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Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way.

And a Happy New Year

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The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers.

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Legal Assistance To Navy Men Is Announced

Legal assistance to naval personnel and their dependents has been made available through the newly-created Eleventh Naval District Legal Office at San Diego, Calif.

Rear Admiral D. W. Bagley, USN, district commandant, urged servicemen and their families to take advantage of the organization's services.

Legal assistance officers have been stationed at most of the major naval establishments in this area for the convenience of personnel, it was announced.

The operation of the Navy legal assistance program was instituted nationally last July by the judge advocate general's office with the cooperation of the American Bar Association.

Similar cooperation has been extended to the Navy by the state and local bar associations within the Eleventh Naval District and also by the Army.

Commander S. B. D. Wood, USNR, has been appointed district legal officer.

CATSUP IS RELEASED Nearly a million cases of tomato catsup soon will be released to civilians. The catsup is being released from specific reserves held and owned by canners, but set aside by them for government use.

SUSPENDER BUTTONS BACK Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's Order L-181.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

WHAT'S IN THE NAMES OF LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS

"A rose by any other name..." —but not a country. There is something about a country's name that is part of its background, part of its personality, that belongs to it unmistakably.

Argentina is so called because of the word's Spanish meaning, "of silver," an appellation evidently derived from the fact that the land surrounded Rio de la Plata (River of Silver).

The Equator passing through the republic of Ecuador accounts for the fact that it is named for it in Spanish, and as for El Salvador it is also the Spanish for "The Savior," the country being so called because the victory in 1526 that completed the Spanish subjugation of the region took place on Aug. 6, the day of the feast of the Transfiguration of the Saviour.

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The name of the Hohenzollern family, which ruled Germany until 1918, was taken from a hill called Zollern near Stuttgart.

OPA STARTS MAKING RATION TOKENS

Manufacture has started on two billion ration tokens to be used in making "ration change" when the ration token plan goes into effect Sunday, Feb. 27, according to OPA. The order calls for 1,100,000,000 red tokens for meats and fats and 900,000,000 blue tokens for processed foods.

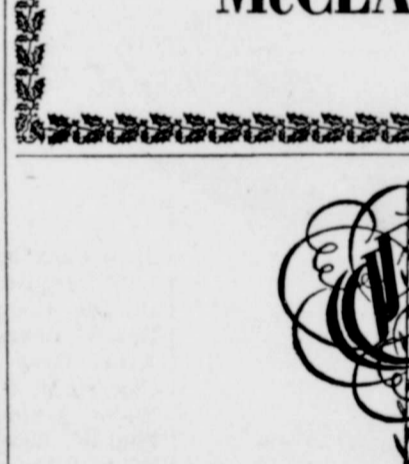
A Knoxville, Tenn., housemaid, waiting on a corner for her bus to ride to work, was offered a ride by an enterprising woman.

Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas!

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, dominating the world stage, once more has incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war. There is still beauty in common things, still good in the world, and we are all grateful for the glowing interval of Yuletide.

As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend the season's best wishes to all.

McCLAY FURNITURE STORE



"At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a year"

GLITTERING more fantastically than the jewels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this town and adjoining farm areas.

We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture."

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BEHOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.

L. P. Evans Store

In St. Louis, Lewis Propst stares blankly at anyone who mentions spare time. He is principal of a small elementary school, coaches softball and volleyball, works eight hours nightly at a cotton company plant, raises chickens, sells insurance—and is an amateur mechanic and carpenter.

There'll always be a Christmas



Marie's Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

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L. P. Evans Store



Santa:
I want a sailor suit. Sub machine gun. Jeep. Navy set. Dr. Chemical set. Bond. Foot ball. sack. Bugle.
Thanks a lot, Santa,
Norman Welch.
Artesia, N. M.,
606 S. 5th St.,
Dec. 19, 1943.

Santa:
We are two little girls, Mary and Phyllis (4 yrs.) and Phyllis (2 yrs.). We still like our old one for the treat Saturday. We would like a new one. We are good girls. Our mother says us once in awhile, but guess little girls are a little mean. I would also like a chair each and a few other little things. I would like a train set.
Two little friends,
Mary and Phyllis.
Artesia, N. M.,
611 W. Dallas.
Santa Clause:
I am a little girl 5 years old and I have a doll with real hair. House gown and house coat also like a black board.
Your little friend,
Jackie Lou Garner.
Artesia, New Mex.,
Dec. 19.

Santa:
I have been a pretty good boy and will try to do better next year. Please bring me a train or

cannon. I would like an Army truck and wagon; that is all. My sister is three and wants a doll, dishes. Santa, please bring her a housecoat and house shoes. Also a suitcase with doll clothes.
Your friend,
Dwayne and Zelda Zelen.
Don't forget mother, daddy, grandmother and grandfather. Thanks.
Artesia, N. M.,
Dec. 16, 1943.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years old and I have tried to be good. So will please bring me a nigger doll and one baby doll and doll buggy. If you don't have these things I will be pleased with anything you bring.
Your little friend,
Rosa Rinker.
Lake Arthur, N. Mex.
Dec. 18, 1943.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six yrs. old. I go to Cottonwood School. I would like to have a cowboy suit this Christmas, and some candy and nuts and if you can spare one a reindeer. That's all this time.
Your friend,
Dean Seals.

Central School,
Artesia, New Mexico,
Dec. 18, 1943.

Dear Santa Clause:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please I would like you to bring me a piano, some candy, nuts, a bicycle. I have a sister 12 years old. She would like sailor suit and what you can bring. Please don't forget Gramma and Grampa.
Your little friend,
Shirley Fay Godsell.

Dear Santa Claus:
First don't forget my daddy because he's in the Army. Then if you have anything else I'd like skates and a sewing machine if they are not rationed. Don't bring a bride doll because mother will make some bride clothes for my doll. I have a little brother Dan and he doesn't care what he gets just so it will make a noise. Be sure and bring "Grande" a pitcher.
Merry Christmas from
Nancy Lee Baker.
Artesia, New Mex.,
Dec. 16, 1943.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doctor set for Christmas. I want some house shoes like

the ones at Baldwin Store. They are blue with white fur. I wear size 13. I would like to have a typewriter too, if you have one. Please remember all the children and if you don't have the toys I sent for, you can bring me anything you like. I live in a white house at 209 So. 2nd St., Artesia, New Mex.
Your friend,
Ida Ruth Faulk.

Dear Santa:
I want a WAC suit and WAC hat and anything else.
Binann Bean,
408 West Mo. St.
December 19, 1943.

Dear Santa Claus:
Would you please bring me some more parts to my train set if you have any this year. I also would like a gun, logs, a work bench with tools and Army set. Merry Christmas,
Conrad Keyes, Jr.

EASY WAY
Pvt. Richard Claussen of Omaha, a recent inductee at Fort Leavenworth, has had to answer so many questions about himself that he now hands curious campmates this card:
"Tiny Claussen—6 feet 6 inches; weight, 270 pounds; wears size 15 shoes.
"Does that answer your question?"

Hollywood movietowners fled in any direction just so it was away from their most famed intersection, Hollywood and Vine. For a skunk wandered down from Hollywood hills, and became a traffic casualty there. Two auxiliary policemen, caught out without their gas masks, called the City Refuse Department.

Rubber is made from the latex or milk of the rubber tree.
The feminine form for the title of Maharaja is Maharani.
Galileo was the first to use the telescope to observe the heavens.
Insects possess three pairs of legs.



Make Good Cheer for Christmas
May your every wish be granted as we send you our best greetings for a
Merry Christmas
And a Very
Happy New Year
STAR GROCERY

At Portland, Ore., recruits at the induction station were asked their names and choice of service. "I'm Wild, and I want to join the Navy," said one. "I'm Wilder, said the next in line. "Put me in the marines."

glycerine was invented in 1790 by Ascanio Sobrero.
The temple of Diana at Ephesus contained 27,000 persons.
NOEL
I want to join the happy family to wish you and all the family the Merriest of Christmas!
SINCLAIR Service Station
W. H. Stewig, Lessee

A FAMILY AFFAIR
Fifteen college students, sporting red pork-pie hats, entered Kings County Court as part of their fraternity initiation. Judge Peter J. Brancato looked up, frowned on the hats atop the crew-baircutted heads. Told to remove them, the youths remained as immobile as wooden Indians. The judge held them in contempt, clapped them in a cell.
One of the collegians was Peter J. Brancato, Jr.—the judge's son. They finally were released.

SAFE KEEPING
K. G. Cannon reported to Meridian, Miss., police a year ago that his automobile had disappeared.
Passing a storage company this week, Cannon noticed the car and was told by a company representative that a man had brought it in for storage and never returned. Cannon paid the storage bill and drove the car away.

VICTORY BELLS
In San Francisco, Mayo Brolan, 39, carillonneur at St. Patrick's Church, now plays war songs on the church bells at 5 o'clock each morning and before services.
At night the church musician is employed as a shipyard worker.

CAREFUL, HARRY
Harry Parkin of Philadelphia was taken to a hospital when a bullet grazed his head after ricocheting off a bathtub.
He explained he was going in the Army and was showing his wife how to use his revolver to protect herself.

RIFLE-PACKIN' DAUGHTER
At Austin, Tex., Gov. Coke R. Stevenson took his 9-year-old granddaughter on her first hunting trip of the year.
With just two rifle shots she bagged a deer and a wild turkey.



To Everyone
A Very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

It is our wish that before another year has passed, we may again sing, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men."

Our greeting at this Yuletide goes out to those who are fighting our battles, that our wish and their wish come true, and to the many friends and members of the Association.

Artesia Alfalfa Growers Assn.

Artie McAnally	Virginia Deemer	Wes Needham
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James Britton	Cile Kidd	Charles Hernandez
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A WREATH IN THE WINDOW
a star in the sky, and happiness in the heart. That the Christmas season of 1943 may be truly memorable for you and yours is the earnest wish of

CHRISTMAS CHEER 1943

Artesia Lumber Co.

BEST WISHES TO ALL

A Very Merry Christmas



A Happy New Year

GEO. E. CURRIER

Be Tough! Buy Bonds Enough! End It Sooner—LEND!

Emergency Crop Loans Are to Be Available Earlier for Next Year

With prospects of a tight labor situation, transportation difficulties, and limited storage facilities off the farm, the Fertilizer Division of the War Food Administration has been urging fertilizer manufacturers to speed up their operations and get fertilizers into the hands of dealers and farmers, and on farms at earlier dates than usual. Considerable quantities of must be purchased and delivered to farmers over a six-month period rather than the usual sixty-day period. This will, place considerable fertilizer on the farms well in advance of the normal planting season. While the Fertilizer Division does not now anticipate serious difficulties in the supply of fertilizer for 1944 production, the farmer who buys early and has the fertilizer in safe storage on his farm is simply tak-

ing out insurance against local or general shortages that may occur later because of transportation, labor, or other difficulties.

The Emergency Crop & Feed Loan Office of Wichita, Kans., in order to help farmers get their fertilizer and other supplies early, has announced the 1944 spring crop loan program much earlier than usual. Funds are loaned through this organization for the purchase of seeds, fertilizer, spraying and dusting material, fuel and oil, and/or feed for work stock, expenses of irrigating, and other incidental expenses connected with making a crop. All loans bear 4 per cent interest per year, and are secured by a first mortgage on all of the crops to be planted. Applications are available to all farmers who unable to obtain loans from production credit associations, banks, and other credit sources under reasonable terms.

Loans to finance the purchase of production of feed for livestock are also available under the same general terms and conditions, except that a first mortgage on the livestock to be fed is required as security.

The fact that an applicant may owe balances on old seed or feed loans will not in itself prevent approval of a new loan, provided the reason for non-payment is beyond his control.

Applications for these loans may be had from H. A. Denton of Artesia, or additional information may be had by writing to W. H. Butterbaugh, Jr., field supervisor, at P. O. Box 1114, Roswell.

News Shorts

A municipal ownership proposal lost 286 to 59 in a special Santa Rosa election Dec. 7. The proposal, by which the city would have been authorized to purchase the United Power Company, lost in each of the three precincts. The proposal was submitted by Mayor T. J. Spiller and the trustees.

Mrs. J. R. Hotchkiss of Bayard, refused to pay a \$50 fine assessed for failure to have her young daughter vaccinated and chose to serve out the fine in Grant County jail. Mrs. Hotchkiss was convicted in district court of violating the state's compulsory smallpox vaccination law.

A Carlshad branch of the Bataan relief organization was organized Dec. 3. Many Carlshad boys were with the New Mexico 200th Coast Artillery regiment, which was taken captive when the Philippines fell to the Japanese.

New Mexico income tax payments in November were \$12,281 against \$4,635 in November last year, State Revenue Commissioner J. O. Gallegos reported. He said succession tax collections were \$5,144 for the month, compared with \$1,193 in November, 1942.

Revenue of the Motor Vehicle Department dropped \$13,504.11 in November, compared with the same month last year, when the total was \$23,579.42. Chief Clerk Alfonso C. de Baca said the loss was due to a decline of 1,152 in truck registrations and 8,250 in passenger car registrations.

Tom Snell, secretary and chief inspector of the State Sheep Sanitary Board, reported that 403,995 lambs and 40,151 ewes were shipped to central markets from New Mexico between Oct. 20 and Nov. 8.

The State School for the Blind at Alamogordo does not have authority to accept payment of tuition and board from students, even though their parents are able to pay the items, the attorney general's office held in an opinion for the school's regents.

Farmer George T. Annen of El Dorado, Kan., found a woman's handbag containing \$165 in cash, a bank book showing deposits of \$4,645, an unrecorded mortgage for \$300, a diamond ring and three sticks of gum. Annen also found the owner next day—and a \$50 reward.

While a man was having his picture taken in the rear room of the Capitol Photo Studio in Salt Lake City, his companion remained out front. After they departed, the proprietor missed \$11 from his cash register. He called police—then hurried to develop the film. It was the first local case, officers said, in which a culprit had "mugged" himself.

The Moore Drop Forge Company of Springfield, Mass., is worried about its husky drop forge workers losing their figures. The company claims some of its employees have lost from 20 to 45 pounds since food rationing began and has applied for extra meat rations to fatten up its heavy workers. The board was sympathetic, but offered no extra coupons to solve the meaty problem.

H. O. Chenoweth, 83, life term-er at the Missouri State Prison, wants only "A little outside privilege so I can go over to the river and fish. . ." In a letter to the parole board rejecting an opportunity to ask for release, he asked: "Who could be so stupid as to want to give an 83-year-old man a parole?"

The Danville (Va.) Street Cleaning Department sold its tobacco drops-picks up from loaded drays rushing leaf from warehous-

es to processing plants during the current auction season—for \$125. The money went to local charities.

An Atlanta Negro was arrested by the FBI on charges of failing to sign up for Selective Service. "Why didn't you register?" asked Assistant U. S. Attorney Raymond W. Martin. "I did," the man replied, "but I don't know whether it was for the draft or for sugar."

A V-mail letter to a soldier stationed at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., has reached him—three and one-half months after

it was mailed in London. It was the first sent by mistake to Bethlehem, Palestine.

Assistant City Attorney Dick Holm was stranded in New York and unable to obtain train reservations home to San Francisco until Jan. 1—three weeks after he was scheduled to open a fight against an order by the Office of Defense Transportation. But he is nearing home now—the ODT obtained the reservations.

Potosi is the leading producer of Bolivian tin, mining about 100,000 tons annually.



WHAT matter if Santa comes in a jeep, just so it's Santa Claus? And it IS Santa Claus! And this IS Christmas. May the 1943 season be an exceptionally happy one for you and your family.

DR. H. W. CROUCH
ARTESIA CLINIC

Season's

A more fitting opportunity to express our appreciation for your consideration could not be found than at Christmas-time.

Greeting

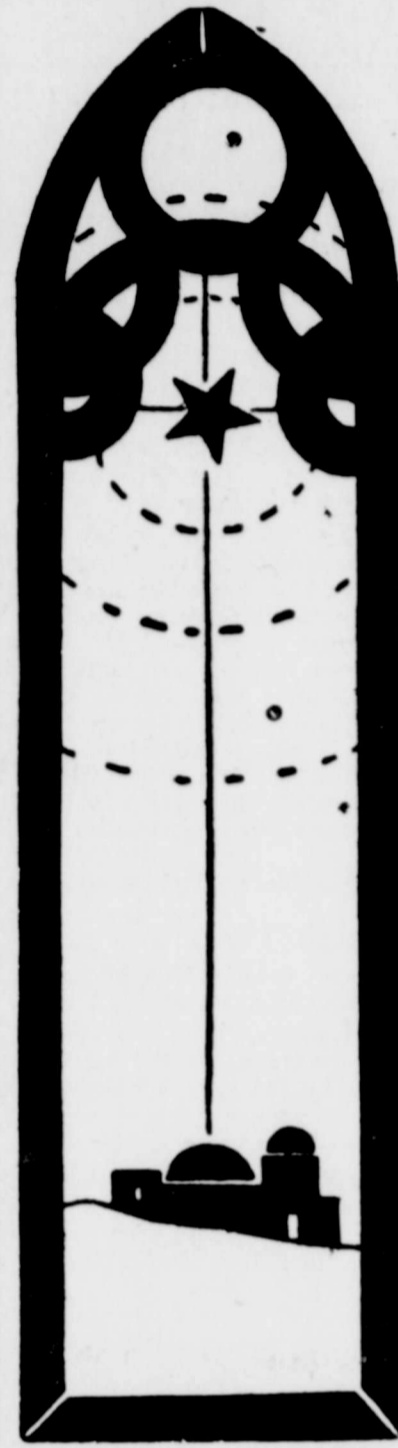
● The Holiday Season with its spirit of good cheer and friendliness, brings to mind the splendid associations that have been ours during the past year. ● We gratefully acknowledge your consideration and favors. ● The confidence shown is our incentive to even greater service during the years to come. ● It leads us to keep thoughtfully in mind your needs and desires so that we may efficiently fulfill them. ● The old year holds scores upon scores of cherished memories—new acquaintances made—the closer binding of old ties of friendships and many happy relationships. ● That is why, as the old year draws to a close amid the good fellowship of Christmas time, we consider it an honor to extend compliments of the season to our good friends of this area. ● The sincere wish of every member of this organization is that we may continue to serve you to your satisfaction in the years to come. ● We wish for you the Merriest Christmas you have ever known and a year of happiness, health and prosperity, with the fulfillment of your every ambition and plan and vision. May we again say to each of our good friends
**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

ARTESIA AUTO CO.

Authorized Ford Sales and Service

Phone 52

Artesia, New Mexico



One Brightly Shining Christmas Star...

As the star that guided the wise men toward the manger at Bethlehem twinkles brightly in the Christmas sky, we extend our heartiest wishes of the season to all of you who have made 1943 such a pleasant year for our firm. May we all, through united sacrifice and wholehearted, all-out effort, keep this nation of ours one in which we proudly say—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Big Jo Lumber Co.



The Season's GREETINGS TO YOU

The gift we treasure most was not given at this Christmastime, but rather it was given throughout the past months. This gift is your friendship and patronage. We treasure it most because we know it is your way of showing us that our service has been welcomed by you and that you value our service.

Merry Christmas

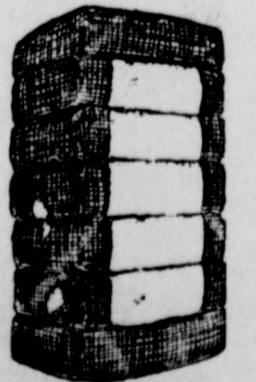


Happy New Year

We don't know what the New Year holds in store for you—but if wishes come true, our wishes will insure you a grand year. Here's to your health, happiness and prosperity—and our continued friendship.

