



BARSON Authentic Statement

By ROGER W. BARSON

Barson Park, Massachusetts, Dec. 19—Many letters come to me from young men asking what kind of business they could enter, in order to have a business of their own. They also ask what is the minimum amount of capital that they should have. Neither the kind of business nor the capital, however, is so important as a good wife,—one who is economical, always optimistic and a real helper.

Different Kinds of Business
Businesses may roughly be divided: (1) Professions, including law, medicine, ministry, engineering, etc.; (2) Manufacturing, the making of all kinds of goods; (3) Finance, or raising the needed capital; (4) Agriculture, forestry and horticulture; and (5) Distribution of the goods manufactured and the products raised. All are useful and all offer opportunities. Remember, however, that 1948 will be a year of war preparedness. Hence, it will not be a year to buy into gas stations or other lines which suffered during World War II.

The important thing for a young man is to analyze himself rather than try to analyze different businesses. In all my experience I have never known anyone who qualified for all of these five groups, but I have known no one who is not qualified for at least one of these groups. All things being equal, the best opportunity today probably lies with merchandising, but a man must be born a good merchant; he must love to sell goods if he expects to succeed.

Capital Required
I have always enjoyed selling, believing that both the employment of labor and the enjoyment of goods by consumers depends largely upon those who sell goods. The salesman is the great bridge between labor on the one hand, and living standards on the other. The very fact that salesmen are the only group that have never needed a labor union shows that they are performing the most important service of all. It requires very little capital to start in business oneself as a merchant. Begin by setting the agency of some interesting, useful and profitable product and then peddle it from house to house. After creating a good trade, take on an assistant and gradually build up a sales force with a little store or office. But to succeed one must save a little money each month. Remember that the difference between an employer and a wage worker is this: Those who systematically always save a little money usually become employers; while those who never save money always remain wage workers.

What About Education?
So far as possible, every young person should have a high school education. If possible, after graduation from high school, take a year or more at some business college. I have founded such a college at Eureka, Kansas, especially for young G. I.'s who plan to enter business.

Most employers today are looking for men with integrity, industry, initiative and selling ability. My only fear is that you will not stay in business for yourself very long even if you start. Some employer whom you will call upon to show your wares, will be impressed by you and make you a proposition to work for him at a greater income than if you remained in business for yourself. At the moment there is a shortage of goods and salesmen are not now needed in many lines, but the picture will soon change. Unless more good salesmen enter the field with new little businesses of their own, manufacturers will some day be obligated to shut down. Wage workers will then be thrown out of employment and a severe depression could then occur. Therefore, I always encourage young men to enter business for themselves in a small way if they have the courage, industry and a good wife.

Firemen Again Will Give Cheer to City's Needy Citizenship
Members of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department will bring Christmas cheer to scores of Snyder community people again this year, it was announced last week by N. W. Autry, fire chief. A tradition of many years' standing, the project distributes items of food, clothing, toys and other remembrances to shut-ins, under-privileged and other worthy families.

Packages were made up and labeled by the firemen Sunday afternoon, December 21. The packages will be delivered early Christmas morning from fire trucks.

Texas Cotton Yield Estimate Is Increased
In a release to The Times this week government agricultural statisticians estimated the Texas cotton crop will reach 3,350,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. This December estimate is 110,000 bales above that of November 1.

The predicted yield of 195 pound per harvested acre is 27 pounds above the 1936-45 average and only two pounds under the near record yield of 197 pounds per acre harvested in 1947. Scurry County's per acre yield is about the average.

Virtually all of the increase over last month's indicated production is accounted for in the High Plains counties of the northwest.



AT CAPITOL LUNCHEON—Representative Robert Grant (R-Ind); Senator Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind); Representative Wright Patman (D-Tex.), and Henry Kaiser, the industrialist (left to right) talk at a luncheon at the capitol in Washington when Kaiser said that he had put up \$500,000 to help start production at the Lone Star Steel company, plant in Daingerfield, that is slated to help make Texas less dependent on the north for raw materials.

Gasoline Up Two Cents at Snyder Service Stations

Gasoline prices went up two cents per gallon in Snyder Saturday. Three companies Friday announced increased tank wagon prices, following the recent 50-cent-per-barrel hike in crude prices. The Texas Company and Continental Oil Company gasoline cost per gallon will be 1-1/2 cents more for all grades according to local agents for the companies. Gulf Refining Company prices, effective at 7 a. m. Saturday, will be 1-1/2 cents more for regular and premium gasoline, and two cents more for third grade. Service station operators handling the companies' products reported generally that their prices had been raised the same amount. This made regular gasoline 24 cents per gallon and ethyl gasoline 26 cents. Lubricating oil also advanced five cents per quart in the Saturday advance.

Safety Rules for Christmas Given By Fire Marshal

Fire safety rules can safeguard homes here from Yuletide disaster, Fire Marshal J. M. Newton warns today. The Christmas season brings special hazards, Mr. Newton emphasizes that each year Christmas trees start fires in thousands of homes. Christmas lighting is responsible for many other blazes. Dwellings, stores and clubs are all menaced by flimsy decorations made of flammable material. Fire Marshal Newton offers these suggestions to eliminate or reduce seasonal hazards: Make sure that the tree is solidly placed to avoid wobble; keep the tree standing in water to increase its fire resistance; have an approved fire extinguisher handy at all times. Inspect Christmas lights for frayed wires or loose sockets, and remember to put Christmas tree lights out before going to bed. Lighted candles should not be used around the tree, or the tree should not be placed near open flames. The fire marshal also reminds club managers and operators of public places to guard against fire. Fire in any crowded public building may lead to panic, where exits are inadequate to take care of so many people in a hurry. Aisles and exits should be kept unobstructed. Newton also warns anyone who has fireworks stored in their homes or places of business. Fire is an uninvited guest—keep it out.

Well on Cochran Site Drilling Below 4,500

In Fisher County, 16 miles east of Snyder just over the Scurry County line, the Danciner Oil & Refining Company was drilling below 4,700 feet on the No. 1 Annie Cochran, projected 7,000 foot Ellenburger oil test located 330 feet from the east and 1,661 from the north line of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Block 3 survey.

Fire Destroys Claude Ingram Home Sunday

Fire destroyed the home of Claude Ingram Sunday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. Members of the Snyder Fire Department, working at the time on Christmas packages for the community's under-privileged and aged, made a quick run to the house but could not save the building. Considerable furniture from the house was saved by the family.

AREA SCHOOLS GET BIG CHECKS FOR STATE AID

More Than \$33,000 Received by Districts on Per Capita and Salary Aid Allotments
Scurry County schools were more than \$33,000 richer this week with receipt of two payments from the State Department of Education. Payments of \$11,388.50 on the \$5 per capita apportionment were received over the week-end, and salary aid allotments that totaled \$22,076 came in Monday, according to County Superintendent Forrest W. Beavers' office. The per capita payment represented the third payment for the school year. The funds represent the total of \$15 of the \$55 year apportionment, Beavers said. Next payment will be made in January, and future payments will be mailed monthly between the 20th and 25th of the month, Dr. L. A. Woods, state superintendent, said in Austin this week. Calculated on a basis of 1,509,658 school children in Texas as of the December 8 census, the payment in the state totaled \$5,565,775, Woods said. For the \$5 per capita payment the common school districts received \$1,693,500, Beavers said. On the basis of 210 scholastics in Snyder, Fluvanna, with 120 scholastics, received \$600; Snyder with 1,174 scholastics received \$5,870; and Hermleigh with 403 scholastics received \$2,015. For salary aid the payments represented one-half of the year's appropriation, less eight per cent, and amounts were approximately these figures, according to Beavers' office: Snyder, \$9,123; Fluvanna, \$3,220; Hermleigh, \$6,500; Emils Creek, \$108; Dunn, \$1,773; and Ira, \$1,352. Salary aid payments, Beavers said, are made on the basis of the various schools' deficiency in salary money in the schools' budgets. Crowder and Bethel Schools were not given salary aid payments because their budgets were sufficient to care for salaries. Dermott School did not qualify for the payments, Beavers stated. The eight per cent deduction was part of the state's program of a 16 per cent cut in salary supplements for teachers under last year's payments.

W. J. Ely Named To Cotton Council Foreign Board

Appointment of W. J. Ely of Snyder to a twelve-member committee to develop the National Cotton Council's 1948 foreign trade program was announced today by Oscar Johnston of Scott, Mississippi, Council president. Headed by S. Y. West, leading cotton merchant of Memphis, Tennessee, the committee will meet in Atlanta, Georgia, January 20, immediately preceding the opening sessions of the Council's annual meeting. The group will review foreign trade activities carried out by the Council in 1947 including personal surveys made in Japan and China, Canada, and Mexico. They also will discuss activities for 1948 which will be submitted to the full membership of the Council at the general sessions, January 21-23. "The restoration of cotton's foreign markets is a matter of great importance to the entire cotton industry," Mr. Johnston declared. He pointed out that prior to the war, overseas markets had accounted for a large per centage of the annual United States cotton production. Members of the committee other than Mr. West include: R. O. Beach of Houston, C. A. Cannon of Kannapolis, North Carolina, W. B. Coberly of Los Angeles, California, Hugh M. Comer of Sylacauga, Alabama, Leonard S. Dennis of Galveston, W. J. Ely of Snyder, Lamar Fleming Jr. of Houston, L. W. Frick of Bakersfield, California, P. E. Harrill of Oklahoma City, Walter S. Montgomery of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and R. E. Short of Brinkley, Arkansas.

Six Holidays to Be Observed by Snyder in 1948

Two more holidays were added to the four already being observed by Snyder merchants in a vote taken by the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce. It was announced this week by CC officials. Reply postal cards were used to get the desire of the merchants, and the decision was made public Monday. New Year's Day and Labor Day were the additional days voted as holidays in the poll. Scheduled for observance during 1948 are these holidays, according to the poll: New Year's Day, January 1; Independence Day, which comes on Sunday, will be observed on Monday, July 5; Labor Day, Monday, September 6; Armistice Day, Thursday, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25; and Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25. Cooperation of all the merchants of the town in observance of the six holidays is urged by Chamber of Commerce officials. They also ask that this article be clipped from The Times and placed in a conspicuous place in business houses of the town as a reminder.

WOMAN DIES OF BURNS IN HOME AT CLAIREMONT

Victim Blown to Flow by Explosion And Severely Burned—Son Also Injured in Rescuing Mother

A Clairemont woman died and her son was in a serious condition Monday as a result of a fire that consumed their home Sunday morning about 22 miles north of Snyder. Mrs. Zora Ethel Montgomery, 65, widow, who was keeping house for her son, Bruce Montgomery, on a farm at Clairemont, died at 8:05 Monday morning after sustaining third degree burns at 2:10 p. m. Sunday afternoon. She died in a Snyder hospital. The son was in a Rotan hospital. The Times learns that Mrs. Montgomery was endeavoring to get a fire started in a fireplace, pouring kerosene onto some wood, when the kerosene apparently was ignited from live coals from a previous fire. The tender exploded, throwing flames on Mrs. Montgomery, the concussion of the explosion knocking her down, the house burst into flames. The son was seriously burned in removing his mother from the house. Funeral services for Mrs. Montgomery were scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at the Odum Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 o'clock. Bro. O. D. Dial, minister of the Hermitage Church of Christ, will officiate. Interment will be in Snyder Cemetery, under direction of Odum Funeral home. Mrs. Montgomery is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Hardin of Sacramento, California; four sons, Louis Montgomery of San Francisco, California, Fred and Bruce Montgomery of Clairemont, and Jack Montgomery of Paducah; two brothers, George Christain of Cherokee and Sam Christian of California; five sisters, Mrs. Don McDonald of Brady, Mrs. Boyd Hanna of Cherokee, Mrs. Jimmy Raines of Llano, Mrs. Effie Williams of Llano and Mrs. Louisa Strophshire of San Antonio; and nine grandchildren.

Friendship Train Of Food Reaches France Safely

The Friendship Train in which many Scurry County people had a part recently, for France reached the end of the line Wednesday. The ship, the rechristened American Leader, docked in Le Harve, bomb-shattered port, soon after noon with more than 4,000 tons of food that was loaded on the Friendship Train on a journey across the United States. At 3:00 p. m. U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery officially turned over the food to the French health minister, Mme. Germaine Poinsochapius. "This is no a government gesture," Caffery said. "It is a spontaneous gesture on the part of private citizens living in the most remote regions of the United States. I have the honor to be their ambassador, and I have the honor of presenting their gift to you." As the crowd of French officials and dock workers cheered, the first bite of food—it consisted of cases of grapefruit juice—came to rest on the docks. The Italian language on the labels indicated that in the crating and dispatching of the cargo, material expected at some stage of the process to go to Italy had been shifted to the French destination. Snyder Lions club sponsored a campaign for funds for food, which netted \$408, according to M. E. Stanfield, committee chairman.

Christmas Mail This Year in Heavy Flow

Christmas mail was flowing through the Snyder post office at a fast rate over the week end and volume probably will continue to be heavy through Wednesday, Postmaster Harvey Shuler said. Shuler said he believes that the volume of Christmas mail received in the post office here last week-end will exceed that for the same period last year. Dale Walton is here on a 15-day furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Walton. Dale is a member of the A. G. P. at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Christmas Prayer

"Only he is courageous Who never despairs." The old proverb, "sententious To all men declares."

This year, with its ills and fears Points up the lesson: Away weak fear, hear the cheers That come with reason.

Be strong, be gay, it's Christmas With its welcome away, Its truth, the powered impetus To peace by God's Way.

Merry Christmas, one and all Strong and fearless men; Merry Christmas without pall So be it, Amen.

Most Firms Close One Day Christmas

Fluvanna School Gives Christmas Program Friday

A Christmas musical program was given by the Fluvanna Schools in the auditorium Friday evening in which students of the school and others participated. The program opened with a parade of wooden soldiers. Twelve third and fourth grade boys marched in "wooden soldier" fashion around the stage and went into different maneuvers. They were dressed in soldier uniforms and made the audience believe they were in Santa's Toyland. Patsy Holden gave a musical reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Her interpretation was so good that she made the auditorium seem as though "not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." Eight primary girls dressed in fetching evening dresses, white bonnets and muffs decorated with tinsel sang "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." A piano duet by Eleanor Jean Browning and Barbara Reeder was followed by the octet who rendered "Jolly Old St. Nick" and "Jingle Bells." The program was concluded by a choir of eight high school girls. They were dressed in white robes and gave a feeling of warmth and glow to the audience. They sang "White Christmas," "There's a Song in the Air" (Brahm's Lullaby) and "Advent Fidelity" in Latin and in English. The three-fold "amen" brought the curtains to a close. The audience was then asked to sing Christmas carols. They were led by Pat Jones, Charley Bley, Bob Jennings and John Stavelly. Popcorn balls and coffee were served by the High School Mothers Club. Stage for the program was arranged to resemble a living room. A beautifully decorated tree was in one corner. A fireplace had cedar and poinsettias on the mantle, and two tall red candles on each end and a fire in its hearth. The footlights were decorated with cedar, with poinsettias placed at intervals. The piano also had cedar and red candles atop.

Few to Observe Two Days; Town Plans No Event

Most Snyder business houses were planning to observe Christmas with only one day missed from regular operations, a survey made by The Times Monday morning indicated. Certain groups of businesses, however had agreed to take two days off by closing for Thursday and Friday both. Tailor shops and beauty shops were arranging to be closed Thursday and Friday both. The bank will be closed Wednesday at noon and will remain closed all day Christmas Day. Bryant-Link Company announced it would be closed both Christmas Day and the day following, but the other department stores planned to be open Friday. Cafes and filling stations probably will be open all day, shifting their forces some to permit part of the day to be taken off for family get-togethers. Most courthouse offices planned to be closed Thursday and Friday, the sheriff's office excepted, which will not close. The county school superintendent's office will be closed Wednesday through Saturday. All schools of the county will be out at least a week, and some of them for 10 days. Snyder schools were slated to close Tuesday at noon, and will resume classes Monday, January 5. Snyder post office will be closed Christmas Day, but mail will be put in post office boxes Thursday. Rural routes will not run Christmas Day. No special observances of Christmas Day are slated by any group as far as The Times could learn Monday. Snyder churches gave special Christmas programs Sunday. Included were a pageant and cantata by the First Methodist Church's junior choir at the Snyder High School auditorium Sunday evening, and a cantata at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening. Young people of the Church of Nazarene also gave a Christmas program.

Tiny Moore Gets Berth on District All-Star Eleven

E. J. (Tiny) Moore, 263-pound tackle on the Snyder High School grid team, last week was selected a member of the mythical all-district football team from District 8-A. R. A. McCollum, superintendent of Merkel Public Schools and chairman of the District 8-A football committee, announced the all-district team last week. The mythical eleven is chosen by the coaches of the district. Merkel placed five men on the team, Roscoe two, Rotan, Colorado City, Lorraine and Snyder, one each. The all-district team: Ends—St. Romain of Roscoe and Bennett Edwards of Rotan, tackles—Sanford Carr of Merkel and E. J. Moore of Snyder, guards: Bobby Joe Criswell of Merkel and Benson of Colorado City; center—Billy Pat Nash of Merkel; backs—James Land of Merkel; Jimmy Walker of Merkel, Bobby Johnson of Lorraine and Harold Duval of Roscoe. Snyder area people will be interested to learn that the Republican plan for voluntary action to bring down the high cost of living was passed by the House, 281 to 73 Friday and sent to President Truman, who had asked in vain for power to impose compulsory controls. Officials close to the White House predicted Friday night that the president would sign the bill, but at the same time would issue a statement criticizing it. He already has taken the position that it is inadequate and amounts to passing the inflation buck to him. It provides for self-disciplinary agreements in industry, business and agriculture with a view to combating inflation. If the president approved the agreements, those entering them would be protected from anti-trust action. The president had asked for standby power to impose controls on prices and wages and return to rationing in selected areas of the economy. On the final House vote, 178 Republicans were joined by 102 Democrats and one American-Laborite in support of the Republican bill. Opposing were 44 Democrats and 29 Republicans. Congressman George Mahon of the 19th Texas District opposed the measure. Previously the House rejected, 156 to 73, a Democratic effort to give the president compulsory powers over the allocation of scarce commodities. Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich) of the House Banking Committee, shouted that this "would give the president power to control our economy, which could result in its socialization. Representative Monroney (D-Okla.), who offered the proposal shouted back that the statement was unfair and not based on fact.

Republican Plan for Voluntary Idea Of Price Decreases Passed by House

The mythical eleven is chosen by the coaches of the district. Merkel placed five men on the team, Roscoe two, Rotan, Colorado City, Lorraine and Snyder, one each. The all-district team: Ends—St. Romain of Roscoe and Bennett Edwards of Rotan, tackles—Sanford Carr of Merkel and E. J. Moore of Snyder, guards: Bobby Joe Criswell of Merkel and Benson of Colorado City; center—Billy Pat Nash of Merkel; backs—James Land of Merkel; Jimmy Walker of Merkel, Bobby Johnson of Lorraine and Harold Duval of Roscoe.

Girl Scout Executive Rotary Club Speaker

Miss Mary Miller, Girl Scout area director, presented the program at last Thursday's luncheon meeting of the Snyder Rotary Club, when the civic group met at the Snyder Country Club. Miss Miller told of the work being done by the Girl Scouts of the county, reporting that nearly 200 girls are now enrolled in the movement in five troops in Snyder and one at Hermleigh. Officials of the club are considering making the Country Club the permanent meeting place for the organization, a Times reporter was told this week. No meeting of the Rotary Club is scheduled for this week, since the meeting day falls on Christmas Day.

