace that will bring AN for.

has been more dream than reality, more hope seen the best hope men have had and the one most consistently shown themselves willing to die. of the birth of Christ is about to dawn . . . most people in all countries are suffering under the in can accurately predict the day on which it will FF liberty loving men everywhere catch the gleam given and remember that age-old doctrine, "Peace Men" is the ultimate goal that we must fight

the fin. son.

Our bird sanctuaries, too, grew out of a holiday custom. A sheaf of grain, a trophy of the harvest, was placed on the housetop for the birds.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Petty were visiting in Abilene Friday of last week.

Dr. Ling Speaks On Trends In China At Rotary Luncheon

Dr. Bing Chung Ling, Chinese member of the faculty of Texas Technological college in Lubbock, was the guest speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Spur Rotary club last Thursday.

Dr. Ling, who was born near Shanghai, China, came to the United States in 1927, entering Wellesley college, the alma mater of Madame Chiang Kai Shek, wife of China's leader. She was a psychology student there from 1927 to 1931.

While attending this school Dr. Ling was awarded the Wellesley scholarship. She is also an honorary member of the American Psychology Society.

She attended the medical college of Yale University from 1939 to 1941. She came to Texas Tech in 1941 to assist the faculty. At that time she could not be placed on the faculty, but since the attack on Pearl Harbor she has been made a member of the faculty. She teaches the Chinese language to American students at the school.

Dr. Ling was introduced by Dr. Clifford Jones, president of Texas Tech, who painted a glowing picture of the fine work she is doing at the Lubbock school.

Dr. Ling spoke on "Current Trends in China." She told of how the president of China, Chiang Kai Shek, was looking to the future of his nation while, at the same time, fighting his ruthless neighbors, the Japanese. All male students of China's universities and colleges are not permitted to take up arms, she stated, because they are the ones to whom China will look after the war to rebuild that great nation.

She told of how the colleges and universities would be moved from the battle areas of China back into the interior, many miles away from the invading forces. She told of how the students, so eager to gain an education, would travel on foot for many hundreds of miles to the new sites of their schools.

Also the industrial plants, chiefly silk and clothing manufacturing plants, would be taken piece-by-piece and moved many hundreds of miles. These would be moved on backs on donkeys and carried by humans. The women workers would follow and when a new site for the factory was selected in the unoccupied regions of the country they would again turn out their work as though nothing had happened.

Dr. Ling said that the immediate future did not look too bright for China, but slowly, but surely, her native land was preparing for a huge counter offensive that will drive the Japs out of China.

She said that small industries have sprung up all over the unoccupied regions of western China. They are known as Indusco's. Each employee of the Indusco is a stockholder in the concern. The machinery used in these plants is the most simple that can be devised so that if the plants have to be dismantled in a short time that can be accomplished with little effort and

CHRISTMAS TREE COOKIES

Christmas "trees" cut from cookie dough when baked can be "trimmed" with silver and chocolate shots, bits of preserved fruits and nuts.

DICKENS NEWS ITEMS

Mary Helen Draper, who has been employed in the office of the County Superintendent, has accepted a position with the Spur office of the OPA. She resigned her former position Saturday. Eloise Sharp of Dickens, who has been working at the Spur Security Bank, has been employed to take the place of Miss Draper.

A. B. Winkler is on the sick list this week.

Roy Ward and family and Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boedeker and son, Teddy, attended the Christmas program in McAdoo last Sunday night.

Pvt. Houston P. Littlefield, stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., arrived in Dickens for a few days' visit with Mrs. Nettie

Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Porter and other relatives before going to visit his parents in San Pedro, Calif.

A Christmas program was held at the Methodist church in Dickens Wednesday night of this week. Children of the church presented a pageant of the Three Wise Men. Presents were taken from the Christmas tree following the pageant and were distributed.

H. A. C. Brummett was in Floydada Monday attending a session of the Floyd county court.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Hays and family left Wednesday of this week for Wellington to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hays' parents.

J. D. Allen, basketball coach of the Dickens schools, left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

A. Z. Hays, superintendent of

Dickens schools, was a visitor in Spur Monday.

Sheriff Fred Christopher attended the West Texas Peace Officers Association meeting in Seminole on Wednesday of last week. Sheriff Christopher stated that about 85 members of the association were present at the meeting, at which several prominent FBI officials spoke. Many points of law were discussed. Christopher stated that the association meets every three months.

On Friday and Saturday of last week a basketball tournament was held in the Dickens high school gymnasium, in which the Dickens boys' team was victorious. Patton Springs emerged the winner of the girls' tournament.

Tournament play started Friday night and was completed Saturday night. In the boys' tournament Dickens won over McAdoo in the opening round, 22 to 8. Then Dickens had to go on a scoring spree in the last few seconds of their next game, sinking three field goals, to eke out a win over the strong Valley View team by a score of 21 to 20. In the final game Dickens won over Lorenzo 21 to 19. Lorenzo had won over Roaring Springs Robertson in earlier games the tournament.

The Dickens girls did all right until the last game of the tournament with Patton Springs. Dickens defeated McAdoo 29 to 9 and won over Jayton by a wide margin of 27 to 7. But in the final game they were defeated by Patton Springs, 18 to 10.

Trophies were presented the winners and second place teams. These were: Girls, (first place) Patton Springs; (second) Dickens. Boys, (first place) Dickens; (second) Lorenzo.

All-tournament teams were selected by the coaches of teams in the tournament. These were: Boys, Williams, Lorenzo, forward; Lynch, Valley View, forward; Futch, Dickens, center; Overstreet, Dickens, guard; Martin, Lorenzo, guard.

Girls, Avara, Patton Springs, forward; Atkinson, Dickens, forward; Bowles, Lorenzo, forward; Rich, Patton Springs, guard; Hawley, Dickens, guard, Jay, Jayton, guard.

DICKENS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll for the second six-weeks of the Dickens schools as announced by Supt. A. Z. Hays:

Seniors:
A: Minnie Mae Collins, R. C. Littlefield, Patsy Turpen.
B: Annie Beechly, Doris Clower, H. L. Futch, J. D. Graham, Jerry Hawley, Virley Hawley, Edd Partridge, Alta Mae Pillow, Louise Wiley.

Juniors:
Haunera Arthur, Betty Lee Green, Helen Partridge.
B: Arnel Rhea Cumbie, Wilma Dawson, June Green, Mary Harvey, Billy Overstreet, Edith Stanford.

Sophomore:
A: Jean Ousley, Lois Estelle Meadows.
B: Doris Parker.

Freshman:
A: Billie Cumbie.
B: Billy Byers Sharp, Darrell Shaw, Pansy Dale Terpen, Edith Watley.

Eighth Grade:
A: Betty Atchison, Fred Gordon, Hubert Hawley.
B: Wanzella Johnson, Gaylen Hays, Dwayne Stephens, Vera Putman, Marie Holly, Jessie Williams, Winona Adams.

Seventh Grade:
B: Louise Baker.

Sixth Grade:
B: Nelda Jo Williams, Carolyn Hays, Mickey Green, John L. Koonsman, Maud Edwards.

Fifth Grade:
A: Mary Joyce Atchison, Ray Ousley.
B: Barbara Jo Dawson, Barbara Jo Spear, Christal Swaringen, Freida Sue Gipson.

Fourth Grade:
A: Wylie Hunt, Joneil James, Marcell James, Aleen Nutt.

Third Grade:
A: Sue Cumbie, Jackie L. Reynolds.
B: Nita Merle Hawley, Mary Jo Rogers, Louise Partridge, Stanley Jones.

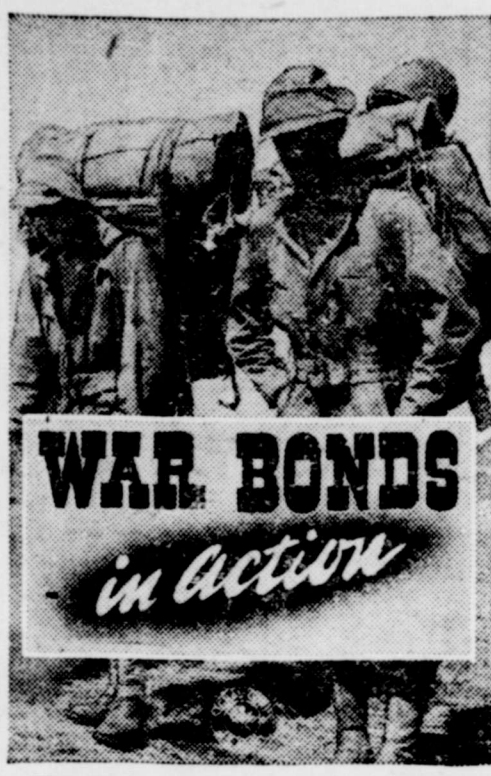
Second Grade:
A: Barbara Sharp, Helen Wiley, Patsy Lee Hunt, Coy Dell Overstreet, Donald Ray Shaw.
B: Edward Bennett, Gordon Latham.

First Grade:
A: Grady Swaringen, Thelma Collins, Carol Ann Gordon, Genyce Taylor, Charlotte Ann Watley, Movelta Bennett.
B: Kenneth Dale Lea, Tommie Ray McKnight, Rose Marie Hunt, Juddie Fay McKnight, Madaline Ryals, Shirley Nell Rogers.

Distance Lends Safety.

What's the big idea of talking to yourself? asked the friend. I wasn't, replied Mr. Meek. I was talking to my wife. Why, your wife isn't anywhere in sight.

I know it, but it is always safer to tell her what I was saying when she isn't within hearing distance.



From a transport in New Guinea American members of hospital units are carrying medicine and instruments provided by War Bond dollars.

How many will they succor? How many dead will they find? How many will never return? We do not know but we do know our daily conduct can make an earlier end of the war.

Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

Housewife Reminded Of Need of Saving Waste Kitchen Fats

It is the responsibility of every citizen to save all waste fats and oils and bring it to your meat market. The market will buy it and pay you four cents a pound.

Ever since that dark day at Pearl Harbor, when the enemy at one stroke set itself astride the Pacific and cut off the major source of supplies of fats and oils to this country, there has been a dire need of these raw materials of war. Indeed, they are more than materials of war. Fats and oils are basic sources of life itself and contributing factors, in large or less measure, to practically every item and those of our allies.

The importance of fats and oils industrially, as food stuffs, in clothing and housing, as well as in munitions and medicines, cannot be exaggerated. Everything we use, wear and eat is dependent upon the fats and oils supply. Literally, these fats and oils fill our needs from A to Z.

Salvaging fats in American kitchens by women willing to work for Uncle Sam is a job without glamour and for which no medals or citations will be given. Right now, used fats are needed in at least double the present volume to take care of the depletion of fats and oils stocks due to cut-off imports and increased war demands. The salvage of household fats is a job only a woman can do. It is a job that because its drama is concealed and because it is unpleasant and tedious will be gladly dropped at the slightest excuse unless the need is emphasized.

Good news from the front, for instance, makes thousands of women sigh with relief and exclaim, "Thank goodness! We have won the war now! I can stop salvaging fat and turning it in to my meat dealer."

Even in Victory, war demands keep right on demanding. Victorious armies on the push, need more food, more clothing, more guns, more ammunition, more of everything that uses fats and oils.

As the fighting becomes more intense with our invasion of Europe, there will be still greater demands for guns, planes, ammunition, clothing and a hundred other things required in modern warfare, and there will be a proportionate increase in the demand for the fats and oils necessary to make this equipment.

Fats and oils will be needed more than ever as lubricants for ships, planes, tanks and trucks; for processing the fabrics for uniforms, parachutes, tents and other equipment; for making synthetic rubber; for x-ray films, paints to preserve our equipment, and for ever increasing amounts of ammunition. And much of the fat we shall need will have to come from the kitchens of America.

Household fats are a valuable source from which to fill our war, industrial and home front needs. Before this war we were throwing away an estimated 2,000,000,000 pounds of used kitchen fats each year, an amount equal to that normally imported.

For Enjoyable Dining . . .

Our distinctive food passes every taste test and has a flavor-full quality that makes this a favorite eating place for discriminating people! When dining out—treat your self to the best, in keeping with your wartime budget.

Mrs. Smith's Cafe

More Conservation Work Applications Received By SCS

If the farmers and ranchers of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District are to reach their maximum output and thereby contribute the most to winning the war, almost all their cultivated land and most of their range land should be treated for soil and water conservation. The cultivated land needs such mechanical treatment as terracing, contour tillage, water diversion and spreading. In addition, it needs better crop management and better use of such practices as strip cropping, cover cropping, stubble mulching, and crop rotation. The range land needs such treatment as contour furrows, water diversions and spreaders and dam construction. In addition, better range management will help maintain and improve the productivity of practically all the range land.

The long-time goal of farmers and ranchers in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District is the most productive and continuous use of soil and water on every farm and ranch. The immediate goal of the farmers and ranchers is to step up production of war crops and to keep it up until the war is over. This means that conservation practices must be extended and improved. Enough has been learned about how to hold the soil, how to save the rainfall, how to combat dry weather, torrential rains and dust storms, that farmers and ranchers can obtain fairly good results with measures they can put into practice themselves.

In the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District last week applications for help on soil and water conservation work were received from E. W. Yeakley, W. E. Armstrong, L. G. Bass, and Millard Smith; new farm plans were made for E. Durham, J. A. Swaringen and Rube Waddell; terrace lines were run for Mrs. Cora Dobbins and R. Z. Carr; terraces were constructed for Joe Grace and Ola Miller, and stock tank completed for Bud Morrison.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas,

To W. P. Evans, defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Dickens County at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10th day of January, A. D. 1944, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of November, A. D., 1943, in this cause, numbered 1819 on the docket of said court and styled Ella Evans plaintiff, vs W. P. Evans, de-

pendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: A suit for divorce and restoration of maiden name brought by Ella Evans as plaintiff against W. P. Evans as defendant, and as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 29th day of November, A. D., 1943.

