

Babson Predicts Continued Good Business in 1947

Three New County Officials Will Go In

Scurry County's official family next Wednesday, January 1, 1947, will be changed by three new faces in as many county offices.

In the county superintendent's office January 1 will be Forrest Beavers, graduate of Abilene Christian College and a former school teacher. Beavers is a member of the Church of Christ.

Beavers succeeds Mrs. Gaston Brock, first lady as Scurry County years.

Books in the county superintendent's office are reported by other courthouse officials to be in hte best shape they have been in during the past 10 years.

Taking office as sheriff January 1 is Lloyd Merritt, who succeeds Sheriff Earl Strawn.

Merritt, who has been farming southeast of Snyder, was an employee of the oil mill many years. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Going in as commissioner of Precinct No. 3 January 1 is Bernard Longbotham Sr., who has served Scurry County previously as a county official.

Longbotham succeeds Ted Hanev as commissioner in Precinct No. 3. Hanev was not a candidate for reelection.

Of the county races, several of which were very close, race for commissioner of Precinct No. 3 seemed to command major attention.

In the July 27 primary Mr. Longbotham led a field of three candidates with 424 tallies. Walker Huddleston was second with 240 votes, and Buddy Crowder was third with 190 votes.

In the August 24 run-off Longbotham polled 542 votes and Huddleston 226.

Longbotham, it will be recalled, served as Scurry County tax assessor-collector in 1933 and 1934. He went in office in January, 1935, as county tax assessor-collector and served in this office until December, 1938.

Three new office holders January 1 will go into office with Scurry County in good financial shape. As stated last week, the county is retiring bonded indebtedness at a rapid clip and the county has considerable cash on hand to begin the New Year.

14 Gridders Will Get Sweaters at Hermleigh Soon

A total of 14 Hermleigh Cardinals will receive letter awards, Coach A. L. Kerby reports.

The Cardinals had marked up a very successful football season and in District 4B conference titles staved at the top of the ladder all fall.

Cardinals receiving awards are: Dub Wright, Bobby Sims, Bobo Pavlas, Lowell Wade, Seaman Hudson, H. B. Lewis, Harold Vernon, Don Hale, Dale Stuart, Rex Robertson, Jake Smith, Leon Lewis, Bobby Frank Roemisch and Billy Sims.

Also receiving letters are Cecil Evans, manager, and A. L. Kerby, coach.

During the football season Hermleigh scored 57 points to opponents' 12, only losing the 4B play-off to the Clyde Bulldogs, 12 to 0. The Hermleigh team was light, with a line average of only 140 pounds and a backfield average of 150. The team will lose seven players and the manager this year.

Other members of the squad were Harold Brackeen, Jimmy Fritz, Roy Lewis, Freddy Rogers, Billy Ellington, Charles Henderson, Carl Williams, Ham Lewis, and Dub Wright.

Gin Employees Take Four Days for Xmas

Officials and employees of Snyder's four cotton gins are enjoying an old-fashioned, pre-war type of Yuletide observance this week, for the four gins closed down Saturday night for five days.

Snyder Cooperative Gin, Joyce Gin, Planters Gin and Ely, Arnold & Ely Gin will remain closed through Thursday in observance of the Christmas season.

S. E. Tate Moving to Del Rio This Week

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tate and son, Jerry, are moving this week to Del Rio, where Mr. Tate will be a district manager for an insurance company.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate have resided in Snyder since last March. Tate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tate.

Thomas L. Butler, Crash Victim, in Grave Condition

Word from Snyder General Hospital reveals that Thomas Lee Butler, gravely injured Sunday morning, December 15, 1:15 o'clock in a three-car accident 14 miles east of Snyder when his wife, Meda Mae, 21, was instantly killed, is just holding his own.

The World War II veteran, who saw dangerous combat work in the Southwest Pacific and who held an army rating of sergeant, improved the past week but during the weekend lapsed back to a grave condition.

In the three-car accident that snuffed out the life of Mrs. Meda Mae Butler, her 12-year-old brother, Doyle, received fatal injuries. Final rites for Meda Mae were held last Monday afternoon at Camp Springs Methodist church and funeral services for Doyle were held last Tuesday afternoon, also at Camp Springs.

Hazel, 10-year-old sister of Mrs. Butler, has been taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where Dr. Hodges, an outstanding theopathic surgeon, where his broken jaw and broken arm is mending.

Faye, 15-year-old sister of Mrs. Butler, who sustained a broken jaw and other injuries in the accident, has been dismissed and is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Underwood of Camp Springs.

First Fire Call in Two Months for City on Saturday

Snyder's Volunteer Fire Department Saturday afternoon answered its first call in two months when the three-room residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, 701 16th Street, caught on fire.

Saturday afternoon's call, received at 3:07 o'clock, took firemen outside the bounds of city water and the department's booster pumps had to be used in combating the blaze.

Chief N. W. Autry reports the fire originated with an oil stove at the Johnson home.

One room of the Johnson home was charred badly. Estimated damage to the house was \$300. The couple lost all their household furniture, including a new bedroom suite, and all their clothing, close neighbors report.

Prompt response by the fire boys and utilization of booster pumps is reported to be all that saved any part of the Johnson home from total loss.

Low Grade Cotton Going to Japan and Soaps Oil to U. S.

This year's low-grade cotton from Scurry and other cotton producing counties of the nation is being sent to Japan to be made into textiles.

So reports E. D. White, cotton expert with the U. S. Department of Agriculture who says that the textiles turned out in Japan are being exchanged with the Netherlands East Indies for coconut oil.

White points out that the current shortage of fats and oils has made this barter plan necessary and predicts the program will eventually increase this country's soap production.

The department of agriculture can see no immediate relief for the world shortage of fats and oils and joins with the American Fat Salvage Committee to ask women in this area to continue their wartime habit of saving and turning in every drop of used cooking fat.

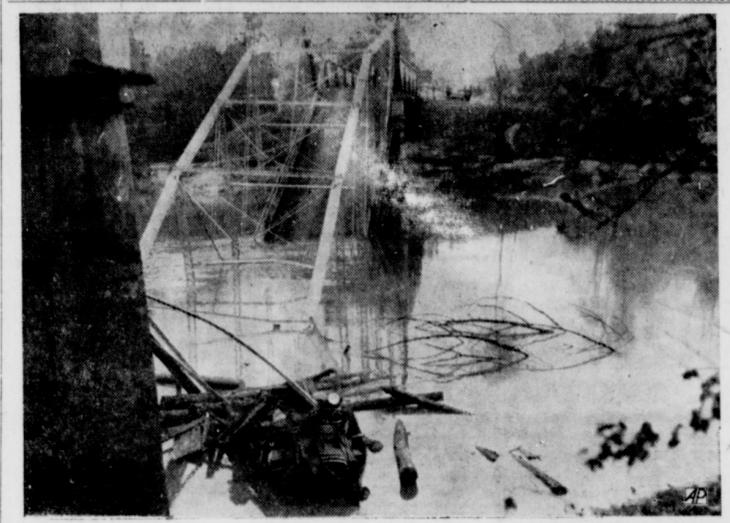
New Levels Put Right Into Service by Vets

Two new levels purchased by Scurry County's Vocational School had no time to rest before being put into use, Haskell O. Beard, county coordinator, reports.

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STEEL BRIDGE ACROSS SABINE RIVER COLLAPSES



This supposedly sturdy steel and wood span collapsed into the Sabine River between Marshall and Carthage immediately after a trailer truck and an automobile collided on the bridge. Note the wreckage of the motor vehicle under logs in the foreground.

Four New Wells Staked In Sharon Ridge Field

Staking of four new locations in the Sharon Ridge oil field, placing two new producers on pump and word that another Ellenberger test for Scurry County will be drilled south and west of Snyder marked off front high tide mark before operators shut down for the Christmas holiday season.

Placed on pump in the Sharon field over the week-end were two new wells—E. J. Gray No. 1 T. J. Ellis and the Henderson well in Section 148.

Marked up as a 200 barrel well, the Gray No. 1 Ellis is a half mile north extension test; north of the Thomason-Crabtree well. The No. 1 Ellis is located in the southwest corner of the northeast one-fourth of Section 117, Block 97, H & TC Survey.

The old Henderson well has been creating great interest because it was drilled in 1938 to the rich 3,200 foot pay horizon and left, at that time, uncompleted.

The Henderson well is located north of Helmerich & Payne production on the Martin lease and in the southeast corner of the southwest one-fourth of Section 148, Block 97, Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company Survey.

Another good pre-Christmas completion in the Ira pool is the A. E. Clyde Dennis No. 11 J. E. Murphy, southwest corner of the southeast one-fourth, Section 1121, Block 97, H & TC Survey.

Nickel & Thompson, drilling contractors, rung up one of the best drilling records in the pool in reaching the upper pay of the four-pay.

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Two County Wells in State Completion List

A completion each in the Sharon and Ira pools is included in the 108 oil wells and 14 gas wells reported for the past week to the Texas Railroad Commission.

This compares brightly with 96 oil wells and 18 gas wells reported to the commission for the preceding week. Wells reported for the past week included four oil discoveries and one successful gas wild cat.

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Snyder Firemen To Again Cheer Needy Families

A living tradition of 20 years standing will be renewed Christmas morning when the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department makes delivery of Christmas cheer packages to the town's needy families.

N. W. Autry, Snyder Volunteer Fire Department chief, reports the fire boys will be up early Wednesday morning. Deliveries will be made of the cheer parcels before people of the town arise.

Snyder folks well remember how the 150 Christmas cheer packages delivered by the fire boys last year brought cheer and gladness to children who otherwise would have had a bleak holiday.

"We feel that our efforts in delivering Christmas cheer parcels is well repaid," Autry said Monday, "when we see the needy children of Snyder, with their eyes aglow, brighten up at the prospect of fruits, nuts and other goodies on Christmas Day."

Chief Autry reports delivery of the Yuletide parcels by the fire boys will run well ahead of last year. In the neighborhood of 200 packages are slated for distribution Christmas morning.

Crop Insurance To Help Stabilize Farmers' Income

All Scurry County cotton farmers can help stabilize their 1947 income by applying at the county ACA office now for federal all-risk crop insurance.

So advises B. F. Vance, state director, Production and Marketing Administration, who cautions farmers that January 31 will mark the deadline for signing applications.

All-risk insurance, which protects the cotton crop from all unavoidable hazards from the time that it is planted until it is ginned, gives the farmers protection on up to 75 per cent of the average farm yield. Insurance on cotton seed can be included at a 20 percent premium increase, Vance says.

"Every year farmers suffer enormous crop losses due to hazards over which they have no control," says the FMA director. "All-risk insurance gives them protection and assures cash income in case of crop failure."

During 1945, Vance explains, 57 different hazards caused crop losses to farmers. Cotton losses led the list with 42 different hazards taking their toll of crops.

"While insured farmers collected total losses because their crops were not protected," Vance says.

Closing dates for signing applicants are January 31 in the Gulf Coast, Panhandle, and South Plains areas; February 15 in the Central Texas and El Paso areas; and March 15 in North Texas.

Bob Sealy Takes Boot Training for Marines

Bob Sealy, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Sealy of Snyder, is now at San Diego, California, where he is taking boot training in the U. S. Marine Corps.

A 1946 graduate of Snyder High School, Bob took his physical examination at Dallas and reported for training at San Diego on December 9. He is attached to the marine corps, RD division.

No Damage Reported In Sunday Fire Call

Snyder's Volunteer Fire Department answered a call Sunday noon, when a small grass fire developed on the east side of Marinello Beauty Shop, 1910 26th Street.

Prompt work by firemen with the building damage to the zero level.

Believers in Santa



This couple, Lieutenant Ed Gordon of Lamesa and his bride (the former Jean Kelly of Ashtabula, Ohio), really believe in Santa Claus. When Gordon brought his bride home, his friends, seeing he was paralyzed from the waist down, began a campaign to raise a Christmas fund for him. The fund has exceeded \$1,000 and is still growing. Gordon was injured by flak over Germany in 1944.

Christmas shopping in Snyder over the week-end reached an all-time high for recent years, a survey Monday reveals.

Snyder merchants and business men have had on hand the biggest stock of goods in five years, and folks of this trade zone were loose with the purse strings in preparation for Yuletide.

In dry goods stores around the square shoppers had a wider selection to choose from than at any time since Pearl Harbor. Jewelry stores, getting back to normalcy, had an unusually attractive array of gifts.

Variety stores, home supply firms and hardware stores, too, had more gift suggestions than in many seasons.

At grocery stores and markets more candy, nuts, fruits, coconuts, fruit cakes, peanuts, turkeys, hens and other meats were in evidence than at any time since 1940.

Snyder witnessed a big movement of shoppers over the week-end—people who were buying loved ones gifts ranging from cartons of cigarettes to new wardrobes, sets of passenger car tires to bushel loads of oranges and grapefruit.

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Population Will Move from Cities Due to War Talk

1947 IN A NUTSHELL

BUSINESS — To reach higher levels than recorded in 1946. COMMODITIES — Opposing trends. LABOR — Some basic problems to be solved. REAL ESTATE — Continued demand for modern suburban homes. POLITICS — Increased foreign troubles. STOCKS — To work higher. BONDS — Firmness temporary.

By Roger W. Babson

One great event of 1947 will be a beginning of a movement of population from the big coastal cities to the smaller interior cities, unless definite steps are taken for world disarmament.

General Business

A year ago the U. S. Babsonchart registered 130. Today it is estimated at 160. The Canadian Babsonchart registered 190 a year ago. Today it is estimated at 204. Sometime during 1947 these charts will register higher figures.

Reconversion of industry from war to peace has been completed although the great government surpluses have not yet been disposed of, leaving much more to be sold in 1947.

Inventories, quoted both at their price values and their volumes, will increase during 1947. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply in 1947.

Commodity Prices

Some rationing and priorities may continue into 1947; but both will rapidly be eliminated. Government regulations will gradually be lessened. World War II will officially be ended.

The retail prices of most manufactured products will be higher sometime during 1947 than at present. The prices of some of the food products may decline.

The unit sales of some department stores will begin to decline sometime during 1947; but the sales of food and variety chains may continue at peak figures.

The great question mark of 1947 will be how labor is to behave. Higher wage rates and less production per man inevitably mean higher prices.

Farm Outlook

Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and off some other products will be raised in 1947 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for 1947 should hold up fairly well. But farmers should diversify more in 1947.

There should be an increase in certain fruits, fish products and The United States will have more vegetables with a decline in prices. To eat in 1947 than in 1946, probably 10 per cent over the prewar level.

Dairy and poultry products will continue to increase in volume with no increase in price; but fats, sugar and some canned goods will continue short.

Farmers will start in 1947 to work to extend legislation on their party program due to fear of a collapse in farm prices.

Taxes

Taxes will not be increased during 1947; and there should be further reductions. More nuisance taxes may be eliminated altogether.

The federal debt will be decreased during 1947 due largely to the lack of interest in their work by so many wage-workers.

Providing jobs for returning soldiers at satisfactory wages will be a big political task of 1947. There should be jobs for all, but not at the wages desired.

Retail Sales

To total volume of all retail sales will be about the same as in 1946. Poor quality of goods will suffer, but many items not available will be purchased.

The total dollar value of all retail sales should exceed 1946 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles.

There will be a continued demand for men's clothing and especially for shorts and underwear. Wise shoppers will buy only what they need and not grab to stock up on goods not absolutely required.

Foreign Trade

The United States will own over 50 per cent of the world's shipping in 1947 and will agree to spend a fair proportion of the money in America. Both the British Empire and Russia will keenly compete for foreign trade during 1947; but cartels and government monopolies will be frowned upon. Throughout 1947 war talk will continue, the thought being that See BABSONCHART—Page Eight

Area Kids Write Letters to Santa

Here you are, Scurry County, a whole passel of Santa Claus letters, written by boys and girls of this trade zone who want to be sure Saint Nick does not forget them on this happy, peace-time Christmas.

Santa Claus has given The Times exclusive permission to reproduce the letters in this vicinity. As okayed by Saint Nick at his North Pole headquarters, the messages follow:

Dear Santa — Please bring us a dolly and some candy, nuts and fruit.

Also some doll clothes for the dolls you bring. Bring Judith a set of dishes and Cherry a cosmetic set.

Please bring one wagon, too. And one sidewalk bike. Love, Cherry and Judith Jones.—P. S. Please leave part of the things at Snyder, we may be there. Seminole, Texas.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a rubber doll and a suitcase for her clothes. I will be glad to have anything else that you bring me.

Please bring my baby sister a rubber doll too. I go to school and can read some. I love you, Barbara Wade, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa—We have been pretty good boys. We would like for you to bring us a big truck piece and a doll apiece. Don't forget mom and dad. Lots of love, Billie and Wayne Lee, 2903 Ave. L, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—We have tried to be a good little boy and girl. Will you please bring us a doll, electric iron and a train? We sure do like candy, peanuts, and fruit. Lots of love, Brenda Ann and Ronnie Fenton, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 4 1-2 years old. I would like to have a real saddle for my horse. Also fruit, candy, and nuts. Remember my little cousins, Jane and Paul Lollar and James Cummings. Tom Mauldin, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I'm a little girl nearly three months old, and have tried to be a good little girl only sometimes mommy and daddy don't do to suit me so I cry.

Please bring me a dolly and a little ring and locket. Don't forget Jana. Love, Linda Beth Bentley, Snyder.

Dear Santa—I am a little boy 7 years old from Richmond, California, and will you please bring these toys, bicycle, electric train, coaster, gun, and lots of nuts and candy to grandmother Thompson's house. —Robbie Glascock, Richmond, California.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl three years old. I've been a good little girl. So I am looking forward to your visit next Tuesday night. I won't ask for much, so please don't disappoint me.

Please bring me a doll, set of dishes, house shoes, and a quilted robe, and of course candy, chewing gum, fruit, nuts and fire works. Love, Joleine Shield, 3103 Ave. V, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I'm a little girl nearly 3 months old and mama and daddy say I'm pretty good only sometimes at night I don't want to go to sleep and so I make them rock me.

I'd like a little doll and maybe a rattle for Christmas. Don't forget my little cousin Linda. Love, Jana Sumruld, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 5 years old. I want a sleepy doll and a buggy for Christmas, also candy, nuts and fruit. Remember all the little children. Virginia Ann Mauldin, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—We are twin girls, age 3. We have been sick but are getting better. We would like for you to bring us a rubber doll, broom, tricycle and a little wheelbarrow. I would also like for you to bring me lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Thank you, Jewelle and Othello Wilson, Route 1.

Dear Santa—I am a boy six years old, and have tried to be good. Will you please bring me a little tractor, and my little sister a little set of dishes, and anything else you want to leave us, and fruits, nuts and candy. With love, David H. Cunningham, Yuuanna.

Dear Santa—We are three little boys and hope you will bring us the following: Trucks, airplanes, bath robes, house shoes and a dog that

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Refrigerator Put in At Hermleigh School

New electric refrigerator has been installed for the Homemaking Class of Hermleigh School, school officials reported this week.

The new equipment was installed in preparation for the second semester when classes No. 1 and No. 2 study cooking.

Miss Ella Hintz, homemaking instructor, taught sewing during the first semester of school.

Miss Hintz reports there are 11 girls enrolled in Homemaking I and 11 in Homemaking II.

Basketball Practice in Full Sway at Schools

Basketball practice at Snyder Schools is in full sway for the ensuing season, reports Coach Tommy Beene, and boys on the A and B teams are looking good.

Attention is called to the first conference game, which will be played here January 10 with Roscoe as opponent.

Following the initial tilt with Roscoe, the Snyder Tigers will play Colorado City here January 14.



The WOMAN'S Page



Shower at Dunn For Mrs. Ashley

Miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. T. J. Sparks at Dunn honored Mrs. Junior Ashley, recent bride, last Thursday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. N. J. Richburg.

After an hour of entertainment and serving of refreshments, an elaborate array of gifts was displayed.

Present for the party and sending gifts were: Mrs. T. J. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis, Mrs. Oscar Farrar, Mrs. Wanda Goodlett, Mrs. Fred Cotton, Mrs. Forrest Bowers, Mrs. Fred Bowers, Mrs. Lois Hendrix, Mrs. Ira Riggs, Mrs. O. S. McCormack, Mrs. Ruth Scott, Mrs. Harold Denson, Mrs. Tom Holmes, Mrs. Louise Vaughn, Mrs. Walter Brown, Mrs. L. T. Nail, Mrs. Burton Echols, Mrs. Lou Johnston, Mrs. John Woodard, Mrs. C. D. Burrow, Mrs. Robby Giannozzo, Mrs. Essie Swafford, Mrs. Bertha Cotton, Mrs. Bill Davidson, Mrs. D. M. Denson, Mrs. W. J. Fuller, Mrs. John Pitner, Mrs. Bama Clark, Mrs. J. P. Billingsley, Mrs. Gillum, Mrs. H. L. Harrison, Mrs. M. D. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Sparks, Mrs. Houston Quiett, Mrs. W. R. Payne, Mrs. Robert Green, Mrs. Willie Lay, Mrs. Meda Bell Smith, Mrs. R. O. McClure, Mrs. Irene

Gwen McGuire Will Wed Sweetwater Man

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McGuire of Hermleigh are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Gwen, to Robert Allen Pepper of Sweetwater.

The wedding will be held December 28, 4:00 o'clock p. m., at the First Methodist Church in Sweetwater.

Attendees will be Joan Turnbow and Frank Rousseau Jr., both of Sweetwater.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Snyder High School. She has been employed as a nurse at Sweetwater Hospital.

Mr. Pepper is a student at Texas A. & M. College. He is a veteran of the Army Air Forces.