Good Crowds Attend Cantatas Sunday Eve

Good sized crowds attended both the cantatas rendered by Snyder churches Sunday evening. Young people's choir of the First Methodist Church, under direction of Mrs. O. A. Keith, presented a pageant, "Star of the East," and a cantata, "The Holy Child," at the Snyder High School auditorium. Senior choir of the First Baptist Church, under direction of M. H. Roe, presented the cantata, "Glory of Bethlehem," at the church.

Save-Soil Approvals Slated for January 5

Farmers of the Snyder area were advised this week by the Scurry County ACA Committee that no prior approvals under the 1948 conservation program will be issued until Monday, January 5, 1948. According to information received from the state office at College Station, the 1948 funds will be available by January 1, but the county committee has set Monday of each week as the regular meeting date, and will not issue any approvals for terracing or other conservation practices until the first Monday in January.

Special Music to Be Featured at Singing

Special musical numbers by the Pickering family, radio singers, and the Campbell Quartet of Levelland will feature a watch night service at the North Side Baptist Church next Wednesday evening, December 31. It was announced this week by officials of the congregation. The singing is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 p. m. The general public is invited to attend the service, which will continue through midnight, when appropriate ceremonies will be held to welcome the New Year, according to Rev. Earl Crewell, pastor of the church.

Ballots Coming in to Name CC Directors

Ballots to name four directors of the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce were coming in at a good clip first of the week, officials of the civic group told The Times. Results of the poll are scheduled to be announced in next week's issue of Your Home County Paper. Terms of Sam Williams, C. T. Hubbard, J. E. Blakey and N. W. Autry are expiring. Eight other directors have unexpired terms.



The WOMAN'S Page



Altrurian Club Enjoys Christmas Program

Exchange of gifts featured the Christmas party given for the Altrurian Club in the home of Mrs. Hugh Taylor December 12. Home of Mrs. Taylor was beautifully decorated with Christmas finery for the annual party. Roll call was answered by members giving a Christmas thought.

Mrs. W. P. King was in charge of the Christmas program. Mrs. W. C. Ferguson of Hermleigh presented a chalk talk on the Christmas story. Mrs. Clyde Boren read "A son." Mrs. King discussed the "History of Christmas Cards." With Mrs. Fritz R. Smith accompanying at the piano the club members sang Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served buffet style to: Mrs. J. Monroe, Mrs. W. C. Ferguson of Hermleigh and Mrs. Freddie Bullard, guests; and Meses Ross Blanchard, W. R. Bell, Hugh Boren, H. P. Brown, C. H. Boren, D. M. Cogdell, J. C. Dorward, R. D.

Mrs. LeMond Hosts 20th Century Party

Mrs. J. E. LeMond was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club December 16, when the annual Christmas program was given. The Bible was part of the study. Mrs. H. J. Brice was leader for the afternoon.

A Christmas poem, "The Great Guest," was given by Mrs. Brice. Mrs. Nelson Dunn presented a Christmas story entitled "If I Had Not Come." Mrs. Walla Fish's topic was "Christmas Legends."

Following the program an exchange of gifts from a Christmas tree was staged. To conclude the meeting a sandwich plate with fruit and coffee was served to 15 members present.

For roll call attendants gave a verse from the Bible.

English, W. P. King, J. W. Leftwich, John Spears, Fritz R. Smith, J. C. Stinson, Harsh Taylor, John R. Williams and H. G. Towle, members.

El Catorce Club in Annual Christmas Tea

El Catorce Club of Fluvanna held its annual Christmas tea at the home of Mrs. Buford Browning December 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock. Guests were greeted at the door, which was decorated with a Christmas wreath, by the hostess and the officers of the club, namely: Mrs. A. D. Dodson, president; Mrs. Jack Martin, vice president; and Mrs. Joe Landrum, secretary-treasurer.

The living room had a gaily decorated tree laden with gifts. A replica of a log with four burning red candles was on the piano. Each member was given a program in the shape of a bell.

Mrs. A. D. Dodson welcomed the guests and wished them a very happy holiday season. Mrs. Raleigh Mason, accompanied by Miss Patsy Holder, sang "White Christmas." Mrs. J. D. Patterson gave the origin of several of our Christmas customs. The women then were led by Mrs. A. D. Dodson in the singing of "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night."

Guests entered the dining room, where tea, coffee and red-and-green cookies were served. The centerpiece was a huge snowball tied with red ribbon. A miniature Santa Claus with his eight reindeer peered around the corner of the snowball. Two tall red candles were on each side of the centerpiece. In the corner of the room stood a white Christmas tree with blue lights. The members of the club alternated in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Berry of Weverka, Oklahoma, visited with his sister, Mrs. Bruce Evans, and family last Wednesday till Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenkins and Laura Dean of Wink visited last week-end with Bruce Evans and family. Mrs. Jenkins is a sister of Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Floyd House Honoree at Shower

Mrs. Floyd House, nee Betty Lou Beard, was honored with a miscellaneous shower December 11 in the home of Mrs. Pat Falls at Ira with Meses Gloria Nell Watson and Anita Kruse as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Falls greeted guests and presented them to Mrs. Floyd House, honoree; Mrs. H. E. West, sister of the bride; Mrs. House, mother of the bridegroom; and Miss Vera House.

Guests were invited into the dining room, where the tea table was laid with a hand-made lace cloth over yellow, centered with an arrangement of gold chrysanthemums on a reflector. Crystal candelabra on either side held white and gold tapers. Little Virginia Verle Falls passed the favors, which were miniature white houses etched in gold with "Floyd and Betty Lou, Nov. 26" inscribed on them.

Misses Anita Kruse and Gloria Nell Watson poured tea. Miss Peggy West registered guests in the bride's book.

Attending the tea were Mrs. A. G. Young, Mrs. Wayne Eubank, Mrs. Pat Falls, Mrs. Rea Falls and Ann, Mrs. Perry Echols, Villa and Barbara Holladay, Mrs. D. E. Clark, Mrs. Tessie Mae Walling, Mrs. H. E. West, Mrs. Vera House, Mrs. Minnie House, Mrs. Edwin Minor, Mrs. Jack Kruse, Mrs. Louise Falls, Mrs. Minnie L. Bailey, Mrs. A. L. Bailey, Mrs. Pat Moran, Miss Gloria Watson, Mrs. A. H. Kruse and Mrs. E. A. Kruse.

Sending gifts were Mrs. Grady Sulter, Mrs. Aury Eubank, Mrs. Dick Hardee, Mrs. Travis House, Mrs. W. L. Sterlitz, Mrs. J. P. Baird, Mrs. Dave Jackson, Mrs. Jack Crowder, Mrs. Bob Underwood of Big Springs, Mrs. Minter and Grace and Hazel, Juanita Baird, Mrs. W. E. Baird, Mrs. W. J. Goodson, Mrs. Homer Huddleston, Mrs. Leo Huddleston, Mrs. Ross Huddleston, Mrs. Wright Huddleston, Mrs. Ellis House, Caroline Albright, Mrs. G. F. Chaney, Mrs. Buck Dunn and Mrs. J. C. Carruthers.

Sammie Morton, student at Texas College for Women, Denton, arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Morton.

Eugene Glasscock and Bobbie L. Rollins Wed

Saturday afternoon, December 12, at 4:00 o'clock p. m. Bobbie Louise Rollins became the bride of Eugene Glasscock, in a single ring ceremony at the home of Rev. Earl Creswell, pastor of the North Side Baptist Church.

Bobbie Louise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rollins of Snyder, and Eugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Glasscock of the Plainview community.

The bride wore blue with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of white carnations. She was attended by Aveline Kemp, who wore a beige suit with red accessories and a shoulder corsage of white carnations. For "something new" the bride wore a necklace given her by the groom before their marriage.

Rev. Robinson attended Eugene as best man. Others attending the wedding were Joyce Walls, Junior Corbell, J. W. Dalany, Kenneth Head, Clint Floyd and Harvey Rollins.

The couple will make their home in the Plainview community, where Eugene will be engaged in farming.

Art Guild in Annual Christmas Party

The Art Guild met December 16 in the home of Maude Holcomb for the annual Christmas party of the club. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery.

A Christmas program was arranged by Madge Popnoe. Christmas carols were sung with Faye Michael as leader. An interesting Christmas story, "The Gift of the Magi" by O'Henry, was told by Miss Katherine Northcutt.

Following the program gifts were exchanged by attendants.

An attractive salad plate was served by the hostess to the following members: Neil Greene, Johnnie Herod, Omega Herod, Grace Kide, Irene McFarland, Faye Michael, Madge Popnoe, Verna Lee Roe, Dell Smith, Golda Thorpe, Mae Stanfield, Lucie Entfield, Geraldine Jacobs, Mabel Brock, Hattie Gatlin; and Katherine Northcutt, a guest.

Mrs. Dean Shephard, and Clarice Russell.—S. H. S. Tiger's Tale.

Hermleigh Girl on Honor Roll

Florine Wood, of Hermleigh, who is attending Draughon's Business College at Abilene, is among the high ranking students whose names appear on the honor roll this month.

A good dog has no aversion to a poor family.—Toole.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Burdine and children, Delbert and Catherine, of Bison, South Dakota, arrived last week for a several-day visit with relatives in the Snyder area.

Thomas Lee Butler of Big Spring is visiting with the Tom Underwood family at Snyder.

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How women and girls may get wanted relief from functional periodic pain

Cardui is a liquid medicine which many women say has brought relief from the cramp-like agony and nervous strain of functional periodic distress. Here's how it may help:

- 1 Taken like a tonic, it should stimulate appetite, aid digestion, thus help build resistance for the "time" to come.
- 2 Started 3 days before "your time", it should help relieve pain due to purely functional periodic causes.

Try Cardui. If it helps, you'll be glad you did.



CARDUI

Twenty Girls Report For Basket Practice

Basketball is off to a bang for the girls who have been practicing during activity periods and lunch hours. The coach of the girls basketball team is T. D. Wiman. About 20 girls are now coming out for the team. They are Barbara Riggs, Johnnie Cole, Wanda Koonsman, Dwen Crawford, Lou Miller, Dorthea Williams, Helen Lloyd, Ila Ruth Newton, Edith Blakely, Doris Jean Roe, Frances Leath, Jo Anne Norred, Billie Jean Coonrod, Shirley Coffee, Jenelda Holmes, Syble Ramage, El Doris Floyd, Nelda Dev.

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Indicate that your bladder and kidneys need attention. The fluids that flow through them are irritating. CIT-ROS will quickly bring these fluids back to normal. Pain ceases and gradually the soreness leaves. A new remedy for lumbago is at your druggist. \$1.00. Get it today at STINSON DRUG COMPANY

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Enjoy modern "city gas" cooking convenience even though you live out of the city. It's easy when you equip your home with America's finest cooking service... assured by a beautiful Roper gas range and Liquefied Petroleum gas. This clean, hot, dependable, economical fuel will be delivered to you regularly. No bother or fuss at any time.

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Here You Are, Scurry County—

A brand new Porter Cable Sanding Machine, with edging attachments, for refinishing old and new floors.

For a job you'll appreciate, call **FUZZY GREEN—Phone 394**

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SNYDER, TEXAS

It's Another American Christmas

From the times of our forefathers, America has enjoyed a traditional Christmas. It has always been and will always continue to be a festive season of good fellowship and good cheer. It is a time for remembering friends and loved ones, one to give thanks for those blessings which America enjoys.

Although our lives have been affected by circumstances and events within the past months, the spirit of Christmas remains unchanged. From the pleasures of the Yuletide season today we gain strength with which to meet the problems of tomorrow. From the thoughtfulness of those whom we hold dear, we obtain a sense of well being and a desire to create greater achievements.

The American Christmas must remain traditional regardless of conditions and events. It is our obligation to keep alive the glorious customs that have been the predominating factor of the American Christmas for many, many years.

Let us be happy and considerate of others this Christmas so that we may obtain the greatest enjoyment the season offers. This is our Christmas wish for you.

WARMEST GREETINGS

SNYDER DRUGS

PHARMACISTS

JOHN PRATT **PHONE 173** **R.E. PATTERSON**

Cattle Go to High Levels and Grains Rise But Other Products Show Drop

Cattle reached record high levels and most grains strengthened but cotton, eggs and some vegetables lost ground during the past week, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration's report to The Times.

Southwest markets were unsettled. Despite good holiday demand for only adequate receipts, prices slipped about a nickel per dozen. Straight run current receipts ranged anywhere from 50 to 60 cents. The rush to get Christmas turkeys before the week-end forced prices of young hens up to 46 cents per pound and young toms to 36 cents. Chicken hens met strong demand, too.

Nearly all classes of cattle brought the highest prices of the year at southwest markets this week. Fort Worth set a record when commercially fed 1043-pound steers cashed at \$32 per hundred pounds. San Antonio reported an all-time high on canners and cutter cows at \$12.50 to \$14.25. These same grades brought \$10.50 to \$13 at Houston, \$10 to \$14 at Oklahoma City, and \$11.50 to \$14.50 at Wichita and Denver. Net gains on most offerings amounted to 50 cents to a dollar. Only weakness showed up at Denver.

Increased demand at southwest hog markets kept ahead of seasonally heavy receipts to push prices 50 to 75 cents per 100 pounds higher than a week ago. Good and choice butchers realized a top of \$26.50 at San Antonio; \$27 at Oklahoma City; \$27.25 at Fort Worth and Wichita; and \$27.50 at Denver. Also, strong demand advanced sheep and lamb prices 50 cents or more at most places except Wichita where lambs were 75 cents lower, but ewes were steady. Good and choice ewes and wethers moved at San Antonio around \$9 to \$9.50 and common and medium lambs at \$17.75. Medium woolled lambs changed hands at Fort Worth at \$20 to \$21.50, while medium and good kinds cashed at \$21.50 to \$23.50 at Denver. Oklahoma City sold top lambs at \$23 and choice light ewes to \$9.

Sorghums, cats, barley and corn marched toward higher price levels, but left wheat behind with slight losses. No. 1 hard ordinary closed at \$3.12 to \$3.13 per bushel at Fort Worth Friday.

Spot cotton markets were less active and prices declined about \$2.50 per bale. Mill buying dropped off despite unabated demand for cotton textiles. Generally, farmers were offering their cotton less freely.

Insurance

A Negro injured in a motor accident died, and the insurance adjuster called to investigate. "Does Washington P. Johnson live here?" he asked the woman who opened the door.

"Yassah," she replied between sobs. "I want to see the remains." Drawing herself erect, the widow replied: "I'm the remains."

F. ALMANAC



- DECEMBER
- 24—Treaty of Ghent signed 1814, ending War of 1812.
 - 25—Christmas.
 - 26—Washington crosses Delaware, 1776.
 - 27—Battle of Trenton, 1776.
 - 28—Iowa admitted to Union, 1845.
 - 29—Texas admitted to Union, 1845.
 - 30—Gadsden treaty approved, 1853.
 - 31—Colonial armies defeated at Quebec, 1776.

In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity. — Longfellow

Program for the Week: PALACE THEATER

Thursday Only, December 24, Matinee and Night—**"MERTON OF THE MOVIES"** starring Red Skelton with Virginia O'Brien. News and Walt Disney Cartoon.

Friday and Saturday, December 26-27—**"DESERT FURY"**

In color, with Elizabeth Scott, John Hodiak and Burt Lancaster. News and Walt Disney Cartoon.

Saturday Night Prevue December 27—**"RIFF-RAFF"**

featuring Pat O'Brien and Anne Jeffreys. Sunday and Monday, December 28-29—**"THE UNSUSPECTED"**

with Joan Caulfield, Claude Rains, Audrey Totter and Hurd Hatfield. News and Nov. city.

Tuesday, December 30—**"SEVEN WERE SAVED"**

with Richard Denning, Catherine Craig and Russell Hayden. News, Musical and Cartoon Comedy. Bargain Night—Admission 14 and 25 cents.

Wednesday and Thursday, December 31-January 1—**"UNFINISHED DANCE"**

In color starring Margaret O'Brien, Cyd Charisse and Karin Booth. News and Nov. city.

At the TEXAS

Friday and Saturday, December 26-27—**"DURANGO VALLEY RAIDERS"**

a Western. Last chapter of "JUNGLE GIRL" Serial, Novelty and Comedy. Sunday and Monday, December 28-29—**"SON OF ROARING DAN"**

with Johnny Mack Brown. Musical, Novelty and Comedy. Wednesday and Thursday, December 31-January 1—**"COME ON COWBOYS"**

a Western. Musical and Comedy.

E. L. Darbys Will Celebrate Dec. 28 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Darby of Southwest Snyder will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday when their children and grandchildren and other relatives and friends gather at the home.

The Darbys came to Snyder in 1900, and Darby has been a blacksmith during the intervening 37 years until last spring when he retired from active connection with his shop.

The couple was married December 25, 1897, at Mansfield, Johnson County. She was Minnie Squires before her marriage.

Open house will be observed by the Darbys December 28 from 3:00

Athletics
A woman was talking with a friend about the athletic achievements of the latter's son.
"Your boy must be an exceptionally fast runner: I see by this morning's paper that he fairly burned up the track with his record-breaking speed. I suppose you saw him do it?"
"No, I didn't see him do it," replied the boy's mother, "but I saw the track this morning and there was nothing but cinders there."

until 5:00 o'clock at their home in Southwest Snyder.

Slated to be present for the anniversary celebration are their six children, Mrs. Claude Sims of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. P. Strayhorn of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Frankie Hall of Odessa, Mrs. Billy Boren of Snyder, Herman Darby of Naogdoches and Jack Darby of Snyder and their families. The Darbys have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Do You Want to BUY A HOUSE?

If so, see me. Make me an offer. I have a few desirable homes that can be bought at a fair price. I also have for immediate sale two real Cafes. If you want to see these, get in touch with me. Make me an offer for a good Farm Tractor.

MANY OTHER ITEMS YOU WILL NEED I'LL PROBABLY HAVE

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P. O. Box 334 Snyder, Texas

KING & BROWN SPECIALS

FUR COATS.....At greatly reduced prices!
Whippet Mixer, Quart Size.....\$6.00

KING & BROWN

1914 25th Street Snyder, Texas

Much as we'd like to pay a Christmas Call to each and everyone—This is our surest way of greeting one and all!

GRANTHAM SUPPLY STORE

R. C. Grantham East Side Square

Why Suffer?

- with
- Heart Trouble
 - Nervousness
 - Lumbago
 - Gas Trouble
 - Dropped Stomach
 - Sciatica
 - Indigestion
 - Female Trouble
 - Ulceration
 - Colitis
 - Low Back Pain
 - Poor Circulation

We can furnish names of persons, perhaps some of your neighbors, that we have completely corrected their troubles. Being troubles of the above mentioned with a great many other types other than the ones mentioned.

For the remaining days of December we will be glad to acquaint you with our newest methods of giving fast relief and proper correction.

The new BIO-RELAXING machines are now being used in our clinic and you are welcome at any time during the month of December. Just make an appointment.

The BIO-RELAXER is for the purpose of making every muscle in the body carry its own load, to correct posture, reduce bloating, correct constipation, increase circulation of the entire body, and many other things. You will enjoy each treatment.

This is a complete relaxation treatment—no pain.

Come and see and have a treatment!

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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.

We will be closed all day Christmas Day and New Year's Day

SUPER VALUES EVERY DAY - EASY SHOPPING IN EVERY WAY

PIGGLY WIGGLY

COMPLIMENTS

Of The Season

MAY EVERY JOY AND HAPPINESS BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND EACH DAY OF THE COMING YEAR. MAY IT BE GENEROUS IN ITS BENEFITS TO YOU, IS OUR SINCERE WISH.

