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FIRE BOYS WILL GIVE PACKAGES TO 100 IN CITY

Annual Christmas Cheer Custom to Be Conducted for Needy Despite Shortages of War-Time

Keeping alive a tradition of many years' standing, Snyder's Volunteer Fire Department will distribute approximately 100 Christmas cheer packages to elderly Snyder folks and children Saturday morning.

So announces N. W. Astry, Snyder Fire Department chief, who says the fire department members will fix up the packages Thursday evening, and have them ready for distribution the first thing Saturday morning.

Despite the fact nuts and candy are difficult to find, Snyder's Volunteer Fire Department voted several days ago to go ahead and get the goodies that will make possible a jolly Yuletide for those whose holiday might otherwise prove barren.

Besides having the good fortune to find nuts and candy, fire department officials have a few toys—recently purchased locally—that will be distributed as far as they will go.

Elderly Snyder couples, and eligible children of the town, can look forward to the fire boys' annual visit Saturday morning—a visitation that will go far to make this Yuletide one of the most enjoyable possible in war-time.

Red Cross Fund Campaign Slated For Early Spring

E. O. Wedgworth, sparkplug of the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce and a number of other civic organizations, will head the 1944 Scurry County Red Cross War Fund drive, scheduled to be opened here in either March or April, national RC officials announced this week.

Increasing need of more funds for Red Cross work, both at home and on the battlefronts, is evidenced by the fact the national goal for the 1944 drive will be \$200,000,000—compared with \$125,000,000 in the 1943 campaign. Mrs. C. M. Boren, chairman of the Scurry County RC chapter, reports.

Scurry County's Red Cross chapter, for example, is handling more home service cases, doing more field work and ladies donating time and money are making more surgical dressings than at any time past, Mrs. Boren states.

More information on the Scurry County Red Cross War Fund drive for 1944 will be carried in an early edition of Your Home County Paper.

County Ginnings To Dec. 1 Total 18,333

In cotton ginnings prior to December 1 in Central West Texas the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced Tuesday that Scurry County ginnings totaled 18,333 bales.

Ginnings in Scurry and nearby counties previous to December 1, as released by the bureau, follow:

County	1943	1942
Scurry	18,333	21,859
Stonewall	3,218	6,782
Krit	2,998	3,094
Garza	10,465	15,433
Fisher	16,439	23,868
Mitchell	16,444	15,776
Nolan	12,603	12,452

Social Security Tax To Be Same in 1944

The Senate finance committee at Washington voted last week to freeze social security taxes through 1944 at the present rate of one per cent each on employers and employees.

Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, who twice before has succeeded in blocking automatic doubling of the rate, led last week's movement. Present reserves, he declared, are far larger than are required by law.

Who's New in Scurry County

Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart announce the arrival of a baby daughter. Linda Beth arrived Thursday evening at the Snyder General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds four ounces. She is the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Webb have a baby girl. The infant arrived Sunday, and weighed eight pounds two ounces. She was named Nancy Graden.

Italian Trooper Visits at Homeland



Private Demenico Parrino of the U. S. Army, whose parents were born in Caserta, Italy, talks with an Italian worker, while American troops, and units in which Scurry County boys are placed, unload equipment.

Dozens of County Drafttees Will See Service by July 1

Dozens of Scurry County registrants will be in uniform next year, since Selective Service System officials announced this week that 2,000,000 more men will be needed by July 1, 1944.

Approximately 1,000,000 men, Selective Service System officials say, are to be taken from the fewer than 5,000,000 draftable fathers still with families as of December 1.

Fathers to be called are to come from 427,088 presently reclassified to 1-A but not yet called and 4,483,604 still in class 3-A but subject to reclassification.

While this number would seem ample to meet military needs, the Selective Service disclosed that about two out of every three fathers who lost their 3-A status in October and November had been granted "necessary man" deferments in farming or industry by their local draft boards.

Should this rate of deferment for fathers continue, some officials said privately, the Selective Service will begin to approach the bottom of the father-barrel by mid-summer.

One factor which may slow the rate of father inductions is the proposed elimination of industrial deferments for non-fathers between 18 and 22. The same treatment also has been proposed for those between 22 and 25. This favored by draft officials but has not yet been adopted as a policy. (The army has instituted it for the civilian personnel in the 18-22 age bracket.)

Selective Service headquarters reported that local boards have been cutting down on deferments for non-fathers, whittling 61,175 non-parents off the list of 2-A's and 2-B's in October and November.

Poll Tax Paying In County Shows Gain Over 1942

Officials of the county tax assessor-collector's office reported this week that 60 per cent of current state and county taxes for the year were paid in October.

Edgar Taylor, tax assessor-collector, reports current state and county taxes paid in October totaled \$58,221.34. Total assessed state, county and common school taxes reach \$99,000 this year.

State rate is 28 cents less this year and the county rate four cents less, Taylor said. This, it was explained, is due to the refinancing of bonds a few years ago, the effect of which is only now being felt.

Deputies under Taylor are Ray Sturdivant and Alfreda Schulze.

The collector reports poll tax payments are ahead of the corresponding period last year. Last October and November, 1942, a total of 561 were issued, while for the same period this year the total is 771. "To get credit on income tax returns is the reason," Taylor surmised.

Normal voting strength of Scurry County is around 3,200, but Taylor believes only about 2,500 poll tax receipts will be issued this year, the discrepancy being due to many voters going into armed services.

Scarboroughs to Mineola. Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Scarborough left Tuesday night for Mineola, where the long-time Snyder couple will spend the winter. Dr. Scarborough, oldest practicing physician in point of service, between Fort Worth and El Paso, says they will be back when "winter's breath gives way to warmer days."

LIONS SET PLAY TO RAISE PIANO FUNDS JAN. 13

Two-Night Performance of "Feudin' In the Hills" at High School Auditorium to Be Classic

Thursday and Friday evenings, January 21, will mark the date for presentation of that hilarious three-act play, "Feudin' in the Hills." It was voted at a recent directors' meeting of the Snyder Lions Club.

Rehearsals for the forthcoming Lions Club sponsored play, it was announced this week, will begin shortly after the Christmas holiday.

L. A. Chapman was this week named chairman of the ticket sales committee, and plans are already going through the mill for covering the entire county on ticket sales through clubs and other civic organizations.

Sam Williams has been named as chairman of peanut sales for "Feudin' in the Hills," and the genial Lion is perfecting this phase of the January program.

Program being arranged for the three-act play will include top-flight vaudeville numbers between acts, and a special concert by the stage band before raising of the first curtain.

"Feudin' in the Hills," Snyder Lions say, will be the highlight of the fall and winter entertainment season for the Snyder community.

The play will be presented at Snyder High School auditorium, and proceeds will be utilized to buy a grand piano for the school auditorium.

Tickets will sell at 25 cents for children, it is announced, and 55 cents for adults. An additional charge of 20 cents will be made for each reserved seat ticket. Chairman Chapman says.

Since Snyder High School auditorium will not accommodate more than 950 people, Snyder and Scurry County residents are urged to purchase tickets at an early date to insure seats for the evening programs. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at Stinson Drug Store No. 1. All indications point to an overflow crowd for the play dealing with the Martins and the Coys—"Feudin' mountain boys."

In the second scene, shepherds will be played by Robert, Edwin and Raymond Hundley and Kenneth Way and Mrs. L. D. Sellers will portray the angel. In the manager scene Mrs. Henry B. Clark and Dora Way will be featured and the wise men will be R. V. C. L. Hundley, Jack Way and Reuben Oliver.

In regular Christmas Eve services Saturday evening, 8:00 o'clock, "God's Gift to the World" will be the theme. Sunday morning services will be held at 12:00 o'clock; Christ Ambassador services Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock; and evening preaching services at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to worship at the North Snyder church.

Snyder to Close for Christmas Holiday

Snyder will lock shop Saturday in observance of Scurry County's third war-time Christmas in the past quarter of a century.

So reveals results of a Tuesday check-up, which indicates that Snyder business firm managers and employees alike plan to spend the Yuletide with relatives and friends.

Snyder and Scurry County, in view of the current war-time situation is not planning an extensive Noel, but one that will allow children to be visited by Santa Claus and adults to enjoy a week-end of fellowship and reunion together.

Lieutenant Governor John Lee Smith, former state senator of the 24th Senatorial District—a post Pat Bullock now holds—announced this week his candidacy for re-election. Smith told a Times reporter Monday he considered the office he now holds more important than that of attorney general.

FARMERS AND RANCHERS DID PRETTY WELL THIS YEAR IN COUNTY DESPITE BAD SEASONS, LABOR ILLS AND WEATHER

Hundreds of tons of Scurry County milo maize, despite the short crop year insofar as feed is concerned, went this year to distilleries to make alcohol for explosives.

Representatives of the distilling industry were as thick in Scurry County as hops. The Abilene Reporter-News says, when the feed crop was combined and moved to shipping points.

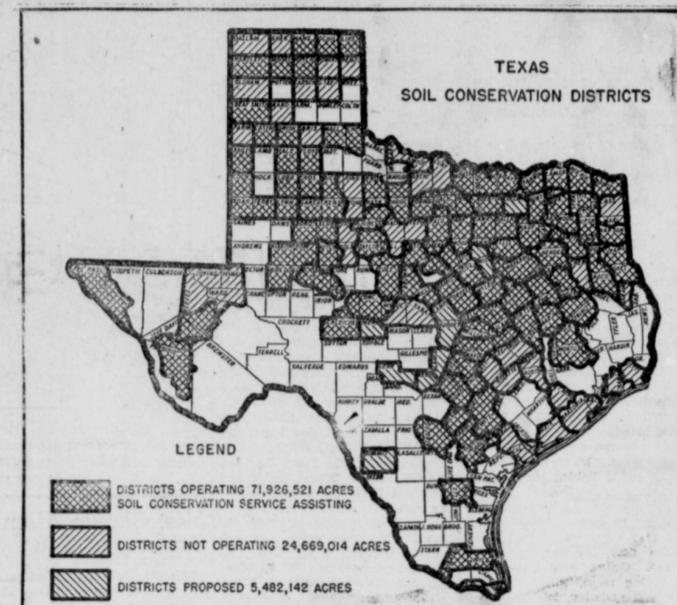
Edward S. Hyman, county agricultural agent, pictures the future as bright for county farmers who rely on milo maize for a major cash crop.

"The distilleries bought the maize while it was still green, Hyman remarked. "Lots of it was still full of moisture." And he observed that farmers could not be blamed for disposing of the big crop rapidly when they realized from \$40 to \$50 per acre from this product. It is noteworthy that the combine type of maize is becoming most popular in Scurry County. The Plainsman makes big headed maize and is a little softer grain.

Though much feed was disposed of, Hyman regards the cattle situation as good.

"Our farmers and stockmen are faring well. Cattle will go through the winter in fairly good shape. The sale of stocker cattle has given a

Over 71,000,000 Acres of Texas in Soil Conservation



This map, according to Nolan von Rader, secretary of the Scurry-Borden County Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District, shows just how much of Texas is covered by soil conservation districts under authority of the State Soil Conservation Act. V. C. Marshall of Temple is administrator for the state board, and H. H. Goss is field representative. Scurry and Borden Counties, it will be noted, are included in districts operating 71,926,521 acres.

Man Who Sank 10 Jap Ships Dies In Auto Mishap

A submarine crew member who spent 10 years in subs, and one who marked up one of the remarkable records of this war, was Melborne Jones, born in the Canyon community, who met death Monday in an automobile accident that occurred in California.

Melborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, former Scurry County resident, now of California, nephew of Hugh Taylor, Bill Taylor and Wellington Taylor and grandson of Mrs. Zack Taylor, rang up this remarkable record during the present war:

Destroyed 10 Jap ships, marked up probable sinking of four more and damaged two Jap craft.

Full details of the automobile accident in which Melborne was fatally injured were not available locally Tuesday. Funeral services were incomplete.

Jens will not only be well remembered in the Canyon community, but attended Snyder Schools and marked up a bright record in his studies. Navy officials have cited Jens for the decade of service as a submarine crew member.

Melvin Peterson in School. Corporal Melvin Peterson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Peterson, former Snyder resident who now are at Beloit, New Mexico, has arrived at Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, for instruction lasting up to five months prior to appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps.