Hassel, Mrs. Truman Ivison, Mrs. Marcus Johnston, Mrs. Harvey Shuler, Mrs. John L. Green, Mrs. G. G. Green, Mrs. Leland Herod, Mrs. Jack Wright, Mrs. J. W. Green, Mrs. Virgil Nail, Mrs. Edna Holmes, Mrs. Maurine Richardson, Mrs. L. Z. Ashley, Mrs. Perry Echols, Mrs. Tom Echols and Mrs. N. J. Richburg; Honias Farrar, Rita June Johnston, Charline Johnston, Vivian Lane, Thelma Shipley, Mary Echols, Letha Woodard, Essie Pearl Green and Joy Brown.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"O.K., she's a star, but I bet she did plenty of cooing for her billing!"

Methodist Church Honors Vets, Gridders

Snyder Methodist Church honored its veterans and the members of the Snyder Tiger football team at an informal Christmas dinner and program in the church, Thursday evening, December 12, at 7:00 o'clock. Each honoree brought a guest.

Tables in the banquet room were beautifully decorated with Christmas colors. Tiny Christmas trees surrounded by miniature gifts and silver candle holders graced by tall tapers were the center pieces.

The program consisted of a song, "Christmas Candles" by Betty Lynn Gatlin, accompanied at the piano by Lucille Dougherty, and a reading "The Pine Tree Sighs" by Jonnie Dell Brock. Rev. O. B. Herring, pastor of the church, gave the welcome.

Honorees and their guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Herod, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bell, Mr. and Mrs.

Bruce Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boren, Mr. and Mrs. Holman Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lizon, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pitner, Mr. and Mrs. William Lock, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keston, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Beene, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Headstream, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall;

Jimmy Randals, Dorothy Riley, Sam Head, Joy Sawyer, Lucille Dougherty, Betty Lynn Gatlin, Edward Burleson, E. J. Moore, Barbara Riggs, Louie Vaughn, Durrelle Stokes, Jonnie Dell Brock, George Richardson, Walter Wells, Charles Birdwell, Roy Trice, Donnie Everett, Katie Tadlock, Billy Burk, Jane Ann Woodson, Robert Preuit, Jack Gorman, Helen Kay Shield, Don Bynum, Sandra Josephson, Billy Rip Boss, Lou Miller, Jack Longbotham, Wanda Koonsman, Charles Bird, Katt Sands, Joe Dave Scott and Marianne Randals.

Julia Ellis Selected In Tarleton Chorus

Julia Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Ellis of Snyder, is a member of the John Tarleton College chorus at John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville.

So announces Don Morton, head

of the department of music at Tarleton, following annual try-outs for that organization.

Julia is slated to appear in a number of concerts during this college year. Miss Ellis will be in the group of Tarleton singers that goes to Austin January 9.

Wedding announcements at Times.

GREETINGS

May the season of good will remain with you next year and all the years to come.

REV. AND MRS. J. WM. MASON
And Billie Claire
First Baptist Church

Merrian Crowder to Get Degree at ACC

Merrian Crowder, daughter of Mrs. R. G. Crowder of Snyder, was one of 78 senior students at Abilene Christian College making application recently for degrees to be conferred in 1947. She is to receive a bachelor of arts degree in art.

While in Abilene Christian College Merrian was a member of the Melpomenean Players, the Art Club, the Delta Theta, the Kitten Klub and the Ellen H. Richards Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Durham, Mark and Billy, and daughter, Mrs. J. O. Sheid Jr. and daughter, Jolene, went to Levelland Monday to attend a family reunion.

Fluvanna El Catorce Club Gives Tea

El Catorce Club, a study and social club at Fluvanna, entertained with a Christmas tea Tuesday afternoon, December 17, in the home of Mrs. C. A. Landrum.

Receiving the guests were officers of the club—Mrs. C. A. Landrum, president; Mrs. Virge Wills, vice president; and Mrs. Raleigh Mason, secretary-treasurer. Guests were given small Christmas corsages. Members of the club wore identical white chrysanthemum corsages.

The Christmas motif was used throughout the home. The serving table was laid with an ebru hand-made crocheted table-cloth with a silver coffee urn at one end and a silver tea urn at the other. Pink and green cookies and candy-covered almonds were served with the coffee and tea. The centerpiece was a round mirror surrounded by cedar and red berries and two red sandles in poinsettia holders. In the corner of the room was a small table laid with white "grass" linen table-cloth and decorated with the Christmas motif. Mrs. Buford Browning presided over the registration book.

During the hours from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock the guests were served by Mrs. Lloyd Ainsworth, Mrs. A. D. Dodson, Mrs. Leo Beaver and Mrs. Joe Landrum.

A short program was presented for the guests, as follows: A Christmas story, "Come Unto Me," Mrs. A. D. Dodson; song in background, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Mrs. Virge Wills, Mrs. Raleigh Mason, Mrs. Joe Landrum and Mrs. Leo Beaver; poem, "Sweet Memory" written by Mrs. Virge Wills, Mrs. Buford Browning; song, "A Song in the Air," Mrs. Joe Landrum, Mrs. Virge Wills and Mrs. Raleigh Mason.

Forty guests attended the tea.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Davenport and son, Sammy, of San Angelo were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Green.

Mrs. Eulene Koch of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sheid Jr. and Jolene of Snyder visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Durham near Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Durham and Billy and Mrs. J. O. Sheid Jr. and Jolene of Snyder shopped at Big Spring Saturday.

Frances Boren of Kermit, and Bob Boren of Ranger, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cooper went to Muleshoe Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clements through the Yuletide holidays.

Christian Science Society

1912 26th Street
Services Every Sunday at 11:00 a. m.
Testimony meeting the first Wednesday in the month at 8:00 p. m.
All Are Welcome!

It's meant for you!

DECEMBER 25

Christmas as a greeting to all

The day of all days returns again! Christmas with all its joys and happiness, is the finest occasion of all on which to reaffirm our faith in the people whom it has been our privilege to serve in the past. May it be our good fortune to continue to enjoy the friendships and associations of each of you, our friends and neighbors.

Our wishes are yours—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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MODERN MOTHERS AGREE!

That Durham's Nu-Mo-Rub is a more modern preparation for relieving discomfort of children's simple chest colds. Doctors like its 29% Gualcol-Camphor formula for it vaporizes better and affords a stronger counter-irritant effect. Try Nu-Mo-Rub for croupy coughs. Double the purchase price refunded if you do not find Nu-Mo-Rub a superior chest rub. 35c and 60c jars of your Druggist or at

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- 3—Always economical

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Quail Scarce in Area Due to Bad Growth Seasons

Quail season in Scurry and Borden Counties is in full swing, and prospects are better for quail than for ducks and geese.

So report hunters who have been out in rural sectors after the juicy gourmet morsels. There are fewer quail than last year but those fortunate enough to bag the birds report they are in prime condition and plenty fat.

Serious drouth that affected Scurry and neighboring counties in July and August is given as one cause for a decreased quail population.

Drouthy conditions existed in this immediate vicinity during the nesting season. Blue darter hawks, snakes and other predatory forms of wild life are said to have taken a particularly heavy toll of young birds.

Duck stamps, it is interesting to note, increased from 1,170,000 to 1,700,000 from 1944 to 1946. During this same period of time the waterfowl population tumbled from 125,000,000 in the nation to an estimated 80,000,000.

Federal refuge officials inform The Times that our waterfowl population from 1944 to 1946 showed a 40 per cent drop.

Nimitz Sees Bust of Himself Unveiled



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, left, stands by a bust of himself which was unveiled at Dallas December 7 in the Hall of State. The famous war-

time Navy leader, a native of Texas, was accredited with numerous valorous deeds in the war against Japan in the Southwest Pacific.

Then there's the fellow who turned down a commission when he joined up. He said he was such a poor shot he preferred a straight salary.

Brown Eggs and Small Eggs May Be Bargain Buys

Although egg prices are usually higher in Snyder during the fall months than at any other season, the department of agriculture believes "bargains" are still with us if we look for them.

Brown eggs, the department says, are a bargain at any season if the price is lower than that of white eggs of the same size and grade—because the food value is the same whether eggs are brown or white.

Brown eggs have recently been selling in some markets for as much as eight cents below prices for white eggs.

Small or pullet eggs, which are in plentiful supply this fall, are another good bargain, the USDA says. Generally, prices of pullet eggs have been lower in proportion to the food quantity represented than have other prices for large eggs. A dozen pullet eggs, for example, average one-quarter less in weight or actual food quantity than large eggs, so the small eggs represent a bargain for the housewife whenever the price per dozen is less than three-quarters of the price of large eggs.

Small egg prices have been ranging considerably below their actual value in relation to large eggs. When big eggs sell at 70 cents per dozen and pullet eggs are marked at 46 to 50 cents—the small ones are the bargain.

Hygiene authorities advise us not to moisten our fingers when counting our money. We're not worried. No germ could live on our salary.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, To Author Wesley Cavitt, defendant—Greet-

You are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable District Court of Scurry County at the courthouse thereof, in Snyder, Texas, at or before 10:30 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being, the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1947, then and there to answer plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 4229 on the docket of said court and styled, Author Wesley Cavitt, plaintiff, vs. Besie Fayd Cavitt, defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for divorce, alleging marriage June 7, 1946, and final separation September 21, 1946, on account of cruel treatment of defendant toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their further living together insupportable.

Plaintiff prays for judgment of divorce from defendant, costs of suit, general and special relief, in law and equity, as is more fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1946.

Attest: Eunice Weathersbee, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County, Texas.

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Ways to Remove Stains Suggested By Home Agent

Among clean-up duties of each Snyder and Scurry County housewife, following a series of holiday dinners, is likely to be the job of removing stains from table linens.

So states Estella Rabel, county home demonstration agent, who says such stains should be removed as soon as possible and always before the linens go into the general wash.

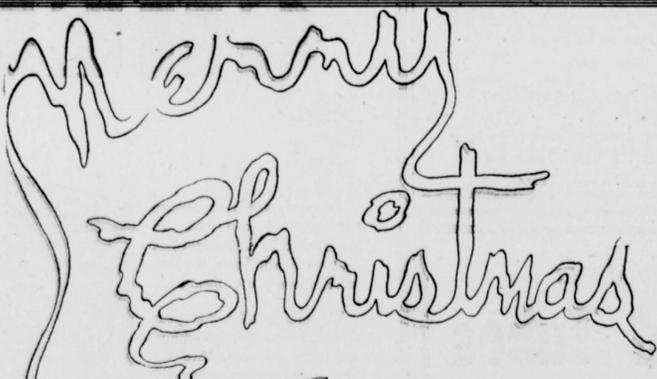
Many stains, easily removed by prompt, correct treatment, may be permanently set by the heat and soap of regular laundering. Methods for removing some common dinner table stains are described by the home demonstration agent as follows:

Thickened gravy which has dried on the cloth should be scraped off with a dull knife, and the spot sponged with cold or lukewarm water. If grease spots still remain, they should be treated with a grease solvent, and the cloth washed in warm suds and rinsed.

Cranberry or other cooked fruit stains may be removed by pouring boiling water over the cloth, followed by a drop of lemon juice and a thorough rinsing in cool water.

To take off an ice cream stain, consideration must be given to all the ingredients. Cool water will remove egg, sugar and often milk, but the grease left by the cream must be sponged out with a grease solvent. Therefore, the first step is sponging with egg water and gentle rubbing; the second step—after the fabric dries—is sponging with the solvent and rubbing; last step, washing with warm soapsuds and a thorough rinsing.

Grease solvent will also be necessary to take out candle wax stains. The wax must be scraped off first, and the solvent applied with a sponge or soft cloth.



There is an atmosphere of good will and good cheer prevailing in our establishment which finds expression in a greeting to each of you.

At this glad Season we are reminded of our many pleasant business relations, of your many courtesies, of our own good will toward you. That's why we deem it a happy privilege to wish each of you the Season's Best Wishes.

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In the fine tradition of the past it is again our privilege to extend Season's Greetings to our friends in this area. May the old time joyousness of the occasion never be subdued and may it always be in evidence for each of you as you observe this glad occasion.

The hope of your happiness and well-being is ever before us and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy life to its fullest extent. We are proud of the friendships that have been ours the years past, and in this pride we can properly say to you—
"Merry Greetings, friends!"

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SANTA LETTERS

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walks for the youngest who is just one year old. Also a little car and a lamb for him. We would like some candy, nuts and fruit. Can you come before we go to sleep? Mickey, Jerry and Lonny Craig, Snyder, P. S. Please bring mother and daddy something nice, too.

Dear Santa Claus—For Christmas please bring me a little set of tools, a gun and little banjo. I am a little boy four years old. Remember my little brother, Robert, who is one year old. I love you, Carlos Ray Amos, Dunn.

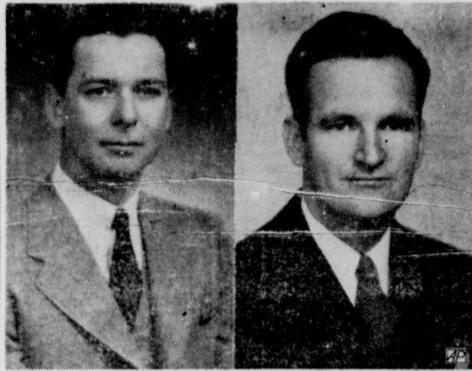
Dear Santa — I am telling you what I want for Christmas. I want

some boxing gloves and an automatic gun, a Mickey Mouse watch, an electric train, a bicycle and a pair of roller skates. Thank you for last years toys and now I must go to cafe. Your little friend, Wellborn Clark.

Dear Santa—I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Will you please bring me a train, double barrel shotgun, trucks, and some nuts, fruit and candy? Remember my grandmother, who is sick. Your little friend, Laddie Frank Lewis, Cuthbert.

Dear Santa Claus at Northland—I am a little girl two years old. I have tried to be good, will you please bring me a rubber doll, a house coat, house shoes, a little piano, and lots of nuts, fruits and candy, and don't forget my daddy and

To Serve in Attorney General's Office



Effective January 1, Fagan Dickson, 43, (left) will serve as assistant attorney general, and Joe Skiles of College Station (right) has been named executive assistant to the attorney general. Appointments are being announced by Price Daniel of Liberty, Texas attorney general elect.

mother and all the other little boys and girls. I love you lots. Janice Eades, Ira.

Dear Santa—I am a good little girl, two year old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, truck, gun, and some nuts, fruit and candy. Remember all little girls and boys. A little friend, Brenda Kay Lewis, Cuthbert.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl four years old. I want a kewpie doll, dog, a dump truck for my cousin, Stanley. Do not forget all of the other boys and girls. Gayrene Cummings.

Dear Santa—I have come back to Snyder for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a pair of skates, doll and nuts and fruits. Bring them to Grandma Thomp-

son's house. La Verne Thompson, Mont Alto, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, dishes, and piano. I have a little brother almost six months old. Please bring him some nice little things to play with. Lots of love, Aneda Louise Cox, Hermleigh.

Dear Santa Claus—I'm a little boy five years old and I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a cowboy suit and a dump truck. I have a little brother, who is one and a half years old and he would like the same things. Santa, please remember all the other little boys and girls. Love, Don Grubbs.

Dear Santa Claus—We are three nice little girls who have been very good. We want a doll, a doll buggy, a tea set, a stove and a jillion other things but that will do for us. Be sure you bring lots of candy. Our chimney will be cleaned for you Christmas eve. Louise Shafer, Melva Ainsworth and Mary Weaver, P. S.—Lomas wants a beautiful blonde pin up girl ranging from 13 to 25 years old.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me some new clothes for my baby doll. She is 22 inches tall. Please bring me some candy, nuts, apples and oranges. I am 8 years old. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. With lots of love, your little friend, Juanita June Eades.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a scabbard and cap gun. Love, Jessie Jones, 1312 23rd Street.

Dearest Santa—I am two years old and I have tried to be a pretty nice little boy. Please bring a train, big truck, a pop gun and a riding suit to wear with my boots and put them under my Christmas tree. Please remember to bring Jerry, Benny, Tommy and Robert everything they want, and don't forget Danny who is in Wisconsin, granddaddy and grandmother at Colorado

and Pa Pa and Granny in California. We would all like lots of good things to eat. Love, Kent Sterling, P. S.—I forgot to tell you that mother and daddy would like something nice.

Dear Santa Claus—We are three little boys age 9, 8 and 4 years old. We want a football, guns and scabbards and ropes. Also a doctor set, pocket knives and anything else you want us to have. Lots of candy and nuts too of course. We love you, Don, Mac and Jerry Etheredge, Rotan Texas, P. S.—Please bring our things to our grandmother Hamilton's house.

Dear Santa Claus—Lady wants a cowgirl suit, doll, and house shoes. If you think we are big enough, please a bicycle. Wally wants a two-buckle belt, two steel guns, house shoes like daddy's. Dana wants a lady doll. See if you can bring Dana and Lady some dishes. Bring five boxes of caps, anything else you think we would like. Fill our socks full of nuts, candy, gum, and some balloons. Bring a stove. Wally Falls and Lady Falls and Dana Lee Falls.

Dear Santa Claus—I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want you to bring me a magic skin doll with a lot of pretty clothes, also a telephone that says number please, and a dog that I can pull along by a string. And don't forget to bring plenty of candy, nuts and fruit. I love you very much. Betty Jean Rylander, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—Since I am coming to Snyder for Christmas I will write you there. Please bring a little pony and saddle, a little

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GREETINGS

As we approach once more the season of good cheer, we are warmed by the thought that next year will be a happier, more joyous year of them all.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendships and trust we may have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in the future.

We pledge our best.

Snyder Implement Company
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broom and a gun. Bring my little brother Bill a trailer and doll. We have been very good little boys, so daddy says. I hope to see you at Snyder. I will be at Uncle O. L. Stroud's so don't forget me. Just tie my pony to his porch. Bye, David and Bill Robinson, Eastland, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a doll that sleeps, an ironing board, a set of dishes, an iron and some candy and nuts for Christmas. I want a box to put my toys in too. Thank you, Dana Ann Goodlett.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl two years of age. I would like for you to remember me on Christ-

mas Eve. I would like for you to bring me a doll, some dishes, a blackboard, and some chalk, a little pail and shovel, and lots of candy and nuts. My dog wants a bone. A little friend, Linda Dianne Farmer.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a magic skin doll and a tea set for Christmas. I want some candy and nuts and fruit too.

Please bring Judy a magic skin doll, too. We play together. I have been a good girl so please come to see me. Your friend, Ruby Goodlett.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a wagon and a gun and holster and bring anything you please. Your friend, Glenn Thompson, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to please bring me a magic skin

doll and a suit case for her clothes. I will be thankful for anything that you bring me. I go to Ennis Creek school and I am in the second grade. I love you very much, Patricia Lou Wade, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa—I want a wagon, please. I want two guns and two holsters. I am in the fourth grade. I made 98 in deportment. Your friend, Bobby Allen, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a bill fold and a gun with a holster. I will close now. Your friend, Roy Dyer, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a bride doll and anything you want to bring me. I go to the Ennis Creek school and I am in the fifth grade. I am 10 years old. Please bring my bride doll. I love you, Millie Davis, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a magic skin doll and doll house that has some furniture in it. Don't forget my mother and daddy. With love, Belinda Bell, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a magic skin doll and a suit case to put her clothes in. And anything else you want to bring me. I am in the 4th grade. I go to the Ennis Creek school. I love you very much. Your friend, Louise Thompson, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to please bring me a magic skin doll and a suitcase for her clothes. I will be very glad to get anything else that you bring me. Please don't forget the orphan children. I am

seven years old and in the second grade. I love you, Donna Walker, Route 3, Snyder.

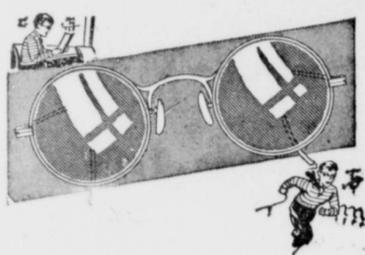
Dera Santa—Please bring me a doll with clothes. I would like to have a doll buggy if you can spare one. I have always wanted a telephone. I have a little sister and two little brothers. Please bring them something. I want you to come to our Christmas tree at the Ennis Dyer, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa—I wish you would please bring me a doll. My mother will make her an evening gown if you do not have one that is wearing an evening gown. My cousin, Melvin, may be at my house Christmas. Don't forget him. With love, Velma Lou Brumley, Route 3, Snyder.

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It's good to come again to that Season of the year when old acquaintances are renewed, when new friendships are born, when the serenity of Christmas joins the whole world with one predominating thought—the Fellowship of Man.

So we send to you, our friends and neighbors, a hearty Christmas wish that this may be the happiest Yuletide of them all, and that the New Year may bring with it, Peace, Joy and Prosperity.



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Like everyone else, we look forward to Christmas. We enjoy the spirit of giving and receiving, the pleasant, carefree atmosphere so much in evidence, the friendly greetings and the warm handclaps of friendships, tried and proven.

We look forward to Christmas because the cheerfulness of the occasion overshadows the heartaches and disappointments of the closing year, and because the approach of another year opens the door to new opportunities and achievements. We enjoy

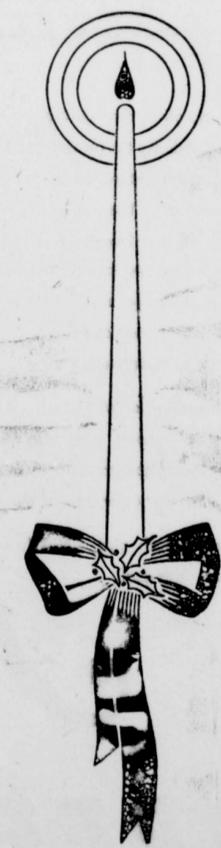
Christmas because of the happiness that is so much in evidence everywhere, and because it is the one time of the year when cares may be forgotten, crowded into the background by the thoughtfulness and kindness of loved ones and friends.

