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VICINITY GETS MORE HOILDAY PRECIPITATION

Rain, Sleet and Snow Since Last Times Total .70 of Inch—Cold Continues Below Freezing

Snyder and Scurry Counties not only enjoyed a "white Christmas" Saturday, but sleet and snow that struck the county Friday continued through part of Christmas Day and gave the county .37 of an inch moisture. Mrs. Fay Wade, government weather gauger, states: Moisture received here Monday, in the form of snow and sleet, marked up .33 of an inch precipitation. December total of 1.79 inches precipitation is divided into installments by these days: December 5, .82 of an inch; December 6, .12; December 10, .14; December 25, .37; and December 27, .33.

While many ranchers still need some "raining" rainfall to fill water tanks, the slow drizzles, sleet and snow of recent weeks have put a fine moisture into the ground that will benefit pastures and small grain crops that are in the ground.

Many county roads, where no hard surfacing had been applied, were almost impassable during the Christmas holiday season, and folks resorted to wagons and horse-back to maneuver the muddy roads.

Lowest temperature tallied during December, Mrs. Wade says, was on December 15 and 16, when the county witnessed a low of 15 degrees above zero both days.

Temperatures this week, hovering considerably each night below freezing, stood Tuesday morning at 20 degrees above zero—12 degrees below freezing.

Ballots Go Out For Election of C. of C. Directors

Ballots are this week going out to the 200 members of Scurry County's Chamber of Commerce for election of four directors to replace those whose terms expire in January.

So announce Chamber of Commerce officials, who report the ballots will need to be back at CC headquarters by 5:00 p. m. Friday, January 7.

C. N. von Roeder, C. M. Wellborn, J. E. Blakey and H. L. Vann are the four directors whose terms will end in the first month of the new year.

Annual banquet of the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Wednesday, will be staged here some time in February. An outstanding speaker for the convocation will be secured and plans are being placed in the mill for an outstanding war-time convocation.

Ballots to CC members were placed in the mails Wednesday.

Area Draft Boards Tightening on Non-Fathers for Future

Scurry County's Selective Service Draft Board, and other draft boards in this area, are tightening up on non-fathers, lessening the number of agricultural and occupational deferments for them and increasing number of deferments for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, it was revealed this week by national Selective Service System officials.

Selective Service figured this week it will be required to furnish between 1,900,000 and 2,100,000 men to the armed forces between December 1 and July 1 of next year—thus providing 700,000 to 900,000 replacements and bringing the total strength of all forces, including the WAVES and WACS, to 11,300,000.

In the month of October alone, 150,000 men were called from Class IV-P for re-examination by the armed forces.

He's in England



Private First Class Alvis Lockhart, husband of the former Wanda Mears of the Fluvanna community, has safely landed somewhere in England, his wife learns. Son of A. A. Lockhart, Alvis is attached to the medical corps, U. S. Army, and is with the 44th Evacuation Hospital on English soil.

First Rehearsals of Lion Benefit Play Look Good

First rehearsal of the Snyder Lions Club sponsored play, "Feudin' in the Hills," held Tuesday evening, caused play directors to predict sell-out crowds for both nights the three-act production will be staged here, January 13 and 14.

Since the first rehearsal of the cast got off to an excellent start, E. O. Wedgeworth and Mrs. Jesse Lemons, play directors, state "Feudin' in the Hills" should prove one of the season's outstanding presentations at Snyder High School auditorium.

Members of the cast, as announced Wednesday by Wedgeworth, follow:

Paw Martin, a moonshiner, H. C. Michael; Mrs. Martin, his wife, Jerry Campbell; Edna Mae Martin, Katherine Lynch; Jed Martin, E. O. Wedgeworth; Zula Martin, Mary Frances Sheld; Grandma Martin, Marionette Baze; Stan Pruitt, Victor Baze; Dianah Pruitt, Doris Jean Reed; Dr. Ambe Crombie; L. A. Chapman; and Myrtle Ambe Crombie, Old Margaret Leath.

Scene of "Feudin' in the Hills" is an open in the living room of the Martin cabin, high in the hills of the Ozarks. Story of the production lies in a smoldering feud between the Pruitts and the Martins.

The forthcoming play is said to truly depict the life of the moonshiner in the old days when moonshining was the source of livelihood.

Martins, in the three-act production, base their philosophy of life on the theory "if good enough for my father is good enough for me."

A ticket sale will get underway next Monday, when general admission tickets are put on sale. Admission prices will be 25 cents for children, 50 cents for adults, and 20 cents for reserved seats. Reserved seat tickets will be available at Stinson Drug Store, No. 1.

Proceeds from the January 13-14 presentation will be used to pay for a grand piano for Snyder High School auditorium. The piano, to replace the one lost in the school fire in 1938, had been purchased.

Roy Porter was this week named stage manager for the two-night royalty play.

Royal Connell Will Get Wings January 7

Royal Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Connell, will receive a second lieutenant's commission, as well as his silver wings, January 7 at the Stockton Army Air Base, Stockton, California, air corps officials announced this week.

Lieutenant Connell is a 1934 graduate of Snyder High School, and prior to enlistment in the army air corps last March was manager of Furr Food Store No. 2, Lubbock.

Mrs. Connell, the former Ernestine Taylor Robinson, with Royal in California since last June, and her husband will be here around January 11 as guests of Floyd Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Dobson and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, previous to Royal leaving for his new post of duty.

Onnie Martin Buys Father's Cattle Title

Onnie J. Martin has purchased the interest of his father, A. C. Martin, in the Martin & Son firm of Hereford cattle breeders, it was reported this week.

Onnie will continue the Hereford cattle breeding enterprise of Martin & Son, 14 miles southwest of Snyder, and keep the blood line of Martin animals at the same high level as in past years, it is announced.

NEW CITY STOP SIGNS PLACED TO AID TRAFFIC

Officers Declare New Year Will Be Started With More Careful Car Driving for Safety's Sake

As a means of starting 1944 in Snyder, with greater security to motorists, Snyder's city officers announced this week that stop and intersection signs will be placed at strategic parts of town.

Simon Best, city marshal, and other city officials report several stop signs will be placed on heavy traffic avenues and intersection signs on several busy streets.

Motorists—whether passenger car, truck or pickup operators—are urged to be on the alert for the signs, being placed this week, and to avoid traffic accidents insofar as humanly possible.

Motorists will discover they should stop on avenues, and will be so advised by appropriate signs.

One sign, for example, will be put at the Moore corner, in East Snyder, and another sign will be put in Southwest Snyder—as a starter. Other signs will follow in the next few days.

"We want to begin 1944 in the right way by urging every vehicle owner to drive sanely, cautiously and at a safe speed," Best said, "and we want Snyder people to keep in mind the fact that every time an accident is avoided a direct contribution is made to our country's war effort. . . . Besides accidents involving personal injuries, repair parts are difficult to obtain and labor used in repairing wrecked vehicles could better be utilized at other essential work."

"When you drive cautiously and slowly," city officers remind, "you not only save a life but make Snyder, as a city, a much more desirable community in which to live."

Boss Baze Named County Chairman of Paralysis Campaign

W. J. Ely, chairman of the Scurry-Bovina County chapter, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, announces appointment of A. B. (Boss) Baze as Scurry County chairman of the forthcoming president's celebration for paralysis victims in January.

E. O. Wedgeworth, Ely announces, has been named Scurry County vice chairman, and will work with Baze in staging the celebration here.

It will be recalled Baze and Wedgeworth teamed last year in staging presidential birthday celebrations in which Scurry County raised \$1,100—compared with a county total of \$400.

Complete details of the Scurry-Bovina celebrations, together with additional announcement from Baze and Wedgeworth, will be carried next week, according to Ely.

T Gas Book Holders Urged to Exchange

All Snyder and Scurry County holders of T coupons are urged to call at Scurry County's War Office and Retain Board, at their earliest convenience, for new coupons.

County T book holders are advised that all the old style T rations will expire Friday, December 31.

Ginnings in County Total 18,503 Bales

Total of 18,503 bales of cotton were ginned in Scurry County prior to December 13 of this year, figures furnished Ira D. Stundivant, county crop reporter, Wednesday by the Department of Commerce.

Ginnings up to December 13 compare rather sharply with 22,607 bales ginned previous to December 13 in 1942. Lighter ginnings for this year reflect the drouthy conditions which prevailed here and elsewhere during mid-summer.

Martin School Begins Classes This Week

Martin, which resumed class work Monday, became the first county school to resume work after the Yuletide holidays, the county superintendent's office reports.

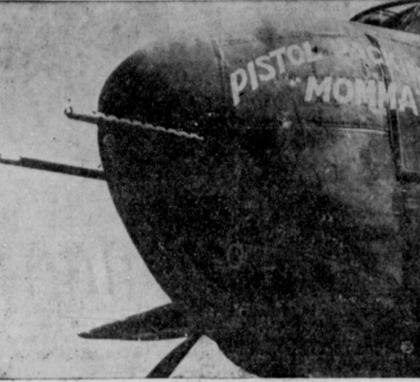
Snyder, Hermleigh and all other schools of the county will resume classes Monday morning, after a recess for the holiday season.

Registration in virtually all county schools is due to increase slightly with resumption of work at beginning of the new year.

Raymond Moore Is O. K.

No foundation lies in the rumor that Raymond Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore, in the U. S. Navy, has been killed, his parents stated Tuesday. Raymond, formerly employed by a Snyder lumber yard in civilian life, was last heard from at New Orleans. He has received commendation for gallantry with the fleet.

Pistol Packin' Mama of Pacific



Here's a real "Pistol Packin' Mama," in the form of a North American Aviation B-25 bomber—equipped with a 75-millimeter cannon—that is a smash hit in the Southwest Pacific, where this plane and others like it have been hitting the enemy with plenty of "flying artillery."

Farm Machinery Repair Parts Not To Be Restricted

Manufacture of repair parts for farm machinery in 1944 will not be restricted, Edward S. Hyman, county agricultural agent, learns, and Scurry County farmers can be assured production of needed types of equipment will be about double the 1943 output.

Hyman was advised this week that the War Production Board has surveyed farmers' needs, and is authorizing overall allocation of materials to make planting, tilling and harvesting equipment during the coming year.

New WPB allocations for 1944 amount to 80 per cent of the 1940 production—a year in which manufacture was remarkably large.

According to information received here this week, sufficient tonnage of carbon steel has been authorized to meet all machinery and repair needs scheduled for domestic use.

Scout Court of Honor Stated Monday Night

Regular monthly court of honor for Snyder's Boy Scout District will be held next Monday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at Snyder School study hall, district officials announced Wednesday.

A considerable number of advancement awards are due to be made, Willard Jones, district advancement chairman, reports, and efforts are being made to start the new year with a large attendance from parents of Snyder District Boy Scouts.

The general public is extended an invitation to attend Monday evening's gathering.

Fisher County Strip Of Highway Paved

U. S. Highway 180, formerly known as State Highway 15, has been changed in a 11.6-mile strip, from the Scurry-Fisher County line eastward to pavement connection 4.5 miles west of Roby from graded earth to a paved road, the Texas Highway Commission announced this week.

Completion of paving on the 11.6-mile stretch of East-West Highway in Western Fisher County was one of four highway changes this week reported by the highway commission.

Wounded Captain of Company G Says Unit Is Real Fighting Crew

"We sure were glad to hear from you, and we're certainly glad to learn that Roy is alright," Captain Judson A. Skiles, Company G, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, commander, wrote this week from Brownwood, where he is convalescing, in a message to Mrs. Roy O. Irvin.

"I'm not hurt much," the Company G commander states, "only my foot. I lost two toes and it will be two or three months yet before I will be able to walk. My injury wasn't as bad as having to leave my men in those hills that night."

"Snyder has something to be proud of because when Company G hit that Italian beach on the morning of September 9, those Jerries knew they had their hands full. Those boys made me proud to know it was commanding such a gallant bunch of men."

"They fought tanks all day long—just with rifles and bazookas—and not a man ever looked like he wanted to turn back. Those boys pushed straight forward all the way. I am proud of every man in the company, and if I can ever manage to get back on Italian soil again I'm going back to them."

"I want Snyder and Scurry County to know what a magnificent job their sons did in paving the way into Hitler's Fortress Europe—especially under the disadvantage we had there."

"I'll Sergeant Hall we will be in Brownwood until January 5—then I will have to go back to West Virginia to the hospital. I have been with Company G so long Snyder seems like my rightful home." Captain Skiles concludes.

Skiles took over command of Company G, 36th Division, at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and describes the Scurry County boys as some of the "hardest to stop when they get a chance, at the enemy they have made fall back so fast."

Babson Says Nazis May Collapse Early in 1944

25 INDUCTED IN ARMED SERVICE FROM COUNTY

At Least Half Dozen of Draftees Are Pre-Pearl Harbor Fathers As Three Branches Get Men

Total of 25 Scurry County registrants were inducted into military service Monday at the West Texas induction center, Lubbock. At least half a dozen of this group are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Of those inducted into service, 10 went into the U. S. Army, nine into the U. S. Navy and six into the U. S. Marine Corps.

By groups, those inducted were as follows:

Army—Ramon H. Hedges, Woodrow Wilson Caddell, Pat Neff Westfall, John H. Trussell, Alfred E. Vernon, Ernest T. Jordan, Raymond Lee Ellis Gill, Herman L. Deere, Emory H. Pursley and Lewis R. Terrell.

Navy—Joe B. Graham, James E. Pawber, Orville D. Deavers, Charley B. Davis, James T. Herrington, Jasper L. Bunch, George H. Lloyd, Floyd House and James R. Meadows.

Marines—Vernon A. Lobban, Olan D. Garrard, Luther A. Rollins, Floyd C. Chandler, Leonard P. Remfro and Howard H. Crenshaw.

A large group of Scurry County draftees took their physical examinations at Snyder General Hospital early this week, preparatory to being reclassified for future induction by the local board.

Two Wells Active in Mitchell County Area

In Mitchell County this week, closest operational point to Scurry County's Sharon Ridge oil field, Col-Tex Refining Company No. 1 H. C. Miller, Section 22, Block 28, T-1-N, T. & P. Survey, Ordovician wildcat in the Westbrook pool, has progressed below 7284 feet in line.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Ellwood Estate, Section 19, Block 17, SP Survey wildcat, on a farm-out of the Gulf Oil Corporation, was drilling Wednesday below 7512 feet in shale and lime.

John Rogers Injured Second Time in Italy

John R. Rogers, a Scurry County boy recently awarded the Purple Heart, was slightly wounded—for the second time—December 30 on the Italian front, his wife, Mrs. Dona Rogers of Route 3, learns.