Finery Absent

"I'm not only glad to see Snyder merchants and business men glad to do without gaudy street decorations and other Yuletide finery," a visiting U. S. Army colonel stated here Monday, "but I'm glad to learn people are buying more at home this year than in many past."

"Our boys in uniform appreciate such trends on the home front, and they have a greater desire to return when they know people are buying and living at home as much as possible," the visiting army representative emphasized.

County Scholastics Decline 350 Because Of War Work Shift

Scurry County scholastics, due to the exodus of rural people to war defense work, have declined by about 350 this year, according to Mrs. Gaston Brock, county superintendent.

The teacher shortage, so acute throughout West Central Texas a year ago, is conspicuously absent this year in Scurry County, she reported.

"Return of many former teachers has practically solved the shortage," she said. "We have observed, too, that these 'new' teachers are steady, reliable and painstaking in their work, making the school program very delightful."

Rural high schools in Scurry County are situated at Pyron, Fluvanna, Ira and Hermleigh. Fluvanna and Hermleigh are consolidated districts and not under supervision of the county superintendent.

Herring Address Gives Lions Hope For Peace in 1944

Best attendance in weeks marked Tuesday's Lions Club luncheon at the Manhattan Hotel.

A festive air was predominant, with a lighted Christmas tree, and Yuletide decorations, a fitting background for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Rev. O. B. Herring, Snyder Methodist pastor, who was voted a club member last week, addressed Lions on a subject so close to everyone's heart excerpts are given as follows:

"I dare to make the wish," Rev. Herring said, "that this will be the last Christmas we will experience in war-time conditions."

"Ere another Christmas rolls around we trust all our boys will be at home and that peace will again reign. We can't sing 'Jingle Bells' this year with the same pep as before."

"We hope the time is not far distant when we can sing, for instance, with glad hearts.

"The world," Rev. Herring declared, "needs the sobering thought the Prince of Peace said when He pointed out 'it is more blessed to give than receive.' We need not the tangible things, but brightness, cheer, love, kindness and we need to be ourselves," Herring concluded.

Announcement was made that the Lions-sponsored play, "Feudin' in the Hills," will be presented January 13-14. L. A. Chapman, it was revealed, has been named chairman of ticket sales and Sam Williams chairman of peanut sales.

Juanita Heard, club sweetheart was presented with a Christmas gift from the club by Lion H. L. Wren.

In a sing song of Christmas carols, appropriate numbers were given by the entire membership.

Under a clever system worked out Tuesday, an alarm clock was used to distribute Christmas gifts to Lions—since enough gifts were not on hand to make presentation to each club member. When the alarm clock rang, Lions who had a lemon and grapefruit—passed from member to member—received a present.

The above system gave Horace Williamson a real set of long handled underwear, in two pieces, which was demonstrated. Marcel Josephson received a box of shotgun shells. Club guests were L. W. Keilars of Sweetwater, S. B. Martin, Senator Pat Bullock, 24th District; and Mary Frances Sheid.

WTCC Is Ready for New Year of Work

Oldest and largest organization of its kind in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, which is this week announcing ready for another year with the 1944 war-time work program already in the mails for the Snyder WTCC director and all other directors of the regional organization.

The Scurry County CC will receive a copy of the 1944 work program, which stresses war and post-war planning, a new inter-county agricultural production and improvement contest, additional development of natural resources and numerous other area-wide improvements.

FOUR COUNTY BOYS WOUNDED ON ITALY FRONT

Wyatt Swint, Homer Spence, L. A. Crenshaw and James Greer Get Injuries in Fierce Fighting

With the Allies knocking at the very gates of Hitler's Fortress Europe, Scurry County's casualty list grew considerably during the past week of fighting.

Sergeant Wyatt A. Swint, son of Mrs. Rebecca A. Swint, was wounded slightly in action November 23 in Italy, his mother has been informed.

Mrs. Swint Saturday received the Purple Heart, recently awarded the Company G member. Swint enlisted in the Scurry County unit of the 36th Division a year before it was mobilized.

Captain Homer Spence, one of the "fightingest Texans" in the 36th Division, in receiving serious wounds, got a machine gun bullet through the left arm that broke the arm and a machine gun bullet through the hip. Captain Spence's arm is reported knitting together fine and the wound in the hip will leave no scar.

In four letters received Tuesday from Homer, Mrs. Spence, was informed her husband is improving steadily. She received first word of Homer's injury in a War Department telegram Sunday.

Company G's First Sergeant L. A. Crenshaw was slightly wounded in action on November 29th, in some of the bitter fighting raging in Italy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Crenshaw, have been informed.

Crenshaw, "top kick" sergeant in Company G for a number of months, is expected to be released from an army hospital in the next few weeks and back giving the enemy plenty of hot lead.

Corporal James A. Greer, son of the D. N. Greers, was seriously wounded, the War Department reports, in Italy on November 29. Corporal Greer, also a Company G, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division member, is convalescing nicely, it is reported.

Scurry County boys, for the past several days, have been in the thick of the bitter Italian campaign, and have enabled Texas, and the on-ward marching Fifth Army, to score new glory.

American troops that invaded the Arava peninsula of New Britain, for example, were reported Tuesday to be consolidating positions, while American air force members successfully repelled Jap air attacks.

Announcement from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reveals the American Sixth Army has established its hold on the Arava peninsula of New Britain—with but few casualties—and is extending the scope of operations.

On all fronts, Scurry and Texas boys are said to be the "toughest groups" yet landed—Texans, as the Japs say, who "haven't any better sense than to fight all day, then all night."

Schools Dismiss for Christmas Holidays

Snyder and Scurry County school students will enjoy a deserved vacation through the Yuletide holidays as a result of schools turning out this week until class resumption January 3.

Snyder and practically all Scurry County school systems, with exception of Hermleigh and Martin, will turn out Thursday for the holiday season.

Martin School dismissed class Friday and Hermleigh School will dismiss classes today (Wednesday). Virtually all county schools will resume class work Monday, January 3.

Marriage Licenses in County Show Decline

County Clerk J. P. Billingsley reports that only 74 marriage licenses have been issued by his office for the county this year. Normal about 120 per annum are issued.

"They're all married off," Billingsley said laconically.

"More farm loans have been paid off this year than for many years. No crime to speak of," he continues. "Our grand jury met and was dismissed at noon of the same day. Results: No indictments."

OPA Officers to Be Placed. To supervise grading and rationing, for employment at Lubbock and El Paso, the Lubbock OPA district office will select, according to civil service competitive method mileage rationing officers at \$2.65 per year, for employment at Lubbock, and \$3,500 per year for employment at El Paso, J. O. Little page, Snyder civil service board secretary, said Tuesday. Applications for the Lubbock job must be filed by December 30, it is pointed out.



The WOMAN'S Page



Homemaking Club In Christmas Party

The Snyder High School Homemaking Club entertained last Thursday evening with a Christmas party at the gymnasium. Johnnie Dell Brock and Virginia Taylor were in charge of the games. After several games were played, the group sang songs, including Christmas carols and popular tunes.

Following the singing of songs, numbers were drawn and each person received a gift from the Christmas tree.

Refreshments of pimento-cheese sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate were served to the following: Dorothy Lockhart, Viva Wiggins, Geneva Stansell, Bobby Rae Derryberry, La Trice Roper, Letha Woodard, Francis Senell, Betty Bayouth, Connie Jean McMullan, Elda Jean Littlepage, Allene Clardy, Vida Mae Cumble, Laura Dean Jenkins, Neva Jo Graham, Juanita Green, Betty Benninger, Louise White, Frances Eads, Josephine Weems, Virginia Scott, Edna McKeown, Bonnie Lou Parks, Wilda Allen, Annie B. Simpson, Billie Hardy, Glenda Huffman, LaVerne Middleton, Avenell Haney, Doris Camp, Mary Ruth Martin, Allene Davis, Gwendolyn Tate, Nedda Bell York, Bobbie Jean White, Virginia Taylor, Helen K. Shield, Wynell Floyd, Johnnie Dell Brock, Sammy Morton, Vivian Lane, Doris Jean Reed, Thelma Shipley, Beverly Johnston, Wanda Kelly and the homemaking teacher, Dorothy Johnson.

Dorothaleen Herring Weds Levelland Man

Dorothaleen Herring became the bride of Ned Thomas Kempson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kempson of Brownfield Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Herring. The double ring ceremony was read by her father at 4:00 o'clock.

The couple stood before an arch flanked with greenery, tied back with white, marquisette ribbon, and tall white lighted tapers in candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an all-white jersey frock with gold accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid showered with orange blossoms and white satin streamers. She wore two gold bracelets as "something old and borrowed."

Mrs. Wilbur Arrington of Rochester, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and she was dressed in gold wool with brown accessories. She wore a shoulder arrangement of white carnations. Wilbur Arrington was best man.

Virginia Norris of Lockney played the traditional wedding march, followed by "I Love You Truly." Gloria Martin of Lorraine sang "Because," accompanied by Miss Norris at the piano. Mary Anna Strickland of Plano lit the candles.

Immediately following the impressive service a reception was given for 60 guests. Mrs. Herring, mother of the bride, greeted guests at the door, assisted by Evelyn Pollard. Guests were invited into the dining room, where the lace over pink underlay, laid table was centered with pink carnations and white tapers in candelabra. Genevieve Yoder was at the punch bowl alternately with Miss Pollard. The bride and bridesmaid cut their "hired cake" topped with miniature bride and bridegroom.

Following the reception the couple left for a short wedding trip. Mrs. Kempson traveled in a two-piece ensemble of brown wool with orange accessories. She pinned an orchid to her shoulder. The couple will make their home at Levelland.

The bride was graduated from Post High School in 1942, where she was a member of the band, and took active parts in play acting. Prior to her marriage she was attending McMurry College, Abilene.

Brownfield Couple Married Saturday

An out-of-town couple was in Snyder last Saturday evening to be united in marriage. They were Corporal John Burney and Juanita Crabtree, both of Brownfield. Rev. R. Y. Shahan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Snyder, read the ring ceremony in the Baptist parsonage at 7:00 o'clock.

The bride is a daughter of J. A. Crabtree of Brownfield, and Corporal Burney is the son of Mrs. Lisa Burney, also of Brownfield.

Only attendant for the service was Mrs. A. R. Middlbrook.

Altrurian Club Meets In H. P. Brown Home

Members of the Altrurian Club and their guests met in the home of the club president, Mrs. H. P. Brown, December 3 for the annual Christmas program. The house was artistically arranged with flowers and greenery, the center of interest being a tree and Christmas scene in a wide window ledge of the living room. Here were placed the small gifts for the guests and members.

During the business session plans were made for buying and wrapping the club's individual members' gifts to soldiers of the Camp Bartley Hospital. Mrs. Hugh Taylor was welcomed back into membership in the club.

Mrs. Porter King directed the beautiful program which was presented by friends of the club. The program consisted of solos by David Lynn Headstream, Mildred Harold and Mrs. Harry Ward, and group singing. Accompanists were Mrs. Lucile Dougherty and Mrs. A. C. Preuit.

The Christmas story in scripture and poems were given by the director and other members.

where she was a sophomore. In college she was a member of the TTP Club, social organization. She was also a member of the Wah-Wah-Tahsee Drum Corps.

Kempson is a graduate of Levelland High School and attended McMurry College three years, where he was outstanding in football and other school and social activities. He is now physical education teacher and coach at Levelland.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"... then toward the end of the movie, our Marines execute a reconnaissance-in-force, harassing the enemy's left flank and permitting installation of lines of communications to our main base . . ."

Mrs. Claude Allen Honoree at Tea

Honoring Mrs. Claude (Shot) Allen, wife of Claude Allen, who is stationed at the Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. Jimmy Sharp, nee Kay King, was hostess last Thursday evening for a seated tea in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. King.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Sharp. In the receiving line wearing informal frocks with shoulder arrangements of pom-pom chrysanthemums, were: The honoree, Mrs. Little Westbrook, mother of the honoree, Mrs. May Allen, mother of Private Allen, Mrs. Edwin Walton Verma, Lou Maule and Oleta Beard. Others in the house party included: Mrs. J. B. Wads, Evelyn Pollard, Nadelle Wilson and Evelyn Terry.