The Artesia Farmers' Gin

Artesia, N. Mex.



Jars and Tops for Canning 1944, Extension Service Says

Looking ahead to a big season in canning garden stuff in 1944, extension workers are being urged to use all glass jars and tops suitable for re-use, says Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, of the New Mexico Extension Service. Every re-usable jar will be needed to round up new supplies next summer. Special attention is called to re-usable commercial jars, and tops of these are not so familiar to home canning. Commercial jars of those in which such products as coffee, pickles, peanut butter, and like are bought. Many now are standardized as to size and type of opening, so that a jar of its metal screw cap may be used for home canning by buying a metal sealing disk with rubber compound. Coffee jars with paper caps may be sealed by using metal screw caps from other jars, plus a sealing disk.

Save metal, rubber, and glass, the re-usable commercial jars now have an opening 2 5/16 inches in diameter, known as size 70. Other jars have the larger Mason opening, size 70. The War Relocation Board and War Food Administration are making every effort to have available in 1944 ample supplies of metal sealing disks for both sizes.

Shifty homemakers are accused of saving canning jars when un-canned food are opened, and it is especially important to use all good equipment for home canning. Before storing, glass jars should be scalded, and metal screw bands and screw caps should be stored clean, and they won't be bent or rusted by putting screw bands on the jars to protect them. War-rubber jar rings are not re-usable for home canning, but are keeping for such jobs as home-dried fruit packaged jars.

MENTARY, WATSON!
Camp Carson, Colo., Major Watson, conducting a photo reading, placed his finger on an "X" on a photo of a "beer," he said, "to the first to identify this spot." "That, sir," upped a man of the Engineers, "is the WAC bar major bought."

the Jap—keep firin' with

Lower Cottonwood

(Ora Buck)

Mrs. Jesse I. Funk of this community returned home Tuesday of last week after a two-month visit with her son, Lt. Joe Bill Funk, and Mrs. Funk and their infant son at Columbus, Ga. She visited other relatives also while she was away.

Mrs. R. E. Jackson of this community has been quite seriously ill at her home here. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green and two children of Yuma, Colo., arrived Saturday afternoon for a two week visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and son, Ted, and will visit relatives at Carlsbad and will spend Christmas with Mrs. Geren's father, D. C. Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs near Malaga.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis and daughters of Lake Arthur left

the first of the week for Alamogordo where they will visit his mother, Mrs. Dave Lewis. Mrs. Lewis will accompany them to Las Cruces where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Richard Lewis' mother.

Miss Margaret Lane, teacher in the Cottonwood School, has been real sick at her home and out of school several days last week.

Mrs. Fred Savoie recently received a letter from her brother, Elery Mann, who is in the Army and is now in Hawaiian Islands. He writes his sister that he is well. He also sent a large picture of himself taken in Hawaii. Mrs. Mann is in California while her husband is in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rodgers and family of Santa Fe were in Artesia visiting relatives and friends Saturday. They also visited friends in Carlsbad this week. Mr. Rodgers is a former teacher in Cottonwood School.

Cpl. A. P. Navarrette, who has been in the Army since April, stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill., was at home on a ten-day furlough visit with his parents. He left Wednesday of last week for his camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sartor and daughter, Neva Jo, left the first of the week for Lipan, Tex., to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brandon and Mrs. W. W. Sartor.

Miss Christine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Johnson, who is attending T.S.C.W. at Denton, Tex., arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks. Miss Helen Johnson, who is a student at Las Cruces, is not expected home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson arrived the first of the week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Johnson, and family. Mr. Johnson is an agricultural teacher at Tucumcari.

Mrs. Julia Savoie, who has been confined to her home and in the hospital recently because of illness, is able to be out again. She said she was feeling pretty well again.

Mrs. O. V. Moore of Lake Ar-

BUT 'TAINT SO!

Ludwick Graves, former school board president of Kansas City, was able to return home yesterday—from the maternity ward.

A fellow just has to take his hospital bed where he can find it nowadays, he sighs.

thurs entertained the Lake Arthur Ladies' Missionary Society at her home Friday.

Miss Tommie Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terry, left Monday after a two-week visit with relatives. She returned to Wesley Hospital at Oklahoma City, where she is a junior cadet in the U. S. Cadet Nurses Corps.

Cottonwood School children and teachers enjoyed one of the best Christmas parties at the school Friday afternoon, when teachers and children exchanged gifts. At the close of the delightful afternoon affair, cookies were served to all. The schools were dismissed Friday for a two-week vacation.

"WHOEVER YOU ARE, A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

A letter is on its way today to Jean Carrol of Adelina, Nova Scotia. It was written by a group of Manchester, Conn., workmen who unloaded a consignment of Christmas trees, and found a note that Jean had pinned to one of them. Jean wrote: "I am 9 years of age and I am helping my daddie cut these trees. It's awful lonely up here. I hope whoever finds this note will write a letter to me. Whoever you are a merry Christmas."

THE FOLLY OF CRIME

In Pasadena, Calif., Police Detective W. O. Kelley is wondering: Who stole 150 steak and butter

knives from a cafe? Why?

Alcohol freezes at 200 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

Montgomery's WATCH SHOP

Over U. S. Postoffice
Artesia, N. M.
EXPERT WATCH REPAIRING
J. L. MONTGOMERY

Holiday Greetings

AND she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them at the inn.

Luke 2:7

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

PETE L. LOVING Agency

Christmas Cheer 1943

TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

Brown Mercantile Co.

Merry Christmas 1943

... a candle in the window
... the gleam of a star on a tree
... the light in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning

But Christmas is more than these ... how much more we cannot put into words, but you do know that we are wishing for you all that Christmas at its very best implies, and all that Christmas can bring

Midwest Auto Supply Co.

We of the Southern Union Gas Company Sincerely Wish You A Most Joyous Christmas And A New Year of Happiness

LOCAL PERSONNEL

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Erma Williams
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Henry Hoagland

A. M. Peden
W. H. Swackhammer
E. T. Bell
M. Durbin
L. R. Gill
Dewey Stephens
T. F. Baker



HE REVERSES THINGS

Bronx Zoo officials, more than once troubled by escaping animals, scratched their heads in wonderment.

A full-grown, brownish fox was nabbed by park attendants—trying to get into the zoo.

Where he came from, nobody knew, but Reynard now is a resident of one of the cages.

FRONT PORCH CAMPAIGN

From Harrisburg, Pa., Curtiss Geiger, 16, traveled a hundred miles or more to hunt in the woods of Potter County, but never saw a deer.

Back home empty-handed, he was on his own porch when he spied a six-point buck on the mountainside. A shot from his rifle brought it down.

Lapland has thirteen times as many reindeer as human inhabitants.

Merry Christmas Drs. Stone and Stone

Dempsey in Letter to Businessmen Points Out Accomplishments

Gov. John J. Dempsey has sent out numerous form letters to businessmen of New Mexico, in which he points out accomplishments during the first year of his administration. The letter:

"As we near the close of the first year of a program of strict economy in state affairs, it occurs to me that you might like to have a personal report on the handling of your business insofar as the chief executive is concerned.

"On July 1, at the end of the fiscal year, we had a cash balance in the general appropriations account of \$614,000—the largest in the history of the state. This balance, accumulated primarily from savings in administrative costs, has continued to grow until now it approximates \$800,000. We have invested \$500,000 of this amount in war bonds, which return some \$1,000 a month in interest.

"In addition to the above balance, rental of highway equipment used on war projects has produced approximately \$500,000 which is being held in reserve. Despite tremendous decreases in revenue to the Highway Department, we have been able, primarily through reduction in administrative expenses, to lower the outstanding highway debenture debt by \$1,500,000—the first time that any administration has reduced the mount of this debt.

"The general financial condition of the state is excellent, but will remain so only so long as we continue to receive a dollar's value for each dollar spent. We all know that when the war terminates, which I pray will be soon, a terrific burden will be placed on us unless we prepare now to cushion the shock by providing employment for returning service men. If the local business men in all counties and communities will recommend savings to the extent possible we will be able to carry on without having a depression. Otherwise the entire citizenry of the state may be affected.

"The people of New Mexico can take pride in the savings which have already been made by their state government, since this money belongs to them. It will be spent only on specific authorization by the State Legislature.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Mary Bischel, attractive 20-year-old telephone operator, told Los Angeles police she was walking down the street and a man clutched her from behind.

Quickly, she leaned forward, grabbed his ankle, reared back and planked him flat on the pavement. Then she stamped on his face and fled.

"I don't exactly remember where I learned that stunt," the girl explained.

"Maybe it was from the boys in my neighborhood."

American automotive war plants are turning out an estimated ten billion dollars worth of war material annually.

Keep 'em firing—with junk!

David, the Shepherd

By Molly Chittick

"YOU can't go out to tend the sheep tonight, Judah," David heard the choke in his mother's voice. "The lion's claws have wounded you sore. I will find someone to send out with them."

"He is hot, so hot," she whispered to David after his father had fallen into a troubled sleep. "It will make him sick unto death if he goes out on the plain."

"Fear not, mother. I will go. Now that I am fourteen, I can prove myself a man. I will go, like my great forefather, David the king."

Rebecca bade him good-by tenderly. "Had I a son older, I should send him. But you are all I have. Take care. The lion may return."

So David drove his father's flock out onto the plain where the shepherds watched their flocks by night.



Suddenly over the hill before him he saw a group of men approaching.

The cool breeze from off the mountains made him draw his cloak close.

Suddenly over the hill before him he saw a group of men approaching. That was a surprising thing, to see men wandering about at night. But there was nothing alarming in their action. They seemed filled with excitement and joy.

Now one of them called: "Who is this, guarding his sheep here? Oh, is it you, David, son of Judah? Come with us. We have seen your star, brighter than any star of the morning. It is moving, and we are following it."

David was on his feet, listening with boyish excitement to their tale of the words they had heard from the heavens, as an angelic host praised Jehovah. His heart burned within him, and he was eager to accompany the band of shepherds.

Then he heard one of the young lambs: "Ma-aa-aa." The answering bleat came from a distance. The mother had wandered off in search of tender morsels. David heard again his mother's warning.

"I have come to guard my father's flock. I cannot go with you." "We left our sheep, David. This is the king we are about to see. We must go. You are a fool to stay here with these few sheep, when the king is to be seen."

"I came here to tend this flock. It is not mine, but it is my task," was his only reply.

When they saw that he would not accompany them, they made haste to be on their way.

At first his excitement over the tale the shepherds had told him kept him awake. But gradually his eyes grew heavy. He was almost asleep when he heard the "Ma-aa-aa," of a young lamb again. He jumped to his feet, conscious that he had forgotten to hunt up that wandering mother. With staff in hand, and his sling ready to use, he listened intently for a moment. Then he saw the sheep, standing some distance from the others, its head raised listening to something he could not hear. But David knew what there was to be found there. With the starlight shining full upon it, crouched a lion ready to spring.

Swift as the David of old, the lad swung his sling, and the stone went straight into the head of the crouching animal. With a slow yielding of its body the lion fell in death.

"I am glad, my son, that you were so faithful," his mother praised him in the morning. "Your father was beside himself, wild with his illness, and had I not been able to tell him you were with the flocks he would have gone out, sick as he was. And now you have slain a lion. Your fame will go before you."

"But mother, I did not see the king," and David's voice trembled.

"Do you not think the king would have scorned a lad who would desert his post of duty from idle curiosity? Nay, my son, you have done your task faithfully and well, and proved yourself a man. Later you may see the king."

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Bethlehem Once Unimportant The city of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus Christ, was considered least important among ancient Palestine towns before the Nativity. But tradition has it that the birthplace of Jesus was desecrated by a pagan temple of Adonis before the Emperor Constantine built the basilica of the Nativity in A. D. 330. The basilica is one of the oldest churches in Christendom and has a history 1,600 years old. The original building is still standing but it has been altered by additions.

SEW — SO !!!

Miss Lucinda Barnett, 21, and Miss Lorene C. Stimac, 32, made what they believed were attractive ensembles of blouses, caps, jackets and slacks, they said, and wore them on a trip to a movie in Kansas City.

The girls were hauled to police headquarters instead, where Roger West, chief petty officer of the Navy Shore Patrol, released them after a word of friendly advice: "Don't wear those outfits again."

The clothes, he said, were mistaken for navy uniforms, which no one but sailors are permitted to wear.

The Office of Price Administration in Dallas has received reports of heavy runs on cereals—because of the wheat symbol on blue stamps in Ration Book 4.

The government actually is promoting consumption of cereals, the OPA said.

The head of wheat? Oh, that's just symbolic of food in general.

HIGH-PRICED CONFETTI

Kansas City firemen, fighting a grocery store fire, noticed bits of paper floating around in water from their hoses.

They were wading in 15,000 rationing stamps.

Prove you care—buy your share!

Fat Salvage ABC

is for DUMPS used to burn



SUBSCRIBE FOR THE ADVOCATE



GOOD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year.

At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

OUR JOB IS TO SAVE YOU DOLLARS

Buy More War Bonds

C. G. Morrison & Co.

5c 10c \$1.00 up



THE STAGE COACH has given place to the streamliner. The electric light has snuffed out the soft-beamed candle. Tinkling sleigh bells are drowned in the roar of motor horns. But who will say that Christmas has lost its charm? With Christmas at hand we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest dealing, and express our appreciation of your friendship for us during 1943.

"HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL; BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL, WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!"



BALDWIN'S



W E 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.

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

KING'S JEWELRY



AS one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a . . . Merry Christmas.

Zumwalt Realty Co.

WORLD NEWS
—in—
BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some
Timely, Some of
Human Interest



At Delphi, Ind., when Barber Harvey Hoshaw yells, "Next!" customers step up and shave themselves. Because of the labor shortage, Hoshaw has installed equipment for eight persons to shave themselves, with a choice of electric, safety or straight-edge razors. The price: 15 cents.

Secretary of State Frank Ryan of Kansas received a letter from a man who announced he planned to open a restaurant and wanted a license. He said that he also intended to sell a little liquor on the side. Ryan wrote and told him to get a license. Then he said: "Unless you plan on being grown into the calaboose, lay off the booze. There's a law agin' it in Kansas."

Maj. Otto E. Haaland, home from Guadalcanal, tells of a visiting colonel, approaching a tent, who froze in his tracks upon hearing the command "Halt!" He stood some time before discovering he was the victim of a self-appointed sentry—a pet parrot with a one-word vocabulary.

Victory farming has its problems. Mrs. Wayne Harvey, Los Angeles, a social worker, complained to police that somebody had all the ripe grapes from her vine, all her prize watermelons, and the eggs from her chicken coop, and two pigeons.

War-born feed shortages this year will hold no problems for mountain farmers and their families. They're planning to fatten razorbacks on acorns and chestnuts that carpet the woods. Farmers in Northwest Arkansas report one of the best crops of acorns in years. Biggest yield, they say, is in acorns, with other woods fruits running a close second.

Sioux City, Ia., Doyle Brekke broken leg every two months, on average. Only 9 years old, he recently suffered his fifty-first fracture as a result of a fall. His bones are brittle and his fracture was when he was a child learning to walk.

Three years ago 16-year-old Wood, war worker at a Long Beach clothing factory, dropped a bolt into a pocket in the soldier's dress she was making. The bolt went: "If you are single, write me a line. If you are married, write me a line. If you are single, and you're too, write to be me and write to you." Pvt. Percy Lamson, 20, got the battledress—and the girl. He wrote. They met. They were married recently.

The meanest Aleutian wind of the season blew an outhouse smack through the wall of the general's mess hut. The general, Lt. Gen. B. Buckner, Jr., commander of the Army's Alaskan department, fortunately was absent. It was the worst damage caused by the blizzards and gales. The record wind: 112 miles an hour was recorded last April 8—when the instrument flew apart and the whole observation hut was blown off the hill.

Robert B. Caldwell, Kansas City lawyer, found a woman in the car seat that was assigned to him. She wouldn't move. Another man also claimed the seat—Caldwell retired to the dining room and let them argue. Soon the car found Caldwell and exploded: "You win—the woman in the wrong car and the man in the wrong train."

"I can't sell him," sobbed 12-year-old Barbara Olsen, as her prize steer was led to the auction at the Great Western Livestock Show in Los Angeles. "He's the one of the family." Othello reminded her that the rules of the show required the sale. Finally she pushed out her chin, gave the steer a last hug and said, "I'll take that the way it's got to go for us cattle breeders."

Publicity men will be glad to wrinkle up a frosty frown over the nation's favorite lure of pretty girls in not-so-modest-clothing. President Macdonald Bryan of the Florida Publicity and Public Relations Association said the group's annual convention would be urged to "de-emphasize glamour" and base appeal on "solid ground."

Christmas trees being scarce, R. M. Lock thoughtfully eyed the spruce he had planted in his yard. Finally, though, he got a tree, much smaller and cheaper. He went out again to see the one growing in his yard. All he found was a stump.

Christmas in Latin American Countries

The fact that the celebration of Christmas throughout Latin America differs greatly from the way in which the United States and England rejoice over the birth of the Christ Child has always attracted the attention of travelers and writers. A lot has been said about the difference of seasons, about Christmas coming—in most Latin American countries—in the height of the summer holidays. Also widely publicized has been the importance given to New Year's and to Jan. 6, known in England as "Twelfth Night" and in Spain as the "Day of the Kings," on which the three Magi, taking the place of Santa Claus, bring toys to the children. That Christmas Day is more one of gaiety and frivolous recreation than a family occasion as it is in this country, has also been stressed.

People, however, seem to overlook one of the universal aspects of the celebration of Christmas, forgetting that, from pole to pole, on a certain night in December, the Occidental world greets with the singing of carols the advent of the new-born Babe. No exception to the rule, Latin America lifts up its voice, around this time of the year, to carol with "villancicos," "aguinaldos," and the typical songs of the "posadas."

Christmas songs of the other Americas are principally of Spanish or Portuguese origin. This accounts for the similarity of tunes in several regions and for the fact that different versions of the same song are often familiar over a very wide area, the very old folk melodies having come originally from the mother land and been spread by the early colonists into parts of South America which are today different countries. We are told that carols were sung in Lima as early as the sixteenth century and that very beautiful ones were imported from Spain at the beginning of the seventeenth century. The basic Latin American carol is therefore definitely of Spanish—or Portuguese—tradition. It is often sung at the end of Midnight Mass, "Misa de Gallo," to the accompaniment of tambourines and castanets, a pleasing and somewhat surprising contrast after the serious, solemn music of the Mass. But these gay, vivacious "villancicos"—such is their Spanish name—are not only performed in church. In many countries of Latin America, as in other parts of the world, it is the custom for groups of singers and players to go from house to house during the Christmas season. They are usually given some small gift or refreshment, hence the name "aguinaldo" (Christmas or New Year's gift) of some of these carols. They are particularly characteristic of the Dominican Republic and of other Caribbean countries.

But Latin America has placed her own stamp on many of these yule songs. Mexico leads the way with those celebrating the famous "Posadas." The "Posada," from the Spanish word for inn or lodging place, is a pious tradition which commemorates the time when the Virgin and St. Joseph tried unsuccessfully to find shelter in Bethlehem. Several rooms in each house are decorated gaily and a procession, made of the members of the family, led by the children, passes through the house singing songs and asking shelter. This ceremony takes place during the nine days preceding Christmas. "On Christmas Eve, during the last 'Posada,' the Holy Infant is sung to sleep with a song called 'El Rorro' (Babe in arms), the only cradle song when many Indians know and which they sing in their own language." In Chile, many "villancicos" are transposed to the music of the "Cueca," the national dance, while in other countries words of traditional Spanish Christmas songs are sometimes adapted to native music, or simply a peculiar indigenous rhythm is introduced into the old Spanish melody.

