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UNTHINKABLE

The threatened strike of the railroad unions which is scheduled for Dec. 30 is unthinkable. How a patriotic American could even think of quitting his job for a raise in his wages in a time like this, is beyond my ken.

Thousands of these men who threaten to let down our war efforts in getting supplies to the front, have sons overseas whose lives depend on supplies which these railroads must transport. Yet, for a small sum of money, these men would stop all transportation and leave their sons naked to the enemy, suffering and death in order that they might make more money.

A man must be getting very low in the scale of human instinct and humanity that he would consider trading off the safety of his country as well as his own flesh and blood for a few paltry dollars. Perhaps there are a lot of honest workers who are considering this treasonable move, do not realizing the deadly work of their plans. Surely they will reconsider their plans.—Uncle Bill

TOO BIG FOR THEIR BRITCHES

I may get myself disliked when I say the Unions are all right except they are getting too big for their britches. Like the big corporations of a few years ago, they got that way. To them, it was "the public be damned" just so they had money. They got so big that the people through congress reached out and got them. The unions in effect are saying "to hell with the war and the country we are out to make money." It may not be popular to say so, but John L. Lewis and his followers are crowning the unions with traitorous iniquity. Some day the people will reach out and pull them down to a level with old John Public.—Uncle Bill

It gives Hitler a lot of comfort to hear of us cussing Roosevelt, grouching about high taxes, casting hot bricks at our allies. If you cast slurs and insults toward the Jews, remember that part was foreordained from the time when Abraham herded sheep on the Judean Plains to the time when Hitler quit his job of paper hanging and took up murder, plundering and robbing. Hitler likes to hear of people cussing the Jews, Russian and British, but speaking evil of the unspeakable Jap. Hitler doesn't like that so much.—Uncle Bill

When the war is over and the boys come home, they must find jobs in building roads, dams and other public works. They will find jobs on farms, in mines and factories. Millions of good jobs will be offered to the boys when they come home.

A diplomat is a man who can convince his wife that she looks stout in a fur coat.



B. Z. COOPER

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City was held. The new court house had not been completed. The court was composed of P. D. Coulson, County Judge; Ben Jones, Prec. 1; W. L. Foster, Prec. 2; Adam Powell Prec. 3; and Thomas Brennan Prec. 4. Believe it or not, but that day I saw my old time friend W. L. Foster smoking a cigar. So far as I know, he is the only surviving member of that court.

In those days we had never heard of an automobile or airplane. The swiftest thing on wheels was the horse and buggy. Drummers came in their buggies and put up at the Doran hotel. A livery stable operated by Doran & Wood was run in connection with the hotel.

The arrival of a drummer in town was always a sensation. He always had a fresh stock of new yarns—that is they were new to us. He always carried a generous supply of free samples of his line. If it were groceries, everyone got a free plug of tobacco. If it were drugs everyone got a free sample of U. S. Compound Cathartic pills.

Cril and Molly Stewart had two boys named Aubrey and Cooper. These youngies were great foragers for sweets. One day a drummer left a lot of free samples of these pills at Fisher's drugstore. Elbert put the sample pills on a barrel head on the porch.

When Aub and Coop spied the pills, it meant candy to them, and they proceeded to eat about a dozen pills apiece. At first they tasted good, later their stomachs rebelled. The fountains of the great deep began to break up. They hurried home with their troubles to Mother.

When Molly found out that Aub and Coop had been lurching on Compound Cathartic Pills, she thought that her two hopefuls were goners. She called Dr. Bowden. The Doctor grabbed a package of emetics and made a run for the scene of trouble. When he arrived, Aub and Coop didn't need an emetic because the pills were scattered all about the house.

The Doctor told Molly that her boys would soon be all right. The next day Aub and Coop were back at the drugstore, but they didn't care for any more pills.

It was predicted that if Aub and Coop lived to get heavy enough to break their necks they would be hung, but they grew to be fine citizens. So you can't always tell how a boy will turn out.—Uncle Bill

THE IRISH GET MOST OF THE FIRSTS

The first American soldier to kill a Jap was Mike Murphy.  
The first American pilot to sink a Jap ship was Colin Kelly.  
The first American flier to shoot down a Jap plane was Ed O'Hara.  
The first American Coast Guard to spot a Nazi spy was John Cullin.  
The first to be decorated by the President was James Powers.  
The first to be killed leading his ship into battle was Dan Gallagher.  
The first mother to lose five sons was Mrs. Sullivan.  
The first — — — to get four new tires was Nathan Goldstein.