Attest: (Seal) E. H. Ousley, Clerk, District Court, Dickens County, Texas. 5-4c

CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL 1943

"Outstanding Performance"

sums up, in two words, the achievements of our armed forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We thank you most cordially for your good will and patronage and wish you the Season's Greetings.

Gruben Drug and Jewelry



The Wacker Store

To Our Friends:

Queer, how hard it is to find Greetings that just suit our mind; Perhaps it's cause we want to say Old-time words in a new-time way. But after all, old words ring true, So once more we're wishing you—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DR. O. R. CLOUDE, D. C.

GREETINGS

One of the things we like most about Christmas is the pleasure of meeting, and greeting, our friends. And so to you—our customer—we extend the Season's Greetings—and thank you most sincerely for the business you have turned our way in the past. We hope this Christmas will be a truly happy one—and that 1944 will bring all those things that are nearest and dearest to you and yours. We wish you all the good things Americans have traditionally enjoyed for now and in the yearned for days after Victory! So let's all pull together harder than ever . . . and make this Christmas the last Christmas of wartime. All of us here wish you happiness this Yuletide season. And for the New Year our pledge to you is to try and make our business with you both pleasant and profitable.

YOUR GIN

Farmer's Co-Op Gin

T. N. MORGAN, Mgr.

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FIRST DAY
English Four, period 3, Miss Powell.
English Four, period 1, Mrs. McNeil.
English One, period eight, Mrs. Rackley.
English One, period 2, Mrs. Baird.
English One, period 6, Mrs. Baird.

COOK.
All World History, Study Hall, Mrs. Johnston. Mr. Labay.
11:00-12:30
All Spanish classes, study hall, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Reavis.
Speech, room 4, Mrs. Cook.
1:00-3:00
All U. S. History. Study hall, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Brannen.
V. A. I. V. A. building, Mr. Labay.
SECOND DAY
9:30-11:00
Algebra I and Study hall, Mr. Cook.

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Plane Geometry, room 3. Mr. Cook.
Algebra II, Mrs. Rackley's class, room 1, Mrs. Rackley.
Algebra I.
11:00-12:30
Gen. Math. study hall, Mrs. Rackley, Mrs. Jeffers.
Civics Room I, Mrs. Johnston.
Business Arithmetic, room 4, Mr. Reavis.
1:30-3:00
H. E. I, II, and III, study hall, Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. Brannen.
V. A. II and Farm Eng. V. A. building.
THIRD DAY
9:30-11:00
All Sciences, study hall, Mrs. Brannen, Mr. Reavis.
Bookkeeping, room 2, Miss Powell.
English III, study hall, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Johnston.
Please report any conflicts to Mr. Brantley.

SCANDAL

Well, kids, this is that dirt digging dirt dober, on the loose. I'm new at this business but I tell everything I know, so beware. Poor Tommy didn't get a date for the banquet, but we see that he certainly has his eye cast toward that wolf Forestine Mecom. It seems that the Ball and Dyess families certainly have a system. If Roy Lee would only meet Billy Wayne half way and bring Aline to town, then everything would work out perfectly. We are anxious to know what will happen to the Weaver and Starcher case since Betty went to the banquet with Parker? It seems that Norma is saving a little trouble. But after all, you can't blame her. It would have been so dull at the banquet without her. Charley Paul Harris and Billie Woodrum seem to have enjoyed the banquet immensely. How was the show? Pete Adcock and Leta Faye Bloodworth were out together and I don't mean maybe they were all smiles. We would just like to know what Ila Ruth, Maxine and Norma have up their sleeves for Dec.

23? Sure must be something special, because they are certainly anxious for that day to arrive. Dub Rumfield seemed to be the life of the table where he was sitting. Marie surely did look pretty. Seems as if there were a few accidents at the banquet. Several glasses of water were spilled and a cup of coffee or so. We wonder if the romance of Jimmy Draper and Joyce Proctor will last. It seems as if they get along pretty well from what I can gather. Joyce Williams and David McAttee are in the groove. How does little Dyess feel about the situation? Everyone seemed to enjoy the banquet, so let's leave and see how some of the old steadies are getting along. Lou Emma is going to have a job on her hands during the Christmas holidays. Power to you, sister. Ila Ruth has no more worries. Donald isn't mad and everything is roses again. Eurena Hoover and Jake Elkins make a stunning couple. Not in size of course, but in other ways. How about that? Pete and Susie aren't completely on the rocks, but from what I can gather she was afraid to attend the banquet with that certain little Bulldog. Seems as if the cold weather is bringing more cars to school. Well the girls have to take the boys home because the boys are too bashful to take them home. Anyway, we don't want anyone to freeze. Do we? Pike and Charman are o. k. You don't see one unless the other is about three feet away. Cecilia has that far-away look again and if I ain't mistaken it is around Girard. If that is a mistake please leave me a note in the postoffice. Mavis Hill is certainly getting around to be a freshman. We sincerely wish that you would give us other freshmen some advice. Barbara Ford surely gets a lot of calls. Wish that telephone had not been invented because it sure keeps me busy listening in on personal calls. Those Swanner girls have a good looking Bulldog. What has happened to those cowboys? O. E. Byrd surely did surprise everyone when he took Eliese Petty to the banquet. "Little Red" Arrington is just O. K. these days. Especially since the Army is here. "Buzz" Young and Patsy really do make a cute couple. Have any of you girls noticed Charley Kimmel lately? It won't be too many more days until he will be the cutest boy in school. Warren B. Cooner's heart has already mended from all points of view. He owes most of this good fortune to Betty Aldredge. Even though I have always heard that three is a crowd. Billy Glenn, Warren, and Betty do O. K. together. Watch out boys, that Bombshell, Joyce Fletcher, is back in town. "Mayflower" Carlisle not only has brains but Mackie Brannon. Who envies her? Maxine Adams' heart will beat again Christmas, that is if Billy T. gets to come home as he has planned to. Geraldine Wright certainly doesn't give these boys around here a chance. Geraldine, you know that he doesn't think of you half as much as you think of him. Margie Randall has just completely lost out on these Girard boys. Wonder what happened? Bert, have you received that letter from Munday? Just what are you going to send him for Christmas? Loyd Walker sure gives these girls that come-hither look. Could it be those new sisters in school? Dot Karr has a boyfriend from Girard also. It seems that he is a little old, but that can't make any difference now. (In case you people didn't know there is a man shortage.) Jackie and Casey are doing as well as could be expected, due to circumstances. You certainly must have driven a long way to have used 3 gallons of gas. Vera Doris seems a little bewildered but perhaps some "Lone Ranger" will come by in a pretty black Ford. Wanda Ruth Russel has some boy friends from Dickens. You had better tell them where you live, because that Mavis is a Wolf. It seems that some people can not take jokes. When we put something in the Rowel, it is not always the truth; so don't get your feelings hurt about some little old something in this column. Dot Reynolds is certainly looking after other peoples' business, but from what I can gather, she had better watch her own business, because she is about to lose that certain you know who. Well, kiddos, I am closing for the Christmas holidays so you had better be careful, because I really tell everything I know. We will close for now, However we will return somehow,

So beware and watch down the chimney—
For I may be your enemy.
Merry Christmas!
—S. H. S.—
Misc. School News

DR. LING SPEAKS IN GYM
The students of Spur high school and members of the faculty were honored with a speech presented by Dr. B. C. Ling, Thursday, Dec. 16, in the high school gym. Dr. Ling was introduced by Dr. C. B. Jones, president of Texas Technological College where she is now teaching the cadets and civilians the Chinese language and customs. Due to the fact that Dr. Ling was born and reared near Shanghai, China, she was able to deliver a very detailed description on the Chinese children before the war. Dr. Ling chanted a short poem in Chinese and explained that it was an old Chinese custom to chant poetry. She then translated the poem to English. At the end of her speech a deafening applause was heard and many students rushed to obtain her autograph. Dr. Ling was dressed in the typical Chinese costume. The students of Spur high school were deeply honored to be privileged to hear Dr. Ling.
—S. H. S.—

JOKES

Mrs. McNeill: There will only be a half-day's work this morning.
Jake Elkins: Hooray!
Mrs. McNeill: Silence! We will have the other half this afternoon.
Did you hear about the ghost moron who ate ghost toasts, evaporated milk and doughnut holes for breakfast?
George Walker: Our new boss is a man of few words.
Tip Vernon: Who told you so?
George: He did—for three hours today.
Mr. Cook: If you added 50,028 and 63, and divided by 45 what would you have?
Alton Delisle: (answering promptly, The wrong answer.
Lightning Ericson: How do you sell this limburger cheese?
Pike Dobbins: I often wonder myself.

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So far, such a world has been more dream than reality, more hope than fact, but it has been the best hope men have had and the one for which they have most consistently shown themselves willing to die. Another anniversary of the birth of Christ is about to dawn . . . Throughout the world people in all countries are suffering under the burden of war. No one can accurately predict the day on which it will all end. But the eyes of liberty loving men everywhere catch the gleam of the Star of Bethlehem and remember that age-old doctrine, "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men" is the ultimate goal that we must fight for now.

Let us give thanks and pray that our way of life may endure, and that we may remain a free people. Here is our strength, the source and promise of victory. We extend this as our Christmas Greeting to our armed forces and the folks here on the Home Front.

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There is a land of happy homes, of free hearts, and has bountifully bestowed many blessings on us. Let us put our trust in Him and be in this happy Yuletide season.

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From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown is us this year. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

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THERE IS HOPE

Our Own community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth."

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war lords on our normal way of living—we know that the peace-loving "little" men of good-will far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it is people that count.

So Christmas to those who possess it.

Let this trumpet your thoughts to your friends and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

in two words, the achievements of our forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We hope most cordially for your good will and wish you the Season's Greetings.

Consequently, Alfred M. Bingham, editor of the magazine, "Common Sense," comes forth with the declaration that it would be constructive and democratic statesmanship to prepare now to repair any damage we may do to Tokyo and Berlin.

The editor wants to know, "Are you ready to rebuild Tokyo and Berlin, Genoa and Naples, Cologne and Essen?" The alternative, he suggests, is to "crucify democracy on the cross of hate, bigotry and reaction."

We are inclined to think that the first duty of the United Nations, after the war ends, is to see that the cities destroyed by the aggressors are rebuilt. As far as possible, the reconstruction should be a compulsory obligation of the aggressor peoples. If necessary, the warriors of Germany and Japan should be recruited into labor battalions for the work.

It is somewhat early to worry about the homeless and devastated peoples of the aggressor nations. Until their unconditional surrender changes them from enemies into helpless wards, we can well give our sympathy to the oppressed victims of Nazi and Japanese militarism.

In the course of time, it will be proper to worry about the fate of enemy peoples, but our capacity for worry is somewhat limited and, in the meantime, we are worrying, one hundred per cent, about the Czechs, Poles, Danes, Norwegians, Dutch, Belgians, Greeks, Jews, Chinese and other mistreated and outraged peoples.

Bombs falling in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, help teach the Bulgarians that it is bad business to declare war upon the United States.

Individuals who are unwilling to fight for their country and their civilization ought to abandon both and seek some place on the earth more suitable to their specie.

While we are considering the various fighting branches that are candidates for "winning the war," let's not forget the home front, the industrial front and the financial front.

Money Buying Lives

Referring to the Lend-Lease policy of the United States, Senator Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana, says that "we have been the suckers in the nth degree."

The brother is worried about the national debt which is going up faster than that of Great Britain, and other nations at war. He seems to forget the prime purpose of Lend-Lease, which is designed to keep the other nations fighting in order to save American lives.

There is no doubt of the money that we could save by suspending Lend-Lease. Without our material supplies, the British and Russians might have been beaten. We would have some money and, by so doing thrown away the lives of many thousands of American fighting men.

The "suckers" policy probably prevented the Axis from winning the war. Considering this, we think that Lend-Lease was an exceedingly smart national policy, saving many American lives and doing much to guarantee victory over the Axis. Any other course would have been foolish even for suckers.

The business of Santa Claus will be limited this year solely by the volume of goods available; the people have the money.

Hitler is ready to fight as long as he can persuade the people of Germany, to bear the burden of warfare, including bombing.

We have no objection to any subscriber paying his subscription three years in advance. We expect to be doing business that long.

When you run across a man who knows everything about the war, rush him to Washington; the government can use a man like that.

Hyphenated-Americans ought to go back to the country that they love; people who become American citizens should be devoted to this nation un-

derstandingly, pay-as-you-go income tax plan you again on Dec. 15. As near as we can get out Mr. Ruml's famous plan was not pay-as-you-go, but it traveled just the same.

The business of a newspaper, we presume, is to read the facts about public questions, the truth suits the politicians or anyone or not.

As far as we are concerned there is no civilian who can run the war as well as our expert leaders, in the Army and the Navy. It's their job and so far, they have done it in admirable fashion.

The Old Christmas Spirit

(The Boss Gets A Present)

Tune: Ould Lang Syne

What shall we get the Boss, old crew?
 He's fond of liquors fine;
 Let's all kick in a buck or two,
 And get a quart of wine.

Said one, "No, that won't do at all,
 He'd put old hades on tap!"
 Not he, a judge of good "high-balls,"
 Can't be that sort of chap.

And so, Dear Boss, for you—old boy—
 This dear old quart we got;
 It's all shot thru with smiles of joy,
 O, don't you think it's not.

Here's to a smile that won't come off,
 A rosy smile in wine;
 And brimming mugs for one more quaff
 To Dear Old Pals of mine.

Now we'll toss one to you, old friend;
 Your joys, may they soar high,
 And jolly good old cheer ne'er end,
 While there's a "rock" in rye.

My lads, it's Christmas time;
 Sure, I'm all right, and you're all right,
 This one's for a "Ould Lang Syne,"
 "And here's a hand, my trusty friend."

And gie's a hand o' thine;
 We'll tak' a cup of kindness yet
 For days of ould lang syne."
 No, I'm not tight, just fuddled a mite,

Envy

That merry crew has scattered and gone
 To the ends of the world—in uniform;
 The Boss—alone in his fireside chair—
 Sits with bowed head, on his lips a prayer:
 Our Boys, wherever they are this night,
 Protect them, Lord, from the Tyrants' might.
 — H. Sandidge.