And so, Latin America, like the rest of the world, sings at Christmas, celebrating the "Noche Buena," the "Good Night," as it is called in Spanish. With tambourines and castanets, with Indian rhythm and Spanish words, as well as with English carols of British tradition and the jingling of sleigh bells in the snow, the Americas join the choir of angels singing "Peace on Earth."

C'EST LA GUERRE

The Salt Lake Tribune, publishing abbreviated editions because of a typographers' strike, received this complaint from its Logan, Utah, correspondent:

"Please tell rewriters to watch in boiling down our stuff. In forty words of a shotgun story they hurt the boy worse than the shotgun did, moved him from Hyrum to Logan, misspelled his name, and brought into the case the Logan police, who never had heard of it."

Catalonia in Spain sent a delegation to the peace conference in Paris in 1919, asking that it be made into an independent state.

Malco Refineries, Inc., Personnel Wish

A Merry Christmas to All.

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| R. O. Anderson,
President | Joe W. Lackey,
Asst. Sec. |
| B. I. Lubell,
Sec. and Treas. | Lowell Naylor,
Supt. |
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| John Awalt | Carter Izard |
| Curtis Baker | Rell Johnson |
| Ralph Barr | Tom Key |
| David Bartlett | Conrod Keyes |
| Louie Burch | Eddie Lofton |
| Charley Campbell | W. R. McBride |
| Ed. Coleman | Margaret McDermott |
| Dorothy Compary | Ruthe Marshall |
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| Tom Franklin | G. J. Osborn |
| Eddie Fuller | Lloyd Parham |
| Wallace Gates | Alberteen Rankin |
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| R. L. Halley | Guy Roberts |
| Wallace Hasting | Thomas Roberts |
| G. T. Hearn | Charlotte Runyan |
| Helen Henson | R. L. Schenck |
| Frank Herbold | Lewis Scott |
| G. Rex Holmes | Jess Shildneck |
| Herbert Howell | Lee Strickler |
| Mildred Hudson | A. C. Sturgis |
| William Hudson | C. E. Woodcock |
| Elic Ireton | |



Indemnity Payment Program Will Provide Low-Grade Cotton Market

An indemnity payment program which will provide a market for approximately 140,000 bales of low-grade, short-staple cotton that is not needed to meet war and essential civilian requirements for processed cotton fabrics, and which at the same time will promote the commercial manufacture of cotton insulation materials, is announced by the War Food Administration.

The program continues that of the 1942-43 fiscal year to June 30, 1944, and provides for the manufacture, sale, and delivery of up to sixty million pounds of finished cotton insulation. By enabling participants to develop effective processing and marketing techniques, the program is expected to help establish a continuing and self-sufficient commercial outlet for low-grade cotton that farmers ordinarily find difficult to market.

To offset high initial costs of producing and marketing, participants will receive 9 cents a pound for cotton insulation manufactured and sold in accordance with program requirements.

Former program participants are expected to continue under the 1943-44 program, Food Distribution Administration officials said, and a few other manufacturers who can manufacture and market cotton insulation may be added.

One of the lightest insulations known, cotton insulation is highly flame resistant, fluffy, and does not settle after installation. It is adaptable for use in prefabricated structures and, per inch of thickness, is as effective as any other insulating material now commercially available.

Yanks in Far North to Have Fine Christmas

Service men in Alaska and the Aleutians are going to have a Merry Christmas come what may, or it won't be the fault of the Anacortes, Wash., Red Cross chapter.

People of that and other towns responded wholeheartedly to a drive initiated by the camp and hospital committee. They donated hundreds of games, books, comfort articles, candy and other items during a ten-day drive. Also fifty boxes of red and silver ornaments and stacks of Christmas trees to brighten up the holiday for service men in the far north.

Keep 'em firing—with junk!

Clubmobile Girls Are Jacks-of-All-Trades

American Red Cross clubmobile girls serving isolated posts in the European Theatre of Operations fill a multitude of varied requests for servicemen there. Some take G. I. watches to repair shops; others act as liaison between the soldiers and the cleaners; still others take and deliver laundry. Shopping service is particularly popular, typical requests being for anniversary and birthday cards and presents for family and friends.

These services are just a sideline to the real business of the clubmobile girls who serve hot coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches, play swing records on the clubmobile turntable and pass out magazines, newspapers, and books.

The first lifeboat station in the United States was built in 1807 at Cohasset, Mass.

Fat Salvage ABC

is for ELEVEN million pounds of lubricants used to make steel

MADE FROM YOUR USED FAT

SAVE IT! TURN IT IN!

Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

SHIFTS CONTROL OF FARM WAGES ARE ANNOUNCED

The War Food Administrator hereafter will have jurisdiction over all wages of agricultural labor and over all salaries of agricultural laborers of \$5,000 per year and less, Judge Fred M. Vinson, director of the Office of Economic Stabilization, has announced.

Wages and salaries for agricultural labor above \$2,400 a year remain frozen and cannot be increased without prior approval of the war food administrator. Increases up to \$2,400 may be made without prior approval unless the war food administrator has established specific wage ceilings for such labor. When the war food administrator legally sets wage ceilings for areas, crops, or types of labor, no payments can be made above those rates without his approval, even though higher wages have been paid according to previous contract. However, there is to be no reduction below the highest wages or salaries paid therefor between January 1, 1942, and September 15, 1942.

The grapefruit was brought to Florida by the Spaniards in the sixteenth century.

Cancelled Stamps Make Yule Greetings

Red and green wreaths and glowing candles snipped from canceled postage stamps are fashioned into Christmas cards by the Junior Red Cross in the Redding and Red Bluff, Calif., schools. Pasted on neutral paper with a flap which forms an envelope, the cards will be among those being packed for servicemen to mail to their friends and relatives.

PLAN TO KILL GAS BLACK MARKETS

In a new drive on gasoline black markets, OPA has asked distributors to "screen out" irregular coupons—any coupons that are counterfeit, expired, not yet valid, or not endorsed by the motorist. Filing station also will be required to make good irregular coupons, and their inventory will be cut down by the amount of irregular coupons passed on to the wholesaler. Endorsement of coupons by motorists as soon as they receive ration books will aid OPA in proving that black market stations have purchased coupons to cover up illegal sales.

ADVOCATE WANT ADS GET RESULTS

ADVISES TO USE RIGHT STAMP FOR SHOES

Because some people have used the wrong stamps in Book Three for shoes, OPA has issued the following statement: "War Ration Book Three has four pages of black - picture stamps showing guns, tanks, ships, and airplanes. The page of airplane stamps is next to the brown food stamps in the back of Book Three.

The shoe stamp shows a miniature airplane in flight and is labelled "Ration Stamp No. 1." This stamp came into use on Nov. 1, and it will remain valid indefinitely, along with stamp 18 in Ration Book One.

The three masts of a ship are called the fore, the main, and the mizzen.

The Duke of Lancaster seized the throne of England as Henry IV while Richard II was in Ireland.

GET FERTILIZERS NOW, SAY ADVISERS

Acceptance by farmers of immediate delivery of fertilizer—to avoid an acute labor, storage, and transportation shortage next spring, farmers must get their fertilizer in the next few weeks. This is especially true of the heavy-using areas of the south.

Keep 'em firing—with junk!

One of the jobs of the women in the British auxiliary service is to collect spider webs for use in precision sighting instruments.

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Our Fortieth Christmas Greeting To the Artesia Community

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.

KEMP LUMBER COMPANY

D. I. Clowe
Manuel Zamora

R. W. Dunn
Margaret A. Clowe

CHRISTMAS CHEER



At This Season of Good Will, We Wish to Extend Our Best Wishes to All and to Thank You for Your Many Courtesies During the Last Year.

Dowell Service Station

Reid Dowell, Owner



DR. PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

GOOD WILL UNRATTIONED

To My Friends:

Friendships are my most valuable possession outside my immediate family. W. L. Forbes a few years ago wrote an article on Friendship, and he has covered the subject in such inimitable manner I am taking the liberty of quoting one paragraph verbatim, because it expresses my sentiment perfectly.

"The older I grow, the more I appreciate friends. No man liveth to himself. To try to fight the battle of this life without them would be like trying to live without sunshine. To have friends one must be a friend. Do not think you can get something for nothing. That immutable law of compensation regulates every aspect of the human relationship. To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of my life. To be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings. Friendship depends not upon Fancy, Imagination, or Sentiment, but upon Character. There is no man so poor that he is not rich if he has a friend; there is no man so rich that he is not poor without a friend. Whenever you come to that point in life . . . where you are willing to give of yourself for the sake of others, then you will have friends. It is impossible for you to convince the other fellow that you are his friend unless you are sincere. The very modulations of your voice reveal your sincerity. Even the dog, with his keen instinct, is able to tell whether you are his friend or not. He usually waits for you to speak before either wagging his tail or uttering a growl."

Therefore, in the words of W. L. Forbes, I convey to you my thinking of friendship.

Good Will Unrationed—It takes a long time to fully appreciate the things that count most in life, and as one travels nearer the end of the road it becomes crystal-clear the greatest satisfaction in life comes from Good Will toward your fellow man—a consumation of a desire for the well-being of others.

In the case of my friends in the Dr. Pepper business I have found that the things that counted most in the past fourteen years have been the friendships I have been blessed with, and it is my fervent hope that these friendships can be kept through contact, as well as memories. The past fourteen years have furnished an association that has been up to this point the brightest part of my life, and I want everyone to know I feel deeply indebted to my friends for this association.

Someone has said: "A friend is one who knows all about you, but is still your friend." That is why I am so grateful for mine, because most of my friends know all about me, both the good and bad.

With best wishes to all of you for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Victorious New Year filled with the things that count most in life, I am,

Yours Sincerely,
A. P. Mahone

DRINK A BITE TO EAT AT 10, 2 & 4 O'CLOCK

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TELEPHONE 7

HEAT FREE OF HATE

In many ways there is a kinship between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so it would not be out of place at this time to pass on an Associated Press story written in Naples on Thanksgiving Day by our old friend, Kenneth L. Dixon, former editor of The Carlsbad Current-Argus, who is doing a bang-up job as a war correspondent for the AP.

Kennie's Thanksgiving dispatch has become a journalistic gem, so recognized by many editors, although it is less than a month old today. Here it is:

Seven reporters and seven soldiers sat down to their first Thanksgiving dinner in Italy with cheerful chatter because they knew there was turkey coming up. Then they looked in front of their plates and let out joyous profane yells. . . . Somehow, one of the soldiers had managed to get a prized bottle of scotch and he had parceled it out — one precious jigger to each man.

Carefully, almost reverently, they sniffed it and then raised their glasses high in a toast to the man who got it. Then they shouted and swore with the heartiness of men who know how good it is to be alive, to have a good meal ahead and a good drink to warm the way down for it.

Suddenly a boyish voice broke through the noise. It was the 22-year-old veteran pilot at the foot of the table. "Gentlemen," he said, "since this is Thanksgiving, I would like to say grace."

There was an embarrassed silence. Soldiers seldom speak of religion in any form. The sergeant shifted his feet, the major looked at the glass in his hand and slowly lowered it to the table. A reporter who was reaching for a radish froze with his hand still outstretched. No one looked at the fair-haired boy who had spoken until the chaplain who was host broke the stillness.

"Yes, lieutenant," he said, "I think that's a fine idea." Slowly, haltingly, the boy began to pray: "Dear God,"—and the words came hard as though he pulled each one out of his throat, for this was no pat prayer learned in Sunday school—"Dear God, we thank you for this food we are about to eat . . . for we know where there are thousands of men who cannot sit down to a meal like this today . . ."

The minds of the men around the table flashed to the cold and muddy front a few miles away where K rations were being tried out of cardboard boxes, this very minute and they thanked God they weren't there today. "Bless all our loved ones at home . . ." No one needed to be told where the minds in those bowed heads now had traveled.

"Dear God, bless all the fighting men on all the fronts around the world—on both sides—because they all are fighting for what they believe is right . . ."

His next few words were lost as the impact of that phrase—"on both sides"—struck home. This was no careless comfortable blessing of a vague and distant enemy, but of an enemy who was grimly real and deadly close each day, not an easy blessing for one who could testify to the many times that enemy had tried to kill him.

When he stumbled through "we ask these things in Christ's name," a muted husky chorus of "Amen" came from the now unembarrassed men around the table.

"Thank you, lieutenant, a fine grace," said the chaplain, the other men agreed, the meal went on and soon the noise was as great as before and the pilot joined in the talk of crash landings, shell-fire, politics, sports, wine and women.

Later, after he left, the remaining men looked at one another. "I never saw that happen before," said the sergeant who had gone through three campaigns.

"Me either," said a reporter who had covered the war on fronts all around the world, then he added "but it was the real McCoy." "The picture of that kid sitting there blessing his enemies is something I'll never forget," said another reporter, who was strictly of the old hard-boiled police reporter school.

Then someone noted the kid's jigger of scotch still sitting on the table. "Well?" said the major to the corporal. "Well," said the reporters.

So the photographer got out his dice and they rolled for the extra drink.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL

Speaking of Kennie Dixon, it is a small world after all. Somewhere in Sicily or Italy, Kennie was talking to a soldier recently, and they began comparing notes.

The soldier said he was Bob Sutterland, who married Annadelle Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, and Kennie said he used to be a newsman at Carlsbad.

And the upshot of it was that Kennie sent his regards to the editor of The Advocate, which Bob wrote to Annadelle, who in turn informed us.

And on the other side of the world, down New Caledonia way, Ensign John Easley was talking to some other officers at a dinner, when he mentioned Artesia.

"If you're from there," a fellow officer said, "then you should know that medical officer down the street a couple of blocks." Ensign Easley lost no time in looking up Capt. L. F. Hamilton! Yep, it's a small world!

LET'S GIVE THEM A WHITE CHRISTMAS

The song which broke all records for topping the Hit Parade a year ago and still holds that all-time record, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," is having another run of popularity, which is understandable, especially at this season.

But the soldiers in camps and at airbases in this area, as well as all over the nation, are dreaming of another kind of White Christmas—the kind at which the white will be represented by table linens, on which will be set turkey and cranberry sauce, dressing and gravy, spuds and peas, celery and pickles, mince pie and plum pudding, and about which will be seated kindly civilians, as well as men in uniform.

Those same soldiers could—and many of them will—enjoy

CHURCHES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth and Grand
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 10:50 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 5:30 p. m.
Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Association of Ladies Missionary Society, each first Thursday, 2:30 p. m.
Circles Nos. 1 and 2, each third Thursday, 2:30 p. m.
J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"Committed to the Ministry of the Word of God"
Corner of Grand and Roselawn
Sunday
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 10:50 a. m.
Mission Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
Weekly Services
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p. m. Bring your Bibles and study not about but the Bible.
Thursday: W. M. S., first and third Thursday; brotherhood, third Thursday of each month.
S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

SHERMAN MEMORIAL CHURCH

(Oilfield Community)
Sunday school at 10 o'clock.
Prayer meeting and choir practice, 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.
Ernest Thompson, Superintendent.

LAKE ARTHUR-COTTONWOOD METHODIST CHURCHES

Cottonwood
Sunday school, 10 a. m. each Sunday.
Worship service, 11 a. m. second and fourth Sundays.
Ladies' Aid, third Thursday.
Lake Arthur
Sunday school, 10 a. m. each Sunday.
Worship service, 11 a. m. first and third Sundays.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. each Sunday.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m. each Sunday.
W. S. C. S., first Wednesday.
Charles Rogers, Pastor.

LOCO HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching service, 11 a. m.
Training Union, 7:30 p. m.
Preaching service, 8 p. m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Rev. S. S. Perry, Pastor.

SPANISH-AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH

North Hill
The Artesia church is visited by the pastor every other Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m. Two services conducted by the pastor.
He is here every other Wednesday during the day to visit the members and friends of the church, and to conduct services at 8:15 p. m.
On Sundays when the pastor does not come, the Sunday school is held at 10:30 a. m. by the superintendent, Sr. Andres (Henry) Juarez.
Rev. Evaristo Picazo, Pastor, 212 West Lea St., Carlsbad.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Corner Fourth and Chisholm
Sunday Services
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Weekly Services
Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m.
C. A. program, Friday, 8 p. m., special music and songs.
The public is invited to attend each service.
G. W. Pitts, Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

307 South Seventh Street
Holy Communion, sermon, second Sunday in the month, 7:30 p. m.
Evening prayer, sermon, third, fourth, fifth Sundays in the month, at 7:30 p. m.
Public cordially invited to worship with the congregation.
Rev. Jos. H. Harvey, Rector.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh and Grand
Sunday Services
Bible study, 10 a. m.

about the same menus at their bases, and they will not go hungry. Nor will they be denied any of the good foods usually found on tables at Christmastide in most American homes.

But the atmosphere of a family will be missing—and that is the one thing most needed for them at Christmas.

At best the board of strangers is a far cry from the home circle, be home humble and its table set with beans and sowbelly, or lavish and its table set with all the good things.

But the friendliness of a family circle will go far towards combatting nostalgia, which manifests itself more at Christmas than at any other time of the year.

In short, share your Christmas with one or more boys over the Christmas week end, not only on Christmas Day, but on Sunday.

Make him or them feel at home. Don't try to entertain them, but fill their bellies with food, point out the box of cigars or the package of cigarettes, arrange the pillows on the bed, and leave them to their own devices.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

GILBERT E. GRAY, PLAINTIFF
VS.
CHARLES PIENING, impleaded with the following named defendants against whom substituted service of process is hereby sought to be obtained: WILLIAM E. TILLEY; LUCY TILLEY; W. H. NICHOLS; ROSE GABRIEL NICHOLS; OTTO C. BREZINA; WILLIAM H. BREWSTER; GERTRUDE BREWSTER; WILLIAM FILLMORE; GERTRUDE B. FILLMORE; MRS. E. K. GREEN; MAE NEWQUIST WADSWORTH; M. EDITH RICHARDS; SARAH E. ROBINSON; ALBERT DUFFNER; CATHERINE DUFFNER; O. P. COOK; MRS. MAUDE L. COOK; MINNIE TODD WILLIS; FRANK B. LEARNED; ELIZABETH A. LEARNED; FRED H. GASTON; KATHRYN M. GASTON; JOSEPH M. MATHEWS; AMANDA E. MATHEWS

DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF PENDING SUIT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the aforesaid defendants against whom substituted service is hereby sought to be obtained, GREETINGS:
No. 8357

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you and each of you by Gilbert E. Gray as plaintiff in the District Court of the FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT of the State of New Mexico within and for the County of Eddy, that being the court in which said cause is pending, the general object of said suit being to cancel and set aside assignments and pooling agreement and to clear the record of all clouds against the title of the plaintiff's property described in the complaint in said cause to wit:

Preaching, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Preaching, 8:30 p. m.
Mid Week Services
Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.
Ladies' class, Thursday, 3 p. m.