A year's subscription to the News-Record would make a fine Christmas gift to send to your friend or relative at a distance. Through this gift, they would be reminded of your thoughtfulness 52 times during 1944. Come over and let us send it. You may be sure it will be appreciated.

If the Lord intends to take Hitler et al, oh, let it be soon. But maybe He intends to work his will through the Allies. If that is true, they seem to be making a good job of it.

To the Men and Women

In the field and factory, on land and sea, under the waves and in the sky, who are fighting against the enemies of God and man, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and including A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



To You

Who have lost a son, a husband, a father or a sweetheart, we want you to know that our hearts go out to you in sincere sympathy. We pray that A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year will add comfort to your sore hearts in these hours of your great sorrow.

To the People

of Sterling County and vicinity who have so loyally supported us and made it possible for us to carry on, we want to thank you and wish you the joys which Christmas brings and the Prosperity we hope 1944 may bring.



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- First Baptist Church
- Methodist Church
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- Sterling Oil and Gas Co.
- Ainsworth Service Station
- R. P. Brown—Texas Co
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- Palace Theater

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- R. P. Davis
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Local Items

Harold Mathis of San Angelo is visiting relatives and friends here

Born: On the 18th at Coleman to Lt. and Mrs. J. C. Littlefield, Jr., a girl.

Flu hit this town hard last week. Quite a number have been laid up during the week.

J. T. Conger, of San Diego, California, is here to spend the holidays with home folks

Mrs. C. N. Crawford will spend Christmas in Ozona visiting her sister Mrs. Hillery Phillips.

Cars washed and shined. Bring cars to W. H. Sparkman residence —H. Sparkman if

There will be no News-Record next week. After next week we will get the paper to you as usual.

Mrs. Norah Davis of Lubbock is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Sparkman and other relatives here.

Oliver Cole came in last Monday from Milwaukee, Wis. to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cole.

BRING IT HOME. That slush bucket made of 4-inch piping and 10 feet long which I loaned you, please bring it back. —M. W. Smith

Miss Hallene Gibbs accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Clarence Davis of Lubbock, will spend Christmas in San Angelo with their mother, Mrs. L. H. Gibbs.

Sgt. Henry P. Latham, one of the heroes of Corrigador and now a Japanese prisoner of war, writes his mother, Mrs. Laura Green, under date of December 14, that he is well

Lt. and Mrs. C. T. DuCote and little daughter, Linda Jean, are here from Eagle Pass to spend Christmas with Mrs. DuCote's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Durham

Melvin Blair of Alhambra, Calif., is spending the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blair. He plans to be present at his parent's golden wedding which is to be celebrated Dec. 27. Mr. Blair has been absent from Sterling during the last thirteen years.

J. L. Glass was taken to a hospital in San Angelo last Saturday for treatment of flu and other complications. He was reported better last Tuesday. Mrs. Glass and their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Grigsby of Sanderson, have been at his bedside.

M. Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton, who is State AAA Committeeman from this district made a visit to the County AAA Office Tuesday, making a survey on the feed situation in this area. He is of the opinion that we will be given a small amount of protein feed along. The Commodity Credit Corporation is shipping a car load of soy bean meal to this county, which will be distributed under the supervision of the AAA Committee.

R. P. Davis  
Barber Shop  
Rain water shampoos

W.O. and Mrs. Guesley McDonald and baby of Lubbock are visiting Mrs McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Reed.

Mrs. W. H. Sparkman returned last week from a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dearen at Port Arthur.

Major Jesse P. Morgan stationed at Camp Bowie was a last Sunday's guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark.