We enjoy Christmas because it affords us a fine opportunity to express our appreciation to our friends in return for all past favors. We sincerely hope that your every wish may be realized during the Christmas Season and may your every ambition be realized during the coming year.

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Von Roeders Write Interestingly of Trip to Farm Bureau Meet at Frisco

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. von Roeder of the Von Roeder Seed Farms, furnish The Times with the following account of their recent trip to San Francisco, California, and attendance at the American Farm Bureau national convention, which readers will find unusually interesting:

So many people have asked so many questions about our San Francisco trip to the American Farm Bureau national convention, we are glad to write you about it.

Mrs. von Roeder and I were the only representatives from Scurry County on the special train from Texas. There were over 200 other Texas people at the convention, and a grand total of about 15,000 representing 45 states of the union. The largest delegation from a single state came from Indiana—1,000 strong.

Although the scenic wonders of the trip were very interesting to the Mrs. and me, I shall not say much

about that here. We did most of the traveling at nights and stopped for sight-seeing tours via bus and plane at daytime. The first day we spent at El Paso, from where tours were made to the Carlsbad Caverns and Juarez and over the city of El Paso. Next day we stopped at Phoenix, Arizona, from where tours went to Grand Canyon and to the citrus and agricultural areas of Arizona's rich irrigated valleys. The third day we spent at Los Angeles, and made tours over Hollywood and other points of interest in Los Angeles and adjoining cities and country. We arrived at San Francisco the fourth day, where we spent four days. We attended convention sessions most of the time, but got in many two- and three-hour tours after sessions.

From San Francisco we went northeastward to Sacramento in the night and the next day traveled up Feather River route and through

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE By PILGRIM



Mrs. J. W. Browning Has All Family Home

There is a lot of sunshine this week at the home of Mrs. J. W. Browning, for she is hosting a family reunion that marks the first time in five years her children have been together.

Here for the reunion are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy W. Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duncan.

The two Duncan boys, ministerial students at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, have both served in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Richard was in the Marine Corps over a year and Jimmy served 27 months in the Marines.

County Judge and Mrs. F. C. (Carl) Hairston have gone to the home of his sister, whose husband died recently at his home in California. The Hairstons will be away until December 30, but the county judge's office will be kept open by Mrs. Thaba Groves.

No, Susie, the girl who knows all the answers hasn't been out with questionable men.

spect and confidence. You should be proud to be represented by it." Congressman Hope asked what is in the future for agriculture, and then said: "The question is, How can farmers produce an abundance without running the risk of price demoralization? All of us know from experience that even a small surplus frequently depresses prices materially. No one has yet come up with the exact answer as to how farmers can carry out a program of abundant production without the risk of ruinous prices. Since society as a whole gets the benefit of that production, I think that it is more than fair and right that the farmer should be protected... somewhere in the picture there should be price supports, but they should not be so rigid as to bring arbitrary controls and regimentation. Certainly a part of the program should be a positive, dynamic effort to expand markets.

"The last Congress passed important legislation along this line. For the first time it set up provisions for research in marketing comparable to the research which the Department of Agriculture has been doing in the field of production."

Then Congressman Hope went on to show that with the proper research in developing markets, farmers should be able to produce abundantly and without much regimentation and still have governmental price supports. His reasoning sounded so feasible that the audience was certainly with him and for him. We expect a lot of good work from him.

The resolutions and work programs adopted by the convention showed that the American Farm Bureau Federation is decidedly not radical—no communistic ideas can live there. The Farm Bureau deserves the whole-hearted support of every American farmer and business man for the good it is doing in our country. Mr. and Mrs. von Roeder conclude.

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To our FRIENDS

May the glow of Christmas blessings rest upon your homes and light your paths of health and happiness throughout the New Year

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People with immense leisure never find time to do anything.

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There is satisfaction in knowing that your Family Wash is no problem. You have service equipment, a helping hand, and your own careful handling of all wearing apparel.

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GREETINGS

Here's a little note from us to you to say Merry Christmas to our friends and a hearty good wish for a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year

J. M. Newton Grocery

At no other time during the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowman are in evidence everywhere and from these associations comes a stronger confidence in those around us.

Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us the three hundred and sixty-four other days of the year.

Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.

Season's GREETINGS

Rainbow Market

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most of arid Nevada. At 6:19 the next morning we had a head-on collision with a freight train about eight miles west of Salt Lake City in which many of our folks were hurt, but miraculously none killed. Forty-two were taken to the St. Mark's Hospital, but wife and I did not go. Although we were badly shaken up and bruised, we made the scheduled tour over Salt Lake City and to Great Salt Lake and the big copper mines. The next night and day we traveled through enormous mountains to Denver. But all cancelled their Denver sight-seeing tour and we traveled all the next night to Amarillo, where we left the special train and came back directly to Snyder.

The convention itself was the important event. The convention program was full and exceedingly interesting. Our national Department of State and Agriculture had spokesmen on the program. Governor Warren of California made a fine address, but most interesting to me were the speeches of Senator Russell of Georgia and Representative Hope of Kansas. All the Washington speakers realized and recognized the importance of the American Farm Bureau in the economic welfare of the United States, but the two congressmen made us feel proud over the good our farm organization has done for the whole country. Let me quote from their addresses:

Senator Russell: "The American Farm Bureau Federation has been the greatest single force in securing the enactment of these helpful laws. This organization has sent some real agricultural statesmen to Washington to protect the farmers' interests. Men like Ed O'Neal, Lyn-

wood Wingate of Georgia, Walter Randolph of Alabama and other leaders know their way around in Washington. They have given new life to American agriculture and have rendered a service that cannot be bought with money. They have recognized that in this day of blocs, pressure groups, etc., only through organization can the farmer secure justice in legislation. They have preached the doctrine so successfully throughout the land that the farmers' claims now reach the most reluctant ears. It has been a pleasure to work with the Farm Bureau Federation in the long fight for equality for agriculture.

"The efforts of these men and the most disastrous depression of history finally compelled the government to recognize that it had some responsibility toward agriculture. I doubt if even the most ardent advocates of low farm prices would like to go back to the trying days of 1932. Five-cent cotton, eight-cent tobacco, two-cent peanuts and 30-cent corn and wheat not only bankrupted the farmer, but set in motion a train of events which bankrupted everyone else."

Then Senator Russell went on to show that the nation's well being cannot be maintained if the supporting element—agriculture—is in the dumps, and that healthy laws for agriculture are necessary to our national economy.

Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas, who is slated to be chairman of the committee on agriculture in the next house of representatives, had this to say: "I am glad to be here because I believe in organization. It is only by working together that people can accomplish things. I belong to the Farm Bureau in my home county because I believe in the work it is doing and because I know that it would be impossible to do that work without organization. I believe in the work which the American Farm Bureau is doing..."

"I have been a member of the house committee on agriculture for 20 years. I know whereof I speak when I say that the American Farm Bureau Federation has well and effectively represented the farmers of this country in Washington. It has gotten results—it commands re-

JOYOUS

NOEL

Hope is justifiably strong as another Christmas draws near—that out of the mistakes of the past will come a better understanding of the problems of others, truly worthy of the sentiments men voice at Christmas.

Greetings to you, one and all.

Juanita and Levi
Self Furniture Co.
YOUR ADMIRAL DEALER
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Construction to See Increases as Policy Changed

Speeded construction in Snyder and reduced housing costs are expected to result from the government's liberalized housing policy, the American Institute of Architects' release Tuesday informs Times readers.

The institute has expressed confidence the situation in the building industry is becoming progressively better, and officials feel that the outlook for veterans' housing is improved.

"Only the establishment of a free market will enable the construction industry, through free competition, to restore a smooth and balanced flow of building materials and equipment, stabilize prices and eliminate wasteful delays in this immediate trade area," the AIA concludes.

Safety Officials Urge Good Driving Rules

Every Scurry County family is urged to enjoy this peace-time Christmas, but the Texas Department of Public Safety wants everyone to be here for the New Year.

The Department of Public Safety asks all motorists who just have to make trips to start early enough to avoid excessive speed.

"With people turning their attention to reunions with loved ones and friends, and with many of our men and women in service home on furlough, it will be very necessary for all traffic regulations to be observed this Yuletide," a spokesman for the department says.

Accidents totaled 23,435 in Texas for the first 11 months of this year, compared with 13,218 last year.

There were 53,755 injuries to persons with an estimated economic loss of \$58,964,969 thus far this year.

Everything's closed now at midnight. That is, everything but the wife's jaws.

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by LEO REIMER

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Legion and VFW Teams Battle to Scoreless Stall

Despite a light norther Friday evening with a little "bite" in the night air, an excellent crowd was at Tiger Stadium to witness the American Legion football squad and the Veterans of Foreign Wars battle to a zero-zero tie.

Friday evening's grid classic brought lusty cheers from fans in the second and third stanzas of the game, as pay dirt was in sight several times for both squads.

Plowing through stiff backfield opposition, the Legion squad made one touchdown that was called back because the player was out of bounds.

Forrest Beavers coached the Legion squad of ex-high school and college football stars. Bo Moffett was captain of the VFW squad, also composed of ex-college and high school stars.

Following Friday evening's game, the Will Layne American Legion Post No. 181 was host to a banquet staged in the dining room of the Manhattan Hotel.

Attendants at the Legion feed included: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell Burney, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hale, Ira O. Layman, Dr. D. K. Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKinney, Hilton Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Wade and daughter, Ray Keller, J. W. Coffee Jr., Ervel Lee Keller.

Don Adams, Jack Sheridan, La-Rue Williamson, J. C. Williamson, J. B. Early Jr., Louie Minton, Jack Terry, Harry Chapman, F. L. Eicke, Jack Blanchard, Owen Dorman, John Lettwich, Beverly Johnston, Bushy Hedges, T. H. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Beavers, "Snatch" Soder, Frances Sentell, Jesse Everett, Jean Littlepage, Charlie Sullenger, Curtis W. Noel, Jimmy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Everett Jr. and Frankie Kubena.

More Questions and Answers Given On Income Tax Reports for Farmers

Continuing a series of questions and answers on 1946 income taxes, J. N. Caviness, county agent, releases the following information for immediate consideration. All county farmers must file a return by January 15.

What rates do you use in figuring depreciation?
The rate at which depreciation is figured depends on how long the asset will last. There are no nationwide official rates for figuring depreciation. You must use a rate for each class of items which is reasonable in your particular situation.

Why is the use of Schedule D so important to many farmers?
Schedule D is for reporting the sale of dairy, breeding, and work stock as a sale of capital assets. This provision in the law is of tremendous importance to many farmers and ranchers as it means only 50 per cent of the gain from such sales are taxable. Last year there was considerable confusion about this ruling but its application has been clarified.

Animals must have been held for more than six months.

Sale either must have (1) reduced normal size of herd (2) made room for replacements to improve the quality of the herd or (3) made room for replacements to change the breed of the herd.

Just exactly how do you figure the amount of your tax on Form 1040?
The first step is to determine the "adjusted gross income." For most farmers this is the net profit from the farm business as figured on Form 1040P, plus any other items of income entered directly on Form 1040.

A taxpayer with an adjusted gross income of less than \$5,000 has two choices for finding the amount of the tax:
He can use the tax table on Form 1040 to find the amount of his tax. No listing of personal deductions is required as the table allows for deductions of about 10 per cent of adjusted gross income.

He can compute the amount of the tax. In this case the personal deductions must be listed.

Who may be claimed as a dependent?
Under the present law, a taxpayer may claim credit for a child or other "close relative" if he furnished over half the support and the dependent's income is less than \$500.

A taxpayer does not include the income of his children or other dependents on his return; except that the income of both husband and wife is included on a joint return. But if a child, for example, has \$500 or more income, a return must be filed by it and the child then cannot be claimed as a dependent.

Can you carry over and carry back net operating losses?
If you show a net loss on your return for the current year because of unprofitable farm operations, you can use this loss to offset income in other years. If you paid a tax in either of the two succeeding years you can claim a refund based on refiguring your previous year's taxes, taking into account the current loss.

You can also carry a net operating loss forward for two years. A 1946 operating loss should be used first to claim a refund of taxes paid on 1944 income. Any unused operating loss next should be used to claim a refund of taxes paid on 1945 income. If this still leaves some unused loss it should be used to offset income in 1947 and 1948, in that order.

The atomic bomb poses a new problem—that of having enough of the enemy left to surrender.

Get the pattern of your life from God, then go about your work and be yourself.—Phillips Brooks.

IF YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES of the Yuletide Season, we want you to regard this little message as a personal acknowledgement of your goodwill and splendid cooperation. Because of these factors you have made it possible for us to enjoy the Holiday Season more thoroughly.

The management and personnel of this institution join together in extending to all of you and yours sincere best wishes for a Christmas of great happiness and a New Year of good health and good times.

Greetings



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In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails everywhere, may we bring a message of Good Cheer to each of you, and express a sincere wish that the coming year holds the realization of your fondest hopes and ambitions.

Marshall FURNITURE COMPANY

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From Jack Contella's CAFE

A FRIENDLY GREETING

As you eagerly await the occasion of an enjoyable Season with your friends and family . . . we trust you will pause just long enough to accept these few words of Christmas cheer from the personnel of this firm.

To have served you in the past has been a decided privilege, prompting us to express a Christmas Greeting that carries with it our best wishes for the coming year. The friendships formed these past twelve months, combined with those other friendships of long standing, lead us to again renew our pledge of service.

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Snyder Firemen Thank Citizens For Help on Gifts

Snyder Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday expressed thanks to Snyder people and business firms for the splendid donations to the department's Christmas Cheer fund.

"We want to thank each person or firm who helped in any way," N. W. Autry, fire chief, states. "Especially do we wish to express thanks to Lee Home & Auto Supply for the nice contribution of toys and to J. S. Bradbury, city secretary, for his cash contribution.

The department is distributing also a group of toys for the Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church taught by Mrs. John DeShazo.

"Delivering our Christmas cheer parcels on this Yuletide will be a

Fifth Sunday Singing Set at Snyder Church

Attention of singers in a three-county area is directed to the Scurry County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention, which will be held Sunday afternoon at the Snyder North Side Baptist Church.

Claude E. Patrick, convention president, states singing will get underway Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Ample supplies of song books from different music publishers will be on hand for the convalesce.

Word Tuesday reveals Fisher, Borden and Garza Counties plan to send good-sized delegations to the convention's last session of 1946.

real pleasure," Autry reports. "Fine cooperation of Snyder people will make it possible to distribute in the neighborhood of 200 packages. Last year we gave 150 Christmas cheer units to the needy and aged of our town."

BABSON CHART

(concluded from front page) sooner or later, England—who truly is in a terrible predicament—will "shoot" to stop further Russian aggression.

Labor

Even President Truman's "eighteen and one-half cents" will be forgotten during 1947. The year will be noted for threatened strikes and labor disturbances.

Industrial employment during 1947 could be up both in hours and in pay rolls, labor leaders' discouraging attitude notwithstanding.

Many industries, now operating on a 40-hour week, will return to a longer week during 1947. There will be no wage reductions and some further advances.

The government will try to demand better management and closer labor-management relations. Such prospects are not bright for 1947; but Congress will repeal or amend some of the present labor laws which are very unfair to management.

Inflation

The inflation era, which we have been forecasting for several years, will be in full swing; but the rock- less printing of currency will not come until after 1950. The purchasing power of the dollar will continue to decline.

All 1947 wage increases will be distinctly inflationary.

Sometime during 1947 production in many lines will have caught up with consumption, people will have spent their savings and then there will be a surplus of goods.

If Stalin's health continues good, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1947, even from an economic standpoint.

Stock Market

The rally may suffer still further declines sometime during 1947. Certain industrial manufacturing and other war stocks will further decline during 1947; but the Dow-Jones industrial averages will register higher prices sometime during 1947 than the December, 1946, averages. All depends upon how labor behaves in America and how Russia behaves abroad and upon what the United Nations do as to disarmament.

The safest stocks to buy—considering value, income and safety—will continue to be "chain-store" and "recreation" stocks.

1946 saw a large decline in certain stocks compared with the averages. Switching will be the outstanding market feature during 1947. Especially watch for bargains in airline stocks.

The stock market will continue to witness creeping general inflation and no evidence yet exists as to whether the "Communist break" in 1946 was the beginning of a real bear market or only a reaction of a bull market.

Bonds

Although bank loaning rates should continue a slowly upward tendency, interest rates in general will remain low through 1947. The

Peace Plan Wins



Frank E. Burkhalter, former chairman of the Journalism department at Baylor University, Waco, has been announced first prize winner in a contest sponsored by the Palmer Foundation and dedicated to promotion of the Golden Rule and World Peace. A plan worked out by Burkhalter netted him \$1,000.

money supply is now 25 per cent above normal and government financing demands continued low rates.

Anticipating an expected reduction in federal taxes, 1947 should see a further falling off in the prices of most municipal and other tax-exempt bonds.

Some high-grade corporation bonds may hold steady, but sooner or later will decline considerably. The federal government's 2 1-2's which once sold above 106, will sell down to par or new 2 1-2's will be offered at par. Investors will give more attention to diversification and staggered maturities during 1947.

More public utilities will be taken over by federal and other "authorities" during 1947. Wise investors will consider this possibility when selecting public utility securities.

Real Estate

Suburban real estate may hold its own due to less available space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes and provide parking spaces, — also to disinclination to build due to the present high inflationary building costs. The fear of bombing — in case of a re-opening of World War II — may also be a factor.

Small subsistence farms will continue to increase in price; but large commercial farms may sell for less in 1947 than in 1946.

Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up with advancing prices. The present scarcity of lumber, cement, bricks and labor should begin to ease up in 1947.

Office and residential rents during 1947 may be expected to increase.

1947 will see the beginning of the real building boom which should have started in 1946.

Politics and Postwar Peace President Truman now has lost control of congress and both parties will be playing politics in anticipation of 1948.

Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1947. What we are going through to re-organize Germany will be repeated in other countries.

The Latin-American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries. Our South American troubles will continue to increase during 1947.

1947 should see more religious interest, including more church-going, than did 1946. People gradually are realizing that without a spiritual awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real ruler and guide. Hence, what good are agreements with Russia?

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carter of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilemon and children from Maypearl spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boren. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Wilemon are sisters of Mrs. Boren.

Good temper is like a sunny day; it sheds its brightness everywhere.— Sidney.

Health Official Urges Inventory Of Folks' Bodies

In a special dispatch to Scurry County people directed to The Times Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, stated today that he believed it would be a worthwhile idea for every Texan to take a health inventory at the beginning of the new year.

"At the beginning of a New Year, we should give some thought to the mistakes we have made during the past year, and a great deal of thought to planning some way of improving our health conditions during 1947," Dr. Cox said.

"The American people are very fortunate. We have scientific knowledge of communicable diseases; we have already made important conquests in the warfare against infectious diseases. We have material wealth to make processes who see great opportunities for public good in health measures that unite effectively the resources of medicine, education, finance, and government," Dr. Cox asserted.

"Every Texan should make a New Year's resolution to practice better personal, home and community sanitation, with a view to elevating the health level in every community, and in so doing create better health conditions throughout the state."

The State Health Department, according to Dr. Cox, is confident that with national health being stressed as one of our nation's most important problems, 1947 will see great strides made in the upbuilding of public health on a national scale.

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TO OUR FRIENDS

It is the friendship and thoughtfulness of our customers—our friends—that have made it possible for each of us in this organization to enjoy the Christmas spirit to its fullest extent.

So we extend these Christmas Greetings, and with them, our appreciation of the privilege of serving you. We trust you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Boren Feed Market

Your Purina Dealer

THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends in this community for all favors received during the past year and for your understanding of our efforts to serve you. We hope during the coming year to better our service and extend to all friends the Season's Greetings and very best wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

City Cafe

BILLIE LEE

B. L. (Mac) MCKINLEY



SINCERE WISHES

for a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS and a very Happy New Year

It is with all the earnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter

into the spirit of this occasion with your loved ones and friends.

We appreciate your patronage and pledge anew to improve our service in every way possible to merit its continuance.



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PHONE 47

The TIMES



We Know What We'd Do . . .

We know exactly what we would do if we had the opportunity of making old Santa's "run" this Christmas. First, we'd see to it that every one in this community received all the nice things so richly deserved as a reward for their loyal patronage and genuine friendships.

Then, we'd find a way to make it clear to all the people around here that the sentiment expressed in this Christmas message is from the bottom of our hearts.

We know there are no finer people anywhere than those whom it is our privilege to serve. Many times this has been proven to us and we are certain that when Santa's sack is emptied, a large share of its contents will have been left with the people here.

Since we can't take Santa Claus' place, please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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PHONE 89

On Lubbock Highway

FREE DELIVERY

Produce Men May Go To Egg Grading Class

Local produce men and Scurry County poultrymen interested in egg sales are extended an invitation to attend a three-day egg grading school at Texas A & M College January 6 through January 9.

The school, to be held at the college poultry farm, will be conducted jointly by the poultry husbandry department and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Back in 1880 it was considered an insult to receive a typed letter. The recipient's attitude was "I can read rittin'."

Very few people are good economists of their fortune, and still fewer of their time.—Chesterfield.

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Good Crowd Attends Hermleigh Soph Play

"Aunt Susie Shoots the Works," a play presented Friday evening in Hermleigh High School gymnasium, attracted an unusually good pre-Christmas crowd.