LOOKING AHEAD
 BY GEORGE S. BENSON
 President, Harding College
 Searcy, Arkansas

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Against 130 million potential entries in a race the winner must be pretty good—excellent, in fact. That's why occasional winners in America's business competition have been so distinguished. Out of 130 million, they were best in their line. Nobody is barred from competition in America. Anybody can take part who feels fit and has the urge.

Enterprise has been free here since 1776. Education was free in some parts of the country even earlier than that. By keeping the doors to competition wide open; by equalizing, as far as possible, opportunities to qualify for the game, Uncle Sam has managed to discover his most competent people automatically and quickly. Besides, he keeps the sport attractive by rewarding winners quite lavishly, sometimes.

Theorists Are Busy.

Touting for government supervision of industry, government control of competition and government ownership of just about everything, has grown to epidemic size in the last half year. With military victory near in the European war theatre, tantalizingly near, perhaps our enemies think they must overthrow democracy by trickery if at all.

Critics of America's government and economic system always make much of inequalities they observe in the rewards of competitive business. Their strategy is to point out abuses of Private Enterprise rather than its normal results. This serves to throw a better light on whatever they may be recommending for use "after democracy fails"—usually some embroidered version of Socialism.

The Best Ever.

Practical and patriotic people never have claimed that America's competitive system was without defect. If it had been perfect there would have been no need for rules to regulate it. Yet, wherever competition has existed, in America or elsewhere, recently or long ago, it has been necessary to enact laws forbidding the strong, the shrewd, and the weak from taking advantage of the weak, the trusting, and the poor.

Laws don't make everything right. Some injustice occurs in spite of law. With the Ten Commandments still imperfectly enforced we can't expect too much of the Sherman Law. Just the same, both are needed, and, Private Enterprise, judged, faults-and-all, by results to humanity, is still the most successful economic system on record. On the other hand, all the fancy forms of Socialism proposed in America have been tried elsewhere and failed.

Proved In Service.

Investors, mechanical engineers, and fabricators of machinery have a handy language. They often suggest concerning a new machine, "Put it in service and work the bugs out of it." They mean: find and correct its defects.

Private Enterprise is far advanced in this process. It has been used well by an intelligent watchful people, able to find defects and correct them. Beginning all over to "work the bugs out" of some governmental system would be downright folly: It never has worked. Discarding a system (political or economic) because of imperfections, after it has made America the world's leading nation, is like scrapping a speed boat that has never lost a race and setting forth on a raft.

Our Weekly Quiz

1. Who is the oldest member of the Big Four?
2. What was the former name of Iran?
3. Why was Stalin absent from the conference with Chiang Kai-shek?
4. How many four-engined bombers are being made in the United States?
5. What is a P-47?
6. What do pilots mean by "black cumulus?"
7. Are all of the Big Four powers at war with Germany?
8. Can you name the third battleship of the Iowa class, recently launched?
9. U. S. forces occupied Tarawa but why does the British flag fly alongside the Stars and Stripes?
10. On what island is Tokyo located? (See "Answers to Quiz" elsewhere in this paper.)

I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

Last Christmas, State departments gave employes five days off—in the middle of a war. I want to go on record as opposing a similar paid vacation again this year. The war plants won't close even for Christmas Day and thousands of soldiers and sailors won't get the day off—the Japs will see to that! So two days off is enough for the State departments; Christmas and the next day, which is Sunday. Nearly all the State employes are willing to stay on the job those other three days—they have sons and brothers in the armed forces; and if there are any employes who aren't willing, they should be taken off the public payroll.

The president of the bank and the chairman of the board were talking. The president said, "Jones has been with the bank for 20 years; either we'll have to raise his salary \$5 a month or make him a vice president."

Get E. H. Whitehead, manager of the Conroe Chamber of Commerce, to tell you about the time he was taken in custody, years ago, in a small town—(let's call it Blankville)—for making a left-hand turn on Main Street, which was one block long. Whitehead protested to the mayor, "But your honor, I didn't know it was against the law here." That dignity was not swayed:

"You know it's against the traffic rules of Dallas to make such a turn on Main Street, don't you? Well, if we had different laws from Dallas, that might be some excuse—but what's good enough for Dallas is good enough for Blankville. Five dollars, please."

As Whitehead was paying off, he asked, "Is this court still in session?" The mayor replied, "This court is always in session, ready to perform its duty at any moment just like a fire department."

"Then I couldn't express my opinion of this court without being in contempt," Whitehead said.

"Go ahead and say your say," the mayor responded, "that's included in the fine." So Whitehead, who is noted for his ability with spoken words, (being a Chamber of Commerce secretary) lit in. After several minutes, he paused for breath and the mayor, who was leaning back at ease in his chair, yawned and then remarked, "Young feller, we've had a h--- of a lot of better cussers than you in this court." For the first and only time in his life, Whitehead had to admit verbal defeat—and without another word he walked out of the courtroom.

Tri-County Lbr. Co. Closed Next Week

Due to the labor shortage we will be closed the last week in this month for the purpose of taking inventory.

Tri-County Lumber Company,
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The Frau's Footwork.
 "Somehow I get more kick out of bridge when I play opposite my wife."
 "So do I," said the other man as he rubbed his shins.

Just for Old Times' Sake.
 Teacher asked a seven-year-old girl what a bridegroom was. "Please, teacher," was the reply, "it's a thing they have at weddings."

See Him While You're Waiting.
 Servant—"The doctor's here, sir."
 Absent-minded professor—"I can't see him. Tell him I'm ill."

Lucky Man.
 "Angus, they tell me you and Brother Donald were in a railway accident. Did you collect any damages?"
 "We did. But never a shilling wud we have, had I no thought to kick Donald in the face."



The Sacred Trust

There are some things we must, dare not change. Our hearts, though burdened, must keep Christmas still, Our busy hands must find time to arrange The holly wreaths, the candles on the sill. Our boys on land and sea and in the air Will think of home, of Christmas they knew, Assured that back of war and its despair The old loved things are changeless, steadfast, true.

We dare not fail them! Let us keep the night A holy thing of starshine; let us rise To meet the Christmas morning with delight, Like children, still with wonder in our eyes. After their baptism of scarlet flame, Let them come home to find loved things the same.

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL.

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TO... YOU FRIENDS, AND CUSTOMERS—



We pause, on the Eve of Christmas, 1943, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for many years.

To those old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones, every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Merry Christmas."

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I have tried to be good and help Mother all I can. Please bring me a doll, a paper-doll book, a little telephone and some oranges and apples.
Don't forget all the other little boys and girls and all the soldier boys.
I love you Santa
Betty Norris,
McAdoo, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy almost nine years old. I know I have not been as good as I could be, but I try to be good. There are so many things I would like to get for Christmas, but if I get one or two things I will be happy. I

would like a football, twin gun and scabbard set, and any clothes that you are able to find for a boy my size.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to you Santa.
From
Charles Evans.

A first grade class was repeating nursery rhymes. They chanted:

"What are little girls made of?"
"Sugar and spice and everything nice—
"That's what little girls are made of!"
A week later sugar rationing went into effect.

Little Jimmy wore a worried frown. "Won't there be any more little girls now?" he asked his teacher.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Sarah Ann's Cooking Class

With the coming of Fall, comes the crimson cranberry; it is a welcome fruit, easy to prepare in a great variety of dishes—from jelly to ices. The delicious flavor of the cranberry seems to be just what we need as an accompaniment to fowl, pork and mutton.

Cranberry Jelly.

Look over and wash one quart of firm cranberries. Put them into a saucepan with 2-3 cup of boiling water. Boil until soft and mash through a sieve. To the pulp and juice; add 2 cups sugar; stir together and let come to a boil. Pour into jelly glasses. When ready to serve, turn out a glass of cranberry jelly, cut it crosswise into slices. Then cut each slice into circles using a cutter almost 1-4 inches in diameter. Pile the circles one on top of the other and serve.

Cranberry Salad.

Dissolve 2 tablespoons of gelatin in cold water. Cook 1 quart of berries in 3 cups of water until soft. Strain the cranberries into the gelatin, stir and let cool. Then add 1/2 cup diced celery salted. Pour into individual ring molds. Set in refrigerator. Seed and cut 2 cups of wine grapes in halves. Chill. At serving time put lettuce on individual plates. Turn a circle of red salad on the lettuce. Fill the center with grapes. Serve with mayonaisse.

Cranberry Cake Dessert.

Bake your favorite sponge cake in a shallow pan and cut in rounds or squares 4 inches in diameter. Split these and put together with the following filling: Boil 1 cup of sugar with 1/4 cup of water to the thread stage. Then pour the hot syrup over the stiffly beaten whites of 2 eggs and beat until cold. Gradually fold in 1 cup of crushed cranberries. Serve the cake, passing the remainder of the filling to be used as a sauce.

Cranberry Molypoly.

1 large can cranberries.
2 tablespoons butter
Pastry.
Roll pastry thin, into oblong shape. Mash cranberry sauce, spread evenly on pastry to within an inch of the edges. Dot with butter and roll up like a jelly roll, pinching edge and ends firmly together. Bake 20 minutes in a hot oven. Serve with hard sauce which has been thinned slightly with a little heavy cream.

Cranberry Mousse.

2 1/2 cups cranberries.
1 1/4 cups sugar,
1 1/4 cups water.
2 teaspoons lemon juice.
1 cup cream, whipped.
1/4 cup orange juice.
Wash and drain cranberries, then cook with water until all berries are broken, about 15 minutes. Press through a sieve, add sugar and cook 10 minutes longer—this should give 1 1/4 cup puree. Cool, then chill in refrigerator. Whip cream, add orange and lemon juice. Fold in puree and when well blended pour into freezing tray and freeze.

Cranberry Crush.

1 pound cranberries.
1 3/4 cups sugar.
1 large seedless orange.
Wash, drain and dry cranberries. Grate rind of orange, then having removed all white fibre, cut up orange and run through the feed chopper with cranberries using medium knife. Add orange rind and sugar and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Turn into glasses and cover with paraffin, if it is to be kept for any length of time.

Cranberry Nectar.

Place in a saucepan:
2 pounds cranberries.
3 quarts water.
2 pounds sugar.
Stir well and heat slowly to the boiling point; then cook for 25 minutes and strain. When cold put in the punch bowl and add 3 bananas cut in thin slices, 1/4 pound marshmallows cut in tiny bits.
2 quarts crushed ice.
Few slices of orange.
Stir to blend and serve.

Cranberry Mince Meat Pie.

1 package dry mince meat.
1 1/2 cups water.
1 1/2 cups cooked sweetened cranberries.
Pie crust.
Break mince meat into pieces. Add water. Place over heat and stir until all lumps are thoroughly broken up. Bring to a brisk boil. Continue boiling for 3 minutes. Allow to cool. Combine with cranberries.
Add more sugar if desired. Place in a pie plate lined with pastry. Place half-inch strips of pastry over top to form lattice work. Bake 25 to 35 minutes in hot oven.

Cranberry Cup.

1 pound cranberries.
1 quart water.

2 cups sugar.
Orange juice.
Lemon juice.
Ice.

Simmer cranberries, water and sugar together for 10 minutes. Strain, measure and chill. Just before serving add to each 4 cups of cranberry juice, 2 cups orange juice to 1/2 cup lemon juice. Serve very cold, putting into each glass an ice cube in which a green mint cherry has been frozen.

Health and Beauty

DR. SOPHIA BRUNSON

Women and girls are usually very attentive to the condition of their skin and rightly so. From time to time, they study their faces in the mirrors and view with alarm sometimes the accumulations of tiny or large wrinkles on the forehead, around the eyes, and at the corners of the mouth. With some, the appearance of a "double chin" is a terrific shock and immediate measures are taken to eliminate this betrayer of age.

However, one of the most unsightly blemishes which appears and goes oftentimes unnoticed is the enlarged pores. These should not be treated lightly because if they are allowed to go their natural course, the complexion will be completely ruined.

Take a few minutes off, right after reading this article, to examine your skin. If you find that you do have enlarged pores already, you should go to work immediately to remedy the situation. If you don't have a single enlarged pore now, it might be well to remember the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Here are a few suggestions which, faithfully followed, will help the situation:

Select a good pore cream at your druggist's. Ask his advice if necessary and remember that it's best to pay a little more and get a better product. Well advertised products are usually safest in the long run.

When your face has been thoroughly cleaned with a mild soap and steam applying cloths wrung out of hot water or by holding one's face over a lavatory full of hot water, press out all the blackheads which will come out very easily. Be sure that your fingernails are absolutely clean and the skin is not bruised. Use sterilized absorbent cotton for this process.

Then, apply the pore cream. Fry to plan so that you can leave it on your face at least two hours or better still, use it just before going to bed and leave it on all night.

For the women whose pores are enlarged, pore cream may be used every night for a couple of months and then twice a week. The astringent quality of the cream will gradually shrink the pores if used faithfully.

If you haven't enlarged pores, as a preventative measure, use pore cream once a week. It will remove dust and dirt, makeup and accumulations of oil that clog up the skin and cause blemishes and blackheads.

English sailors are called "Lim-eys" because of the extensive use of lime juice at sea, as a preventative of scurvy.

New Films

"Cry Havoc."

With men only in the background, this story is concerned with the trials and sacrifices of a handful of women working as volunteers with our doomed forces on Bataan. Two of the women are Army nurses (Margaret Sullivan and Faye Bainter,) while the rest are assorted refugees who fled from Manila before its capture and are fortuitously recruited to serve.

Others in the all-girl cast include Ann Southern, Joan Blondell, Marshal Hunt, Ella Raines, Frances Gifford, Diana Lewis, Heather Angell, and others.

"Northern Pursuit."