SERVING YOU IN THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WE HOPE TO CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE IN WAYS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CONVENIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS. WE TRUST WE MAY HAVE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN YOUR WELFARE.

To You

ONE AND ALL

Williams

Jewelry

TO WISH YOU THE BEST OF

CHRISTMAS CHEER

And joys and contentment that will brighten each day of the New Year just ahead.

We should like to take this means, too, of expressing our thanks to each of you for your patronage in the past. You have been generous and we are grateful.

ARMY STORE

North of Bank

IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE

The past year has been an enjoyable one. We have considered it a pleasure and an honor to be of service to you, our friends and customers. Your consideration and good will are invaluable to us and we wish to take this means of extending our thanks.

Added to this message is our most sincere

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

GAY McGLAUN, Texaco Agent

Weldon Johnson Sells in Colorado And Comes Home

Weldon Johnson, Scurry County ranchman, has sold his Hayden, Colorado ranch to Holland Duell of Raton, New Mexico, The Times learned last week. No figures were given, but the deal ran in excess of a quarter million dollars as the 7,000-acre ranch had been on the market at \$35 per acre.

The Hayden ranch, which included the town of Hayden, Colorado, located near Crow, Colorado, was one of the most elaborate setups in Colorado, according to Cecil Childers, local ranchman, who looked it over for a group of Oklahoma oilmen. Much of the land was in cultivation and under irrigation, making the place an ideal lay-out for registered Herefords and that is what Duell will run.

Johnson has been operating the ranch, but has returned to Snyder to take over operations of his Camp Springs ranch.

Columnar pads at The Times

J. B. Archie Gets Air Force Rank Advance

Brigadier General Archie J. Old, Jr., commanding general of the Air Transport Command's Eastern Pacific Wing, announced here today that Pvt. J. B. Archie has been promoted to the grade of Private First Class in the United States Air Force.

Private Archie is the son of Mrs. Lillie Archie of Snyder. He is presently assigned to the 4th Air-drome Group at this ATC base.

Jane Ann Woodson to Be 1948 Lair Editor

Jane Ann Woodson, a junior, was chosen Tuesday, December 10, by the faculty to be editor of the Tiger's Lair for the years of 48-49. Marianne Randals was runner up. Miss Crowder reported that the editor was selected this year so that she could become more familiar with the work of the annual and be planning new ideas for the annual next year.—S. H. S. Tiger's Tale.

Rubber stamps at The Times.



WIN SCHOLARSHIPS—Fredrick Lee Beaty (left) of Brownsville, and Ewell E. Murphy of San Angelo, congratulate each other at New Orleans,

Louisiana, after they won Rhodes Scholarships. They will attend Oxford University, England as recipients of the coveted awards.

Pioneer Fluvanna Woman, Mrs. J. B. Bley, Succumbs

Final rites for Mrs. J. B. Bley, pioneer Fluvanna community citizen, who died December 6, were held Sunday afternoon, December 7, at Fluvanna. (Account of the death of Mrs. Bley had been delayed by The Times in absence of complete information).

Born Anolia Johnson January 15, 1870, at Gonzales, she married J. B. Bley December 3, 1892, at Jonesboro. Mr. Bley preceded her in death in 1932.

To the couple were born nine children, five boys and four girls. One girl, Laura, died in 1917. Surviving children are C. E. Bley of Olton, G. H. Bley of Olton, J. N. Bley of Plainview, J. J. Bley of Fluvanna and C. B. Bley of Fluvanna; three daughters, Mrs. Phoebe Alinsworth of Milneand, New Mexico, Mrs. Bess Daugherty of Fluvanna and Mrs. Ruby Drum of Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Mrs. Bley also reared two step-children, Willie and Nellie, both of whom had preceded her in death. There are 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three brothers, H. G. Johnson of Rising Star, C. A. Johnson of Ranger and W. R. Johnson of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Bley was a member of the Church of Christ for 35 years. She was a citizen of Fluvanna since 1901.

Times to Publish Roger W. Babson's Forecast in Next Issue of January 1

The Times will publish Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1948 on January 1. You will find it on page one.

We are calling this feature to your attention because 1948 may bring world harmony leading to a long peace or world discord which may eventually lead to a war approaching annihilation.

Mr. Babson's 1948 Outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as: General business, commodity prices, farm outlook, lower taxes, retail sales, foreign trade, labor outlook, inflation, stock market, bonds, real estate, and politics.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his lifelong insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business statistics.

That was more than 45 years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read by thousands of businessmen and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for women,—both nationally-known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate more in the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

More recently he has completed the arrangements for another College named "Utopia" which is located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle". Here people of all ages may check their physical well being. He is also reviving an interest in Sir Thomas Moore, who—400 years ago—outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to our problems.

To millions of newspaper readers, Mr. Babson is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 380 papers throughout North America. Of unbounded energy, Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

Progress in Home Duties.

"How are you getting on at home since your wife went away?"
"Fine. I've reached the highest point of efficiency. I can put my socks on from either end."

Conceit is to nature what paint is to beauty; it is not only needless, but it impairs what it would improve.—Pope.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
too all
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. C. A. Casseday

Light your Lamp before Darkness comes.
—Arabian Proverb

Or, if you would draw a modern moral: See your Doctor before Disease gets a firm hold upon you. It is always easier to retain health than to regain it. Prompt action saves needless suffering, time and money. So, make that date with the Doctor . . . and then bring his prescriptions here for our careful compounding.

YOUR NAME HERE



SNYDER DRUGS

Relief At Last For Your Cough

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

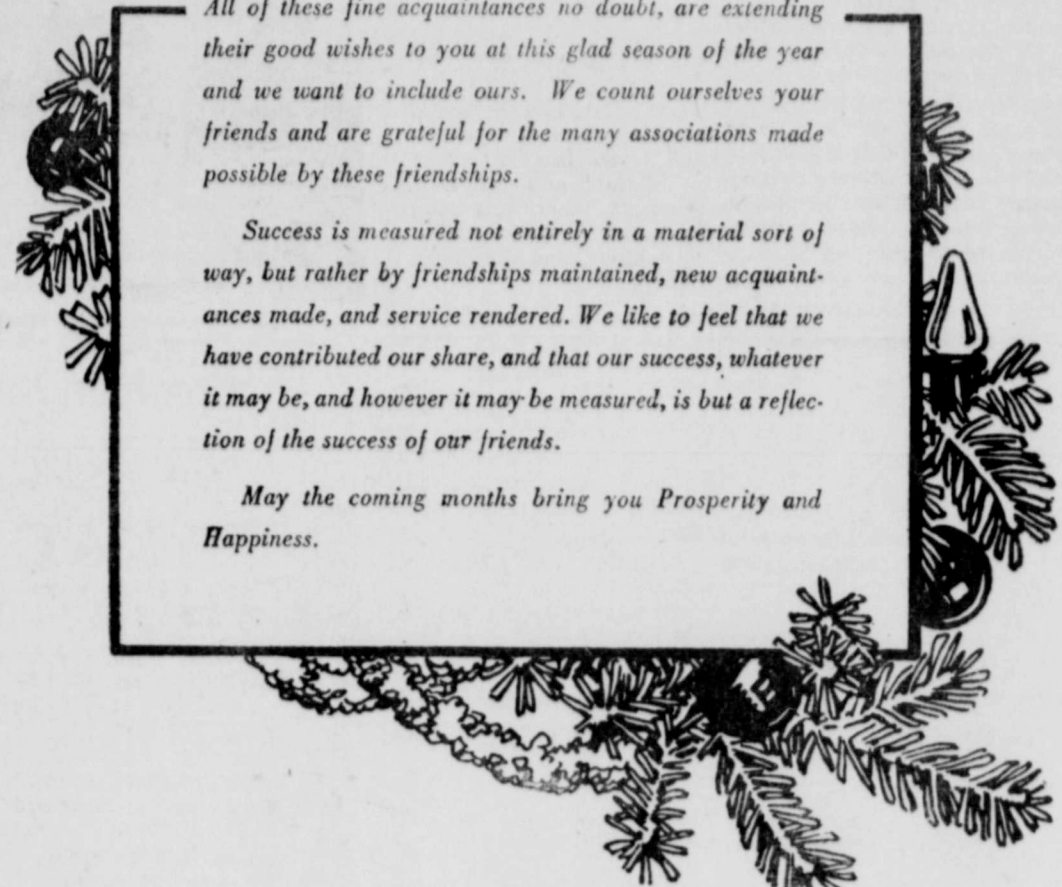
CREMULSION
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Joys of the Season

You have many friends, we are sure, and we are glad. All of these fine acquaintances no doubt, are extending their good wishes to you at this glad season of the year and we want to include ours. We count ourselves your friends and are grateful for the many associations made possible by these friendships.

Success is measured not entirely in a material sort of way, but rather by friendships maintained, new acquaintances made, and service rendered. We like to feel that we have contributed our share, and that our success, whatever it may be, and however it may be measured, is but a reflection of the success of our friends.

May the coming months bring you Prosperity and Happiness.



JOE GRAHAM

MASTER TAILOR—PHONE 98

I always buy this
SWAN COFFEE

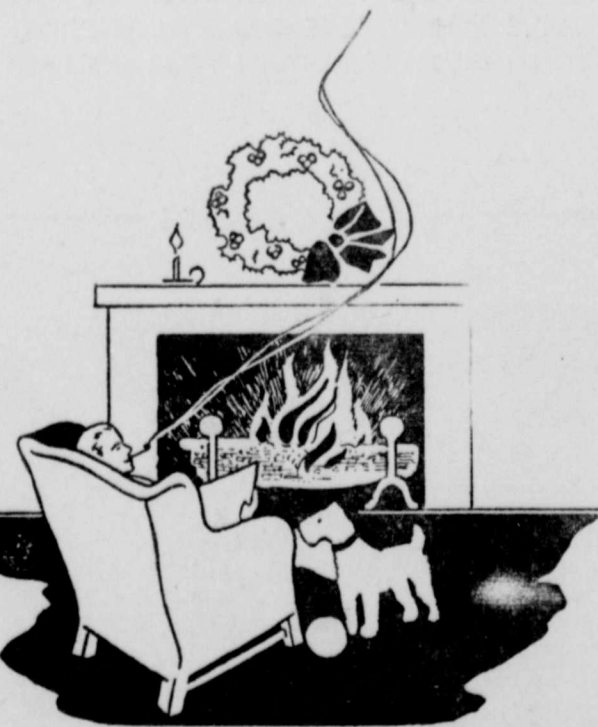
Carefully Blended
Perfectly Roasted

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.



Lee Home & Auto Supply

North Side Square

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

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.

May Santa Remember
You Well at This
Christmastime



Anthony's

James R. Dabbs, Retired Farmer, Passes Thursday

James Robert Dabbs, 72-year-old retired farmer, died at his Northeast Snyder home of a heart attack last Thursday. He had been a resident of the county for 27 years, most of which time was spent on a farm in the Lloyd Mountain community.

Funeral services were held at the Snyder Church of Christ Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Austin Varner, minister of the church, officiated. Interment was in the Snyder Cemetery, of which Odom Funeral Home was in charge.

Flower bearers were Earl McNeil, J. C. Woodard, Mozelle Roggenstein, Joe Parks, R. W. Harless and Ester Hardin.

Surviving Mr. Dabbs are his wife, Mrs. Adella Dabbs of Snyder; six sons, Kit Dabbs of Bruni, Clarence Dabbs of Fort Worth, Homer Dabbs of Duarte, California, Marlon Dabbs

Snyder Girl Among Repeaters at TSCW

Seven per cent of Texas State College for Women at Denton girls are second generation students, according to a recent survey. Of the 2200 enrolled, mothers of 153 attended TSCW.

Miss Joy Eloise McGlaun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McGlaun, 2402 Avenue M, Snyder, is one of the daughters of ex-students.

Miss McGlaun is a freshman bacteriology major.

Ah Chute

"Please, sir, could I have the afternoon off?"

"Ah, yes, your grandmother, I suppose?"

"Exactly sir, she is making her first parachute jump."

of Snyder, D. G. Dabbs of Dallas and Andy Dabbs of San Diego, California; a sister, Mrs. A. J. Elko of Wellington; two brothers, Charlie Dabbs of Eastland and Sim Dabbs of Eastland; a sister, Mrs. Mary Comingtubby of Davis, Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



RECEIVES AWARD—Jerry Thompson (right) and his University of Texas track coach, Clyde Littlefield, admire the Southwest AAU plaque citing him as the athlete of the year in this section following the presentation in Dallas. As winner of this award, Thompson is the Southwest's nominee for the Sullivan Award, made nationally.

Fats Salvaging Is Indirect Aid to Grain Program

Jesse B. Gilmer, Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in an official statement to The Times, points out the connection between world scarcities of wheat, corn and other grains used as feed for livestock and salvaged used kitchen fats in American homes.

"Salvaged fat," says Mr. Gilmer, "has taken the place of other fats and oils, many of which require feed grains in their production." Behind that short sentence is a whole agricultural economy. Hogs and other livestock produce a large portion of the fats and oils used for food and in industries.

Many fats and oils, Scurry County people are informed, have specific uses such as linseed oil for paints and varnishes. But, many of the fats and oils are interchangeable for industrial use. Fats that are in abundant supplies can be substituted in many instances for scarce fats and oils.

However, the entire world supply of fats and oils has dwindled ever since the beginning of the second world war due to excessive demands upon fats and oils supplies and curtailed oil-seed crops and livestock production.

Therefore, the salvaging of used kitchen grease in American homes is an important contribution to the world economy. Every pound of used kitchen fats turned in to meat dealers augments the overall supply of fats and oils. Used kitchen fats processed for industrial use make available vitally needed supplies of other fats and oils for other purposes, thereby easing the worldwide shortage. Used kitchen grease remains waste until it is sold to meat dealers and processed for industrial use.

Record Sales Enjoyed By Snyder Concerns

Record sales are reported by most Snyder stores for the Christmas season, a check-up by The Times first of the week revealed.

Department stores, auto supply and appliance firms, grocery stores and specialty shops and others say that because of better stocks made available by their wholesale sources they did big businesses during the past 30 days.

Tactful

An American resident in China remonstrated with her house boy for taking her linen into her bedroom without knocking.

"That's all right, Missy," said the native. "Every time come, lookie in keyhole. Nothing on, no come in."

Merry Christmas

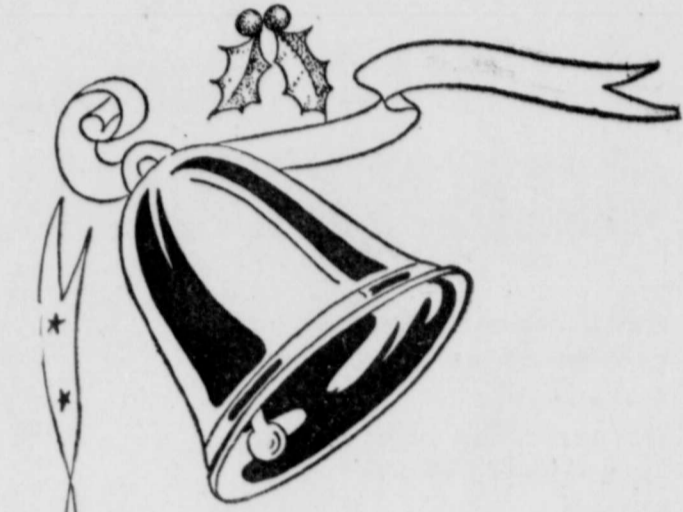
The closing year has been a happy one. We have considered it a pleasure and an honor to be of service to you, our friends and customers. Your consideration and good will are invaluable to us and we wish to take this means of extending our sincere thanks.

Added to this message is very heartiest—

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Frank's Dept. Store

"BEST FOR LESS"



A JOYOUS YULETIDE

As we express the Season's Greetings at this happy Christmastime, we pledge to strive to maintain this same spirit of thoughtful service throughout all the days of the coming year.

Our sincere thanks for your patronage and our assurance that it is our purpose to merit its continuance.

Higginbotham - Bartlett

W. D. Harral, Manager

Come In, Santa!



We've been looking for you! We have a hearty welcome because we know you won't forget these fine friends of ours. They're mighty deserving, these friends, and we'll appreciate all you can do for them. Our friends in this community, Santa, are the finest on earth. They're loyal and dependable. Please be as good to them as they have been to us.

N. W. Autry

Magnolia Consignee

VETERANS!

LEARN TO FLY UNDER THE GI BILL OF RIGHTS

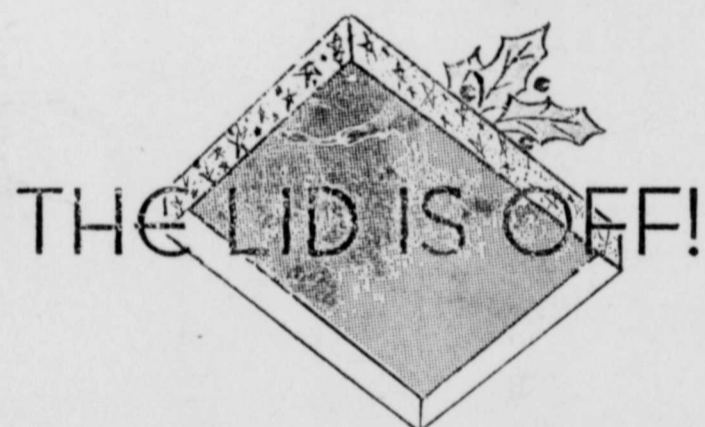


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- Commercial Pilot's Course
- Flight Instructor's Course

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Chunk McCurdy, Chief Pilot Jack Swaim, Local Mgr.

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1/2 Miles South of Square

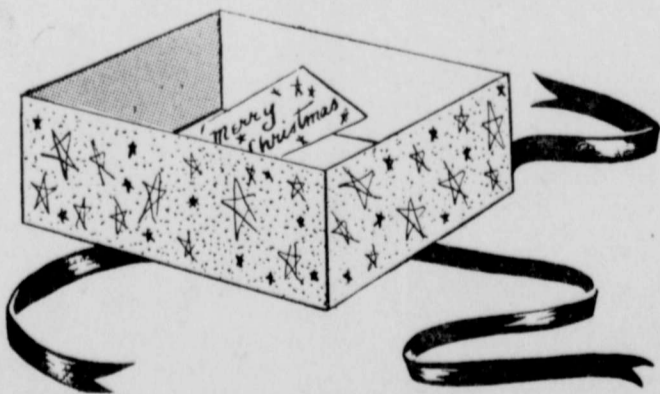


It is time for the joys that come from good fellowship and from the remembrance of loved ones and friends whom we hold dear.