Mrs. Alfred McGlaun gave two quaint and inspirational readings to the bride. Mrs. Harry Ward sang "White Christmas," accompanied by the piano by Mrs. Lucile Dougherty, who also was at the piano during the two calling hours from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock.

After the program the guests were invited into the dining room, where the dining table was overlaid with linen, centered with nandinas, fern, red-lighted candles in imitation snow hills. Mrs. Wade poured coffee, which was served with tea delicacies. After refreshments, guests passed into the bedroom, where a large assortment of gifts was on display.

Those included on the guest list were: Mmes. H. H. Eiland, Homer Spence, Harold Brown, Shirley Morgan, Roy O. Irvin, H. P. Brown, Mollie Pinkerton, Jess Rogers, N. C. Litcher, W. P. King, Raymond Mangum, Gene Smith, C. L. Banks, R. C. Miller Jr., Whit Thomson Jr., J. T. Ikard, Melvin Stoker of Abilene, Harvey Shuler, Giles Bowers, Gaston Brock, Ralph Johnston, John Keller, B. L. Terry, Darwin Whitmore, R. D. English, N. W. Autry, D. P. Strayhorn, John Terrill Lynch Jr., Lee Smyth, W. R. Bell, W. R. Ashmore, Ira Sturdivant, Troy Garcia, Louis Newby, Autry Lehti, E. J. Richards Sr., Pickas Bell, Collins Lary, Collie Fish, O. F. Harris, Joe Brown, Alden Burge, Jim L. Sullenger Jr., A. E. Walton, H. B. Wright, J. D. Mitchell, G. P. Fisher, Henry Rosenberg, A. J. Oody, W. E. Deak, J. P. Billingsley, L. A. Berry, W. W. Hamilton, David Strayhorn, Mary L. Simpson, J. P. Sharp, Marcel Josephson, A. C. Alexander, W. D. McFarland, Margie McGilton, Leon Joyce, Joel Hankitt, Pete Wells, H. P. Clark, Robert H. King, Clara Jones, W. P. Arnett, Billie Mitchell, I. A. Smith, John Lynch Sr., Josephine Woodard, Thurman Allen, T. W. Pollard, Raymond C. Keley, Charles Geelan, J. W. Scott, Garth Austin, Jeff Parker, Stella Clark and Corene Jones; and Misses Katherine Lynch, Ida V. Ellis, Alfreda Schulze, Frankie Jo Wilson, Gladys Meadows, Oleta Mitchell, La Rue Autry, Joetta Beatchamp, Dube Lee, Jerry Campbell, Bonnie Moore, Florence and Gladys Fisher, Bettye Joyce, Mary Ellen Williams and Tippy Burns.

Chapman Pupils Presented in Recital

Violin and piano pupils of Mrs. L. A. Chapman were presented in a recital Sunday evening at the Methodist Church.

Those presented in the recital included: Bryan Lynn Boss, Don Jones, Lou Ann Sullivan, Cherry Boyd, Martha Gene Littlepage, Shirley Gillum, Verma Reed, Teresa Ann Chapman, Bobby Reed, Willie Roy Baze, Tralyn Newby, Charlotte Paver, Billy Jean Coonrod, Billie Reed, Betty Lynn Gatlin, Robert Merritt, Laura Mary Coonrod, Janie Sue Jones, Mildred Glynn and Wayne Pitner.

Lucky 13 Clubbers Enjoy Friday Feast

Members of the Lucky 13 Sports Club, social club for girls, met last Friday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the Manhattan Hotel for their annual get-together banquet to meet with old members.

The dining room table was overlaid with linen and centered with a runner of greenery with white lighted candles placed in the greenery and surrounded with imitation snow hills.

Place-cards consisted of folded programs with the program and menu printed inside. The members enjoyed turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, potato balls, English peas, fruit salad, hot rolls and butter, fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee.

During the meal the following program was enjoyed. Toastmistress was Tippy Burns. "White Christmas" was sung by Ola Margaret Leath, accompanied at the piano by Margaret Jane Farr. History of the club was given by Mary Ellen Williams, and Mary Nell Noble closed the program with a reading.

The Lucky 13 club was organized in the fall of 1928. During the 14 years of the organization several members have come and gone.

Approximately 30 new and old members were present for the Friday evening get-together.

Ringside Club Meets In Moffett Home

Members of the Ringside Study Club met in the home of Mrs. B. H. (Brannon) Moffett last Friday for their last meeting of the year. Following a short business meeting, the house was turned over to Mrs. C. L. Banks, leader.

Mrs. Emma Reed read a scripture from the Bible, which was followed by a song, "Bliss Be the Tie That Binds." Mrs. Jack Keller gave an interesting reading, and Mrs. Ada Martin and Mrs. Moffett sang a duet. Mrs. Charlie Glen closed the program with a reading.

In the living room of the Moffett home was placed a large tree attractively trimmed with Christmas decorations, from which gifts were taken and exchanged among the members.

After the tree, guests were invited into the dining room, where supper was served to one guest, Mrs. Arthur Faulkner, and 11 members.

Baptist YWA Has Luncheon Monday

A Christmas party was hosted Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. W. Patterson for members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church.

A luncheon was enjoyed prior to the guests and members exchanging gifts, taken from a large Christmas tree showered with tinsel, imitation snow and other ornaments of various kinds.

Those present for the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. Roy Shahan, and their daughter, Ray Jean, Nan Blakey and J. W. W. Patterson, guests; Faydean Norred, LaRue Autry, Dorothy Smith, Ruth Davis, Daurice Worley, Johnnie Jean LeMond, Ola Margaret Leath, Mary Bell Weatherbee, Mary Frances shield, Mrs. Martha Lou Henley, Evelyn Clark, Louella Eades and Helen Joy Taylor.

Cub Scouts Feted In Foy Wade Home

Mrs. Foy Wade was assisted Thursday evening in entertaining members of the Cub Scouts in Snyder at her home in East Snyder, by Mrs. N. W. Autry.

Twenty members and one guest, N. W. Autry, were present to enjoy the evening. After the guests arrived, they formed a circle in the living room of the Wade home to give interesting notices of the Cub Scouts.

Following this ceremony, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Autry, served the members hot cocoa and cakes.

Daurice Worley Host at Class Party

An annual Christmas party was given last Thursday evening for members of the Mary Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church at the home of Mrs. T. S. Worley, with her daughter, Daurice, as hostess.

After games were played, several Christmas carols were sung by the group. Gifts were exchanged from an attractively decorated tree placed in the living room of the Worley home.

Ex-superintendent of the department, Mrs. W. R. Bell, was the only guest present. Members were Ruth Davis, Ida V. Ellis, Maxine Jones, Louella Eads, Oleta Myers, Faydean Norred, Frances Shield, La Rue Autry, Evelyn Clark and Mrs. B. M. West, teacher of the class.

Get-Together Club Meets Tuesday

The Get-Together Club met Tuesday with Mrs. E. W. Daniel. Members sewed on a quilt, after which the roll call was answered with interesting clippings on self improvement.

Refreshments of cheese sandwiches, angel food cake and cocoa were served to the regular club members.

Next meeting will be at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. H. A. Mullins, January 4.

Baptist Class Enjoys Christmas Party

Several members and two guests were present early last week when the Episcopa Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. H. H. Eiland for their annual Christmas party. Guests were Mrs. John Keller and Mrs. J. W. W. Patterson.

The Christmas tree was attractively decorated with tinsel and other variations of different shapes and colors. The living and dining rooms were lighted with graduated white tapers and other decorations for the rooms were fall leaves, cedar and sweetpeas.

After the exchange of gifts, the following program was presented. Mrs. Pat Porter was leader, Mrs. Clyde Brien led in prayer, and Mrs. J. W. W. Patterson gave the main part on the program, which was a Christmas story.

Those present for the occasion were: Mmes. Melvina Nelson, Floy DeShazo, Pat Porter, Estelle Turner, Martha Thompson, Annie Mae Sears, Alice Clark, Tennie Joyce, Alma Nell Bell, Fritz Mogford, Clarabell Rylander, Lilian Wade, Mae Stanfield, Vinita Browning, Foy Everett, J. W. Clawson, Grace Stevenson, Lucy Mae Imman, Olerce Coonrod, Ellen Newton, Gertrude Fish, Zada Taylor, Ethel Harral, Winnie Boren, Kelly, Eunice Weatherbee, Willie Mae Newton, Roy Shahan and Oscar Taylor.

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Mrs. Roy Jones Passes Saturday Of Short Illness

Mrs. Roy Jones, 38-year-old East Snyder resident, succumbed Saturday afternoon, 1:55 o'clock, at the Jones home following a two-week period of ill health.

Snyder General Hospital

Medical patients entering Snyder General Hospital for treatment included Jeral Jay Wishart, Mrs. C. E. Eastman and daughter, Ruth, and Judson McGaha.

Marchbanks Has No Desire to See Berlin

"We need more airplanes and men, and we want to get this over with so we can get back home," Beasel Marchbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marchbanks of Midway, wrote in a letter received this week by his parents.

Johnann Sebastian Bach had 20 children.

Nolan von Roeder Attends State Soil Group Meeting

Nolan von Roeder, secretary of the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District board of supervisors, appeared on the program at the annual meeting of the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association last Tuesday and Wednesday at Cisco.

Importance of soil conservation both now and in the post-war period was emphasized. Crop yields, supervisors said, had been doubled and even quadrupled in some cases by conservation measures and the increase average at least 25 per cent.

New officers for the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association elected for 1944 are: President—manager, W. E. McCreter, Arlington, Dalworth Soil Conservation District; vice president, D. M. Boswell, Kendry, Karnes County Soil Conservation District; board members, C. E. Fletcher, Hall County Soil Conservation District, Childress; J. Forrest Runge, Eldorado Soil Conservation District, Christoval, and H. H. Sandel, San Jacinto Soil Conservation District, Shiro.

The amount of conservation work already established in the local district is briefly as follows: Miles of terraces in a run, 600; terraces constructed, 360 miles; stubble mulch established on 6,401 acres; strip crops on 1,157 acres; contour farming on 16,473 acres; controlled grazing on 23,209 acres; deferred grazing on 1,868 acres; and stock ponds constructed, 5.

Truck Tires Will Be Inspected for Wear

Office of Price Administration will double-check truck tire inspections in Snyder and Scurry County, it was announced Tuesday, to make sure every tire gives its last possible mile of wear before being replaced by a new tire.

District OPA officials do not mean by the above statement that issuance of new truck tires will be discontinued, but they want to make certain present tires give every mile of commercial service possible before new tires are released from retail channels.

Around 90 constellations are recognized at present by astronomers.

4-H Club Winner



Here's a Midland 4-H Club boy, R. C. Vest Jr., 19, who went on to win both Southern sectional and national honors as Texas representative recently in the National 4-H Dairy Production contest, which gave Vest an expense paid trip to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and a \$200 war bond.

J. Arch Farmer, Citizen 30 Years, Passes Sunday

J. Arch Farmer, Scurry County farmer and resident the past 31 years, who lived five miles east of Snyder, passed away Sunday, 12:15 p. m., in a local hospital—only two days after he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Brother of Frank Farmer, former Scurry County superintendent, J. Arch Farmer was born May 5, 1878, at Mount Home, Arkansas. He had been an elder in the Snyder First Presbyterian Church for many years and a Mason.

Final rites for the farmer and churchman were held Monday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock, at the Snyder First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hubert C. Travis, pastor, assisted by Rev. M. W. Clark, Snyder retired Methodist minister, and Rev. Roy Shahan, Snyder First Baptist Church pastor, officiated.

Palbearers were Edgar Taylor, A. D. Belk, C. R. Robinson, G. P. Fisher, A. M. McPherson and Doc Morion.

Mrs. Doris Widgworth, Rowena Jones, David Sarayhorn and Juanita Srayhorn were in charge of floral offerings.

Mr. Farmer is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Flossie Whitaker of San Angelo; a brother, Frank Farmer, former county superintendent, now of San Angelo; and a grandson, James Robert Whitaker, also of San Angelo.

Funeral home directed the funeral arrangements, and interment was made in Snyder Cemetery.