Miss Margaret Miller, sponsor for the Hermleigh sophomore class, says parts for the hilarious production were given by:

Ellen Jo Avary, Pat Wilson, Lavon Henley, Arita May Everts, Billy Sims, Douglas Vineyard, Annie Rea Layman, Hazel Reeves, Bobby Frank Roemisch and Sue Jane Hughes.

Between acts numbers were given by Homer Rueben Gannaway, Billy Ellington and Billy Glass.

Military Progress

"How's George doing in the Army?"

"Oh, fine, he's reached the grade of AWOL and next they're going to make hi ma court mashal."

It takes a woman longer to dress than a man because she has to slow down for the curves.

PLANNED ECONOMY

By PAULSON



"...and now if your husband will sign this affidavit that he is in good health and a resident of the U. S., I'll take a look at him."

Joe Earl Sealy Home, Enjoying Late Sleep

Not having to get up each morning until he cares to is a brand new experience for Joe Earl Sealy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sealy of Gall, who is home on furlough from the U. S. Navy.

Joe Earl arrived at Gall December 18 and reports back on the West Coast. His brother, Billy Frank, student at Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, is also home for the Yuletide season.

Joe Earl and Billy Frank are also visiting with relatives and friends here.

William Tate in Coma At Army Camp Base

Word this week from the bedside of William Tate, son of Mrs. Blanche Tate of Snyder, reveals no improvement. William is bedfast at Fort Sam Houston.

William, a Snyder High School graduate, has been with the U. S. Army in Japan as a stretcher bearer. His many friends hope for him improvement, and he has received a number of telephone calls from Snyder people. At last report William was in a coma part of the time.

Bob Farquhar left Friday morning for Comanche to visit and be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Farquhar and family through the holidays.

Not Bragging

Blonde—"Sorry, soldier, but I never go out with perfect strangers." G. I.—"Don't worry about that, babe, I ain't perfect."

An old mountaineer once told us he had been shaving himself with a straight-edge "for nigh onto 1 years, and I ain't cut myself neither time."

FOUR WELLS

(concluded from front page)

Ira pool. Their clean-out job on the No. 1 Murphy was also a record.

Word just before The Times went to press indicated that Midwest Drilling Company and other operators in the Sharon and Ira pools had shut down for the Yuletide holiday.

Four new locations in the Sharon Ridge pool have been made for Coffield & Guthrie No. 4 Wade, Robertson & McKissick No. 1 Goldsmith, Townsend & Thomas No. 2 Strain, and Wood Oil Company No. 1 fee.

It is understood that Roy Townsend of Big Spring, who has gained a wide reputation with oil field drilling mud of Marco Products Company, is a new buyer of production in the Ira pool.

Townsend has been interested in both the Sharon and Ira pools for sometime.

Immediately after January 1 things will begin humming in both the Sharon and Ira pools, according to word Tuesday. A number of the new operators will begin moving in equipment and both pools are slated to receive the heaviest 1947 drilling program on record during the past 10 years.

Immediately after Christmas, a number of buyers from Dallas to Chicago, St. Louis and New York City will be here to inspect the drilling prospects in the Sharon and Ira pools.

Word has been received that it will be released on an Ellenberger test south and west of Snyder. It is understood the deep project will be drilled some eight to 10 miles from town.

Probability of a deep project going down southwest of Snyder has kept seismograph crews of major companies busy for the past several months.

A check early this week on seismograph crews reveals they have halted core drilling, electrical shooting and magnetometer work because of Christmas vacations.

To give pleasure to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand head-bowings in prayer.—Sandi.

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You must find Durham's Resorcin Tonic the best ever used for itching scalp, dandruff, falling hair—or your money back. Large bottle only 75c at IRWIN DRUG STORE

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Have new Hobbs Trailer!

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas. To Evan D. Hargrove—Greeting commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of March, A. D. 1947, at or before 10:00 o'clock a. m. before the honorable District Court of Scurry County, at the courthouse in Snyder, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 17th day of December, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 4337. The names of the parties in said suit are: Thomas F. Hargrove as plaintiff, and Emmitt C. Hargrove, Alta Hargrove Taggart and her husband, John B. Taggart, Vachel A. Hargrove, Della Hargrove Boswell and her husband, George W. Boswell, and Evan D. Hargrove, if he be living, his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if he be dead, as defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: A suit to partition all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying or being situated in Scurry County, Texas, and known as Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Twenty-Eight (28), in Lady's Park Addition to the Town of Snyder, Texas. Said property is the community property of B. P. Hargrove and Sarah E. Hargrove, both deceased.

If citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 17th day of December, A. D. 1946. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1946.—Eunice Weatherbee, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County, Texas.

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Season's Greetings

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Greetings

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To those whose friendly support has contributed so greatly to our welfare, we extend our most cordial appreciation.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year

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Many **GOOD WISHES** FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE RECORD SHOP
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CHRISTMAS

Yesterday Today Tomorrow

May the warm spirit of the old fashioned Christmas of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling Yuletide of today, blend together for the Christmas of tomorrow.

Perhaps we do not realize, in comparative values, the precious blessings of Christmas, the precious blessings of Christmas, and all that it stands for. Let us take time to estimate the true meaning of the occasion and to wish each of you the most glorious Christmas you have ever spent.

And at the same time, we wish to add, "Thank you," for your courtesies and evidences of goodwill.

Stinson Drug Co.

North Side Square Telephone 33

CHRISTMAS BEST WISHES

For all your Tomorrows...

As we extend our Season's Greetings to each of you, the prospects of the coming year are bright and cheerful. For this we are immeasurably grateful. The future is distinctly encouraging and it is our ambition to have a part in this progress. To this end we pledge our untiring efforts.

In this gesture of good will we wish particularly to salute our friends and to wish them a season of good cheer and fellowship and a New Year of success and happiness.

Drs. Towle & Blum

OPTOMETRISTS

Honor Roll for Second Period at Hermleigh

Second six weeks honor roll for Hermleigh High School has been released by J. T. Bryant, superintendent, and A. L. Kerby, high school principal, as follows:

Honor students include: Seniors—Harvey Smith, Charles Henderson, Godfrey Pallas, Bobby Sims, Lowell Wade, Cecil Evans, Harold Vernon, Virgie Henley, Don Hale, Audine Martin and Opha Lou Mason.

Juniors—Willadean Lepour, Hope Fargason, Opal Jean Culp, Johnnie Lee Williams, Jake Smith and Leon Lewis.

Sophomores — Billy Sims, Sue Jane Hughes, Lavon Henley and Marie Martin.

Freshmen — Carl Williams, Mary Ann Cajanek and Charlene Mason.

"Have you ever awakened with a jerk?"
"Heavens no! Why, I'm not even married."

Just because she's always up in the air and harping about something doesn't make her an angel.

Trial and Appellate Officials at Austin



Clyde Smith, left, of Woodville will become chief of the trial and appellate division of the Texas attorney general's office, Times readers are informed.

Price Daniel, attorney general elect, who announces this appointment, says Ocie Speer, right, veteran jurist, will be interim chief of the trial and appellate division. Speer is now assistant attorney general.

Times Readers Urged To Read Babsonchart

The Times, as has been its custom for several years, is publishing Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1947, which will be of considerable interest to all Times readers. It is being carried on page one.

We are directing your attention to this feature because 1947 will be a year of many changes.

Mr. Babson's 1947 Outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as:

General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Trade, Labor, Inflation, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate and Politics.

Mr. Jones—"Two eggs, please. Don't fry them a second after the whites are cooked. Don't turn them over. Not too much fat. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper . . . Well, what are you waiting for?"
Waiter—"The hen's name is Betty. Is that all right, sir?"



No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

this Christmas

LET'S BE

CHEERY

The urge to make Christmas more gracious lies deep-rooted in the hearts of Americans everywhere, as they pause to observe the Christmas season.

May happiness be yours to enjoy this Christmas and may it give you the inspiration and guidance to meet the coming year with a cheerful heart.

James Brothers

Service Shop

701 East Highway

SNYDER, TEXAS

Telephone 174

Friendly Thoughts
by Odom

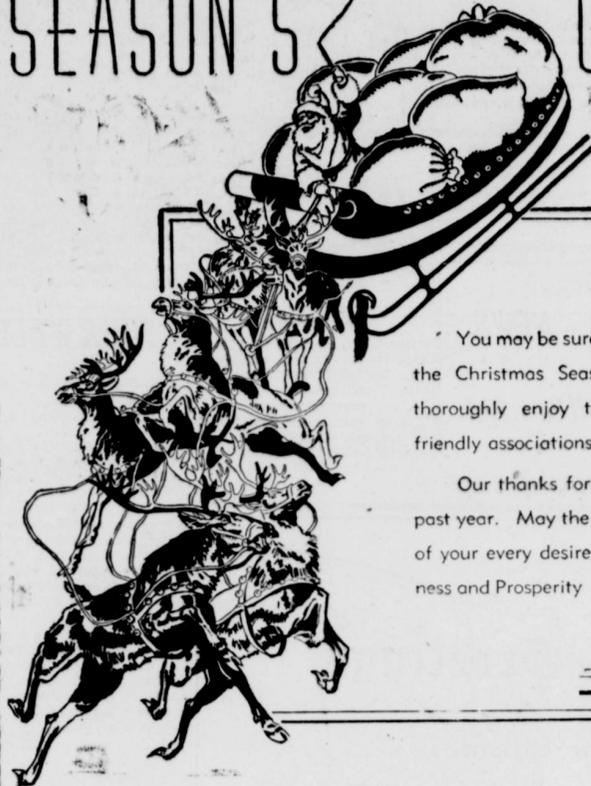


Look up from the tiny ants working at your feet. Look up at nature at work above and around you, at work upon gigantic tasks. From Nature learn patience and humility and a reverence for all good things.

The public's opinion of a funeral director can be easily sensed. Public confidence is won by little observances and helpful arrangements beyond any question of agreement or charge.

ODOM FUNERAL HOME
AMBULANCE SERVICE
DAY OR NIGHT
Phone 84 SNYDER

It's a Pleasant Custom to Send SEASON'S GREETINGS



You may be sure we extend our Greetings of the Christmas Season in all sincerity. We thoroughly enjoy this occasion of renewing friendly associations.

Our thanks for your patronage during the past year. May the New Year bring fulfillment of your every desire, as well as Health, Happiness and Prosperity

Wade's Bakery

Your Home Town Bakery

Our Annual CHRISTMAS GREETING



We are always glad of the opportunity to say "Hello" to our friends but somehow no occasion affords a better opportunity than Christmas to add a word of good wishes.

The associations we've enjoyed in the past are many and we are grateful for them. We appreciate what they stand for and with the passing of each year, we become more and more impressed with the true value of genuine friendships. The faithfulness of those whom we strive to serve has been invaluable in the progress of this organization.

In recognition of your consideration and patronage in the past, we desire to express our sincere good wishes to each of you for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with joy and prosperity.

SNYDER NATIONAL BANK

Fluvanna News

Mrs. Bolivar Browning, Cor. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beaver and son, James Edward, are visiting in Nacogdoches with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell. C. A. Landrum and family left for Eagle Pass Friday afternoon to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Huffman. Janie Sue Jones from Hardin-Simmons is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mert Jones and family. Wallace Jones Jr. from Trinity is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Wallace Jones and family. Patsy Jones from Texas Tech at Lubbock is here for the holiday season to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones. Abbie Flournoy from Lubbock is here to be with her brother Henry

DON'T SCRATCH! Durban's Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching accompanying Burns, Rash, Piles, Ordinary Itch and other skin irritations—or purchase price refunded. Large 3-ounce jar only 50c at IRWIN'S DRUG

Christmas Gift! As a gesture of thanks, we extend these Greetings to our friends. Your loyalty and consideration means much to us and we are grateful. MERRY CHRISTMAS! Snyder Tailoring Co. MR. AND MRS. EAL FISH

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Wanted WANTED—Long and short haulings. Anytime, day or night.—John C. (Lum) Day. 22-tfc IF YOU want wheat pasture for cattle in Floyd county, contact H. E. Whitaker, Deputy Sheriff, Floydada, Texas. 29-2c

Misellaneous NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the capital stock of Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, to be held in the office of said bank at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on the second Tuesday of January, (January 14, 1947) for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.—Snyder National Bank. 27-4c ATTENTION, FARMERS—We have a few two-row stalk cutters left; get yours now.—Jack Darby Blacksmith & Welding Shop, Snyder, Texas. 28-tfc

NOTICE At the December meeting of the board of directors of the Snyder General Hospital a dividend of eight per cent on the capital stock was declared payable December 31, 1946, to stockholders of record on that date. All persons holding stock which has not been officially transferred on the records of the corporation are instructed to present their stock properly endorsed for transfer before the above date to Lyle Deffenbach, Secretary, Board of Directors, Snyder General Hospital. 28-2c NEW AND slightly used men's suits and jackets at heavy discounts; come in and see us.—A. P. Morris. 28-2c THE TIMES needs issue No. 29, December 21, 1945, and issue No. 35, January 2, 1946, to complete its files. Will pay 25 cents per copy for each issue. ttp

CARD OF THANKS WE wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for the kind words of sympathy and beautiful flowers given us during the loss of our father and grandfather and especially we wish to thank Brother Varner for his comforting words. Mrs. Gertie Smith and children Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cochran and children. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prince. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cochran 1c

Flournoy and family through the holidays. J. J. Belew has returned from the hospital at Austin. He is reported feeling better. Roy V. Palmer and family are going to spend Christmas at San Antonio. Velda Stansell from Fort Worth is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Barney Stansell and family. Roy Fulford and family have gone to Virginia to visit his brother Sid Fulford and family. They will also spend Christmas there with his mother Mrs. Henry Fulford. She is going to return home with them. James Stansell and family are going to Jacksboro to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mundy and family. Buddie Hart and wife are back from Mississippi. He has his discharge from the army. They plan to make their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith are leaving Saturday for Winters. They are spending Christmas with some of her relatives. J. N. Holder and family are going to Wingate to visit his mother Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gould over the week end. They are also coming back by Abilene and visit his children there.

Pleasant Hill News

Barbara Trousdale, Correspondent Jessie Henley Jr. of an Army Camp near Colorado Springs, Colorado, is home on furlough visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henley. Tom Henley and family are moving to Brownfield to make their home another year. We regret to lose this family from our midst after 14 years of friendships that were pleasant. Mrs. Bettie Craymer visited in our neighborhood Tuesday night. Mrs. Bob Champion visited in Colorado City Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chesre's sister spent the Friday night with them before leaving for her new home in the west. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bills expect to spend Saturday and Sunday in Clovis, New Mexico with their mother and sister, Mrs. Rhodes. The Pleasant Hill school had its Christmas celebration Friday morning and dismissed at noon for the holidays. During all this strain it is well for us all to remember nearly 2000 years ago Jesus was born a savior of the world. We are glad to remember his birthday with gifts, good-wishes, pleasant deeds to our friends and we wish the Times and its readers a very merry Christmas.

Three of America's most popular characters were unborn: Uncle Sam, Santa Claus and Charley McCarthy. A lot of auto accidents would be eliminated if the man behind the wheel would quit hugging the wrong curves.

Radio Trouble? Take it to L. C. Gordon (Years of Experience) at City Electric We have Plenty of Tubes

For Sale FOR SALE—Hand embroidered guest towels and other items. See Mrs. Mabel Y. German, 1904 30th Street. 24-tfc FOR SALE—Warm Morning coal heater; burns 24 hours with one filling.—Browning Food Market. 22-tfc MILK BOTTLE CAPS of the finest quality—39c per tube of 500, special two tubes for 75 cents.—Ben Franklin Store. 27-tfc FOR SALE—Allis-Chalmers tractor Model 41; two-row stalk cutter and other implements.—T. C. Morrow, 8 1/2 miles west Snyder. 27-3p FOR SALE—Farmall F-20; engine overhauled; two-row planter, three-row cultivator, six-foot sander, one-way disc, two-bottom moleboard breaking plow, disc terracing plow; all \$1200.50.—George Mauls, two miles east Camp Springs. 26-tfc FOR SALE—1941 Ford tudor special deluxe sedan. Phone 493W. 26-tfc FOR SALE—Shop size oil heater with 15-gallon tank; completely rebuilt 1937-39 Chevrolet block assembly, guaranteed; one new 1-3 horsepower heavy duty electric motor.—James Brothers Service Shop and Body Works, East Highway. 27-tfc FOR SALE—One 2-6x6-6 house door, complete with jam.—See Jack Darby, Snyder, Texas. 28-tfc FOR SALE—15,000 bundles kaffir corn.—J. R. Isbell, Route 1, three miles northwest of Canyon School house. 28-2p FOR SALE—Year-old laying hens, \$1 each.—Fred Davis at Farm Supply, phone 477. 1c FOR SALE—Two-burner hot plate, \$4.50.—George Barnhart. 1p FOR SALE—Butane 50 gal. bottle. B. M. McHaney, 3 miles north, route 3. 1p FOR SALE—Four room house; my place six miles west of Snyder. J. B. Adams. 1p

Business Services SEWING MACHINE Repairs L. R. Chapman, at Farm Supply, Phone 477. 15-tfc WE REPAIR electric irons! Bring us that iron that has been giving you trouble—let us get it back in service.—King & Brown. 45-tfc USE WOOD PRESERVER in your chicken house to kill and repel insects, mites, fowl ticks (blue bugs) and termites. Application lasts for year.—H. L. Wren Hardware. 43-tfc PLENTY OF MONEY to loan; low rate of interest; long terms.—Spears Real Estate, over Economy. 15-tfc LET US FIGURE with you on your concrete walks, curbs, cellars, and other concrete work. Phone 143 W. O. C. Floyd. 52-tfc INCOME TAX SERVICE—I would appreciate your business. Accurate and reasonable. — Bernard Longwortham, Jr. 26tfc FOUR 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-tfc THE NEW FRIGIDAIRE is here! We want to continue to give you service on your old refrigerators—and sell you new ones as they are available.—King & Brown, Your Frigidaire dealers. 22-tfc COMBINE USERS—For information and prices on Tri-State electric header controls for M-M combines, write Hyatt Manufacturing & Supply Company, Kimball, Nebraska. 27-2p INCOME TAX SERVICE—Farmers should see me at once for information on your 1946 reports. I want to serve you again.—Jess Wilson, over Bryant-Link. 28-2p INCOME Reports efficiently made. R. W. Webb, attorney, Bryant-Link Building, Snyder, Texas. 1p

NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals for Construction of a CONCRETE RESERVOIR complete with pump house and facilities, will be received at the office of the Mayor of the City of Snyder, Texas, until 7:00 P. M. Tuesday, January 14, 1947, and then publicly opened and read. Bidders must submit a bond for One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract under the conditions set forth within 10 days after notice of award of contract. The minimum wages which shall apply on this work are the established rates for this area. Each bidder shall submit a statement of his experience, financial resources and equipment with the bid. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of Hasle and Green Engineering Company, at Wilson Building, or P. O. Box 1139, Lubbock, Texas, upon a deposit of \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will be returned when same are returned. 29-3c

For Rent LOST—Finder of ladies purse at Sheppard's crossing December 17, containing government check to my father, T. J. Greenwood, keep money, return check. Mrs. Newt Burleson. 1c

Lost and Found FOR RENT—Four room unfurnished house with bath. Call Mrs. Ben Stone, Phone 445J, 2008 Ave. R 1c

Dunn News

Mrs. Bama Clark, Correspondent The long-looked-for northern arrived Monday night, and by Tuesday morning we could hear the people say it was plenty cold. Visitors in the A. R. McFarland home last week were Mrs. McFarland's son, Wayne Dodson, and wife and children, Wayne and Kay, of El Dorado. Mrs. W. H. Lay of McFarland, California, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Billingsley, left last Saturday for her home. We regret to lose from our community Willie Lay and family, who are moving to Anton. We wish for them much success in their new home. Rev. L. B. Smallwood of Sweetwater filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife, and they were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Russell. Mrs. Bama Clark, accompanied by Yvonne Jacquelin Byrd, Ann and Mary Alice Richardson, Carolyn Murphy, Rita June Johnston, Mary Lou Byrd and LaNell Smith of Ira, went sight-seeing and hunting for a Christmas tree last Sunday evening on the Colorado River. Junior Ashley and Pauline Grene were married December 8 at 4:30 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Johnston. Rev. A. B. Cockrell read the single ring ceremony. Essie Pearl Green was bridesmaid, and James Hollis acted as best man. The bride is a graduate of Snyder High School. Junior was a graduate of Dunn High School. He had served in the Army for two years. Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Ashley, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ashley, Letha Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Johnston and children. Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. T. J. Sparks and Mrs. N. J. Richburg were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Junior Ashley. After an hour of entertainment and refreshments, the gifts were displayed. Those present and sending gifts were Mrs. T. J. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis, Mmes. Oscar Farrar, Wanda Goodlett, Fred Cotton, Forrest Bowers, Fred Bowers, Lois Hendrix, Ira Riggs, O. S. McCormack, Ruth Scott, Louise Vaughn, Walter Brown, Lou Johnston, John Woodard, C. D. Burrow, Walter Brown, Robby Giannozzo, Essie Swafford, Bertha Cotton, Bill Davidson, D. M. Denson, W. J. Fuller, John Pitner, Bama Clark, J. P. Billingsley, Gillum, H. L. Harison, M. D. Smith, T. J. Sparks, Houston Qulett, W. R. Payne, Robert Green, Willie Lay, Meda Bell Smith, R. O. McClure, Irene Haswell, Truman Ivson, Marcus Johnston, Harvey Shuler, John L. Green, G. G. Green, LeLander Herod, J. Wright, J. W. Green, Virgil Nail, Maurine Richardson, Edna Holmes, L. Z. Ashley, Perry Echols, Tom Echols, N. J. Richburg; and Misses Hontas Farrar, Rita June Johnston, Charlene Johnston, Vivian Lane, Thelma Shipley, Mary Echols, Letha Woodard, Essie Pearl Green and Joy Brown. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Charlie Qulett and daughters, whose husband and father, Charlie Qulett, passed away December 7. Burial was in the Dunn Cemetery. They formerly lived in this community. Besides his wife and three daughters he leaves to mourn his going his mother, Mrs. Florence Qulett of Monahans; two sisters, Mrs. Benson of Monahans and Mrs. Johnston of Big Spring; one brother, Houston Qulett of Dunn. Rev. Sharp of Colorado City officiated at final rites, with Odom Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Buck Sherrod, R. B. Bowlin, Horton Sibley, George Walls, Grady Brown and George Bowers. Yvonne Brooks, Betty Lou Benson, Wonnelle Brooks, Sylvia Brooks and Jean Sellers were in charge of flowers. Charlie spent three years with the armed forces, most of which time was spent in Italy. He had only been home 16 months. He was making his home at Amarillo at the time of his death. Girls, you can't make your husband feel like a pagan god by playing a burnt offering before him at meal-time. The difference between a mirror and a woman is that one talks without reflecting and the other reflects without talking.