As the title suggests, this is about a Mountie, who puts on an act of being disloyal to the service in order to gain his victim's (a Nazi aviator who has come down in Canada on a mission of sabotage) confidence. It has the usual sparring between two grim men face to face in the northern wilds, a knock-out struggle aboard the secret Nazi plane and the hero (Errol Flynn) getting his man and also his sweetheart (Julie Bishop).

Helmut Dantine is the rascal pursued, while Gene Lockhart represents a Nazi agent.

"The Heat's On."

Well, Mae West's back, after an extended absence during which she streamlined her figure to more svelte proportions and some what cooled down her ardent style. She plays the role of a turbulent musical comedy star who is caught in the intrigues of two rival crooked producers. With all of this, we couldn't want you to be fooled too badly by the title—it's only moderately hot entertainment.

Static Eliminated

When Frequency Modulation, a new discovery in radio, is put into commercial use, which will be done just as soon as the war is won, it means that the number of broadcasting stations will increase four fold. This new discovery absolutely eliminates static. Each station may be tuned in on your radio dial without the static interference so prevalent on the present radio set. In order to accomplish this better reception, broadcasting stations will, of necessity, be nearer together. It is

said there will be a station in each radius of fifty miles. If this be true, a number of smaller towns that do not have a radio station will be permitted to have a station, which is impossible under the present wave band assignment. When the number of radio stations are increased four fold, it will create just four times the need for licensed radio operators.

There is little known by the general public about Radar, this new miracle that saved England from being blasted from the face of the earth. When peace comes, we may be sure that its benefits will be utilized to the fullest. Now it is shrouded in military secrecy, but its possibilities are said to be stupendous. All this interesting information about radio and its allied discoveries suggest that there is going to be a most profitable field for young men and women whose mind and talents point in that direction.

The Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, is keeping abreast of all the new and interesting developments in radio, and if you are interested, it might be well for you to write them and ask them to tell you what fine opportunities the whole field of radio covers. They will gladly send you this information promptly and without charge.

This is the third of Red Skelton's "Whistling" series, the first two being "Whistling in the Dark" and "Whistling in Dixie", known as "The Fox," who becomes comically embroiled with real, instead of broadcasting criminals.

Ann Rutherford again assists Skelton and is helpful as well as decorative.

Related.

Magistrats—You say the plaintiff is a relative of yours?
Witness—Yes, by bigamy.

Cleaning Up A Second Time.

Wife—Are the burglars going?
Husband (who has peered out)—I think so. They are having a wash and a shave in the bathroom.

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Ours is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. God has bountifully bestowed many blessings upon us. Let us put our trust in Him and be glad this happy Yuletide season.

SPUR BAKERY



OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

This is one announcement we're shouting from the housetops!—Our very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas to every single one of you! All good things to you and yours throughout '44. Let's work together and save together, to make the coming year the year of Victory!

Best Holiday Wishes

GARNER BUTANE GAS APPLIANCE

PHONE 31



CHEERY GOOD WISHES

For a Holiday Season Filled With Joy That Will Remain Throughout the Coming Years of Peace!

GULF SERVICE STATION



Dear Friend:

Upon considering everything which helped us to success in the year now closing, we find our greatest asset still to be the confidence and good will of friends and customers like yourself whose loyalty to our business has been so gratifying.

We wish to thank you most heartily for your many courtesies in the past,—for your patronage, friendship and cooperation which have aided us in our growth. We trust that our business relations will always prove as pleasant to you as yours have to us.

Progress—Power—Prosperity. These things we wish for you, in the year to come, and if in any way, we can help you to attain these, we wish that high privilege also.

And, with a prayer of the pervading spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," we join heartily in expressing our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, and that the dawn of the New Year may light your path to Happiness and Prosperity.

With kindest regards,

Williamson Bros. Gin

MARTIN POPE, Mgr.

Personal Mention

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beadle, a boy, Friday, Dec. 17, at the Nichols Sanatorium in Spur. The baby, born at 7:15 a. m., weighed eight pounds, four ounces at birth. Raymond Beadle of Seattle, Wash., arrived in Spur Monday of this week to spend a few days with his wife and newborn son.

Miss Winifred Lee, a student at Texas Tech. and Mrs. Helen Ruth Augustine, who is employed at the Army Air Base in Lubbock, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lee. Mayor Lee went to Lubbock Tuesday night to bring them to Spur.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison, a nine pound girl, Tuesday morning of this week at 4:10 a. m. in the Nichols Sanatorium. The baby was named Linda Beth. Alfred Walker of Texas A. and M. College is a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker, during the holidays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Day, a boy, at the Nichols Sanatorium, Tuesday, Dec. 14. The baby weighed eight pounds. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Margaret May Weaver, who is teaching at Post, is spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weaver.

Robert Ward, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is in Spur visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ward, for the Christmas holidays.

Green Turner was in the office of The Texas Spur and subscribed for the paper to be sent as a Christmas present to J. R. Biss in Newton, Hamilton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen left Friday of last week for Brazos, Texas, where they are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Allen, and family. They will also visit friends in Weatherford before returning to their home here.

Mrs. J. D. Powell of Baird, who has been in Spur visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powell for a few days, returned to her home Friday of last week. Miss Shirley Powell accompanied her home for a two weeks' visit.

Edd Akin was employed last week by the Tahoka Tractor Repair Shop in Tahoka. Mrs. Akin will continue to operate Edd's Cafe until the first of next year.

Mrs. Lewis G. Williams of Verbena, Texas, is visiting in the home of W. J. Elliott and family during the Christmas holidays. She was accompanied here by Mrs. H. C. Peterson of Verbena, who is 92 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed were business visitors in Lubbock last Friday.

M. L. Rickels, manager of the local office of the Production Credit Association, is ill this week with the flu.

Miss Jean Engleman, student in Texas Christian University, will arrive in Spur today to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman. Miss Engleman is a junior major in secretarial science and a member of the TCU Campus Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salem and children, Bobby and Betty Mae, of Sudan, and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harkey of Littlefield and son, Pvt. Curtis Harkey of Bryan, are spending the holidays as guests of Mrs. W. L. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kelley and daughter, Carolyn, were visiting in Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Koon and son are visiting her husband in Fort Worth during the Christmas holidays.

Frank Dabney and Jack Robinson of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Switzer a few hours Monday while on a hunting trip to Dickens County.

Melba and Evelyn Lewis, who are students at TSCW in Denton are spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lewis.

Beth Arthur is spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur. She is a student at Abilene Christian College.

W. P. Foster, Jr., who has been employed at Henry Alexander and Company for the past two years, has resigned his position at the store. He will report on Dec. 30 for induction into the armed forces. He is planning to enter the air corps.

Miss Betty Woodrum, daughter of Mack Woodrum, is visiting in Spur during the Christmas holidays. She is attending TSCW in Denton.

Miss Betty Barnett, a student at Abilene Christian College, is spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnett.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur last week were T/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Arthur of Lubbock. Sgt. Arthur is stationed at Lubbock Army Air Field.

Miss Laverise Lee is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lee. Miss Lee is a student at Abilene Christian College.

Miss Marie Whitwell, who is attending the University of Texas in Austin, is a holiday guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Whitwell.

Miss Rose Petty, a student of Abilene Christian College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Petty.

W. J. Elliott returned to his home here this week from Dallas where he has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Terry for the past six weeks. Mrs. Terry is Elliott's daughter.

Miss Elsie Frazier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frazier of Spur, was employed at the Palace Theatre last week replacing Miss Mary McCombs who left for Portland Oregon week before last.

Mrs. Desmond Ivey and daughter, Patricia, of Long Beach, Calif., are in Spur visiting Mrs. Ivey's sister, Mrs. Lem King, and brother, F. F. Sonnemaker. They will remain here until Jan. 1, 1944.

HEARTY EATING CHEERED ENGLISH AT CHRISTMASTIDE

In old England they had many dishes which we seldom hear of now. There are "frumenty," a dish made of wheat which is still sometimes served in Yorkshire, ale psset, Shropshire "wigs" and caraway buns dipped in ale. Yule doughs or "dows" were eaten everywhere, and in Coventry they made their famous God-cake. Tansy, too, was a favorite dish. This was made with eggs and cream, flavored with the juice of tansy, an extremely bitter, aromatic herb. In addition there was Christmas brawn, "connynge" in gravy, and a host of dishes that have since died out.

Christmas was never a national festival in Scotland, but at this period of the year new "sowens" were always eaten. These were made from the husks and siftings of oatmeal mixed with molasses, and to all accounts were delicious.

The first college in the United States to confer a degree upon a woman was Wesleyan, Macon, Georgia.

Greeting Cards First Used In Victorian Era

The custom of sending greeting cards is perhaps the youngest member in the family of Christmas traditions, although the ideal was expressed by the Excelsis Deo of the angels.

Until authorities at the British museum recently discovered a drawing depicting four scenes of holiday celebration—early Victorian style—dated 1842, J. C. Horsley was accredited with having created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

The 1842 creation was an elaborate affair. Drawn by W. M. Edgley, it includes scenes of a dinner party—featuring the plum pudding, a group of carol singers, a crowd watching a Punch and Judy show, a panel of silk-hatted and cane-toting ice skaters, dancers doing a Roger de Coverly—the Victorian Conga—and evidence that the poor must not be forgotten.

It is impossible to say whether or not Mr. Horsley was aware of Edgley's masterpiece, but Horsley had a friend, and thereby hangs the tale. Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends, was confronted by the task of sending them a cheery holiday greeting.

The quill pens in use a century ago sputtered and were irritating, so Sir Henry spoke to Horsley about the matter. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy in London, was agreeably impressed and turned out an appropriate design inscribed simply, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Edgley and Horsley made beginnings. According to research authorities the custom was taken up in America about 30 years later during the 1870's when Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer, printed a catalogue of Christmas cards.

No matter whether the greeting is the elaborate descendant of Edgley's drawing, or a simple good wish offered in friendship as worked out by Ser Henry and Horsley, or the glorious echo of the angels' enunciation, send that Christmas card to the boy in the service—and to his loved ones keeping faith at home.

Prison Governor (to released convict—"I'm sorry. I find we have kept you here a week too long.")
Convict—"That's all right, sir. Knock it off next time."

Roy Dale Guylar Writes Poem To His Mother From Africa

The following poem was written in Northwest Africa by Roy Dale Guylar, who is stationed there. The poem was written to his mother, Mrs. J. D. Guylar of Dumont, who passes it on to the readers of The Texas Spur:

TO MY DEAREST MOTHER
Dearest Mother how I miss
Your voice and your kiss,
For you've cared for me day by day,
You were so kind and so mild
As I grew from a child
All your kindness I can never repay.

When I was a lad,
I know I was bad—
But Mother, your heart was open wide,
As a mother who is loyal
You would sweat and you would toil
For your son you would have gladly died.

I recall each time,
When I needed a dime,
To you I would usually turn,
If Father was near,
With me he would share,
You would give me more than I'd earn.

I always had access to anything you possessed
Your sympathy and affection flowed free
Your kind heart beat true,
As I trusted in you,
And likewise you trusted in me.

You are a true Christian Mother
And I know there is no other
That would do more for a son than you.
You will never turn back,
But stay on the right track.
And be a family leader so true.

You didn't realize the sorrow,
That would be brought tomorrow
For tomorrow I must go away.
You tried to hide your tears
And your grayness in years,
But your mind in vision did stray.

She said "Son before you go,
There is something you must know,
Today you will start life anew.
You will be in God's care
For he hears every prayer,
So always be honest and true."

Nine months have gone by,
Since the morning you cried,
But Mother, my thoughts are back home.
I hope the time will soon be

When again we'll be free,
And no more from you I will roam.

permitted by the French to march under the Arc de Triomphe was the American Legion, in 1927.

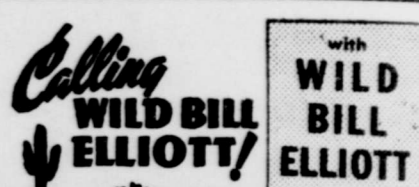
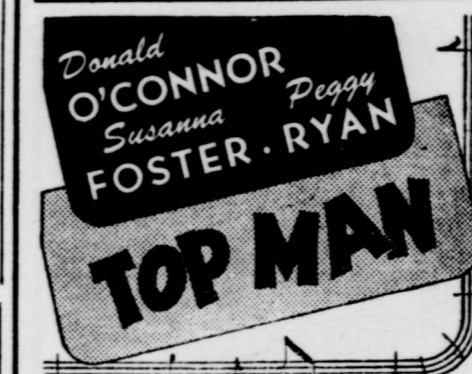
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"Outlaw of Stampede Pass"
—with—
JOHNNY MACK BROWN
SATURDAY-SUNDAY

PALACE

"AIR RAID WARDENS"

with LAUREL-HARDY
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY



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PLUS 6 NAME BANDS!
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MORNING 10:30, DECEMBER 23, 1943.

WATCH FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PREVIEW



The Old World

Edgar A. Guest

'Tis these they'll want when they return:
Of rest a week or two
And then, as all at home shall learn
A daily task to do;
A kiss o' mornings as they leave,
A welcome kiss at night;
The strength of friendship when they grieve,
For it's for these they fight.

We talk the different world to be
In richly rounded phrase,
And yet the world they'll want to see
Is of their yesterdays.
The girls they've known, the cokes and pops,
The drug store and the hall,
The main street with its various shops,
They'll want to see them all.

They do not fight for something new
Or something that is strange.
They hope the scenes they long to view
Somehow will never change.
That better world that is to be
They may not live to find,
When they return they hope to see
The world they've kept in mind.

The mother smiling at the door,
The neighbors down the street,
The boss they had before the war,
They hope again to meet.
The oldtime Christmas and the tree
The dog in Christmas curled,
And everything that used to be
The old familiar world.

Leon Ice Co.