College Students and Teachers Come Home for Holidays with Homelinks

Several collegians and teachers have arrived in Snyder to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and other relatives. Among these arriving last week and over the week-end were:

Louis and Nell Verna LeMond, Nell Verna is a senior at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and Louis is a teacher at Ballinger. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. LeMond.

J. L. Ferguson Jr., who entered this year at McMurry College, Abilene, as a freshman, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ferguson Sr.

June Jones, another student at Hardin-Simmons University from Snyder, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jones.

Jimmy Randa's halls from John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is a guest of his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Randa and Marrianna.

Dorothy and Elsie Murphree, also students at Hardin-Simmons, will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Murphree.

Among teachers to arrive are Dorothy Terry, Jerry Shuler and Margaret Dell Prim, all of Odessa. Miss Terry is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Terry, and with her came a friend, Elizabeth Nelson, who also teaches at Odessa.

Miss Nelson left Sunday evening for Austin to visit relatives and friends. Miss Shuler will enjoy the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wren, and Miss Prim is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb.

Mary and Genevieve Yoder arrived last week from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, to spend several days with their mother, Mrs. D. P. Yoder.

Roy Jean Shahan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Shahan, came down from Plainview, where she is attending Wayland College.

Elsie Bynum, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bynum, arrived latter part of the week from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, to visit with her parents and other relatives.

Carelyn Dunn, senior at Texas College for Women, Denton, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Dunn.

Frankie Beth Strom and Jean Longbotham, also of Denton, will visit with her parents.

Phyllis Lou Jordan, freshman at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is expected home Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Jordan, at Ira.

Nan Blakey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blakey, who is enrolled at Southwestern State College, San Marcos, arrived this week to visit her parents.

Merriam Crowder, who is attending Abilene Christian College, Abilene, is a sophomore this year at A. C. C. She will spend the Yuletide holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Crowder, at Dunn.

Sue Denson is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Denson, at Dunn this week and next.

Dorothy Pinkerton, teacher at Midland, is here to spend several days with her mother, Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton.

Jetta Beauchamp of Colorado City, where she is an English teacher in Colorado City Schools, came in latter part of last week to visit with her mother Mrs. W. S. Beauchamp.

Sammie Williams, who is attending the academy high school at Abilene this year, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, and other relatives at Dunn.

F. L. Mosley, also a student at the academy high school, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mosley.

Wilma Terry, teacher at Carlsbad, New Mexico, is expected home latter part of this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Terry.

The custom of touching glasses before drinking a toast originated when toasts were drunk before duels, when wine from each glass was poured into the other to show that it was not poisoned.

Unusually keen interest was manifested by dozens of Hermleigh and Scurry County families Sunday afternoon, 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock, in the Colonial Art Exhibit staged at the Hermleigh School by the fine arts department and fine arts committee of the school.

Opening phase of the program was a piano recital of popular, classical and Christmas numbers by pupils of Mrs. L. A. Chapman, given from 2:30 to 3:30 o'clock.

Total of 150 masterpieces, reproduced from originals representing French, English, Dutch, Spanish, German and American schools of art were shown.

Concluding the program was an infernal tea, 4:00 o'clock, for exhibit guests in the home economics laboratory.

CHURCHES of CHRIST SALUTE YOU

Romans 16:16

Is The Old Testament Binding Today?

Your attention is called to the above question. I am writing this article for two reasons. First, because there is so much misunderstanding of this question; and second, because people are so confused as to what we teach on it.

Occasionally the report goes out that we people of the Church of Christ do not believe in the Old Testament. But we do most earnestly believe it. It is the word of God as surely as is the New Testament. We believe in studying it.

However, we have urgently insisted that we are not now living under the Old Testament—that it is not now binding on people. We insist that we are not saved by it. Do you, my friend, believe that the Old Testament is still in force as a law? If you say that you do, then I wish to ask you a few questions. Do you burn incense in worship? Do you practice fleshly circumcision? Do you offer animal sacrifices? These are commands of the Old Testament, you know. So, in reality, those who say they believe it is still in force do not believe it at all. It usually develops that they believe only in keeping a point or two that can be found in the Old Testament.

Those who wish to burn incense in worship point to the law and give that as their authority. Those who wish to practice infant baptism point to the circumcision of infants under the law and say that is their authority. Those who wish to keep the old seventh day sabbath point to the law and say that is their authority. Those who wish to use instrumental music in worship point to the law and say that is their authority.

Remember this: When people turn to the Old Testament to establish some practice thereby they acknowledge that some authority is needed for the practice. And when they go to the Old Testament, that is an admission that authority for this certain practice is not to be found on the pages of the New Testament.

There are many plain messages which affirm the abrogation of the law. If you are interested in this subject you can turn and read such passages as Jeremiah 31:31-32, Romans 7:1-4, Ephesians 2:14-17, Colossians 2:14 and the entire eighth chapter of Hebrews. The writer of Hebrews closes chapter eight with these words: "In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."

One of the plainest passages, and one that settles the question, is Galatians 3:24-25. Here it is: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer a schoolmaster." Paul here

says we were under the law. But he also says we are no longer under it. Could language be plainer?

Another very meaningful passage is Hebrews 10:9-10: "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." How plain that is! He took away the first. That was the Old Testament. He established the second. That is the New Testament. And he says we are sanctified by it. To be sanctified means to be saved. So, we are saved by the second or the new, and not by the first, or the old.

Now since we are sanctified by the New Testament, can we learn how to be saved by the Old? Most assuredly not. Since Christ nailed the law to His cross (Colossians 2:14) it has not been operative. It is a violation of the divine constitution to make sure every tire gives its last possible mile of wear before being replaced by a new tire.

Sometimes when I quote the language of Christ to the effect that a person must be baptized, a person will reply that Abraham and those saints of ages past were not baptized. Of course, they were not! Baptism is a New Testament ordinance. They did not have to be baptized because it was not then commanded. But we do not have to offer animal sacrifice and they did.

And then, too, I have seen people run to the thief on the cross as a pattern of how to be saved. This happened before the death of Christ and before the New Testament was given. His case is not a pattern for us. Why will people run to a thief in an attempt to prove that Jesus did not in an what he said? The New Testament could not have been in effect prior to the death of Christ. Paul declared in Hebrews 9:16: "For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of the testator."

Well, why read the Old Testament? Because it furnishes us with a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1). Because it serves to prove the divinity of Christ. Because it is necessary in order to gain a full understanding of the New Testament. And there are other reasons. But do not study it to learn how to be a Christian, for you will not find that in the Old Testament. You might do everything the law commanded and you still would not be a Christian.

I believe the Old Testament. I believe it is the word of God. But my creed in Christianity is the New Testament. I accept it as final authority in all items of faith and practice.—Raymond C. Kelley.

ATTEND CHURCH AT ONE OF THESE CHURCHES SUNDAY FLUVANNA—Harry Pickup and Richard Robbins, Alternate Ministers LLOYD MOUNTAIN—Ernest Finley, Minister.—IRA—Dewey Pruitt, Minister.—HERMLEIGH — Wendell Broom, Minister.—DUNN—Cline Paden, Minister.—SNYDER—Raymond Kelcey, Minister.

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Uniform Freight Rates Ordered by ICC Examiners

Interstate Commerce Commission Examiners Carter and Koebel recommended this week, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce reports, that railroads be ordered within six months to submit a schedule of uniform ratings and classifications for application within and between all territories of the United States.

The recommendation marked a singular victory for the WTCC, of which the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce is a unit, in its fight to make freight rates uniform and equitable for Central West Texas residents.

While the full report of Carter and Koebel occupies 80 pages, the document heralds a major victory for freight rate equality in all of West Texas particularly if the Interstate Commerce Commission will adopt the recommendations made by the examiners.

Employment for 300 Offered Region Men

Sweetwater's U. S. Employment Service office has immediate openings for 300 men from Scurry, Fisher, Nolan and Mitchell Counties, L. W. Kellers, manager of the Sweetwater USES office, told Snyder business men Tuesday.

Men are urgently needed, Kellers said, for all kinds of employment—from common laborers to the highest skilled workmen.

The Sweetwater office, the manager said, has placed more than 2,000 workers, besides 16,000 cotton pickers, in the four-county area above mentioned during the fall season.

Total of 3,500 cotton pickers were placed in Scurry County alone for the season now closing, Kellers concluded.

Mrs. N. R. Clements of San Antonio has arrived in Snyder to spend the Yuletide holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Lollar, and other relatives. She will be joined here by her husband, Sergeant Clements, later in the week.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS STILL HAVE APPEAL IN WAR-TIME

Because of limited space, The Times is this year using only a few Santa Claus letters that came in without notice from the publisher and letters that are used as available space will permit. The messages to the patron saint of children throughout the world follow:

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. I want you to bring me some doll clothes, an embroidery set, a good story book, some nuts and candy and fruit if you can find them; and don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Moseley. I love you, Santa.

JOE EVELYN HUDSON, Snyder, December 9.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old and have been pretty good. I want you to bring me some doll clothes, a bow and arrow set and some games, candy, nuts and fruit. And don't forget all the other little girls and boys. I love you, Santa.

NELL MARIE HUDSON, Snyder, December 9.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old. I have not been too good this year, but I will try to be better next year if you will please bring me a doll, a bottle, a set of dishes and a paint book. Also remember other little boys and girls, especially my little cousin, B. A.

Happy Christmas to you!
LINDA RANDOLPH, Polar, December 5.

Hello Santa:
I am a girl nine years old. I have been as good as I could, so please leave me a sewing set, a doll, a house coat and a paint book. Be good to my school teacher, Mrs. Guinn, too. Love to you,
RETA SUE RANDOLPH, Polar, December 5.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a train with a motor in it and a bow and arrow set. Lots of love,
LEONARD GROVES.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a little boat and a whistle. Love,
ARLON GROVES.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big doll with real hair, some anchor animals, a pair of house shoes, a doll bed and trunk. Love,
BILLISUE GROVES.
P. S.—We all live in Snyder.

Dear Santa:
I want a little red truck with a lot of candy and fruit. Please bring my best friend a nipple. He will be one year old next year. He will be one year old next year. His name is Raymond Schwartz. A good little girl,
SHOP SCHOPPA.

Dear Santa:
We are two little boys. We have tried to be good boys, and next year we will try harder.

Junior wants a football, a game or anything you have. Keith wants a rubber ball and magic slate. Don't forget other boys and girls, and the soldier boys far away. With love,
JUNIOR and ETH MCCORMICK.

Dearest Santa:
I will not ask for much, for there isn't much for a boy of six years of age to want now, as there are no guns or such. I would like to have a train or truck, a ball and some books. Please don't forget a few nuts and candy. Remember my schoolmates, too. Odds of love,
J. C. RANDOLPH.
Polar, December 5.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I want a nice farm set. I want some candy, nuts and apples and oranges, if you can spare them from the soldier boys. Please remember all other boys and girls. Your little friend,
WILLIAM CLARK PYLANT, Dermott, December 11.

P. S.—Santa, will you come to our house late so I can hear the grand old opey. I sure do like to hear the program.

Dear Santa:
I am in school and I sure like to go. I am six years old. I am a pretty good six-year-old boy. I want a nice hobby horse. Hope you see all of the soldier boys first. I want some candy, oranges, apples and nuts if you have them to spare. Your little friend,
HOYT JEAN PYLANT, Dermott, December 11.

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good little girl and have had a birthday since you were at my house last. I am six years old now.

Santa, I want a great big doll with curls. I also want lots of candy, nuts and fruit. I am trying to be a good little girl this year; so you be good to me. Your friend,
NAOMI JEWEL WELLS, Hernaligh, Route 1, December 14.

Dear Santa:
We wrote to you a letter last year and you did come to see us, so we will try again this year.

Bill wants a big dolly, some more dishes that will not break this time. Vira wants a new dolly and some skates. Please, Mr. Santa, bring Mildred and Evelyn, our schoolmates, a great big cigar that will pop for one of their teachers. Bye,
VIRA AND BILL, Pyron, December 15.