As you enjoy the pleasure of opening your Christmas packages and the atmosphere which surrounds such occasions, please keep in mind that we are remembering you for the courtesies which

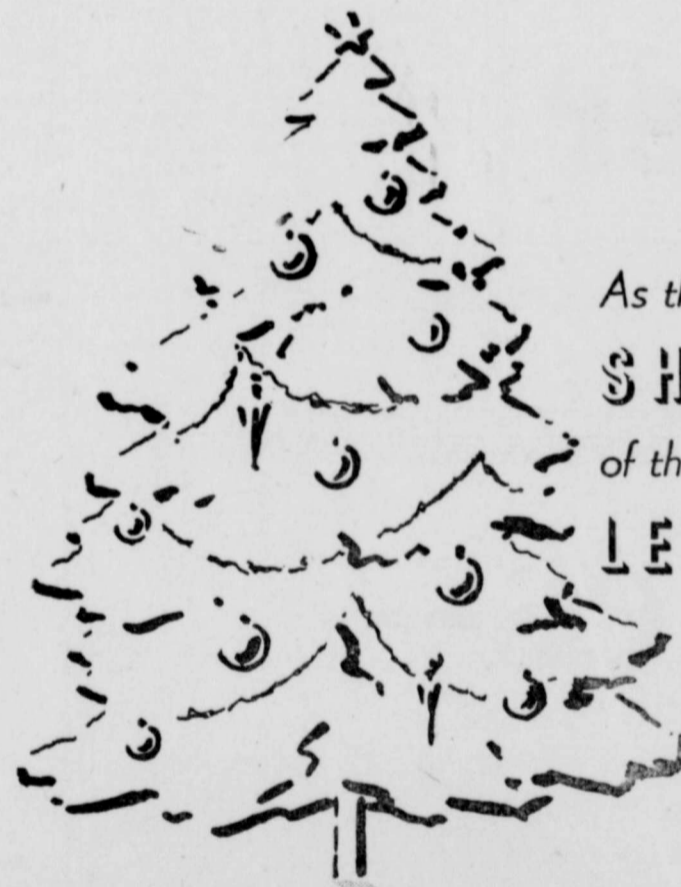
you have extended us in the past; for the many favors large and small which have made our career in your community more enjoyable and more worthwhile.

Let's all realize for a day at least the lid is off and it is our moral obligation to ourselves and to our friends to make this a delightful Christmas and one to be long remembered.



King & Brown

1/2 Block West of Square on 25th Street



As the SHADOWS of the Year LENGTHEN

The Christmas season brings to a close another twelve months during which time all of us have had experiences which we will remember for many days to come. Some of these incidents we will treasure in our hearts. Other experiences we may endeavor to forget but it is our sincere wish that from the past year we will receive untold benefits which will strengthen us in preparation for the coming year.

And so as the shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our Christmas greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact and to wish for you all the better things that life affords.

NOEL L. BANKS WM. A. BANKS
FOOD B & B MARKET
FREE DELIVERY. PHONE 69. AMPLE PARKING.

Penney Employees to Share in Xmas Bonus

Employees of the Snyder J. C. Penney Company store will share in a special payment of two weeks' extra salary for all full-time associates who have been employed for the full year of 1947, and on a proportionate basis for extra and part-time associates and for those employed less than a year. All Penney associates throughout the company share in this payment except those who are members of the management staff and whose earnings are determined largely by the company's long standing profit sharing plan.

B. A. Jones, manager of the Snyder J. C. Penney Company store, said 10 local employees will share in the special payment.

REA has approved a loan of \$215,000 for 153 miles of line in Blanco County to serve 325 rural consumers.

Cotton Prices Decline \$3 Bale as Spat Markets Were Less Active Last Week

Cotton prices declined about \$3 a bale during the week and spot markets were less active, according to the Department of Agriculture's weekly release to The Times.

Inquiries were numerous but the volume of sales declined. Mill buyers were less active. The demand for textiles continued strong.

Consumption of cotton during November totaled 759,500 bales. The daily consumption during November was about 2,600 bales higher than in October. Registrations under the export program have increased recently. Picking and ginning continued to make poor progress in the central and eastern sections of the belt but good progress was reported in the southwest and far west.

Prices for middling 15-16 inch cotton in the 10 spot markets averaged 35.44 cents per pound on Thursday, December 18, as compared with 36.04 a week earlier and 33.01 for the corresponding Thursday a year ago. Average price for the week ended Wednesday was 35.99 cents per pound as compared with 35.85 for the previous week. Prices advanced on Friday and Saturday but were somewhat irregular during the rest of the week.

The "basis" remained firm to a little weaker throughout most of the week. Prices for some textiles continued to inch upward but a note of caution has apparently entered the market. There were over 100 December notices issued during the week on the New York Cotton Exchange all of which were promptly stopped.

Reported sales in the 10 spot markets totaled 183,700 bales for the week as compared with 287,100 last week and 208,700 a year ago. Inquiries for cotton continued numerous but the volume of sales was considerably less than for the previous week. Offerings by farmers decreased but were still substantial in volume. Merchants and shippers were offering a moderate volume of cotton at present price levels covering a wide range of qualities. Increased offerings of the lower grades were in evidence, but the supply is still limited in most areas.

Domestic mill buying declined from a week earlier. Demand was for both prompt and forward delivery. Demand for textiles continued unabated with the supply for spot and nearby delivery very scarce. Commodity Credit Corporation had received reports through December 12 covering 184,800 bales pledged under the 1947 cotton loan program. The corresponding figure to the same date last year is 82,600 bales. Loan entries have averaged about 7,000 bales per week for the last four weeks reported. Registered sales under the export program for this season through December 12 totaled 383,600 bales. The increase for the week ending December 12 was 59,100 bales. There were reports of increasing inquiries for cotton for export.

Consumption of cotton during November totaled 759,500 bales, according to the Bureau of Census. This is eight per cent less than consumption of 826,200 bales in October and 13.5 per cent less than that of 878,000 bales in November 1946. On a daily rate basis consumption during November was 38,900 bales per day as compared with 36,300 in October and 42,800 in November 1946. The daily rate during November was seven per cent larger than for October but nine per cent smaller than during November 1946.

Failure

A beggar clutched at the sleeve of a benevolent-looking passer-by. "Five cents, sir, for a cup of coffee?" he whined.

The other turned to survey him. "Why should I give you five cents?" he asked. "What brought you to this sad plight?"

"A terrible catastrophe, sir," the beggar replied. "Two years ago, like you, I enjoyed business prosperity. I worked industriously. On the wall desk was the motto: 'Think Constructively. Act Decisively. Wealth poured my way, and then—and then—"

"Yes, and then?"

"The beggar's frame shook convulsively. "The scrub lady burned my toilet!"



NIMITZ CONGRATULATED— At the conclusion of White House presentation ceremonies in Washington, President Truman congratulated Admiral Chester W. Nimitz (right) after decorating him with a Gold Star

in lieu of the Fourth distinguished Service Medal. Mrs. Nimitz is at center. The award was for service as the Pacific fleet commander and Chief of Naval Operations during the recent world conflict.

VETERAN'S QUESTIONS

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried as a service to former service connected personnel by The Times. Material for the column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

Q—I have been drawing \$57.50 each month from my \$10,000 war risk insurance policy since my discharge from the Army after World War I. Are such payments discounted when the \$10,000 is exhausted?

A—No. Payments may be continued for the remainder of your life provided your total disability remains unchanged.

Q—How often can I get on the rolls to receive unemployment allowance?

A—You may be placed on the rolls to receive unemployment allowance as many times as necessary until you have exhausted your period of entitlement.

Q—Why do I have to pay two monthly premiums instead of one when I reinstate my National Service Life Insurance policy?

A—One premium is for the 31-day grace period following the date of lapse, during which the insurance was continued in force without payment of premium; the other is for the current month of the reinstatement.

Q—If I use part of my Armed Forces leave bond to pay my insurance, can I receive the balance in cash?

A—No. The remainder of your bond is placed to your credit until such time as it becomes payable in cash, or you authorize further payments from the balance of your credit.

Q—My son, a World War II veteran, is in a VA hospital and I would like to know if I can visit him every day.

A—Yes. All Veterans Administration hospitals have special hours set aside each day for visitors the same as civilian hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Foster and son, Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Caffey left Friday for a two-week visit with relatives in Southern California.

Non-Producers and Roosters Good for Locker Says Agent

With the emphasis on better management of the poultry flock to save money and grain, there will be a lot of roosters and poor layers lined up for the freezer locker next year.

Miss Mary Louise Piehl, county home demonstration agent says that home preparation of poultry for the freezer locker is comparatively easy. The main thing to remember is that no time should be lost between killing and freezing.

It is very important that the birds be well-bled. The temperature of the sealing water should be 128 degrees F. Pierce the brain, just as though the bird was going to be dry-picked. The feathers will pull a little easier and the skin will be in better condition for storage.

The wings and legs down on birds for roasting or baking, to make a more compact package, Miss Piehl explains.

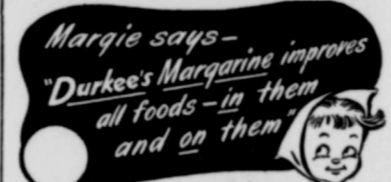
If the bird is to be stewed or fried, cut it ready for the pan. It is more easily done before packaging than after freezing.

Miss Piehl says that good packaging of poultry for the locker is essential. Many users have found that sealed cellophane bags or tight cartons are the best ways to preserve quality.

If the temperature of the freezer is maintained at zero degrees, F., well-packaged poultry can be kept six to 12 months.

564 Question

You are pretty smart, but can you answer this: Why is it that a black cow can eat green grass and give white milk that makes yellow butter, the price of which leaves a dark brown taste in our mouths, making us blue and so mad we see red?



MARTIN DISTRIBUTING CO. Distributors

Former Snyder Man, R. N. Curry, Dies in Collision

R. N. Curry, 41, manager of the J. C. Penney Company store in Brownsville, was killed last week in a traffic accident near Mercedes. Three other Brownsville men, Hawkins White, Roy Sloggett and W. H. Huffman are in Mercedes General Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the same accident.

A report from the hospital there indicated all three were improving. Sloggett had both legs broken in the accident.

White suffering fractured ribs, and Huffman received fractured ribs and a broken nose. All three men suffered cuts and bruises.

The four were among Brownsville Kiwanians who attended a Kiwanis meeting in McAllen the night before and were returning home when the accident occurred at 11:20 p. m.

Officers said the auto in which they were riding, driven by White was in a head-on collision with a pickup truck driven by Jimmy Williams of Weslaco. Williams suffered a broken jaw bone.

Mr. Curry, who attended school at Snyder as a youth, went to Brownsville in 1935 from San Angelo. He had been connected with the J. C. Penney Company since about 1939.

He was active in civic affairs here. He was a past president of the local Chamber of Commerce, past president of the local Kiwanis club, a Shriner, and a steward in the Brownsville Methodist church. He was also active in Boy Scout work, serving for two years as chairman of the district Boy Scout committee—this J. J. Q. H. S. I.

Survivors include his wife, his six-year-old daughter, Jo Ann, and his three-year-old son, Robert Jr.

Respect

Herbert had been taught to rise when his mother entered the room and remain standing until she was seated or until she withdrew.

One day a boy friend came to see him. Herbert's mother came into the room where the boys were and Herbert arose. His friend made no move, so Herbert asked him to stand up.

A few minutes later mother again entered the room and Herbert arose, while his friend reluctantly arose to his feet.

When Herbert's mother entered the room for the third time and her son arose, the guest said, disgustedly: "Say, what do you think your mother is, the National Anthem?"

One-fourth of the rain that falls in the forest is caught by tree leaves and branches and released back into the air.

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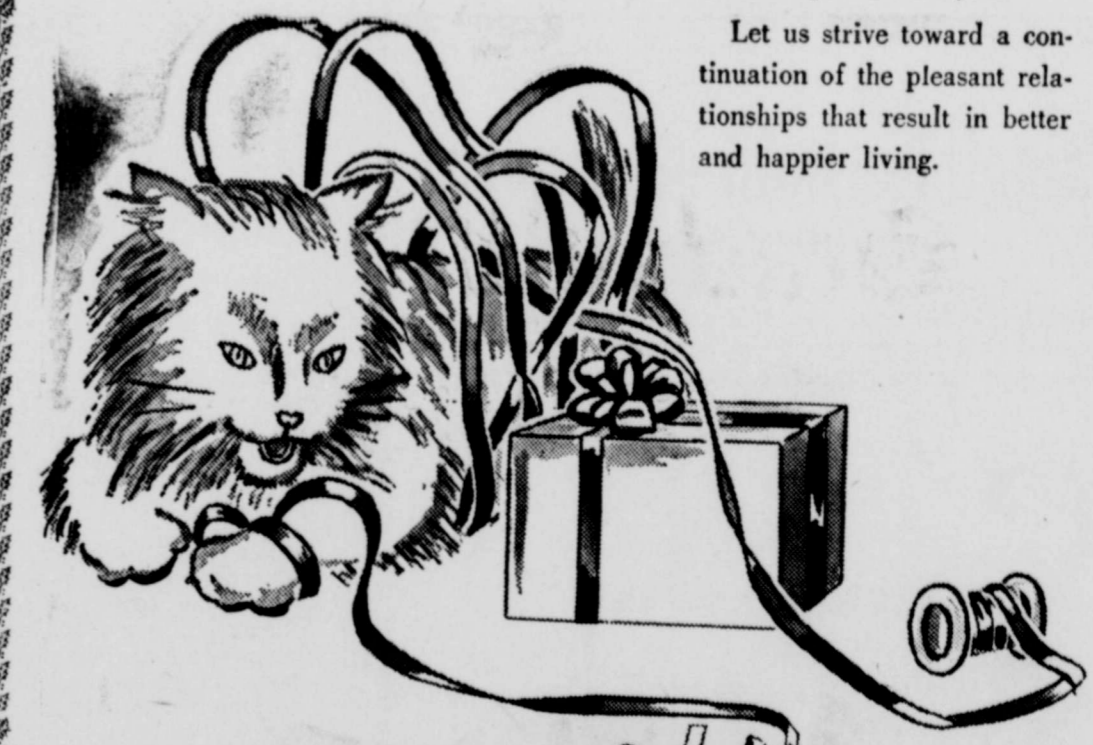
Oscar Fowler
County Agent

Mary Louise Piehl
County Home Demonstration Agent

Any Special Kind of Rubber Stamps

May we express to those of you with whom we have been associated this past year our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. Our thoughts are with you this glorious day and we give thanks for lasting friendships such as yours.

Let us strive toward a continuation of the pleasant relationships that result in better and happier living.



Merry Christmas

D & R Food Store
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CORDIAL GREETINGS

This is a happy occasion on which to extend to all our friends our sincere wishes for a season of bright prosperity, abundant health and enduring happiness.

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Big Spring, Tex Hotel every 2nd and 4th Mon., 7 to 11 a. m.

All of Us Here to All of you There

BEST WISHES

for a Merry Yuletide

Henry's Cafe
East Side Square

Air Force Training Program Open for Snyder Area Men

The United States Air Force will begin on March 1, 1948, at Randolph Field, Texas another 12-month Aviation Cadet Training Program for potential flying officers. Corporal C. W. Cathey, commander of the Snyder U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station at the courthouse stated today.

This program is open to enlisted men currently in the service, Reserve Officers and members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, officers and enlisted men of the National Guard,

and to qualified civilians. To qualify, the applicants for Aviation Cadet Training must be unmarried citizens between the ages of 20 and 26½ years, must have completed at least half the credits leading to a college degree or be able to pass an educational examination given by the Air Force, and must be physically qualified.

Combat wounded veterans wishing to re-enter the service and veterans wishing to re-enlist for the E. T. O. should do so before December 31, 1947.

Legumes, pastures and succulent feeds add production and profit and afford one of the best ways of saving high priced grain.

IRA COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Mabel Webb, Correspondent

The weather has been cool but fair since last issue of The Times. People are wishing it stays this way until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Westbrook of Houston arrived the first of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ashmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smallwood and sons, Dalwin and Joe, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smallwood and son, J. W., left Saturday for points in Texas and Alabama to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb of Brownfield returned home Tuesday of last week after spending part of the week with her mother, Mrs. Des Bryant, and sons.

Miss Billie Jean Childress, who is working at Odessa, arrived Sunday to spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Moran, Gloria Neil and Jimmie Pat, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moran and sons, were shopping at Big Spring Saturday.

Rev. W. F. Smith of Fairview filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night. He was accompanied by his wife and small son.

Our school was scheduled to turn out Tuesday for a two-week vacation. Teachers and pupils will spend the holidays in various places.

On Sunday, December 28, Rev. O. P. Clark, district superintendent of the Sweetwater District, will preach at 11:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church. Winner will be served "on the ground" at noon, and quarterly conference will be held after noon. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. B. F. Eades and children, Janice and Royce Lynn, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eades at Snyder Saturday afternoon.

We are glad to report John Harvey Taylor able to be up and about again after a siege of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clark brought their baby home Thursday after being in the Snyder General Hospital with an infected thumb.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Smith and Mrs. Adela McCright and son, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones and children returned to their home at Noche after working here for awhile.

The Ira High School boys' and girls' basketball teams played the Hermleigh boys and girls at the Ira gymnasium Thursday night. Ira was defeated by a small score—but we are proud of them just the same!

The Baptists, people surprised their pastor and wife with a Christmas tree and plenty of gifts of food and presents Sunday night at church.

The Christmas program at the Church of God Sunday night was a great success. A good sized crowd attended.

We extend sympathy to the loved ones of Dr. C. E. Walker and Jess Allen, who died at Snyder last week. Mrs. Mattie Minor of Tyler is spending the Christmas holidays with her children, Mr. and Mrs.

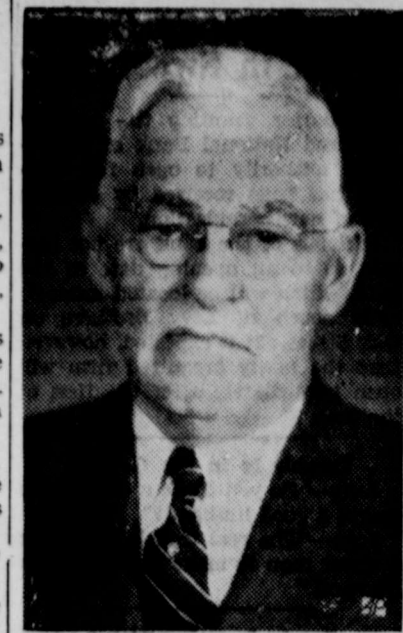
Autry Eubank, Mr. and Mrs. James Minor and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Minor.

James Perry Echols, who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, arrived home Friday afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Echols.

Mrs. Nettie Dean of Fort Worth is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Fred Price of this community and Mrs. W. L. Rhoades, who is convalescing from a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Boyd of California arrived Friday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives here.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Times force, the correspondents and all who read the paper!



SERIOUSLY ILL—Guinn Williams, 76 (above) is a former congressman from the 13th Texas District. Williams was elected a U. S. representative in 1922 and served 11 years before retiring because of ill health. He is a former president of the Texas Goat Raisers Association, the Texas Wool and Mohair Company and the Texas Production Credit Corporation. He has been seriously ill at San Angelo, his home for several years.

Coke Stevenson May Run for Senate Seat

Scurry County folks interested in his political aspirations declared this week that it looks as if rumors saying that former Governor Coke Stevenson will run for the United States senate next year may be true. Competent sources have revealed in Dallas that Stevenson has arranged to announce his candidacy by radio on January 1.

These sources say Stevenson will be heard on Texas radio networks shortly before broadcast of the New Year's Day football games.

Senator O'Daniel, the incumbent, has not formally announced for reelection. It is considered certain he will try to keep his seat.

Slightly Confused—“Are you the judge of the reprobrates?” the lady inquired. “I am judge of probate,” was the answer.

“Well, that's what I want, I guess. You see, my husband died untested and left several little infidels, and I want to be their executioner!”

To Make Gravy—The teacher of the Sunday school class was explaining the story of Elijah and the prophet of Baal; how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, and cut the bullock in pieces and hid them on the altar.

“And then,” said the teacher, “he commanded the people to fill four barrels with water and pour it over the altar; and they did this four times. Now, can any one tell why this water was poured over the bullock on the altar?”

“Please sir, to make the gravy,” came a prompt reply from one listener.