Palace Theatre Program for Week Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25-26— "THE BACHELOR'S DAUGHTERS" with Gall Russell, Claire Trevor and Ann Dvorak. News and Cartoon Comedy. (Matinee Christmas Day starting at 2:00 p. m., with continuous show). Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28— "THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND" starring William Boyd (Hop-Along Cassidy). News, Comedy and Cartoon. Saturday Night Preview, Dec. 28— "THE BOHEMIAN GIRL" starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 29-30— "HOME SWEET HOMICIDE" with Randolph Scott and Peggy Ann Garner. Selectde Shorts. Tuesday, Dec. 31— "LIGHTHOUSE" with June Lang and John Litel. Sports, News and Comedy. Bargain Night—Admission 14 and 25 cents. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 1-2— "TWO SMART PEOPLE" with Lucille Ball and John Hodiak. News and technicolor musical. Matinee New Year's Day starting at 2:00 p. m.

At the TEXAS Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25-26— DOUBLE FEATURE: "WAGON WHEELS WESTWARD" with Wild Bill Elliott. Also "BEAU HUNKS" with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. (Matinee Wednesday, Christmas Day, starting at 2:00 p. m., with continuous showing). Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28— DOUBLE FEATURE: "NO MAN'S RANGE" starring Bobb Steele. Also "ROUGH RIDERS OF CHEYENNE" starring Sunset Carson and Peggy Stewart. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 29-30— DOUBLE FEATURE: "THE GREAT MIKE" with Stewart Erwin and "Mike." Also "EVERY MAN'S LAW" an action Western. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 1-2— "CRASH DIVE" in technicolor, with Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter and Dana Andrews. Cartoon Comedy.

We Hope You Receive Lots of Greetings MAY WE INCLUDE OURS? MERRY CHRISTMAS To all of you who have so graciously favored us in the past, we extend sincere good wishes for the holidays. Your kindness and friendship is truly appreciated and we wish for you the Merriest Christmas ever. Hugh Boren & Son Insurance Agency Basement of Times Building

Merry Christmas The Christmas holidays are a friendly season, a time when each of the members of this organization wants to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage. During the coming year, and those to follow, it will be our policy to maintain the highest standard of service possible, and we trust that you will grant us the privilege of serving you in this capacity. Owned and Operated By Doc Griffin Rex Miller D & R Food Store

Lumber Mills Reveal Losser in November

Scurry County folks who are anxious to build are discouraged by reports that production of lumber in southern pine mills decreased four percent from October to November of this year, according to Southern Pine Association figures analyzed by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas.

Average weekly shipments per unit were 173,384 board feet, or a decrease of one half of one per cent from November of last year. Average weekly production per unit was 194,563 board feet or an increase of four per cent over last year.

A three per cent reduction in the volume of unfilled orders held over has been effected in the one month from October to November and a 20 per cent reduction from November of last year.

Many a decided blonde is a decided blonde because she decided she didn't want to remain a brunette.

Snyder People See E-Member of K-9 Corps who Saw War Service

A number of Snyder people Friday morning had their first real chance to see a dog with an honorable service discharge from the U. S. Army.

Jack Stratton of New York City, himself a World War II veteran with an honorable discharge from the Army, was here on business and brought along his German police dog, which saw considerable combat service in the K-9 Corps.

Stratton's police dog, slightly off shock, exhibited remarkable restraint and composure. Citizens who saw the war hero, however, said they wouldn't be hemmed up with the dog under any circumstances.

Stratton's dog was one of hundreds in the K-9 Corps that helped in combat work through Africa, Italy, in Belgium, Holland and inside Germany.

The New Yorker refused to talk very much about his own service record or that of the ex-K-9 Corps member, but from the decorations awarded the police dog there was no doubt but that the canine had done his full part for the Army.

Stratton, who has several types of business enterprises, incidentally is owner and publisher of two newspapers. Both eastern papers are ABC members.

TEXANS IN WASHINGTON

By **TEX EASLEY**
AP Special Washington Service

By **Tex Easley**,
AP Special Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The currently stymied reorganization of the Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration (PMA) involves two Texans from opposite sections of the state.

They are acting PMA Administrator Jess Gilmer of Alpine and El Paso and Claude Hodges of Bonham, association director of the PMA's field service branch.

By way of background to the reorganization row:

A special committee headed by Milton Eisenhower, Kansas educator and brother of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, recommended some streamlining of the Department of Agriculture. Milton Eisenhower was here with the department during the war.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson recently started to institute changes in line with Eisenhower's recommendations, but held up things when some loud protests were voiced.

One change would have eliminated the give regional offices of the PMA's field service branch. Some of the regional officials, backed by the Farmers Union and Farm Bureau, spearheaded the opposition's drive.

Proponents of reorganization, including the Texans, point out that the regional officials maintain their headquarters in Washington and not in the field.

Successor to the old agricultural Adjustment Administration, the PMA embraces the soil conserva-

Rosenbergs Will Quit Dry Goods Business in City

In business here for 23 years, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosenberg, operators of Economy Dry Good Company, north side of the square, are staging an all-out "quitting business" sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg were on the south side of the square for 14 years. They have been on the north side of the square at their present location nine years.

Interviewed by a Times reporter, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg say they have found Snyder to be one of the finest towns in Texas.

"We certainly appreciate the fine patronage shown us through the years," Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg say, "and we want everyone to know we will always treasure the friends we have in this area."

After the "quitting business" sale of Economy Dry Goods Company is concluded, the building on the square's north side will be readied for a C. R. Anthony Store. The Anthony store will be put in around April 1. This firm has headquarters in Oklahoma City.

A "spark plug" in community and civic enterprises, Mr. Rosenberg has been in charge of the popular cow-girl sponsor contests since organization of the Scurry County Rodeo Association. The association staged its tenth annual roundup here last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg plan to continue making their home here.

tion, price support and crop insurance programs.

"Our hope is to operate as closely to the dirt farmer himself as possible," says Gilmer.

"These programs are so important to the public in general and the farmer that we want to carry them out with the maximum efficiency."

Those opposing the reorganization contend it would give the handlers and processors of foods too strong a voice in Washington and lessen the influence of the growers.

"The opposite effect would be accomplished," answers Hodges.

There are five state committees for Texas, although a vacancy now exists in one of the positions.

"We are making a careful search now for a fifth committeeman for Texas," Gilmer said. "All but one part of the state is pretty well represented. That's East Texas, so we have that in mind as we look for a man."

While no one can say what Anderson will do, the signs now indicate that the reorganization will be resumed. According to Gilmer, many state committeemen who at first expressed objections to the plan reversed their position when they had it outlined carefully to them.



Q—Can a disabled veteran taking a course under Public Law 16 continue his training for more than four years?

A—Training in excess of four years may be approved when the veteran's disability is such that no course of training which does not exceed four years will restore him beyond the control of the veteran necessitates the extension beyond the prescribed four year period.

Q—Can an amputee select the type of artificial limb he wants and the firm he wants to buy it from?

A—Yes, the veteran will be permitted to select the artificial limb of his choice but it must be purchased from an approved prosthetic appliance manufacturer under contract with CA.

Q—Am I entitled to field trip expenses in gathering material for a thesis while I am in school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act?

A—Veterans Administration will not pay for occasional field trips, whether to summer camp or for data for research of thesis where the charge to the student is a separate charge not included in the tuition or laboratory fee customarily paid by all students enrolled in the course.

Q—How may applications be made for domiciliary or family care of a veteran?

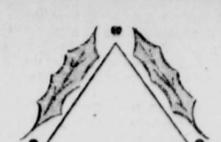
A—Veterans Administration Form P-10, "Application for Hospice, Treatment or Domiciliary Care," should be executed by the veteran or nearest relative, guardian, or representative and forwarded to the nearest VA hospital, regional office, or contact office. If found to be eligible for admission, the veteran will promptly be notified and if admission cannot be authorized, the veteran will be informed, and the reason stated.

Red Cross to Provide Gifts for Service Men

Although Scurry County men in hospitals at home and abroad will have to endure Christmas on a restricted level, the Red Cross informs The Times the organization will "insure bright gifts and Yuletide cheer" to 200,000 patients in Army, Navy and Veterans Administration hospitals at home and overseas.

In addition the Red Cross will present holiday programs at recreational facilities maintained overseas for service men and their dependents.

The honeymoon is over when she stops dropping her eyes and starts raising her voice.



CHRISTMAS

THE PLEASURE IS OURS

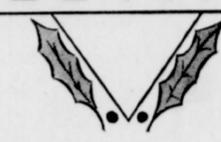
As another Yuletide Season is ushered in, we enjoy looking backward over our experiences of the past year. We recall many, many instances of your confidence and good will, and we find these thoughts make us extremely proud and happy.

It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the Christmas Season, to tell you we have not forgotten. Your confidence in us will be our incentive to greater efforts, that we may continue to come up to your expectations.

Best wishes to you, your family, your friends—our friends.



GREETINGS



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Ask your local Woodmen representative how you can enjoy the benefits of Woodmen life insurance protection and the fraternal and social activities of Woodcraft.

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<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Women's Spun Rayon House DRESSES</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Be here early for yours. They will sell fast at this price... \$1.00</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Sanitary NAPKINS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Penmaid disposable sanitary napkins, box... 10c</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Women's DRESS SHOES</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Black, medium heel, kid and gabardine—leather construction—pair... \$2.00</p>
<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">One Big Rack Maternity DRESSES</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Drastically reduced! Fine, heavy rayon material. Expertly made— 1.00 Each</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Ladies' Fine FINE MILLINERY</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Smart Winter styles in fine felts, trimmed and plain models—small and large shapes— 25c to 1.00</p>	
<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Boys' Fine OVERCOATS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">8.00</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">With cap to match. Sizes 2 to 6. Browns and blues. Most of Winter is still here. Hurry!</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Children's Winter LEGGING SETS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">With most of Winter still ahead! Your chance to buy these well-made sets at a fraction of previous price... \$3.00</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Women's Winter COATS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">5.00 and 10.00</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Just a few left but out they go! Sorry—no lay-aways from this group.</p>
<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Men's Alpaca-Lined SUR-COATS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">17.50</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">9-ounce sateen shell! Drawstring waist! Large pockets. Fly front! Warm collar! Greatly reduced from their former price.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Men's Warm SWEATERS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">2.00</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Coat styles and slip-overs. Sizes 36 to 46. Fine to work in. Nice enough for dress wear!</p>	
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SEASONS

As a small token of our high esteem for the people whom we serve, we send these words of Greetings. We place an immeasurable value on your friendship and trust that we may merit its continuance.

We renew our pledge of the service which we constantly strive to render; and take this occasion to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.



GREETINGS

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Only 14.66 Inches of Rain Falls During 1946

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20—Everyone is now discussing the coal strike and planning for anti-labor legislation next month. But the problem is far deeper than "John L. Lewis." He might die tonight; but severe labor troubles would still be with us.

Strikes Very Costly.

It is true that strikes are very costly—to labor, employers and to the public. As a rule, it takes wage workers about 60 months to make up what is lost in wages in a 100-day strike which wins with a 18 1/2 per cent increase. This means that a 30-day strike requires 20 months to catch up; and that with the average strike employees must work about two years at their average increased wages before they gain a penny.

Certainly, in nine cases out of 10, labor would be far better off to accept a company offer of 10 per cent without striking than to strike and get more. This is not figuring the loss to employers in which labor should also be very much interested because every strike delays and postpones the time when employers can again make a voluntary wage increase. Some labor leaders are surely misleading their union members and robbing them of their money, just for the sake of collecting dues.

The Public Suffers Also.

The innocent public which is largely made up of wage workers also suffers as consumers fear every strike. As production is reduced, prices must rise or hold up longer. The nation gets richer only by producing more. Strikes are the chief cause of today's high prices. Strikes are chiefly to blame for inflation. The real difficulty is not with wage increases per se as this money quickly goes into circulation and there may be no loss to the nation as a whole from a reasonable wage increase of 10 per cent. But this is not true in the case of strikes.

Strikes mean a loss in production which may never be made up. Strikes mean a waste of time which can never be recovered. Lost production is more serious than lost money; while lost time is far more serious than the loss of both production and money. Hence, both labor and management commit a hideous crime against the nation when they permit a strike. Both are traitors when they stop work and refuse fair arbitration.

What Is the Solution?

Yet the solution of the strike evil lies not with legislation. The labor problem is like the liquor problem in many ways. Each costs the American people about \$15,000,000,000 per year. Almost every one agrees that both strikes and liquor are a waste of money, time and manhood. Politicians have tried to solve both by legislation and most attempts have failed thus far. I know of what I speak because I have both served as assistant secretary of labor and as presidential candidate of the Prohibition party.

Of course, when wrong legislation has been passed, as was the case with the Wagner Act, more legislation is required to correct it. Legislation should be fair to both employers and wage workers, treating all alike. Sickness is also a great national loss of many billions each year. Legislation can prevent employers from operating under bad working conditions, but legislation cannot make people take proper care of their health.

Education and Religion.

The solution of the labor problem, the liquor problem and the health problem lies with education and religion. Education teaches what we should do; but we need also religion to have the will power to do what we ourselves know that we should do. One is the lock and the other is the key—neither is much good alone.

School Students Out Friday for 10 Days

Snyder and Scurry County schools dismissed class work Friday at noon for the Christmas holiday season, and gave students a half-day holiday Friday from any school work. Scurry County schools are expected to have class work dismissed until Monday, December 30.

COTTON QUIZ

CAN YOU MAKE PICTURES WITH COTTON?



ANS.—YES! THE BASIC INGREDIENT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM IS COTTON UNTERS—A BY-PRODUCT OF COTTON.

40 Soil Practices Available Under Conservation Act

A grand total of 40 practices are available to farmers of Scurry and other counties in carrying out soil and water conservation work under the 1947 agricultural conservation program, B. F. Vance, state director of the Production and Marketing Administration.

County ACA committee already are selecting from this group the practices needed locally for obtaining sound soil and water conservation. In addition to selecting practices most suitable for their county, committees also may choose one conservation practice of a local nature which meets specific needs. These will be the county practices for which farmers may qualify for assistance during the year.

Assistance will be made in cash payments which will finance part of the cost of performing conservation practices or for conservation materials and services, Vance explains.

Texas has been allotted \$20,000,000 to assist farmers in carrying out this work. State funds, which have been allotted to counties on the basis of conservation needs, will be prorated among individual farms.

Farmers must obtain written approval from their county agricultural committees before starting a practice, if assistance is expected, in order to stay within funds prorated to the county, Vance says.

Good Crowds Attend Services at Dermott

Excellent attendance Sunday at religious services held at Dermott Baptist Church causes church leaders to predict that membership growth will extend well into 1947. Rev. Leslie Kelley of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Kelley of Snyder, occupied the pulpit for both morning and afternoon services.

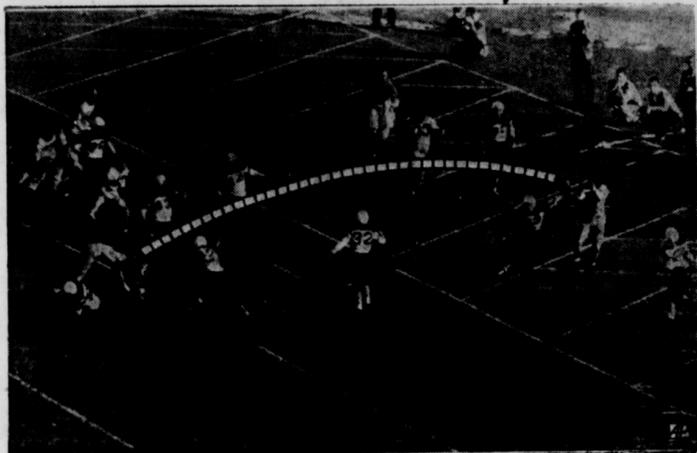
Sporting News.

Wife—"It says here that a man man beat his wife to death with a golf club."

Hubby—"Really? How many strokes did it take him?"

Lend Lease—"We lend it to them; they lease it to us."

ONE OF PLAYS THAT DEFEATED KILGORE COLLEGE



A short pass, dotted line, from Fullback Bev Wallace of Compton College to Halfback Don Rogers is good for a touchdown against Kilgore Junior College

in the Little Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California. Buddy Attaway (53), Kilgore center, makes a vain dive trying to knock down the pass. Other Kilgore

players are Stallings (44), Her-ring (43), Thrasher (32), Burk (33) and Clark (22). No. 33 for Compton is Boyd. Compton won the tilt 19 to 0.

Hermleigh Christmas Program Held Friday

People of the Hermleigh and nearby communities jammed Hermleigh Baptist Church to capacity Friday evening, when a community-wide Christmas program was given. Attendees reported that the spirit evidenced at the convalescence reminded the community of the days of peace before 1941.

Those who participated in the program Friday evening included: Mrs. Thelma Hacker, Juanita Simmons, Donna McGuire, Joe Boyd Groves, Bruce May, Margaret Parks, Sandra Gail Sturdivant, Opal Jean Culp, Vallarie Rummier, Mrs. L. D. Beaver, Joyce Lynn Bryant, Nora Jo Brock, Mrs. W. C. Fargason, R. A. DuBose and W. A. Bowen.

Regular Cut-Up.

"Here is where I cut a good figure," might have said Susie, the cashier, as she sat down on a broken bottle.

Officials Urge Drivers to Make Christmas Safe

Every Snyder and Scurry County person is urged to do his or her full part to make this peace-time Christmas a safe holiday season.

Simon Best, city marshal, other city officers and all county officers urge people to start early enough on trips that they will not have to drive at break-neck speed; safe enough with all Christmas decorations and fireworks that no children will be maimed or crippled; and sure enough about lighted stoves and heaters that no fire tragedies result.

Officers realize that Wednesday marks the first peace-time Yuletide in five years, but broken bones or burned homes—because of carelessness—do not add to the gaiety of the glad holiday.

Federal Government Back in Black Again

Scurry Countians are advised this week that the federal government, with less than the fiscal year half gone, has swung back into the black again.

A flood of tax receipts swelled by quarterly payments that became due December 15 turned a deficit of \$79,324,000 for the fiscal year into a surplus of almost \$176,965,000 in a single day.

Instructor—"And what would you do for a man suffering from a wound in the head?"

Student—"I'd put a tourniquet around his neck."

Officers themselves are planning on a good Christmas and are hoping that this peace-time celebration will not be marred by accidents and tragedies.

New Boy Scout Troop Registered For Hobbs Area

A new Boy Scout troop composed of boys in the Hobbs community was registered the past week, reports James K. Polk, Buffalo Trail Council field executive.

The Hobbs Boy Scout troop will be under the leadership of Steve Bavousett and Carl M. Guinn.

New troop for Hobbs is being sponsored by the Hobbs School Board and N. J. Gullett, superintendent of Hobbs School.

Included on the community's Boy Scout troop committee are J. M. Akers, Sterling Willingham, L. P. Henderson, N. J. Gullett and J. O. Hudnall. Gullett is the institutional representative on the Buffalo Trail Council committee.

Boy Scouts who have already registered with the Hobbs troop are: Kenneth Rasco, A. V. Shipp, Donald R. Helms, Fehrlin Tutt, John Kidd, Kenneth Hardin, Charles R. South, J. W. Henderson, Don Cave, Ralph Willingham, Doyle Bailey, Jackie Cave, Chester Murphree and Melvin Thomson.

Steve Bavousett and Carl Guinn announce the yvill hold the organization meeting of the new Boy Scout troop on Monday evening after Christmas, December 30, at Hobbs School.

All boys of the Hobbs community who are 12 years of age or older are extended an invitation to attend the organization meeting and join the Hobbs Boy Scout troop.

Fathers of Hobbs community boys are invited to visit the troop when possible.

Sisters Reunited for First Time in 27 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Spyles of Hermleigh had as their pre-Christmas guests Mrs. Spyles' sister, Mrs. Charles Sangster, and Mrs. Sangster's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Rogers of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Mrs. Spyles and Mrs. Sangster met in the reunion for the first time in 27 years. Mrs. Rogers visited with Mr. and Mrs. Spyles during August of 1943, while Rogers was overseas serving with the armed forces.