Rogers, who sustained back injuries, is convalescing in a hospital in Italy.

The Scurry County soldier, it will be recalled, was wounded before on September 9 in the Salerno, Italy, invasion and had returned to the front with a medical detachment when wounded the second time. His wife is a daughter of the O. C. Floyds.

J. D. McElyea Now Stationed in England

Corporal J. D. McElyea, U. S. armed forces, is now stationed some point in England with the 218th Signal Depot Company, his sister, Mrs. Vernice E. Clark, was advised Tuesday.

Corporal McElyea attended Snyder Schools and was employed by several local business firms before induction into military service September 10, 1942.

J. D. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McElyea, former Snyder residents who now reside at San Diego, California, and has a brother, S-1-man Second Class Arville C. McElyea, in action with the navy fleet somewhere in the Pacific.

Pauline Fessler New Western Union Girl

New Snyder Western Union operator is Pauline Fessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fessler of Miami, Oklahoma, who assumed duties here last week.

Mrs. Fessler comes here well recommended from Vinola, Oklahoma, and replaces Mrs. Margaret Burge, who recently tendered her resignation.

Mrs. Burge, the former Margaret Deakins, worked for Western Union seven years, and in addition to "meritorious devotion to duty" here worked for Western Union at Mineral Wells and in Louisiana.

Forecaster



Forecasts of Roger Babson, internationally known economist, for 1944, which carry plenty of dynamite, will be found in an adjoining column of this week's Times. Babson's predictions, carried in previous years in Your Home County Paper, have an uncanny accuracy that Times will enjoy. Numerous readers will probably wish to clip Babson's column for future reference throughout the New Year.

Initial Plans for Fourth War Loan Drive Outlined

"Let's All Back the Attack" will be the theme of the forthcoming Fourth War Loan drive in Scurry County, which opens January 18, and will continue through February 15, 1944, members of the Scurry County War Finance Committee announced Tuesday.

During the entire Fourth War Loan campaign, particular emphasis will be placed on the sale of more U. S. war bonds and war savings stamps to individuals—especially the popular Series E bonds.

County war finance committee members report a personal contact plan, similar to the one utilized in the Third War Loan drive, will be used in the January-February campaign.

While county quotas in the drive will not be released until the first week in January, according to Nathan Adams, state chairman, county quotas are scheduled to be slightly under tallies for the third drive.

County committee members report an organized, systematic drive on January 18 will get underway with help of Scurry County civic organizations, schools, churches and that each organization will have a definite job to do.

Additional Fourth War Loan drive details will be released, through The Times, at an early date.

Missionary Recently Released by Japs to Speak Saturday Eve

Lonely days and nights in a Japanese concentration camp comprise only one of the memories Lile Mae Hundley, sister of Snyder's Assembly of God pastor, Rev. C. L. Hundley, brought back when she arrived here Tuesday.

Miss Hundley, a missionary in Shanghai, China, since 1923, arrived in New York December 1. She will speak Saturday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the Assembly of God Church in North Snyder on her recent experiences.

Miss Hundley, according to information from a reliable source, remained in a Jap concentration camp seven months, along with a great many other American citizens. She arrived in New York on the exchange ship Grifsholm.

Sister of the Snyder Assembly of God pastor is scheduled to remain here some time, and will probably speak at several county churches.

Sid Worrell Moving To 25th Street Site

Sid Worrell, who has operated Scurry County Tractor Company the past several months at the southeast corner of the square, Ben F. Wilson building, is this week moving to the first two buildings on 25th Street west of Community Natural Gas Company.

Worrell, who came here from Lubbock, is finding a ready sale for Ford tractors, Ferguson equipment especially designed for the tractors and for repairs.

COMING YEAR'S BUSINESS TO BE GUIDED BY WAR

Noted Economist Forecasts End of Honeymoon for Labor and Big Labor Shift After Duration

By Roger W. Babson.

Babson Park, Massachusetts, Dec. 30.—Most firms are booked to capacity. If any more business were offered they would not be able to handle it for many months. This is roughly my forecast for 1944. The Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business for the final quarter of 1943 averaged 141 compared with 150.7 for the same period of 1942. The all-time high was reached in December, 1942, when my index stood at 155.6. It is not possible that this record can be exceeded in 1944.

War developments will influence commodity prices during 1944. The collapse of Germany could result in a sharp, though temporary, reaction in leading wholesale indexes. If the going in Italy or elsewhere should prove unexpectedly hard—indicating a longer war—prices should be firm. Cattle and hogs may bring lower average prices. Soybean and corn prices face the test of large marketings. They will do well to hold. Increased imports of coffee, cocoa and sugar will hold down their prices.

Continued heavy demand is indicated for most industrial commodities. To what extent efforts to roll back food prices to September 15, 1942, levels will succeed is problematical. Mounting over-all shortages, unprecedented demand and the necessity for maximum output will tend to maintain strong upward pressure on most prices. Advancing parity prices, storage, insurance and black markets further tend to keep prices high. Subsidies will be granted certain producers during 1944.

Business men should watch the government's policy of disposing of its huge inventories of consumer merchandise. With supplies at a much higher level than in World War I, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers should insist there be no dumping on domestic markets.

This could smash prices. Flooding the export markets could make it difficult to sell goods abroad at a fair profit. I hope a substantial portion of our surplus will be given to the people of continental Europe and China.

I forecast that retail dollar sales will average five to 10 per cent higher in 1944 than in 1943. Sales volume of consumer goods will again start to climb as smaller companies get the okay on post-war merchandise. I expect some decline from 1943 in the physical volume of retail sales due to scarcity of goods and less employment. Substitute merchandise has sold well, but manufacturers and wholesalers are now wary of it. As good war news increases, consumers will wait for new post-war merchandise rather than buy synthetic war-made goods. Merchants should keep a workable inventory. Do not over-stock.

Texas Is in Spotlight.

The following 10 states are tops for 1944: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, California, Washington and Oregon. Of smaller volume states, I like Georgia, Minnesota, Florida, Nebraska, Utah and Arizona. Florida may see a real boom. Outstanding sales cities are scarcer. A year ago it was simple to spot cities with expected gains of 40 to 50 per cent.

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Grounded

Grounded Monday because of inclement winter weather, several Scurry County boys, attached to Lubbock Army Air Field, were here visiting relatives and friends over the week-end.

Break Tuesday morning in the siege of sleet, snow and bitter cold caused several boys at the Lubbock field to be "up and at 'em early. . . ." In fact, one twin-engine plane from the base was over Snyder—up where the kites freeze—when the aviator's gremlins—before the winter sun rose. Snyder and Scurry County youths stationed at Lubbock Army Air Field say they like their training immensely.

Who's New In Scurry County

Mr. and Mrs. John Dever announce the arrival of a baby boy. The youngster was born at Snyder General Hospital early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Andress have a baby boy. Aubrey Leon was born Christmas Day, weighing seven pounds six ounces. His father is with the armed forces overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mason of Fluvanna announce the arrival of a baby girl. She was named Sarah Ann and weighed six pounds.

Edwin Clarence was born Monday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Isbell. The infant weighed eight pounds.

HERE IS MORE CONCERNING BABSON— CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

cent. Now more cities will show gains of only five per cent to 10 per cent in 1944 over a year ago. Here is the pick of the lot: Detroit, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Knoxville, Tennessee; Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; San Diego, California; Savannah, Georgia; Springfield, Massachusetts; Topeka, Kansas; and Wichita, Kansas. It will make a difference in 1944 business whether Germany cracks in the early or latter part of the year. When this happens Washington will begin at once to cancel war orders, especially on the Atlantic seaboard. The army will accept no more recruits, may begin orderly demobilization. Navy men may be in for two or three years more. Army demobilization may start around election time in 1944. This should help retail trade.

Industries Differ.

Expansion of airplane factories has been practically completed. The automotive industry during 1944 will gradually reconvert to normal. New car stockpile is low. Look for relief only on trucks. The chemical industry has enjoyed great expansion. This may continue. Leaders in new drugs should prosper. Heavy chemicals may not show any gain over 1943 volume. Building about the same level for total new building as in 1943. Relaxing restrictions on private construction will come in the near future. Gains in 1944 will show in this category when compared with 1943. An optimistic on post-war home building.

The shoe and clothing industries are beset by price ceilings and increased costs. These will continue through 1944. Woolen industry will remain very active. Rayon will continue at capacity output. Cotton textiles will be fairly active—nearly equal last year's level. With Germany out, consumer demand for these goods should quickly replace war orders. Dairy products will be scarce because of feed problems. Slaughter houses should do a big volume. Cereal products will do well. Canned goods will feel effects of sharply higher costs and lower output. Bituminous coal depends upon labor union policy, but I ex-

pect output to be at least 10 per cent better in 1944 than in 1943.

Air transport will gain in equipment and efficiency. Manpower is far from solved. The trend of the industry is up for both air passengers and freight. Railroads will continue to suffer from equipment shortages. War peak of traffic is passed. Railroad needs are as acute that higher priorities for equipment will be forced. After the war, railroads will have a terrible slump. With much less to haul, they will face as never before competition from coastwise shipping, river transportation, new pipe lines, airplanes and trucks. Eastern roads will slump as soon as Germany collapses.

Electronics and television should boom. Heavy electrical equipment orders may decline slightly in 1944. Kilowatt output may be 10 per cent better in 1944 than in 1943. Lumber volume will continue to be reduced. Backlog of machine tool orders is declining sharply. Sub-contracts may help. Non-ferrous metals are held down by acute manpower shortage. Paper and pulp will be affected by the cut in newsprint. Paper-board output in 1944 should equal 1943. Refinery petroleum output in 1944 will run 10 per cent above 1943. Higher prices for crude are probable. All-time peaks in steel output are scheduled for 1944. Shipbuilding may not show further gains, but slouchings will.

Labor's Honeymoon Is Over.

Crux is whether sufficient skilled and unskilled workers can be channeled into critical war industries. It is estimated that 2,000,000 workers must be added to essential plants in the next few months. However, over 2,000,000 men and women reach age 18 every 12 months. Therefore, the labor situation may begin to ease. There will be many disputes but most upsets will be of short duration and small scope. Labor leaders must threaten strikes for publicity and to hold jobs. The cost-of-living situation will dictate the rise and fall of strikes. If rolling back prices is successful, pressure for higher wages will be considerably reduced. After Germany cracks, there will be no scarcity of labor. Labor's honeymoon is approaching its end. There will be no railroad strike in 1944.

The 1944 long-term trend of stock prices is definitely upward. A growing hoard of money seeks investment. Few new stocks are available.

Present holders are less willing to let stocks go, except at higher prices. The rise from May, 1943, to July, 1943, was a long, unbroken advance. A period of consolidation, such as from July 14 to date, was in order. The next few months may still be marked by irregularity. This should not disturb real investors. Corporations are adjusted to war-time operations. Any material change in the war situation may create temporarily upsetting uncertainties. On the bullish side the market strengthened in the face of the largest war bond drive in our history.

Most listed companies are stronger than ever. Debts have been reduced, cash reserves increased. Companies doing well in war work may get new buildings and machinery for a long time. War stocks have gradually given ground in spite of record earnings and growth in net current assets. Many peace stocks have forged ahead in spite of declines in earnings and lower dividend payments. It is possible the "war babies" may become oversold and the peace stocks overbought, but the total industrial averages will go higher sometime during 1944 than they are at present. In case a Republican president should be elected in November a big bull market could quickly develop.

What Stocks to Buy.

Some industrial groups appear more attractive than others. Building stocks should benefit from the expected boom after the war. Johnsonville, Lone Star Cement and Eagle-Picher Lead hold prospects for good post-war earnings and liberal dividends. Flexibility of merchandising companies makes their stocks favorites. I have recommended American Stores, McCrory Stores, Kroger, Jewel Tea, General Shoe, United Stores 6 per cent preferred and preferred A. The railroad and farm equipment groups ought to show better-than-average progress. Favorites include American Transportation, Baldwin and Harvester; although post-war prospects convince me that selected steel and iron issues hold appeal. U. S. Pipe Line & Foundry should benefit from building. Republic Steel 85 preferred A offers liberal income. National Steel and Allegheny-Ludlum are sound issues. Electrical equipment should experience heavy post-war demand. General Electric is the outstanding leader.

Interest Rates Unfair.

The government forbids a corporation to manipulate the price of its securities but the government is using artificial means to force down interest payments needed by widows, orphans and others dependent upon savings or life insurance. This is unfair. Government bonds dominate the high grade field. Corporations are being called in increasing amounts. Insatiable investors and trustees have to bid very high on the few remaining corporates or buy governments. In view of the relatively greater risk in corporates, I favor confining high grade bond purchases to the E, F and G war series, preferably E's. Otherwise, hold cash. Municipals are too high.

I expect no near-term shift in interest rates. They may remain low as long as government financing must be carried on in large volume, or as long as restrictions are placed upon the expansion of business to meet civilian demands and the money hoard continues to grow. When the readjustment comes the investor should not be tied up in long term, low coupon bonds. Current yields on better grade issues have been forced down too low. Investors looking for liberal income are, therefore, buying cumulative preferreds. Such issues are also in favor with investors skeptical over the general trend of common stocks; but the field is very selective. My

Leads in Drive



Dr. R. N. Richardson, Abilene, Texas, was this week named chairman of the Hardin-Simmons University steering committee in a building and endowment fund. Dr. Richardson, well known in circles of the West Texas Historical Association, reports that Hardin-Simmons has been given a \$500,000 goal on approval of the Baptist General Convention Board.

usual advice is to buy only first mortgage bonds or else common stocks of companies with no cumulative preferreds.

Taxes May Increase.

There may be a small increase in 1944 taxes. This increase will hurt only a few industries through increased excise taxes. Income taxes, inheritance taxes, gift taxes and probably corporation taxes will remain about where they are or lowered. Furthermore, 1944 may be the last year of tax misery. Taxes should begin to decline in 1945. Investors should especially keep in mind that when excess profit taxes are eliminated—many corporations can make more money and pay more dividends with much smaller gross earnings.

Men and women who left jobs to enter the armed forces should have no trouble getting jobs when they return. Those who entered the "arm-chair" forces at Washington or elsewhere may have real trouble with getting post-war jobs. Men who were unemployed when they entered the armed forces will get post-war jobs based on their war record and behavior. Character and habits will be an important consideration. Men and women who left employers in the lurch to get more money or thrills may be left "high and dry" when the war is over. There will not be a good job for everyone after Germany cracks. In fact, there will begin to be unemployment when Rumania, Bulgaria or Hungary give up, which I expect fairly soon.