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ninth and Missouri
Mass Sundays, 9 a. m., English sermon.
Mass week days, at Artesia Memorial Hospital, 6:15 a. m. in church 8 a. m.
Confessions every Saturday from 7:30 to 8 p. m. and before Mass.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Mass Sundays, 10 a. m., Spanish sermon.
Confessions every Saturday from 4 to 5 p. m. and before the Mass on Sunday morning.
Franciscan Fathers in Charge.
Rev. Francis Geary, O.M.C., Pastor.
Rev. Michael Brown, O.M.C., Assistant.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

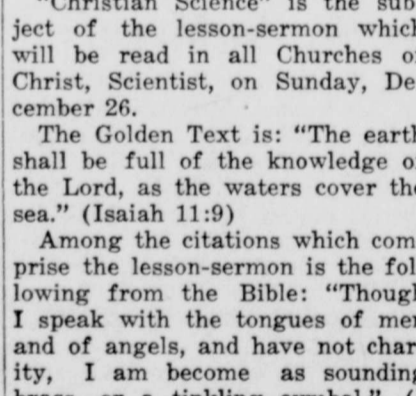
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 10:50 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

613 W. Main
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Sunday service, 11 a. m.
Wednesday service, 7:30 p. m.
"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 26.
The Golden Text is: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:9)

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (I Cor. 13:1)

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook: "The Letter of Science tentfully reaches humanity today, but its spirit comes only in small degrees. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love. Without this, the letter is but the dead body of Science—pulseless, cold, inanimate. Visitors always welcome.



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The plaintiff's attorney is D. D. Archer whose post office address is Artesia, New Mexico.

You and each of you are hereby notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 22nd day of January, 1944, judgment will be rendered against you in said cause by default.

Witness my hand and the seal of the District Court, this 7th day of December, 1943.
(SEAL)
ETHEL M. HIGHSMITH,
Clerk of the District Court. 49-4t-52

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, it is provided by Section 5 of the Election Code of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District that the Board of Directors thereof shall publish notice of the time and place of holding an election for Directors of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District.

WHEREAS, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, do hereby proclaim and give notice that an election will be held in Director's District No. 5 for the purpose of electing a Director in said District.

The time, place, election officials and manner of holding said election, and the rules and conduct thereof, shall be as follows: Time: January 8, 1944. Hours of Voting: 8 o'clock, A. M. to 6 o'clock, P. M. Poll or Location of Ballot Box: District No. 5.

Election Judges: J. W. Bradshaw, B. E. Spencer, Ira Garner. Candidates for Director shall be nominated and their names printed upon the official ballots by nominating petition filed in the office of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, at the Court House in Roswell, New Mexico, at least three days prior to the date set for the election.

Any petition containing the signatures of not less than twenty-five electors in the District, herein designated as District No. 5, in which it is sought to nominate a candidate, filed within the time above, shall be sufficient to nominate such candidate.

Qualification of Candidates: Directors, at the time of their election, must be free holders in the District from which elected.

Qualification of Voters: Directors shall be elected by the popular vote of the owners of real property situated in the respective Districts.

BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT 5:

All of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District situated south of Main Street, City of Artesia, New Mexico, more particularly as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 27 East and running west to the northwest corner of Section 17, in Township 17 South, Range 25 East; thence south along the section line to the Northwest corner of Section 20, same township; thence E. to N. E. Corner same Section; thence S. on Section lines 9 miles to Twp. line; thence W. to N.E. Corner Sec. 6, Twp. 19 S., Rge. 25 E.; thence S. to N.W. corner Sec. 29, same Twp.; thence W. to Rge. line; thence S. 4 miles

to N.W. corner Sec. 18, Twp. 20 S., Rge. 25 E.; thence E. to N.E. corner of same Section; thence S. to S.W. corner Sec. 20, same Township; thence S. to S.W. corner Sec. 26 E.; thence E. to a point on the Western boundary line of the lands withdrawn, condemned or bought by or for the Reclamation Bureau of the U. S. Department of the Interior for the McMillan Reservation at the N.E. corner of said Section 19; thence northward, following said boundary line with its meanders to the N.E. corner of Sec. 19, Twp. 18 S., Rge. 27 E.; thence N. on Section lines to N.E. Corn. of Section 18, Twp. 17 S., Rge. 27 E. to point of beginning.

Said election will be held in accordance with the election code of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, copies of which code may be had upon application to the Clerk of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico; also City Clerk's office in Artesia, New Mexico or J. H. Mullis, Secretary of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, Roswell, New Mexico.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1943 at Roswell, New Mexico.
(SIGNED)
M. Y. Monical,
Jesse I. Funk,
J. H. Mullis,
S. A. Lanning,
Geo. D. Perrine.
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QUIET, PLEASE!
In Kansas City the well-dressed guest sidled up to a hotel doorman Charley Ranfield and said: "My wife just phoned me from Washington and asked me to bring home some onions; she can't buy onions any place. . ."

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All Connections Direct
Leave Artesia 1:05 p. m.
Leave Artesia 7:55 p. m.
Leave Artesia 12:14 a. m.

NORTH BOUND

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The world's largest bird is the ostrich. Aristotle was the founder of dramatic criticism. One medium tank may require two tons of spare parts a year. Mecca has a permanent population of 80,000.

News Shorts

Ann Chisom of Pampa will represent the University of New Mexico as the school's princess at the Sun Bowl game in El Paso on New Year's Day. Miss Chisom, a senior, was chosen by members of the university's football team.

Mayor Ebert D. McKinley of Alamogordo, who was also Otero County Democrat chairman, has been inducted into the Navy. McKinley was one of a class of more than fifteen reporting for armed service duty. State Patrolman W. T. Speight reports for service in the Army.

A proposal for a federal \$5,000,000 fund to aid state labor departments to check on health and safety of employes won endorsement after heated debate before the tenth annual labor conference in Kansas City, according to Labor Commissioner Robert J. Doughtie of New Mexico. Opponents of the proposal embodied in HB2800, said Doughtie, on his return from the meeting, contended it would be an invasion of states' rights. Doughtie said he was in favor of any plan aimed at increasing protection of employes. Doughtie reported the federally sponsored session also discussed postwar labor problems and that it was expected another conference on the subject would be held in a few months.

District Judge W. J. Barker has filed a final opinion upholding the state contractors' licensing law in a test suit recently heard in District Court in Santa Fe. The action opposing the law was brought by J. E. Brockman, E. F. Gressett, and G. N. Anis of Roswell. Judge Barker, who had upheld the law when ruling from the bench at the conclusion of the hearing several weeks ago, ruled in his opinion that the statute serves a useful purpose because the contractor's vocation can involve a threat to public welfare and health. He held that the plaintiffs had "wholly failed" to sustain the burden of proof that the law was void on the ground that the classification of contractors was not done upon any reasonable, substantial basis.

The total death rate per 100,000 population in New Mexico in 1941 was 1,072, compared with a national rate of 1,948.5, the current issue of New Mexico Health Officer reported. This was the latest year for which information was available. A thirteen-year study of health records showed that accidents ranked second in the cause of deaths in New Mexico, while this cause ranked fourth in the nation. The chief cause of deaths in New Mexico and in the nation was reported to be diseases of the

heart. Diseases of middle and later life, the article notes, such as heart, cancer, nephritis and cerebral hemorrhage, have higher death rates in the nation than in New Mexico. Accidents and preventable diseases, such as influenza and pneumonia, diarrhea and dysentery, tuberculosis, and diseases of early infancy, are higher in New Mexico.

Asserting that his office had found ninety-six instances in which employers in "hazardous" industry had failed to comply with workmen's compensation requirements, State Labor Commissioner Robert J. Doughtie reported that steps are being taken to enforce compliance. Doughtie said that eight of the ninety-six firms already have taken steps to comply with the law, eight violations have been referred to the district attorney at Las Cruces for action and one to the Albuquerque district attorney.

Kenneth Shellhorn, mountain lion hunter for the State Game Department, is to be assigned to the Sandia Mountain area in a few days, Deputy State Game Warden Homer Pickens said. Pickens said there had been recent evidences of lions in the region and that they had killed some deer. He expressed concern that they might accomplish damage among the herd of mountain sheep planted in the Sandias by the department.

The San Andres herd of big-horn sheep, one of the few remaining in the nation, now numbers more than sixty. A. F. Halloran, superintendent of the San Andres game refuge, reported the herd had increased from twenty-five since the San Andres refuge was established Jan. 22, 1941. A special deer season sought to keep the deer from cutting the sheep's range too short.

Employment of 7,330 men for a five-year post-war plan could be provided through needed improvement of New Mexico farm and range lands, it was estimated by Cyril Luker, regional conservator for the Soil Conservation Service.

The death of Marine Pvt. Lucas Montoya of Santa Fe was the second war death among the four members of the formidable football backfield of the St. Michael's College Horsemen of 1940-41. Another Horseman star of those years was Bob Bledsoe of Albuquerque, also reported killed in action several months ago.

Hugh McArthur, San Francisco, a house painter, was changing his clothes and placed a wallet containing \$300 on a chair. A dog came in the open front door, grabbed the wallet and scampered down the street. Still missing are the dog and the money.

A love letter from Mae Gallagher, St. James, Mich., to Coast Guard Surfman John H. Coppens, Empire, Mich., was delivered to him in Chicago—eighteen months after it was written and a month after his marriage to Miss Gallagher. The letter, dated April 10, 1942, pursued Coppens to several Pacific ports but didn't overtake him until it was forwarded to the

Salt Lake City police picked up thirty youngsters on downtown streets during school hours. Among the stories they heard: Four said they were en route to a funeral. Two said it was strictly business. Eleven said it was "All a horrible mistake." And three said they were en route to report to truant officers—for staying away from school last week.

Mrs. Susie Hervey, who moved from the Artesia Hotel this week to the Keimath apartment house on Richardson Avenue, has with her her small daughter, Hollis Lynn, and her sister, Mrs. Clifford Pyritz of Muleshoe, Tex. Mrs. Pyritz, whose husband is in the Army, expects to make her home here with Mrs. Hervey for the duration.

At Idaho Falls, Idaho, a hook-and-ladder fire truck raced through crowded downtown streets with the siren screaming, but it failed to draw the expected crowd of fire chasers to the scene of a War Bond auction. Unaware of the purpose of the run, motorists for once heeded oft-repeated warnings not to follow fire trucks. It would work in Artesia, though.

A Chicago girl complained to

her companion on a suburban train that she couldn't study at home. She believed she could do better if she went away to school. There was too much housework to do at home, she said. Asked what she was studying, her answer was: "Home economics."

Juvenile delinquency was increasing, so Salina's City Commission wrangled for weeks with the pros and cons of a curfew

law. Came time for the yes-or-no decision on the ordinance. Then City Manager E. J. Allison found, to everyone's surprise, the city already had a curfew law.

"When were you last here?" the prosecutor asked the prisoner in Spokane. "I'm here all the time," replied Isaac Sheldon, charged with drunkenness. "Then," chimed in Justice Frank Yse, "you won't mind another thirty days."

BEST WISHES for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. McCaw Hatchery.



Season's Greetings...

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Santa may have new modes of transportation in his bag of tricks, but our wish is that his 1943 pack include a great big package of old-time Christmas cheer, addressed to you, dear friend—TO YOU.

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and A Very Happy Christmas!

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Pearl Harbor—Forever Etched in American Minds



American warships battered and burning at Pearl Harbor, December 7—the day that will live forever in the minds and hearts of all red-blooded Americans as one of Jap infamy. But the Japs know now that we intend to avenge this sneak attack and act of treachery. Buy War Bonds on Pearl Harbor Day!



Woodrow Wilson Harnes, 28, was on watch aboard the minelayer *Oglala* when the Nips struck; is now an instructor in the Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn. Harnes has two brothers in the Seabees and one in the Army. He buys War Bonds regularly.



Jap shrapnel got Paul Compart, 24, of Chicago, while on watch aboard the U. S. S. *Maryland* at Pearl Harbor on that December morn. He stuck to the bridge until 3 p. m. before relief came, and only then were his wounds treated. He has a regular pay allotment for War Bonds.



Another gob from the *Maryland* is Pearl Chandler, 20, of Harlan, Iowa. He, too, was on watch at the time of the sneak raid and was one of the boys who "passed the ammunition." Just now he is an instructor at the Armed Guard Center. He is married and buying War Bonds.



Jack Stackburger, 20, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a signalman on the bridge of the U. S. S. *Pennsylvania* when the Japs struck. He was sent to the conning tower to send out signals, and stuck to his post throughout the raid. Stackburger is in the Armed Guard now and Buys Bonds regularly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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If you're one who likes an honest-to-goodness breakfast in the morning, you're on the right side of the poets, historians, and the best nutrition authorities! You'll be on the right side of the bed when you get up, too, because every prospect pleases!

John Ray, who was quite a writer back in 1670 London, declaimed "were I to fast for my life, I would eat a good breakfast in the morning." Izaak Walton (The Compleat Angler) expended many words on the merits of a "good, honest, wholesome, hungry breakfast," and Robert Browning no less, penned

"Before breakfast a man feels but queasily, And a sinking at the lower abdomen Begins the day with indifferent omen."

Modern authorities, concerned with making us a healthier nation of war-winners, state that a good breakfast should provide a fourth to a third of the day's food requirements, should be built around cereals, fruit, milk and bread—adding some butter, an egg or meat sometimes and a beverage (coffee if you want; milk for the young ones).

Dr. Lydia Roberts, chairman of the Department of Home Economics of the University of Chicago and an authority on nutrition says:

"From many standpoints, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Failure to have enough to eat or the right kind of breakfast may result in fatigue, irritability and lessened efficiency and work output. The quantity of food should be adapted to the size and activity of the individual, but the kinds of food needed are the same for all."

And even Walt Disney's Mickey and Goofy (pictured at work on their riveting job) declare, "You can't breakfast like a bird and work like a horse!"

What's Stopping You?

What's stopping you from having a good breakfast? It's its time, consider the fact that you can get your breakfast in about ten minutes—the length of time it takes you to make that cup of coffee! Modern cereals are quick and easy as opening a package, and come in three-score varieties. Modern cereal breakfast foods—natural, whole-grain, restored or enriched with vitamins and minerals—make an important contribution to the need for proteins, B-vitamins, minerals and fuel for energy.

You can serve a big bowl of cereal with fruit and milk and sugar in it and have a breakfast in that single bowl! An egg or some meat takes only a few minutes, and rolls or bread or toast and butter (or margarine) adds up the score.

The Pin-Up Plan

If it's variety that's stopping you maybe you need a "pin-up plan." To follow it, make out menus for a week. Then pin them up over your range or kitchen sink, and run through the pattern.

To do this, first make yourself a list of the fruits the family likes—to serve alone or on the cereal. Oranges, grapefruit, prunes, apricots, bananas, apples, berries, etc. Put opposite each the way you wish to prepare them—stewed, sliced, fresh, sliced, etc.

Then make a list of the kind of cereals your family likes best, including a few different ones for them to try as a variety. Wheat, corn, oats, barley or oat's their favorite flaves, ground,

flaked, made into shreds, biscuits, and—all shapes and sizes await you!

Make a list of the way your family likes its bread, as many ways as you can. The same goes for eggs or meat. Change the style or choice as you follow the week through.

There's your basic chart! Now make it up into daily menus, do your pin-up trick and you're all set for a week of good breakfasts!

Sample Breakfast Menus

Mixed orange and prune juice, creamed eggs on toasted wheat biscuit, coffee or cocoa.

Rice cereal with cooked mixed fruit, milk, sugar; cheese pancakes, butter or margarine, coffee or milk.

Wheat flakes with spiced applesauce, light cream, soft-cooked egg, buttered toast, coffee or milk. Grapefruit halves, cream farina with berry preserves, milk, toasted muffin—bacon sandwiches, cafe au lait.



★ 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 in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

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May the New Year Bring Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men

Palace Drug Store

BELFRY BOUND Iowa state conservation officers are wondering what has happened to the bats of Maquoketa Caves State Park.

For many years an estimated 3,000 bats have arrived on a mid-November night to spend the winter in hibernation in Bat Cave, hanging in clusters of 300 to 500 from the cavern roof. Each March the bats left.

This year only 200 showed up and Conservation Officer Harold N. Morgan said he had given up hope the missing bats would arrive.

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Government Authorizes Ration Points in Swap for Household Fat

The government has taken a constructive step in authorizing meat dealers to give two meat ration points in addition to 4 cents for each pound of used household fat turned in for salvage. Joint action by the Office of Price Administration, the War Food Administration, and the War Production Board was necessary to meet the war need for more fats in this manner.

In spite of the importance of fats and oils as foodstuffs and for industrial use, comparatively few people in this country are aware of the importance of these raw materials. Fats are basic foodstuffs, and they are also vital materials for war industries. Fats are used in making explosives, synthetic rubber, medicines and pharmaceuticals, soaps, lubricating greases, printing ink, and many other industrial products important to civilians and military alike.

The war has brought about a pressing need for more fats of all kinds, and especially for more fats

for industrial use. To wage the war successfully has required a vast quantity of products made from fats. At the same time the need for food fats have increased due to military activity, the extra food requirements of the hard-working millions employed in industry, and the necessity to export food fats from this country to the Allies. The real pinch, however, has been in industrial fats, because large areas, China, the Philippines, Malaysia, from where more than a billion pounds of such fats were imported annually, are in Japanese hands or under their control.

Household fat salvage has been of tremendous help in replacing fats and oils that formerly were imported. American kitchen fats have gone a long way to provide glycerine for explosives, medicines, and many other war and civilian products.

The fat salvage campaign was first tried out in Chicago on a plan conceived by a packer, with the cooperation of Mayor Edward J. Kelly, who put the authority of the city government behind the project. The success of this pilot operation in Chicago aroused national interest and led to the adoption of the national household fat salvage plan, which has produced 108,000,000 pounds from American kitchens during the last twelve months.

But, even a hundred million pounds is too little to make up the deficit in the fats and oils supply and more than twice that much must be made available during the next twelve months if this nation is to maintain its present levels of production, which in the case of all but the most essential and necessary munitions and materials of war have been reduced as far as has been considered prudent.

HERE'S A TESTIMONIAL

Harry Zachy, Los Angeles poultry market operator, on trial charged with violating the business and professional code by selling a cull stewing hen (ceiling, 35 cents a pound) as a pullet (40 cents), brought along a little white hen as exhibit "A."

Assistant City Attorney Tom Howard referred to her as "An old cull."

Defense attorneys were overjoyed when she promptly responded by laying an egg on the counsel table. It proved, they said, she was a laying pullet, not a cull. The jury will decide.

PROMISE QUICK WORD TO NEXT-OF-KIN

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual or organization for such information.

SLIP IN THE NIGHT

In Tustin, Calif., Garageman George Terry was summoned to town in the automobile of Marine Maj. A. J. Fuller, El Toro, which overturned in the mud.

Terry toiled for hours in darkness at digging, hitching and, finally, towing. At his garage he discovered the vehicle belonged to Leslie Ralph, Los Angeles. He had rescued the wrong car.

COMING-OUT AFFAIR

In Walla Walla, Wash., a Washington State Prison convict, who is cast in the all-inmate benefit performance for the service men's entertainment fund, was scheduled for freedom.

But the performance of "Cock-eyed Generals" wasn't until Saturday and Sunday—so the prisoner agreed to stay behind bars three days more to make sure the show could go on.

The first woman doctor in the United States was Elizabeth Blackwell.

The artist Giotto is said to have painted a perfect circle with a single stroke of his brush, to demonstrate his skill.

ABSOLUTELY HOPELESS

American precision bombing received a humorous accolade from the magazine "Aeroplane" in London.

The periodical printed a cartoon showing a group of U. S. Army Air Force officers registering dismay as a high-flying American plane scores a miss in bombing practice.

"It's Cadet Schmaltz, sir," says one as the bomb falls outside the target. "He's hopeless." The target is—a rain barrel.



War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that Christmastime can bestow.