Safety Supervisor



Local Santa Fe employees well remember Andrew M. Hansen, new safety supervisor of the Santa Fe Railway Company in this area, who began his employment with the Santa Fe in 1918. He was recently discharged as a lieutenant colonel after receiving the Legion of Merit for achievement overseas as assistant deputy director of administration, 774th Railway Grand Division, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Highway Patrolman Clark Gets Transfer

Due to the fact Patrolman Robert Clark will not be here Tuesday, December 24, anyone wishing to renew his driver's license is urged to contact Mrs. Thaba Groves in the county judge's office.

Mrs. Groves will be in the county judge's office all next week, and those who need to renew their driving licenses should contact her. Patrolman Clark, it is understood, is being transferred to the Eastland district effective January 2, 1947.

No Respect for Age.

Coy Marton—"Why, sometimes I'm taken for my own daughter!" Gallant Young Man—"Nonsense! You don't look old enough to have a daughter so old!"

Marrying a woman for her beauty is like buying a home for its paint.

Good Yields for County Made on Sub-Normal Fall

Farmers and ranchers of the county, reviewing the year's moisture situation, hardly see how ranching and farming activities were carried on at the high level of production marked up for the year. Scurry County's rainfall for the year to date totals 14.66 inches—5.83 inches below the county average fall of 20.49 inches.

The year's rainfall total by days and months, as verified by Mrs. Foy Wade, government weather gauger, follows:

January—1.63 inches. February—0. March—5.3 of an inch; March 7, 1.9 of an inch; March 12, 2.0; March 26, 1.0; and March 27, .04 of an inch.

April—41 of an inch tallied on April 23.

May—3.55 inches; May 7, .60 of an inch; May 10, 1.43; May 13, 2.3; May 15, .52; and May 31, .66 of an inch.

June—2.35 inches; June 19, .22; June 20, .25; June 23, .78; June 24, .02; June 26, 1.04 inches; and June 28, .04 of an inch.

July—0.4 of an inch of rain was recorded on July 12.

August recorded 4.4 of an inch; August 27, .05; August 28, .32; and August 29, .07 of an inch.

September—97 of an inch rainfall was received; September 2, .32; September 3, .15; September 4, .06; September 14, .35; and September 28, .09 of an inch.

October tallied 2.71 inches rainfall; October 6, 1.23; October 7, .20; October 8, .06; October 9, .87; and October 10, .35 of an inch.

November chartered .75 of an inch moisture, which fell on November 25.

December—2.28 inches; December 9, 1.55 inches; and December 10, .73 of an inch tallied.

Mrs. J. W. Green, Well Known Here, Passes at Roscoe

Mrs. John W. Green, 85, who is well remembered by a number of Scurry County families who stopped at Roscoe when moving to this area, died Friday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Rhondo Whorton.

Mrs. Green, who in an early day helped find rooming accommodations for many families moving to Scurry County's Block 97 and on toward the Plains, had been in failing health several years.

Rev. G. W. Parks, retired Baptist pastor, conducted final rites for Mrs. Green Saturday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, at the Roscoe Baptist Church. Interment was made in Roscoe Cemetery.

The late John W. Green, as Snyder people recall, was connected with the R. S. & P. Railroad. He passed away in 1927.

In addition to the daughter, Mrs. Rhondo Whorton, Mrs. Green is survived by two sons, Charles Green, present manager of the Kermit Chamber of Commerce, and J. P. Green of San Francisco, California.

Scurry and Borden Countians at Anson For Christmas Ball

Dozens of Scurry and Borden County people were at Pioneer Hall in Anson Friday evening for the first gala dance in a series of the annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball.

On hand to furnish music for the ball was a string band dressed in colorful costume. Leaders for Friday evening's grand march were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz.

General chairmen were Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. J. A. Walker. Hosts Friday evening were Mrs. Ernest Pittman, Mrs. Robert Cross, Mrs. Morris Pittard, Hannah Nabors and Mrs. Stephens—all known in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowland were grand march leaders Monday evening and leading the grand march for the final ball Christmas Eve were Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Baucum.

Prizes were awarded each night of the Cowboy Christmas Ball for the best costumes of men and women.

J. L. Fargason to Give Music at Sweetwater

J. L. Fargason Jr. will be guest organist at a special Christmas Eve program Tuesday evening at the Sweetwater Episcopal Church, Snyder friends learn.

In the Christmas Eve services Tommie Lee Yokum of Sweetwater will be guest soloist, it is stated.

Young Fargason is gaining a reputation in this area as an organist and maestro of the keyboard.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And may we add our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses that you have shown us in the past. Because of your consideration the past year has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have had the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. We only hope that we may continue to merit your good will and patronage, so that our policy of friendly, helpful service to all may be maintained.

Greetings from the Folks on Your Home County Paper...

- DON SEALY
J. O. SHEID
LEON GUINN
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Kathleen Norris Says: Worry Versus Planning

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"I was thinking, dear, that if things go on this way at the office, it'd be rather fun to move to Dad's old place. We could fix it up."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

STOP worrying about that 12-year-old girl of yours who doesn't seem to be like the other pretty girls, who doesn't make friends, who has grown too tall, who has such abrupt manners. She'll wake up some day and turn out to be a real person, not like you, perhaps, but attractive and likable and useful nonetheless.

Stop worrying about little Jerry's eyes. They may indeed be troublesome; it may be that he won't ever have quite normal sight. But in that he'll only be like some seven per cent of the world's men and women who have gone straight ahead, not bothering themselves or anyone else about it.

Stop worrying about darling Marjorie, who is going to have a third baby, when she and Rod really can't afford one. Help her all you can of course. Go into her house and seize upon the nearest job, dampening clothes and ironing them, straightening the playroom, taking the baby for his diphtheria shots and so on. Be the unpaid, almost unnoticed servant in her house. But don't criticize her and don't criticize Rod. Ten years go swiftly, and when you see her in 1957, with her trio or quartette of sons and daughters about her, you'll know why she isn't worrying now.

Stop worrying about Henry's business and stop asking him worrying questions about it. That anxious attitude is infinitely distressful to a tired man. Instead of fluttering about him with "But if Joe Coates gets your job, Henry, what will you do? Can't you go to Mr. Potter? Why don't you just frankly talk to Phil Miller, darling? We simply can't take a cut now. Don't tell Nancy, poor darling, counting on coming out this winter."

Be Cheerful, Helpful. Instead of that sort of thing, give Henry a cup of hot consommé, lead him to his big chair, tell him a piece of good news, and while you are leisurely slipping your own consommé away dreamily, "I was thinking, dear, that if things go on this way at the office it'd be rather fun to move to Dad's old place. We could fix it up. Do you realize how that would cut down our expenses? Nancy? Why, there are a thousand fascinating jobs that child could take in a book store, or with the radio people, or in Miss Johnson's kindergarten, and it'd be a lot better for her than all this keeping up with the Babcock girls."

This would show that you're not worrying, and you would have the supreme pleasure of seeing the worry drop from Henry's tired eyes, too.

Stop worrying about germs. You are running chances with germs every time you step out of your door, and often when you don't, and so are the children. Sometimes they skip unhealthy anemic bodies and light on the strong and well. Millions of times we get them and cast them off. Tiredness invites them, so does fear. To gargle the surface off your throat membranes, hold soaked cotton over your nose, slam windows shut, remove your shoes before entering the house is to put yourself into great shape for infections. I saw quite a young mother in a Pullman dining car the other day, carefully wiping the knives, forks and spoons the darlings were going to use at lunch, and I saw the darlings' uneasy eyes as she did



Worry never solved anything.

INTELLIGENT ACTION

Everyone has problems and difficulties. There is always a vague fear of the future, even in the best of circumstances. The threat of sickness, accident, financial ruin hangs over everyone, all the time. For most people there are more imminent problems. Some can't be solved. There is nothing to do then but to make the best adjustments possible and to bear the ills of this life with grace and dignity. Other difficulties will yield to intelligent action, such as a burden of debt, or some ailment that can be corrected by surgery.

In any case, worry does no good, solves nothing. It can do much harm, as Miss Norris points out in today's article. The children's social awkwardness and physical defects tend to clear up with time. Business and professional uncertainties settle into a smooth pattern. There is nearly always some way out, and the new course may be better than the old, in the long run.

So, Miss Norris admonishes, always be hopeful, cheerful and sensible. If you don't lose your head and succumb to despair, there is some solution. It just requires intelligent thought and resourceful action. Courage, work and determination will win through the blackest clouds.

so. But she couldn't wipe all the doorknobs, windows, blankets, seats, she couldn't wipe the cook's hands and the waiter's coat and those might have been hostilities for seven septillions of germs on every inch. Possibly her own protected trio were scarily spreading measles or scarlet fever among the other passengers. What she needed to do was stop worrying.

Find a Way Out. For worrying, substitute planning. If things are really at such a pitch that you can't do anything but rock your head in your frantic hands and say "This can't go on! I won't stand it. It's too much!" then substitute planning.

Think the thing out coolly. Say to yourself, "I am a human being and life is short. Why am I wasting it worrying?" You will immediately see that you are fretting over something that is not your business, or something that concerns the opinion or criticism of your neighbors and is merely a matter of your own silly pride, or that you can change it. "The solution to my own despair and anxiety was right over my head, but it took me months to find it," writes a once-wealthy Los Angeles woman. "It consisted of putting a few bathrooms and partitions in our 18-room house, on a government loan. Dad and I moved up to four glorious attic rooms, long the possession of servants. Rents from five downstairs apartments total \$340 a month. Doctors and nurses bills are paid. Dad is a young man again, and I feel like a young woman, children married, no more big house troubles, and no worries!"

Whatever it is, worry doesn't help. Planning does.

RAILROAD WALKIE TALKIE

The "Carryphone," a sort of walkie-talkie device by which trainmen report unusual circumstances and carry on conversations with control towers, is now in use on the Pennsylvania railroad on 1,056 miles of track.

It has proved valuable to crews in making train and track inspections and in enabling trainmen to keep in touch with engineers and control towers.

Carried by means of a shoulder sling, the unit weighs 29 pounds.

Mother Who Won't Untie

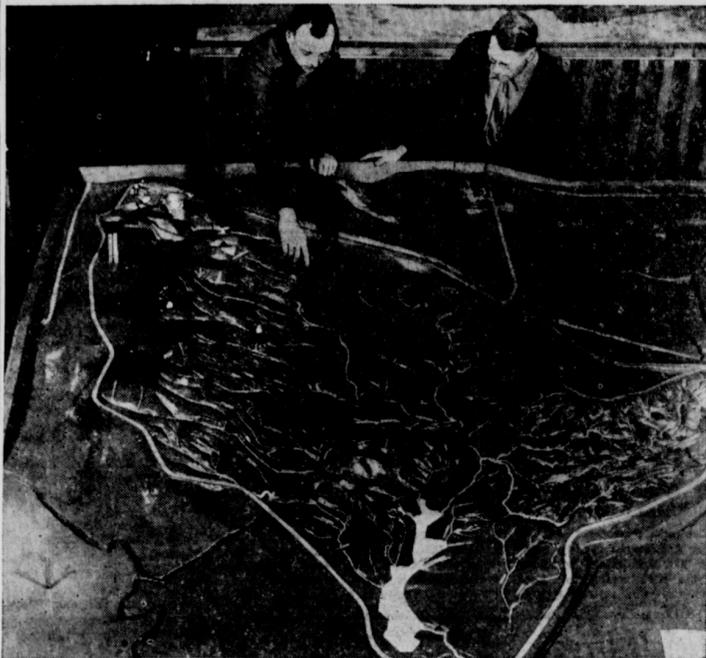
"What are we going to do about Mom?" asks Dr. Edward A. Strecker, author of "Their Mothers' Sons." Dr. Strecker, noted psychiatrist and special consultant to medical divisions of our armed services, sees "Mom," as he calls her, as the cause of many of our neuropsychiatric problems. Mom is the American mother who engulfs her child with emotion.

"There is a dual function in motherhood," he explains. "Early loving

Apron Strings a 'Problem'

and coddling are necessary to establish a sense of security. Then there should be an untying of the apron strings—an emotional emancipation. The Moms will never let go." Dr. Strecker says there must be wide recognition of Mom as a social problem. He believes that there should be courses in the art of motherhood from high school on, that education is the only solution. State care for children is equally dangerous, he says.

The Times' Weekly Page of World News in Pictures



CUTTING 'OL' MAN RIVER DOWN TO SIZE . . . An army and a civilian engineer are looking at the small scale model from which the army is building a colossal model, scaled one foot for every 2,000 feet, of the Mississippi river and its tributaries. The great sprawling unruly river may be tamed through plans laid down on the basis of the giant model's full perspective.



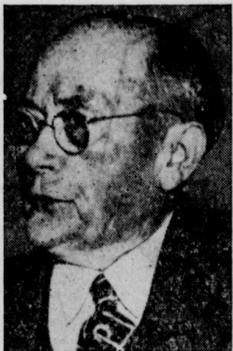
INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF PEACE . . . Selected by the United Nations bulletin as the "Picture of Peace"—the peace that is the epitome of the U.N.'s goal, Pownal Center, a pretty village in the southwest corner of Vermont, is rich in historical associations. It was founded in 1760 by Thomas Pownal on charter granted by King George II. With a population of 150, it sent 11 of its young men and one young woman to World War II. Pownal Center has no jail.



FEEDING THE GOONS ON GUAM . . . On farms established by the U. S. naval government on Guam, sailors instruct natives in modern agricultural methods. Produce from the farms is used for naval personnel and rehabilitation of natives.



'IKE' GIVEN CHURCHMAN AWARD . . . Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was presented with the Churchman Award in recognition of his world leadership in victory and peace. Shown here during the presentation are, left to right: Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of the Churchman; General Eisenhower; Bernard Baruch, who made the award, and Robert Patterson, secretary of war.



SENATOR BILBO . . . Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi is shown as he appeared before the first of two senate committees hearing charges against him. Expenditures and white supremacy campaign are being investigated by the two committees. Charges at the Washington hearing are bringing out pressure made upon army engineers in securing construction contracts for supporters of Senator Bilbo in Mississippi.



BENCH SITTER . . . Baruch is not the only bench sitter. Lord Beaverbrook, former British minister of war production, takes time out while visiting New York City to visit Central park and enjoy the company of the birds and pigeons. Lord Beaverbrook is not a stranger to Central park—nor does he appear to be a stranger to the pigeons.



LUCKY SEVEN . . . Left to right, front, Barbara Jones, Dawn Rae Dixon; second row, Joyce Erikson, Louise Campbell, Norma Christopher; top, Jean Rogers and Beverly Lobes. These seven students of Pasadena Junior college were chosen as members of the royal court, which included the queen, of the Tournament of Roses, at the annual New Year's Day celebration.



BLIND GOLFERS HOLD TOURNAY . . . Excellent scores were made when blind golfers held their championship meet at Inglewood, Calif. Left to right, caddy Bruce Schwartz; ex-blind golf champion, C. F. Russell; caddy Billy Fincher, and Marvin Shannon, present champion of the blindmen golfers. They were aided by their caddies in obtaining the proper line and distance to the cup on the putting green, as a guide dog looks on in approval.



CUSTER HERO GETS PURPLE HEART—FINALLY . . . Charlie Windolph, 95, first sergeant under General Custer's command, one of two living survivors of the battle of Little Big Horn, finally has been decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds received in the historic engagement in July, 1876. The award is being pinned on by Col. Paul W. Mapes at the Windolph home at Lead, S. D. Windolph is the oldest living holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor.



MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT . . . Newly-installed president of Mexico, Miguel Aleman and Mrs. Aleman are shown as they arrived for the diplomatic reception at the national palace during the inauguration ceremonies. Aleman succeeded Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho. Inauguration ceremonies were the most colorful and elaborate in the history of the republic. Representatives of 39 countries attended the diplomatic reception.



PILOTTED ROCKET PLANE . . . Chalmers (Slick) Goodlin, 23, after he piloted Bell XS-1 rocket-powered plane, which in tests at Muroc, Calif., reached a speed of 550 miles per hour. He will later try for record of 1,700 miles per hour.



AWARDED SEVEN MEDALS . . . Ex-army T/Sgt. Llewellyn M. Childs, Akron, O., and Malvern, Pa., who accounted for more than 300 enemy in fighting, is shown with wife and daughter after he had been decorated with seven medals by President Truman.



DUCHESS SEES QUEEN KISSED . . . The Duchess of Windsor served as judge at "Little Sister Beauty Contest," held at Boys' club, New York. Victoria Dobrowski, chosen queen, is being given a regal kiss by her proud brother, Francis.



TO SWEDISH POST . . . Louis G. Dreyfus Jr., 57, Santa Barbara, Calif., who sailed recently from New York City to take up his new duties as United States ambassador to Sweden. He was appointed a consular assistant in 1910. He is a careerman.



HUNDRED YEARS OLD . . . Mrs. Maria Busalacchi, Milwaukee, Wis., as she celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary. Nearly 200 relatives attended the birthday party.



MAN ABOUT TOWN

Sallies in Our Alley: Chums hear that war hero Flip Cochran "went through every dime"...

The Miami rain fell as it did in the Jeanne Eagles show, "Rain," and the wind howled for two nights...

The Late Watch: Tip the feature editors that Howard Hughes has a good story about the people he is rewarding for helping him live after his plane crash...

Washington Sq. Vignette: They tell this story around the square... They add that it may not be true—but then again—it may...

His name is Bob Turner... Was a Zanuck hireling before the war but never made a film... Understudied in a couple of shows last season but rarely got on stage...

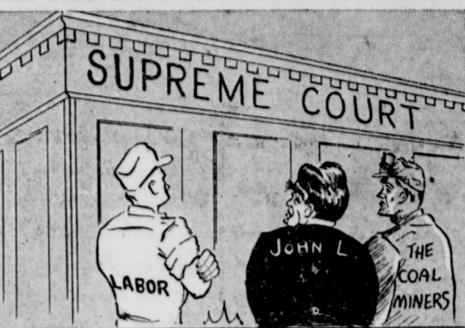
Third Act: (By Don Wahn): I thought the lovely party never ended... I thought the violins would never die... I thought that love was gay and rich and splendid...

Quotation Marksmanship: Anon: You can't fool all the people all the time—but it isn't necessary...

Sounds in the Night: At the Latin Quarter: "Is she passe? They don't even link her with Howard Hughes!"...

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS Packers Sign Wage Agreements; Grant Carriers Rate Relief; Labor Awaits High Court Decree

Revised by Western Newspaper Union. EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.



LABOR: Packer Peace

Meat conditions continued to look rosy for the American housewife with the AFL and CIO packing-house unions coming to terms with the big packers on new contracts without resorting to costly strikes...

Not to be outdone, the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America then signed with Cadbury for an average wage increase of 15 cents, extra night pay, a sick leave plan, compensation for eight holidays and elimination of geographical wage differentials...

Sue for Back Pay: As a result of a Supreme court decision of last June 10 decreasing that employees of the Mount Clemens Pottery company were entitled to compensation under the fair labor standards act of 1938 for walking to their jobs on plant property...

Grant Boost: Interstate Commerce commission was unanimous in granting rail and water carriers an average 17.6 per cent freight rate increase and permitting railroads to maintain a 10 per cent passenger fare boost...

FOREIGN MINISTERS: Germany Next: Having cleaned up the Balkan peace pacts, the foreign ministers of the Big Four agreed to undertake the thorny issue of a German treaty in Moscow next March...

Supreme Court: Weighty Decision: In calling off the costly soft-coal strike, John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers was content to leave determination of the issue to the U. S. Supreme court. Said John L. Lewis: "The Supreme court is, and we believe will ever be, the protector of American liberties and the rightful privileges of individual citizens."

Whooping Cough Takes Surprising Toll: Whooping cough kills more children each year than infantile paralysis and scarlet fever combined and many hundreds of unnecessary deaths occur annually because of exposure of children to this dangerous disease...

Younger Farm Operators: The average farm operator was a younger person in 1945 than in 1940 and younger than the average farm operator in the United States, according to information of the 1945 U. S. census...

U. N.:

Slap Franco: Even as 300,000 Spaniards assembled before the national palace in Madrid to hear Generalissimo Franco lash "foreign interference," the United Nations political and security committee, meeting at Lake Success, N. Y., adopted a resolution for the withdrawal of all members' ambassadors from Spain...

Big Train Passes On: Another of baseball's greats passed into Valhalla with the death of Walter Johnson, 59, acclaimed by many as the greatest pitcher who ever toed the rubber. Famed for his blinding speed, Johnson blazed a trail of glory during his 21-year playing career with the Washington Senators...

Royal Romance: Great Britain, which takes its royalty seriously, was bubbling all over with the latest regal romance, this one involving Prince Philip of Greece and Princess Elizabeth. Long rumored, the engagement of the royal couple loomed as more and more of a possibility as the British press continued to build up the handsome, blond prince...

Rocket Plane: Beautiful!: Stepping out of the Bell XS-1 after taking the rocket plane up to 35,000 feet and running it at 550 miles per hour, test pilot Chalmers Goodlin, 23, exclaimed gleefully: "The plane, the engine—in fact, everything about the flight—was beautiful. It was all very quiet, with absolutely no noise at all in the cockpit, no sensation of the roar of an engine..."

Near East: Bluff Reds: Russia drew a pass in the diplomatic poker game in the Near East as Iran, Greece and Turkey, backed by the Anglo-American powers, rebuffed leftist jockeying for advantage in Iran and Greece. In a bold maneuver to test the extent of Russian determination to dominate oil-rich northern Iran, government forces marched into Azerbaijan province ostensibly to guarantee free parliamentary elections...

Miners: As John L. Lewis maneuvered for shorter hours and higher pay for his United Mine Workers an industry spokesman asserted that the miner draws more money than auto, steel and oil workers...