Politics and Inflation.

Unless Germany collapses before August, Roosevelt will be re-nominated and probably re-elected. It looks now as if Willkie will be nominated if the Republican leaders believe Roosevelt has the election in the bag. This would be a good way of getting rid of Willkie forever. Another possibility is that Willkie may accept second place on the Democratic ticket. The Republicans will put their efforts upon Congress. In November, 1944, they should secure a good majority of everyone and six more senators. When I look further ahead, 1948 seems now like a good Republican year with Governor Dewey the victor, in case Willkie is not already

president. During the 1948-52 term will come the next depression, followed by a return of the Democrats in 1952. Then there will be more Socialist experiments and the real inflationary period. In the meantime, we will have slowly creeping inflation until 1948; but nothing radical. After Roosevelt is re-elected with a vice president satisfactory to him, I should not be surprised to see him resign to accept the head of the new world organization, whatever this may be. This could take place as soon as Japan is whipped—possibly in 1945.

How Long Will War II Last?

Intelligent forecasts of 1944 business should be based upon some assumption as to the length of the war. If Germany is to crack within a short time, 1944 may be a very different year than if Germany should hold out until after our presidential elections in November, 1944. Germany may collapse early in the year, but consider the following:

- 1.—Churchill is very close to Roosevelt. He desperately wants him re-elected. Knowing that only a continuation of the European conflict through October, 1944, will assure this, he is not hurrying his second front.
2.—As the Republicans have not yet insisted upon "unconditional surrender," the German and Japanese people think their chances might be better with a Republican president—which is a temptation for them to hold out.
3.—Stalin is definitely waiting until after November 6, 1944, before making certain decisions, and this will delay Germany's collapse.
4.—Although the Washington New Deal group might do nothing to prolong the war merely to insure themselves another four years of power, yet they surely would not be averse to others doing so.

5.—Generally good war news should feature 1944. The battle-hardened Russians should continue to drive the German hordes back. As we enter 1944 the war has rounded second base and is on the way home. As, however, I stated in my 1943 and 1944 annual forecasts, we should not expect an ending of the war until gas, chemicals or bacteria bombs are used. All of the above may be upset by the death or serious illness of Roosevelt.

velt, Churchill, Stalin, Chiang or perhaps even Hitler in 1944. Business men are faced with three vitally important questions: 1.—Is it time now to give up seeking war contracts and prepare plants for civilian goods output? 2.—Should sub-contracting be reduced by approximately 50 per cent so as to be ready for civilian goods production? 3.—Is all-out war production to utmost capacity the best course to pursue? My advice is: Continue to take all war sub-contracting you can get provided it will not tie your plant up beyond election day next year. Stop further expansion plans now. Work research and post-war planning departments overtime. Give orders now for reconversion equipment.

Finally, 1944 will see a continuation of the conflict between those two philosophical theories which are splitting civilization today. These questions of whether man (1) is a spiritual being to be guided by the Ten Commandments; or (2) is an evolutionary animal permitted to follow the rules of the jungle even when possessing a college diploma and dressed in a tuxedo. If our first assumption, the one for which our churches stand, is adopted as a goal, the coming year can be the beginning of a glorious future. If the second, which too many educators are teaching, is allowed to grow, then World War II may have been in vain. In the end, spiritual forces must overcome the material forces or civilization is sunk. The hope of a better post-war world lies with greater research and more religion.

Mrs. E. E. Weathersbee and daughter, Mary Belle, spent Christmas Day in Rotan with relatives.

Two County Soldiers Arrived at Fort Sill

Art C. Walls and Sammy G. Koenig are two Scurry County boys who arrived this week at the Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, and received assignment to Battery D, 27th Battalion of the 7th Training Regiment, army officials report.

Art is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Walls and formerly was employed here by the State Highway Department.

Sammy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Koenig, now of Vancouver, Washington, and in civilian life was employed by Planters Gin Company at Hermleigh.

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German Officer Says War Has Been Lost

Strong indications that many Nazi generals, at home and in the field, now feel that Germany already has lost the war came Tuesday from General Eiler von Daniels, military leader captured by the Russians at Stalingrad.

The British Radio said that Von Daniels spoke over the Moscow Radio about "the crisis among the German generals" and hinted there are commanders in Germany who think like those in Russia. The broadcast was recorded by CBS in New York.

Mrs. C. E. Ross and son, Ralph, left Christmas Eve for Pecan Gap to visit relatives.

Lubbock General Hospital Clinic

GENERAL SURGERY: T. Krueger, M.D., F.A.C.S.; J. H. Siles, M.D., F.A.C.S.; H. E. Mast, M.D. (Urology)*. EYE, EAR, NOSE & THROAT: J. T. Hutchinson, M.D.; Ben R. Hutchinson, M.D.; E. M. Black, M.D. (Allergy). INFANTS AND CHILDREN: M. C. Overton, M.D.; Arthur Jenkins, M.D.. OBSTETRICS: O. R. Hand, M.D.

INTERNAL MEDICINE: W. H. Gordon, M.D.; R. H. McCarty, M.D. (Cardiology).

GENERAL MEDICINE: J. P. Lattimore, M.D.; G. E. Smith, M.D.; J. D. Donaldson, M.D.*. X-RAY AND LABORATORY: A. G. Barsh, M.D.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN: L. E. Hamilton, M.D.; Wayne Resner, M.D.*. *In U. S. Armed Forces.

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Romans 16:16

How to Be Saved

Having studied the correct attitude toward the Scriptures we are now ready to advance to other questions. I do believe it is necessary to have the correct attitude toward the Scriptures before we can study any Bible subject understandingly. It is useless to read the Bible to a person if he does not have the proper attitude toward it.

The greatest question ever asked by mortal is: "What must I do to be saved?" This is a Bible question and was asked and answered several times in apostolic times. It is answered in such plain language that there should never have been any confusion connected therewith. It is so plain that we should all be united in giving sinners of today the answer. Indeed, it is to be expected that the Lord would tell us what to do to be saved in such plain and unambiguous terms that all can understand who will. Would He answer such an important question in language that could not be understood? We believe not. It is here maintained that His teaching on this is plain and understandable.

Before our Lord ascended up to heaven, He gave to the apostles their marching orders. He told them that He would send the Holy Spirit to them and thus guide them into all truth. He told them that they were to go into all the world and tell humanity how to be saved. That farewell message has been called the Great Commission. It is recorded by the gospel writers. Each one of the writers records it in different words. Each supplies items omitted by the others. However, their accounts are not contradictory. Rather, they are complementary and supplementary.

Here is Matthew's record: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20). According to Matthew, they were to teach and then baptize. But that is not all. Mark records something else. We must call in all of the witnesses and let each testify. Mark gives it thus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). Mark, agreeing with Matthew, also says they were to teach and baptize. But he also adds belief. Belief, therefore, is essential. We are not to conclude that faith is a non-essential merely because Matthew did not mention it. All of the terms are not recorded in any one verse. We must take all Jesus said even though we find it necessary to consult another witness to know it.

Luke's account is in Luke 24:27. Turn and read the passage. The only item he mentions that Matthew and Mark failed to mention is repentance. Therefore, repentance

must be included in the plan of salvation. Are we to omit repentance just because Matthew failed to mention it? By no means. Luke also was an inspired writer. He is one of our witnesses. In order to get the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, we must give ear to all of them.

Now, to summarize, we have this: 1.—Preach or teach the gospel. All three assent to this. 2.—Believe the gospel. Mark bears witness to this. 3.—Repent of past or alien sins. Luke.

4.—Be baptized. Matthew and Mark. 5.—Saved. This is Mark's record. Instead of "saved" Luke has it "remission of sins." They mean the same.

But someone is ready with this question: "How do you know those steps come in that order?" That is a good question and it is easily answered. The Book of Acts is a record of the preaching of the apostles and other inspired men. It tells how they obeyed the final orders of Jesus. It records sermons preached by them. It shows how they understood the Great Commission. It is sometimes asserted that we cannot understand the commission alike. Let us go into the Book of Acts and see how they understood it. Let us see in what order these items were placed by inspired men.

Turn in your Bibles to the second chapter of Acts. Here we hear the first time to sinful humanity. Peter was the preacher. His audience was composed of alien sinners. First, Peter preached the facts of the gospel to them. That was what Christ had told him to do when He gave the Great Commission. After he had preached Christ, he called on them to believe. They did believe. Then, they asked the question: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Let all the earth be silent as it hears the answer given: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

Now, let us summarize the plan of salvation as it was first preached by Peter:

- 1.—Preaching the gospel.
2.—Belief of the gospel.
3.—Repentance.
4.—Baptism.
5.—Remission of sins.

How beautifully that harmonizes with the Great Commission. That is the way Peter understood it! And that is the way all of the preachers of that day understood it! That, too, is the way all were converted in that first century. How plain it is. You cannot misunderstand it without a great deal of expert help. Does your conversion harmonize with this? If so rejoice and be happy. If not, were you really and scripturally converted?—Raymond O. Keley.

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 Keley, Minister.

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1944 and Opportunity With the passing of the old year, we take this opportunity to thank our numerous friends and patrons for one of the finest business years in the history of our concern. We trust we may be privileged to serve you during the coming year. The New Year arrives Saturday, bringing opportunities, though many of them will be more difficult than those many of us can remember. But, opportunities in 1944, as those of all previous years, are everywhere for those who go out and seek them. Our Wish for You Is The Best That Life Can Offer Throughout The New Year—NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR Brown & Son GROCERY and MARKET

Pink Bollworm Act Held Valid by Appellate Court

Cotton growers of Scurry, Fisher, Garza Mitchell, Nolan and other counties of this immediate area expressed keen interest Monday in an opinion by the court of criminal appeals, Austin, which upholds the validity of the state's pink bollworm act.

The opinion, cotton producers of this area learn, lays down proper procedure for prospecting, under the law which is designed to eradicate the cotton pest.

Cotton, admittedly, is big business here and in all other sections of the state, and announcement that the pink bollworm act is still valid arouses interest of producer and ginners alike.

The pink bollworm act, recognizing the insect as a public menace to the cotton industry, created the Pink Bollworm Commission—which was empowered after notice and hearing to establish zones or areas within which growing of cotton could be prohibited or limited.

The commission, after hearing,

Bill King Enjoying Beautiful Sights in Italy, Letter States

"We are enjoying some beautiful weather here during these winter months," Sergeant Bill King, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. King, writes from "somewhere in Italy." "Not only are we enjoying the climate but the picturesque and panoramic beauty of the constant erupting Mount Vesuvius and the ancient lava covered city of Pompeii.

"The intriguing sight," Bill continues, "of priceless masterpieces of art, churches that have gold and silver adorned in mosaic—which is absolutely unbelievable even when a person sees himself—and the famous Santa Carlo opera house at Naples is remarkable.

"The Santa Carlo opera house, for instance, is something that strikes one with imagination and awe. We have heard wonderful opera singers and a symphony orchestra composed of 60 musicians.

"Here's wishing," King concludes, "we could all have spent the holiday together, but since we can't I'm wishing you, and all my Snyder friends, a joyous New Year."

Bill, a Snyder High School graduate, is attached to a signal corps unit of the U. S. armed forces.

Mother Joins Three Sons in Service



Joining three sons in donning a uniform is Mrs. Courtney G. Booth, Houston business woman who responded to the urgent call for Air-WAC recruits. She is shown with Technical Sergeant James C. Booth, one of the sons

who is stationed at Big Spring Bombardier School. Mrs. Booth answered the call for WACs during the intensive recruiting campaign now underway in this area, and is a widow of an officer in World War I.

Eisenhower Declares We'll Win This Year

Scurry County people this week took keen interest in announcement from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, new commander of the main European invasion force, who says flatly "We will win the European war in 1944."

Eisenhower made the statement at a farewell press conference before he left for Britain to take command of invading Hitler's European fortress, and his message was relayed to Scurry County and all other boys in service.

No Draft List Available.
Scurry County's Selective Service Draft Board reclassified a number of county registrants Monday evening, but due to end-of-the-year rush at the draft board office, list of reclassifications will be carried in next weeks Times.

He Has His Ethics.
Judge (to negro charged with stealing chickens)—"Rastus, are you ready for trial?"
Rastus—"Yassuh, jedge."
Judge—"Have you your witnesses here?"
Rastus—"Nossuh, jedge. When Ah goes out to steal chickens, Ah don't take no witness erlong wid me."

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Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Short Stations Probably.
Teacher—"Can any of you tell me what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?"
Fat Girl—"I don't know or I'd take some myself."

makes recommendations to the governor, upon whom it becomes mandatory to proclaim a regulated zone. Cotton growers of this area have been bending every effort the past few years to keep infested lint or seed from even being hauled through Scurry County. Several areas just above the caprock are still under bollworm quarantine.

Pleasant Ridge

Imogene Wells, Correspondent
Staff Sergeant Claude Hall is home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hale.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed by all at the Pleasant Ridge Church Thursday evening. Santa was there in person.

Mrs. H. Wells and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Shumate and daughter, Leonard Pope and family were among dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker at Loraine.

Imogene Wells of Sweetwater is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. Wells.

Mrs. A. K. Petty was called to the bedside of her mother, who is ill at Midland.

Calvin Walker and family of Capitola were guests in the home of Clayton Shumate Saturday night.

Visitors in Faver Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilborn and children, Billy and Sarah, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tolle Faver. Mrs. Wilborn is a sister of Mrs. Faver. Mrs. A. M. McPherson, Will and Fink Werner—all of whom with their families gathered in the Faver home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jackson and mother, Mrs. Jackson, of Gall, also visited in the Faver home Saturday night. Billy Wilborn is a dental student of Baylor University, Dallas, and Sarah is a student at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton.

Murphy News

Mrs. Ben Weathers, Correspondent
The community Christmas tree and school program December 23 were well attended despite the falling snow. School work will be resumed January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Barr of near Vincent were Sunday guests in the J. P. Herring home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan von Roeder and children spent the week-end at Lamesa in the McGill home, visiting with Mrs. von Roeder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell of New Mexico, and other relatives.

Ben Weathers and wife visited Sunday morning with Mrs. Dora Franks of Brownfield in the Lora Warren home at Snyder.

January 2 is our regular church day at Murphy.

Still No Word from Charles H. Merritt

Despite rumors that Charles Howard Merritt, seaman second class, may be alright and safe, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt of Route 1, Hermleigh, have received no additional word from the War Department since Charles Howard was placed "missing in action" when the Liscome Bay was sunk.