P. S.—Remember, too, the three other boys in our third grade, Giddy, Bobby and Joe.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I want a little dolly with long curly hair, with a long pretty dress and a set of dishes. Please don't forget my little brother, Joe Doris, who wants a little red wagon. He is three years old. Don't forget my friend, Ina Myrl, who wants an iron and an ironing board. A good little girl,
COCKY WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa:
I am a little left-handed boy who would like a pre-war wagon with rubber tires. I also want some tin soldiers and a little cannon. My little girl friend, Verne Gilmore, who is six years old, wants a war bond. She is a very good little girl. I am a year older than I was last year. Bye. We all love you here at Pyron.
JIMMY ROBERTSON, Pyron.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a nigger doll. I really do love nigger dolls. Jean, my friend, wants a war wagon full of soldiers. Gimmy, another friend, wants a bottle, and Raymond, a boy friend, wants a nipple.

My teacher wants a great big real, live sergeant for Christmas. Please remember us all, for we have been real nice little kids. Love,
BOBBIE STAHL, Pyron School.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a doll, a buggy and a cooking set. I hope you remember me from last year. I write you every year. Don't forget to bring me some candy, fruit and nuts.

A pal, DOROTHY ADAMS, Ira, December 7.

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a little wagon, a cowboy suit, as I have been a good little boy. Don't forget my mother and daddy, and brings me lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Remember everyone down at Ira. Your friend,
HAROLD LEE HESTER, Ira, December 7.

Dear Santa:
I have been a very nice girl this year, so would you please try to bring me a doll, a building set and a bed-time story book. Don't forget all my little friends. Bring me some fruit and nuts. A friend,
MARY LOU DEVENPORT, Ira, December 7.

Plans Shape for Fourth War Loan Drive in County

Plans for the Fourth War Loan drive, which opens in Scurry County January 18, are going forward at an exceptionally pleasing rate, members of the Scurry County War Finance Committee reported Tuesday.

E. O. Wedgeworth this week accepted the county chairmanship for the forthcoming Fourth War Loan campaign, and A. C. Alexander will again serve as vice chairman, it was announced.

National quota for the Fourth War Loan drive will be \$14,000,000—000—compared with \$15,000,000,000 for the Third War Loan campaign in which Scurry County went "over the top" by thousands of dollars.

Banks, it was announced Tuesday, will be allowed to participate in the fourth money raising drive, but to what extent was not available for release this week.

Naturally, Snyder and Scurry County people, while considering the tremendous task ahead in the war loan campaign, will be happy to learn the national, state and county load will be lightened by \$1,000,000,000.

Additional details on the January campaign will be carried from week to week in The Times.

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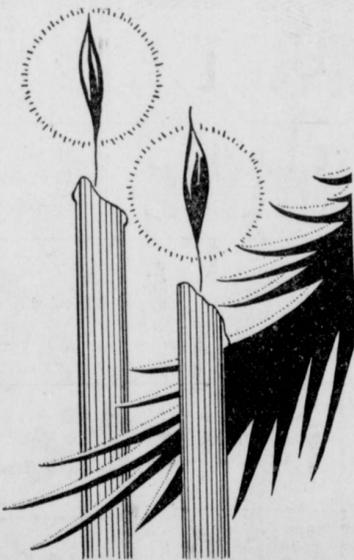
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John Lynch Station

Block East of Square

APPRECIATING to the fullest extent the cordial relations existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to cordially wish you an old fashioned Merry Christmas

May the Happiness and Good Cheer which we hope is yours this Christmas never cease in the days to come, and may the New Year bring each of you the Prosperity, Health and Real Happiness you so much deserve.

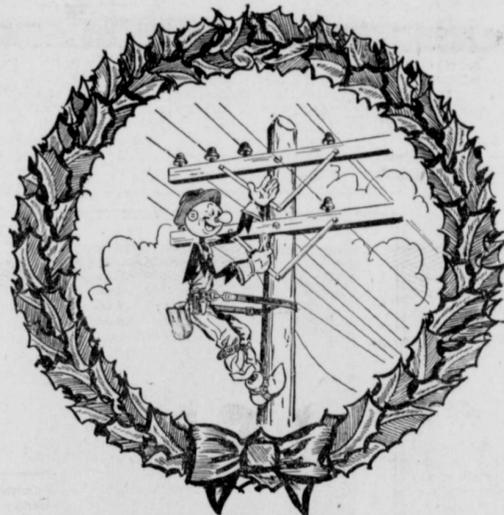


BEST WISHES

for the Best Day of the Year

Johnson Motor Lines

Johnson Davis, Local Manager



I'm taking time off to say:

"GREETINGS"

REDDY KILOWATT, your electrical servant, is a busy individual these days, but he isn't too busy to extend to you and all his other friends a sincere Christmas greeting. He'll be working for you on Christmas Day as usual, bringing light and cheer to help make the day a happy one for you and your family.

REDDY also extends Christmas greetings in the name of the folks of Texas



THE YEAR ROUND GIFT!

Electric Service Company, both the 302 men and women now serving in the armed forces, and the 922 employees who are carrying the extra burdens of supplying dependable electric power service to many war industries in this part of Texas.

Don't waste Electricity just because it isn't rationed—use what you need, but need what you use.

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SNODGRASS TO HEAD TRAPPER COUNTY GROUP

Livestock Raisers and Farmers of Section Organize to Conduct Drive on Predatory Pests

In a meeting held Saturday afternoon in the county court room, Arthur Snodgrass was named president of the Scurry County Trappers Association; Joe Segg, vice president; and A. W. Scrivner, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the organization's executive committee were Jack Martin, Segg, Bill Riley and C. E. Eastman.

Edward S. Hyman, county agricultural agent, acted as chairman for the gathering, which attracted keen interest from county livestock owners and other interested in ridding the county of predatory animals.

One of the afternoon's guest speakers was E. G. Pope of Lubbock, district supervisor for the rodent and predatory animal control.

Trapper B. W. Scott reported a 1943 catch to date of 13 bobcats and 181 coyotes.

Livestock owners pointed out the recent increase in price of cattle and other livestock, due to recent rains, made it imperative that adequate steps be taken against predatory animal losses of young calves, sheep and lambs.

New Cook Book



"Ration-Time Recipes," a new cook book featuring the use of margarine in menus, has just been prepared by the National Cotton Council, and tells you how to make 46 tempting dishes designed to save your ration points. Copies of the book may be obtained free by writing the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 21, Memphis 1, Tennessee.

A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing and indecision as to what one should do.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Death Calls Mrs. Mary A. Stavelly, County Pioneer

Death called Friday night at the Fluvanna residence of Mrs. Mary Arminda Stavelly, 78, and claimed the life of the Scurry County resident for half a century.

A member many years of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Stavelly witnessed Scurry County grow from an unorganized, unsettled block of acreage below the caprock to the thriving agricultural and ranching section of the state it is today.

Mrs. Stavelly was born May 10, 1865—the year the Civil War ended—at Caddo Mills.

Funeral services for the long-time county resident and church worker were held Saturday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock, at the Fluvanna Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hubert C. Travis, Snyder First Presbyterian Church pastor, assisted by Rev. A. T. Mason, Fluvanna Methodist minister, officiated.

Funeral bearers were Wallace Jones Jr., John A. Stavelly III, B. O. Stavelly III, Paul Turner, Mert Jones and Pat Jones.

Flower bearers were Minnie Sue Landrum, Francis Stavelly, Veranell Jones and Charlene Stavelly.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Bill Sewall of Roby, Mrs. Kenneth Dietz of Waxahachie, Mrs. Celia Jones of Fluvanna, Mrs. Minnie Mae Jones of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mrs. Vera McCarter of Henderson; three sons, John A. Stavelly and Bryant Stavelly of Fluvanna, New Mexico; and two brothers, Robert E. Griffith of Temple and Lee Griffith of Fort Worth.

Arrangements were handled by Odom Funeral Home, with burial in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Field Jacket



"Jacket, Field, M-1943" is the official Quartermaster Corps designation for the garment being worn by this soldier. But if you ask him, he'll tell you it's the army's new all-cotton field jacket designed to give America's fighting men increased protection in all types of weather. The outershell is water-repellent and wind-resistant cotton saaten, with the reversed side out. The inner lining is cotton poplin.

Mrs. W. R. Wren, County Resident 40 Years, Passes

Mrs. W. R. Wren, 85, early day Scurry County settler who was converted at the age of 12 years, and mother of two Snyder men, H. L. and Leon Wren, died Friday at Warren, Arizona, at the home of an only daughter, Mrs. W. C. Moore, following a severe attack of influenza.

Born in Lampasas County in 1858, Mrs. Wren was a girlhood chum of Mrs. Mary A. Stavelly, long-time Fluvanna community resident, who passed away the same day.

Mrs. Wren and her husband, who died in 1935, moved to Scurry County over 40 years ago and settled in the Union community. Mrs. Wren held membership in the Union Baptist Church for many years.

Body of Mrs. Wren was shipped overland to Colorado City, where an Odom funeral coach brought the remains to Snyder.

Final rites for the beloved church and civic worker, and character moldier, were held Sunday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock, at Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Rev. Roy Shahan, Baptist pastor, conducted funeral services.

Funeral bearers were Joe Adams, Wray Huckabee, Elmer Bentley, H. H. Elland, Harvey Shuler and Giles Bowers.

Flower bearers, all granddaughters, were Geraldine Shuler of Odessa, Mrs. Wren O. Moore of Laredo, Mrs. Oscar Steward of Fort Worth and Mrs. Holly Mathis of Big Spring.

Surviving are four sons, H. L. Wren and Leon Wren of Snyder, Byron Wren of Colorado City and Bob Wren of Big Spring; and the only daughter, Mrs. W. O. Moore of Warren, Arizona.

Arrangements were handled by Odom Funeral Home, with burial in the Snyder Cemetery.

Weldon H. Jeffress Trains for Air Pilot

Aviation Cadet Weldon H. Jeffress, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Jeffress, Route 1, Snyder, has reported to the AAF Training Command's advanced flying school at Altus, Oklahoma, to begin nine weeks of pilot training.

After flying 70 hours in two-engine training planes and taking 70 lecture hours of combat subjects in ground school, Weldon will be awarded the silver wings of the AAF pilot.

To keep leaf lettuce crisp and good, wash it, then roll the leaves loosely in a towel to dry. Keep it covered in a cold place, but don't keep it very long before using.

The humming of a bee is caused by the rapid vibration of its wings.

Mrs. John R. Covey Jr. was accompanied to Fort Worth first part of the week to attend funeral services for her mother, Mrs. Knight, who passed away Monday.

The only musical instrument represented on a national flag is the harp, which is depicted on the flag of Ireland.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Orvall Hall of Mamaroneck, New York, plan to be in Snyder for several days to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lando Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mitchell.

The Christmas tree was introduced to England by Albert, Prince consort of Queen Victoria.

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Rob You of Total Eyesight!

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H. G. TOWLE, D. O. S.

DR. JOHN F. BLUM, Associate Northwest Corner Square

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Above all other things in our memory at this glad Yuletide is the thought of the splendid relations with friends of this organization who have made it possible for us to enjoy a very satisfactory year.

The warm spirit of the Holiday occasion reminds us that in our friends, not in our ledgers, do we find our real assets. There are many things that make us thankful this is our home, and for that reason we desire to extend Season's Greetings.



Please accept the kind wishes and sincere thanks of all of us. Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of much happiness, Good Health and Success for you and yours.

IN YOUR OWN HOME TOWN PIGGLY WIGGLY

Maternal Care to Wives of Soldiers Provided by Fund

Federal funds are now available with which to provide maternal medical care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces and for medical and nursing care for their infants, according to Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer. The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has released funds to the Texas State Health Department with which to administer this program.

Two distinct services will be rendered under this program, explained Dr. Cox: Complete maternity care for wives of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the army, navy, marine corps or coast guard; medical and hospital care for sick infants under one year of age whose fathers are within these four pay grades.

Maternity care as provided under this program will consist of medical care during the pre-natal period, child birth and six weeks thereafter—including any complications resulting from pregnancy.

Sick infants will be given medical, hospital and nursing care during the first year of life. Nursing care in the home will be made available by local health departments where there are established services. Bed-side nursing care will be provided only upon the recommendation of the attending physician.

Forms for requesting care may be obtained from the local or state health departments, welfare agencies, American Red Cross chapters, USO centers and local physicians.

The United States Congress made it clear in passing the legislation making provision for this service, that this is not a "charity" service, but that it is to be provided as the right of any wife and infant of an enlisted man in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh pay grades of our armed forces.