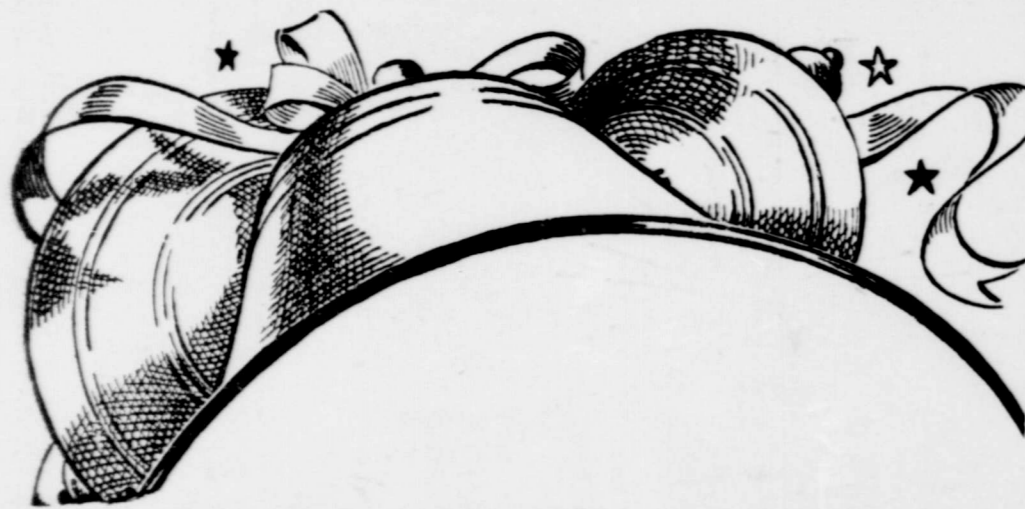


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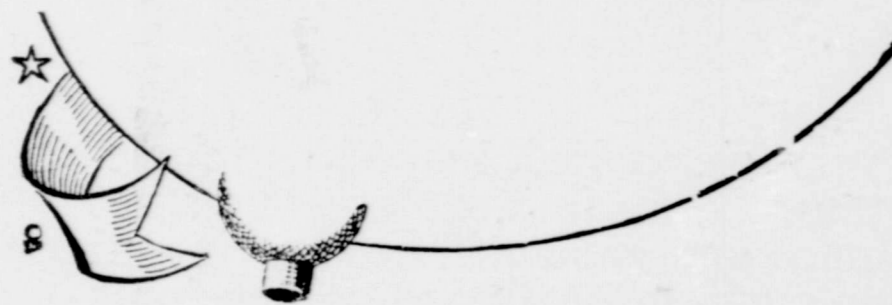
WE HAVE A FEW MORE UNBOOKED CHICKS ON THE FIRST HATCH.

We wish to express at this appropriate time, our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and patronage, and for an abundance of Christmas joy.

HAIRGROVE HATCHERY



Merry Christmas



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers, like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our Greetings and best wishes for a joyous holiday, and a Victorious year to follow in 1944.

SPUR LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS



Let There Be Joy
In Our Hearts
This
Christmas Day!

It is with Joy once again that we commemorate the birth so many long years ago of the author of our standards of freedom and kindness. It is an anniversary to rejoice and give thanks for our inspired strength, and to re-establish our faith in the power of the just.

MILAM'S 5c To \$1.00 Store

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Milam

Society-Club News

Double Ring Ceremony Unites Miss Frances Graves and Lt. Martin

In a wedding, which took place at the historic "6666" ranch on the night of Dec. 18, Miss Frances Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Graves, became the bride of Lt. Everett Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin. Rev. Herman Coe, pastor of the First Baptist church in Spur officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Technological College in Lubbock with the class of '42. Previous to her marriage to Lt. Martin she was employed with the Army engineers at Galveston.

Lt. Martin is a graduate of Spur high school and attended

Highland College at Las Vegas, New Mex. While at the New Mexico school he received his appointment as flying cadet.

Upon completion of his flight training at Victorville, Calif., he received his commission as second lieutenant. After receiving his wings Lt. Martin was transferred to Columbia, S. Car., where he received training in flying B-25's. He was sent to foreign service after a month's training at Columbia.

He spent fifteen months in Australia and New Guinea. He was decorated with the Airman's medal for operational missions. Lt. Martin received orders to report back to the United States late in October and is now stationed at Waco Army Air Field at Waco.

This wedding united two well-known pioneer families of this section.

After a holiday visit here the couple will make their home in Waco.

Immediate relatives and close friends of the family in attendance at the wedding were: Messrs and Mmes. Cal Martin, Babe Graves, W. F. Gilbert, Albert Powers, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Coe, Mrs. P. H. Miller, Mrs. George Barnes, W. B. Francis and John F. Moore.

Band Club Organized At Patton Springs

Patrons of the Patton Springs school met Wednesday, Dec. 1, and organized a band club, it was announced this week by J. W. Adams, superintendent.

The club was organized for the purpose of getting behind the school band and giving them all the support possible.

Mrs. Forrest Ragland was elected president and Mrs. Carl Randolph, secretary. A committee was also appointed to make plans for the New Year's carnival, which is to be put on in the high school building Dec. 31. Those appointed to this committee were: Mmes. Barton, Goodwin, Randolph and Burnett Haney. The purpose of this carnival is to raise money to buy instruments, since some of the instruments were destroyed by the recent fire at the school.

Two Couples United In Double Ceremony

In a double wedding ceremony at the office of the justice of the peace in Clovis, New Mex., Miss Melba Calvert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Calvert, and Pvt. Cecil Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Atkins, of Spur, and Miss Margaret Hill and Pvt. Johnnie Hancock were united in marriage Sunday, Dec. 5.

Miss Calvert wore a blue, two-piece suit with black accessories. Miss Hill was in a Navy blue dress with blue accessories. The bride's flowers were red roses.

They were accompanied to Clovis by Pvt. and Mrs. Bob Hammond of Lubbock.

Upon their return to Lubbock they were honored with a beautiful buffet supper given at the home of Mrs. Hammond.

The couples are now at home at 1309 30th street, Lubbock. Atkins and Hancock are stationed at the South Plains Flying School.

Mrs. Henry Presents Pupils In Recital

The following is the program which was presented Friday night Dec. 17, by the pupils of Mrs. J. W. Henry:

Petite Russian Rhapsody—Bonnie Beth Henry.

Papa Dolly—Annette Haile.

Guitar—Virgil Burt Elliott.

A Big Meal—Max Gabriel.

Lazy Breeze—Mavis Hill.

The Heart Bowed Down—James Larry Smith.

Tattling to Santa—LaVerne Reagan.

Christmas Bells—Annette Haile.

On Wings of Memory—Virginia Ruth Shugart.

A Christmas Tree Surprise—Gennyce Taylor.

Turkish March—Virgil Burt Elliott.

The Week Before Christmas—Kenneth Watson.

Melody in F—Bonnie Beth Henry.

Kitty's Christmas Present—Gayle Reese.

March Facile—Neal A. Chastain, Jr.

Cheerfulness—Dorothy Jean Hines.

Alice Blue Gown—Virginia Ruth Shugart.

Pizzicato to Gavotte—Virgil Burt Elliott and Bonnie Beth Henry.

Silent Night—Helen Joyce Hollowell.

Refreshments were served to a lovely crowd.

Members of Afton Home Demonstration Club Honor Husbands

Members of the Afton Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Dec. 17, in the home of Mrs. Byron Haney and entertained their husbands with a Christmas dinner.

After dinner was served we had our Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged. After the exchange of gifts tables were arranged for games, which were enjoyed by everyone.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Gus Martin, Vurl Hinson, Clark Forbus, Ed White, V. S. Ford, Curtis Goodwin, Frank Forbus, H. I. Yates, Byron Haney, and Arthur Avara, and Mmes. McClusky, Loyd Ball, Allie Barton and Agnes Marrs, county home demonstration agent, and Cpl. Gus Martin.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 5, 1944, in the home of Mrs. Clark Forbus.

Tri-Community Home Demo Club Honored At Christmas Party

Mrs. Loyd Johnson honored the Tri-Community Home Demonstration club with a Christmas party at her home Dec. 15, from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m.

The yearbooks were passed out and some plans for the coming year were discussed. Mrs. Arner Watson expressed Mrs. Rex Carlisle's thanks for the pajamas given little Marion Carlisle by the club.

Christmas carols were sung and games were played. Mrs. Marrs then read the story of our first Christmas from the Bible. The Christmas gifts were numbered and corresponding numbers drawn by members.

After the gifts were passed out, unwrapped and admired, pimento cheese sandwiches, olives, fruit salad in lettuce cups, prune cake and coffee were served to Mmes. Arner Watson, Garnie Boothe, Dupree, S. Clark, Agnes Marrs, R. L. Ponder, Joe Watson, Lee Parks, the new members, Mrs. Pete Gannon and Mrs. L. A. Huniman, and the hostess, Mrs. Johnson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Arner Watson, Jan. 13, 1944, at 2:30 p. m.

First Methodist Church

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship service.
6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m. Evening preaching hour.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Next Sunday is Student Recognition Day in the Methodist church. All Methodist students, who have been away to college and who are at home for the holidays, are urged to be present on Sunday morning. They will be our guests of honor. The morning sermon subject is "Three Essentials for Today."

St. Francis Recreates Scene of Holy Manger

When Caesar tried to blot out the Christian church, awful days followed, as the lovers of Jesus were put to death. Christmas seemed lost, until St. Nicholas, the boy-bishop, rediscovered it in the Fourth century.

St. Nicholas—who became Santa Claus—did good on the sly—slipping into homes and leaving toys for the children, without being caught. For a brief time he made Christmas "merry" again; then the darkness came.

Still later, in 1223, Francis of Assisi recaptured the spirit of Christmas. He asked the pastor of the village church to let him use the church on Christmas Eve, and the pastor let him have his way.

First, he filled the chancel with hay. Then he found an ox and an ass and pushed them up the aisle into the chancel. He got a young mother to sit beside them with her baby; he made a picture of Christmas.

It was Francis who wrote the first Christmas carols—simple

Mrs. Elliott Hostess To 1917 Study Club

Members of the 1917 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. C. H. Elliott Tuesday, Dec. 7, for a regular meeting. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Nell Davis, president.

Mrs. Walter Gruben, program chairman, directed a very inspiring program on a special forum: "Returning to the Old Paths"—Harry Elliott Kirk, D. D., as follows:

The Way of Private Devotion, Mrs. Clark Forbis.

The Path of Family Religion, Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

The Path of Public Worship, Mrs. Elmer Hagins.

Members attending the meeting were Mmes. Ned Baird, J. E. Berry, Nell Davis, R. E. Dickson, Clark Forbis, Walter Gruben, E. D. Hagins, Fred C. Haile, L. H. Perry, and the hostess, Mrs. C. H. Elliott.

First Christian Church

Jas. T. McKissick, Minister
Bible school every Lord's day.
Jas. T. McKissick, minister, will preach the first Lord's day in each month.

I am whatever was, or is, or will be; and my viel no mortal ever took up.—Plutarch.

Use the Want Ads!

He'll Get the Cream.
"I'm engaged in the dairy business at present," remarked the lawyer.
"You don't say!" exclaimed his friend, the doctor.
"Fact," rejoined the legal light, "I'm milking an estate."

He'll Get the Cream.

Use the Want Ads!



Merry Christmas

Times have changed, but Christmas remains unchanged—the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

And may we add our sincere good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MR. and MRS. R. L. BENSON

CHRISTMAS JOY
May your Christmas be a joyous one, and may that joy soon spread over the entire world as the result of an allied victory.

HILL TOP CAFE

HAPPY CHRISTMAS WISHES

To Our Many Friends and Customers, to Our Employees, A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Serving You and Working With You Has Been A Pleasure!

Spur Garage
LEO PETTY

A Merry Christmas

Wherever You May Be

Christmas Time is one of those rare occasions when our thoughts turn from the more material things of life to the nobler, more beautiful ones.

To our loved ones and our personal friends—to our business friends and associates—we want to say Merry Christmas.

We realize that were it not for the good will and friendly feelings of folks like you, we would not have been privileged to enjoy the happiness which has been ours this year. . . . As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of you, we extend to you OUR SINCERE GOOD WISHES.

Nichols Sanitarium
DR. AND MRS. P. C. NICHOLS

A Merry Christmas to all

Soldier, sailor, marine, war nurse, civilian, homemaker, we are thinking of you this Christmas Day, hoping that the good cheer of the holiday season reaches you wherever you are. We want to thank you for your patronage in past years, and we hope that we will be able soon again to serve those of you now in distant lands. The friendship of every one of our customers, here at home or far away, means much to us, and you may be sure we will strive continually to be worthy of it.

THE FAIR STORE

Work of Dickens County Price Panel Getting Under Way

The work of the Price Panel of the Dickens County War Price and Rationing Board is now getting under way and according to Spencer Campbell, local Price Panel chairman, if you have not already had some contact with your local Price Panel, you'll be surprised to learn what is being done each day to protect the value of your earnings and your savings by fighting to keep prices down.

The Dickens County Price Panel consists of the following volunteer members who serve entirely without pay: Spencer Campbell, chairman, Richard Varnell, C. F. Cook, and O. D. Thompson. Mable P. Ford is Price Panel Clerk.

"What we need," Campbell said, "is more people who are willing to volunteer their time to help price control work effectively for the protection of their neighbors and themselves. We feel," he said, "that since our panel is made up of people who know

local conditions and local people who can settle most complaints about price control violations in a neighborly way without a lot of red tape and unpleasant legal action. Please don't get the idea," Campbell added, "that the price panel is working just to protect consumers against overcharges. We think that is only half our job. We're just as much concerned about helping the retailer here in town to stay in business and earn a decent living."

Campbell also stated that he wanted the people of Dickens county to use the price panel. He suggested that any one who felt that prices were out of line on any article should first talk about it to the merchant. Then if a satisfactory answer on the prices could not be had, the purchaser should again check the price list in the store just to make sure he is right. Then go home and write a note to the price panel of the local board, giving all the necessary facts—what was bought, where and when it was bought, and how much was paid. If the complaint seems to be justified, he said, the merchant may receive a phone call within a few days. If there has just been a misunderstanding and if it can be cleared up without taking a lot of everyone's time, the facts will come out in the telephone conversation. But if necessary, the price panel will talk to the merchant. Just to make sure no one is embarrassed names will not be used in these discussions.