Mrs. T. L. DeLoach, Former Ira Woman, Passes at Houston

Mrs. T. L. DeLoach, the former Ada Newman, who lived at Ira during her girlhood, died December 3 at Houston. The Times is informed this week she was 57 years old. Final rites were held for the Houston woman December 5. Interment was in the Forest Park Cemetery in Houston. Rev. M. A. Treadwell officiated.

Palbearers at the funeral were classmates of a son, Eddie DeLoach. Mrs. DeLoach had been living in Houston for 24 years.

Survivors are her husband, T. L. DeLoach of Houston formerly of Ira; four sons, J. L. DeLoach of Austin, P. R. DeLoach of Fayetteville, G. R. DeLoach of Goose Creek and Eddie DeLoach of Houston; three daughters, Mrs. Olaf Lindaloff of Lomita, California, Mrs. W. J. Bechtold of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Howard Hanning of Houston; her mother, Mrs. E. Rennell of Houston; seven grandchildren; two brothers, S. H. Newman of Big Spring and G. R. Newman of Baileyboro; one sister, Mrs. Guy Munn of Junction.

Mrs. DeLoach had been a member of the Baptist Church for many years.

In Appreciation at Christmastime

Arrival of the Christmas Season reminds us of our obligations to the fine people of this community. We appreciate the excellent treatment we have received and take this means of sending our greetings to each of you.

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The BLESSINGS of Christmas

The cordiality of Christmas is one of the finest blessings that any of us can possibly enjoy. To us, Christmas means much more than just the opportunity of presenting and receiving gifts. It's more than a season of exchanging greetings and it goes far deeper than the traditional festive occasions.

Christmas, for us, is a season of genuine good will and happiness, a time of thanksgiving for all.

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East Side Square

Season's Greetings

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Foot Itch-Toe Itch

Agonizing, itching torture from Foot Itch, Athlete's Foot, Cracks, Itch, Pruritus, Factory Itch, Barber's Itch, Ringworm, Ringworm of the scalp and other itching due to fungus infections is relieved at once on contact with specially prepared, scientific Benzamide. A liquid, clean to use. Originated by a Dermatologist. First bottle guaranteed to please. Sent prepaid upon receipt of price, 50c.

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Wanted

WANTED—Long and short hauling, anytime, day or night.—John C. (Lum) Day, phone 204-W. 2-lf

WANT to make your belts, buckles, buttons and buttonholes.—The Button Shop, Mrs. Sterling Taylor, 2206 27th Street. 3-lf

Miscellaneous

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. 25-lf

Snyder Chapter No. 450, Order of Eastern Star, will hold stated meetings on the first and third Thursday nights, 7:00 o'clock at Masonic Hall. Visitors welcome.—Leona Weathers, W. M., Oma Wren, Secretary. 5-lf

TRACTORS WANTED—Cash for late model tractors.—Don Robinson Tractor Company. 27-3c

LOST—Ladies' gold watch with chain band, in Baptist Church; reward. Return to Times. 1p

\$50 REWARD will be paid for information leading to recovery of tools taken from my pickup Friday night.—E. S. McNeill, Route 2, Snyder. 1p

POULTRY RAISERS, you will get more eggs this fall and winter if you use Quick-Rid Poultry Tonic. It is a positive flock wormer, repels all blood-sucking parasites and is one of the best conditioners on the market. Sold and guaranteed by your dealer. 15-lf

Scurry County Memorial Post No. 8231, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Snyder, Texas, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.—R. M. Hedges, Commander; J. C. Williamson, Adjutant; Aetlee Kincaid, Quartermaster. 1c

Business Services

CALL BILL SNIDER, phone 540-W. If you are being peeped at; he will hang tailor-made Venetian blinds for you. 28-2p

WE REPAIR electric irons! Bring us that iron that has been giving you trouble—let us get it back in service.—King & Brown. 45-lf

WE SELL as well as service vacuum cleaners. See our display.—King & Brown. 8-lf

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-lf

HURRY AND FINISH your bulb planting some time in December. We still have paper white narcissus for water, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and amaryllis.—Bell's Flower Shop. 27-3c

PLENTY OF MONEY to loan; low rate of interest; long terms.—Spears Real Estate, over Penney's. 15-lf

DID YOU KNOW a plumber is like a doctor—subject to call day or night? Call day 82 or night 540-W. Bill Snider is there. 29-2p

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the capital stock of Snyder National Bank, Snyder, Texas, will meet in their regular annual meeting in the offices of said bank, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, January 13, 1948, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.—A. C. Alexander, Vice President. 27-4c

LET US figure with you on your stucco, tile and concrete work.—Phone 143-W or O. C. Floyd. 2-lf

PAPER HANGING; first class work a specialty; estimates cheerfully given; also samples to show.—Rev. Harley Smith, Box 76, Ira, Texas. 26-lf

CALL BILL SNIDER for linoleum on your cabinet, floors or walls. Phone 540-W. Night and day phone 82. 29-2p

Real Estate for Sale

FOR SALE—Four-room modern house on lot 75x150 feet.—1506 32nd Street. 1p

FOR SALE—80 acres good land and one new five-room house, three-quarters of mile from producing oil well; \$100 per acre.—Audrey Clark, 3101 Avenue N or Box 234. 23-2c

FOR SALE—80-acre farm located eight miles west of Snyder on highway; fair improvements; well irrigated; electricity; half of royalty; priced \$4,800. See O. L. Williams, Snyder Produce. 25-2c

MONUMENT SALES and Service—We will appreciate your business, large or small; final dates cut on your monuments at reasonable cost. See or write Adams Monument Company, C. W. Duke Jr., Local Manager, Route 4, Lamesa, Texas. 24-lf

LET US DO your dice rolling and other general blacksmith work.—Jack Darby Blacksmith Shop. 25-lf

FOR SALE—Broad tire heavy duty wagon and 400-pound capacity McCormick-Deering cream separator with electric motor attached.—John R. Covey. 29-4p

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom with private entrance.—2506 Avenue N, phone 26-W. 1c

Legal

No. 1084. Probate Docket, The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County—Greeting. You are hereby commanded by making publication of this citation for one time, not less than ten days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, in a newspaper of general circulation in said County of Scurry, to cite all persons interested in the Estate of Wiley B. Akers, deceased, and such publication shall cite them and each of them, and they and each of them are hereby cited to appear in the County Court of Scurry County, Texas, in the courthouse thereof, on the first Monday after the completion of such publication, which is the 5th day of January, 1948, and contest, should they desire, to do so, the exhibit, final account and application for discharge, filed in said court on the 17th day of December, 1947, which will then and there by such court be acted on.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court on the 5th day of January, 1948, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. P. Billingsley, Clerk of the County Court of Scurry County, Texas, J. P. Billingsley, County Clerk, Scurry County, Texas.

Issued this 18 day of December, A. D. 1947. J. P. Billingsley, County Clerk, Scurry County, Texas. 1c

FOR SALE—Plenty of dressed hens. See George Clark at Ice Plant. 21-lf

FOR SALE—New Perfection five-burner cabinet type kerosene range; good condition.—John R. Covey, Snyder. 28-4c

FOR SALE—Lovely Roper gas flat top cook stove; new.—Mrs. H. F. Brown, phone 4. 28-lf

FOR SALE to the highest Bidder—The frame barn and three-room house at the old Wolf Park estate that is being made into a park by the VFW. Public auction will be held at the park Saturday afternoon, January 3, 3:00 o'clock. Bids will be accepted for any amount over \$750 for the barn and \$1,250 for the house. The property is open for inspection. 28-3c

FOR SALE—1944 K-5 International truck with grab bed and cattle boards, 800x25 10-ply tires on rear; price \$1,100.—Gladys Suter, Ira, Texas. 28-2p

FOR SALE—One stock feeder, 14 feet long, \$90; feed mill, \$75; and extra good white pigs ready to go January 1, \$12 each.—Homer Huddeleston, three miles southeast of Ira. 28-2p

FOR SALE—Four-room house with bath; modern conveniences; new plumbing and heating; two blocks from school, 2812 Avenue L.—G. L. Autry Jr. at Rainbow Market. 23-lf

FOR SALE—Overhead tank, 5x5 ft. with steel tower. J. A. Dever, nine miles west of Snyder. Route 1 29-2p

FOR SALE—My broiler plant, including 23 battery brooders and 3,500 chickens; with or without 25x46-foot Army building.—George Clark at the Ice Plant. 1c

FOR SALE—Late model Ford tractor; practically new. Apply at Rainbow Market. 1c

FOR SALE—1941 Ford tractor with 28-inch terracing disc, 16-inch double bottom breaking plow, cultivator and planter; all factory made; can be seen at Buddy Howell's place at Camp Springs, or write John Bruton, Star Route, Andrews, Texas. 29-2p

Jesse M. Allen, In County for 50 Years, Succumbs

Funeral services for Jesse M. Allen, 61, who died Saturday in a Roscoe hospital, were held Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

First Conference Tilt At Roscoe January 9

Snyder's Tigers will open the basketball conference with Roscoe at Roscoe, on January 9, 1948. The Plowboys have been on top of the district for the last two years.

Flower bearers were Doris Camp, Mrs. Lee Nell Holden, Wilda Allen, Jenelda Holmes.

Surviving Mr. Allen are his wife, Mrs. Ina Allen of Snyder; four daughters, Mrs. Smith Adams of Sweetwater, Mrs. Ernest Maupin of Gruver, Mrs. Doyle Parmer of Snyder and Mrs. Loretta Bell Elliott of Tyler; two sons, Delbert Allen of Specrman and Odell Allen of Snyder; one brother, Mose Allen of Colorado City; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ross Pate, Archa Martin, Ira Nolan, Bishop Vineyard, Burl Lewis and Henry Camp.

Businessmen in School Program On Bill of Rights

Miss Katherine Northcutt's civics group presented a playlet, "Our Bill of Rights," Friday, December 12.

Scene I showed the home of a modern day family and Bill, played by Donnie Everett, telling his father, Billy Don Burk, and mother Honias Farrar, about his speech for the following day in assembly on the Bill of Rights.

In scene II Bill makes his speech in assembly and before a number of guests: Policeman, Mr. Leamon Land; preacher, Rev. E. K. Shepherd; teacher, Katherine Northcutt; Mr. Murphy, Mr. O. M. Fowler; lawyer, Mr. C. F. Sentell; farmer, Mr. Tommy Beene; and newspaper editor, Mr. Willard Jones.

Bill had his four freedoms to speak: Worship, Johnnye Cole; Speech, Willie Martin; Press, Harold Buchanan; Assembly, Daphna Stephens. Flag bearers were Daphna Eicke, Joyce von Roeder, and

New Bank to Open Soon in Sweetwater

A charter granting the recently organized National Bank of Sweetwater authority to open for business has been received by officials of the new organization.

Officials of the bank are not certain as to an opening date of the bank which will be located immediately south of Levy Brothers on Oak Street. It is expected, however, that the newly organized firm will open immediately after the first of the year.

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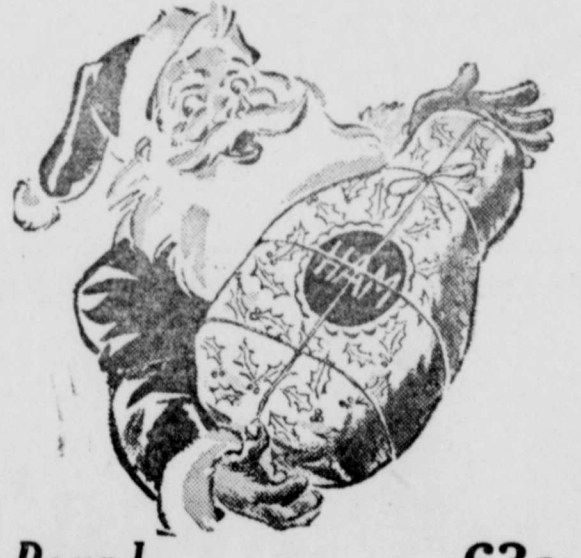
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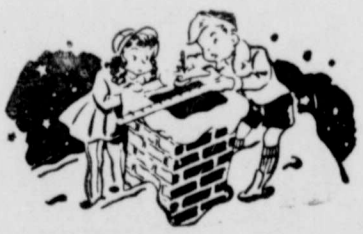
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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun, and a book and a monopoly set.—Jerry Herndon, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bicycle, a cydee doll, a machine, a Mickey Mouse watch and a camera. With love—Glendesa Dupree, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a very nice boy. Would you bring me a pair of overshoes for Christmas? I need them very bad. Love—Ralph Fowler, Snyder.

Dear Santa: Are you coming to see us Christmas? If you do, leave me a doll like a baby. I would like it very much and I would like to have some cloth to sew. I will be seeing you. With lots of love—Jo Ann Strickland, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a football suit and some books. Bring Max a fountain pen set and my dad two dozen dollar bills. My mother some gowns and hose. Jimmie wants some dollar bills. I can't think of another thing, except a football. Good luck—Bob Coffee, P. S.—I think I have been good.

Dear Santa Claus: We are three little boys. We have tried to be good this year. We want a football, two guns with scabbards and little cars and a little horse for the baby. Don't forget other good boys and girls. Your friends—Dwaine, Charles Thomas and Craig Merritt.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a scabbard for my BB gun, and my BB gun is a long gun but it is long enough for a scabbard. You know a 22 is about as long as a BB gun. I thought I would write you a letter. With love—Linnuel, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a di-dee doll, two record albums and a set of dishes and a watch and a book and some surprises. Love—Jane Joyce, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring one record player with records and candy and nuts. I like you Santa. Your friend—Patty Joyce Niedecken, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nine years old. Please send me a pair of shop made boots for Christmas. I have a little brother seven years old and he would like

to have a dump truck and a car. My sister would like to have a little doll for Christmas. My mother wants a pair of shop made boots. My little cousin wants a little bouncing horse. And don't forget that I wear size three in boots and daddy wears size six in boots. Santa I hope you get around to all the little girls' and boys' houses. Love—Delbert Harold Hataway, Route 2, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a magic skin doll that will take her bottle. And my sister wants a magic skin doll, too. And some candy and nuts. Yours truly, Love—Mildred Creekmore, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the fifth grade. I want a pair of roller skates and a battle jacket suit for Christmas. Please bring me what I want. I will be looking for you Christmas eve. Please come. Love—Lue Carolyn Sturdivant, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bicycle and cap gun. I want a wood carving set and electric train and nuts. Love—Sam Martin, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a set of guns. Will you bring me a bicycle and a trunk? Will you bring me a

pair of socks and some boots. I want a car and an airplane and a pair of shoes and three suits of clothes. Also some sacks of candy and nuts. Will you bring Weldon a truck? Will you bring me a hat? I want a wagon. With love—Billy Joe Lloyd.

Dear Saint Nick: I have been a pretty good boy this year, and I want you to bring me an electric train and a BB gun and five books of Red Ryder. With love—Albert Ronnie Riley, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a Mickey Mouse watch and a pair of skates, a cowgirl suit and nuts and candy. Love—Joe Ann Morgan, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a BB gun, a puzzle set, a bike and lots of candy. Please send my little brother a puzzle set, a football and lots of candy and nuts. With love—Iva Nell Chandler, Snyder.

Dear Santa: Please remember all my room. For Christmas I want an airplane, baseball bat, baseball glove and a football. Your friend—Herbert Don Portis, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 10 years old and I am in the fifth grade. I would like a wrist watch and a new pair of boots, a bicycle which I doubt if I get. Your friend—Sidney Wallace Johnson.

Dear Santa: I have never seen you, but I know you are a swell guy. This Christmas I want an electric train, a football, a baseball and bat, and a BB gun and I sure hope I get a fishing set because I love fishing. Well I'll have to close now. I'm going to get my arithmetic. Love—Kenneth Lynch.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I want you to bring me a bicycle and a BB gun. With love—Billy Metz, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be a good boy. I am nine years old. I would like for you to bring me a little jeep as I saw in the catalog. I would like for you to bring me a pair of cowboy boots for this weather. I would like for you to bring me a toy gun and holster. That will be all I want. Your friend, Wayne Ramsey, 2511 Avenue W, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me some candy and fruit? I want a gun and a cowboy hat like the one you got me last Christmas. Yours truly, love—Donald Halpain.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl in the third grade. I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a watch, a book, "Bobby Twins in the Country," and a sweater? And don't forget—all the other little children. Love—Mickey Camp.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As you gather with your loved ones and friends for a happy Christmas, just remember that we shall be thinking of you, and of the amicable relations that have existed between us. We want you to know these associations mean much to us and we are hopeful that we may continue to enjoy your goodwill in the years to come.

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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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.

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Kathleen Norris Says: Nineteen-Forty-Eight: Threat or Promise?

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"Time has come to forget petty ambitions; to use what we have in house-ware and clothing; to improve what we have rather than cast it out for something else."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

LIVE heroically in 1948. Let this year be the year that makes up, in your home and in your character, for the mistakes of other years.

Wake up. Realize that we have reached a crisis in human affairs before which all other human crises and dangers are as nothing. We have so perfected various scientific discoveries as to make everything that happens to us universal. We are one great people in the world, and it is for us to live heroically.

Dismiss your personal frets and troubles. Rise above them. Help to build that new America that is going to build the new world.

That all the world is turning to us, we know. Some nations ask for help in staggering to their feet after almost complete demolition, some ask for money, some for food and clothing, some for military protection. You belong to the nation that does not take from other nations, that does not even hold her riches for herself, but must give them away like transfusions of life blood to half the nations of the world.

Be worthy of this great destiny of ours. If we are to support so many millions of the less fortunate, we must be strong. Clear out of your life everything that binds your hands and feet from usefulness. Every family, every household, that is not giving to the great world demand now is taking from the general supply.

So first get your own house in order. That is, make it a home. If you are contemplating divorce, especially if there are children, think it over. See if you can't shake up the same ingredients, and make a success of it. Broken homes cost the commonwealth dearly in broken characters.

Get out of debt. It can be done. Catch up with the bills, no matter what humiliating changes it makes in your way of life. You'll never be free until you're free of debt. Debts undermine marriage. Many a nervous, dyspeptic, overworked man could find himself miraculously free of ailments and feel 10 years younger, if wife and children conspired to stay within the family income.

If you're very young, make 1948 the year you grow spiritually and mentally. Give up demanding luxuries, wasting time, running with the wrong companions. America may need you desperately in a few years, to take your place in your town or city government, or in Washington. Get ready to serve.

This new year is not like any other we ever have had. The slow, fruitless months since the wars ended in 1945 have brought us no nearer a lasting peace. The world still rumbles with wars; new wars threaten us, old wars are not ended. Our enemies of yesterday are asking help as friends today; our friends of a few years ago are showing themselves ready for hostilities.

It must be a dull woman indeed who does not realize that strange times are ahead of us; who does not realize that the time has come to forget petty ambitions, unavoidable discomforts and annoyances? This is the time to pay bills, to live simply, to keep the house welcoming



"Give up luxuries, wrong companions..."

'New Look' Can Permanently Injure, Surgeon Warns

"The American female figure, scientifically ideal, is being driven back to the twisted ruin of the Middle Ages by the 'new look' with its waist-pinchers, wires, whalebone and other methods of medieval torture chambers. Our most beautiful women, like Lana Turner and Rita Hayworth are in peril of losing their figures," warns Dr. Elsie K. LaRoe, New York City plastic surgeon.

OUR MISSION

The whole world is turning to the United States for help, for leadership, says Miss Norris. The new year offers a stern challenge to Americans. We have a great destiny to fulfill. We can meet our mighty responsibilities only by living heroically and unselfishly. It will test our spiritual resources as well as our material, to answer the call.