Geneva Glascock arrived over the week-end from Amarillo to spend several days with her mother, Mrs. Vera Temple. As a guest of Miss Glascock Private First Class W. L. Niles arrived here from the Southwest Pacific to spend the Christmas holidays.

In spite of the great size of Texas, and the sparse population in large areas, which make highway improvement expensive, Texas has one of the outstanding highway systems of the country.

Fish is a protein rich food. When you buy fish, be sure it's fresh, with the flesh firm and elastic, the eyes bright and full with black pupils, not grey or sunken.

Selected thoughts depend for their flavor upon the terseness of their expression, for thoughts are game of sugar or salt that must be melted in a drop of water.—Senn.

Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world; by so much evermore the strength of the human race has gained.—Ruskin.

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.—Walpole.

A pat on the back is a good morale builder, if administered young enough and often enough and low enough.

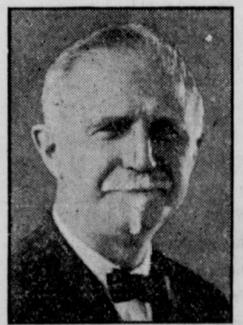
Many varieties of butterflies have a fragrance, usually a pine or flower odor.

The first foreign organization permitted by the French to march under the Arc de Triomphe was the American Legion in 1927.

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What About 1944? ... read ROGER W. BABSON'S BUSINESS and FINANCIAL OUTLOOK



ROGER W. BABSON

Babson's forecasts on the war and the elections are the most startling statements he has made since he predicted the 1929 stock market crash.

Watch for this Feature Story in the Next Issue of THE TIMES

"Your Home County Paper for 55 Years"

Heartfelt Greetings



THIS holiday season is filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence in ultimate Victory, the day when "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" will again be a happy reality.

But with peace, as in wartime, food will continue to be the world's most vital necessity. We here in America are faced with the great responsibility of providing Food for our Allies... Food for the Nations freed from tyranny... and Food for our own People. We must observe the rules of fair play—Produce, Conserve, Share and Play Square—in order that starvation and want may not stalk the earth.

Never before has the job of supplying fresh fruits and fresh vegetables been more important than it is today. It is a job that must and will be done by the established trade in the proven system of efficient distribution.

We extend Heartfelt Greetings and Good Wishes to all of our friends in the Southwest. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you through home-owned independent retail dealers with the finest fresh fruits and fresh vegetables for your good health and enjoyment.

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First Baptist Church

Sunday will be the last Lord's Day in the year 1943. It will also be the next day following the day we hold the birthday of our Lord. It will be a day when many of our people will be going visiting and a day when many of us will have visitors in our homes. How are we going to spend this day? Will we let our visiting keep us out of religious services somewhere? Will our visiting cause those we visit to neglect their Christian duty in church attendance? Will we let those who are visiting us keep us from doing our Christian duty? Think on these things, for God surely does.

The pastor will speak at both services Sunday. The subject for Sunday morning is "What Time Is It?" Text for our consideration at the evening hour is "It is finished" (John 19:30). We urge you to attend these services. Visitors always welcome.—Roy Shahan, Pastor.

COTTON QUIZ



ARE ARMY BARRAGE BALLOON CREWS REQUIRED TO WEAR COTTON CLOTHES? ANSWER: BECAUSE COTTON IS LESS LIKELY TO SET UP STATIC ELECTRICITY WHICH CAN CAUSE A BALLOON TO EXPLODE!

The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress.—Mary Baker Eddy.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

Professor Says Air Transportation Will Not Replace Travel

"Air transportation will not take the place of land travel," a University of Texas professor of transportation, Dr. J. H. Frederick, stated in speaking at Houston before the Houston Foreign Trade Association this week.

"Instead," he explained, "it is a new agency that can be made to supplement and develop the possibilities of our transportation system as a whole and which in itself will bring about increased opportunities for all branches of the industry."

War-time expansion in the aircraft industry has brought more than 800 concerns into operation as compared with 137 before the war—82 of which operated at a loss in 1938, he said.

He predicted: Seventy per cent of first class passengers of recent years will be traveling by air for 300-plus mile distances; all first class mail will go by air and rates will eventually drop from the present 80 cents per ton mile to 20 cents, which compares to the present rail-express cost; separate airports in larger towns for the individual flyer, commercial use and for air cargo; an economical system of purchasing, servicing and instruction for the private plane owner.

"Because of the huge pool of trained pilots and skilled mechanics available after the war, there need be no delay in converting air airplane factories to the production of planes suitable for peace-time needs or in expanding commercial air transport activities," he declared.

Personal cards at The Times office.

Lloyd Mountain

Mrs. Marion Dabbs, Correspondent

Mrs. Raymond Lloyd and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lloyd at Snyder Friday night and Saturday. E. J. Derryberry and family visited relatives at L. rain Sunday.

Mrs. Foy Wynn and son and Mrs. B. S. Cross of Post spent the weekend in the home of Sam Cross. Cleave Doyle of Rotan, who is a brother of Mrs. C. A. Lee, visited recently in her home. He is home on leave after being shell shocked in the service.

Sergeant and Mrs. Forest Beavers returned to Del Rio Wednesday. They were accompanied home by Darline Beavers.

Jesse Koonman made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday. Ethel and Patsy Lloyd spent Tuesday night with their grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Snoot, at Snyder.

Mrs. Perry Rodman spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Oz Roggenstein near Hemlock. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil V. at are visiting her parents near Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wallace of Snyder spent the week-end in the Weldon Johnson home. C. W. Beavers and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haney at Union Tuesday.

Mrs. Bernice Harless and baby of Fort Knox, Kentucky, visited in the C. C. Harless home this week. Mrs. Weldon Johnson has been quite ill with the flu at the Snyder General Hospital. She came home Saturday.

Patsy, Carl Ray and Billy Jo Lloyd spent Friday and Saturday visiting relatives at Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roggenstein entertained with a Christmas party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Drinkard of Snyder attended church here Sunday. Diana and Billy Don Fowler of Camp Springs spent the week-end in the Jess Paulkenberry home.

The J. E. Derryberry family left Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives at Dallas. Ernest Finley of Abilene spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mosell Roggenstein.

Mrs. Kenneth Eades and son, Kenny Steve, and Mrs. W. A. Oliver were in Sweetwater Tuesday and Wednesday visiting with Mrs. Oliver's son, D. D. Ware, and family. They also visited with friends while there.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Day and son, J. C., who have been making their home for the past year at Clovis, New Mexico, returned to Snyder last week. They are former Snyder residents. Day was employed in defense work at Clovis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rogge and son, Bill, of Rowena were here Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bynum.

Corporal Doyle Wenken of Fort Lewis, Washington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wenken, and other relatives. He says he likes the army life fine.

A. L. Casey of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was here Saturday en route to Abilene and other places on business. Casey and family are former Ira residents.

Stripes Forever



Blue-and-red striped heavy cotton chambray makes a suit that's all dress up to go places, whether in town or country. Smart for resort wear this winter, it will be just as fashionable next spring and summer. Because it's not easily wrinkled and needs only simple laundering, it will be easy to care for the year 'round.

Nothing worries a person more than having nothing to worry about.

Time for Saving Soil Since Crops Are Harvested

Harvest season for the 1943 crop is about complete. The farmers and ranchers cooperating with the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District are starting their maintenance and repair work on their agricultural production plant, the land, H. O. Beard, work unit leader, stated.

Existing conservation practices will be improved and new ones added to provide for increased production next year and several years hence. Successful farming is a year-long job. There are always repairs and maintenance jobs to be done during slack seasons lest we wear out our agricultural productive plant. These are trying times on all of us. Seasonal jobs at high wages off the farm are tempting. Yet one big rain on unprotected land can wipe out your net earnings from wages by reducing yields on next year's crop.

Many local farmers used all their spare time last winter and spring in applying conservation practices that have already paid dividends in increased yields. For example, R. W. Warren, tenant on the Dean Reynolds farm at Fluvanna, built terraces on 236 acres of cultivated land he operates last winter and spring and he estimates that these terraces plus contour cultivation and leaving all stubble on the land ungrazed accounts for eight bales of the 35 he harvested on 75 acres of cotton.

Maintaining and improving your food producing plant is more essential now than ever before, Beard concluded.

Results of contour farming show up best in periods of drought.

Did you know that about three medium-sized tomatoes furnish a day's requirements of vitamin C for the average person?

Poetry Is Sideline of County Justice Peace

A venerable judge who acts as justice of the peace for Scurry County is P. E. Davenport, whose poetry, as a sideline, has become well known to poetry lovers of this area.

The judge, still in good physical condition and not bald, is 84 years old, and still tries cases. He came here from Coryell County shortly after the dawn of the 20th Century.

Wedding announcements at Times.

Draft Board Does Not Meet

Scurry County's Selective Service Board had no meeting Monday evening, and, therefore, no list of re-classifications is carried in this week's Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Adams of San Diego, California, arrived in Snyder early this week to spend several days with relatives and friends.

Bro. and Mrs. Raymond Kelley left Wednesday night for Idaho and Lubbock, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

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Scurry County Tractor Co. FORD TRACTOR DEALER SNYDER, TEXAS COMPLETE SHOP SERVICE GOOD STOCK of PARTS W. W. Feed Mills Lists, Planters, Breaking Plows, Hydro, Scoop, Tillage Tools and Terracing Plows. Also Electric Automatic Pressure Water Systems SID WORRELL, Manager

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THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER Finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly GREETING to our hosts of friends in the community which it is our privilege to serve. It is our sincere wish that we may continue those fine relationships that have come our way. Sincere good wishes for a Joyful Christmas and . . . A HAPPY NEW YEAR Snyder Steam Laundry LEM RUSHING, PROP.

Just Two Hours Drive . . . to Lubbock, and West Texas' largest stock of monuments. We buy in carlots for cash, with great savings in freight and cash discounts. All work set by expert field workmen. Come whenever convenient, you are always welcome. South Plains Monument Co. 2909 Avenue H Lubbock Our 27th Year

Christmas Joy AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR We've Enjoyed Serving You and We're Looking Forward to Continued Friendship and Cooperation in the New Year! SNYDER TAILORING COMPANY Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fish

LOOKING FORWARD AT CHRISTMASTIME With the splendid remembrances of the harmonious associations we have had with our many good friends in this area during the past, we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them in the future. We sincerely hope that these friendships have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us. May this be your happiest Christmas and may the New Year bring you some new joy each day. Best Wishes for the Holiday Season Blackard Grocery Co. Melvin and Elmer

Read About Your Friends in the Rural Sections of the County

Big Sulphur News

Clara Mae Lewis, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Norris of Lamesa spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Hobbs and daughter. Mrs. Randall Vineyard of Kress visited J. L. Vineyard, Bishop Vineyard and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henley and children were in Colorado City last Thursday night to see Mr. Henley's nephew, who was being transferred to another army camp.

Oreta and Harvey Myers were outlers in the John Davis home Friday night.

Eunice Lewis, who is employed with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Dallas, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buell Lewis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bruce and son of Pflugerville spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Vineyard and children.

Corporal and Mrs. Ray Brown of Big Spring visited Saturday night in the Carl Gray home.

Ennis Creek News

Allene Davis, Correspondent

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker and Donna Jean to this community. They moved here from Ira.

Bob Walker and family spent Saturday night with Dee Walker and family at Camp Springs. Dee Walker and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker and daughter.

Mrs. Oleta Hamill and son of California, who have been visiting in East Texas, are back to spend the Christmas holidays in the Fred Hunter home.

Merry Christmas to all readers of this news, and best wishes for the coming year!

A constant governance of our speech, according to duty and reason, is a high instance and a special argument of a thoroughly sincere and solid goodness—Isaac Barrow.

Because of its abundance of good light conditions and its comparatively level terrain, Texas is a natural field for both civil and military activity.

Hermleigh News

Minnie Lee Williams, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hanback are our newest residents. Mr. Hanback is replacing T. L. Holland in the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company yard, as the latter is now serving in the U. S. Navy. We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Holland but welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hanback in our midst. She was formerly the Hermleigh High School English teacher.

Jean Longbotham of Denton has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Longbotham.