Last word Mr. and Mrs. Merritt had from the War Department revealed their son, attached to the famous aircraft carrier, was put in the "missing" column when the Liscome Bay went down on November 24—the third day of the bitter, bloody battle in the Gilbert Islands.

The closing year has been exceedingly kind to us. We pause here to express sincere appreciation for the patronage of thousands of good friends—



May Health and Happiness be yours during the New Year. Our fondest hope is to help you stay well and on the job for Uncle Sam!



Our wish is that success may attend your New Year.

We are grateful for your consideration of our services during the past year. The trust and confidence you have shown in us are our incentive to attempt greater things in the years to come. We are resolved to always keep thoughtfully in mind your needs and desires so that we may more efficiently serve you.

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Another Milestone Is Reached



Looking backward over the past year, we see many, many instances of your goodwill and consideration.

It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the New Year Season to tell you that we

have not forgotten. The confidence you have shown in us will make us strive just a little harder, that we may come up to your expectations.

Good wishes for you, your family, your friends... our friends.

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To the NEW YEAR

In these trying times that keep the world in turmoil, we Americans must toil together in order to preserve our treasured principles of freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom from want and freedom from fear, as outlined by our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt.

As an organization devoted to public service, we pledge anew our allegiance to the ideals which have made America the finest country on earth.

Regardless of race or creed or position, we serve all who are in need with reverence, dignity and faith.

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TWO pounds of waste fat will produce the glycerine required to fire five anti-tank shells. As the attack expands our soldiers need more and more shells for killing Japs and Nazis. This means the need for more and more waste kitchen fat is urgent. Homemakers must provide it. They will. For isn't killing about all our enemies understand? Their brutal savagery in beheading allied prisoners and annihilating whole towns can be stopped only with shells and more shells. Save every ounce of waste fat!

1. Strain into a clean wide-mouthed can and keep in a cool place like inside the gas refrigerator.
2. When you have a pound of waste fat, take it to your nearest butcher or grocer who now pays you for it with brown meat stamps.
3. Do not send any fat along to help kill Japs and Nazis that is still being used or which might have to be replaced.

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General Praises 5th Division for Italian Fighting

Members of the 36th Division, of which the Scurry County Company G, 142nd Infantry is a part, were praised by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army commander, in a letter received this week by Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

Clark's letter said, in part: "I am extremely happy to have this splendid division as part of the Fifth Army, and no one who has participated in our operations in Italy can fail to appreciate the outstanding contribution it has made to the victories that we have won. The operation of this division at Salerno, in my opinion, is one of the outstanding..."

Food Prices in Texas Reflect Month's Rise

Texas retail food prices in December increased 86 per cent wiping out the slight decrease of 24 per cent shown in November, State Labor Commissioner John D. Reed said this week at Austin.

Retail food prices in Texas now are 32.49 per cent more than those of April, 1941, and 21.02 per cent greater than prices when the U. S. entered the war, Reed said.

United States military successes of this war.

The general's comments were in response to a congratulatory message sent by Stevenson, General John A. Hulen, Mayor I. N. McCrary, R. C. Bowen, Amos Carter and other Fort Worth citizens.

Lloyd Webb Dies Sunday After Car Mishap Thursday

Tragedy, which struck in the form last Thursday of a car accident, brought death Sunday night, 9:45 o'clock, to Lloyd Webb, 16-year-old Ira High School student, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webb of the Ira community. Mrs. Webb has been correspondent from Ira for many years.

Born January 9, 1927, Lloyd had been a resident of the Ira community almost all his life and was an outstanding young man of Ira and nearby communities. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

According to reports received by The Times, Lloyd did his Christmas shopping here last Thursday, and en route home had an accident—due to slippery and slick covered roads. He passed away here Sunday night in a local hospital—three days after the accident occurred.

Funeral services for Lloyd were held Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, at the Ira Baptist Church. Rev. R. O. Browder, Ira Methodist Church pastor, assisted by Rev. Roy Shahan, Snyder First Baptist Church pastor, officiated.

Pallbearers were Leonard Childress, Bernard Bishop, Leon Sterling, Jack Kruse, Truman Jordan and S. A. Taylor Jr.

Flower bearers were Bettie Lou Childress, Francis Eades, Virginia Taylor, Bobbie Jean White, Louella Eades and Myrtle Etheredge.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webb; a sister, Mrs. B. P. Eades of Snyder; and two brothers, W. O. Webb Jr. of Snyder and Elmer R. Webb, in the U. S. armed forces at Camp Parker, California.

Odom Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements, with burial in Ira Cemetery.

First Baptist Church

Sunday is the first Lord's Day in the New Year. Could one start the new year in any better way than by attendance at the Lord's house for worship?

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning hour. The pastor will speak on the subject "The Great Memorial." At the evening hour the sermon subject will be "Making the Year Count for Christ."

On Saturday morning, January 1, at 10:00 o'clock, a prayer service will be held at the church. We urge all who will to attend this hour of prayer. January 1 has been designated as a day of prayer by our president. We urge you to attend this time of prayer from 10:00 to 11:00 a. m. Saturday.

Start the new year right by attendance at the Lord's house for prayer. Keep the new year right by attendance at the Lord's house each Lord's Day for worship and service.—Roy Shahan, Pastor.

At birth, an elephant weighs from 160 to 200 pounds.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Recently



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gannaway, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Dean Cochran, and Mr. Cochran. Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway have made Snyder and Scurry County their home for the past 47 years. They now make their home in the Hemleigh community.

Warren Church Gets Citation for Meritorious Acts

Lieutenant Warren E. Church, brother of Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton, and son of Joe D. Church of Colorado City, this week received a citation from Brigadier General Spaatz to follow his recent decoration of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

It read: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European and North African theatres of operations as a bombardier of a B-17."

Lt. Church was a bombardier on a B-17 named appropriately "Special Delivery." On April 6, 1942, he took charge of the ship, set his bombsight, ignored a blast of cannon fire, aimed his bombardier that blasted an enemy convoy to the bottom of the ocean near Bizerte.

For this feat he was awarded the DFC, his citation coming only recently. He is now instructing in Ballantyne Flying School after being a veteran of 53 missions. He wears an Air Medal to which are attached 10 oak leaf clusters.

He was flying as a bombardier in the lead plane of his squadron on day of the valiant bombing. His formation was heavily attacked by enemy fire as it approached the convoy. A 20-mm shell destroyed the pilot's instruments and a simultaneous blast of cannon fire knocked him from his bombight. Dazed and badly shaken he immediately resumed his post and directed the course, accurately bombing his target. One of the vessels destroyed was a munitions ship.

Assembly of God Church

The general public will find a cordial welcome at the Assembly of God Church, and we invite you to our week-end services.

Watch night services will be held Friday evening, 8:00 o'clock, and regular Sunday School services will get underway to 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Freshing services Sunday will be held at 12:00 o'clock.

Sunday evening services will begin at 8:00 o'clock, and you are asked to bring your friends. Let us in gladness gather at the house of the Lord.—C. L. Hundly, Pastor.

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Highway Crew at Snyder Helps with Traffic During Christmas Weather

O. R. Austin, State Highway Department maintenance foreman for Scurry and Borden Counties, filed such an interesting report with S. J. Treadway of Abilene, district engineer, on work the local crew performed through Christmas. The Times is happy to publish the report for the wide reader interest in the summary. Mr. Austin's letter to Treadway follows:

"Retail driving our highway and assisting traffic through the Christmas holidays. We wish to report, on account of light snow and ice, we drove all highways Christmas Eve and also after night.

"We found one elderly couple's car entirely out of commission. Employees could not tune up the vehicle and get it going, so we pulled the couple to town, where they could obtain shelter and car repairs.

"We discovered one car sitting on the pavement covered with ice and the owner calling for help. We pushed his car 100 yards and got him going, but found another car off in the ditch. We helped him back on the pavement—got the vehicle in operation and discovered a truckload of Mexicans at a cross shoulder stuck with the rear end of the truck extending out on pavement enough to be dangerous. We could not start the truck. Our boys pulled them back on pavement and got them started.

"On Christmas morning, by 5:00

o'clock, the ice was melted off pavement, and for exception of dirty reflectors, buttons and a light fog that came over driving was reasonably safe.

"Most dangerous condition we noticed involved trucks and cars with strong lights—operators of which failed to drop their lights. This made it highly dangerous for motorists they met.

"I met a truck, for example, with a strong light coming down a long straight and the operator did not drop lights at all. When he passed I flicked my lights back on high and found myself uncomfortably close to the rear end of a car parked on pavement.

"If all car and truck drivers would drop their lights when meeting others at night it would make driving immeasurably safer all the time. We found one car and trailer with the family urgently in need of assistance. Employees made emergency repairs until the group got to town.

"In another instance," Austin's report concludes, "we discovered a truckload of Mexicans—truck down and half the highway blocked. We got the Mexicans undrway and one truck turned over and we had a wrecker go pick the truck up and tow it to town. Yours for better, safe operation of our highways."

Personal cards at The Times office.



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Frank's Dept. Store

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We don't know of a better time than the New Year to give recognition to our many friends who, through their consideration and patronage, have made it possible for us to enjoy a very successful year.

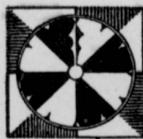
We do not measure success in a material way entirely, but from the standpoint of friendships maintained, new acquaintances made and service rendered to the many people whom we have had the privilege of serving during the past twelve months, and whom we hope to keep as our friends during the coming year.

We have set our goal to serve you more efficiently in the future and we trust that our efforts will meet with your approval.

We Wish Each of You a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Two Reliable Drug Stores
No. 1—Phone 33 No. 2—Phone 173



As we put the finishing touches on an eventful year, we take stock of what the past 12 months have meant to us—the stock that is more valuable to our future than the goods on our shelves... we are speaking of our friendships. We are grateful to every one of them for their liberal patronage.

We welcome this opportunity to wish our patrons a Very Happy New Year! May good health and happiness be your lot throughout the coming year of...

NINETEEN AND FORTY-FOUR

Pollard Motor Co.

West of New Bridge



LET'S START ANEW

As we pass another milestone of time, let's stop just long enough for us to express our sentiment of the season.

We cherish the thoughts of the fine associations that have been ours... and take this method of expressing a true appreciation.

Snyder Auto Supply

Earl F. Wilson, Prop.

Scurry County Tractor Co.

FORD TRACTOR DEALER SNYDER, TEXAS

MOVING TO NEW LOCATION IN SNYDER, TEXAS
Second door west of Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

Harry Ferguson Inc. promises us a full line of tools and implements for the New Year and

The Ford Tractor line is actually turning out more than 200 tractors for each working day. Tractor quotas have been nudged up to give us more tractors for the near future.

Genuine Ford Tractor Parts...

will be available in quantities, now on the way to us in our new location.

We wish our friends and customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Our Shop Service Will Serve You
BETTER AND BETTER

SID WORRELL, Manager

GET OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM YOUR HOME COUNTY PAPER

SUIT SALE

WE HAVE 80 SUITS THAT MUST BE SOLD NOW!

LOT NO 1

\$19.95

20 All Wool, Tailor-made, Long Wearing, Heavy, Warm Suits. Sizes 36 to 42.

LOT NO. 2

\$24.95

20 Excellent Suits made from Woolens of Better Quality. All Sizes.

LOT NO. 3

\$27.50

20 Suits. Longs, Shorts, Stouts. Sizes 36 to 46. Hand Finished. Excellently Tailored.

LOT NO. 4

\$29.95

Our Top Value and That Means Something.

FRED

ANN

Jones & Rogers

TAILORS and HATTERS

East Side Square

Phone 90

Subsidy for Milk Producers To Be Extended in 1944

The government subsidy to dairy-
ment, averaging three-quarters of a
cent a quart on fluid milk, in which
many Scurry County producers have
been participating since October 1,
is expected to be continued a month
beyond its December 31 expiration
date to prevent a further sharp drop
in an already short level produc-
tion.

Indicating such action, War Food
Administration officials in Wash-
ington said they had ascertained
from congressional leaders that con-
tinuation of the subsidy for a brief
period would not violate a congress-
ional agreement that the adminis-
tration would inaugurate no new
subsidies pending settlement of the
food subsidy controversy after the
congressional recess.

The milk subsidy was started in
October to compensate dairymen for
higher feed and labor costs without
raising consumer prices for milk.
Its cost to the government is ex-
pected to total about \$50,000,000 for
the three-month period.

Payments to Scurry County pro-
ducers to date amount to about \$

Dairy experts said lapse of sub-
sidy program might seriously threat-
en milk production. The Bureau of
Agricultural Economics said recent-
ly that present returns to dairymen
—the subsidy included—were not
sufficient to encourage liberal feed-
ing of dairy cows.

Treasury of Texas Shows \$64,000,000 Net Balance in 1943

Scurry County people looked over
a state treasury this week that had
a nice reserve, and reminded them-
selves they were proud of the financ-
ing job of their Lone Star State.

State Comptroller George Shep-
pard this week reported at Austin
state revenues for the fiscal year
ending last August 31 totaled \$245,-
551,440 compared to expenditures of
\$181,795,948.

The approximately \$64,000,000 dif-
ference in the figures represents
collections that go into trust or per-
manent funds, of which only accru-
ing interest may be spent, Sheppard
said.

Large revenue producers includ-
ed: Motor fuel tax, \$40,688,512, net;
gross receipts and production taxes,
\$36,295,689; ad valorem tax, \$24,-
685,617.

Peak expenditures were for: Edu-
cational, \$61,637,171; public wel-
fare \$53,476,230; highways and road
debts, \$41,042,192.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Evans of
Wicket were in Snyder during the
Christmas holidays. They are for-
mer Snyder residents.

Estella Rabel, county home dem-
onstration agent, who spent the
Christmas holidays with her parents
at Weimar, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rabel,
returned Monday evening.

Dermott News

Tish Sullenger, Correspondent

The program and Christmas tree
were well attended and enjoyed last
Tuesday night.

A group of carolers serenaded sev-
eral of the shut-ins Thursday night.
M. K. Maples, Rip and Buncy left
Wednesday for Dallas, where they
spent the Christmas holidays with
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Box and chil-
dren and Johnnie Mae Maples.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boss spent
the Christmas holidays with Mr.
and Mrs. Floyd Smith and son in
Ranger.

Jettie D. Elkins of Amarillo was
home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. T. Steele and Margaret
Nell visited with Mrs. Steele's moth-
er, Mrs. F. J. Smith, at San Juan,
New Mexico, through the Christmas
holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Farmer and
boys of Post visited in the Tyra
Sullenger home last week-end.