Due to the glass shortage, we are compelled to ask each customer to have out their bottles when they want milk. Will you please cooperate with us so we can continue to bring you milk. Thank you  
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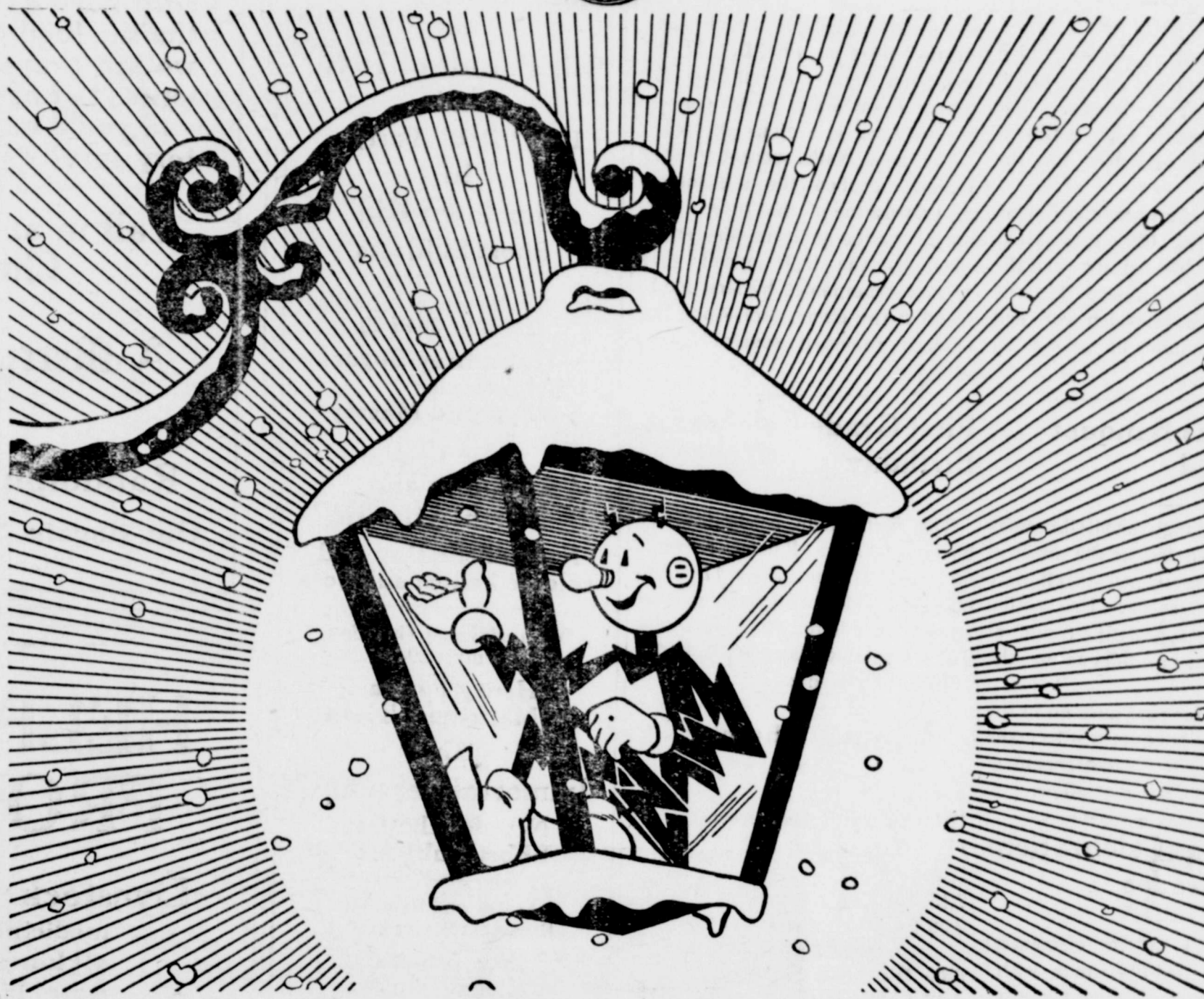
W. P. Meyer has recently purchased the Mrs. Lena Finot resident property facing east on Main Street and south on Second Avenue. After the duration, Mr. Meyer plans to build a modern home on this property.

W. S. Taylor of San Angelo, will preach at The Church of Christ Sunday, Dec. 26th. at 11:00 a.m. The subject will be "Why the Church of Christ does not use Instrumental Music in Christian Worship." We are expecting some help in the song service from San Angelo. Come be with us.