We must first put our own house in order, she goes on. We should strive to make a success of marriage, to shelve thoughts of divorce or separation. We must live thriftily, stay clear of debt or clear up our obligations as rapidly as possible. The young should live wisely and actively. We must all work and save, study and pray, Miss Norris tells us.

This is no time for pious platitudes, she warns. The misery is real; the danger of collapse, war, world chaos is terribly apparent to those who are aware of conditions outside the United States. If we fail in our great mission, a new Dark Age may soon be settling on the earth.

and comfortable for everyone who comes to it.

Study International Affairs. This is the time to use what we have in houseware and clothing; to improve what we have rather than cast it out for something else; to work on the marriage problem as if it were any other delicate and dangerous business that must be brought to success. It is time to study, however casually and bewilderedly, the problems of national and international affairs. It is time to study, above all, our own history, and teach its tremendous lessons to our children. If we are to hold on to democracy and all it means to us, these next few years are the time to get to work.

If we are to hold on to our faith in the God who has guided our extraordinary destiny this far, then these are the years in which to put that faith to the test. No New Year's resolution could be more important than that. Any national policy that tells us that religion is merely "the opiate of the people" is not the policy upon which America's great destiny was based.

No, much as we fail in our ideals, still we cling to them. We still determine, over and over again, that want and suffering, slums and crowding, ignorance and penury and vice shall be lessened, shall be done away with, because we believe in God's law. These are the things that we have to prove to the world, in the crisis ahead. These are the great ends that ought to eclipse and blot out small and selfish personal aims. Wendell Willkie said, "To raise the standard of living of any man anywhere in the world is to raise the standard of living by some slight degree of every man, everywhere in the world."

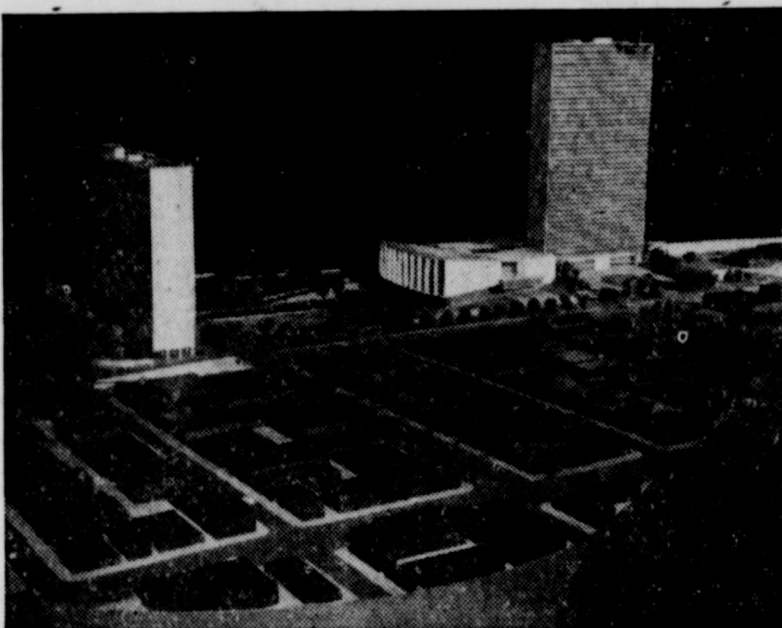
If we are to go on, as America, then there are some serious resolutions for you and me to make this New Year's Day.

"Like Dark Ages," Says Bishop Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster in London, likened conditions in eastern Europe under "atheistic communism" to those existing in the "Dark Ages." "Are there not slaves in the factories and working camps in eastern Europe much as in the Dark Ages? Neither powerful slogans nor higher wages are sufficient incentive to make men work harder in Britain," the cardinal declared. The only way is to treat him as man, "to address him as a soul created by God."

The Times' Weekly Page of World News in Pictures



CORN KING . . . Walter J. Harpel, 45, of Shannondale, Ind., crowned 1947 Corn King of North America, is shown with the 10-year exhibit of Indiana certified yellow dent hybrid 844-D corn that won him the grand championship at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Harpel's recipe for growing top-flight corn is "good soil management that builds up the soil's organic matter supply, good seed, plenty of fertilizer and hard work."



WORLD CAPITAL—CITY OF GLASS . . . Glass will be the main motif of the projected United Nations buildings in New York, shown here in a model. Most startling innovation is the use of double-paned glass sheets which provide for about a foot of space between inner and outer windows so that solar heat can be isolated, making it simple to keep buildings cool in summer. Coolness will be a vital prerequisite of any building housing some of the hot U. N. debates.



REMEMBER TOM MIX? . . . Dedication of a marker to Tom Mix, famed movie cowboy idol, drew crowds (including these three buckaroos) to the spot along the Florence-Tucson highway in Arizona where Mix was killed in an auto accident seven years ago. The seven-foot marker of malpai stone is topped by a silhouette of Tony, the star's wonder horse, and contains a bronze plaque.



FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON . . . The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle (left), named by Pope Pius XII to be the first archbishop of Washington, D. C., is congratulated by Francis Cardinal Spellman on his new status. Monsignor O'Boyle, native of Scranton, Pa., is now executive director of Catholic charities of the archdiocese of New York. Washington formerly was a part of the archdiocese of Baltimore.



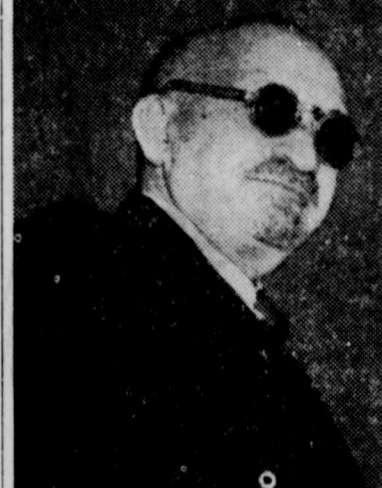
NEW FOOD SAVER . . . James A. Stillwell is the head of a sub-committee of the President's cabinet food committee to take over the food saving drive where Charles Luckman left off. The 1948 program will stress food conservation in the American home.



PUPPY LOVE . . . Softhearted Mrs. John Jacob Astor of the New York Astors carried her Mexican hairless Chihuahua dog inside her mink coat when she ventured out with him on a cold night. There was enough mink fur to keep them both warm.



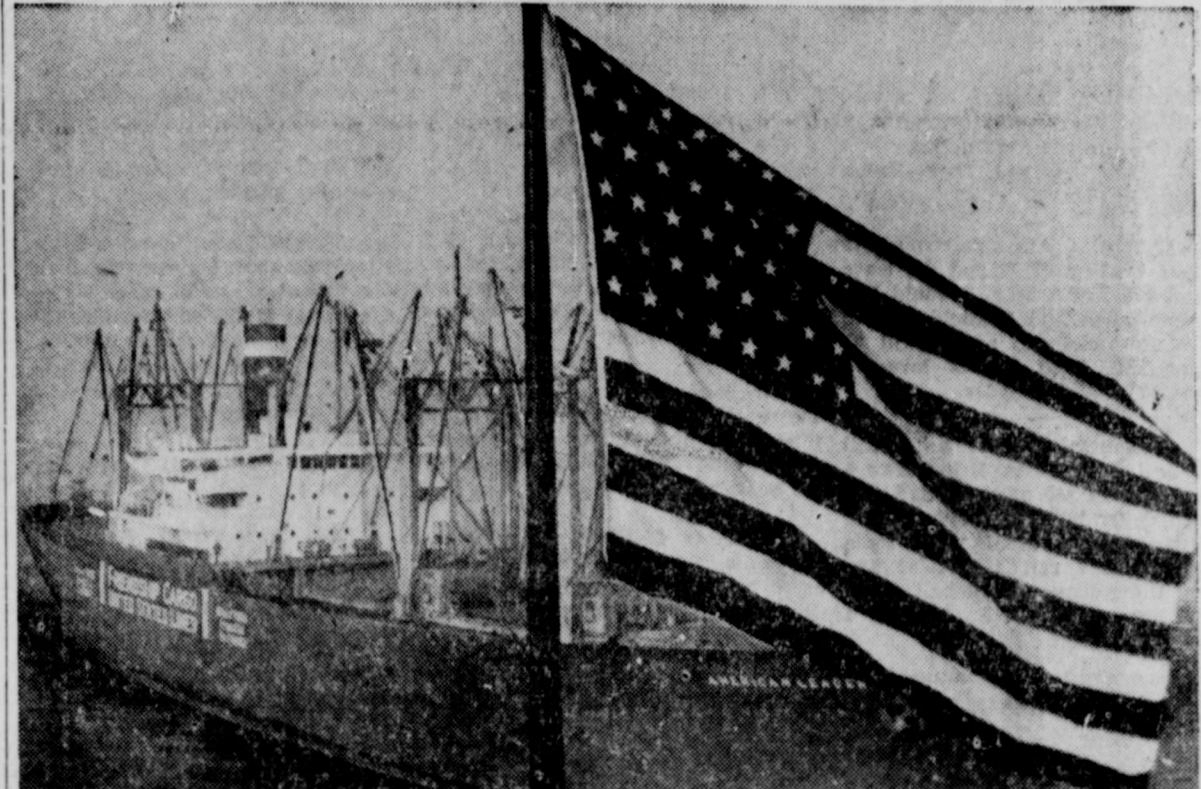
TOLD OF PANIC . . . Alexis C. Ladas, Greek language announcer for the U. S. "Voice of America" broadcasts, is shown as he told of a wave of bank runs and panic buying in Moscow and other large Russian cities as a result of a rumor that the ruble was to be devaluated.



ZIONIST LEADER . . . Chaim Weizmann, noted Jewish scientist and president of the World Zionist organization, was hailed as the first president of the new Jewish state in Palestine created by U. N. partition of the Holy Land.



PENN STATE BEST . . . Coach Bob Higgins of Penn State is shown with the Lambert trophy and plaque symbolizing selection of the school's football team as the outstanding one in the East. Experts chose Penn State over Penn. Army, Columbia and Rutgers.



FRIENDSHIP AND FLAG OF FRIENDSHIP . . . With the flag of the United States waving in the foreground the S. S. American Leader, which carried the cargo collected by the Friendship Train to Europe's needy, is shown as she set out on her philanthropic Atlantic voyage. The ship loaded 3 million pounds of food in Philadelphia and picked up an additional 5.4 million pounds in New York before she set sail for Europe.



IF STATESMEN COPIED THEIR CHILDREN . . . One of the comments on the wranglings that frequently occur in the august councils of the United Nations is that the statesmen behave like children. If they really did so, there would be fewer quarrels, for the children of the delegates get along fine together at the U. N. nursery school at Lake Success, N. Y. For instance, at left here Anna Storojev of Russia looks down from her perch on the rope ladder into the laughing face of Catherine Houlbregue of France, and neither of them gives a whoop what their dads are fighting over. In center Stephanie Singer of the United Kingdom and Florence Wu (right) of China prove that East can meet West in harmony. At the right pensive Linda Linder of the U. S. is trying to decide nothing more profound than whether she should take her nap or keep on enjoying her picture book.



OLYMPIC SKIERS FOR UNCLE SAM . . . The numerals on the backs of these four women skiers, shown at Sun Valley, Ida., symbolize their selection by the Olympic committee to compete on the U. S. Olympic team at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 1948. Left to right, they are: Gretchen Fraser, Vancouver, Wash.; Andrea Mead, Rutland, Vt.; Paula Kann, North Conway, N. H.; and Brynhild Grasmoen, Merced, Calif.



N. A. M. PREXY . . . Earl Bunting (left), whose term as president of the National Association of Manufacturers expires December 31, congratulates Morris Sayre, who takes over the office on January 1.



PLAQUE MARKS ATOMIC BIRTHPLACE . . . On fifth anniversary of the self-sustained chain reacting pile which led to development of atomic bomb, notables gather at University of Chicago, where the world-shaking event took place, to unveil commemorative plaque. Left to right are: Walter H. Zinn; Sumner Pike, vice chairman of atomic energy commission; S. K. Allison, Robert F. Bacher, Farrington Daniels, W. W. Waymack, Enrico Fermi and Robert M. Hutchins.



THE TWAIN MEETS . . . It was only a matter of time until the American custom of chewing bubble gum stretched over to China. Here, Ma Pei-Tung of Honan province enjoys his first experience with the stuff.

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DOAN'S PILLS

Insiders say the movie biz is being used "as a guinea pig" by the banks. If cinematogams maintain profits by shaving staffs and expenses, the same procedure will be tried in other industries. . . . In the Times many gals seeking jobs advertised themselves as "Gal Fridays." . . . For every general such as Merle living in clover—there were 10 like General Wainwright who suffered in the Bataan Death March. . . . "Bonanza Boudid" will be the last Broadway show score to set under the Petrillo wire.

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Open Letter to Santa Claus:

This is a Christmas letter to request something for all the children of the earth. . . . First, they are entitled to the truth about you. . . . So let us tell them, Santa. Because it is dangerous not to. Tell them that not only is it true that there is a Santa Claus, but also that the Christmas spirit is the only true thing in the world. Tell them, Santa, that you must get along with each other, as each of them gets along with you.

Santa, please in this 20th century you have simply got to stand up for the rights of hundreds of millions of children who believe in you. . . . You know, and I know, that this adult world is phony. But it is time that the adult world lived up to the star on the Christmas tree, instead of the tinsel in its hair.

Tell the children of the world, Santa, that all boundaries are fakes. . . . And that a line on a map means a fence around a heart. . . . Tell them that any man is an enemy of Santa Claus who thinks that he can prevent the Christmas spirit by substituting a toy in a child's hand—instead of putting love and trust in its soul.

And, Santa, if there is anything left over, give us grownups the power to live up to the love of our children for us. . . . We have so much hope for them, and they have so much trust in you.—W. W.

Headline: "Vishinsky Sails for Home." Bum Voyage! . . . World War I and World War II supposedly taught us a lesson. And they did. They and II can add up to III. One ally or so peace-loving Nazis is that we need them (as allies) in a war against Russia. How times don't change! Neville Chamberlain inked the Munich pact for the same reason. . . . "Laugh in Reader's Digest: "While anxious relatives gathered at a lawyer's office to hear a will, they heard: "Being of sound body and mind, I spent all my money while alive."

Washington Ticker: Insiders claim the "fed" between the President and Bob Hannegan (which both will tut-tut and poo-poo) is "so bitter" that Hannegan won't even "coach from the sidelines" during the '48 campaign. Hannegan, incidentally, is the first politician ever to go to Missouri from Washington — a new switch. Ed Pauley, they insist, has no part of the St. Louis Cardinals. But he was the one "who arranged the loan" which Hannegan's syndicate floated via a St. Louis bank. . . . Senator Capper of Kansas will sponsor legislation (or hazy?) prohibiting hoop adverts in the papers and over the airwaves.

Funny thing: Since we got the A-bomb (history's most potent weapon), Americans never felt so insecure. . . . There's a terrific fear in the current United Nations World War. The latest A-bomb is 50 times more potent than the one that splintered Hiroshima. Moscow papers, please copy.

The Late Watch: Since the expose of Gen. Bennett Meyers, many air force one-to-four starers are wearing their civies off post, especially when shopping, to discourage snide comment about war-profiteering generals. . . . A staffer at Fortune mag did a little researching on the current two-buck letter fad (which rates a federal rap) and wound up with 900 slugs! . . . Swank Nassau hotels are hiring Canadian bands (instead of Yankee crews) because they can't spend US. . . . About three-fifths of Equity's actors are unemployed. The number "at liberty" is about 5,800; the number of Equity members is about 6,300.

Great Rockne Saga: The time he got miffed over sports page notices that his Four Horsemen were "the team." Rockne (with-out warning) replaced the quartet (just as the game began) with four "unknowns" and beat Yale!

Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON

Backbone of Nation

WASHINGTON. President Truman heard some plain talk on that farmers think about soil conservation and reclamation when he met recently with a group of Democratic congressmen who have been polling farm-state sentiment. "This can't wait, Mr. President," warned Rep. Walter Granger of Utah, referring to soil depletion. "You should act once to allay misunderstandings about the Marshall plan among our agricultural producers. Farmers must be assured that we are not going to deplete the soil by taking something out without putting something back in to safeguard future crops."

Young Rep. Eugene Worley of Texas also stressed that most farmers were of the opinion that the European relief program was "purely humanitarian." This, said Worley, was due to the lack of educational publicity from Washington. "We talked to a great many people during the (congressional) recess," related Rep. Stephen Pace of Georgia, "and we found not only farmers, but people generally, of the opinion that our soil should not be neglected while the country is making this food contribution to other lands."

Rep. Thomas Abernethy of Mississippi told the President about the facetious remark of a Negro farmer at a hearing Abernethy and his Democratic colleagues held in Montgomery, Ala. "Mr. Chairman," said the farmer, "they always say that the farmer is the backbone of the nation. If that is true and you folks in Washington continue to neglect the farmer, then all I can say is—the nation is going to have a mighty weak backbone."

Pattern for Prayer

Ex-Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce and New York's leftist Vito Marcantonio clashed vehemently in a radio debate over the possibilities of "war with Russia." Mrs. Luce said Russia's tactics made war certain. Marcantonio repeated the Vishinsky theme about warmongers. After their bitter debate, however, Mrs. Luce and the New York congressman, once colleagues on Capitol Hill, relaxed. "You know, Marc," said Mrs. Luce, "after the lesson I taught you tonight, you should get down on your knees and pray." "Clare," replied Marcantonio, "you don't pray with your knees. You pray with your heart."

Bureaus Count Dollars

It should interest those who worry about government expenditures that the agriculture department has been haggling lately with its most stubborn customer — the army. The argument is a familiar one in the grocery business. Agriculture has some surplus stocks on its hands that it would like to sell — dried fruits, dried eggs, sweet potatoes and peanuts. But the army is a frugal buyer and won't pay the prices. Agriculture argues that the army is in no position to quibble over prices with starving people to feed in occupied areas, points out that the army's duty is to lay hands on any food it can get. Besides, isn't it more practical to buy up goods that will help both Europe and America at the same time?

But the army complains that its budget is running low as a result, first, of the shaving congress gave appropriations; second, the sudden skyrocketing of prices, and third, the extra bills which dollar-bankrupt Britain left the U. S. holding. Now it looks as if congress may step in and settle the controversy. At the backstage prompting of Sen. Carl Hayden, Arizona Democrat, the senate agreed to make surplus foods available for overseas relief at the same price per calory as wheat. If the resolution passes, congress will make up the losses to the agriculture department.

Best Friend of U. S.

Sen. Warren Austin of Vermont, now U. S. delegate to the United Nations, arose in the closing session of the assembly and paid tribute to a great American — Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil. The average newspaper reader might not think of the former Brazilian foreign minister as an American, because we have the bad habit of thinking that only North Americans are Americans. But not only is Aranha a great American — whether North or South — but he has been one of the greatest friends of the United States. Time after time during early stages of the war, when the Brazilian army and even President Vargas were convinced the U. S. forces would not recover from the crippling blow at Pearl Harbor, Aranha forced them to give vital Brazilian military bases to the U. S.

At the recent United Nations meeting, Aranha as president did more than any other one man to pilot the assembly through the pitfalls of Vishinsky recriminations, British vacillation and Gromyko vetoes.