English Youths Seek Girl 'Pen Pals' Here: PLYMOUTH, IND.—Probably in a move to reverse the current trend of British girls writing to ex-G.I.s, shipwright apprentices in Plymouth, England, have asked for girl pen pals here. In a letter addressed to "The Lord Mayor," Mayor J. Abner Bromam was asked for help in getting girls "about 18" to correspond with 30 apprentices in the dockyard of the English city...

Gum Offer Clears Movie of Children: CLEVELAND.—Novel means were instituted by H. L. Horwitz, manager of a neighborhood movie house, to clear his theater of youngsters, who had become entrenched in the habit of seeing the feature over and over—at one sitting. After flashing this slide, "All children who leave the theater now will be given a package of gum at the door," Horwitz had 500 empty seats...

Return of G.I.s Boosts Cigarette Tax Receipts: CHICAGO.—Ex-servicemen, who paid only a nickel a pack for tax-free cigarettes overseas, are paying the full price at the corner drug store again, tax returns prove. The Federation of Tax Administrators reports that increased tax rates and a more plentiful domestic supply have also contributed to the boom in cigarette and tobacco collections, now nearly double 1945 returns...



SOARING IN THE SKY... Ski enthusiasts flock to the nation's snow fields this winter, with resorts primed for their first big season since the war. Upper left photo shows one of the open slopes of Yosemite National park, a skijoring haven. At the upper right is a fast action shot made at Alta, Utah. Center, an instructor demonstrates for a class at Sun Valley, Idaho. Lower left photo shows a skier doing a "galendensprung" off a cornice on the side of Mt. Hood, Oregon. At the lower right, Crater Lake National park, also in Oregon, affords the double thrill of excellent skiing and novel scenic effects.

Winter Sports Areas Primed For Influx of Ski Enthusiasts

Skijoring will dominate the American outdoor sports scene this winter as most of the famous ski areas of the West and Middle West resume operation for the first time since Pearl Harbor. This winter ski fans will find old favorite lodges and chalets improved and in full operation again after the war, while many new and interesting spots are primed for a mass recreational invasion...

At mid-winter the snow is from 8 to 20 feet deep, averaging about 12 feet, with a temperature around 24 degrees. Generous sunshine often permits skiing in shorts. Few places in America offer such marvelous skiing opportunities as Alta, famous resort in Little Cottonwood canyon of the Wasatch mountains near Salt Lake City. Runs vary from a half mile to two miles for all classes of skiers, plus slalom courses and practice slopes. Brighton in nearby Big Cottonwood canyon is a year-around mountain resort. Near here is Ecker hill, where world record leaps have been made by skiing stars of international fame...

Many Sports Areas: Colorado's majestic mountain ranges abound with winter sports sites. Among the leading skiing resorts is Aspen, where the ski runs range in elevation from 7,800 to 11,500 feet. Roehrs, the outstanding run for experts, is 9,750 feet with a 2,700-foot drop. Berthoud pass, where local interests are expending considerable money in development of sport facilities, Grand Mesa and Glenwood Springs are other Colorado spots luring an increasing number of winter sport enthusiasts. Long known as a dude ranch country, Wyoming now is coming into the forefront as a skiers' paradise in winter. Jackson Hole in the scenic Teton country just south of Yellowstone park is among the most popular spots. Skiers may drive by automobile up the Teton Pass road and ski down numerous runs six to seven miles long with drops ranging from 1,000 to 3,200 feet.

Oyster Blast Tops Freak Mishaps

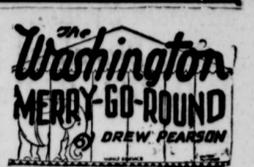
WASHINGTON.—Home accidents took a new turn here when an oyster exploded. The housewife, who was cooking the oyster in deep fat, suffered second degree burns on the hands and face in the freak accident, a Red Cross survey reveals. In another unusual mishap, a man suffered throat injuries when he fell with a pipe in his mouth. Doctors removed a small hatpin from the lung of a 3-year-old boy, another child swallowed a pencil clip and a 3-month-old baby suffered a fractured skull when its carriage rolled off a porch. The superstitiously inclined claimed new impetus for their beliefs after a hammer, hanging on the rung of a ladder, fell and struck a man on the head. In another home accident, a woman was burned when she poured melted fat into a furnace. Statistics compiled by the Red Cross home accident survey show an increase in accidents and deaths this year over 1945.

Harvard Observatory Sets Centennial

BOSTON.—Long known as the western hemisphere's "Patrolman of the Skies," the Harvard college observatory will note the 100th anniversary of its founding at a four-day celebration December 27-30. In connection with the event, two science conventions are scheduled here. First planetarium in the world to photograph the stellar activities of the sky, the observatory was completed in 1846. Since then it has become the central clearing house for all astronomical information on this continent. Beginning in 1880, the observatory has photographed huge sections of the sky each night. As a result it has a collection of photograph plates numbering more than 500,000, which enables astronomers to check the stellar activities which have occurred during any clear evening of the past 66 years.

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ARMY CANCER CURE

WASHINGTON.—Walter Reed General hospital has made some excellent progress in treating cancer, but it kept such a hush-hush secret that the doctor in charge of cancer research, Lieut. Col. Milton Freedman, is about to be kicked upstairs because of a news leak. It so happens that the amount of cancer in the army is high—so much so that the number of cases is kept secret. But one whole wing at Walter Reed hospital is devoted to cancer. Dr. Freedman made so much progress that various editors got wind of what was happening and tried to print the story. At this point, Surgeon Gen. Norman Kirk stepped in. It was made clear that medical corps policy did not permit mentioning the name of any hospital specialist. Only the surgeon general's office could be mentioned in connection with cancer research. The cancer specialists didn't particularly mind this policy. But an aftermath of this, Kirk wants Freedman kicked upstairs to an administrative post, where he would shuffle papers instead of practicing medicine. This Freedman refuses to do. Meanwhile, doctors criticize Kirk for continuing his wartime policy of wasting resources. During the war he corralled 40 per cent of the nation's physicians, then let many of them spend about three months sitting idle for every month they devoted to medical practice. Some had so much free time, they even organized softball teams to keep themselves occupied. Many would have stayed on in the army, but were fed up with the regimentation of the surgeon general's office.

NORTH CAROLINA YANKEE

When administration friends approached Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, about being U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Gardner replied: "I've been bowlin' and scrapin' to North Carolinians all my life, and in my old age I'll be darned if I want to be bowlin' to anyone else now." However, at this difficult period with British labor kicking over the traces against the British alliance with right-winging, Republican-USA, Gardner will make about the best possible choice for American ambassador—whether he puts on knee breeches or not. State department officials already have warned Gardner that he will have to hire a valet—which will be against the ambassador's homespun humility. He also will live in Barbara Hutton's ornate former palace, surrounded by about 25 acres of park, featuring a swimming pool in the basement, gold bathroom fixtures and iron bars, worked by pushbuttons, that slide open and shut at night. But, despite all the foibles, if the British are wise they will know that this astute but humble North Carolina Yankee at the Court of St. James represents the backbone of the USA from the grass roots up, and can speak simply but wholeheartedly for it.

FRIEND OF VETERANS

One interesting thing to watch in the new GOP congress is whether the Republicans carry out the La Follette-Monroe congressional reorganization bill. Already the whisper is going around capitol cloakrooms that the Republicans will take the increased salary and pension benefits derived from the reorganization bill, but throw overboard the bill for increasing congressional efficiency. Already some Republicans are maneuvering to prevent consolidation of overlapping committees in order to preserve for themselves cushy chairmanships and extra money for clerical hire. In this connection one important backstage battle is aimed at preventing motherly GOP Congressman Elisha Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts from becoming chairman of the veterans committee. Mrs. Rogers has been a tireless worker for the veteran and, as ranking Republican on the veterans committee, she automatically should become its chairman. However, because of her long running feud with roofter' teenal John Rankin of Mississippi, several Republicans and Democrats are conspiring to have her passed over. Fair-minded Joe Martin, the prospective new speaker, has promised Mrs. Rogers that she will get the job, but despite this, the sub-rosa wire-pulling against her continues. If she is passed over, however, Capitol Hill is sure to witness a veterans' march of protest.

CAPITAL CHIFF

So much surplus American war material has been sent to the Chinese Nationalists—in clearing off our Pacific islands—that the Chinese are looking for American businessmen to serve as brokers to resell to South America. President Truman has authorized Secretary Byrnes to ask the Republican congress to appropriate 400 million dollars for relief work in Austria, Greece and Italy during 1947. There will be no American money available for relief in Soviet-dominated countries.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Sen. Joe O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, is preparing to blast continued growth of industrial and commercial monopoly. He discussed his senate speeches with President Truman, saying he will drive home the fact that free enterprise can survive only so long as there is free competition and uncontrolled production. The government printing office has made a profit of \$80,000 selling copies of the report of the temporary National Economic committee, headed by O'Mahoney.

Raymon Bynum, Ross Blanchard On HSU Roster

Raymon Bynum, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. (Doc) Bynum of Snyder, is a member of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy football squad from Abilene that will meet the University of Denver Pioneers in the first Alamo Bowl game at San Antonio New Year's Day.

A freshman at Hardin-Simmons, Bynum is a reserve left guard on Coach Warren Woodson's Rancher crew and has seen service against part of the 10 foes to fall beneath the Cowboy attack this season as they rolled to the Border Conference championship.

Bynum won football letters three years at Snyder under Coach Roy Thurston and played with the North all-stars in the football game staged at the Corpus Christi coaching school last summer.

A 190-pounder, Bynum is expected back for the 1947 season at Hardin-Simmons which may be the greatest season in Cowboy history, since only five squad members are lost by graduation.

Ross Blanchard Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Blanchard Sr. of Snyder, is also a member of the Cowboy eleven.

Blanchard, who lettered three years in football and earned three track numerals during his high school days, is also a freshman and has been used as a reserve wing-back by Coach Woodson.

Patience is a tree whose root is bitter, but its fruit very sweet.—Persian.

Boy from Texas Gets 4-H Scholarship



In this scene, winners of the national meat animal scholarship gather around Edward Foss Wilson to receive the scholarships at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Standing, left to right, are: Kenneth Price of Pomeroy, Washington, Duane Boening of Converse, Jacob Thompson Jr. of Ellicott, Maryland and Donald Stoten Jr. of Carthage, Indiana; and seated is Edward Wilson. The Congress was held last week.

Record Yield of Wheat Seen with Seeded Acreage

Scurry County, with a record acreage of slightly above 10,000 acres in wheat, is intensely interested in the report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that the winter wheat crop to be harvested in 1947 may total for the nation 946,627,000 bushels—largest in the nation's history.

Such a crop, if it materializes and is accompanied by a favorable spring crop, probably would create a surplus of bread grain after next year's harvest.

Acreage seeded to winter wheat is reported by the agriculture department at 56,426,000 acres, compared with 52,206,000 acres this year and 46,890,000 for the 10-year average.

Condition of the crop in this area and over the country on December 1 was reported at 93 per cent of normal compared with 82 per cent this year and 76 per cent of normal for the 10-year average.

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Student Night at Baptist Church to Be Held Dec. 29

Student Night at Christmas is the phrase used to describe the service that will be held at Snyder First Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 29, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mary Bell Weathersbee, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, will be program chairman for the occasion. She will have a number of returning collegians on the program.

General public of this area is extended a cordial invitation to attend Student Night at Christmas, which promises to be an outstanding service, according to church leaders.

Other committee chairmen include: J. L. Farjason, publicity; Helen Jo Graham, ushers; Donald Davenport, welcome; Durelle Stokes, welcome; and Johnny LeMond, recreation.

High school and college students of the church will be entirely in charge of the evening gathering.

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May your Christmas be brim full of happiness and the New Year a thriving one for you and those dear to you.

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Watch Hour Set At Baptist Church On December 31

Attention of Snyder church goes is called to the special watch hour set by the Snyder First Baptist Church Tuesday night, December 31.

The New Year Eve service is scheduled for the midnight hour when the old year, with strikes, fires, bad news and disappointments goes out and a glad New Year becomes a reality.

Program for the midnight hour on December 31, church officials report, will consist of many things of interest.

Three religious motion pictures will be shown, "Man of Earth," "Who Is My Neighbor?" and "Journey into Faith."

Rev. J. William Mason, pastor, urges Snyder and Scurry County to greet the New Year with Christ. People of this area are urged to be prayerful as the Old Year fades away and the curtain rises on a new chapter of peace-time activity.

They are now calling them the "obstinate sex."

THE WORLD AT YOUR DOOR — Jim Hulley

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Cotton and Grains Continue to Lead Gains for Southwest Farm Products

Gains in cotton, easy prices for eggs, markets on wool, sheep and lambs, hog and cattle price trends are fully covered in the latest Swing of Southwest Farm Prices. Prepared for The Times by the Production and Marketing Administration, market coverage news follows:

Southwest markets saw cotton gain about a cent per pound last week despite ups and downs, and hogs drop near the lowest level since price decontrol. Other farm products were steady to weak.

Unfavorable weather and slow demand curtailed Southwest and Colorado fruit and vegetable shipments last week. Rio Grande Valley reported weaker citrus prices as buyers stopped shipping. Also, Texas carrots and cabbage moved downhill, but peppers and spinach held steady. Tomato sales were few because of wet fields. Louisiana and Texas sweet potato markets were dull. Colorado sold potatoes and onions at about steady prices. Arkansas spinach and New Mexico carrots moved slowly at steady to weak prices.

Southwest peanut movement was slow and prices easy. Sorghums gained about 10 cents per 100 last week, and white corn about three cents per bushel. Wheat and oats declined. Barley and yellow corn held about steady. Rice remained firm under continued heavy domestic and export demand.

Bran and shorts dropped about \$2 per ton and oilseed meals declined last week as the usual pre-inventories hand-to-mouth buying resulted in limited demand. Limited egg supplies found fair to good demand during the pre-holiday weeks but prices were somewhat easy. Current receipts sold at 37 cents per dozen at Denver and around 40 to 45 at other places. Turkeys were a little lower than a week earlier as late season purchases moved mostly in local markets. Young turkey hens were quoted mostly at 35 cents per pound and young light-weight toms at 22 to 25. Chickens hens were a cent or two above a week ago, ranging from 25 to 27 cents per pound for heavy weights. Fryers held about steady. Wools from Texas, Colorado and New Mexico were among those revalued at Boston. Prices were reduced because of foreign matter, moth damage and shrinkage.

Sheep and lambs were stronger at Fort Worth but steady to weak at other Southwest markets last week. San Antonio quoted common

fall shorn lambs at \$12 to \$15 per 100 pounds and common ewes at \$6.50 to \$6.90. Medium and good lambs brought \$18 to \$21 at Fort Worth.

Largest run of hogs in many months arrived at Southwest markets last week. Prices dropped \$2 to \$3 per 100. Top butchers were quoted at \$20 per 100 at San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Cattle prices were strong at Texas markets but steady to lower at other Southwest terminals last week. Houston sold good yearlings to \$18.50 and good cows at \$13.75 to \$15 per 100. San Antonio moved good cows at \$15 and medium to low good grass and short-fed steers at \$16 to \$21. Fort Worth quoted medium and good slaughter steers and heifers at \$17 to \$23.50 and medium and good cows at \$12 to \$15.

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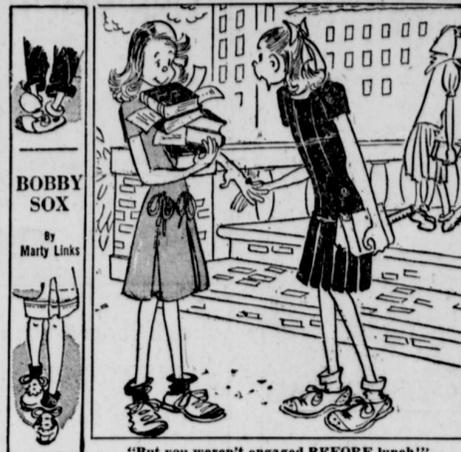
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SMALL LOSS
The new minister was visiting an aged parish member afflicted with deafness. She expressed great regret that she was unable to hear his sermons.
Anxious to seem sympathetic, he shouted into her ear trumpet:
"Oh, you don't miss much, Mrs. Briggs."
"So they tell me," was her unexpected reply.

KEEP IT QUIET
A wealthy woman asked an assistant in the wool department of a big shop for instructions on how to make a dog's sweater.
"How big is the dog?" asked the salesgirl. The woman's illustrations were not very successful.
"Maybe you'd better bring him in," suggested the girl.
"Oh, I can't do that," said the woman. "It's to be a surprise for him."

Hardly Worth Living
Doc—Do you drink or smoke?
Patient—No.
Doc—Do you run around with women?
Patient—No.
Doc—Well, do you eat hay?
Patient—Of course not.
Doc—You're not fit company for man or beast!

Worth the Effort
Nit—Can you keep a secret for the present?
Wit—Sure. What's the present?

Wants to 'Neck'
Jones—Every time I think of my wife and where she is, I get a choking sensation.
Smith—That's too bad.
Jones—Yes. Every time I think of her I feel like choking her.

Different Sects
Son—Dad, aren't Quakers people who are very quiet and who never fight or talk back?
Dad—Yes, son. Why?
Son—I was wondering why you were a Quaker and Mom wasn't.

The Home Town Reporter

in WASHINGTON
By Walter Sheard
WNU Correspondent

Lobbyists Numerous, Highly Paid, Registrations Show

OUT OF some hundreds of known lobbyists operating in Washington, as this is written, 189 already have registered as provided by the new congressional reorganization act. More will have registered by the time the new congress convenes, January 3.

By a study of these registrations, some semblance of the picture of what may unfold before the 80th congress may be ascertained. For instance, although there hasn't been a "peep" out of the Townsend recovery plan and its old age sinecures for many months, there already have registered 29 lobbyists from as many states, including Dr. R. E. Townsend himself, in behalf of the Townsend National Weekly, Inc. Dr. Townsend draws down \$7,800, plus living expenses away from home. D. C. Townsend gets a \$5,200 salary and Herbert F. Haren, also of the Townsend weekly, is paid \$5,000 a year, for their work in behalf of the Townsend plan. Other Townsend lobbyists draw from \$1,300 to \$4,600, but most of them are on a 25 to 50 per cent commission basis on gross receipts, presumably collected from the area which they represent.

This registration of lobbyists certainly would indicate an active campaign in the next congress on behalf of Dr. Townsend's plan for "recovery."

To date there are 44 labor lobbyists registered, representing the CIO, AFL and other independent unions and the railroad brotherhoods. Peculiarly enough, there also are 44 lobbyists registered in behalf of business firms and business organizations. Sixteen of these business lobbyists are paid more than \$10,000 annually, while three of the labor lobbyists top far registered draw \$10,000 or more.

That the National Association of Real Estate Boards plans to engage in an all-out fight for lifting of rent controls and any and all other controls over housing and building construction is evidenced by the registration of six lobbyists. There are eleven lobbyists representing veteran's organizations, six representing religious organizations and six more registered for various women's groups.

Top Salary is \$65,000

The United States Chamber of Commerce pays its two lobbyists, Donald A. Young and Clarence E. Miles, \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively. National Association of Manufacturers hires top price men to do its lobbying with Walter Chamblin drawing \$28,000, Carey R. Suttive, \$8,000, and Samuel B. Bledsoe, \$18,000 annually, plus expenses.

But the man who tops the list thus far as a paid lobbyist is Purcell L. Smith, representing National Association of Electric Companies at an annual salary of \$65,000 with an unlimited expense account, for which princely stipend he gives only 25 per cent of his time. As a helper, Smith has Arthur R. Barnett, who gets \$11,000 for only 15 per cent of his time. This is getting up in the bucks for part-time jobs.

National Association of Electric Companies is composed of a group of electric utilities that have combined forces to fight the spread and growth of such organizations as TVA and REA and any other organization or policy which they deem inimical to the private utility interests and, by the same token, to attempt passage of legislation favoring such private utility interests.

Smith is well known in utility circles. He is a former president of Mid-west corporation, a former Samuel Insull holding, an official of Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago.

Unions Well Represented

Pennsylvania railroad has a staff of three lobbyists headed by Frank J. McCarthy of Indianapolis, who receives \$14,790 annually plus expenses. The other two are John E. Dougherty and William H. Timney, who draw \$7,053 and \$5,843, respectively.

In the labor group American Federation of Labor pays its lobbyists on the average better than CIO. AFL average salary is \$7,310 while CIO is \$4,346. Average salary of all the 44 in the labor groups is \$5,860. Martin H. Miller, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is the highest paid at \$12,180. Lowest paid is Geraldine Shandros of American Communications association, CIO, at \$2,236 a year.

Some of these registered lobbyists, according to their registration, receive no salary. Others are on a contingent basis, the salary "to be allocated when actual lobbying is done." In this latter class are Joseph H. McLaurin and Roland H. Rowe, representing U. S. Wholesale Grocers association.

All in all, it appears from this list of paid lobbyists, that the field is a rich one and that about the only organization which does not have representation before the nation's lawmakers are the people themselves, who elected them.

More Money for 'Pre-Fabs'

The Reconstruction Finance Corp. has increased its total of pre-fabricated housing loans above four million dollars and reopened two more applications totaling 26 million dollars.

Housing officials compared the four million dollars in loan approvals with what they described as "surroundings" from RFC on applications for some 60 million dollars. They said the approved borrowers had plans for less than 20,000 homes.