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Merry Christmas

May Your Yule Season Be a Happy One And the Coming Year One of Health and Prosperity And May the Gallant American Boys Be Homeward Bound Before Another Year Has Passed



Happy New Year

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Fresh Produce

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Table listing various products: AIRWAY Coffee 55c, BEVERLY Peanut Butter 25c, DUCHESS Salad Dressing 24c, GOLD MEDAL Flour \$2.60, JIFFY LOU Pudding 5c, Oxydol 23c, LUX Soap 20c

Table listing Edwards products: Coffee 22c, PETER PAN Peanut Butter 28c, LUNCH BOX Sandwich Spread 26c, KITCHEN KRAFT Flour \$2.37, Jell Well 5c, Dreft 23c, LIFEBOUY Soap 20c

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Table listing Safeway Meats: PICNIC HAM 30c, SLAB BACON 32c, WILSON WHOLE REG. HAM 32c, TURKEYS HENS—FRYERS

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SAFEWAY

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Everett O'Bannon, Young Violinist, To Be Presented in Concert Recital At Methodist Church Thursday, Dec. 30

Invitations are being sent out this week for the Everett Dean O'Bannon concert recital, to be held at the First Methodist Church at 7 o'clock Thursday evening of next week.

Everett Dean, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. O'Bannon, artist violin student, is being presented in recital by Ted Best of Carlsbad, violinist and teacher of violin.

The young violinist will play standard concert numbers, including one of the world's greatest violin concertos, as well of a group of popular violin solo concert numbers.

Mrs. Glenn Caskey, pianist and teacher of piano, will be the accompanist.

The public is invited.

Red Cross Rooms Open for Work Monday, Dec. 27

The surgical dressing rooms at Red Cross headquarters, located in the Clarke building on Roselawn, will be open for work Monday, Dec. 27.

There are 7,000 of the present quota of 4x4 bandages to be folded by Jan. 15. A bill of lading has been received on the next quota of 30,000 small bandages.

Every woman who can report for this service is urged to do so, beginning next week. Only forty-four reported last week. They folded 2,244 bandages in 157 hours.

Mrs. Evans Hostess At Christmas Party For Business Women

Mrs. Glenn Evans was hostess Monday evening when members of the Business and Professional Women's Club celebrated with a Christmas party.

Those who enjoyed rounds of Triply before the exchange of gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree were Miss Teresa Goehring, Miss Eleanor Woodward, Miss Maxine Bunting, Miss Dorothy Bob Company, Miss Abbie Durand, Miss Drotha Stuart, Mrs. Agnes Fulton, Mrs. Dorothy Huey, Mrs. Keith Quail, Mrs. Flynn O'Malley, Mrs. Adrain Fletcher, Mrs. Fay Thorpe, Mrs. C. R. Blocker and the hostess, Mrs. Evans. Mrs. M. W. Evans was a club guest.

Popcorn balls were served during the games and a Christmas refreshment plate after the games.

Mrs. Keith Quail, a past president, was presented a lovely stork gift by club members.

Mrs. T. L. Archer Is Named Honoree At Morning Coffee

Mrs. M. D. Sharp and Mrs. J. W. Jones entertained with a coffee Friday morning at the Sharp home, naming as honor guest, Mrs. T. L. Archer, who recently moved here with her family from Oklahoma City. This is the third Archer family to move to Artesia; A. M. has been a resident here for a number of years and D. D. Archer and family moved here during the last year.

Mrs. Florence McDorman presided at the coffee table in a setting of gay Yule decorations of Christmas greens, frosted tapers and pine cones. About twenty guests called during the tea hours of 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Rude Wilcox and her son, George, of Carlsbad were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Martin and family Sunday.

CALENDAR
of Events **EVENTS**

MONDAY
Past Matrons' Club will not meet Monday.

TUESDAY
First Afternoon Bridge Club, Mrs. M. W. Evans, hostess, 2 p. m.
Fortnightly Bridge Club, postponed on account of so much illness.
Incoming officers, both elective and appointive, rehearsal after regular meeting Order of Eastern Star, this evening.

THURSDAY (NEXT WEEK)
Everett Dean O'Bannon, concert recital, 8 p. m.

Pharmacy Employees Have Christmas Fete Tuesday After Work

Employees of the Artesia Pharmacy and wives and husbands enjoyed a Christmas party at the store after it closed Tuesday evening.

There was an exchange of gifts, for which the various members of the force and Ralph Petty, owner, had drawn names.

Refreshments were served from a long table, decorated in the gay Christmas colors and lighted by candles.

Miss Hattie Ruth Cole Entertains Fun Lovers With Christmas Party

Miss Hattie Ruth Cole was a charming junior hostess Monday evening when she entertained with a Yuletide party at the Cole home on Roselawn Avenue, having as her guests members of the Fun Lovers' Club and former club members, who are at home for the holiday season.

The young guests enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols before exchanging gifts from a beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

Miss Cole and Miss Janice Mann presided at the double service at a tea table, from which refreshments were served. A miniature Santa Claus and his reindeer formed the colorful centerpiece at the tea table.

After the party, the young women enjoyed a line party to a theater. Guests were Misses Charlene Martin, Janice Mann, Marnie Sue Roberts, Peggy Hammil, Betty Flint, Marcia Wright, Emaree Hightower, Virginia Lower, Betty Barnette, Helen Hebert, Juanita Russell, Patti Runyan, Joan Livingston, Mary Lou Cunningham, Betty Jane Everts, and Betty Del Washburn.

P.E.O. Sisterhood Receives Letters From Absent Members

Members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at the Carper Terrace, Friday. The tables were beautiful with gay Christmas appointments.

After the luncheon hour, members retired to the home of Mrs. T. H. Flint where they heard letters read from about ten absent members.

There were twenty-one guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Webb, whose three sons are in the service, joined by Mrs. Webb's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Mitchell of Elida, expect to spend Christmas Day with a brother and son, Bishop Mitchell, and Mrs. Mitchell and children at Fort Stockton, Tex.

Husbands Entertained At Past Matron's Christmas Party

Members of the Past Matron's Club entertained their husbands again this year at their annual Christmas dinner party, held at the Masonic Hall Friday evening.

The turkey, glazed and golden brown, was prepared by Mrs. W. S. Hogsett. The tables, which were beautiful with Christmas greens and Nativity scenes, were decorated by Mrs. Stanley Blocker.

After the dinner, games of bridge and pitch were enjoyed and Mrs. Tex Polk, acting as Santa Claus, was assisted by Mrs. Bob Cole and Mrs. Hart Smith of Hope in distributing Christmas gifts.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hogsett, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blocker, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glasscock, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jolley, Mr. and Mrs. Arba Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse I. Funk, Mrs. Jeff Hightower, and Mrs. Tex Polk, Artesia, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Hart Smith, Hope.

Walter George Rust Goes To Oklahoma This Week for Bride

Walter George Rust left Sunday for Boise City, Okla., where he and Miss Levern Fine are to be married one day this week.

Mr. Rust is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Rust of Carlsbad, formerly of the Cottonwood community near Artesia. Miss Fine is a sister of Orgal and Lee Fine of Artesia. Miss Fine has been in school in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Jones Is Hostess At Christmas Tea to Garden Club Guests

Mrs. J. W. Jones entertained members of the Garden Club at her home Monday afternoon with a Christmas tea after the December program of the club.

Mrs. C. C. Conner presided at the tea table, appointed with Yuletide decorations. A lighted Christmas tree and poinsettias added to the Christmas setting.

Mrs. Jones, president, presided over the business, and Mrs. H. A. Jordan was in charge of the program on house plants and their care.

Twelve members were in attendance.

Young Women Guests At Dinner-Dance at Prisoner War Camp

Young women of the Artesia community, who have qualified as hostesses at the Artesia Service Club and at social affairs for men of the armed forces, will be guests at a formal dinner-dance at the Roswell Prisoner of War Camp New Year's Eve, when soldiers stationed at the camp will entertain.

The soldiers are planning to decorate the messhall and to provide the traditional New Year's Eye noise makers.

Bond-tect America!

Bridgetts Celebrate With Christmas Party

The Bridgetts celebrated Christmas, Mrs. Joe Hamann, hostess, Friday evening.

Lovely gifts were exchanged from a beautiful tree during an informal social hour. Dainty refreshments were served.

Those in attendance were Mrs. C. D. Marshall, Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Harvey Yates, Mrs. Ralph Hayes, Mrs. William S. Cooley, Miss Mary Woods, Miss Patty Kemper, and Mrs. Hamann.

Mrs. Hogsett Heads Past Noble Grands

Mrs. W. S. Hogsett was named chairman of the Past Noble Grand Club at the annual election of officers held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. C. C. Conner. Mrs. George Dungan was elected vice chairman and Miss Ella Bauslin, secretary-treasurer.

The annual Christmas party was held after the business meeting. Each guest contributed a 25 cent War Stamp toward a bond for the club.

Delicious Christmas refreshments were served.

AWVS WILL HAVE BENEFIT DANCE CHRISTMAS EVE

A benefit dance will be given by the AWVS in the gymnasium of Central School Christmas Eve. Music will be furnished by the orchestra from the Roswell Prisoner of War Camp, which has played here for a number of dances.

The committee announced that men in uniform will be admitted for half the regular admission price.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. HUNT

A daughter, Sally Jane, was born at 9 o'clock Friday night in a Roswell hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hunt. She weighed 8 pounds at birth. Sally Jane and her mother were brought home Sunday.

The baby's father is a night officer on the Artesia police force.

GRILL WILL BE OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER FIRST

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn O'Malley of the Carper Grill announced this week it will be open again on Sundays after the first of the year.

Sunday service was discontinued some weeks ago, but it is being re-established because of public demand, they said.

BRAINARDS TO BE HOSTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard and their daughters, Peggy and Sgt. Betty Brainard, will be hosts on Christmas Day, having as their guests for a Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keinath, Dave Runyan, Mrs. Sally Lanning and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg, and Miss Marian Gallup of Roswell, a houseguest.

New Extension Classes Will Be Organized

Dr. R. L. Hunt, extension director at New Mexico Teachers College, Silver City, is expected to be here Jan. 6 for the purpose of organizing a second series of extension courses. Anyone interested is invited to be at the high school library at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, Jan. 6.

Locals

Sgt. Betty Brainard arrived Saturday from Phoenix, Ariz., for the holiday season here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard.

Communications from the W. A. Martin family, who recently moved to the state of Arkansas, said they have bought property at Springdale, and also that they like their new location fine and all the family are well.

Miss Peggy Brainard, a teacher in the Roswell schools, arrived Wednesday to spend the week holiday vacation at home.

D. Swift of Carlsbad, formerly of Hope and Artesia, entered a Carlsbad hospital this week for medical treatment.

A son, Joel, was born Saturday in a Carlsbad hospital to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hayes of Artesia, weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nunn and their daughter, Joan, went to El Paso the latter part of last week. A telephone communication from Mr. Nunn said Mrs. Nunn and Joan were stricken from flu the next day after their arrival and were still confined to their hotel room the first of this week.

Miss Georgie Pate, a former employee of The Advocate, now a student nurse at Baylor University School of Nursing, Dallas, Tex., arrived Tuesday for the holidays with her parents and others at Lake Arthur.

Mrs. Martin Yates, Jr., spent several days last week in Roswell with her girlhood friend, Mrs. John Cauhape, whose husband died suddenly Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Cauhape has been an invalid for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rowley and children are expecting as their Christmas guests Lt. and Mrs. W. R. Bechdel of Pittsburg, Pa., now stationed at Albuquerque.

A son, David Lloyd, was born Monday of last week, Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Neatherlin of Globe, Ariz. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Neatherlin.

John T. Shipman of Lawton, Okla., has recently moved to the Lakewood community. Mr.

Mrs. Lawton and their two small boys are located on the L. T. Lewis farm.

Holiday Cheer

★ **White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Merry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours as 1943 draws to a close.**

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Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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To All—Our Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas

We are turning out quality work in first class shape. We have quit the garage business and are devoting our entire time to electrical work. Under this arrangement we can give our customers a better grade of work than where we had too many irons in the fire as under the previous set-up. We are now better able to take care of your electrical repairs, such as rewinding and repairing all kinds of electrical equipment.

Hoping to serve all our old customers and many new ones during the coming year of 1944

DOC LOUCKS

WITH HEARTS THAT ARE FREE, WE REAFFIRM OUR FAITH THIS CHRISTMAS

More than at any other time this Christmas we have cause to rejoice at the significance of the holiday. For it marks the birth of the greatest and 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.

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Everything you want — is what we wish for you this Christmas! We hope the sun will shine, the Christmas tree sparkle! In all sincerity — Christmas Greetings!

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Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

And Sincere Hopes that the New Year will Bring the Reunion of Our Boys Scattered Throughout the World with Their Loved Ones at Home, Their Parents and Other Relatives and Friends. Then, Truly, It will Be a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRED HILL
SHERIFF OF EDDY COUNTY

Church Activities

Baptist Class Party
Mrs. Dave Brandell and Mrs. Bogard Jones were joint hostesses in entertaining members of the Dorcas Sunday School Class at the home of Mrs. Brandell Friday afternoon with a Christmas party. Guests spent a delightful hour visiting and reminiscing. The hostesses served a delicious Christmas refreshment plate to Mrs. F. O. Ashton, Mrs. Charles Ransbarger, Mrs. J. S. Mills, Mrs. J. G. Crow, Mrs. Bogard Jones, Mrs. Dale Gleghorn, Mrs. R. J. Sutcliff, Mrs. W. D. Burks, Mrs. W. A. Sudderth, and Miss Una Bynum.

Methodist Classes
Mrs. William Bullock, Mrs. J. W. Webb, and Mrs. Nellie Hartell entertained members of their Sunday school classes of the Methodist Church Monday evening with a hot-cake supper in the recreation room and a line party to a theater afterwards.

Home Makers Class
The Rev. S. M. Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. Morgan and their daughter, Melva Ann, were named honor guests by members of the Home Makers Circle at a Christmas luncheon held at the church last Thursday.

The honor guests were presented a set of Fostoria plates, when members exchanged Christmas gifts, with Mrs. M. W. Evans impersonating Santa Claus. About twenty persons were in attendance.

Christian Council
Members of the Christian Council enjoyed a Christmas program in charge of Mrs. Albert Richards, who read a Christmas play, "The Trailer Angel," at the church last Thursday evening. The Biblical Christmas story was read by Mrs. A. W. Boyce and devotions were led by Mrs. W. H. Ballard.

About twenty members exchanged gifts from a Christmas tree.

Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. Harold Crozier, and Mrs. Francis Painter were hostesses.

Methodist Women
Instead of the usual exchange of gifts at Christmas time, members of the Laura Bullock and Gladys Dixon Circles of the Methodist Society of Christian Service laid silver offerings in beaten brass dishes from China, to be used for Chinese relief, at a Christmas tea held at the church last Thursday afternoon. About \$50 was contributed.

Mrs. Roger Durand and Mrs. J. W. Webb presided at the tea table with Christmas appointments and Mrs. A. P. Mahone presided at the guestbook. Hostesses were Mrs. Charles Dungan, Mrs. Herman Green, Mrs. Howard Gisler, Mrs. Tom Franklin, and Mrs. Frank Herbold.

Sunday School Party
Mrs. Carl Everett and Mrs. B. J. Perkins entertained the Companion Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church with a Christmas party last Thursday evening at the Everett home.

At a business meeting before the social hour, officers were elected for the coming year. Joan Livingston was named president; Mary Lou Cunningham, vice president, and Hattie Ruth Cole, secretary-treasurer.

Christmas games were played and a holiday refreshment plate was served. Junior guests were Doris Exum, Betty Barnette, Rosalie Marlow, Helen Hebert, Barbara Lynch, Betty Dell Washburn, Hattie Ruth Cole, Mary Lou Cunningham, and Joan Livingston.

Young Matrons
Twelve members of the Young Matrons' Circle of the Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas turkey luncheon at the home of Mrs. Marshall Rowley Monday.

Covers were laid at tables beautiful with Christmas appointments.

Hospital News

Russell Hill underwent an emergency operation at 1 o'clock this morning. His condition is reported satisfactory.

Patients treated at the hospital, ill of flu, are Mrs. L. L. Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. West, Loco Hills; Mrs. Moss Spence, Lake Arthur; Jerry Hale and L. E. Neeley.

Mrs. L. M. Friend was a medical patient Sunday.

The Sisters at the hospital wish to extend to their friends in Artesia and the surrounding communities every good wish for Christmas, the birthday of Our Lord.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

S/Sgt. Renold S. Nelson has been awarded the Air Medal. It was for some deed performed over the landings at Salerno, as he had written them to be sure to remember Sept. 13, and he would have a story to tell them when he returned home. He also took part in the Sicilian campaign, taking over the first paratroops. Sergeant Nelson enlisted in the Army Air Forces in March, 1941, took his basic training at Randolph Field, Tex., and was a graduate from radio-mechanics school at Scott Field, Ill.

Clyde C. Dunn, U. S. Hospital staff apprentice first class, has been chosen for a six-month course in operating room surgical technique and is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, New Orleans, La. Clyde is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dunn of Carlsbad, formerly of Artesia.

Cpl. Margaret Bean, WAC, who has been stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, since her basic training there, is now stationed at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., where she is receiving special training. A picture of Corporal Bean appeared in the November issue of the New Mexico Magazine with a group of other New Mexicans at war.

Pvt. Walter Ray Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitaker, arrived Saturday from the West Coast, where he is stationed with the marines, for a ten-day furlough with his parents.

Pfc. Sanders A. Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Terry, who is attending the Army Air Forces Technical School at Sioux Falls,

S. Dak., has earned an award as an expert, firing the United States automatic pistol, calibre .45. He also has been given a marksmanship award with a rifle.

Pvt. Ernest Kelsey, who was in England, according to his previous letter, sent Mrs. H. G. Buchanan a clever V-mail letter Christmas greeting in the form of a cartoon, showing a group of soldiers enjoying their Christmas dinner and presents. Of several civilians in the picture, one was a Scot, indicating that Private Kelsey might still have been in the British Isles.

Lt. Ray Lewis, son of Mrs. Ethel McGuire, soloed a B-26 on Dec. 3, just a month after he received his wings.

Second Lt. I. J. Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Stuart, has been selected to attend an officers' motor course of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

A/C Jackie Don Woodside, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Woodside, has been transferred from Winfield, Kan., to Victoria, Tex., for his final pilot training before receiving his wings.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Schneberg are expecting for the holiday season two nieces from Los Angeles, whose husbands are in foreign service, Mrs. Jack Wagers and Mrs. Robert Huleatte, also two sisters and a brother of Mrs. Schneberg, Mrs. J. I. Taylor and Ralph Beale of Raton, and Mrs. G. W. Kirby, and Mr. Kirby of Ottawa, Ill.

Mrs. Clyde Roberts and her daughter, Jonelle, returned home Monday from a visit with home folks at Lorraine, Tex., before Mr. Roberts reported for service in the Navy. He reported to Fort Bliss last week and has been sent to San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Roberts and her daughter expect to continue to make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sudderth will have as their Christmas guests their daughter, Mrs. Robert Powell, and Mr. Powell and their son, Bobbie, of Seymour, Tex.



As the evergreen's perfume fills your house, and the business of getting ready for Christmas fills it, may you find good cheer and good friendship at every turn.

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Oren C. Roberts
General Superintendent



THIS CHRISTMAS
HELP TO RESTORE PEACE ON EARTH—

Give War Bonds!

THIS year our memories of other happier Christmases are more vivid than ever. The stockings, the trees, the carols, the family reunions—memories of all of these make us yearn more strongly than ever for the safe return of our husbands, brothers, sons and daughters who are far from home.

So the foremost hope of all of us is that peace shall once more return to this earth—and soon.

You can help to speed the day of victory and peace by giving War Bonds and Stamps this Christmas.

Every War Bond, every Stamp, you buy and give helps mould more bullets—load more shells—launch more ships—lift more planes into the skies!

Every War Bond, every Stamp, you buy and give will help to dictate the terms of the Armistice—and write a peace that will endure.