Those visiting in the H. O. Green-
field home this week were Mrs. Fred
Taylor, Betty Gene, Margaret Ann
and Mrs. Ikey Pralick, the former
Mary Jo Taylor, and baby of Port-
land, Oregon, and Mrs. Barney
Greenfield of Ira.

Harvey Greenfield, who is at work
at Knox City, was home Friday,
Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edmonson,
Bobby Jack, Luther Gene and Loy
Edmonson visited in the A. J. Davis
home at Ira Sunday.

Pat Mason of Ft. Worth spent
Sunday night and Monday with
Velma Lee Edmonson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elkins and Jet-
tie D. Juanita and Reginald Heard
and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sullenger
and children went to Snyder to en-
joy their Christmas tree with Mr.
and Mrs. H. W. Boss and children
Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edmonson,
Velma Lee and LaVerne visited with
the John Williamsons at Snyder
Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reed and
Vernon had Christmas dinner with
the Clint Reeds at Snyder.

Mrs. Comer Liles spent Christmas
with her father at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Scrivner and
children, Mrs. Sallie Scrivner and
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Scrivner and
family had their Christmas tree in
the Gene Trussell home at Snyder
Christmas Eve.

Mrs. J. W. Russell was carried to
the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Tyra Sullenger is in the hos-
pital at this writing.

Mrs. Jesse Browning underwent an
appendectomy Sunday night, and
Jesse is in the hospital with the
flu.

Mrs. A. N. Edmonson is abed at
this writing with tonsillitis.

Delayed from Last Week.

Mrs. R. A. Samples visited in
Lubbock Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steel helped
Blake Walker move to Ennis Creek
last week.

Mrs. J. W. Warren and Dale War-
ren visited with Mrs. J. W. Russell
Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Browning and
family spent Wednesday night with
Lucian Thomas in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Browning and
children spent Sunday at Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Craig and son,
W. C., of Tahoka visited in the
A. N. Edmonson home Sunday.

Hermleigh News

Minnie Lee Williams, Correspondent

Santa Claus arrived from the
North Pole Christmas Day in the
G. R. Higginbotham home with a
precious bundle addressed to Mrs.
Leon Andrew which contained a
baby boy, whose name is Aubrey
Leon. The baby's father is with
the armed forces on foreign soil.

Mrs. Dock Chambers left Wed-
nesday to spend several days with
relatives in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nachlinger left
Thursday for South Texas, where
they will make their home for the
next few months. They have resid-
ence adjoining town recently to
Mr. and Mrs. Olen Culp.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson and
Mrs. Lee Patterson of Sweetwater
and Mrs. Wilsey Brawley visited
Mrs. Laura Patterson Sunday.

Mrs. Dean Cochran of Snyder,
Robbie Jones of Lubbock, Payden
Gleatline of Houston, Mr. and Mrs.
Loy Kirby of Pryor, Mr. and Mrs.
E. R. Jones Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Leo
Nachlinger and sons, Mr. and Mrs.
H. R. Gannaway visited in the A. P.
Gannaway home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gracey and
Mrs. Willie Joe Nachlinger and son
have gone to Fort Worth. Mr.
Gracey has been called into the
service, but Mrs. Gracey and
Nachlinger will reside in Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. A. Murdock and son, Don,
and Payden Gleatline of Houston
spent Christmas with their mother,
Mrs. H. T. Gleatline.

Privates and Mrs. Jay Vaughn of
Lubbock enjoyed the holidays here
with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
W. L. Jones and Mrs. Jack Bowling.
Mr. Davis and Mary Nell Williams
of Dallas and the writer took Christ-
mas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. P.
Williams and son, Phil.

Those who had been dreaming of
a white Christmas really saw their
dream come true, as we had rain to
freeze on everything and some snow
fell Friday which made everything
look very pretty. The ice did not
all melt until late Christmas Day.

Helen Groves of Camp Barkeley,
Abilene, enjoyed the holidays with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F.
Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams and
children, Mrs. Loreta Walker and
two children of the Bell community,
Mrs. J. O. Jones of San Antonio,
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Williams and
Faxon Williams of the Strayhorn
community, Rev. Montgomery of
Sweetwater and the writer took din-
ner Sunday in the J. G. Reed home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corley of
Fort Worth, Mrs. Thelma Hacker
and two children of Merkel spent
Christmas in the L. R. Fargason
home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barfoot left
several days ago to spend the winter
with their daughters, Mrs. Essie
Shaw and family at El Paso and
Mrs. Mike Rogers and Jake Bailey
and families at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McQuaid of
Dallas spent Christmas with his
brother, W. H. McQuaid, and family
and a sister, Mrs. J. P. Drennan,
and Mr. Drennan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stripling and
daughters, Joyce and Betty Nelle,
of Boerne are visiting Mr. and Mrs.
Jack Inman. They arrived in Sny-
der last week.

Money Circulating At Record High as Spending Rampant

Regardless of whether you Scurry
County people are using nothing
more substantial than a few dollar
bills to keep the sides of your wallets
apart, the United States Treasury
says there are four times as many
century notes kicking around as
there were 10 years ago.

In fact, there are 26,360,000 green
pieces of paper bearing the likeness
of Benjamin Franklin in circula-
tion. To keep the records straight,
their total value amounts to \$2,636,-
000,000.

Money is circulating at a record
high, more than \$20,000,000,000;
every denomination with the ex-
ception of the \$10,000 bill has shown
a steady increase. Even the circula-
tion of silver dollars has jumped,
with an increase of 17,000,000 cart-
wheels the last year.

Mrs. W. W. Hamilton spent the
Christmas holidays in Dallas with
her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Sunderman,
and Ensign Sunderman.

Mrs. H. B. Williams had as Christ-
mas guests her son, E. O. Williams,
and family of Abilene. Mrs. Annie
E. Evans recently spent part of two
weeks with Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. R. W. Cunningham has re-
turned recently from Lockhart after
an extended visit with her brothers,
Dr. A. A. Ross and C. P. Ross.

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Recently Inducted County Navy Men Say War Big Job

"I'm sure all our Scurry County
friends could guess where minds,
here at the U. S. Navy base on
Christmas Eve, were, but we have a
mighty important job to do to in-
sure more Christmas holidays for all
our folks back home," Joe Brown,
apprentice seaman, U. S. Navy, and
former local Bryant-Link Company
associate, writes this week from San
Diego, California.

"But because three dictators on
the other side of the world forget
entirely there was a God and that
all men are still created equal, we
have to get this thing over with to
teach the world that age-old but
true golden rule.

"We are at a great war, the other
11 Scurry County boys here at the
base ask me to write—a great war
we did not start, but one we are
going to end. . . . Because we are
a just people, we put our faith in
God and ask Him to lead us in the
right way—even in war.

"All of us here at the base know
it is you people at home who are
performing the big job, and we want
to commend you for the work you
are doing—you are the ones who
produce, the clothes we wear and the
foods we eat," Brown concludes.

In addition to Brown, other sign-
ers of the letter are Kenneth Eades,
Doyce Bayless, Willie W. Rogers,
Bill Pierce, Louis Minton, Douglas
Witherspoon, J. M. Hamilton, Roy
McCowan, Johnny Wenken Jr.,
R. R. Jones and A. M. Corley.

It takes nature from 400 to 1,000
years to create one inch of top soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boren and
son, John Jay, spent Christmas at
Fort Worth with Mrs. Boren's
mother, Mrs. J. W. Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Longboth-
am Jr. and children of Shallwater
are visiting with relatives this week
in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mer
Abilene, were here to spend
mas with Mrs. Merrick's pa-
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Grantham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Inman and
children, Barbara and Norman,
and the L. D. Striplings were in Floy-
dada to spend Christmas Day.

Accomplishments

... are measured in many ways, but somehow we like to accept the standard of achievement as evidenced by the number of fine friendships formed in our associations with the people of this area in the past.



Our New Year's wish is that we may continue to merit the goodwill of our friends who have been so loyal to us in the past.

Colwell Tailor Shop

PHONE 55

THIS YEAR IN REVIEW . . .

Makes us thankful, Snyder and Scurry County, for your help and cooperation.

Wrestling metal ores from Mother Earth is our dish when we know the government is taking every pound to give the enemy hell. We've got a tough job to do, and pledge our boys "Over There" every possible ton to bring 'em all home sooner.

More copper and other metals enables our hungry war machine to hit the enemy—where it hurts the most.



Defense Industries GREAT WESTERN MINING CO.

General Headquarters SNYDER, TEXAS
CRITICAL METAL ORES FOR A WORLD AT WAR!

A PLEDGE FOR THE NEW YEAR



As the New Year approaches we pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before. In maintaining this policy we trust that we may continue to merit your friendship and patronage.

Casstevens Tin Shop

North of Bank

HAPPY NEW YEAR



As the old year draws to a close, amid the good cheer and fellowship of the Holiday Season, we desire to express anew our gratitude for the manifold courtesies received, for the cordial relations we have enjoyed, for the new friends made and the old friendships more closely bound.

Please accept our best wishes for the New Year.

HANDE-DANDE

Just Mollie and Me

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE



As another New Year gets under way, we wish to express again our greetings and to say to you that our hearts are grateful for the share of fortune it has been our lot to enjoy.

We trust this message to each of you will embody all the sincerity and feeling that is in our thoughts at this season. We are well aware of the fact that without your own generosity we would not have enjoyed such a splendid business during the past year. Therefore, at this, the start of another year, we pause to say, "Happy New Year."

McClinton & Noble

Block North of Square

The year 1943 has brought us good business, and we want to thank you, all our friends, for your patronage.

May 1944 prove ever better than 1943, and may we all work, united, for victory.

Goodyear tires, batteries and tubes; Good Gulf Products.

ENNIS FLOYD Service Station

Your Business Is Appreciated

THE 1944 WORLD



SMILES ON AMERICA

Salute to the New Year—may it see the end of world-wide militarism! We can all help to bring this about—so let's take a big dose of patriotic, humanitarian resolutions on January 1, and hasten the day of Victory!

Thanks, friends, for a generous 1943 Patronage

Irwin's Drug Store

Southwest Corner of Square

Outlook for A HAPPY NEW YEAR



This year's baby New Year was born with a uniform on, but let's hope, and work, and pray to the end that his successor will step jauntily into our lives attired in the customary three-cornered pants of peacetime! There's a long hard pull ahead of us . . . we all know that. But with unflinching effort, unceasing cooperation and unflinching belief in the fundamental rightness of our principles, the end will surely be a total Victory for the Allies!

Buy More War Bonds and Stamps This Year!

Hugh Boren & Son Insurance Agency

AL OF FARM EQUIPMENT TO BE TENTH LESS

Machinery Quotas for 1944 Will See Slash Due to Manufacture of Implements of Warfare

One out of every 10 Scurry County farmers who had counted on a new tractor, planter, silage cutter or other piece of new farm equipment in 1944 will have to make his present equipment do.

George Kreiger, chief of the WPB farm machinery division, declared this week in Washington that farm equipment production in 1944 probably will fall about 10 per cent below the goal originally asked by the War Food Administration.

Kreiger said it is expected now that farm machinery manufacturers next year will produce nine-tenths of the 80 per cent of 1940 production requested earlier by WPA Administrator Marvin Jones.

The industry is fully confident, however, that most of the farm machinery quotas will be finished by June 30, 1944, the WPB official declared.

Kreiger also disclosed that WPB has about 100 "expeditors" placed in farm machinery plants throughout the country to iron the kinks out of production and to "stop output trouble before it starts."

He listed bearings and malleable castings among the farm machinery "bottlenecks" and declared that the tightest pinch in production will come in tractors. Kreiger pointed out, however, that tractors can be shared from farm-to-farm in the neighborhood, if necessary.

"Everything humanly possible is being done to see that everything is

38 County Draftees Take Physical Exam

Group of 38 Scurry County registrants were given local physical examination Wednesday afternoon at Snyder General Hospital. Included in the group were several fathers, who will probably be in uniform by early February.

Mrs. Fred Harlan of Sweetwater spent part of Christmas with her sister, Mrs. David Strayhorn and Mr. Strayhorn. Another guest of Mrs. Strayhorn Saturday was her sister, Mrs. Darrel Turner, and family of Rotan.

Production of small farm implements—such as rakes and hoes—is coming along well, he declared.

The stumbling block in farm machinery production, according to Kreiger, is a landing barge program for the military services against an order of 8,000 to 10,000 tractors for United States farmers.

Kreiger asserted that the 1,592 "little" manufacturing plants making smaller farm equipment items have a more direct bearing on the overall production picture in 1944 than the eight large companies making tractors.

Meanwhile, the repair parts picture was described by government officials as "bright" for 1944. It is expected that farmers will be able to secure all the necessary replacement parts for their used equipment.

Officials pointed out that such equipment as cream separators cannot be exchanged from farm to farm but added that production of the "immovable" types of machinery should reach the quotas requested. Tractors, while they may be short in 1944, can be shared in planting and harvesting seasons, they explained.

Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District

J. Johnston, Chairman Nolan von Roeder, Sec'y
Hoyt Murphy L. E. Long Giles Bowers

Maximum production on our farms and ranches requires the application of production and conservation practices that maintain and improve soil fertility and make the best use of every drop of moisture that falls. Work Unit Leader H. O. Beard of the Soil Conservation Service assisting the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District, stated this week. Such practices as rotation grazing, chiseling, returning stalks and crop residue to the land, and terracing will maintain good ranges and insure good crops in spite of short dry periods. The application of production and conservation practices is not only the best guarantee of successful farming and ranching in the district, but it is the best guarantee that food production goals will be met.

Some of the most fertile soil in the nation is found right here in our local Soil Conservation District. This district cannot make its greatest contribution to the war effort and to the prosperity and stability of the nation unless its limited water resources are conserved and effectively used, and soil erosion checked. Drouths will continue to come; high winds and torrential rains will continue to threaten the top soil, but the application of production and conservation practices will lessen their disastrous effects.

Terrace lines were run last week by district personnel on Cliff Birdwell's farm at Emis Creek, for J. S. Head at Turner. Autry Light and Joe Eicke at Plainview and Otto Hoepfl at Pylon.

Conservation plans with the district were adopted recently by J. R. Canning on the 9-R Ranch on 20,000 acres, Dewey Everett on 7,174, Otto Hoepfl on 188 acres, and Schley Adams on 160 acres.

Applications for help were made last week by D. M. Pogue of Plainview on 736 acres, and Victor Freytag of Hermaligh on 189 acres.