Mrs. Ira Selman of Clovis, New Mexico, spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart, and other relatives. She will join her husband, Private William I. Selman, at Camp Lee, Virginia, soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson of Saeewater took dinner Thursday with their mother, Mrs. Laura Patterson.

Mrs. J. H. Lynde is recuperating from an attack of the flu.

We sincerely wish a very Merry Christmas for The Times force and all The Times readers everywhere, and may the New Year bring each one a brighter future and may peace come soon!

Mrs. Loreta Walker and two children, Ted and B-b, and Tommie Williams of the Bell community visited with the writer over the week-end.

We wish to thank each subscriber who has given us a subscription, and will appreciate others giving us their subscriptions within the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sturdivant have announced the arrival of a new son, who made his first appearance in the Young Hospital Sunday morning. Mrs. Sturdivant is the former Gladys Crabtree.

Congratulations and many good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Galloway, who celebrated their gold wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Dean Cochran, at Snyder Sunday. The couple resided in and near Hermleigh most of their married life. He is a retired farmer and stockman.

Try putting parsley in stews, meat loaves and raw vegetable salads. It contains vitamin A, vitamin C and iron.

Abilene Special Writer Reviews Big Year By Club Women of the County

Writing in the Abilene Reporter-News, Hamilton Wright, roving correspondent, gives the following account of Home Demonstration Club and Girls' 4-H Club work in the county that will interest all Times readers.

Wright's article follows:

Not all the honor and glory for winning this war should go to the WAVES, WAVES and SPARS, but the "stay-at-home" women and girls are doing their part. Particularly is this true in Scurry County and evident to the person who will investigate the vast work done this year under the supervision of Estelita Rabel, Scurry County home demonstration agent. She came as agent five years ago from Weimar after being graduated from the University of Texas.

In the county, her report shows, are 10 Home Demonstration Clubs and 14 girls' 4-H Clubs, or roughly 226 women and 270 girls enrolled.

For 1944 Mrs. Paris McPherson of the Ennis community has been elected chairman. She succeeds Mrs. Stanley Meritt of China Grove, who served two years. She has the enviable record of not having missed a single meeting of the council while in office, and not missed a meeting of clubs in six years. During the past year the council bought two war bonds—one \$100 and another \$25 series. It is now shipping 465 pounds of discarded clothing to the state salvage headquarters at Dallas.

A prodigious amount of food conservation is recorded as the year's work by Miss Rabel. It shows clubs canned 13,170 quarts of fruit, 375 quarts of frozen fruit, 4,204 dried fruit, 15,432 quarts of vegetables, brined 2,023 quarts of vegetables, 1,540 quarts of mats, frozen, 9,737 quarts of meats cured. Seventy-five pressure cookers were checked or repaired and 1,200 canning charts were distributed for instruction to canners.

Women repaired 61 chairs, 30 at club meetings, using kong-kong grass. Mrs. Copus Boyd of Plainview community used red grass to re-seat chairs.

Mrs. Ed Thompson of the same community raised 65 fryers, used 664 in tomatoes, sold \$327 worth and canned 52 contain rs, as well as 103 containers of peaches and apples and 96 containers of vegetables.

Mrs. Walter Coonrod of the Union community raised and sold 11 hens and 117 bobblers. She sold 12 for \$50, fat ring the flock on shorts and maize. She also fed 16 pigs and milked seven cows.

Mrs. Copus Boyd of the Plainview community made 19 garments for her little daughters at a cost of \$13.21.

Mrs. Johnny Langford of the Turner community made a bunk bed for her son so he could entertain his friends, at a cost of \$6.

Mrs. Jess Green of the Tri-Community sold 1,024 dozen eggs and 150 pounds of poultry, as well as 1,433 pounds of butter during the year.

Scurry County 4-H girls also won merit and recognition during the year for their labors, according to Miss Rabel. In the Hermleigh community two small girls collected 500 tin cans in the salvage drive and turned them over to the committee.

In the Dunn community other girls pull d bolls and h added maize to help relieve the labor shortage.

Catharin Lewis, seven, of Dunn, milked three cows, did field work and cooked for the family.

Barbara Riggs, 11, of Dunn, pulled one and one-half bales of cotton after school and during holidays in the picking season.

Polar News

Mrs. H. Randolph, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patterson of Snyder visited in the J. E. Shipp home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sellars have moved to Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitchell of Dermott have moved to the Sellers place.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Randolph spent the week-end with Mrs. R. T. Hamas at Gail.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Beavers of Lubbock, Mrs. Avis Lane and daughter, Vivian, of Snyder visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sanders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Riddle have moved to Pflugerville. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cargile have taken over the post office and moved to the Riddle place.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Ford are visiting in Snyder.

Bro. Sidney Reed of Spearman preached here Wednesday night. He was accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Perkins of Spearman.

Mrs. Jones and Texana Jones of South Texas visited in the E. E. Ford home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Clanton and son spent Saturday night with Burl Clanton and family at Lamesa.

Clifton Perkins of Sweetwater and Andy Cochran of Snyder were visitors of Charlie Cochran Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blair and daughter of Ira visited in the J. R. Messingill home Sunday.

Sonny S-lars of Snyder spent last week with J. C. Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Randolph and children spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Crystal Sellers at Snyder.

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Murphy News

Mrs. Ben Weathers, Correspondent

Mrs. Ella Richter and Rudy were Sunday visitors in the Ed Murphy home.

Rev. C. J. Smith and family of Dunn spent Sunday visiting in the homes of the community. The Sunday morning and night sermons were appreciated by everyone.

Mr and Mrs. J. P. Herring spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Jim Franklin, and family at Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan C. von Roeder and children spent Sunday in the Jim Sorrells home with his mother, Mrs. H. von Roeder.

Lloyd Farmer of Snyder spent Tuesday night in the W. C. Simpson and Mrs. Melton Davis and Laura Davis of Big Spring is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Sellers and two children spent the week-end at Snyder with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sellers.

Mrs. Nolan C. von Roeder and daughter, Carla Jean, Ertis and Mae Davis Thursday night attended the mother-daughter tea at Ira School. We are glad to report little Ronnie Way doing so well after his serious burn on the right arm.

Melton Davis was a business visitor at Gail Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews, Frank Matthews and wife of Big Spring spent Sunday in the Marshall Davis home.

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Jean Longbotham of Denton has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Longbotham.

Mrs. Ira Selman of Clovis, New Mexico, spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart, and other relatives. She will join her husband, Private William I. Selman, at Camp Lee, Virginia, soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson of Saeewater took dinner Thursday with their mother, Mrs. Laura Patterson.

Mrs. J. H. Lynde is recuperating from an attack of the flu.

We sincerely wish a very Merry Christmas for The Times force and all The Times readers everywhere, and may the New Year bring each one a brighter future and may peace come soon!

Mrs. Loreta Walker and two children, Ted and B-b, and Tommie Williams of the Bell community visited with the writer over the week-end.

We wish to thank each subscriber who has given us a subscription, and will appreciate others giving us their subscriptions within the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sturdivant have announced the arrival of a new son, who made his first appearance in the Young Hospital Sunday morning. Mrs. Sturdivant is the former Gladys Crabtree.

Congratulations and many good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Galloway, who celebrated their gold wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Dean Cochran, at Snyder Sunday. The couple resided in and near Hermleigh most of their married life. He is a retired farmer and stockman.

Try putting parsley in stews, meat loaves and raw vegetable salads. It contains vitamin A, vitamin C and iron.

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Wanted

WANT TO BUY house and lot in Snyder, or house that can be moved; must be cheap.—Myron Fenton. 1p

WANTED—Your real estate listings; have calls I cannot supply. Real estate, life, accident and hospital insurance; notary public.—Jess Wilson, over Bryant-Link. 1p

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LOST—Small rail file with sterling silver handle on which "Daryl" is engraved; lost near Gordon's Cafe several days ago; has sentimental value. Reward for return to Times office. 30-2p

LOST—White male hog, about 300 pounds, between Snyder and Dermott. Reward. Notify Stinson Camp. 30-2p

LOST in Snyder—War Ration Book No. 3. Return to Times office.—Lillie Mae Pearson. 30-2p

LOST—Don Gray, light tan billfold with air corps insignia; contains valuable papers, cards and some money. Finder please leave at Times office. Reward.—Lester Bruns, Hermleigh. 1p

LOST—Black and white dog on Sid Johnson place. Reward.—Henry Goswick. 1p

Business Services

WANTED—To keep your income tax records on a contract basis; accurate and reasonable. Call 219.—Lyle Deffebach. 43-11c

IM PREPARED to repair or build concrete tanks; have mixer now. O. C. Floyd, phone 143-W. 30-21c

CHRISTMAS will be observed by E. & H. Cafe folks by remaining closed all day Saturday. But we'll be on the job every other day as usual. Merry Christmas! 1c

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FOR RENT—T-P Service Station block north of the square; rent on gallonage basis. See E. F. Sears, T-P consignee. 28-11c

Real Estate For Sale

CHOICE 73 acres, five miles from Snyder, one mile from paving; good five-room house, born and chicken houses. Priced to sell. See John Spears, Snyder, or contact Holt Land Company, Lubbock, Texas.

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WANTED—Men for all types of work in essential gypsum industry. Starting rate of pay for hourly paid men, 60c per hour; piece rate workers can earn more at start and make a short training period can make from 70c to 90c per hour. Can use three colored men. Report to United States Employment Service for further information. People in essential industry or agriculture cannot be considered. UNITED STATES GYPSUM CO., Sweetwater, Texas 10-11c

Miscellaneous

PLENTY OF MONEY to loan; low rate of interest; long terms.—Spears Real Estate. 15-11c

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the capital stock of Snyder National Bank will hold their annual meeting on the second Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1944, in the office of the bank at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.—A. C. Alexander, Vice President. 28-4c

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Food For All

Take it from reliable officials, the food outlook for Scurry County civilians during 1944 isn't bad at all, and the volume of home canned goods in county cellars indicates very few families will feel the pinch of want during the next 12 months.

Food for all is in prospect if we, as a city and county, manage wisely, and the ultimate returns—in victory and freedom—from having to do without many luxury items, many fancy dishes and desserts, will, in the long run, make of Scurry County people a more resourceful and determined group.

No Black Markets Here

You may take it from authentic sources that Scurry County, insofar as the Office of Price Administration is concerned, is in a fortunate position where black markets—in meats, gasoline coupons, tires and tubes—are concerned in that we have no black markets going or about to be started in this immediate vicinity.

Deviations, of course, from OPA regulations—in view of the many regulations in force—are to be expected, but Snyder and the county can rejoice in knowing that no black market rings are enriching filthy pockets with money exchanged for under-the-counter goods peddled in violation of OPA rules. As a citizenship, we can perform a worthwhile public service by cooperating with our County War Price and Ration Board to see that no black markets of any type ever get a toehold here.

The WTCC Carries On

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, largest and oldest organization of its kind in the nation, is ready to face the coming year with renewed hope for equalized freight rates, a war-time work program designed to help West Texas become permanent in her contributions to victory and, most important of all, post-war planning for the lean years when grave problems of reconstruction will face the world.

The WTCC has become great, through the years, because it is made up of local Chambers of Commerce—like the Scurry County unit—and its directors are located in such strategic West Texas cities that the pulse-beat of the West Texas chamber is the pulse-beat of West Texas; the organized effort of thousands of people to see that West Texas gets its share of all economic and financial benefits that should accrue to this part of the state. Let the WTCC continue the good fight, and all local Chambers of Commerce gain in membership and prestige, is a goal worthy of every good citizen's strongest backing.

The Star Shines On

The star that guided the three wise men, hundreds of years ago, to the place of the Savior's nativity still shines through the war clouds enveloping the world, and The Times pauses to wish every Snyder and Scurry County citizen a Merry Christmas and Golden New Year; and all our hundreds of men and boys in uniform not only a real Christmas but a speedy return to home and loved ones.

Yes, sir, people in this trade area still see that star shining on, through the deepening gloom, and know that one glad hour the coming day will herald a peace that will, in stonement, cover a multitude of worldly sins. It is with the gladdest of peoples that we, in Christian America, can enjoy this Yuletide—far from the bombs of war—let the kiddies renew their ties of kinship with Santa Claus and let us have breath and health to pray for all the boys "over there." This Christmas should be a prayerful one—one in which we can pause to give thanks for our good fortune as a nation, under God, that is determined to see right triumphant over might.