So give U. S. War Bonds and Stamps to everyone on your Christmas list. Give and give generously!

Remember—every War Bond and Stamp is more than a present for the one who receives it. It's a gift of peace and happiness and safety for some soldier or sailor besides!



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PLANS TO SAVE TRUCK TIRES

Truck tire inspections will be double-checked to see that every tire in service gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before being replaced, OPA stated recently. Central truck tire inspection station will be provided in about 200 cities in areas where truck registrations are heavy. These privately owned and operated stations will re-examine all tires recommended for replacement by official OPA tire inspectors, and will return to service tires still good for more miles. Fixed fees to cover operating expenses will be charged by the stations. Tubes to be replaced need not be inspected.

TAKING NO CHANCES

A Lima (Ohio) High School junior, Miss Louise Stallbohm, believes in planning ahead.

Some late applicants for dormitory rooms at Bowling Green State University were disappointed this year, so—

Miss Stallbohm has reserved a room for 1945, 20 months in advance.

Keep the Hun on the Run!

Edward Jenner was the discoverer of vaccination.

The first to declare that "there is nothing new under the sun" was Solomon.

The Atlantic Ocean lies west the Pacific at Panama.

A nickel is referred to as "to en money" because it does not contain five cents worth of metal.



First on every American's list of the things he wants most this year is Victory. With this thought we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

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this Christmas

For those really important to you—who rate generous giving—your ideal decision is a War Bond for a Christmas gift this war year! Such a gift reflects your every good wish, because your purchase of it helps in the fight for the freedom of all you love. It's a wise gift purchase too—because its value ten years from now will be greater than the cost . . . For the children and the grown folks, do your Christmas shopping here. War Bonds are such lightweight gifts to carry home—but they have the weight to crush the Axis—if you buy enough! It takes just a few minutes to make the transaction!

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Wish You a

Very Merry Christmas

Pix Rhapsody

By Mary Jane

Fred Astaire as a Flying Tiger pilot in mufti with six days' leave in New York; Joan Leslie as a roving photographer for a picture magazine, and who thinks all civilians should be doing something useful, provide the basis for the screen's newest tunefilm, "The Sky's the Limit," which co-stars the two favorites for the first time, coming to the Ocotillo Theater for the New Year's Eve Frolic Friday night, Dec. 31. With Robert Benchley heading the featured cast, the frolic-laden picture is said to be Astaire's most entertaining vehicle to date.

On a short leave with several of his Flying Tiger pals prior to joining our own Naval Air Force, Astaire is en route to Manhattan but wearies of the hero-worshipping they are all receiving and abruptly separates from the party to go on alone in civilian clothes, and enjoy himself.

As a result his efforts to get the attention of pretty Joan Leslie are handicapped for she hasn't much use for seemingly idle and jobless civilians when there's a war on, and Fred insists on keeping his real identity a secret. To cap it all, he finds that Benchley, Joan's wealthy employer, is in love with her, too.

Fred's persistence wins out, and Joan finds herself caring for him despite his apparent disinclination to get a job. But Fred suddenly realizes that a flier on active duty hasn't the right to ask a girl to marry him, and he endeavors instead to help Benchley win her. How the plan works out, and its surprising result, forms the spirited climax of the tuneful film.

Catchy new song hits and spectacular dances are featured in the picture.

THIS WEIRD WAR

In Kansas City, passengers on a street car stared when an Army officer, with his companion, entered with a wintry blast, tipped his head to one side, then the other, and extracted a carefare token from each car.

Depositing the fares, he drew on his gloves.

NOTICE OF SUIT
 No. 8298
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF EDDY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 DOROTHY M. CHRISTY, Plaintiff,
 versus JOSEPH M. CHRISTY, DEFENDANT.

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: The above named Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff has filed her Complaint against you in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, wherein plaintiff seeks to obtain a decree of absolute divorce from you and custody of child, Charles A. Christy, a minor.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in the above entitled and numbered cause on or before February 3, 1944, judgment will be rendered against you in said cause by default.

Plaintiff's attorney is James F. Warden whose office and Post Office address is Bujac Building, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of this Court this 16th day of December, 1943.

(SEAL)
 (SIGNED)
 ETHEL M. HIGHSMITH,
 Clerk of the District Court.
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Air raids have forced the German propaganda ministry to move from Berlin to Dresden.

PLAN WARTIME CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMS

On Christmas Day, men and women of the American Armed Forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christmas radio programs, featuring entertainment stars, name bands, and personal greetings from the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, and high officers of the various services.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas tree

decorating from an island in the South Pacific, a midnight Mass from some place behind the battle lines in Italy.

GOOD HUNTING

With Fifth U. S. Air Force, New Guinea (Delayed) — Col. Neel Kearby, Texas flier, was in the air so much, his command general finally has rationed him to two flights a week.

Kearby loves to call two or three veteran fliers from their desks and propose a little hunting trip. "It isn't that I like to kill anybody, but I do like to hunt." Season's bag: Sixteen Japanese planes.

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Three Producers Are Completed in Eddy Oil Fields

Three producing oil wells were completed in the Eddy County fields the last week, while two others are being abandoned.

During the same period a single new location was made, that the Grier No. 12 of Nay Hightower in NW SE 30-16-31.

The completions:

Grayburg Oil Co., Keely 9-A, SW NW 24-17-29; total depth 2,939 feet; flowed 63 barrels of oil in three hours, natural.

Nay Hightower, Grier 11, NW NE 31-16-31; total depth 3,297 feet; flowed 120 barrels of oil per day after shot.

Penn Surgical, Miller 2, NW NW 5-18-29; total depth 2,664 feet; flowed 48 barrels of oil per day after shot.

Valley Refining Co., Hill 1, SE SW 1-18-29; total depth 2,404 feet; preparing to plug and abandon.

Premier Petroleum Corp., Arnold 2-D, NW NW 35-17-30; total depth 3,425 feet; plugged and abandoned.

Drilling Report

Sanders Bros., Hultman 1, SE NE 32-16-26.

Drilling at 4,402 feet.

D. D. Thomas, Grier 1, SE SE 29-16-31.

Total depth 3,381 feet; cleaning out cave-ins.

Heacock & Owens, Crosby 1, SW SW 33-19-27.

Total depth 800 feet; shut down for orders.

Aston & Fair, Stevens 7-B, SW SW 25-17-30.

Drilling at 3,155 feet.

Carper Drilling Co., Bruning-Grier 1, SW NW 29-16-31.

Drilling at 2,840 feet.

Texas Trading Co., Johnson 1, NW NW 33-16-31.

Drilling at 2,785 feet.

Paton Bros., State 1, NW SE 21-17-28.

Total depth 1,992 feet; bailing to test; show oil at 1,955-65 and 1,975-92 feet.

Premier Petroleum Corp., Parke 3-F, NW SE 3-17-30.

Total depth 2,997 feet; cleaning out after shot.

Valley Refining Co., Hill 2, NW NW 1-18-27.

Total depth 520 feet; shut down for orders.

Texas Trading Co., State 4, SE NW 32-16-31.

Total depth 3,208 feet; preparing to run 5 1/2-inch casing.

Wilmar Oil Co., Ginsberg 4-A, NE NW 8-18-31.

Drilling at 2,490 feet.

Vickers Petroleum Co., Etz 1, SE NE 30-16-31.

Drilling at 2,830 feet.

Skelly Oil Co., Dow 7-B, NE NE 21-17-31.

Drilling at 3,190 feet.

Franklin Petroleum Corp., Yates 7-A, NE SW 6-18-30.

Drilling at 2,829 feet.

Neil Wills, Yates 1, SW SW 7-20-29.

Drilling at 305 feet.

Mac T. Anderson, Millman 1, SE NE 33-19-28.

Total depth 1,680 feet; testing water shut-off.

Penn Surgical, Ballard 2-B, NE NW 8-18-29.

Drilling at 2,031 feet.

Dixon & Yates, Brooks 1, NE NE 12-18-29.

Drilling at 2,520 feet.

Yates & Nix, Matthews 3, NW NW 22-21-28.

Drilling at 1,950 feet.

Brewer Drilling Co., Etz 1, NW NW 30-16-31.

Drilling at 2,525 feet.

Grayburg Oil Co., Keely 6-B, NE NW 25-17-29.

Total depth 2,919 feet; waiting on cement.

Nash, Windfohr & Brown, Jackson 11-B, NE NW 25-17-30.

Drilling at 3,120 feet.

Penn Surgical, Travis 1, NE NE 18-18-29.

Drilling at 2,503 feet.

Brewer Drilling Co., Grier 1, NW NW 29-16-31.

Drilling at 2,480 feet.

Malco Refineries, Inc., State 1-B, NW SW 2-18-27.

Locals

S/Sgt. Tommie Kuykendall came in Saturday from Camp Maxey, Tex., on a furlough. He will start back to camp Christmas Day.

Mrs. Mittie Hamill and her two daughters, Peggy and "Fid," expect to spend Christmas at Hope with Mrs. Hamill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White and a sister, Mrs. John Ward, Mr. Ward and children.

Miss Margaret Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs, a student nurse at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Corbin have as their guests for Christmas a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren of Mrs. Corbin, Mrs. Robert H. Chipman, and Lillian and Lewis of Globe, Ariz. A son, Sgt. Paul Chipman, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., is expected next week on a fifteen-day furlough.

Mrs. A. C. Bush, aunt of Mrs. Martin Yates, Jr., a former resident of Artesia and the oil field community, who has been in Kansas City, Mo., is now in Riverside, Calif., with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Don Bush. Both of her sons are in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richards and Mrs. Fannie Bruton expect to leave today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Richards' brother, Harold Bruton, Mrs. Bruton and two small boys in Wichita, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert N. Muncy are having as their guests for a Christmas dinner Saturday their daughter, Mrs. Rex Sanders, and Mr. Sanders of Arlington, Tex., J. L. Chatten, Miss Elizabeth Chatten, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chatten, father, sister and brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Muncy, of Elkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert N. Muncy, Jr.

Total depth 2,233 feet; preparing to plug back. Texas Trading Co., State 3, NE NW 32-16-31.

Total depth 3,364 feet; swabbing through 2-inch tubing. Bay Petroleum Corp., Leonard 1, NE NW 33-17-29.

Drilling at 1,885 feet. Burnham Oil Co., State 3, NE SW 2-17-30.

Drilling at 1,825 feet. R. R. Woolley, Arnold 4-A, SW SW 23-17-30.

Drilling at 2,125 feet. Kenwood Oil Co., Ginsberg 2-B, NE SW 17-18-31.

Drilling at 1,675 feet. George F. Getty, Inc., Dooley 10-A, SW SW 24-20-29.

Drilling at 1,195 feet. H. W. Martin, State 1, SE SE 36-21-27.

Drilling at 1,185 feet. Metcalf & Fulton, Momsen 1, SE NE 16-21-28.

Total depth 1,485 feet; shut down for orders. Grayburg Oil Co., Dexter 1, SE NW 24-17-29.

Drilling at 1,340 feet. McKee & Bassett, Spencer 1, NW NW 3-19-29.

Drilling at 1,505 feet. Neil Wills, Zorichak 1, SE NW 5-20-31.

Drilling at 400 feet. Schuster & Messinger, Page 2, NW NW 15-21-28.

Total depth 2,480 feet; bailing to test water shut-off. Burnham Oil Co., State 4, NW SE 2-17-30.

Drilling at 400 feet. Grayburg Oil Co., Burch 9-B, NW NW 30-17-30.

Total depth 502 feet; waiting on cement. Fren Oil Co., Friess 4, NW SE 19-17-31.

Drilling at 550 feet. Danciger Oil Co., Friess 1, NW NE 30-17-31.

Total depth 525 feet; waiting on cement. Brewer Drilling Co., Williams 3, NE NW 25-18-26.

Drilling at 840 feet. Wilmar Oil Co., Ginsberg 5-A, NW SE 8-18-31.

Drilling at 50 feet.

Mrs. Parker—

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Philip Bach, children of Mr. and Mrs. Emil P. Bach, Sr. The great-grandchild is Milton Leon Haines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dee Haines. All were here to attend the funeral, except Mrs. Sharp's two sons.

As Georgia Ann Meadows, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows of Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. Parker was born Feb. 25, 1863, during the Civil War. Soon after she was born her parents moved to South Missouri. There her father was killed by the Bushwackers, when she was but a few months old. Her mother returned to Kentucky and in a short time died, and she was left for a grandmother to raise, but at the age of 6 years her grandmother died, leaving her with a sister and several brothers.

At the age of 16 she was baptised in the Missouri River. It was March and the ice had to be broken for the ceremonies. This faith she kept until her death, not showing it so much by attending church and religious gatherings, but by working and helping those who were in need of help, and practicing the Golden Rule.

When she pioneered into the Cherokee Strip, there were no doctors close by, so she would administer to the sick and would go for miles by horseback, cart, or wagon. She was consequently loved and respected by these kind deeds.

At the age of 18 she was married to Emil P. Bach of Boonville, Mo. To this union were born five children. The youngest son died in infancy. The other four are the above mentioned.

A few years after they were married, Mr. Bach moved to Fort Worth, Tex. They lived there a short time when he made another move to Guthrie, Okla. It was while living there that the Cherokee Strip was opened.

In 1894, Mr. Bach, accompanied by two brothers, Phil and Joe, made the run to the Cherokee Strip, with a team and wagon. Each got 160 acres of virgin prairie land. Mr. Bach soon moved his family to the newly-acquired land. It was only a few years until Mr. Bach died and left his wife with four small children. It was these years if put into a book would be very interesting and would show the hardships the pioneers of this country went through. This was also during the so-called Cleveland depression.

In 1901 she married D. E. Hedgpeth, and in a short time they moved to Pawnee, Okla., where they resided there until 1904. Then they moved to Enid, Okla., and in 1907 the family moved to Sayre, Okla. It was there that Mr. Hedgpeth built a large hotel, known as the Hedgpeth Hotel. They operated the hotel until 1913, when they traded it for the farm east of Artesia.

In 1916 they came to Artesia and located on this farm, which she kept until her death.

Mr. Hedgpeth died in 1928. In 1936 she married R. L. Parker of Spearman, Tex.

They soon moved to Mission, Tex., where they purchased a small orange grove. This they kept until about six months ago, when they sold it and moved back to Artesia.

Mrs. Parker had lived to see three wars, born during one, passed through World War I and died during the present one. She also passed through an era of transportation. Horseback was the principal mode of travel when she was a girl and she saw the development of buggies, automobiles and the airplane.

She had a great memory of these things and often spoke of them.

Another incident which seldom happens was that she died on her seventh wedding anniversary to Mr. Parker, and lacked just one day of dying exactly fifteen years after Mr. Hedgpeth died.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hoagland, who have been ill of flu, are reported to be improving nicely. Mrs. Paul Bugg is on duty caring for them.

May Sign Up for Cottonseed Cake and Meal in Artesia

Ranchers and feeders may sign up for cottonseed cake and meal and get approval at the Soil Conservation Service office at the Hornbaker building at 106 West Main Street, Artesia, instead of in Carlsbad, which has been necessary up to now.

The office here will be open for these applications beginning Monday, Dec. 27.

Reese Boyd, Roswell, Formerly of Hope, Dies Last Week

Reese Boyd, 57, prominent Roswell man, who spent several years on the Joe Clements ranch west of Hope prior to a year ago, died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Funeral services and burial were at Roswell Friday afternoon. Mr. Boyd was associated with Mable Lowery Hardware Company of Roswell a number of years as a salesman. The last year he was employed at the Roswell Air Field.

Locals

S. O. Pottorff and Bert Bidwell returned home Monday from El Paso, where they went Tuesday of last week on business, and from where they intended to return Friday. However, both had flu while there and were confined to their beds in a hotel until the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carper are laying covers for a turkey dinner on Christmas Day for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Booker and four children; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carper and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rowley and three daughters, and their houseguests, Lt. and Mrs. W. R. Bechdel of Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bartlett are having for their guests on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson and their twin boys; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson and Andy Birnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nunn and Joan. Others of the Bartlett family to be there are Miss Shirley Bartlett, home from Ward-Belmont for the holidays, and Mrs. Creighton Gilchrist and her infant daughter, Phyllis Sue.

M. C. Owens, petty officer first class in the Navy, arrived on furlough Friday to visit his mother, Mrs. Elton Langford of Hagerman, and his sister, Mrs. Viva Floore of Artesia. He is stationed at Minneapolis, Minn. Petty Officer Owens will leave for there the day after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savoie and their five children expect to move to Arvine, Calif., sometime the first of next month. They have been on the Hattie Merchant farm near Dayton for several years, except Mr. Savoie, who has been in California for the last two years, since he was forced to leave this altitude. Mr. Savoie returned about a month ago and is preparing to take his family with him when he returns. They will also take their 8-year-old son, Charlie Jo, who is in his second year at the New Mexico Blind Institute in Alamogordo.

Cpl. Billy Felton and Mrs. Felton arrived the first of the week for a holiday visit with Mrs. Felton's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert. Mrs. Felton is the former Dolores Mayrhofen. Corporal Felton who has been stationed at Salt Lake City, at Camp Kearns, is to report to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex., on Christmas Day. Mrs. Felton expects to remain here for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Yates and children are having as their guests on Christmas Major A. J. Hanlan, Jr., Mrs. Hanlan and their small son, Christopher. Major Hanlan has recently returned from overseas duty and is to be stationed at Clovis. Major and Mrs. Hanlan are both schoolmates of Mrs. Yates from Boston, Mass.

Cards Keep—

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Jimmy Thompson is in good health and doing fine.

"A. N. Dowers, Perryton, Tex.: A. K. Dowers is in good health and doing fine.

"We would all like to receive a package from home containing nonperishable foods and sweets.

"Please don't worry about me and remember I am thinking of you every minute. Your son, Jess Jay Whitted."

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Adams have received three cards from their son, Pfc. Don H. Adams, who is in Philippines Military Prison Camp No. 1. All were signed by their son, as were two previous cards received last summer.

In all of the current cards Private Adams said: "My health is good. I am not under treatment. I am well. Love to all. Please give my best regards to Sis."

Three cards have been received by Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming of Pinon since the return of the Gripsholm from their son, Pfc. Leslie G. Fleming, who is interned in Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 12. The first was the regular form type, while the others were limited to fifty written words each.

One of them said: "I am in fair health, working almost every day. I hope the war will soon be over. God bless you."

The other: "I hope you are in good health. Tell all the family and my friends hello. I hope to see all of you soon. Don't worry about me, for I am being treated fine. I hope I can write you again very soon. Love, Leslie G. Fleming." It was signed in his own hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob House has received three cards from her son, Pvt. Jesse C. (Man) House, since the arrival of the Gripsholm from Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 1. On two he said his health was good and on the other that his health was excellent. The cards disclosed also that he was not under treatment and well.

One card read: "Dear Folks: I am fine. Hope you are well. Take care of everything. Please write. Tell everyone hello for me. Love to all." The signature was in Private House' hand.

The hand-printed message from Pfc. Richard (Buster) Hnulik to his sister, Miss Madge Hnulik, which was mentioned in last week's issue, read: "Dear Sister: Hope you and all the folks are in good health. Have had no word from home since November, '41, but hope to soon. My health is good. Tell all the friends hello. My thoughts are always of you and the folks. Best wishes to all. Love, Buster."

Mrs. Nola Tidwell, who received a card from her one son, Cpl. Bryan Mack Tidwell, two weeks ago, this week heard from her other prisoner son, Cpl. George C. Tidwell. He is in Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 1 and said he was uninjured, in good health, and improving. "Give my love to all," he wrote. "Best regards to Mother."