J. E. Davis of the Plainview community has recently built approximately one and one-half miles of terraces using a small terracer and farm tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clardy of Stanton and Mrs. Ed Stahl were in Lubbock Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Stahl visited in the home of Corporal and Mrs. Joe Glass, former Snyder couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamis H. Patterson Jr. and small daughter of Andrews spent Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. George F. Ownby of Pasadena, California, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Deffenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Truss of Fluvanna, returning from visits in Carlsbad and Midland, visited here Monday morning with their daughter and family, the Charles B. Shells of Houston.

Emmie Smith spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with friends.

Price Support Plan For Hogs Designed To Help Low Return

Scurry County hog raisers are interested in the announcement by the War Food Administration this week that an extension of its price support program for hogs to include good and choice butcher weights between 270 and 300 pounds as a temporary emergency measure to stabilize sagging prices for these weights.

This action extended the support price of \$13.75 per 100, Chicago basis, for hogs weighing between 200 and 300 pounds.

The broadened support program went into effect at 12:01 a. m. December 23.

Prices of hogs weighing over 270 pounds have been bringing as much as \$1 below the \$13.75 level. Packers and buyers have been slow to buy hogs weighing between 200 and 270 pounds—weights previously covered by the support program. As a consequence, hogs of these weights have been accumulating in many markets, resulting in heavy losses to farmers.

Under the government's food program, packers must pay the support price for hogs covered by the support program in order to get a rollback subsidy of \$1.30 a hundred-weight on such hogs.

Personal cards at The Times office.

Sales of Commercial Cars Must Be Filed

All sales of used commercial motor vehicles in Scurry and other counties of this area are now covered by OPA regulations, according to an announcement Tuesday from J. B. Mooney, district OPA office at Lubbock.

Placing of all used commercial vehicles under OPA regulations applies to both dealers and private owners, Mooney informs Snyder and Scurry County motorists.

No sale can be made at a price higher than that provided under the regulation and a certificate of transfer must be filled out and filed by the used truck or other commercial vehicle owner when he applies for gasoline rationing, Mooney said.

Certificates of transfer and ceiling prices for used vehicles can be had from the local War Price and Rationing Board.

All dealers and other persons holding new or used vehicles for resale will be required, it is pointed out, to file an inventory form OPA R-278, with the County War Price and Ration Board between January 1 and January 11, 1944, announcement made Wednesday reveals.

Lela Isaacs of Clovis, New Mexico, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Isaacs, and other relatives. Miss Isaacs is a teacher in the Clovis schools.

Church of the Nazarene

The year 1944 will be as crucial as this world has seen, and the demands made upon every sincere Christian will be as great, or greater, than any demands made upon Christians since the history of the church.

With this admonition in mind, let us now resolve to go to church every Sunday and take our neighbors with us.

You are invited to worship with us in Sunday School services which start Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, and preaching services at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The subject Sunday morning will be "God's Promise of Tomorrow" Joshua 3:5. Young people's service Sunday evening will be held at 7:00 o'clock, and evening preaching services at 8:00 o'clock, with "The Mystery of

No Meeting of Lions Club Held Tuesday

Due to the illness of Mrs. E. M. Deakins, luncheon director for the Manhattan Hotel, Tuesday's regular weekly luncheon of Snyder Lions Club was canceled. Officials plan to resume regular weekly luncheons next week.

Nearly Time to Churn. Railway Clerk—"Another farmer is suing us on account of his cows." Manager—"Killed by our super-speed trains, I suppose?"

Clerk—"No, he complains about the passengers leaning out the windows and milking them as the trains go past."

Godliness" (1 Timothy 4:3-16) as a text.—Doyle Wilson, Pastor.

USE THAT FOOT FEED LIGHTLY BROTHER



We want 1944 started right by urging every Snyder vehicle owner to drive sanely and cautiously at all times. We want the whole hearted cooperation of the citizenship in order that we may save precious lives throughout the New Year!

Stop signs are being placed at strategic points in town, and you will be expected to always obey traffic regulations. Don't fail to stop at all stop signs.

Let's not only make Snyder a safe city in which to live, but help the war effort by not clogging garages with wrecked vehicles and utilizing repairs needed for really essential work.

Simon Best City Marshal

Best of Luck



FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May every happiness be with you on this New Year's day and the three hundred and sixty four other days of the year. Serving you in the past year has been a pleasure we hope to continue during the next twelve months and the years to follow.

Burton-Lingo Co. Pioneer Lumbermen

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

to Our Friends

As the New Year approaches we receive our humble share of satisfaction by giving our service to this community. Our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

We like to feel that each of you is one of our loyal friends and that our success, whatever it may be, is a reflection of yours.

You have been very liberal with your patronage, and we are grateful. We trust that these associations have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us.

We wish you all the joys of the New Year, and may your every wish be fulfilled.



Claude McCormick

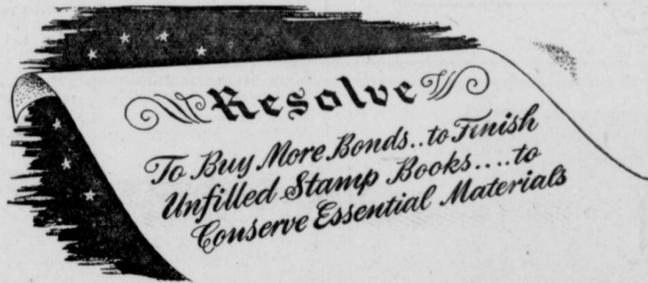
Your Cosden Dealer

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

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News About Folks You Know

Union News

Mrs. J. D. Adams, Correspondent
Scurry County enjoyed the white Christmas that is so much talked about, going into the New Year with lots of moisture in the ground.
Mattie and Sallie Shock of Abilene spent the holidays with home-folks.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson of Dimmitt visited the J. L. Carrells over the week-end.
Mr. and Mrs. Ab Williamson are on the sick list.
Orbe Scott had his father and mother of Hobbs visiting him during the Christmas season.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boles and children of Lamesa spent the holidays with home-folks, the J. B. Adams.
We want to express appreciation for each subscription I have written for you people.
Please hand in your news items by Monday, as your correspondent has to mail her letter to The Times Tuesday.
Mrs. Nellie Bunch has returned from Young Hospital at Roscoe where tests proved that she had no trace of typhoid fever, as had been reported.

Crowder News

Mrs. Bill Baggett, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rollins of Snyder were guests of the Elza Rollins family Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haney and son of Union community were visitors in the home of his brother, Ted Haney, Sunday.
Those from this community who visited Mrs. J. W. Moore at Pleasant Hill Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, Mozelle and Ludy.
Mr. and Mrs. Elza Rollins, J. H. and Joe and Ted Haney visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Trevey at Lubbock Thursday. Buddy is in a hospital three and doing fine following a recent operation.
Luke Rollins was inducted into the U. S. Navy Friday at Lubbock. He will leave Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, Mozelle and Ludy visited in the Henry Moore home Monday night.
Mrs. M. U. Vernon and babies are visiting at McAllen with her parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell, through the holidays.
Mrs. Ally Laurens is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dallas Rumber, and family at Hermleigh.
G. H. Arledge of Blackwell was a caller at his place Tuesday, and a dinner guest in the Bill Baggett home.
Callers in the Ted Haney home Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Elza Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baggett and baby.

Ira News

Mrs. Mabel Webb, Correspondent
We are having some pretty weather now. Most people are finishing gathering their crops and stacking feed.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb spent Saturday night and Sunday at Lamesa visiting Bobby Webb, who underwent major surgery there last week.
Rosser Kruse and family of McCamey spent the week-end in the E. A. and A. H. Kruse homes.
We are glad to report Mrs. D. E. Holdren much improved.
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sulter and children, Helen and Ronnie, visited Bobby Webb, who is ill in a Lamesa hospital, Sunday.
Mrs. W. O. Webb visited her mother, Mrs. J. R. Payne, at Snyder Saturday.
Ed Crowder of Snyder visited in this community Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wright are driving a 1941 model Ford car.
Lloyd L. Bryant of Snyder visited in the Lloyd Webb home over the week-end.
W. R. Rodgers and daughter, Lucille, and Mrs. Nettie Webb made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday.
Rev. R. O. Browder of Dunn filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and night.
Those from here attending the quarterly conference at the Methodist Church at Dunn Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carlie and daughter, Genie, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Nabors and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and children, Don and Lena Payne, Mrs. A. Crowder, Mrs. J. H. Farmer, Elvora Dosier and Mrs. W. O. Webb.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weir and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sorrells visited at Colorado City Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Webb accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webb of China Grove to Lamesa Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Webb and Bobbie Webb, who is in a Lamesa hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Canyon spent Sunday in the Morris Hardee home.
Mrs. Flippin and children of Amarillo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Willy.
Private and Mrs. Parker Thompson are announcing the arrival of a baby boy, Donald Wayne. Mrs. Thompson is the former Ariens Summers.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb made a business trip to Colorado City Monday.
A. L. Casey of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is here for an extended visit with friends and relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones and daughter of Corpus Christi are here for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones and Mrs. Myers.

Fluvanna News

Ois Stavely, Correspondent
Our community had a good snow Christmas Eve and another one came Monday. Most of the people are coming to town in wagons and horse back the roads are so bad.
Mrs. Berry Cribbs and son, Allen, left last week for St. Joseph, Missouri, to be with his husband and father, who is stationed at Rosecrans Field.
Mrs. Travis Taylor and daughters and small granddaughter of Portland, Oregon, are visiting their relatives, the Carmichaels and Taylors.
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ellis and daughter, Marlene, of Roswell, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Taylor and children and mother, Mrs. Billy Carmichael of Sweetwater spent Christmas Day in the R. B. Willis home.
Bruce Almsworth of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, visited relatives recently at Fluvanna.
Students home for the Christmas holidays were: Gayland Collier of Abilene Christian College, Gene and Frank Miller of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Weldon Miller of John Tarleton, Stephenville, Carey Preenan of Tech and Minnie Sue Landrum of Texas State College for Women at Denton.
Geraldine Landrum, who is working in Lubbock, was home for the Christmas season. Also her brother, Private First Class and Mrs. B. W. Landrum of Oklahoma were home.
Bob Lindsey, who is working for the Gulf Oil Company in Louisiana, recently visited in the J. G. Landrum home.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Truss spent the holidays with their son, Corporal Joe Sam Truss, and wife in Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Mert Jones and children accompanied them and visited Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Ed Brown, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Landrum of San Diego, California, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landrum, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bravers.
Anna Gene Almsworth, who is teaching school near Brady, and two brothers, Mike of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Pat of Galveston, were home for Christmas.
Mrs. Mabel Covey attended the funeral of her mother in Port Worth and is visiting with her father.
Her father-in-law, J. R. Covey, accompanied her to Port Worth and attended the funeral. Mrs. Covey stayed in Snyder with her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson, who are both ill.
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dozier were in Sylvester for Christmas.
W. H. Jones went to Lubbock Thursday for a load of cottonseed meal and cake for the Mercantile.
A. C. (Bud) Boren of Canadian made a short visit last Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Boren.
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Boren and daughter, Dorothy, of Lamesa, spent Christmas with her parents, the J. I. Borens and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sims.
Rev. Wayne Evans of Colorado City will preach at the Fluvanna Baptist Church Sunday. You are cordially invited.
Sergeant W. J. Beaver Jr. of Seattle, Washington, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beaver, and other relatives.
Frances Stavely of Austin was home for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wills of Del Rio, Mr. and Mrs. Hood Wills of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berry and Mr. and Mrs. D. Arnett of Colorado City visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Wills, and other relatives.

COTTON QUIZ
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Mt. Zion News

Mrs. Hugh Robinson, Correspondent
This community literally had a wet Christmas. There was not much stirring on account of the bad roads.
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Penton had as their guests through Christmas her mother, Mrs. Sherman Blakely, and children of Snyder and sister, Mrs. Wiseman Avery, of Abilene.
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lopour spent Christmas at Snyder with her parents. Willa Dean Lopour spent several days visiting relatives during the holidays.
Mrs. Johnny Stuard spent the week-end with the O. L. Stuards. Congratulations to Norma Jane Floyd, who was married recently.
Mrs. Billy Sumruld of Sweetwater spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sumruld.
Myron Penton received a letter from Rev. Kenneth Palmer of Hardin-Simmons University stating he would be at Mount Zion Sunday morning to preach at 10:00 o'clock. There were very few out to hear him last third Sunday, so let's all go hear him this time.
Hugh Robinson visited in Sweetwater Wednesday.

Ennis Creek News

Allene Davis, Correspondent
We extend deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eades in the death of her brother, Lloyd Webb, of Ira Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roggenstein and daughters of Lloyd Mountain were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Davis, and Vivian.
Mary Nell Wilson spent the holiday with Nad'el and Frankie Jo Wilson at Snyder.
Mrs. W. O. Webb and sons of Ira visited Christmas Day in the Franklin Eades home.
Many people of this community have the flu. We hope they recover soon.
Allene Davis visited Saturday night and Sunday with Velda Davis at Snyder.
Guests in the Bob and Blake Walker home Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. George Ramage of the Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Myers and children of Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Walker and children of Camp Springs.
Richard Adams of Abilene visited Thursday through Tuesday with Carl Voss Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Galyean spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H. S. Hart, and family at Snyder.
Mrs. Walker's mother and father, the Kennyses of Bronie, were holiday guests in the Leslie Walker home.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wade and girls spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H. S. Hart, at Snyder.
Buck Birdwell, home for the Christmas holidays from Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent several days with John Birdwell.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor and Shannon of Raton, New Mexico, spent the Christmas holidays in the Bill Noble home.

Bethel News

Helen Watkins, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Kelly moved Monday to the Knapp community.
Mrs. Mildred Harless and baby returned to Kentucky Friday after spending two weeks with her parents and other relatives.
The Worthingtons, who have been living on the G. M. Garner place, are moving to Dunn to the Ray McFarland place.
Mrs. N. A. Watkins spent Sunday with the E. W. Clarks at Snyder.
Mrs. Bunker Hill was a supper guest in the L. A. Hill home Friday.

German News

Lily Mae Schulze, Correspondent
Private Frances Ziboloz of C. Wolters, Mineral Wells, spent Christmas holidays with his un H. J. Schulze, and family.
Private Doyle Wemken spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wemken.
Grandmother Schulze moved to Hermleigh to make her home with her son, Emil Schulze.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wallace visited with the H. J. Schulze family Sunday.
Mrs. Paul Wemetschlaeger is ill.