Campbell stated that men on the panel were not judges and certainly not policemen. They'll ask a few questions and explain the regulations. In most cases, the whole situation will be straightened out in a friendly way. He also stated that the board was always glad for the retailer to call on them for any information needed regarding prices and price regulations.



Wishing You A Joyous Christmas!

We Extend Our Sincere Wish That Your Holiday Season and the Year to Come Be Filled With Much Happiness and Joy!

Jimison Beauty Shoppe

Answers To Quiz

1. Winston Churchill, 69.
2. Persia.
3. Because Russia is not at war with Japan?
4. More than 1,000 a month.
5. Single-engined Republic Thunderbolts—fighter planes.
6. Flax burst.
7. Yes.
8. Wisconsin.
9. Because the Gilbert Islands are largely British territory.
10. Honshu, the main island, with half the insular population.

"WAKE UP, AMERICA!"



Should the Presidency Be Limited to Two Terms?

Moderated by FRED G. CLARK, General Chairman American Economic Foundation
As debated by

HON. KENNETH S. WHERRY
U. S. Senator from Nebraska

SEN. WHERRY OPENS: The most convincing evidence that the presidency should be limited to two terms is found in the situation presently existing in our government. The moment unwritten law was ignored by the occupant of the white House, the way was opened to a life presidency. Such executive tenure is entirely foreign to the fundamental principles of American government. The bold launching and brazen propagandizing of the fourth-term campaign follows the technique and uses the same fallacious arguments previously employed to deceive the American people. America is aroused, apprehensive and alarmed. Our people are acutely aware of the danger of having permitted a White House opportunist to create such a bureaucracy; to acquire such power from Congress by patronage, persuasion and pressure; and to exercise such influence over the federal judiciary through appointments, so as to build for himself and his followers an almost impregnable political fortress. Thus we have invited virtual dictatorship. This danger should be forever eliminated by Constitutional Limitation. When any incumbent of our highest office utterly disregards a precedent established by unwritten law, then we must enact a written restriction to curb insatiable ambitions. Let there be neither Reign nor Rule in America—

DR. STOUT CHALLENGES: Instead of discussing the question on its merits. Senator Wherry merely attacks President Roosevelt, with distortion of fact and questionable rhetoric. His one statement bearing on the question as asked, "Such executive tenure is entirely foreign to the fundamental principles of American government," is the precise opposite of the truth. Senator Wherry should read the report of the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, where this question was discussed at length and the "fundamental principles of American government" were laid down, and the decision was made that no legal limit should be imposed on executive tenure. Screaming "Dictatorship" sounds more like a callope than a statesman.

SEN. WHERRY REPLIES: An unprecedented situation confronts the nation. We saw campaign promises broken; the taxpayer plundered; the Treasury looted; people regimented; private enterprise paralyzed; individual initiative penalized; states' rights overriden; and class set against class. We witnessed Executive domination of Congress; observed the vicious party-purge, and recall the Supreme Court packing plan. The anti-third term tradition has been shattered. A fourth term or life tenure looms. Planned confusion has led to

REX STOUT
Creator of "Nero Wolf" stories, Chairman Writers' War Board

MR. STOUT OPENS: The limit could be imposed only by Constitutional Amendment; and such amendment no matter how many citizens concurred in its adoption, would in effect be saying to all of us and to our children, "We can't trust you folks. If we leave it so you can reelect a President more than once if you happen to like him, you are so dumb that you are sure to get yourselves in a pickle, so we'll fix it so you can never have any man for President more than eight years, no matter how much you may want to." I don't have as low an opinion as that of the American people or of their children. I think the voters of 1960 or 1972 can be trusted to decide for themselves whom they want for President, and we have no right to make it impossible, or at least extremely difficult, for them to elect the one man they may consider qualified above all others for that job. If the framers of the Constitution, after a long debate, considered it unwise so to hobble their descendants, are we so much wiser, or have we better reason to distrust the intelligence of our children.

SEN. WHERRY CHALLENGES: Limiting Presidential tenure—certainly would not imply, as Mr. Stout feels, that we cannot trust self-government; rather, self-government would be free of unduly influenced elections. Our Constitution provides for amendment. Thus is afforded the right to protect ourselves and our form of government against dangerous ambitions of any man or group of men. The framers of our Constitution, fearing a too-ambitious, power-lustful executive, discussed this very question and left the ultimate decision to the American people. They can adopt or reject a constitutional amendment limiting Presidential tenure. How else can we prevent an entrenched bureaucracy?"

MR. STOUT REPLIES: Senator Wherry's effect, calls the framers of our Constitution half-wits. He says they feared a "too-ambitious, power-lustful executive," and then what? Did they include a provision limiting Presidential tenure? No siree. They deliberately left it out of the Constitution they were writing in 1786 just to give us a chance to put it in an amendment in 1943! In other words, according to Senator Wherry, we ought to do it now because they didn't do it then. By that amendment one could justify an amendment requiring senators to stand on their heads while debating, which would probably cause no improvement.

regimented chaos. What an indictment! Despite all these wrongs and mistakes, a powerfully entrenched bureaucracy is again able to offer millions of controlled votes to its leader. The People Must Act! Now!

Mrs. Reuben Stewart of Dickens Composes Song To Lost Fathers

The following is a song composed by Mrs. Reuben Stewart of Dickens in honor of all the fathers who have been reported lost in action:

A WAR PRISONER'S LAST LETTER

I can see the bright stars up in heaven,
All glowing and sparkling with light,
But visions of you pass before me
And quickly, they blot out the night.

The visions of you pass before me.
Like models all in some parade,
But I love to recall every moment,
And I pray that they never will fade.

I remember the first time I kissed you,
In dreams I can still see you yet,
Your dewey eyes sparkled from laughter,
My darling, I'll never forget.

Then I see you all dressed in white satin,
Just an angel on earth, so it seemed.
You were precious to me, then my darling,
But so are you now in my dreams.

Now I see you all bent o'er a cradle
With a sweet baby's face just in view,
It seems I can hear you yet, whisper,
Look dear, he's the image of you.

The scene, it goes on to our parting,
When I kissed you and told you goodbye
You were so brave and I left you smiling
And I hope I'm as brave if I die.

Of course they've sent word that I'm missing,
Missing, not dead, so they'll say,
But I wish that you knew I'm still living,
And pray for my rescue each day.

Now the stars are still shining in heaven,
As I finish this letter to you,
May God, in His mercy, please grant me
My last prayer that this one gets through.

Sick Benefits Not Provided for Under Social Security Act.

The old-age and survivors insurance provision of the Social Security Act do not provide for payments in case of sickness or disability, according to Erton F. Tate, manager of the Lubbock office of the Social Security Board.

"Recently a number of persons have contacted this office, seeking information as to whether or not they could receive social se-

curity benefits during periods of illness or disability," Tate said. Monthly benefits are paid to eligible workers who have reached the age of 65 and retired; benefits are also provided for eligible survivors of "insured" workers who die. But under the present law there is no provision for payments on account of sickness or disability. Tate said the confusion had probably come about as a result of the Social

Security Board's recommendation in its seventh annual report that provision be made for disability insurance by amending the law.

Thankful.

First Spinster—Is it true that you are going to be married, Miss Antique?
Second Ditto—No; but I am thankful for the rumor.



LET EVERY HEART KEEP FAITH!

Carry on the tradition that is America. Be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and hope for Victory in 1944!



Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas!

CHANDLER FUNERAL HOME

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1943
12:00 NOON UNTIL 7:00 P. M.
SPUR INN

Important discoveries revealed in U. S. Government National Deafness Survey make possible the greatest help ever offered to the hard of hearing. Find out about the new, amazing, scientific improvements designed to give you BETTER HEARING. Call for free private demonstration. Ask for Acousticon. No obligation.

New Symphonic **ACOUSTICON**
HEARING AID BASED ON U. S. GOVERNMENT FINDINGS



Merry American Christmas 1943

Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American Way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas Wishes.

Free Kiddie Show on the 23rd. All Welcome. Be sure and come.

PALACE THEATRE

Civil Service Exams Announced for Jobs In Washington, D. C.

To secure clerks for employment in Washington, D. C. federal agencies, the 10th civil service region has announced an examination whereby any applicant who passes it may secure appointment to \$146.00 a month job, according to L. S. Wilson, local civil service secretary at the post office, from whom the necessary application forms may be secured.

"Applicants need not know how to type, but must be able to pass the written clerical test," Wilson said.

Clerks perform routine work such as indexing, recording, filing cards or correspondence, records or papers; entering figures in journals, reading and routing mail or answering telephone calls or inquiries.

Persons not engaged in war work of equal skill and interested in securing Washington, D. C. appointment as a clerk, should file an application immediately with

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Through the streamlined college-grade Draughton Courses and Southwest Placement Service, you can step into a good income—be prepared for patriotic service—three years sooner than in other comparable careers. Starting in a vital government or business office, you can earn \$3,000 to \$4,000 during the time thus saved, and be gaining experience that will be invaluable after Victory comes. . . . 3,000 positions annually to select from. Mail Coupon NOW for Special Time- and Money-Saving Plan.

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the Director, 10th civil service region, 210 S. Harwood St., Dallas, Texas. Applications will be received until the needs of the services have been met.

All appointments are made in conformance with War Manpower Commission regulations.

"This Is So Sudden"

Recipient of Leap Year proposal—I regret I cannot give you an answer now, Gertrude. Ask me again in 1944.



GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

May the glad spirit that fills the air be yours throughout the happy holiday season and the coming year's!

Clemmons McAlpine Ins. Co.



Christmas Greetings

To Our Friends and Customers

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING

Peace on Earth;

Good Will Toward Men

Love Shoe Shop

For A Victorious Christmas

May your home be bright with Christmas light . . . and thankful knowledge that right will make might!

H. S. Holly Insurance Agency

YULETIDE WISHES

Accept our sincerest Cheerful Yuletide wishes with the hope that your happiness is multiplied.

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

BEST WISHES—

Happy Yuletide . . . health success and may your home with joy and pride be blest.

Campbell's Funeral Chapel

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our best wishes to you for health, happiness and the fulfillment of your deepest desires during the holiday season and the New Year!

Williams Produce and Feed

GREETINGS—

May all your dreams come true, and this be the last

SINCERE WISHES

May joy and wisdom, hope and cheer, fill your home and hearts on Christmas and all the year!

EVANS WORK SHOP

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This Yuletide season we hopefully pray that peace, laughter and cheer are rung in with a new, victorious year!

Tri-County Lumber Company

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Season's Greetings to you and yours . . . at home and overseas.

SPUR TRADING POST

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The stars and stripes inspire our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

SMITH GROCERY

May our land be forever free, and the skies once more be blue, is our wish for peace at Christmas, may it soon come true!

Johnston's Red & White Gro.

GREETINGS

To the army and the navy and the folks that stay right here, happy Yuletide and God Bless you throughout the coming year.

SPUR PRODUCE
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The vigilant eagle of American pride shall fly once more with the dove of peace by his side . . . is our fervent Christmas wish!

J. M. MURRAY & SONS

Accept Our Sincere Wishes

May this Christmas season guide us safely into the harbor of Victory with peace as our anchor.

BELL'S CAFE

GREETINGS

A very Merry Christmas to all, with peace and happiness for the New Year, is our wish.

The Stamford Production Credit Association

MERRY XMAS.

Loving hearts unite at Christmas in memorable thoughts of this joyous Yuletide season.

RAMSEY'S GARAGE

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sincerest wishes for a VICTORY - promising Christmas for you and your loved ones.

Wilson's Grocery & Market

GREETINGS

May your home be wreathed with Christmas cheer and guarded by valor and War Bonds through the year!

JONES PLANING MILL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In war as in peace it's the American way to wish you joy and good wishes on this Christmas Day.

MR. and MRS. E. C. McGEE

FOR A VICTORIOUS XMAS.

May peace, Victory and happiness reveal themselves through the port-hole of the future, is our Yuletide hope.

Henry Simmons Welding

YULETIDE GREETINGS

We're here again . . . to wish you the best of everything throughout the Christmas holidays and the Near Year!