Editorial of the Week

THE WANDERER RETURNS

Welcomed back to Washington by leaders of both major parties, President Roosevelt completed what probably will turn out to have been his most successful as well as most spectacular odyssey. From traveling up and down the earth the president came home looking fresh and gay, wearing a rumpled gray suit and a shirt described as loud. Wearing, too, in all probability, that crushed fedora which perches at a precarious angle on his tangled thatch of hair.

The president let it be known that he has an obligation to discharge on Christmas eve—a speech by radio to Americans in service all over the world. In that speech he may reveal more of the Cairo and Teheran conferences than has yet been vouchsafed.

The country, which realizes the value of his latest journey but wishes he wouldn't risk his neck so often, has reason to hope that the allies have now completed all the necessary arrangements for ending the war in victory without the necessity of arming all-star parties. It can be said of those carping critics who complain that nothing was done at these parties about post-war settlements that they don't know any more about it than the average man in the street. They are just guessing and wisecracking. If they did do any post-war planning at Cairo and Teheran, and they probably did, it is obvious that they cannot say anything about it at this stage of the game. There is a war to be fought and won first.—The Abilene Reporter-News.

Current Comment

Editor's Note—Expressions or opinions contained in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of The Times. Current Comment is merely carried as a feature column.

BY LEON GUINN

The nation's raw materials situation is still improving all along the line, and the War Production Board looks forward to an early removal from allocations of some chemicals and some of those precious metals it has been necessary until now to allocate for the war effort. . . . Many contractors who have hoarded critical materials are jarring loose with stockpiles now in fear they will be caught with more metals on hand than they can obtain pay for. . . . Reduction of raw material inventories will also mean production of civilian goods we so urgently need—civilian goods ranging from clocks to household appliances and kitchen tools.

Americans are becoming acutely vitamin conscious, if we take figures from sales of the "comph" tablets and "pep" containing concentrates. . . . Sales of vitamins, in 1939 set at \$1,000,000, are estimated at \$170,000,000 for 1943. . . . Vitamins in their place are, essential to the well-being daily of thousands of Americans, but taken in overdoes will serve to wear down the physical system years before nature intends that the human body "slow down" to fit the sunset years.

We are doing a good job of strengthening the ties of China with Great Britain and the United States—lest the Allied Nations one day awake to the fact the Chinese and Indian people are becoming aligned against the Western World. . . . This is a prime reason for the U. S. championing China at the recent conference table. . . . If we can get the idea over to the Chinese there is really no racial discrimination and that China is to be given accolade as a world power, we will have gone a far distance in having won the peace, as officials of the State Department let it be known.

Reliable sources indicate the U. S. Treasury will push no more public financing, after the Fourth War Loan, until June of next year, when a Fifth War Loan campaign cannot only be expected but will become gradually an accepted fact. . . . With a present cash balance of \$16,000,000,000, the federal government regardless should be well able to go into October of 1944 before any great amount of private capital is again needed to prime our top-heavy federal machinery. . . . We have just now really begun to become concerned over how we will eventually pay for this war and will probably be worrying a quarter of a century hence about getting all the odds and ends of the war out of the way.

Price control, if it can be achieved, is emerging as one of the major problems for OPA to wrestle with during the coming weeks, and Chester Bowles feels the job of rationing has been pretty well licked. . . . If the Office of Price Administration can stave off inflation—which is doubtful—key leaders believe the way will be opened to discussions of just how soon rationing can be lifted after the war ends. . . . Articles like sugar and other foods will doubtless be the first to slip from the rationed list, because of the transportation angles involved, and staple items like meats and canned goods will be the last to be lifted from ration regulations.

Civilians are glad to learn that meat ration point values are due to be reduced again, because of the great flood of livestock now reaching markets. . . . We will pay for the present glut on the markets of the country, of course, but temporarily people in all walks of life—war workers and ordinary citizens alike—are glad to see the meat counters of stores flush again with products that "stick to the ribs." . . . Point value of meats and meat products are scheduled to rise sharply next spring when meat again becomes scarce and the fingers of rationing reach out to even the smallest slaughterers and butchers.

It's a little disheartening to review the fantastic and uncalculated forecasts of post-war aviation, with routes of airlines running through every hamlet and village, and talk going the rounds of a plane in every garage and a job in civilian aviation awaiting every man now in the air corps—when demobilization begins. . . . The government men of the aviation industry and if the government fear the public will be entirely over-sold on aviation and be in for a sad let-down when the post-war military posts begin to roll by.

Air lines, of course, will expand greatly after the war is over, and use thousands of American men and women now seriously considering a post-war career, but leaders feel, after all, that aviation firms will take away little freight from the railroads because of the high costs involved for that portion of the future which can already be outlined. . . . Air lines, on the other hand, can be expected to carry three and four times the number of passengers carried before the war, and can be expected to start new routes that will bring the world's far corners to a point just a few steps from the average American home. . . . Aviation will shrink the size of the entire world, and will make foreign countries only a few hours distant—at the most—but will not mean jobs for everyone interested, more or less, in aviation as a life-time profession.

COUNTY'S FOOD WASTE WOULD FEED 794 MEN

National Distributor Estimates Huge Amount of Spoilage Can Be Saved by Wise Planning

Scurry County's 3,038 housewives could feed 794 soldiers for a year with the food wasted annually in homes of the county, an official of the country's leading food distributor estimated Tuesday.

This amazing figure is based on accurate government statistics that indicate at least 1,522,038 pounds of foods are wasted annually in Scurry County homes, according to Harvey A. Baum, head of A. & P. Tea Company's produce buying operations.

"Food is a munition of war, and everyone must fight waste of it now," Baum pointed out. "Efficient food producers, processors and distributors have worked for years to reduce waste. Our company, for example, has cut waste and spoilage on perishable fruits and vegetables by 50 per cent during the past 20 years," he added. "Now the government is urging a similar war on food waste in the home."

Kitchen efficiency, Baum suggested, should include three points: 1—Buy as nearly as possible just the required amount; 2—Serve moderate helpings; and 3—use all left-overs.

Baum said that, although housewives have eliminated much food waste since Pearl Harbor, over eight per cent of all food bought for home consumption is still wasted. While it is obvious that waste cannot be prevented entirely, he added, carefully planned conservation will cut the loss in half and thus 397 soldiers could be fed with the resulting savings in homes of this county.

Civilians eat about 1,514 pounds of food each year, he concluded, while the average soldier "puls away" 1,916 pounds annually.

Zadok Dumkopf says a soldier pal of his is still wondering how Noah managed to get two army mules into the ark before the rains came.

If anyone doesn't like the way war has made things here at home it is his privilege to join the armed forces.

A man who ran away from a nice, warm, steam-heated insane asylum in Indiana must be crazy.

Over the telephone your voice will travel around the world in less than one-third of a second.

The two oldest legal systems now in existence are the Jewish and the Hindu.

English sailors are called "limeys" because of the extensive use of lime juice at sea as a preventative of scurvy.

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

PALACE THEATRE

Program for Week—

Thursday, December 23—

"I Dood It"

Starring Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell with Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra. A singing, swinging, glorious parade of talent in a jamboree of joy. News and Cartoon Comedy.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25—

"Alaska Highway"

with Richard Arlen and Jean Parker. Smashing thrills with the army heroes who slashed through a wilderness to build the road to Tokyo. News, Cartoon and the Three Stooges in "Spook Louder."

Saturday Night Preview, Dec. 25—

"Honeymoon Lodge"

with David Bruce, Harriet Ellard, Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra. A grand musical comedy for the entire family.

Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27—

"Princess O'Rourke"

starring Olivia de Havilland and Robert Cummings. So much fun! So much gladness! You'll laugh till you get home—then you'll chuckle in your sleep. Cartoon and Novelty.

Tuesday, Dec. 28—

"Good Luck Mr. Yates"

with Claire Trevor and Edgar Buchanan. Glorifying America's lovely soldiers in slacks. News and Cartoon Comedy. Bargain Night.

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 29-30

"What's Buzzin' Cousin"

with Ann Miller, Rochester, John Hubbard, Freddy Martin and his Orchestra. All in a musical romance buzzin' with joy. News and Cartoon Comedy.

A. P. Gannaways Married 50 Years

December 19 was an outstanding day for Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gannaway, when they, with a host of their children and grandchildren, met in the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Dean Cochran, Sunday to observe their golden wedding anniversary. Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was Monday.

The city of Snyder and surrounding territory have grown considerably since Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway have moved here to make their home. They were married in Scurry County December 20, 1883, living at Wingate three years before moving to Snyder County, where they have made their home for 47 years. They now live at Hermleigh.

Rev. Roy Shahan performed a double ring ceremony, which was a symbol of their marriage 50 years ago. The gold wedding bands used in the ceremony were presented to the couple by all of the children. Many other attractive and useful gifts were received by the couple.

The couple has nine children—seven girls and two boys—all of whom were present for the celebration with the exception of one, Mrs. L. W. Whitehead of Wellington. Present were Mrs. E. R. Jones, Mrs. George Peterson, H. R. Gannaway, Mrs. Leo Nachlinger and T. J. Gannaway, all of Hermleigh, Mrs. W. H. Wade of Midland and Mrs. Loy Kerby of Pvron. Families of all of these children were also present.

Of the 33 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren the following were included among those present: Mrs. E. R. Jones Jr. and family of Lubbock and Mrs. James Davidson and family of Camp Springs. Other out-of-town relatives and guests in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meeks of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jayroe of Welch, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kizzire of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Willingham of Hobbs, Leta Kennedy of Rotan, Dr. D. Ball and son of Cisco, Mrs. Bob Gannaway and son of Haskill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sturdivant of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Setton of Meadow, Mrs. Troy Gartin of Snyder, Mrs. W. P. Helms and son of Rotan and Mrs. Alvin Koonsman of Lloyd Mountain.

Others calling during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Deakins and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Singletary of Abilene are visiting in Snyder this week with friends and relatives.

Not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.—George Augusta Sala.

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Key Insurance Rate In Snyder May Be Trimmed Next Year

Snyder, as most county citizens recall, sustained two disastrous fires in the past four years which penalized the city in its insurance key rate, reports J. S. Bradbury, city secretary.

"But we expect to come out of this penalty shortly," he said. The bad record—if it may be so called—was the unfortunate fire that destroyed the Snyder Junior High School about four years ago, entailing a loss of around \$150,000. A new structure has since taken its place.

This spring the Fuller Cotton Oil Company mills burned, but since the mills were located outside the city limits the fire did not affect the fire insurance status, Bradbury said. The oil mills were owned by the Fuller interests, who own ranches in this area. M. A. Fuller, a member, is a banker in Fort Worth. The mill likely will not be rebuilt, it is understood. Gifts owned by the company were sold.

Private First Class Doyle Bynum of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was in Snyder last week to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bynum. While here he was joined by his wife, who is making her home at Rowena with her parents. Private Bynum is an instructor at the Sioux Falls Technical Air School.

Boy Scout Court of Honor Set January 3

Regular monthly court of honor for Snyder's Boy Scout District, due to the Christmas holidays, will be held Monday evening, January 3, Snyder District officials announced this week.

A number of advancement awards are scheduled to be made at the first court of honor gathering for the New Year. Outlying troops of the district are invited to send as many parents of Scouts as possible to the gathering.

Navy Recruits Solicited.
Disregarding general belief, Scurry County men will find 1-A classifications, or impending inductions by Selective Service System boards is no bar to being considered for a commission in the Naval Reserve. So states Lieutenant Commander G. W. Cook Jr., Eighth Naval District, Dallas, who urges interested men to contact their nearest U. S. Navy Recruiting Office—if they wish to become a part of the great American fleet.

Andrew Jackson was given the nickname "Old Hickory."

It's Christmas
May yours be a merry one and the New Year be filled with joy and happiness in return for your thoughtfulness to this organization.
★★★ MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ★★★
PETE BENBENEK

Greetings!
The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year.
We hope that you will continue to give the new owner Horace Williamson, as fine business as you have given us in the past several years. You will always find what you need at Rainbow Market, and the same friendly, courteous service.
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