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New Year's Greetings
As the New Year is ushered in, we wish to pause for a moment or two and look back on the past twelve months.
In doing so we can see innumerable instances where our friends have been very considerate—where favors have come our way, and friendships have been proven in more ways than one.
Consequently, it is with genuine enthusiasm that we stop at the threshold of the New Year to wish each of you all the good things we can think of for the next twelve months. We are grateful for all you have done for us and take this means of expressing our thanks to each of you.
May the New Year be one of Health, Happiness and Success to all.

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Read About Your Friends in the Rural Sections of the County

Canyon News

Mrs. Sam Adams, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sterling and children are visiting Mrs. Sterling's mother in East Texas.

Sam Adams has the flu this week. Grammie Adams is some better after eight weeks in bed.

On account of gas and tire rationing and sickness, your correspondent is unable to make personal solicitation for your subscriptions, so will appreciate your letting me have your renewals.

Your correspondent urges your continued co-operation during 1944 in the handling of our community news.

Everyone out Canyon way had a white Christmas.

L. D. Adams and wife returned to California after a visit with his mother.

R. G. Ivy, who is a former Canyon boy, and a brother of Mrs. Sam Adams was married last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Golden had as their guests during Christmas Floyd Golden and wife of Portales, New Mexico, Alvin Ream and wife and children of Sayer, Oklahoma, Pete Golden and wife and girl of Brownfield, John and Corde Birdwell and J. C. of Lubbock, Roy Golden of Seagraves.

Corporal Dayton McCarter and wife of Laredo Army Air Corps were Christmas guests of T. M. Pherigo and Dave McCarter and family.

Plainview News

Mrs. John Woodard, Correspondent
We would like to extend our sympathy to Mrs. J. A. Farmer in the passing of her husband, who died Saturday night.

Princess Elicke of Lubbock spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnold and daughter of Union visited Sunday with Ted Arnold and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue and girls spent Sunday with her brother, Cullen Toombs, and family at Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seithelmer were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carpenter at Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Ruth Alva and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones attended the funeral Sunday of Mrs. Roy Jones at Snyder.

Mrs. Jim Hassell of Snyder visited Sunday in the Floyd Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walton and baby of Snyder spent Sunday in the Dock Marlon home.

Mrs. Ben Brooks and mother, Mrs. Anthony, are spending the holidays in Houston with relatives.

Mrs. Doyle Crowder of Sweetwater spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard.

Frigid Words Are Po's.
Aunt—"You know, Tommy, every time I hear you use an ugly word it makes shivers run down my back."
Tommy—"Well, if you'd listen to pop, you'd freeze to death."

Dunn News

Mrs. L. A. Scott, Correspondent
Aviation Cadet Levell Brown and Aviation Cadet George Brown of West Virginia, stationed at Lubbock, spent Friday and Saturday here in the home of Lavelle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, and J. C. Bakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Parker of Southland spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. H. Cotton, John Brown, Perry Echols and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Echols and children, Mary, Van, Edyth and John, will return Thursday from East Texas, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moser and children of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mize and children of Perryton spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Cotton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Nail, Mrs. L. E. McCollum Sr. and Mrs. Murry Boyd spent Christmas in McKinney and Lindale.

Mrs. R. C. Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. Welborne Linnecum and children of Baird and W. W. Linnecum of West Columbia visited the writer and family Sunday.

Aviation Cadet Forrest Bowers of Colman and Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson and son of Andrews were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers and Frederick. It was Forrest's first time to be home since he enlisted a month ago, and the first time for Mr. Patterson, three weeks of age, to visit Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ashley and Margo, Mrs. L. Z. Ashley and Junior, Francis and Carl, Mrs. Zula LeMay and son, Morris, spent Sunday at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Marsett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto May and daughter of Sweetwater spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Ashley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Worthington received word from their daughter, Mrs. Huddleston Wright of Lubbock, that she had received a card from her husband, Captain Huddleston Wright, now held captive by the Japanese in Burma. It was the first word from Captain Wright in 23 months. He was reported missing after the Java battle and so many of our men were missing. Friends of the Wrights here join the family in wishing for the return of the husband and father.

Delayed from Last Week.
Grady Brown of Grand Prairie is here visiting relatives while he recovers from pneumonia. He says West Texas looks mighty good to him and it makes him feel better already. He renewed his subscription to the Home County Paper while here.

Mrs. L. E. McCollum Sr. of Los Angeles, California, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. T. Nail, and family and friends and relatives at Snyder.

Billie Davidson of McMurry College, Abilene, and Sue Denson of North Texas State College, Denton, are home for the holidays with their parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy and children of Fort Worth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parker of Grand Falls spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Parker's sister, Mrs. Tom Holmes, and Mr. Holmes.

South Pacific Island Garden Wins



Picture of four Seabees, all employees of the Santa Fe, now on furlough to Uncle Sam, are, left to right; R. E. Hart of Fresno, California, E. S. Hill of Miami, Roy D. West of Oklahoma City and Elmer Russell of Galveston.

Bison News

Sue McKeown, Correspondent

Frankie Beth Strom, who is attending Texas State College for Women at Denton, spent the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berryhill, Lowell Ray, Delphine and Betty spent Christmas in the Walker Huddleston home.

P. L. Clark and family of Royalty were week-end visitors in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Huddleston, Billy Don, Waylan and Weldon were Sunday visitors in the J. F. Jordan home at Ira.

Mr. and Mrs. William West Addison and boys of Lamesa spent Christmas with the Marion Addison family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodges were Christmas visitors of the Walker Huddlestons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Childress, Mildred and George of Draw were guests in the Ross Huddleston home.

Sue McKeown spent Christmas with homefolks at Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Diddy Smith, Katrina and Dean were Christmas callers in the Wright Huddleston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson spent the week in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strom, Bill, Holladay and Carol spent Christmas Day in Snyder with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston, Ellis Wright, Mrs. Mae Ellis and Sue McKeown were callers Sunday afternoon in the Bama Clark home at Dunn and the Earl Smith home at Ira.

Bell News

Mrs. H. G. Gafford, Correspondent

Mrs. Sam Chorn of Lubbock and Mrs. M. J. Deavers of Snyder visited Mrs. Grady Gafford Sunday.

Annie Ray Layman of Hermleigh spent Sunday night with her cousin, Granville Chorn.

Jack Coffey and Freddy Minor left Sunday morning for Russellville, Arkansas.

Lynn Johnson of Corpus Christi Naval Base is spending a furlough with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers have been ill with the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tate and Doc Chambers of Hermleigh visited them Sunday.

G. E. Chorn made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Lloyd Mountain

Mrs. Marion Dabbs, Correspondent

Sergeant and Mrs. Forest Beavers and Darlene Beavers, all of Del Rio, and Mrs. J. M. Boothe Jr. of Lubbock spent Christmas in the home of C. W. Beavers.

Mrs. Cora Gulliams and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Gulliams of Paris spent the week-end visiting Mrs. J. J. Koonsman.

Billy Butler of Fort Worth visited last week with Wraymond Sims and family.

Private First Class Junior Sewall of Camp Campbell, Kentucky, spent the holidays with his mother and other relatives in the Jewell Burns home.

Sergeant Clyde Reynolds Jr. of Altus, Oklahoma, spent part of last week in the Joe and Mozelle Roggenstein homes.

C. W. Beavers is visiting relatives near Hope, Arkansas.

Oren, Clyde and Clark Sturdivant and families spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ira Sturdivant, at Snyder.

Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and children of Snyder spent the week-end in the Joe Roggenstein home and attended church here Sunday.

Staff Sergeant Ray Williamson of New Mexico visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vest.

Mrs. Jack Harless of Lubbock spent the week in the Ben Harless home.

Mrs. Foy Wynn and son and Mrs. B. S. Cross of Post spent Christmas with Sam Cross and family.

Alfred Roggenstein and family spent Saturday in the Cornelius Davis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Johnson went to Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. Uda Wasson of Snyder and son, Corporal Preston Noaks of Big Spring, were visitors Sunday with C. C. Harless and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Roggenstein visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roggenstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Sturdivant were callers in the I. M. Prather home at Snyder Saturday night.

Santa Fe Carloadings Up.

Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 25, 1943, were 19,819 compared with 19,467 for the same week in 1942. Cars received from connections totaled 10,999 compared with 11,382 for the same week in 1942. Total cars moved were 30,318 compared with 30,849 for the same week in 1942. Santa Fe handled total of 32,256 cars in the preceding week this year.

Big Sulphur News

Clara Mae Lewis, Correspondent

J. H. Henley and family spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Henley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams, at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Benard Gleastine were callers Christmas night on Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vernon and children of Hermleigh were callers Christmas night in the Buell Lewis home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams of Snyder and their son, Loyce, who is in the air corps at Lubbock, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Vineyard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Vineyard and children of Evans spent the holidays with their father, J. L. Vineyard, and brother, Bishop Vineyard, and family and other relatives.

Mrs. Wynn Lee spent Christmas Eve with Mrs. J. L. Norris and Mrs. Carmen Hobbs and daughter, Brinda Grace.

Eunice Lewis of Dallas returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buell Lewis and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Lewis and children of Brownfield spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Lewis.

Personal cards at The Times.

Pyron News

Mrs. J. B. Mearse, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clifton entertained with a Christmas forty-two party last week. Orval Hess won high score for the men, and A. L. Kerby low; Mrs. Soules won high score for the women, and Mrs. Liles low. Mrs. Clifton served a lowly plate that carried out the Christmas colors in decorations to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. Soules, Mr. and Mrs. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Liles and little son, Roy Hallman and sons, Roddy and Jerry.

Mmes. Wesley Hess and Orval Hess were hostesses to the Pyron Home Demonstration Club Christmas party. Mrs. Frank Andrews, president, was in charge. Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Soules were on the program. A Christmas tree was used as central decoration. The hostesses served a dainty plate to Meses. Simmons, Soules, Clifton, Liles, Rodgers, Andrews, Walls, Allen, Gilmore and Mearse and these children: Patsy Andrews, Wendell and Delbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Liles visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brasher, at Mineola, and also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Liles, at Abilene.

Private James Ammons of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, visited his wife over the week-end.

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Our old egg customers are urged to come in and make arrangements for our handling your eggs again. We pay good prices for Quality Hatching Eggs.

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May the New Year see the realization of your every ambition and may you enjoy health, happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

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To ...

Our Friends and Patrons

The year just closing has been kind to us—you have given us a good business, and we are grateful to you for every courtesy.

As we enter upon the duties of the New Year, our aim is to continue to serve you by constantly improving our services.

LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 1944 A YEAR WITH A PROUD HISTORY

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G. B. Clark Jr., Manager

Classified Ads

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FOR SALE—Gas range and electric range; both good condition.—Mrs. Willie Mae Newton at Penney's. 1c
FOR SALE—1937 Chevrolet pick-up, good rubber, clean condition. See Joe Thompson, Ira. 1p
FOR SALE OR TRADE—Jersey milk cow with second calf.—J. C. Murphree, Route 2. 31-2p
FOR SALE—1938 Chevrolet two-door with good tires. See Henry Camp. 31-2p
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FOR SALE or Lease—Service station, block of hospital; also seven acres good sandy land near gas station, improvements, orchard. See S. J. Littlepage. 1p
FOR SALE—Six-foot Frigidair; like new. See Denny Adams or inquire at Times office. 1p
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FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up, shipped o. d. if desired. Bull free with five heifers.—Homestead Farms, McCraw, New York. 28-3c
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WANTED—Late model John Deere H tractor; good condition; good rubber.—W. W. Causey, Rotan. 1p

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Miscellaneous
WILL TAKE three passengers to Pasco, Washington, via California; leaving Saturday.—Herman Smith, 2500 Avenue B. 1p
WE CAN'T SELL you a new Frigidair, but we can help you keep your old refrigerator running.—King & Brown, phone 18. 38-1fc
TWO COWS with young calves, to milk for feed, or will put on pasture.—Mrs. Luther Bynum at Walton's Cafe. 1p
IT'S A GOOD RESOLUTION to let Patterson's Barber Shop care for all barber needs. 1c
4 PER CENT INTEREST on farm and ranch loans, 20 to 34 years time.—Hugh Boren, secretary-treasurer, Snyder National Farm Loan Association, Times basement. 35-1fc
INCOME TAX REPORTS efficiently made.—R. W. Webb, attorney, Bryant-Link Building, Snyder. 28-3p
GOOD FOODS, real coffee, soft drinks, short orders—yours at E. & H. Cafe. It's a pleasure to have you drop by. 1c
PLENTY OF MONEY to loan; low rate of interest; long terms.—Spears Real Estate. 18-1fc

Lost and Found
LOST—Small mail 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
MISPLACED brief case, put in wrong car. Please return to Fair Store, Snyder. 1p
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—Female bird dog, between Post and Justiceburg; wearing collar bearing name of Dr. E. L. Brown. \$25 reward. Notify O-S Ranch, Post. 1p
LOST—Gas books, with A. C. and R. stamps.—M. H. Hanson. 1p
LOST—Billfold Saturday night; brown and black; money, other valuables. Reward for return to Times office. 1c
LOST—Turkey gobbler, week ago on Arrah Route. See Mrs. E. B. Rinehart. 1p
LOST—Valve wrench for gasoline truck. Finder please return to Gay McCluan at Texaco Station. 1c

Business Services
WANTED—To keep your income tax records on a contract basis, accurate and reasonable. Call 219.—Lyle Deffenbach. 43-1fc
I'M PREPARED to repair or build concrete tanks; have mixer now. O. C. Floyd, phone 143-W. 30-2fc
NEW BILL OF SALE forms for livestock transactions in stock at The Times, \$1 per book of 50 sets in duplicate, postpaid. 1fc

For Rent
FOR RENT—T-P Service Station block north of the square; rent on gallonage basis. See E. F. Sears, T-P consignee. 28-1fc

To Trade
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—Will pay good price for electric irons, fans, radios, gas heaters, alarm clocks, etc. Bring them to Williams Electric Repair Shop, 2102 Orange. Mailing address P. O. Box 475, Abilene, Texas. Will trade or exchange. 22-4p 1fc

Real Estate For Sale
FARM FOR SALE—162.4 acres, four miles west of Snyder; clear of debt; equipped with butane and electricity. For price and terms see H. G. Moore, owner and operator. 31-1p1fc
FOR SALE—Home place; price reasonable.—Mrs. Mary B. Shell, 2411 Avenue L. 28-1fc
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320 ACRES three miles from Snyder 310 acres in farm; well improved; priced to sell.
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Help Wanted
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 a short training period cost from 70c to 90c per three colored men. Report to United States Service for further information. People in essential industry culture cannot be bonded.—UNITED STATES GYPSUM Sweetwater, Texas. 1c

Miscellaneous
NOTICE is hereby given that shareholders of the capital stock Snyder National Bank will have their annual meeting on the second Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1944, in the offices of the bank, 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. 28-1fc
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In Scurry, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Howard, Kent, Borden and Garza Counties:	
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Saving Scurry County Soil

With our farmers called upon for 1944 to produce record yields of food for our country and its fighting men, for our allies and our share in feeding liberated peoples, announcement that proper soil conservation could add up to 20 per cent of our food supply assumes a tone of first importance.