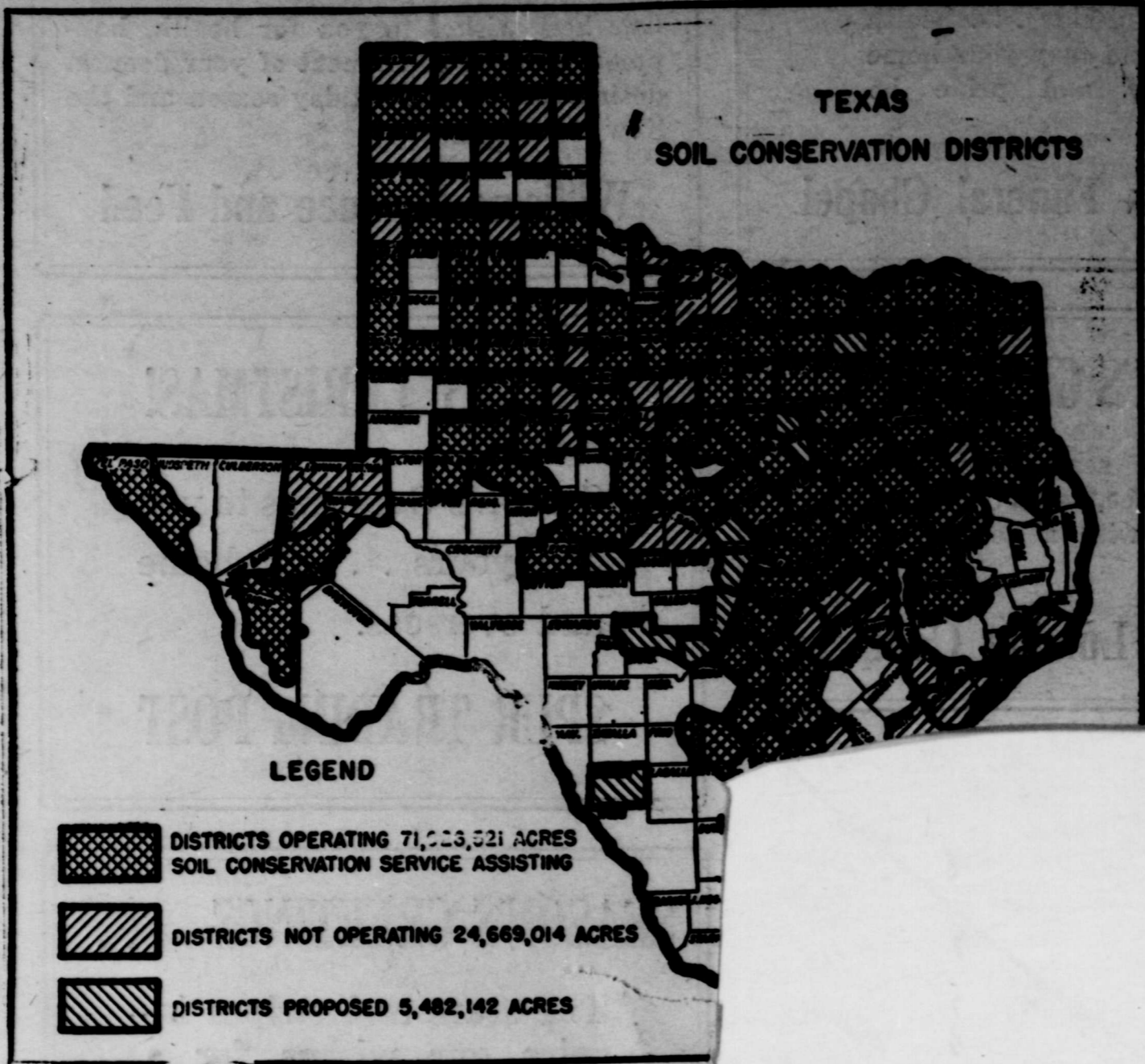
Smith's "66" Service Station

GREETINGS AT CHRISTMAS

A very merry Christmas and may it be blest with joy and good fellowship . . . cheer and success.

EDD'S CAFE

State SCS Supervisors Meet



R. R. Wooten and Oscar McGinty have returned from Cisco where, at the annual meeting of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association, they and other supervisors reported "remarkable progress" in soil conservation work during the last 12 months and discussed plans for a post-war program to save and improve Texas lands.

A supervisor of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District, Wooten said that soil conservation districts organized by landowners now cover 58 percent of the State's land area and 75 percent of its farms and ranches. Organized districts number 106 and embrace more than 96,500,000 acres, he said.

The map above shows much of Texas is covered by these districts, which were established under authority of the State Soil Conservation Act. This act is administered by the State Soil Conservation Board composed of W. Cardwell, chairman, W. M. Deck, Perryton; J. Fawcett, Del Rio; J. P. I. Martinsville, and C. M. De Leon. V. C. Marshall of Del Rio is administrator for the State and H. H. Goss is field representative.

"At our meeting we heard from farmers and ranchers from all sections of Texas tell of increased yields of war crops and increased income resulting from soil conservation work," he said.

State Soil Conservation District. The amount of soil conservation work already established in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District is briefly as follows: Terrace lines run, 1,544 miles; terraces constructed, 888 miles on 23,932 acres; contour cultivation on 83,067 acres; crop rotation on 42,792 acres; trashy cultivation on 25,191 acres; control grazing on 216,929 acres; contour furrows, on 916 acres; stock ponds constructed, 42.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GOD'S GREAT GIFT

International Sunday School Lesson for December 28, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..."

humanity. His followers could not better celebrate the anniversary of His birth than by making some contribution to this same purpose, however small and slight that contribution may be because of resource, and ability of the individual contributor. There are millions of people in distress of mind and soul—who need evidences of the love and spirit of Christ this Christmas-tide.

And why shouldn't this spirit of loving service continue through out the year? If we would only remember that God so loved us (the world) that He gave his only Son to save us, then we, His children, should respond to that love always. If we would do that, then every day would be like Christmas Day!

SCREEN STARS

Angela Lansbury, 18-year-old refugee who came to this country with 600 other British children at the height of the London Blitz, is the feminine

look exactly like Rudolph Hess in "The Hitler Gang" was to add a bit to his eyebrows. Varconi, by the way, is an Austrian by birth and was brought to this country

by Cecil B. De Mille in 1926 to play a role in "The Volga Boatman." He became one of the most popular leading men of the silent era.



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We Reaffirm
Our Faith
With Hearts
That Are Free
This Christmas

More than at any other time we have cause to rejoice at the birth of our Lord on this holy day. For it marks the birth of the most honored of men... who long ago taught righteousness and truth. We are thankful that His standards have come down through the years—to give us faith today in the justness of our purpose... assurance of our victory! This Christmas Day let us reaffirm our faith.

Godfrey & Smart

as if those tidings were true, have found that the exhortation of the herald angel, 'Fear not,' is fully warranted. If this banishment of fear from the hearts of men were the one, sole gift of Christmas to the world, what words could overstate its worth?"

The first Christmas carol was sung by the heavenly host, following which the shepherds immediately departed to find the baby whose birth had been told them.

At this period of world-wide distress every Christian should bear in mind the words of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive. He devoted his life to serving mankind and seeking to advance the happiness of

There'll always be Christmas in the hearts of men everywhere. There'll always be Christmas in America in spite of our foes who would deny and Him whose birth it honors.

And worry and work and changing realms of life do not banish Christmas, do not deter our pilgrimages to yon manger on Bethlehem's hills where lies the Christ-Child, a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Saviour of mankind, the Prince of Peace in a war-like world.

Forget the world and its wars and its wickedness; let our hearts flame like lighted candles upon the altar with wonder and adoration as we approach the natal day and place of the Christ and in awe before the glory that shone round

this year and all years there will be Christmas; there will be carols in the air, gladness in the hearts of little children, good friends remembering, and peace will be Christmas again.

Like the shepherds abiding in the field, with the message of the heavenly host, with the Christian message down through the centuries, we shout with joy and with confidence in the future: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

We Wish to All Our Friends and Customers, and to Everyone Serving in the U. S. Forces—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hyatt Food Market

HORACE, PATSY and BILLY BRAD

STAFF SGT. HUB G. HYATT

A. J. HARVEY

Funeral Services For Mrs. Sonnamaker Held in Haskell

Funeral services for Mrs. Eugenia Sonnamaker, 79, resident of Spur for the past seven years who died in Long Beach, Calif., where she was visiting a daughter, were held at the Church of Christ in Haskell on Dec. 5. J. D. Pinkerton of McAllen, former minister of that church officiated, assisted by Rev. H. R. Whatley, pastor of the First Baptist church in Haskell.

Interment was in the Rule cemetery beside the grave of her husband, who preceded her in death in 1926. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Holden funeral home in Haskell. Pall bearers were Chalmer Harris, Lee Lowery, Albert Hannsz of Rule; B. F. Saxon of Spur; A. C. Boggs, Charlie Redwine and

Judge John F. Ivey of Haskell, N. R. Hailey of Woodson. Mrs. Sonnamaker is survived by seven children, five sons, John Sonnamaker, Gainesville; W. E. Sonnamaker, Woodson; Roy Sonnamaker, Fort Worth; F. F. Sonnamaker, Spur; Virgil Sonnamaker, Haskell; two daughters, Mrs. Desmond Ivey, Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Lem King, Spur, and one brother E. E. Jordon of Dallas. Twenty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by County Clerk E. H. Ousley: Lt. Everett L. Martin and Miss Frances E. Graves. Matias Salas and Miss Hisabel Moreno. Alonzo Jackson and Miss Mary Reese.

Johann Sebastian Bach had 20 children.



WAR BONDS in action

When you buy War Bonds your money goes into action at once. Where, we may never know. Maybe, as shown above, to equip a company of American Rangers marching up a railroad somewhere on the Mediterranean. Whether they come back depends upon the equipment we send. Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Last Rites Held At Girard Church For James Rudder

James Hilbert Rudder was born Feb. 17, 1892 in Mason county, Texas, near the town of Mason. He died Dec. 15, 1943, being 51 years, 9 months and 28 days old.

Funeral services were held in Girard Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 4:00 p. m. at the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. H. F. Smith.

He was married to Miss Cora Joiner on Dec. 24, 1914. To this union were born four children, one girl and three boys. One boy, Wallace Foster Rudder, preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1918. Rudder had lived in Girard for the past 25 years.

He was not a member of any church, but professed salvation and was baptized in 1931. He was a strong believer in God and lived a consecrated Christian life. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Buddy Wright, Jayton; two sons, Loyd and Elgie Rudder, Girard; one sister, Mrs. Dave Hale, Weatherford; one brother, Joe Rudder, Odessa, three grandchildren and a host of other relatives who mourn his death.

Pallbearers were Elmer Long, Wayne Beadle, Gordon Hamilton, West Stinnett, Raldo Goodall and George Spradlin.

Funeral arrangements were with the Chandler Funeral Home in Spur and burial was in Girard cemetery.

\$2,025 Raised By Church of Christ

Members of the Church of Christ in Spur put on a drive last Sunday morning for Abilene Christian College and collected \$2,025.00 in cash and pledges. This is part of the drive to raise \$325,000, which will be used for construction of a new dormitory, science building and an endowment fund.

Don Morris, president of the Abilene school, spoke briefly concerning the needs of the college.

Use the Want Ads!

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

I been looking around the stores for a new AEsop. They don't have 'em. Don't have much call for them any more, they say.



The call is for thooat-cutting and shootin' books—also books with titles like "The Other Guy's Wife" or "How She Fooled Her Third Husband," or maybe something on economics, like "To Have More, Spend More"—by the noted young Doctor Gabb. Thousands of these—but no AEsop. Anybody who has been sorta confused and wondering why we have been such a jumpy and sucker kind of nation, can find out easy as pie at the book stores.

I have nothing against reading, or some fun and diversion, like it is when you are a sucker at the carnival, where sometimes it costs you 2 or 3 bucks for a koozie doll. But being a sucker like ~~wine~~ we maybe listen when somebody says we can pay off the war debt with talk, and palaver, and magic versus, via a sales tax, shows what the shortage on AEsop Fables is doing to the country.

Some hungry and tired lunch club, that has run out of things to do, can take on the job of getting AEsop back into print. Brothers and Sisters, that would be a good turn.

Yours with the low down,
—JO SERRA.

Not At Heart.

She touches up her hair,
She touches up her face,
She touches up her eyebrows,
Her folderals and lace,
She touches up her thumbnails,
Her fingers, one, two, three;
She touches up her dimples—
And then she touches me



Chastain Pharmacy

MR. AND MRS. N. A. CHASTAIN



YOU'RE ON OUR LIST

For best holiday wishes. May the Christmas season and the year to come bring you much that is good.

ELSIE'S BEAUTY SHOP



DAILY TIED WITH HOLLY COME OUR BEST WISHES

Serving you has been a pleasure. You have cheerfully overlooked the curtailments of service that wartime has made necessary, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Phillips "66" Service Station



For One and All

Children's laughter . . . the scent of holly and pine . . . the re-telling of stories as old as Christmas itself . . . all these make Christmas—and more. For this year when loved ones are separated and hearts send out a silent greeting, new memories of Christmas are made, and rekindles the warmth of friendships.

May we extend our Yuletide Greetings for your happiness this Holiday Season.

DeLuxe Beauty Shop

Final Rites For Martha S. Rogers Are Held In Jayton

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 17, at 4:00 p. m., at the Baptist church in Jayton for Martha Slena Rogers, who died Thursday, Dec. 16. The services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Patilla and Rev. E. O. McElyea.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Nacogdoches county, Texas, on June 15, 1905, being 38 years, 6 months and 1 day old at the time of her death. She was married in October, 1924, to G. H. Rogers at Clairmont. To this union seven children were born, all of whom survive.

She was converted at the age of 15 and joined the Baptist church, of which she has been a faithful member.

She is survived by her husband, G. H. Rogers, of Jayton, seven children, L. B. Rogers, R. B. Rogers, Thelma Rogers, Eldred Rayford Rogers, Glenda Rogers, Eva Joyce Rogers, and Opal Inez Rogers, all of Jayton; four sisters, Willie May Emerson, Douglas, Texas; Bertie Smith and Fron Murdock, Jayton; and Annie Honey, Alto, Texas; two brothers, Hamlin Stonaland, Jayton, and Sgt. Wayne A. Stonaland, Pampa Air Field.

Pallbearers were Tom Murdock, Morris Youdell, Floyd Daniel, Bennie Smith, Boye Underwood and Tommie Sanders.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Naydene Tennyson, Mrs. Florene Beggs, Mrs. Ruth Farrel, Mrs. Boye Underwood, Mrs. Minnie Bell Kennedy and Mrs. Ada Lou Joyner.

Funeral arrangements were with Campbell's Funeral Chapel at Spur. Burial was in Jayton cemetery.

Committeemen Study AAA Program At County Meeting

A meeting of community committeemen of the Dickens county AAA and others was held on Wednesday of last week in Dickens for the purpose of studying the 1944 AAA program. County chairman Joe M. Rose had charge of the meeting.