Ralph Gonzales, a member of the U. S. Army stationed on the Pacific coast, is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nic Gonzales

Scotter Carr, who is attending the School of Mines at El Paso, came in last Sunday to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carr. Scooter won the Silver Gloves in a light weight boxing match in the school. Also a black eye. Scooter was among the tops in our high school who graduated here last spring.

FOR SALE: 30 tons of ground Ceffir, and 5,000 bundles of hygerie, good heads.—J. E. Franklin, 625 Austin St., Colorado City, Texas. 2t



*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.

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## High School Has Christmas Tree in Gym

Wednesday afternoon the high school students met in the gym to celebrate the Yule season. The center of attraction was a Christmas tree loaded with gifts for the students.

Before the gifts were distributed, the group sang Christmas songs. The gifts were handed out and the students were dismissed for the Christmas holidays, which will end with the resumption of school on Jan. 3.

## Christmas Banquet Postponed

The annual high school Christmas banquet, scheduled for the night of Dec. 22, was postponed indefinitely last Friday afternoon. This action was brought about as the result of the prevalence of influenza in the school.

It is probable that later on in the year a formal banquet will be given to compensate for the postponement of the annual Christmas affair.

## Christmas Celebrations in the Grades

Each grade in the elementary school celebrated Christmas with a Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon. The children and teachers exchanged gifts. Santa Claus visited in several of the rooms.

The children were grateful to their teacher and room mothers for making the joyful occasion possible.

## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a very good little boy; so won't you please bring me all I want. Really I don't want much. But I do want a holiday from school about every Wednesday and a straight report card for the rest of the year.

Oh, yes, I want a paper doll to call my own. I'm terribly lonely.  
 Your friend,  
 Billy Vern

Dear Santa,  
 All I want for Christmas is for you to answer the following questions. Why is it that one of the Jones girls always sits behind one of the Brown boys. It couldn't be coincidence. If you will answer my question, I will be a good boy all next year.

Yours truly,  
 A friend

P. S. It would be dangerous if I signed my real name. Hope you know who I am.

Dear Santa,  
 Anything you bring me will be OK. But won't you please bring a big empty box to the girl who sits in front of me in the English room. She needs the box to keep her school supplies in, because she keeps them all over her desk (and incidentally all over my desk, too.)

As ever,  
 Bonnie Ruth King

## Junior Play Presented December 17

"Free Advice", a three-act play was presented in the school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 17, by the Junior class. About forty-five dollars was taken in by the class to be used later for various purposes.

Mrs. John Wade, sponsor of the Juniors, coached the students in the preparation of the play. Between acts the audience was entertained by the high school girl's chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Joe L. Sneed at the piano. Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson rendered several piano selections.

## First Grade Celebrates Birthday

The first grade celebrated the birthday of Billie Roland Edwards on Friday afternoon, Dec. 17. Hot chocolate, cake and doughnuts were served the children by Mesdames Jeff Davis, J. R. Hale, W. B. Welch and Herman Kautz.

## Baptist Church

Sunday  
 A. m.  
 10:00 Sunday School lesson  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 P. m.  
 7:15 Training union  
 8:00 Evening worship  
 Monday afternoon  
 3:00 Missionary Society  
 4:15 Sunbeams  
 Wednesday  
 P. m.  
 7:30 Weekly Teachers meeting  
 8:30 Mid-week Devotional  
 Come to these services, you are welcome, and you will enjoy the fine fellowship and hospitality of all our people.  
 Claude Stovall, pastor

## Methodist Church

Lowell O. Ryan Pastor  
 Church school 10:30 a. m.  
 Morning worship, 11 o'clock  
 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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Friday and Saturday  
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 Susan Hayward  
 Freddy Martin and  
 his Orchestra

### "Hit Parade of 1943"

--and--

Don "Red" Barry

In

### "Sundown Kid" Short Subjects

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
 December 26-27-28

Humphrey Bogart  
 Alan Hale  
 Raymond Massey

In

### "Action in the North Atlantic"

News of the Day and  
 selected short subjects

Wednesday and Thursday  
 December 29-30

Henry Fonda  
 Maurine O'Hara

In

### "Immortal Sergeant"

News of the Day  
 Short Subjects

Friday and Saturday  
 December 31-January 1

Roy Rogers  
 Peggy Moran

In

### 'King of the Cowboys'

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 Selected Short Subjects

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