Miss Alice Ruth Williams, a teacher in the Gallup schools, is expected home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Williams of Hope.

Let's Win It—Get in It with Bonds!

Ration Round-Up

Rationing at a glance:

Meats — Brown stamps "L," "M," "N," "P," and "Q" valid through Jan. 1; stamp "R" becomes valid Sunday.

Processed foods—Green stamps "D," "E," and "F" valid through Jan. 20.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four good for five pounds through Jan. 15.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes indefinitely; stamp No. 1 on "airplane sheet" in Book Three valid for one pair.

Gasoline—No. 9 coupons in Book "A" valid for three gallons each through Jan. 21.

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 * **Pix Rhapsody** *

***** By Mary Jane *

Fred Astaire as a Flyin' pilot in mufti with six da in New York; Joan Les roving photographer for a magazine, and who think vilians should be doing se useful, provide the basis screen's newest tunefilm "Sky's the Limit," which the two favorites for th time, coming to the Ocoti ater for the New Year's E ic Friday night, Dec. 3 Robert Benchley heading tured cast, the frolic-lac ture is said to be Astair entertaining vehicle to dat

On a short leave with of his Flying Tiger pals joining our own Naval Al Astaire is en route to Mi but wearies of the hero-ping they are all receiv abruptly separates from tl to go on alone in civilian and enjoy himself.

As a result his efforts the attention of pretty Jo lie are handicapped for sh much use for seemingly i jobless civilians when tl war on, and Fred insists c ing his real identity a se cap it all, he finds that B Joan's wealthy employer, love with her, too.

Fred's persistence wins Joan finds herself caring despite his apparent disinc to get a job. But Fred s realizes that a flier on acti hasn't the right to ask a marry him, and he endeav stead to help Benchley v How the plan works out, surprising result, forms tl ited climax of the tuneful

Catchy new song hits ar tacular dances are featurer picture.

THIS WEIRD WAR

In Kansas City, passeng a street car stared when al officer, with his companion, entered with a wintry blast, tipped his head to one side, then the other, and extracted a carefare token from each ear.

Depositing the fares, he drew on his gloves.

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News Shorts

Benjamin F. Carter, 34, scheduled for trial soon on charges of burglary, car theft and forgery, pleaded the sheriff at St. Helens, Ore., a letter to Santa Claus. It asked for a dozen hacksaw blades, a long rope, and a sixteen-cylinder car with a tank full of gas. Carter in gone now. He saved his way out. Maybe there was a sixteen-cylinder car waiting, too. Officers don't know.

Want to buy a high school team which won two of its three football games? Kokomo (Ind.) High School officials said that the highest bidder at a War Bond rally would become "owner" of the Wildcats.

Basil W. Mark of Hollywood arrived home Thanksgiving Day to find his wife's relatives had moved in. Then three fires occurred—and authorities charged

Mark with arson. At the jail Deputy District Attorney Howard Winshaw said Mark told him: "If there had been more matches there would have been more fires—I did it just to get the in-laws out of the place."

The Ellis County, Kansas, Draft Board says it was a refreshing change to receive this letter: "My present classification is IIC. My heavy farm work is completed. I feel now I am needed more in the Army than on the farm. I want to volunteer and be sent to an induction center as soon as possible. Other married men are going to the Army and I feel that it is my duty to go also."

In the heart of the sun-parched Mojave Desert, marines are rehearsing abandoning ship—with many a hearty splash. The simulated ship is a fifteen-foot-high platform paralleling a long water tank, which makes a fine swimming pool, too.

FROM ICY ALEUTIANS TO SUNNY SOUTH PACIFIC

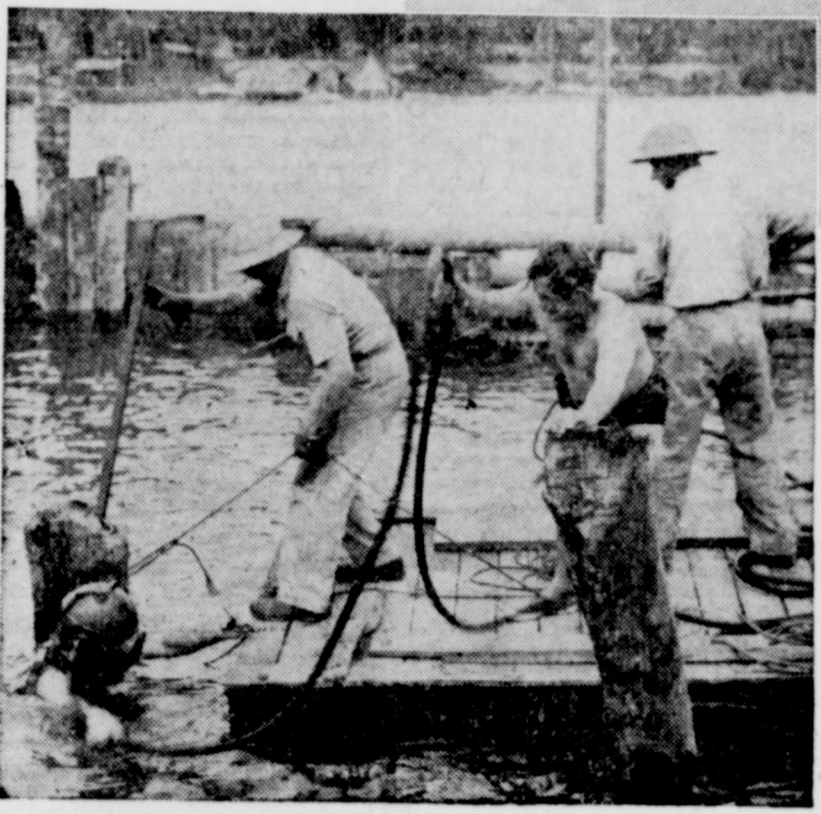
"Look! The sun! Oh, boy!" "Hey, fellas! Snow! Ain't that wonderful?"

The remarks were made by two groups of Seabees, returning to the West Coast on furlough after many months at overseas bases. The first group had been in Alaska and the Aleutians, where the sun was elusive and the beaches rarely attracted bathers. The second contingent had served in the South Pacific, where bathing trunks often were the uniform of the day and snow only a memory.

Seabees are on the job all over the world—often fighting for the beachheads on which to build bases and frequently battling to defend the bases they maintain after building them. They are the Navy's Construction Battalions. Carpenters, electricians, welders, linemen, riggers and other craftsmen bring their civilian "know how" to the Navy. The Navy augments that knowledge with its techniques and trains and equips them to fight when necessary. It's a grand combination for winning the war.



One of the jobs of the Seabees in Alaska and the Aleutians was to break up the ice so traffic could go on undisturbed. Here are two of the "can do" men fastening wires, final step before setting off a charge of dynamite. They're clad in cold-resistant clothes and wearing life jackets in case of an icy bath.



The picture at the left was taken near the other end of the Pacific. A diver is going down in operations preliminary to construction of a wharf. Two of the Seabees are wearing sun-helmets, while a third is garbed in bathing trunks, similar to what the diver is using. Seabees are able to do anything with tools—anytime, anywhere. Skilled construction workers are now being accepted by both the Seabees and the Army Engineers.

In New York, a thief stole an automobile owned by Miss Anna Pizzuto of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. A few hours later, Mrs. Charles Shade complained about the continuous honking of a horn in front of her home. Police investigated and found Miss Pizzuto's car—the thief apparently having abandoned it when the horn jammed.

The Towner Rating Bureau of New York has agreed to waive a 33 1/3 per cent surcharge on rates of subordinate state officials' bonds if they are written on a two-year basis. State Corporation Commissioner Don R. Casados said on his return from New York, where he conferred with bureau officials on bonding matters. State Insurance Superintendent R. F. Apodaca said State Comptroller C. R. Sebastian and State Purchasing Agent R. L. Ormsbee were confronted with a 33 1/3 per cent higher rate when they moved to place bonds of subordinate state officials on a cumulative rather than non-cumulative basis. The new bureau agreement will mean an immediate saving of from \$3,000 to \$3,500, Apodaca estimated. He said that bonds of subordinate officials in the future would be on the same cumulative basis as those of elected officials, with the protection to the state increasing with each renewal instead of remaining unchanged.

Louis Robinson, 41, Grand Coulee traveling salesman, pleaded guilty to a police court disorderly conduct charge in Spokane, Wash., but paid only a \$5 fine after this explanation. "I saw two guys roughing up a soldier, so I stepped in and started swinging. How did I know they were detectives?"

What is the fastest selling commodity at the Army post exchange at Fort Riley? You're wrong! Foot powder tops the list of the modern cavalryman's purchases. The amount sold in a year weighs more than two tons—not including the output at four free dispensaries.

More than 3,000,000 acres of potatoes are planted annually in the United States, yielding 400,000,000 bushels.

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WHY PAY MORE?
See Your
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Artesia, N. Mex.

In New York, Martin Murphy strode into a telegraph office. One hand thrust menacingly into a coat pocket, he approached a clerk and handed him a note reading: "Call the cops or I will have to shoot you. I don't want your money. I just want a jail sentence of about ten years." The clerk obliged. When police arrived, Murphy explained he couldn't endure the family arguments at his home and wanted peace and quiet—in a cell. Police charged him with disorderly conduct.

Movie stars have auctioned off their kisses at fancy prices in War Bond drives. But Rancher Andrew Hoefler of Kiah, Calif., bought \$25,000 in bonds to get a bottle of whisky. The sale put the city just that amount over its \$560,000 quota.

There are 200 varieties of finch in the United States.

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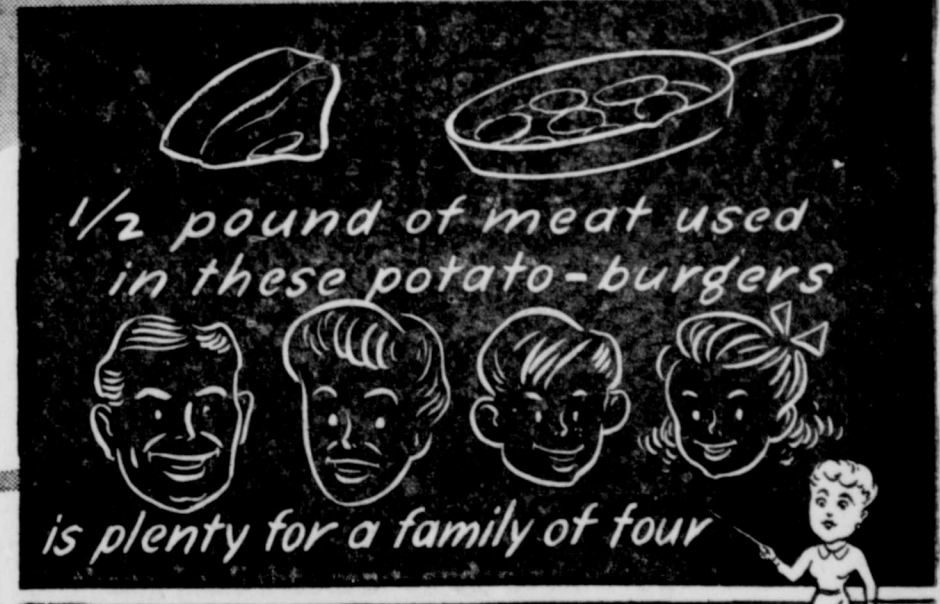
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One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

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- 1/2 lb. hamburger
1 cup coarsely grated, unpeeled potatoes
1/2 cup onion, coarsely grated
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup shortening

Combine hamburger, potatoes, onion, salt and pepper, and mix well. Shape into 4 patties. Fry patties in hot shortening until brown (3 to 5 minutes). Turn and brown on other side. Eat and smack your lips.

American housewives are solving meat rationing problems in an ingenious manner. Many are extending meats by combining them with vegetables, cereals and other health-building foods. In this way, one pound of meat is stretched to take the place of three or four. The recipe at left is one of these "extenders". You'll find many more in your newspapers, magazines and on food packages. Many of these recipes are good. Get the most out of them.

Get the most out of your gas range, too. It provides an ideal cooking service assuring perfect control of heat for every culinary task. "Low temperature" oven cooking, for example, reduces meat shrinkage as much as 1/2.

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ceived a package from her husband. It was filled with assorted candies.

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TURKEY OR CHICKEN LEFT-OVERS



Make this appetizing dinner pie with what's left of that Christmas roasting fowl

Here's a way to dress up those left-overs from the holiday meals that always makes a hit. A spicy chicken or turkey "filling" topped by mounds of snow-white, mashed potatoes. Easy to make, too, with Mixmaster to whip the potatoes to a creamy-fluff, or you can make it by hand if you haven't one.

FILLING: 2 cups turkey or chicken gravy, 2 to 3 cups diced cooked turkey or chicken, ¼ teaspoon celery salt, ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Combine gravy, diced turkey or chicken, celery salt and Worcestershire sauce. Heat in a double boiler over boiling water.

TOPPING: 4 potatoes, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon butter. Hot milk. Cook potatoes and drain. Mash on No. 2 speed until potatoes are broken in small bits. Add salt and butter. Beat on No. 5 speed, add milk gradually to moisten to desired consistency, beating until fluffy. Season further to taste.

Place hot turkey or chicken mixture in a heat-proof serving casserole. Place spoonfuls of mashed potatoes around edge or pipe them on with a pastry bag. Put under preheated broiler until golden brown. Garnish with parsley. Serve at once. Serves 4.

The Weather Bureau office in Albuquerque will have supervision over parts of Colorado, Kansas, West Texas, Arizona, and Oklahoma, as well as New Mexico, in an expansion of activities announced by R. H. Curtis, meteorologist. The bureau's staff will be increased from 15 to 20 members, and will provide weather reports which govern the movement of all military and civilian aircraft movements in the six-state area.

WHAT'S WHAT
—in—
NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State" Gleaned From Many Sources

The Rio Grande Valley, including Albuquerque, will still be in danger of flood "under abnormal conditions" after completion of the projected \$100,000 levee repairs by Army engineers, Lt. Col. R. E. Cole, district engineer, said. He said that under the allotment of funds the levees will be restored to their original condition before the flood season. He added that these levees never were adequate to protect the valley under abnormal conditions.

State Health Director James R. Scott announced that approximately \$156,000 has been allocated by the Federal Government to maintain for one year a venereal disease clinic for New Mexico. He said the clinic, one of forty-eight to be established in the nation, would be opened in Albuquerque some time this month. The clinic will maintain an educational and recreational rehabilitation program and will accommodate sixty women patients. Treatments will require from one to three months and patients will enter on a voluntary basis, Dr. Scott said.

The town of Lovington showed a balance on hand of Nov. 30 of \$2,239.24, as compared with a balance of \$2,502.80 Oct. 30. Receipts for November consisted of occupation and gasoline taxes, liquor and drivers' licenses, permit fees and police fines aggregating \$445.99. In this grouping leaders were gasoline tax \$216.54, and liquor licenses \$200. Disbursements for November totaled \$681, of which the highest individual item was \$204.00.

Taos Municipal School, following the lead of the Junior Red Cross, has launched a cold-prevention campaign to continue through the school year.

Rules covering drafting and deferment of essential railroad employes were agreed upon at a conference of Santa Fe Railway officials with Lt. C. R. McIntosh of the U. S. Navy, representing the State Selective Service.

A considerable increase in highway accidents in New Mexico was reported by Chief Frank Young of the State Police. He added that casualties nationally had doubled in recent months, expressing belief that poorer tires were responsible for some of the increase. "While cars are traveling at lower speed, they just aren't in as good shape," he asserted. He cautioned drivers to reduce speed on snow-covered, icy highways.

Letters written by Maxine Holtzclaw, 25, WAVE from Tucumcari, to her two sisters did an excellent recruiting job and her

two sisters, Mellie Jane and Ora, also are in the WAVES. Mellie Jane, 23, was graduated from recruit training at Hunter College, New York. Ora, 26, has just begun her Navy career. The three sisters are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Holtzclaw of Tucumcari. The girls have three brothers in the armed forces. Noel, 35, is in the Seabees; Raymond, 22, is in the Army Air Forces, and Otho, 20, is a marine.

An opinion written by Assistant Attorney General Robert W. Ward held that insurance companies operating in the state cannot legally vary their rate for persons of different races. The opinion was for State Insurance Superintendent R. F. Apodaca, who said that one company had filed a classification for the purpose of rating risks belonging to different nationalities in the state.

New Mexico A. & M. College authorities reported that out of 1,700 graduates and former students of the college, twenty-four have been officially listed as killed in action, six are missing and four are prisoners of war in Germany. Fifty-three former Aggies were with the 200th Coast Artillery unit lost in the Philippines.

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GREETINGS TO ALL

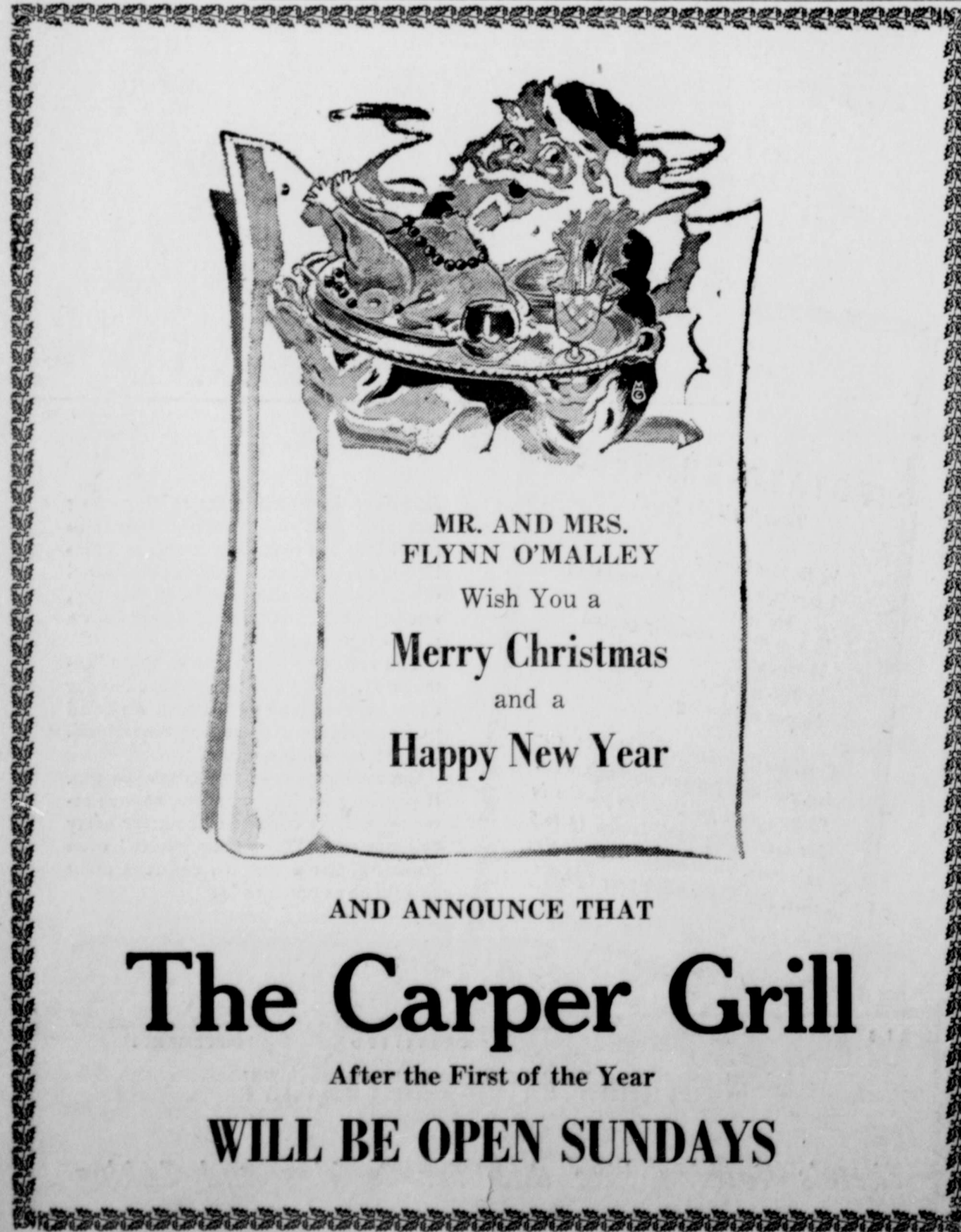
And Best Wishes
for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Artesia Laundry
And Cleaners

ATTENTION COTTON FARMERS

We can now ship your cotton for the Government Loan. This is not a private loan but the authorized loan at the prices specified by the Government. Let's get this cotton out of the open yards and into the warehouse where it will not damage. Act quick while we have the storage space. Bring all your yard tickets and as many of your Grade Cards as you have and let's get this cotton rolling. If you prefer we will buy your cotton. Kindly get in touch with us.