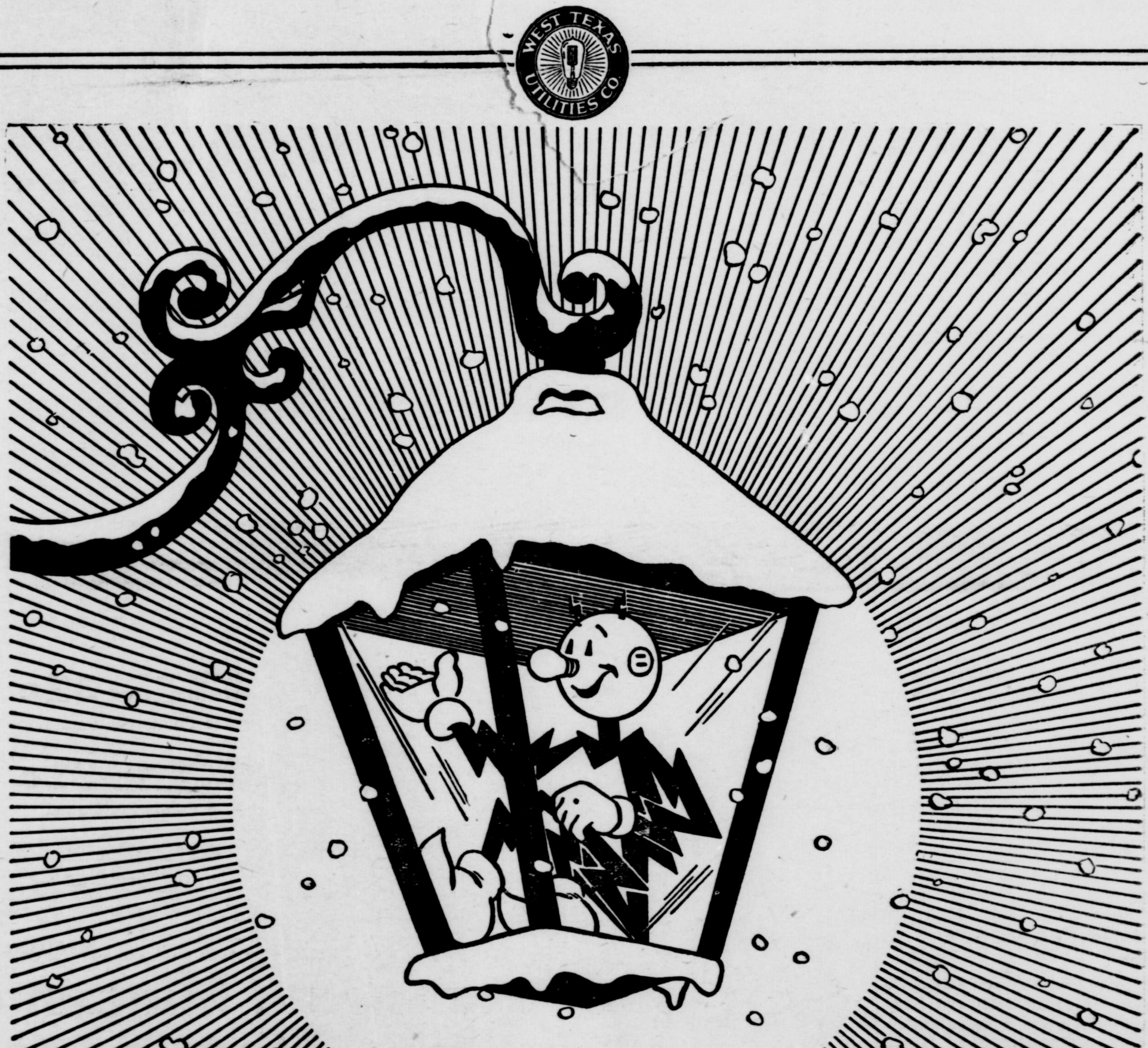
The 1944 program was studied and discussed with special attention given to War Crop Goals and unlimited practices. The county committee was advised by those present to recommend reduction of some county goals.

A committee was appointed to prepare, for the approval of the county committee, county specifications for 1944 production practices numbers 1 and 4, and to co-ordinate work of the different agencies in connection with practices carried out under the Conservation, Materials and Service purchase order plan.

Those attending the meeting were: County committeemen Joe M. Rose, Elmer F. Shugart and John Sharp; community committeemen J. E. Dopson, H. E. Bennett, John E. Bachman, J. R. Phelps, C. C. Kimmel, J. R. Speights and W. R. Williams; E. D. Cook, Soil Conservation Service; George Glover, Soil Conservation Service; Charles A. Taylor, county agent; Walter Labay, vocational agriculture teacher, Spur public schools, Robert A. Butler, county performance supervisor, Floy Watson, president, Dickens County Farm Bureau, and Hubert L. Karr, secretary Dickens County Agricultural Conservation Association.

The Lesser Sin.

Mother—Which apple do you want, Junior?
Junior—The biggest one.
Mother—Why, Junior, you should be polite and say the little one.
Junior—Well, Mother, should I lie to be polite?



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—REDDY KILOWATT.

Every one of the myriad of bright lights that still burn in this Country at Christmas is a greeting from me, your electric servant, Reddy Kilowatt; and that greeting is MERRY CHRISTMAS. May it be an American Christmas with lights, happiness and good will for all.

We of your Electric Service Company will be on the job Christmas Day . . . to make sure that your Christmas lights burn brightly, and to continue to furnish industry and agriculture the electric energy necessary for production for victory. . . This is our contribution to a happy Christmas Day the American Way.

—REDDY KILOWATT.



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FOR PIANO tuning at \$5.00, also reconditioning call J. E. Lowrance, 609 N. Willard St., just west of Spur Inn. All work guaranteed. Also will buy and sell used pianos. 8-tf-c

FOR SALE: Good Ford tractor and all equipment. See P. A. Willmon, Afton, Texas. 8-4tp

FOR SALE: 240 acres of land, 2.5 miles east of Elton, 106 in cultivation and rest in good grass. Plenty of water. See C. E. Willmon, Afton, Texas. 8-2tp

FOR SALE: Two sections of land located near Elton postoffice in North part of Dickens county. Gene Perkins, phone 47, Matador, Texas. 8-2tp

FOR RENT: Small cottage, will probably be vacant Dec. 28 or 29. Miss May Bell Thornton, 301 East Hill street. 1tp

FOR SALE: 100 acre sandy land farm, 5 miles southwest of Girard. All in cultivation. 3-room house, well and cistern. Small down payment. Easy terms on balance. Millard Smith, 1001 N. Main, Afton, Texas. 8-2tp

stockholders of the Spur Security Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 11th day of January, 1944, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors and to consider a suggested form of by-laws, by the Commissioner of Banking, to conform to the recently enacted State Banking Code, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 7-3c
Clifford B. Jones, President.
E. S. Lee, Cashier.

Will You Smile?

Catacysm.
Did you tell your father over the phone that we were engaged? Yes, dear.
What did he say?
Well, darling, I couldn't tell whether he was replying or whether it was a breakdown on the line.

Exact Information.
Customer—Same safety pins, please.
sir?

Primal Order.
Why do so many black-eyed people seem hot-tempered? queries a reader. Ed: I can't say, but I know why so many hot-tempered people seem to get black eyes.

Heard At A Party.
How old would you say Madge Decolitary is?
She says she's twenty-six, but I imagine the age she gives is like her gowns, cut as low as possible.

Rhapsody.
Now, said the leader of the Brownsville band, we'll play "The Stars and Stripes Forever!"
Gosh! exclaimed the cornet player to his neighbor. I've just played that!

Fortune teller: "What would you like in your future husband—wealth, fame, or appearance?"
Leta Faye Bloodworth: "Appear, ma'am, is what I'd prefer and he can't appear too soon to suit me."

WANDERING SOULS ENTERTAINED

It is still customary in Ireland to burn candles in the windows and set cups and saucers on the tables for the entertainment of wandering souls from Purgatory, who are believed to enjoy coming home for Christmas.

May the Peace of God be Yours



"Peace I leave with you, MY PEACE I give you: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, give I unto you." (Jno. 14:27).

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace." (Romans 14:19).

ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY

FOR SALE: 160 acre farm, 5.5 miles Southwest Girard, will give possession if sold by Jan. 1. Henry Harris, McAdoo. 4-tp

WANTED: Housekeeper, colored or white, references. Mrs. J. L. Garner, call 31. 6-tf

FOR SALE: 160 acres 5.5 miles northeast of Roaring Springs. All in cultivation. \$45.00 per acre. See H. D. Marshall (owner). 6-3p

FOR SALE: Two registered bull calves, 5 months old, out of Register of Merit Herd and a two Star bull. \$50.00 each. EXPERIMENT STATION, Spur. 6-3c

FOR SALE: 1932 Plymouth 4-door sedan, first class mechanical condition. 5 good tires. Charlie Powell. 7-2tp

FOR SALE: 158 acres, 145 in cultivation, sub-irrigated, in Highway community, 6-room house, fair. See R. A. Gilcrease, Spur Trading Post. 2-tfc

McCANNON VANILLA is guaranteed not to cook or bake out or freeze out. Try it. For greater egg production and health feed McCannon Poultry Compound and Red Lineament. Sold by J. P. Simmons, Spur, Texas. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: \$100 Scholarship in Tyler Commercial College and \$60 Scholarship in Draughon's Business College, Lubbock, at substantial discounts. THE TEXAS SPUR.

WE BUY and sell all makes of used tractors. McGee and Rickels Ford Tractor Co. Phone 41. 4tc

FOR SALE: Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers \$25.00 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y. 7-5c

WANTED: To rent or lease a farm within two or three miles of town. No more than 100 acres. D. W. Montgomery, Spur, Texas. 7-3tp

FOR SALE: Blackberry and dewberry plants at \$1.50 per hundred at my place 4 miles southwest of Girard. See H. E. Brooks. 7-4tp

FOR SALE: About 20,000 bundles of cava and hygera. \$13.50 per ton. See J. R. Speights, Afton, Texas. 7-3tp

FARM FOR SALE: 131 acres, half mile south of Afton. Exceptionally good terms. See or write Leon Lawson, Afton, Texas. 7-tf

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That the annual meeting of the

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SAFEWAY

That peace may prevail for all mankind—

hallowed season of joy and happiness, this year finds all of us in America striving constantly to hasten the day of Victory. Nevertheless it is fitting that we should pause both to recall our Christmas days of yesteryear and to look forward into the future with profound confidence and hope. We people of Safeway—including those who have taken leave of absence to join the fighting forces—unite in sincerely wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas! May your families be happy and well. May your dinners be hearty. And may the Christmas prayers of all of us be answered. "So that peace may prevail for all mankind..."

Waste Free Turkeys Dressed and Drawn **55¢**

Waste Free Chicken Hens Dressed and Drawn **45¢**

Oysters Large White Selects Lb. **73¢** Not Rationed

Sausage Pork, Grade AA-2 In Cloths Bag Lb. **35¢** Points Per Lb. 4

Bacon Grade A Sliced Every Day Price Lb. **37¢** Points Per Lb. 4

Slab Bacon By the Piece Lb. **30¢** Points Per Lb. 3

Veal Steak Sirloin or Rib Chops Lb. **35¢** Points Per Lb. 7

Veal Roast Shoulder Cuts Lb. **25¢** Points Per Lb. 5

Grocery Values

Tomato Juice Sunny Dawn 18-Oz. Can **11¢** Green Points 3

Cocktail Hostess Delight Fruit No. 2 1/2 Cans **32¢** Green Points 30

Tomatoes Standard Quality No. 2 Can **10¢** Green Points 18

Niblets Del Monte Whole Kernel 12-Oz. Can **13¢** Green Points 10

Beans Del Monte Green Lima No. 2 Can **19¢** Green Points 20

Raisins Seedless California Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. **15¢** Green Points 4

Catsup Red Hill Tomato 14-Oz. Bot. **15¢** Green Points 18

Margarine Dalewood Enriched Lb. **22¢** Brown Points 6

Pumpkin Pie Spice Durkee's 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. **9¢**

Ground Sage Schilling's 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. **13¢**

Clicknet Club GINGER ALE Sparkling Water or White Soda 2 Qt. Bots. **25¢** Plus Deposit

Fresh Airway COFFEE 1-LB BAG **20c**

HAMS HALF or WHOLE Lb. **32c** 5 Points per Pound

SHANK END Lb. **31c** 3 Points Per Pound

Center Slices Lb. **49¢** 8 Points Per Pound

Edwards COFFEE 1-Lb. Bag **25¢**

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Cranberries Fancy Red Lb. **33¢**

Apples Delicious, Winesap and Rome Beauty Lb. **11¢**

Celery Fancy California Well Blended Lb. **15¢**

Peanuts Fresh Lb. **19¢**

Oranges Florida Sweet Lb. **8¢**

Avocados Fancy California 24 Size Each **15¢**

Oranges California Navel Lb. **10¢**

Bananas Central American 2 Lb. **23¢** Kila Dried Yams Lb. **10¢**

Sprouts Green Brussels No. 1 Colo. Rural **21¢** Potatoes 10 Lb. **39¢**

Holiday Grocery Values

Mincemeat Home Like 29-Oz. Jar **38¢**

Chocolates Sunshine Assorted 1-Lb. Box **59¢**

Milk Cherub (1 Point for 2 Sm. Cans) Small Can **5¢**

Knox Gelatin No. 1 Reg. Pkg. **19¢**

Soup Heinz Tomato (4 Points Per Can) No. 1 Can **11¢**

Bread Julia Lee Wright's Enriched White 24-Oz. Loaf **10¢**

Pecans Paper Shell In Mesh Bag 5-Lb. Bag **2.15**

Shelled Pecans 12-Oz. Pkg. **85¢**

Grocery Values

Dressing Duchess Sliced 16-Oz. Jar **23¢**

Olives House Stuffed Manzanilla 10-Oz. Jar **47¢**

Flour Kitchen Craft Enriched 10-Lb. Bag **52¢**

Cake Flour Snowflake 2 1/2-Lb. Pkg. **28¢**

Corn Meal Mammy Lou 5-Lb. Bag **25c**

Crackers Ausmane Krispy 1-Lb. Pkg. **19¢**

Mixed Nuts 1-Lb. Pkg. **39¢**

Oxydol Granulated Soap 24-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Duz Soap Washing Powder 21 1/2-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Super Suds 24-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Soap Crystal White Laundry Soap Large Bar **4¢**

Best Gift of All—WAR BONDS

Merry Christmas SAFEWAY