From any point of view, saving Scurry County soils, through cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service here, the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District and the county agricultural agent will mean not only food and fiber to help win the war, but fertility of our land—which is really our most permanent heritage—long after the terms of peace, whatever they may be, are written.

Soil conservation means not only adding dividends to the farmer's income from year to year, but means the most efficient utilization of good horse sense.

Fourth War Loan Drive

Members of county war finance committees in this area aren't worried too much about West Texas counties reaching their quotas in the Fourth War Loan campaign, which opens January 18 and will continue through February 15.

Total sought in the drive will be one billion dollars under the Third War Loan total, and spending evidenced during the Christmas holidays reveals the capacity for buying war bonds is yet high. Too, many families will be getting government dependency benefit checks by the time the fourth campaign gets underway, and most of the families on the recipient end say they will back Uncle Sam by investing such funds in war bonds. That Scurry County will do its part in the campaign is indicated by plans already being formulated to give every Snyder and Scurry County citizen a chance to buy bonds and war savings stamps during the drive.

Big Year Lies Ahead

Take it from any angle you wish, 1944 will be a big year, a crucial year and one of many local changes for Snyder and Scurry County. The 12 months just ahead of us bid fair to test every resource, every ounce of energy we have and every means of coordination to help as best we may, in the war effort.

That Scurry County will do without many more men, between 18 and 38, in 1944 is a certainty, but in the big year ahead farmers are promised more machinery and repairs to help offset the manpower loss; that we will, as a county, raise at least \$500,000 more in war bonds and war savings stamps during the year is an accepted fact; and that we will lose more county boys in battle lies in prospect for those who must remain here to "carry on."

Even with the gaps war will leave, Snyder and Scurry County can make 1944 a big year if the entire citizenship wishes; can, in fact, forge ahead with resources and means at hand to make the county and more promising for our boys that will be. As a beginner for the New Year, the first man who goes about griping of our government, our county and state officials and who can see of the darkest of gloom ought, in the name of common decency, be "deported."

will take every one of us working together next year to keep the home front inviolable and safe from insidious influences.

Editorial of the Week

SOLDIER WIFE HELP

Wives of men who are enlisted in the army, navy marine corps or coast guard are legally entitled to maternal medical care from public funds provided by Congress, and their babies are entitled to free medical, hospital and nursing care until they are one year old. This is not charity service, but is provided as a part of the compensation of the men who are serving their country in the armed forces. Funds for the administration of this program in Texas have been released by the Children's Bureau in Washington to the Texas State Department of Health.

The medical services for wives of servicemen cover the pre-natal period, childbirth and the following six weeks, including any complications resulting from pregnancy. Application forms for such care may be obtained from physicians, health departments, welfare departments or the USO.

Cross headquarters of the USO. Use of these services may prevent financial hardships in the home and may save the lives of babies who are born prematurely or suffer from needed attention.

is not intended as a plan to keep up America's birth rate, though its effect in that direction may not be denied. War conditions that involve long separations of many husbands from their families often cause the husbands to worry about the welfare of their loved ones. Provision of medical care by Uncle Sam for maternity cases helps to remove some of the worry, as well as to provide services that might be financed more easily from the family budget under peace conditions. Full use of the services offered should have a favorable effect in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates.—Dallas Morning News.

In adult life a reasonable amount of the right kind of fear has its value. When a man has a healthy fear of losing his job by failing to put his best efforts to it he feels a greater responsibility toward his work.—Rev. Franklin P. Cole of New York.

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

Washington is considerably enthused over the fact that the manpower problem is getting brighter by the week. . . . National representatives of the War Manpower Commission believe the situation will improve to the extent that the expected national labor draft will not be needed in 1944, and that while labor draft will not be plentiful, the increasing number of women entering war work and civilian activities will cause essential needs to be scaled down sharply over estimates of even 30 days ago.

Once war production begins to taper off, civilians can be assured, through WPB, that manufacture of civilian goods will be resumed as soon as materials can be released for making of refrigerators, clocks and the hundreds of other civilian goods needed—at once. . . . We can expect, any way we look at the matter, for WPB to keep American industry under its thumb for many years, and can also look for some type of an over-all control of production to be a sure thing until America is well on the road to economic self-sufficiency.

Second anniversary of Pearl Harbor marks a defeat already blotted out many fold for the American people a defeat at least erased in replacement of material losses on that black Sunday when the sand in freedom's hour glass ran out at its lowest ebb. . . . In only 730 days, the U. S. has made history for all the future and the world to admire, and has, at great cost, converted the resources of America into arsenals of war that are out-stripping the gloomiest predictions and guesses of our enemies. . . . We have, as a country, become an armed colossus that has supply routes by sea and air all over the world and boys fighting on so many fronts the country's map-makers do not attempt any more to keep pace with rapid hour-by-hour developments in the world's geography.

There are exceptions, of course, but the War Food Administration reported Tuesday that American pantries in general are bulging with the largest stocks of home canned foods in history—including pantries of homemakers in this immediate trade area. . . . Home canners, government officials are glad to learn, put up more food in 1943 than the civilian portion of the commercial pack. . . . WPA officials hint that food rationing, in reality, would no longer be necessary if all the food in the home canned bracket could be equitably distributed among Americans.

The big home pack of fruits, vegetables and meats insures home fronters of enough food to eat throughout 1944—coupled with what foods' house-wives can buy with ration points. . . . Those who did can foods at home in 1943 cannot be unduly pitied, because the U. S. Department of Agriculture and all Extension Service representatives, plus the press of the nation, drummed home all through the canning season the urgency of home canning for a measure of food independence through the months now ahead. . . . There will be no points for home canned foods, if Washington can help it, and WPA already is beginning to get propaganda ready for another home canning program during the New Year. . . . Home canned foods, just as in previous years, will eventually determine what the average American table has on it, and those who do not take advantage thereof will not receive sympathy from any governmental agency.

Outlook for civilian goods in 1944 is gradually improving all along the line, and with many raw materials growing easier it looks like now a much greater volume of civilian goods will be produced than was thought possible even three months ago. . . . Some manufacturers of civilian goods are already "primed" to get the jump on other firms, and Washington has reached the decision that local conditions and circumstances will really determine what civilian goods are made in each area of the nation.

Striking out in unprecedented scope, the Rural Electrification Administration makes no bones about an ambitious program after the war to extend power lines to 85 per cent of America's farms. . . . According to information available this week, approximately 40 per cent of American farms are now equipped with electricity, and new experiments indicate further extension of REA lines can be accomplished much cheaper than the general public believes. . . . REA is with us to stay, and farms benefitted by electrification offer present testimony of the numerous advantages which occur with bringing of current to farm homes and livestock barns.

Once REA gets underway with its post-war program of bringing electricity to 45 per cent more farms of the country, one of the greatest buying booms of electrical appliances, refrigerators, irons, etc. will be launched this nation has witnessed in years. . . . Construction of new lines and resultant employment alone will put millions of dollars in new payrolls into workers' pockets. . . . Recent REA announcements helped prod Harold Ickes into getting the Bureau of Reclamation inquiring into post-war prospects for electric power—especially electrification of railroads and utilizing electrolytic methods to refine minerals.

American Legion Offers Assistance To New Veterans

Interviewed this week by a Times reporter, John DeShazo, service officer of the Will Layne American Legion Post No. 181, gives the following interesting data in regard to the American Legion rehabilitation program:

He said that due to the fact so many disabled men of World War I have already died and that employment is easier for disabled men to obtain under war conditions, hundreds of the Legion's problem with the disabled was now directed to World War II veterans. This falls into several different classes—the work with those going into the service and now in the service, the work with the families of men away in the service, and helping those who have returned from the service with disabilities.

The trained staff of the American Legion at Washington, working with the Veterans Administration rating offices, has assisted many thousands of cases of service connected disability, where the man's army discharge has said that it was not due to service. Frequently if men were good enough to pass the original army examinations and then spend several months at hard drilling and even in combat, it is obvious that pre-existing disabilities were aggravated by the service. The American Legion, with over 9,000 trained post service officers, is equipped to represent the veterans and bring about a fair adjudication of such matters.

DeShazo says that on family matters, where a veteran's allotment has not come through, or due to sickness of childbirth, there is an unusual financial burden thrown on a family, the army relief funds will be paid out to take care of the family emergencies on investigation made by the American Legion. Therefore, family matters should not be taken up with him, as a representative of the American Legion our community.

The local Legion service officer will be happy to explain the family allowance rates to anyone interested.

Class A Dependents—Wife, \$50; wife and one child, \$80; each additional child, \$20; child but no wife, \$42; each additional child, \$20; divorced wife, \$42; divorced wife with one child, \$72; each additional child, \$20.

Class B Dependents—One parent, \$50; two parents, \$68; one parent and brother or sister, \$68; each added brother or sister, \$11; two parents and one brother or sister, \$79; each added brother or sister, \$11; brother or sister but no parent, \$42; each added brother or sister, \$11 per month.

Donald Ray Scott Is Storekeeper in Navy

Donald Ray Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott and graduate of Snyder High School, recently was graduated from the U. S. Naval Training School at Toledo, Ohio, where he received his storekeeper's schooling, his parents have been informed.

Donald Day, now seaman first class, is stationed at the U. S. Naval Amphibious Training Base, Solomons Branch, Washington, D. C.

PALACE THEATRE

Program for Week—

Thursday, December 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.

Friday-Saturday, December 31- January 1—

"Submarine Alert"

with Richard Arlen, Wendy Barrie, Nils Asher. Action spy drama that is sure to please. News, Novelty and Cartoon Comedy.

Saturday Night Prevue, Jan. 1—

"Dangerous Blondes"

with Evelyn Keyes and Edmund Lowe. A grand mystery.

Sunday-Monday, Jan. 2-3—

"Salute to the Marines"

starring Wallace Beery with Fay Bainter and Reginald Owen. Photographed in Technicolor. Traveltalk.

Tuesday, Jan. 4—

"Gildersleeve's Bad Day"

with Harold Peary. Funny, fast and cleverly plotted. News, Cartoon and World In Action. Bargain Night. Admission 11 and 15 cents.

Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 5-6—

"Crash Dive"

with Dana Andrews, Anne Baxter, Tyrone Power. The first story of our reckless submarines.

Calendar of Ration Dates Released by OPA for Countians

Your latest calendar of ration dates, Scurry County, as prepared by the Office of War Information, follows:

Your A-9 gasoline coupons, each good for three gallons of gasoline, will be valid through January 21.

Sugar stamp No. 29 in war book No. 4, good for five pounds, will be good through January 15.

Shoe stamp No. 18 in war book No. 1, good for one pair of shoes, will be valid indefinitely. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in book No. 3 is good for one pair.

On processed foods, green stamps D, E and F in book No. 4 are good through January 20.

Meats, fats you will find brown stamps L, M, P and Q good through January 1. Brown stamp R is valid through January 29. Brown stamp S becomes good Sunday, January 2, and spare stamp I on first page of War Ration Book No. 4 is good for five points for the purchase of pork through January 1.

J. P. Majors, Known Here, Passes Friday

Funeral services for J. P. Majors veteran Sweetwater jeweler, who was well known to Scurry, Borden and Garza County customers, were held Sunday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, at Sweetwater's First Methodist Church. Majors died unexpectedly Friday night. He was 79 years of age.

Born in Lebanon, Alabama, May 24, 1864, Mr. Majors is a past mayor of Sweetwater, voted No. 1 citizen one year and was past president of both the Colorado City and Sweetwater School Boards. His death was the first in the entire family. Interment was made in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Income Tax Problems

Assistance given in making reports and declarations.

Services, accurate and reasonable.

R. W. Webb Attorney

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Frank Stephenson Is In Australian Sector

Frank E. Stephenson, who is a seaman second class with the Seabees, a branch of the Navy, recently wrote a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephenson. Part of the letter follows:

"Dear Mother and Dad: I received your letters, which were some time in catching up with me, but was certainly glad to hear from you. "Recently I had liberty for a few days in Australia. I had a broken jaw and my teeth were wired up for 72 days."

Young Stephenson, only son of the Scurry County people, has been in the service since February, and he is with the 91st Construction Battalion, Platoon 2. He is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area.

Snyder General Hospital

Since last week's report Snyder General Hospital has had 14 medical patients. They included Elmer Wallace, Martin Adams, Buck Birdwell, Islasu and Montley Blakely, Judson McCaha, Lawrence Moore, Lloyd Webb, accident victim, Aubrey Leon Andrews of Hernaligh, Com Esell, Mrs. J. W. Russell and Mrs. J. T. Sullenger of Dermott, Jesse and Gayle Browning, Melvin Newton, Robert Bascus, Mexican, Ralph Tillery of Phynanna and Mrs. S. A. Farquhar of Sidney.

Surgery patients were Mrs. Velma Page, Mrs. Jesse Browning and Mrs. Jack Goswick, Mrs. John Bruton and Charles Birdwell had tonsilectomies this week.

Grady Sellars Gets Italian War Wounds

Corporal Grady L. Sellars, member of Company G, 142nd Infantry of the 36th Division, was slightly wounded in action December 7 in Italy, his wife was informed Wednesday by the War Department.

No additional details on injuries sustained by Sellars were available this week, but the adjutant general's office indicated reports would be issued on his condition in the near future.

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Until Peace Reigns Again!

As the curtain falls on a most eventful year, filled with war and its attending trials and tribulations, joys and sorrows, we pause to express our sincere thanks for a wonderful business during 1943.

That we may be privileged to continue to serve you in the year that begins Saturday is our desire.

H. L. Wren--Hardware

North Side Square

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A KIN TO FAITH, it is essential in the ordinary scheme of life. The management and personnel of this organization realize that we exist and progress only because of the confidence of our customers and we have grown in proportion to their patronage inspired by faith in dependable service.

As we turn again to the Holiday Season, Christmas and the New Year, we pledge our efforts to a continuance of the better ways of doing business. Nearing the close of another year, we wish to express our appreciation for all the fine things our customers have done for us, and for the confidence they have bestowed on our organization.

the Season's Best to All!

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