TROUTT & SHARP

ARTESIA FARMERS GIN, Artesia, or COTTONWOOD GIN, Cottonwood



MR. AND MRS.
FLYNN O'MALLEY

Wish You a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

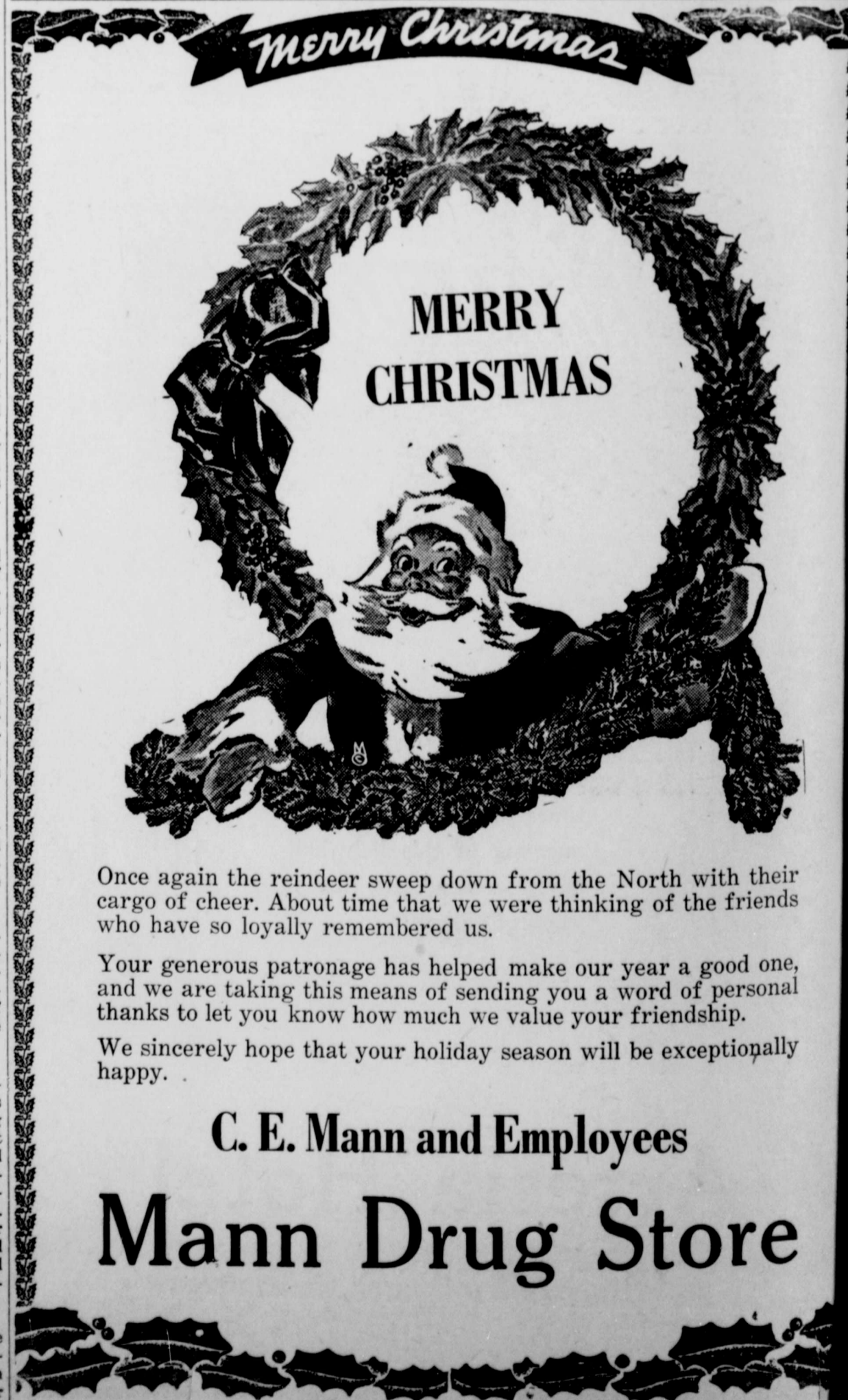
AND ANNOUNCE THAT

The Carper Grill

After the First of the Year

WILL BE OPEN SUNDAYS

Merry Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once again the reindeer sweep down from the North with their cargo of cheer. About time that we were thinking of the friends who have so loyally remembered us.

Your generous patronage has helped make our year a good one, and we are taking this means of sending you a word of personal thanks to let you know how much we value your friendship.

We sincerely hope that your holiday season will be exceptionally happy.

C. E. Mann and Employees

Mann Drug Store



Season's Greetings

We offer our best wishes for your complete happiness. We hope that this Christmas season will be your most enjoyable. We hope that the coming year will bring you good health, happiness and prosperity. May this success be associated with the service our company can give you. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gray's Phillips Service Stations
BUFORD GRAY, Manager

MEET MIDDLE AMERICA

Number 1 in a series on the countries of Middle America

MEXICO

A REPUBLIC SINCE 1821, MEXICO IS SECOND LARGEST IN POPULATION AND THIRD LARGEST IN AREA OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS (91,194,000 POP., 798,258 SQ. MILES)

AZTEC "BREAD BASKETS"! SILT DUG UP FROM SHALLOW LAKE TEXOCO WAS POURED INTO HUGE REED "BASKETS" RESTING ON LAKE FLOOR. CROPS RAISED IN THIS RICH SOIL BROUGHT POWER AND WEALTH TO ONCE-POOR AZTECS. "ISLANDS" THIS CREATED WERE THE START OF PRESENT-DAY MEXICO CITY.

PYRAMID OF THE SUN, A RELIGIOUS TEMPLE NEAR MEXICO CITY IS 230 FEET HIGH. CONSERVES 11 ACRES OF GROUND AND IS BELIEVED TO BE OVER 1,000 YEARS OLD. BUILT BY AN UNKNOWN MEXICAN TRIBE. IT IS MADE OF ADOBED BRICK, FACED WITH STONE AND PLASTER.

NEW MASTERS! MODERN MEXICAN FRESCOES, WATER-COLOR MURALS PAINTED ON WET PLASTER, RIVAL THOSE OF ITALIAN MASTERS. MEXICAN CLIMATE IS LIKE ITALY'S. TECHNIQUES ARE THE ONES USED BY GOTTOSI, FAMED 14TH CENTURY ITALIAN ARTIST.

MEXICO IS THE WORLD'S LEADING PRODUCER OF SILVER. SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY 5 1/2 BILLION OUNCES HAVE BEEN MINED—MORE THAN A THIRD OF TOTAL WORLD PRODUCTION.

Mexico's people, like those of the other Middle American republics, believe in democracy. To protect their freedom now and preserve it in the post-war world, they offer their material wealth to the United Nations' war effort—copper, lead, zinc, petroleum, coeca, bananas, sisal and henequen (for twine), tin, tungsten, hemp, quinine, guayule rubber, tannin, and castor oil, among other products.

In the post-war world, as today in a world at war, Mexico and the other republics of Middle America will play their vital parts as members of the Pan American family of nations.

Roger Stevens, British consul in Denver, has a long memory. "Haven't I met you before?" he inquired, when he was introduced to Louis Ackerman, an engineer. Ackerman admitted that Steven's face "seems familiar." Stevens reflected for a moment then said: "You were in Antwerp in 1939 and I wrote you a visa to Britain, did I not?" "That is true," exclaimed Ackerman.

A victory fire extinguisher being manufactured for the Army uses no copper, brass, tin, or stainless steel.

The only metal which is liquid in its natural state is mercury.



COTTON BAGS IN COMBAT

COTTON SANDBAGS ARE STACKED HERE TO PROTECT A 20mm GUN CREW IN THE ALEUTIANS. COTTON BAGS ISSUED BY THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS HAVE REPLACED BURLAP BAGS NORMALLY IMPORTED FROM CALCUTTA, INDIA!

SHOCK ABSORBER

...COTTON SANDBAGS PLACED ON THE SEATS OF OUR VERSATILE JEEP PROTECT ITS OCCUPANTS SHOULD THE CAR RUN OVER AN ENEMY LAND MINE. THESE COTTON BAGS HELP ABSORB THE IMPACT OF THE EXPLOSION!

COTTON PUZZLE

THE PUZZLING, ALMOST INDISCERNIBLE SCENE ON THE LEFT IS A DEADLY TANK DESTROYER, MOUNTING A 105mm GUN, AWAITING THE APPEARANCE OF ENEMY TANKS. IT IS PERFECTLY HIDDEN BY COTTON ON WABURG AND COTTON SENE TWINE!

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What a Whale of a Difference

MANAMAR Makes!

In STANTON'S POULTRY FEEDS

STANTON'S

ARTESIA ALFALFA GROWERS ASSN.

The average speed of lightning is 15 per cent of the speed of light.

Halley's comet will not be visible again until 1985.

The Statue of Liberty has stood in New York Harbor since 1886.

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WARRANTY DEED
Archie V. Welch et ux to G. E. Nix, lot 2, block 10, Chisholm Addition, \$10 etc.
L. C. Reynolds et ux to H. O. Miller, lot 11, block 8, Forest Hill Addition, \$50 etc.
Geneva F. Ross et vir to Joseph K. Wallingford, W 1/2 lot 4, all of lot 6, block 24, Artesia Improvement Co. Addition, \$1000.
H. A. Denton et ux to Hulean Gray, lot 5, block 2, Chihuahua subdivision, block 20, Fairview, Artesia, \$50 etc.
Grace Wetig and F. Dooley to Leola M. Montoya, lot 5, block 6, Smith Subdivision, Artesia, \$45.
G. I. Peden and wife to W. H. Swackhammer, lot 16, block 18, Morningside Addition, Artesia, \$300.
J. F. Massey et ux to Harold Swackhammer, lot 13, block 18, Morningside Addition, \$1 etc.
Pete Cassler to Emil P. Bach, lot 19, Kellar & Ragsdale Subdivision, \$150.
Ned Martin to H. D. Dunn W16 of N 1/2 lot 3, block 5, Roberts Addition to Artesia, etc.

QUIT CLAIM DEED
John J. Clarke et ux to City of Artesia, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, block 3, Roselawn Subdivision, \$1 etc.
R. O. Cowan et ux to Allie L. Briscoe, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Cowan Subdivision, \$1 etc.
C. E. Wooldridge to Juan Baiza, lots 1, 6, block 9, Morningside Addition, Artesia, \$125.

DISTRICT COURT
No. 8362. Harry I. Cree vs. Louie Syble Cree, divorce.
No. 8363. Wallace Frederick Fox vs. Gloria Mefield Fox, divorce.
No. 8364. L. F. Shoemaker vs. Murchison, etc., claim for compensation.

Army Signal Corps men now go into battle wearing telephone headsets that fit comfortably under the new type steel helmet, which affords protection to all sides of the head.

An Oklahoma City youth jumped into Mrs. S. E. Vaughn's car and drove off. Then 17-month-old Deanna Sue Vaughn, whom he had not seen in the back seat, began wailing loudly. Fearful of a kidnapping charge, the youth took the car back to the original parking place—just in time to be arrested by police accompanying the child's mother.

Marines are called leathernecks because in the early days of the organization a leather stock was part of the uniform.

Catherine de Midici is credited with the establishment of the French perfume industry in Grasse.



Central Valley Electric Coop, Inc.

Extends to Members and Friends

Best Wishes for a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

E. A. White, President R. L. Cole, Treasurer C. N. Foster, Trustee
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Roger Durand, Secretary J. R. Stanley, Trustee Neil B. Watson, Atty.

Season's Greetings from

GUY CHEVROLET CO.

Let there be light, song and gladness in your heart—that is the wish we send with this Christmas Greeting. And may the New Year add to your store of happiness and good fortune—health and accomplishment. We sincerely trust that we will again have the opportunity of serving you to our fullest.

Chevrolet—Buick—Oldsmobile

Guy Chevrolet Co.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our great appreciation for the many kind deeds and words of sympathy from friends of our mother, Mrs. C. V. Brainard, and of ourselves during her illness and at the time of her death.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brainard and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard and daughters. 51-1tc

SAVE—to Save America!

Mrs. R. E. Warren and daughter, Frances, left Sunday for Abilene, Tex., to spend Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Halloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hastie, who have been at Sacramento with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas the last few months, returned home last week and expect to spend the remainder of the winter here.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends who have consoled us in the loss of our son, Cpl. N. J. Ammons.—Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ammons and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Glenn and family. 51-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

In sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy for our recent bereavement.—The Walden family. 50-2tp-51

For Sale

FOR SALE—Sixteen rabbits and hutch. Castleberry Service Station. 51-2tc-52

FOR SALE—Electric radio-victrola, Philco. Call after 5 p. m. 309 North Fourth. Phone 208-W. 51-2tp-52

FOR SALE—Largest variety paper-shell pecans. 45 cents per pound. 1010 W. Quay. 51-1tp

FOR SALE—Piano, metal and black plastic clarinet, mellophone and bass horn. Reasonable terms. Mrs. E. L. Harp, 321 Dallas St. 51-3tp-1

FOR SALE—Five-room house and bath, unfurnished. Will sell with 100 feet, or without for moving. See me at 411 East Texas St. 51-1tp

FOR SALE—One good farm tractor, 2-row cultivator, 7-foot mower and tumblebug plough. Quick sale necessary. Wayne Adams 2 1/2 miles west of Hagerman. 51-1tc

FOR SALE—Shaw-Walker two drawer, desk high, wood letter file. The Artesia Advocate.

For Rent

FOR RENT—Small house, bedroom, bath, large clothes closet, modern. No cooking. Phone 701-M. 51-1tp

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, for lady or couple. Corner Ninth and Chisholm, phone 433-R. 51-1tc

FOR RENT—Ruidoso cabins for holiday week ends. Mrs. W. B. Pistole, 1103 W. Main, phone 324. 51-1tc

FOR RENT—Irrigated farm, 140 acres, good house. \$1,500 cash, half down. See Al Woelk at Western Union, Artesia. 51-2tp-52

Wanted

WANTED — Carpenter repair work. J. C. Jones, 709 Chisum. 29-tfc

NEEDED—Telegraph apprentices, male or female, ages 16 to 25. Monthly pay of \$80.40 while you are learning. Contact your local Santa Fe Railway agent for details. 49-3tc-51

WANTED—Ladies' hose to mend. Mrs. H. L. Wilkenson, 906 Chisholm, box 838. 50-4tp-1-tfc

HELP WANTED—Experience unnecessary, permanent position. Call in person. Leone Studio. 50-tfc

WANTED TO BUY — Goldfish bowl or globe before Christmas. No rectangular aquarium, please. A. L. Bert, Advocate office. 51-1tx

WANTED—Part-time woman to care for elderly person at 906 1/2 S. Second. Call Mrs. W. B. Pistole, 1103 W. Main, phone 324. 51-1tc

PERMANENT COUPLE, no children, wants to rent house or apartment. Auburn Baccus, phone 477-J. 51-2tp-52-tfc

WANTED—Anyone planning to return from Abilene, Tex., any time after Christmas Sunday, please contact Mrs. R. E. Warren at 1781 N. Nineteenth Street, Abilene. 51-1tp

Lost

LOST—"A" gasoline rationing book. Mrs. Jim Ferguson. 51-1tc

Mexican Methodist Church Will Have Yule Program Tonight

The Mexican Methodist Church on North Hill will celebrate the "First Coming of Christ" with a special service and Christmas program at the church at 7:30 o'clock this evening. There will be Christmas carols, readings, recitations, plays, and other special numbers, all in Spanish.

The Rev. Evaristo Picazo, pastor, has extended an invitation to the general public to attend, especially those interested in Spanish-American church work in Artesia. He suggested that it might be well to arrive early, in order to find seats inside the church. The pastor and his family will be present, coming from Carlsbad, where they live.

ANOTHER LETTER TO OLD SANTA CLAUD

Dear Santa: Hello, Santa. I have been a good little girl sometimes and a very mean little girl sometimes. I will be the best little girl until Christmas if you will come to see me. Please, Santa, I want three dolls, a choo-choo train and some tinkler toys, a new dress for my Auntie Bert ('cause she is always wanting one), a new typewriter, and radio for my mother, and a lot more things. Your little friend, Hollis Lynn Hervey.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank those who offered their help and those who did help during the short illness of our dear mother and wife, also for the beautiful offerings by our many friends. Especially do we want to thank Mrs. Ora Craddock, who so faithfully stayed by her bedside for twenty nights. May God bless each and every one of you.—R. L. Parker, Mrs. Pearl Warnock, Mrs. Ruby B. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Emil P. Bach and family. 51-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their deeds and words of sympathy during the illness and at the death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Nancy T. Ballard.—Mrs. Ida Witherspoon and Roy and Mrs. Beatrice Earhart. 51-1tp

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Wishing You a Merry Christmas FULL of good HEALTH, good CHEER and good FORTUNE . . . and friendly COMPANIONSHIP! B. N. MUNCY & SON



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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.

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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 reestablish our faith in the power of the Just.

E. B. Bullock



G. D. Woodside PLUMBING and HEATING

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE

For Christmas

As Gifts and on Your Own Table

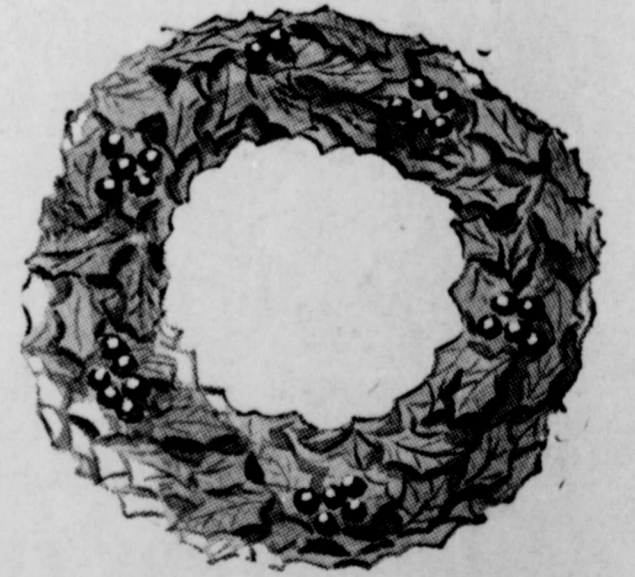


- Fruit Cake Mince Meat Pies Cookies

Our Sincerest Best Wishes

To You and Yours for a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



MOTHER'S BREAD

STAR BAKERY

312 W. Quay

Artesia, N. Mex.