Temperature Goes Up 36° And Down 47, All in Day

The greatest temperature fluctuations, in range and rapidity, ever recorded by an American weather bureau, occurred in and around Rapid City, S. D., January 22, 1943. The increases were 32 degrees in four minutes; 33 degrees in five minutes; and 35 degrees in eleven minutes; while the decreases were 22 degrees in three minutes, 47 degrees in five minutes and 41 degrees in four minutes.

\$6,000,000 Film

The most expensive motion picture ever made was "Wilson," released in 1944, whose production and advertising amounted to more than \$6,000,000, says Collier's.

A Point to That

"Doctor," said the wild-eyed patient, as he rose from the steps of his farm homestead and rushed down to meet the doctor's car, "I'm in a deuce of a pickle. Don't know where to turn for relief. You've got to help me."

"What's the trouble?" asked the doctor.

"The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence posts all round the orchard," replied the patient. "Every night it's the same old round—they just sit there, waiting, waiting, waiting. What can I do to get rid of them?"

"Why, that's simple. Just sharpen the tops of the posts," the doctor prescribed, as he drove off.

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Color Custom

An age-old custom of Oriental peoples is to associate colors with the cardinal points of the compass, white with the North, yellow with the East, red with the South and black with the West. In some parts of China, this color custom is still followed in the painting of city gates which face in these directions.

Henry's Widow Was All Out for Forced Labor!

"Do you wish to have the body cremated or buried?" the undertaker inquired, when the widow called to arrange for the interment of her late husband, Henry.

Octobass, 13 Feet High, Failure Because of Size

The octobass, a three-stringed musical instrument invented in Paris in 1849, was 13 feet in height and thus required its player to stand on a box to bow it and press its strings with artificial fingers which he moved by levers, says Collier's.

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Museum Visitors

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A Remarkable Woman Is Julia

At the lower end of the lane young pigs got up and skittered away hysterically when the horse snorted at them. Every fence post glinted white, and beyond the wire the dew shone on rectangular roofs of rows of low houses.

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LAST LOVER

BY Helen Topping Miller

Julia (Dooley) McFarlane's husband, Richard, disappeared in World War I, leaving her with two children. She and her father-in-law, John I. McFarlane, have tried in vain to find some trace of Richard, either dead or alive. Twenty-

five years later Ric is 27 and serving in the army of World War II while Jill, 26, professes an interest in Spang Gordon, a young lieutenant. Julia still clings to the belief that Richard may yet be alive and refuses to have him

declared legally dead. Her greatest worry is that her daughter might marry Spang, thus becoming an army wife, subject to the same grief she has endured for a quarter of a century without word of Richard.

CHAPTER II

Julia twisted her hands together. "John I," she began abruptly, "Ric didn't have a furlough when he came home. He traded for some other man's pass. Jill told me."

"The old man's mustache twitched. 'I suppose if they put him in the guard-house you'd send him a fruit-cake with a file in it!'"

"If they put him in the guard-house his chances for a commission are gone."

"Might be a good thing. Being a back private might be good for him." He stood up, glared down at her fiercely. "Dooley, you spoiled that boy!"

"I know," Julia said heavily, "but he was—all I had! He needed me. Jill didn't. She was always self-sufficient, like you."

"She's a McFarlane. The McFarlanes stand on their own feet. But that young Richard—he's another—"

"Don't say it, John I," Julia begged, pain in her eyes. "We've put that bitterness away. Don't let it come alive again."

"But it is coming alive again, whether you want it or not. I've seen it for years. I warned you that that boy was growing up like his father. I had a hell of my own, and I wanted you to miss it. But you were so foolishly blind, Dooley. You—who should have seen so clearly what it meant."

"I was his mother," Julia reminded him.

"I've heard that, too!" Anger, swift and dark, rode the old man's face. He rose and towered, though she was four inches shorter than she.

"For years I heard that. And I wasn't strong enough to defend it. So now this thing starts all over again. Here's another McFarlane wearing the uniform of his country and wearing no honor with it! You write that boy and tell him that if he ever comes home again without proper permission I'll turn him over to the military police!"

Julia smiled dryly, without mirth. "Do I hear a big wind blowing? Who hid the switches, I'd like to know, when he was in the army? I'd cut stout ones and laid down the law? Who sneaked upstairs with suckers and gingerbread? You needn't roar, John I. I know you like a book. Now come along with me and uphold me while I break the news to Foster that he can't wire another motor to grind his feed."

"I won't do it." He sat down again and hauled out an old black pipe. "I'll get mad at the government and have a stroke."

"You're always mad at the government. You have a disposition like a cobra, but for some weird reason I still love you."

His face changed. The whimsical humor went out of his eyes, and they turned stony. His lean mouth set.

"Dooley," he said grimly, "no matter what you say, I'm going to court next term and file that paper. I've listened to you long enough. You've got a right to a life of your own, and I'm going to see that you have it."

Julia's face drained swiftly, and out of the whiteness her eyes were embowered.

"No, no, John I. I won't let you do it."

He twisted his mouth. "You can't stop me if I want to do it."

"Julia's voice came, hoarse and thin. 'I think I can stop you. And I will!'"

"He's been gone twenty-five years. If he were legally dead, everything would be cleared up. You're a fool—a weak, sentimental fool!"

"All right," she sighed, "I'm a fool. Leave it like that, John I."

She walked away, setting her boots down firmly.

John I. watched her go, frowning. A beautiful woman, a fine woman, too good for that worthless man she had married, the man who had been his own son.

"I'll do it anyway!" he said aloud. Then he leaned back and thumbed tobacco into his pipe.

Dave Patterson rode his horse slowly across the great dam. On his right the power lake slept, silver and flat under the stars, a skittish young bass fingering himself as an offering to the flint platinum moon and falling back to mint great coins of shadowy quicksilver.

He followed the shore for a couple of miles, then opened a gate and took a dim trail over a ridge and through a woodland. Another gate opened into a lane between silver forest of inquisitive crows that nudged and rustled, watching him across the fence. The horse reached and tore at a tasseled stalk and then ambled on, munching.

faded, the mortar melting sadly from between the tired bricks, a little shelf of a porch with spindly railings sagging. Now it was pillared and restored and proud, with a sweep of drive between ivied stone posts and the faint glow above the door gleaming.

Julia McFarlane had done all that. Born a McFarlane and married to a distant cousin of the same name, she had dragged the old place back from desuetude alone, except for the fumbling, peppery encouragement of old John I. McFarlane. Julia was slender and calm and merry, but indomitable with it, and for a long time, longer than he liked to reckon, Dave Patterson knew that he had been in love with her.

Not that he had let her know. To Dooley he was good old Dave, whose farm and handsome old brick house had been swallowed up by the encroaching power project, who was a big bewildered now, uprooted from the land that Pattersons had farmed for generations, trying to find himself again by running a bank and not being very happy at it. He was forty-seven and thinning on top, and one knee was stiff so the army would not have him, and his first wife had been dead for so long that her memory had faded to a small, silvery shadow.

He crossed the porch and opened a french door without knocking, and instantly a young man in the tan

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"Are you Spang?" Dave asked.

"I'm Spang. They hung that on me at college. You'll excuse us, sir, if we take off."

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Spang took her elbow with a proud, proprietary air. "Good night, sir. Glad to have seen you."

"You look very decorative, you two," Dave appraised. "The military is at its best with something fluffy alongside."

"More pleasing to the eye, no doubt," Spang amended, "but not quite so effective as an oxygen mask and parachute. I hope you know where this dance is. Remember I'm a country boy from down the Delta. I could get lost mighty easy in these hills."

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"I should! I've hunted chinquapins on them and got chiggers on practically all of them." Jill gathered up her skirt. "Yell upstairs and tell Dooley you're here, Dave. She might just go off to bed; she's been battling the W.P.B. all day."

"Have fun, kids," Dave went through the hall to the foot of the stairs. There he intoned in a firm, carrying voice, "I could just sit here and talk to myself. Or I could go home. Oh, hello, Dooley. I thought maybe you'd gone to bed."

Julia leaned over the banister. "At nine o'clock? I don't do that any more. I wake up at two a. m. and think too much. I'll be down in a minute."

She came presently, trailing a flowered chintz housegown. Her hair was rouged, her eyes looked a little shadowed. "This is my sixth change of costume for today," she sighed as she dropped into a chair.

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"Nothing," Dave agreed. "We can't live other people's lives for them. No matter how much we love them. I'd like to live your life differently, if I could."

"But I like my life. What's wrong with it?"

"It's empty. Oh, I know what you're going to say. You've crowded it full of work and responsibility. You've raised Ric and Jill, and taken care of John I. and a few hundred pigs. You've made this farm a success, but what does it get you, Dooley—you, personally?"

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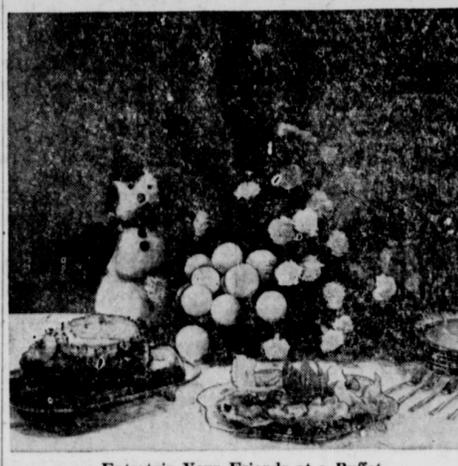
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Entertain Your Friends at a Buffet (See recipes below)

Holiday Buffet

The holidays bring with them a spirit of good cheer and friendliness that we want to take advantage of the opportunity to entertain our friends. It's so easy to ask people over to see the tree, or stop in for fruit cake that every homemaker should be prepared to set a table worthy of the spirit of the season.

By being prepared, we mean in the good old-fashioned way, of course, with the pantry stocked full of good things ready to set on the table at a moment's notice, cookie jars brimming full of their gay, sweet snacks, and the refrigerator ready with a baked ham and salad makings.

It's easy to serve buffet style if you have lots of small tables for people to sit down to and eat. Then they can go to the buffet—which by the way can be a buffet or a large table—and serve themselves as often as they like. With food such as I've outlined, you'll be surprised how often they can come back.

Your table should be as pretty as a picture with a white or ivory damask cloth. The centerpiece, too, can carry out the holiday mood. Use Christmas greenery abundantly, and if you have branches from the tree, use them with carnations, some artificial snow balls and possibly a snow man as illustrated above.

Now, here's the way we prepare the food:

"Baked Ham. Scrub ham thoroughly before cooking. Place on a rack in shallow pan, side up. Bake 25 minutes per pound in a slow (300 degrees) oven. Remove ham 1/2 hour before it is finished baking. Peel off the rind and score fat. Spread with a desired glaze and insert a whole clove in center of each scored section. Return ham to oven for remaining half hour.

Here's a list of coatings and glazes mixtures that may be used for ham.

1. 1 cup crushed pineapple mixed with 1/2 cup sugar.

2. Strained honey mixed with chopped maraschino cherries.

3. 1 cup of strained honey mixed with 1 cup cherry juice.

4. Juice of 2 oranges mixed with 1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup white corn syrup.

5. Apricot puree which is made by cooking 2 cups of apricots in 2 1/2 cups of water and then rubbing through a sieve. Sweeten with 1/2 cup corn syrup or sugar.

"Picture Salad Plate. Place crisp lettuce cups on salad plate. In the center of the plate place a tomato rose, made by cutting 1 tomato into sections and then pulling out "petals" to make a rose. Arrange carrot curls, chilled asparagus tips, and sliced hard-cooked eggs. Serve with oil or sour cream dressing.

There are several ways of defrosting quick-frozen birds which have been eviscerated. The bird may be placed in a pan under running water. This will take from 1/2 to 2 hours.

Another way is to leave the package at room temperature until the bird is pliable. This will take from 2 to 6 hours.

Chickens and turkeys should always be cooked well done. The secret of well prepared birds is slow cooking at temperatures which are from low to moderate.

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Book Review: "The World Kierance"

"Information Please" has published an almanac, with John Kieran as editor—News item.

Here, at last, is a book that, while it may not win the award of the books of the month clubs, because of the intensive study required for complete comprehension, will be fairly certain to find itself among the best sellers.

It is not a tome of action and indeed lacks dramatic sweep, but has substance and lasting appeal. Obviously, here is a book in which every family can find at least one page and exclaim: "Here is what I have been looking for," adding perhaps—

"If this doesn't settle the bet, I'll sue Information Please." It lacks profound philosophy and short analysis of human passions but substitutes clarity, factual observation and the hour of high tide on any day you can name.

The story is baffling and suffers from too much detail but the reader will be stirred as the writer carries him with compelling power from the opening chapter, in which he meets the heroine Wanna Fact in a breathless interlude with the colorful J. Fuller Data, to the concluding struggle in which he encounters those rich characters "Lookitt" Upp, "Settler" Bett, "Granny" Rice, Harold Stassen, the population of Ansonia, Conn., the highest peak in Colorado and the assembled presidents of the United States.

Balzac was more imaginative, Dostoevsky more profound and Proust a subtler analyst of emotions; Dickens and Cooper were better story tellers. But they were not hot on facts. Ernest Hemingway probably could have carried out the idea with more gusto, but we feel he would not have done as well by the unforgettable interlude where the man who has lost his spectacles, fumbles through the house where a fuse has blown out and searches through 345 pages for the winner of the second Kentucky Derby, the first name of President Garfield and the second time of the October full moon.

These are the days when all the world looks like a clinic. . . . And every smart boy thinks it great To be a cynic.

U. N., it appears, will reject New York as a permanent home site and choose between Philadelphia and Frisco. For one thing it has been found that diplomats cannot make Page One in New York merely by getting into a clinic.

Philadelphia is said to welcome U. N. It evidently is ready to give up its title as the "City of Brotherly Love."

I found one day I knew him not His boyish face I'd quite forgot. I tried but could not recognize Those eager, laughing, childish eyes.

I thought, "Could I have known this kid?" He seemed to say, "Perhaps you did."

His carefree, naive, awkward ways A memoir of my yesterdays.

I passed him on the street and smiled. Because I liked this stranger child. But he so quickly hurried by I didn't know that it was I.

The Florida racing season has opened and it's amazing how many steeds have gone there for a break-down.

"Whalaburger" has made its appearance on London menus. Anything would be better than having to yell: "One leviathan on toast!"

A novel, "Memoirs of Heate County," has been found obscene by a New York court. All the books of the month clubs are expected to sue the court for unfair competition.

It is getting so in this country that anybody can become a newspaper columnist or a president.

U. N. definitely has abandoned Connecticut as the site for a permanent home, and our advocacy of a meeting place on Amity road, Woodbridge, just off the main highway to Bethany is thereby scuttled.

Ain't It The Truth! Just read your column "The Customer Is Always . . . A Pain In The Neck" and how true these days. I thought that when I got back from overseas I would find some courteous people around. But no such luck. Lunchrooms, restaurants, airlines, railroads, hotels, waitresses—it's all the same. And, brother, the modern waitress is something! The weaker sex has made me a weaker. So much so that I have taken to crying into my beer.

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Sights Still Set High

Farmers and ranchers in this territory, greatly encouraged by the government's production goals during the war years, will find production goals for 1947 and 1948 still at mighty high levels. Our sights are still set high, and the world at large is praying that America is blessed with a good crop year.

Prices are guaranteed on most commodities for two years after the war (which hasn't ended yet), and if we are let alone for a full 12 months, with no more work stoppages because of strikes, we can really get into the swing of reconversion to peacetime and peaceful production methods. We need at least a year's breathing spell to again get acquainted with our neighbors and fellow men; we need to set our sights high spiritually as well as for all things temporal.

V-2s Developed at Home

So closely has the secret been guarded that only within recent days have people been "let in" on the secret of just how many German V-2 rocket experts have been working in El Paso and at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. It is now being revealed that 118 former Nazi chemists, physicists and engineers are now providing the United States with valuable technical data and saving thousands of man hours of study and experimentation.

From the scientists we are learning many things that will keep us alerted and in front of the rocket and atomic energy parade if war ever comes again. These men are here on very strict contracts and vidence a keen desire to become American citizens and serve this country in any engineering or technical capacity they can. They full well realize that science and engineering are now a "dead duck" inside Germany.

The Upturned Earth

With Mother Nature beginning to hang her trailing draperies on the twilight of the old year, we are indeed happy to see the fields of upturned earth in this territory—bespeaking the determination of our farmers to forget two lean crop years and look with hope and optimism toward another year's work and production.

Not only are farmers busy with early bedding and flat breaking operations, but Scurry County is witnessing a major terracing and soil conservation program in which approximately \$11,000 is being spent each month.

Millions of people with empty stomachs will be reaching out with bony hands for all the food we can produce another year. We have been dreading reality until now, but the pattern emerging indicates only capacity production of food, feed and fiber crops in 1947 will keep our American economy in balance. We have the hands, the brains, the machinery and the land to do our full share next year; and that our people will do with favorable seasons and normal rangeland conditions.

Editorial of the Week

THE SHELL GAME AGAIN

That peculiar theory in economics which holds that wages can be raised 25 per cent without affecting the selling price of the product is with us again. It was advanced months ago by Secretary Wallace, and the United Automobile Workers used it in arguments with their employers. Wage rises of about 18 per cent were granted—and the selling price of automobiles has been climbing ever since.

That's like guessing which shell the little pea is under. It is conceivable that if production increased in proportion to the increased wage the theory might hold water, but that is a long-haul proposition and it is doubtful if production ever would get beyond the critical stage until rising costs of living produced further demands for wage increases.

It is obvious that some adjustment of wages is in order, for living costs are now at an all-time peak, and show no sign of diminishing. But the divorce of the cost of production and the selling price of the product is a bit of economic legerdemain we probably never shall see demonstrated, for the simple reason that few firms could last long enough to prove the point.—The Abilene Reporter-News.

You can rest assured that U. S. policy toward Russia will remain firm. . . . We need not be too cocky about the recent softening of Soviet Russia, because there will be many other concessions before we reach a permanent agreement for peace. . . . The United States has gained considerably in prestige with world powers other than Russia, and if we will keep on a level headed plane in our dealings, we can still save the peace that so many of our valiant sons and daughters fought for. . . . If we will never release any details at all on our atomic bomb, we will still wield the big stick in world armament, commerce and trade.

Current Comment

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By LEON GUINN

There is ground for believing that we may have a Democratic comeback in 1948. . . . If the country is still prosperous in 1948 and the Republicans have enough fights among themselves to keep in a perpetual state of disunity, there is no reason why the Democrats cannot stage a major comeback on virtually all fronts. . . . The Democrats, as a matter of fact, were so contented with their party they virtually took the November 5 elections for granted. . . . This error, although damaging, can in a measure be repaired and the Republicans elected to congressional places cannot yelp too much if we have a Democratic president.

While we are viewing the overall picture of American economy, we should keep in mind the fact that our real danger lies in the rapidly rising inventories over the country. . . . It is alarming but true that business and industrial stocks on hand have gone above \$33,000,000,000. . . . Sales are still justifying such a stockpile, but a day will roll around when this is not true and then something bad can happen. . . . An inventory panic of the kind that followed World War I could result from too much stress on "hoarding" against dubious shortages and strikes.

While we're on the subject of inventories, we might consider the fact that the nation will have a new worry if the coal shortage closes down the steel industry enough to let present contracts expire. . . . The contracts will expire February 15, and if this comes about Phil Murray's union will have no-strike threats to give any force to demands that may be made. . . . Sooner most concerns get out of the Lewis frying pan the better, so some say, but once they get away from this pressure area they will be subject to CIO fire. . . . Unless we can think of some way to confiscate all union dues paid to the CIO, the AFL and other organizations we will have trouble for years ahead because all union organizations have treasuries that are already overstocked by millions of dollars.

American occupation of Germany is receiving more alert consideration since it is a known fact that the British are quietly and rapidly reducing their occupation forces in Germany through demobilization and transfers, with the total of tactical troops already below 75,000. . . . The Polish occupation units, also being demobilized by the British, will be replaced by Danish and Norwegian contingents. . . . We are also watching rather closely unfolding developments in work of Russian scientists, aided by German physicists, on an atomic-energy project in the Caucasus Mountain region near the Black Sea port of Sukhum.

Considerable trouble is brewing inside Austria over food rations, and we may expect plenty of fireworks before next fall. . . . The people in Austria strongly resent the difference between their 1,200 calories allotted by UNRRA and 1,550 calories allotted by U. S. occupation forces in Germany. . . . Such resentment is being fully exploited in Austrian Communist propaganda against the United States. . . . The idea being broadcast in Austria that if there were more Communists there would be more food is highly explosive propaganda since Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, which have dominant Communist parties, are getting higher food allotments than Austria through UNRRA. . . . On the other hand, UNRRA chides Austria for not increasing rations by more efficient collection of home-grown food and by imports under trade agreements.

Those who have been harping for revised military regulations and certain reforms should be pleased at the fact an overhaul of military court procedures can be expected to result from the secretary of war's committee to study military justice. . . . The high command lets it be known indirectly that it will welcome reforms, and once we get the machinery to rolling, we may have a workable, practical and satisfactory method of keeping our militia on a firm but flexible enough footing to permit procedures that will please even civilians. . . . We cannot inject politics into military life, but many reforms can be made that will keep all the boys in the service happy—and incidentally plug a lot of loopholes that allow black market operations through post exchanges.

It seems definite that the next Congress will have as one of its most worrisome problems the continuation of Selective Service beyond March 31, 1947. . . . Army leaders are perfectly frank in saying continuation of Selective Service System will be mandatory, but one might expect Republican leaders in Congress to be against keeping this pump primer for the militia. . . . It is certain that voluntary enlistments will not keep the ranks of our armed forces filled, and if we discard the Selective Service System we may wake up and find compulsory military training mandatory.

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