Capital Chaff

Diplomats suspect one reason for moving their atomic bomb experimental headquarters to lonely Pacific islands is that the U. S. now has A-bombs so powerful they're afraid an accidental explosion will wipe out an area hundreds of miles square. . . . The new Jewish state of Palestine will ask for a 20 million dollar loan from the United States for water power development. . . . The National Farm grange has opposed income tax reduction.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Senate Ratifies Zonal Defense Pact; Administration Offers Inflation Bill; French Labor Crisis Comes to End

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HEMISPHERE Defense Treaty OK

This is, as Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (Rep., Mich.) told his fellow senators, "a significant moment to demonstrate the solidarity of this hemisphere." Major focal point of the crisis—the Communist-led strikes of more than a million French workers—had been dissolved by Premier Robert Schuman. The Communist controlled general confederation of labor (CGT) had yielded to Schuman's ultimatum and ordered nearly a million workers still on strike to return to their jobs. The action climaxed a spreading back-to-work movement on the part of the workers themselves. With its strike front disintegrated by the new laws, Communist leadership accepted Schuman's "final" offer — a \$120 bonus living allowance for all workers who returned immediately to their jobs. While it might be too early to predict with certainty, it appeared as though the breaking of the nationwide strike marked the end of the direct Communist menace to the French government. At least it was a serious setback for the Reds. Supporting the theory that Communist power in France is on the wane was the fact that, on the same day the strikers agreed to return to work, the Soviet Union broke off trade talks with France aimed at bringing sorely needed grain into the country from Russia. The Russians also threatened to terminate the 1944 Franco-Russian alliance. This was taken to mean that the Russians do not intend to do anything to aid France if the Communist party there has no chance of success in its efforts to take over the government.

On the other side of the political balance, Schuman's achievement in breaking the strike was believed to have probably set the stage for months of the return to power of Gen. Charles DeGaulle and his extreme rightist party, Rally of the French People.

HONORED GLORY: Unknown Soldier

Within the span of a few years a new monument will be erected next to the Unknown Soldier memorial in Arlington national cemetery. On it will be inscribed words with an import similar to those appearing on the older monument: "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier, known but to God." It will be the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The army already is making plans for selection of an unidentified body to be placed there. The ceremony probably will be similar to that followed in selecting the Unknown Soldier of World War I. It is likely that it will involve the selection of the remains of one unknown soldier from those of nine unidentified men who fell in combat in the nine major combat areas. Selection of the Unknown Soldier still is a long way off, however. It will not be done until the program for returning 250,000 World War II dead from overseas is completed in about three years.

CHALLENGE: Accepted

Republican leaders had issued a direct challenge to the administration to offer a bill incorporating recommendations for combating inflation, and the measure which the administration finally proposed was neither more nor less than anyone had expected. Theoretically it was a bill to allocate materials to essential users, control business inventories and continue export controls; but administration spokesmen admitted that the allocation powers provided for would authorize the government to impose consumer rationing and even to buy up entire grain crops if it saw the necessity for such action. As through the war of the administration-Republican melee over what to do and how to do it there came at least two charges of "socialization" from top U. S. businessmen leveled at the government's vowed program. J. O. McClintock, president of the Chicago board of trade, said: "Mr. Harriman's statement that the entire grain crops of the U. S. should be purchased to effect more even distribution certainly would be regarded by the producers of America as another step toward the socialization of agriculture and from that point of view obviously be considered by the farmers as discrimination against their freedom of enterprise which they always have cherished." Edward E. Brown, chairman of the First National Bank of Chicago, declared that proposals to restrict bank credits were an attempt to "socialize" the banking industry.

OIL FOR THE MIDWEST

Lake Waterway Would Furnish Supply Route

Advocates of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway plan are insisting that the Midwest oil and fuel shortage would not be as serious as it is today if the proposed waterway were built and operating. With congress making ready once again to vote on the project, the acute threat of underheated homes and idle factories in mid-America this winter highlights one of the potential new uses for the seaway: To relieve the nation's over-taxed railroads. The Midwest fuel oil shortage is caused by demand which has grown bigger than the present capacity of railroad tank cars and Midwestern refineries, industry surveys point out. But there is no shortage of ships to carry oil from overseas sources of supply. Cheapest oil coming to the United States today is arriving from South America and the Near East, but the only way for waterborne oil to reach the Midwest would be through a seaway connecting the Great Lakes ports with the Atlantic by means of a St. Lawrence passage. A similar situation is arising with relation to iron ore, as Minnesota and Michigan ranges give out. Iron ore of the future appears likely to come from Labrador, Cuba, Brazil, Sweden and other areas abroad, thus indicating a definite need for a seaway to the Midwest.

Headliners

IN ST. LOUIS . . . Kathleen Louise Timmerman (above), six months old, an advertising model earning \$5 an hour, giggled happily when she received her social security card, good for the next 65 years.

IN SEATTLE . . . Police rushed headlong to the rescue of a woman who had called them frantically to announce that her life was in danger, were told when they arrived at the scene that her boy friend had threatened to kill her by "smothering her with kisses."

IN WINDSOR, VT. . . . An inmate of the state prison requested that his scheduled release be delayed two weeks so he could appear as a drummer in the prison minstrel show, "Stars in Stripes."

CRISIS ENDED: France Wins

France, as nearly as could be ascertained in these times of mercurial events, apparently had broken the threat of immediate economic disaster and was making ready to stage a comeback. Major focal point of the crisis—the Communist-led strikes of more than a million French workers—had been dissolved by Premier Robert Schuman. The Communist controlled general confederation of labor (CGT) had yielded to Schuman's ultimatum and ordered nearly a million workers still on strike to return to their jobs. The action climaxed a spreading back-to-work movement on the part of the workers themselves. With its strike front disintegrated by the new laws, Communist leadership accepted Schuman's "final" offer — a \$120 bonus living allowance for all workers who returned immediately to their jobs. While it might be too early to predict with certainty, it appeared as though the breaking of the nationwide strike marked the end of the direct Communist menace to the French government. At least it was a serious setback for the Reds. Supporting the theory that Communist power in France is on the wane was the fact that, on the same day the strikers agreed to return to work, the Soviet Union broke off trade talks with France aimed at bringing sorely needed grain into the country from Russia. The Russians also threatened to terminate the 1944 Franco-Russian alliance. This was taken to mean that the Russians do not intend to do anything to aid France if the Communist party there has no chance of success in its efforts to take over the government.

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FODDER Spuds for Cattle

A New Jersey cattleman, Eugene K. Denton, has a theory that might go a long way toward easing the grain shortage. His idea is to feed cattle raw potatoes instead of grain. Experimenting with 20 yearlings purchased especially for the purpose, Denton fed them on a special diet, based on ground potatoes, salt and molasses, for 25 days. The steers, which averaged 667½ pounds when the experiment began, showed an average gain per steer of 1.4 pounds a day or 25½ pounds per steer for the test period. Prof. William Ljungdahl of Rutgers university department of animal husbandry called the experiments a success. Denton made public this simple formula: To every 100 pounds of freshly sliced potatoes add one handful of regular salt and one gallon of molasses water. The molasses water is prepared by adding one pint of molasses to one full pail of water. If it is a good idea to dish up Ingrid Bergman, Kate Hepburn or Myrna Loy on the same program with Squarehead Whoosis in one of those cold storage Westerns or terrible interludes which Hollywood has come to think of as comedy "shorts," it is a good idea to serve fish cakes with a breast of pheasant, force every buyer of a distinguished novel to buy a book about mushroom growing at home and make everybody at a Miss America contest first sit through a demonstration in sweater knitting. I like movies, Sam, but I don't like limburger on the same program. No more than pigs fed with ice cream. I can get my sleep easier than that. And I can keep my disposition better if I give up trying to find out what time the main feature goes on but always getting to the movie just as the "smelly" is starting. Keep fighting, Sam. A big part of the movie public is with you. The other folks are just quantity buyers and folks who are hiding from the police. Yours, Elmer.

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Letters for Special Delivery

Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, Hollywood, Calif. Dear Sam: You are the movie fans choice for president. Your recent statement that the double feature is driving a lot of people from the movie houses does it. That this should come from a movie magnate floors me, although the papers say you have long held that the bargain-basement-second-helping niclette was doing the business no good. Well, you are right as rain, Sam, and I don't mean that new scientific rain. The double feature too often is just a substitute for sleeping pills, and it is not much good for that, as the pills are easier to take. The whole theory of one good picture and one stinkeroo is boring the customers, causing widespread cries of "How can Hollywood do this to me?" and developing an "include me out" attitude toward magic lantern shows. Did Barnum give two shows a night, one with elephants and one with mice? Would the legit theater ever get anywhere by producing "Oklahoma" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on the same night program? Would baseball draw more customers to the Yankee stadium if the customers had to sit through a game between the married and single men before the main dish? Would horse racing be more popular if they put on bicycle sprints and a clambake? If it is a good idea to dish up Ingrid Bergman, Kate Hepburn or Myrna Loy on the same program with Squarehead Whoosis in one of those cold storage Westerns or terrible interludes which Hollywood has come to think of as comedy "shorts," it is a good idea to serve fish cakes with a breast of pheasant, force every buyer of a distinguished novel to buy a book about mushroom growing at home and make everybody at a Miss America contest first sit through a demonstration in sweater knitting. I like movies, Sam, but I don't like limburger on the same program. No more than pigs fed with ice cream. I can get my sleep easier than that. And I can keep my disposition better if I give up trying to find out what time the main feature goes on but always getting to the movie just as the "smelly" is starting. Keep fighting, Sam. A big part of the movie public is with you. The other folks are just quantity buyers and folks who are hiding from the police. Yours, Elmer.

What Can Ail the Kiddies?

"FOSSTON, MINN.—Two boys, aged 8 and 10, armed with six rifle and 10,000 rounds of ammunition which they stole from a sporting goods store, terrorized this town recently. They fired on homes, automobiles, gas stations and a tourist camp, holding off a sheriff's posse for hours and twice eluding it. The children had a record of a previous arrest for overturning 20 tombstones in a cemetery."—News Item.

Golly, how do you suppose children ever get ideas like that? No cooching, please!

It baffles us. Surely the national idolatry of cheap, tawdry, self-advertising characters parading all over the national scene wouldn't have anything to do with it. Kids wouldn't be induced, would they, by the fact that those who flaunt rules of decent behavior are glamorized? Naw! Let's not be silly. Whenever you read of mere babies slugging, leering, shooting and throat-slitting these days it is simply due to the fact mommer allowed them to sit in the front when infants. Popper refused Junior a Rolls Royce for Christmas. And the milk was short of vitamins. Next case, Mr. Psychiatrist! And will you take the stand, too, Mr. Balonus-Balonus? VANISHING AMERICANISMS "Where is the five-and-ten-cent department?" "We aim to please." "This store invites complaints of in civility." "Here's twenty dollars—buy Junior a bicycle." These European countries act as if they were scared stiff they would do something to get back on their own feet.

Spouse to Spouse Survey

You tax my nerves, My worry waxes, So where's the profit After taxes? Con Vezin.

CAN YOU REMEMBER—

Away back when any bright kid could answer the question "What are the important countries of Europe?" Back when you could tell the winner of a war from the loser? Doris Duke has returned to America. This now puts Fort Knox back in second place. Doris's return from Europe at this time presumably makes Europe's need of interim aid all the more urgent. Suggestion for a new liquor slogan, "Look shot, act shot, be shot." After his year in Washington, Bob Hannegan never will be surprised at anything that can happen on a baseball field.

ITS ASPIRIN AT ITS BEST

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TRY POST-WAR "FASTER ACTING" 666 COLD TABLETS

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Backaches, leg pains, broken sleep, painful passage usually go so much quicker if you switch to Foley's (the new kidney-bladder) Pills. They stimulate sluggish kidneys; then ALLAY ILLADDER IRRITATION. That's the cause of most pains, aches, urges once thought untreatable by doctors. So for quicker, longer-lasting relief, soothe bladder as well as stimulate kidney action. Do this: use Foley (the new kidney-bladder) Pills; they also have direct "water-like action" on bladder. At your druggist. Usually you find them far more satisfactory. DOUBLE YOUR MUCK BACK.

Spoken like an American!

You bet you can say it. . . . You're an American. . . . and the American Bill of Rights guarantees the right of trial by jury. But . . . Freedom doesn't work unless you work at it. . . . Vote, serve on juries, be active in community affairs, know what's going on and do something about it. Freedom is everybody's job!

Gems of Thought

NO MAN can possibly improve in any company for which he has not respect enough to be under some degree of restraint.—Chesterfield.

The worst misfortune that can happen to an ordinary man is to have an extraordinary father.

A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit.

TRAINING YOUR DOG

THERE'S a great difference in dogs. So if you are going to own a dog, give time and thought to what kind of a dog it should be. If you have lots of room—fields, woods, lawns—the working class dog is for you. Collies and Belgian Sheepsdogs are included here and they have proven their value in herding sheep and cattle. The German Shepherd dog is another breed outstanding for herding ability and an excellent watch dog to boot. Working dogs are dignified, powerful, serious lot, yet they smother you with affection if treated right. Other breeds of dogs, as classified by the American Kennel Club, are discussed in our book "How to Raise and Train Your Dog." Send 25c in coin for "How to Raise and Train Your Dog" to Weekly Newspaper Service, 243 West 17th Street, New York, N. Y. Print name, address with zone, booklet title and No. 78.

That's Ambition

It was the job of Joey, the village dillard, as "Keeper of the Cannon," to polish the antique cannon in the village square. During a celebration, the mayor commented on the brightness of the brasswork and suggested the crowd give Joey a rousing vote of thanks. Joey beamed all the way home. "Maw," he boasted to his wife, "the mayor said what a nice job I been doin' on the cannon. Everybody gave me three cheers!" "You know," said his wife, "I've been thinkin'. You been on that job more'n 40 years and got no place. Why don't you buy a cannon and go into business for yourself?"

LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a majorette doll, a basketball, a skater suit, a doll sewing machine, a bathtub, a doll house, a Dick Tracy camera, house shoes and fruit, nuts and candy.
Love—Martha Jean Michael.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me an electric train, tool set and box, a cap gun, fruit, nuts and candy. I am eight years old.
Love—George Edwin (Skipper) Moore, Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa: Bring me a doll and a bicycle. Bring me some nuts and candy. I hope you will bring me these. And don't forget the other children.
Love—Patsy McDowell.

Dear Santa Claus: I want an electric train and Chinese checkers, baseball glove and some peanuts and a cap gun and a pick-up and a crowd shoot game and a soft ball and candy and a cap. I want a car and a truck.
Love—Royce Gladson, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I don't want much for Christmas. I would be pleased with a 1948 Cadillac convertible, an outboard motor boat, a motor bike and shot-gun. I'm a good wittle boy from the eighth grade. Be sure to fill my stocking with fruits and vegetables and nuts. I am going to sleep with one eye open Christmas eve.
Love always—Den Ramage

Please, dear Santa Claus, bring me some boxing gloves and a pair of leather gloves and a pair of over-shoes, and I want a levi jacket, and I want a box of good candy and some nuts.
Yours truly—Hal Holladay.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a foun tain pen and football and football suit and football shoes and a speedometer and Chinese checkers game.
Love—Billy Greene.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a ring, a basketball, a stretch bracelet, a locket, red school house full of fruit and candy.
Love—Janet Chambers.

Dear Santa: How are you? I am fine. Please may I have a dy-dee doll, a chemistry set, a burning wood set, some blue house shoes, a big business game and an art set?
Thank you—Barbara Blackard.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bicycle, a wedding doll, a ball and some jacks for Christmas. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Love—Corilla Sue Boss.

Dear Santa: I want a stretchy bracelet and necklace to match, a I want an apple and some chocolate bicycle and a doll that says "mama." I want an apple and some chocolate candy for all my family. I want a pair of anklets and a hair ribbon.
Love—Ann McCarter, Route 3, Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl. Will you please bring me a doll with a bottle? My sister wants a toboggan and mittens to match. My other sister wants a bathrobe. My brother wants a foot ball. My brother wants a pair of boxing gloves.
With love—Joy Bills.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll that has six dresses. I will leave you and your reindeer something that night. And my sister wants a watch for Christmas, too.
Love—Florene Whitehurst.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a stretchy bracelet and a ring. And be sure you don't forget my little brother. He wants a tricycle and lots of fruits and candy. Don't forget my mother. She wants a set of dishes, and daddy wants a new car. O, yes, I forgot to tell you, Santa, I want a set of dishes, too.
Love, your friend—Elizabeth Ann Brooks, 224 33rd Street.

Dear Santa: For Christmas I want a doll with clothes and an art set, I live in Snyder, Texas, at 2711 Avenue T. Be sure to fill my stocking. It will be on the mantle.
Love—Geneene Robinson.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a stop light for my train and some switch track and some cart-ridges to make my train smoke; and a tall signal light, and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love—Linuel Crowder, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am 11 years old and I am in the fifth grade. I don't want any toys, but I do want a new coat and a new skirt and

sweater, also I want some jeans and shirts. I would like a book to read or a game to play. I think I need a new watch band, too. Please bring my brother a BB gun. And please bring lots of nuts and candy.
With love—Mary Alyce Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a magic set, a bingo set, a speedometer, a headlight, a tallight, a pen set for my desk, and lots of nuts and candy.
Love—Hubert O'Neal.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and her name is Little Sis, and a doll bed and a box of sparklers.
Lots of love—Norma Sue Hough.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a building set and some candy, nuts and fruits.
Your friend—Curtis Ray Green.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to give me a football and a billfold with a few bucks in it. Please get it for me.
With love—Kenneth Buchanan, 1905 1/2 25th Street, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little red headed girl four years old. Please bring me a Bety-Wetsy magic skin

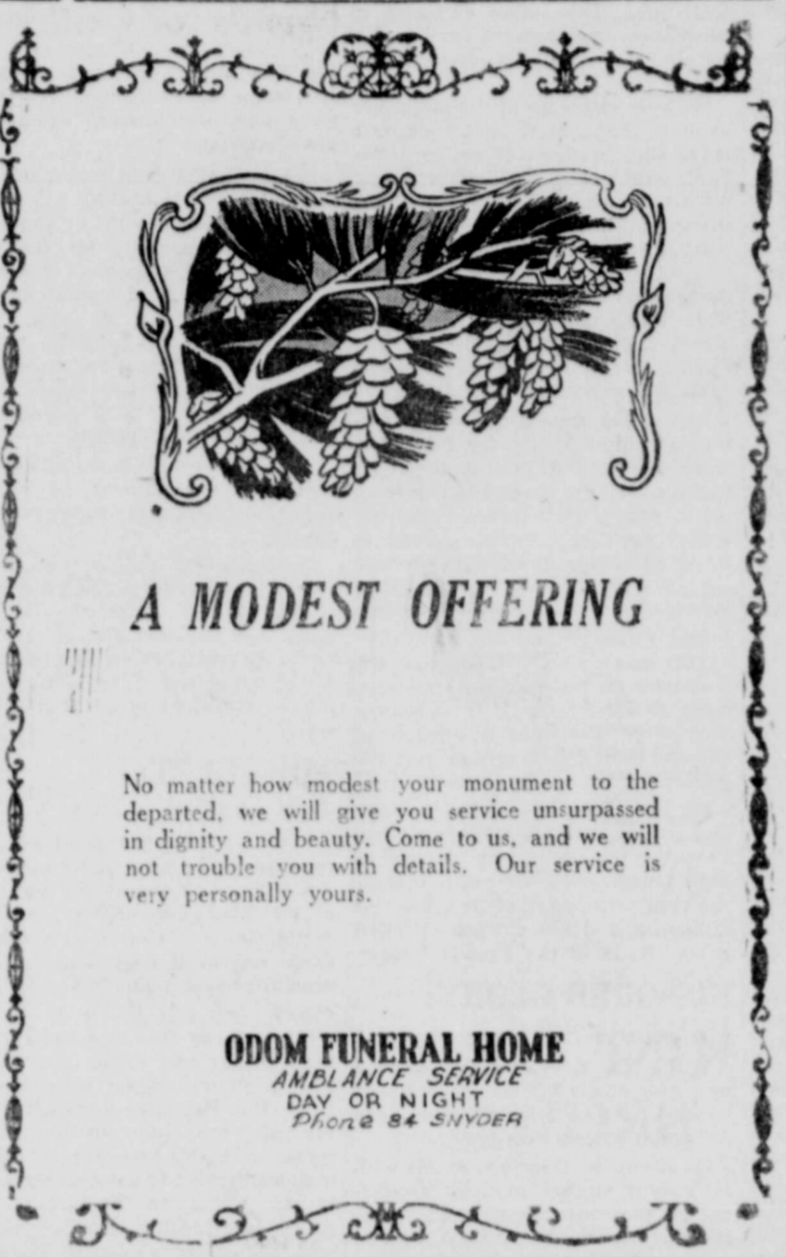
dolls that has some extra doll clothes, a doll buggy, house shoes, sweater and lots of candy, nuts, fruit and fire crackers. Don't forget all the rest of the nice little boys and girls.
I love you—Jolene Sheld, 1503 Avenue S, Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a bicycle. With love—Mary Frances Lee, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a bingo set please and I want you to bring me a football and a pair of skates and a bicycle and a BB gun and a pair of boots and an eversharp. My little sister wants a rubber doll. Thank you.
Love—Bobby Joe Nolan.

Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a baby doll. And please bring me some dishes. Don't forget mother and daddy. Bring me some fruit.
Love—Juanez Teaff, Snyder.

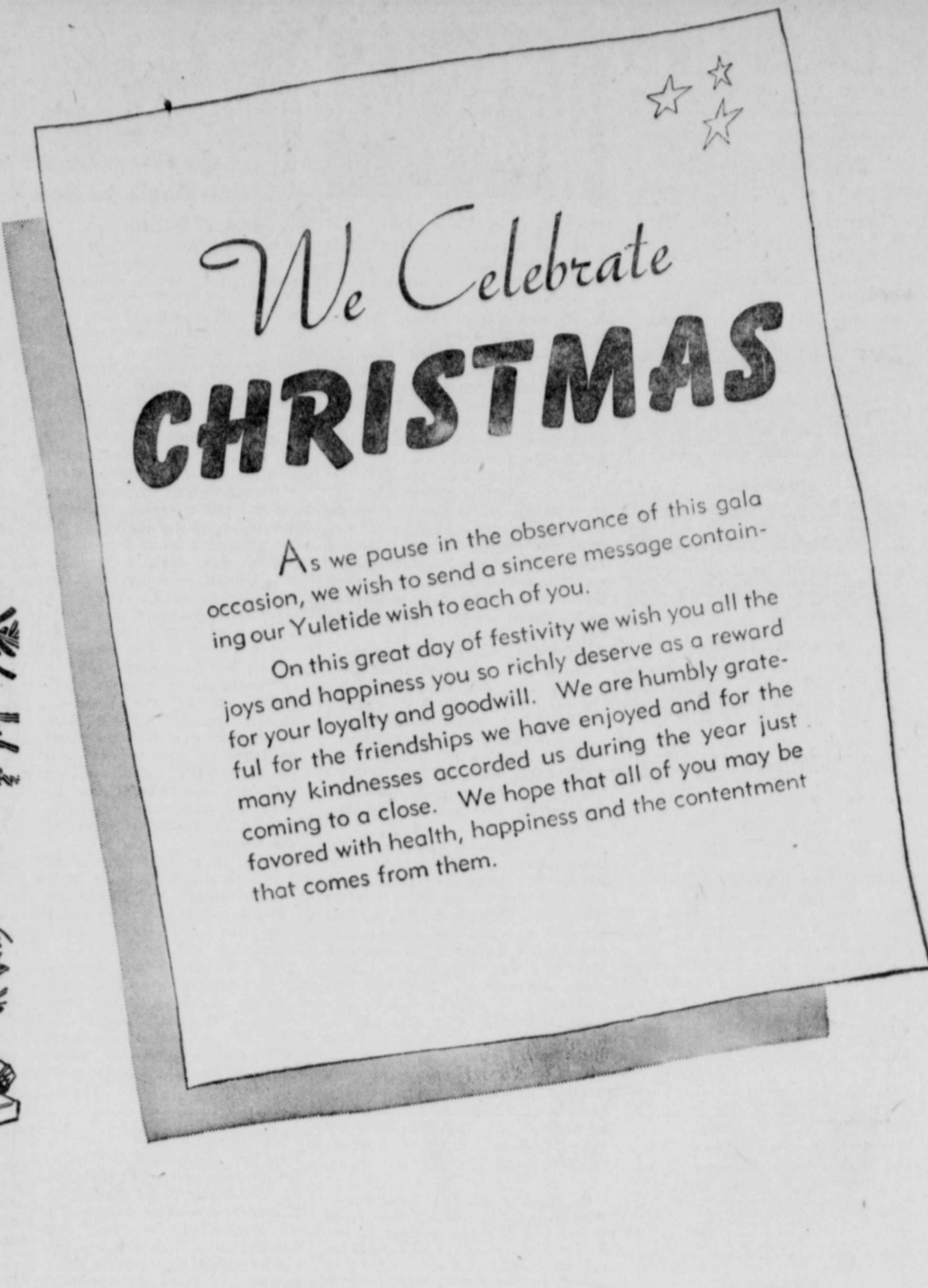
Dear Santa Claus: I want an electric train, football, football suit and a horse. Your friend—Donald Coonrod, Arah route, Snyder.



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On this great day of festivity we wish you all the joys and happiness you so richly deserve as a reward for your loyalty and goodwill. We are humbly grateful for the friendships we have enjoyed and for the many kindnesses accorded us during the year just coming to a close. We hope that all of you may be favored with health, happiness and the contentment that comes from them.



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Greetings

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.

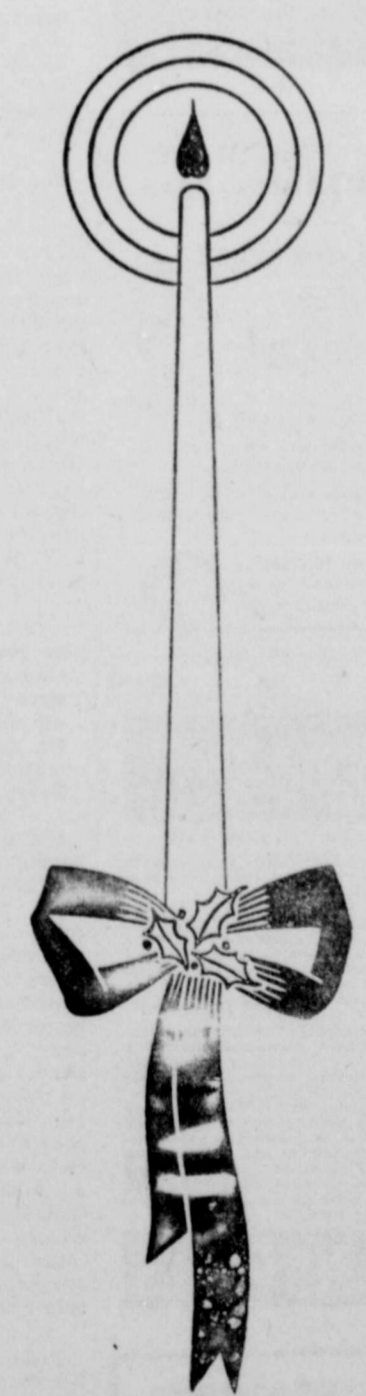
We look forward to Christmas because the cheerfulness of the occasion overshadows the heartaches and disappointments of the closing year, and because the approach of another year opens the door to new opportunities and achievements. We enjoy

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.

The True Spirit Of  *Christmas Prevails*

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Department Store



LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I would like to have a magic skin doll, a saddle, a record player and a dog and some fireworks and a doll dress and some boots. My daddy would like to have a billiard.

Love—Huanna Birdwell, 1208 28th Street, Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa: I want a doll set and a pair of red house shoes. My little sister wants a doll too. My big sister wants a phonograph, and we all want some candy and some nuts, and also some fruit. We will not be at home. Come to Abilene.

Love—Margaret Fisher, Snyder.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, doll buggy, ring, electric iron and ironing board. I'm in the third grade. I am 8 years old. If you are hungry there will be a cake on the table.

Love—Patricia Kay Corbell, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a doll and a Mickey Mouse wrist watch, and fill my stockings with candy and nuts. Love—Peggy Black, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring a BB gun and a bicycle basket. Please bring me a wrist watch and a Sheaffer fine line pencil. Love—Joel Hamlett, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a magic skin baby doll that has a bottle, an iron and ironing board and candy. Bring my little sister the same thing. Bring my mother a pretty new watch, and a coat. Bring my daddy a watch. Love—Josephine, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football suit and a 22 rifle. Your friend—Franklin Minton, Box 281, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a fifth grade boy. I would like to have an air rifle and a bicycle tire. That is all I want. With love—Walter Jay Martin, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please get a Red Ryder gun for Christmas. I sure did like what you got me last Christmas, and get me a Mickey Mouse watch for this Christmas and candy and oranges and apples and nuts. That is all I want for Christmas because I want other people to get something too. Oh

yes, my sister wants a fountain pen for Christmas. I will stop now. I have been good. I am eight years old and am in the third grade. Love—Felton Gilmore, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 17 years old. I want a camera, sled, bow and arrow and nuts. With love—Jimmy Don Boyd, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy in the fifth grade. I want a bicycle, and an air rifle. With lots of love—Melvin Head, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a motor scooter? I would also like an electric train and an erector building set.

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Dear Santa Claus: How are you? I hope you will send me what I want. I want an electric train and a water tower and a man that will come out and wave a lantern. And I want a stop light with a red light and a green light. Yours truly—Arnold Wallace, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 11 years old. For Christmas I want a gold stretchy band bracelet, a gold pen with a spoon, a knife and a cup in it, a box of stationery, some note book paper, a zipper note book, a lead pencil. Please bring it to me. I will be looking for you. Love—Myra Mopp, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Fine I hope. I want a ring, compact and a necklace. My little sister said she was going to leave you a cup of coffee to drink. I want you to make a snow man. I had better close with all my love—Mary Juanda Franklin, fifth grade, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a machine gun and two guns and holsters and candy, nuts and indian drum? Will you hurry up and come? Your friend—Derwin Thomas, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a doll, a train and tractor. Also a ball, and a whip that will crack. Bring me some rubber boots so I won't fall and break my back. Please leave Miss Harpole something that is in your sack. Your friend—Janeene Smith.

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Dear Santa: For Christmas I would like to have some tires and tubes for my bike. I would like a book too. Your pal—Kent Thomas Fields, Snyder.

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Dear Santa: I love you. I am a good little girl. Please let me have a bicycle. Please let me have a

doll. Please let my little sister have a doll buggy and a doll and set of dishes. I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. My little sister's name is Barbara Ann McLe-more. She is four years old.

Dear Santa Claus. I am a fifth grade girl. Please bring me a bicycle and a game or two, and lots of candy and nuts for Christmas. With love—Jeanette Merritt, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to bring two guns and holsters for my little brother and I also want a farm set and train. I want you to bring my little brother a puppy. Your friend—Mickey Craig, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl in the fifth grade. I would like a wrist watch, a coat and a white sweater for Christmas. I will stop now. With love—Barbara Joy Gilmore, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Santa Claus I want a bicycle, a magic skin doll and doll bed. And I want you to fill my stocking full of candy and nuts, and have a very, very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Merry Christmas — Sherry Minton, Snyder.

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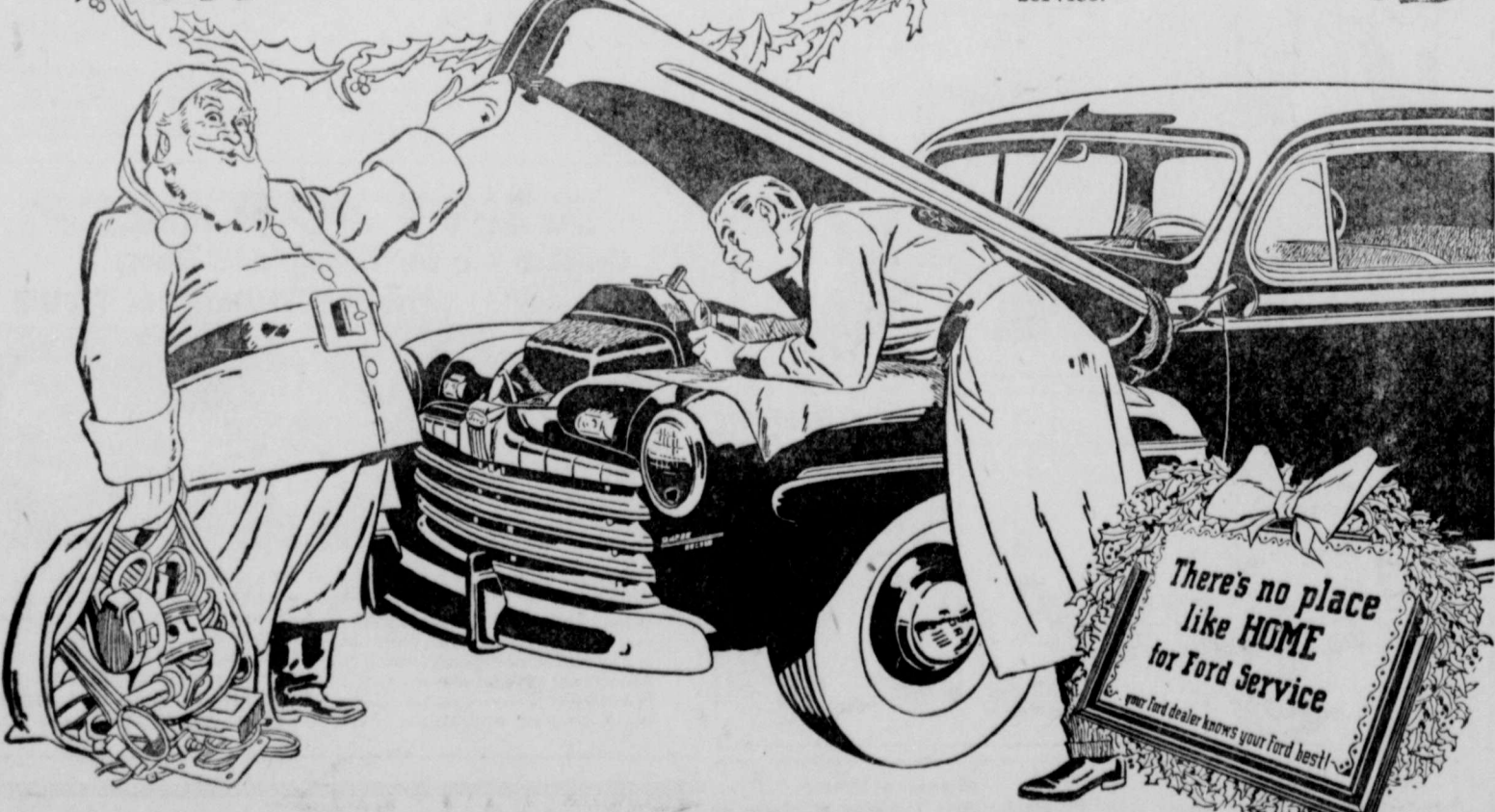


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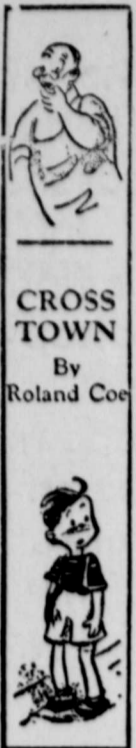


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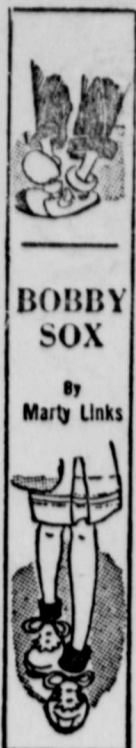
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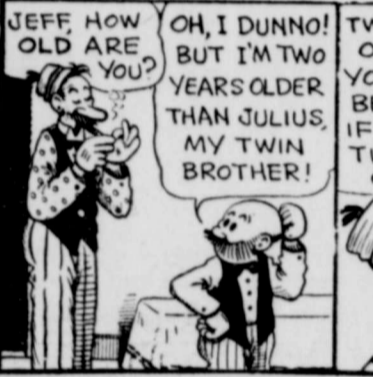


OK RUMPLUS LET'S GO!



By Margarita

MUTT AND JEFF



JEFF HOW OLD ARE YOU?



OH, I DUNNO! BUT I'M TWO YEARS OLDER THAN JULIUS, MY TWIN BROTHER!



TWO YEARS OLDER? YOU CAN'T BE TWINS IF YOU'RE TWO YEARS OLDER!

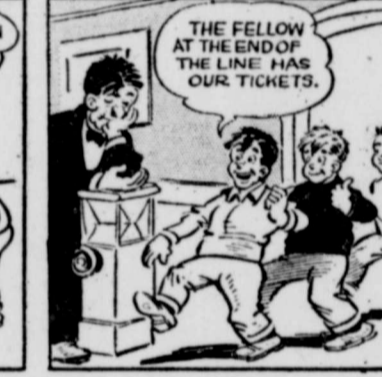


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THE FELLOW AT THE END OF THE LINE HAS OUR TICKETS.



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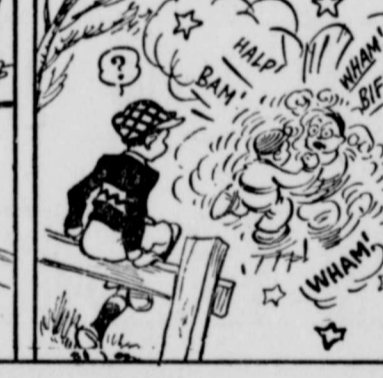
REG'LAR FELLERS



WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TH' HEADLIGHTS?



SELF DETECTION!



I'M GOIN' OVER AN' TELL MOHEATEN MONOHAN WHAT I THINK OF HIM. HE WON'T DARE HIT ME WITH THESE!



By Gene Byrnes

VIRGIL



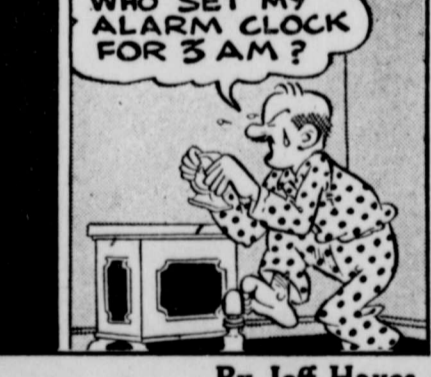
AHA! SQUEEZIN' TH' TOP OF TH' TUBE!



HEH-HEH---IT'S TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH TO PUNISH ME

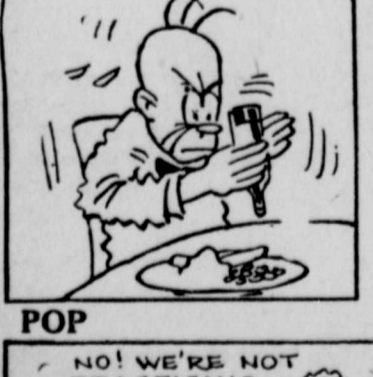


I'LL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY



By Len Kleis

SILENT SAM



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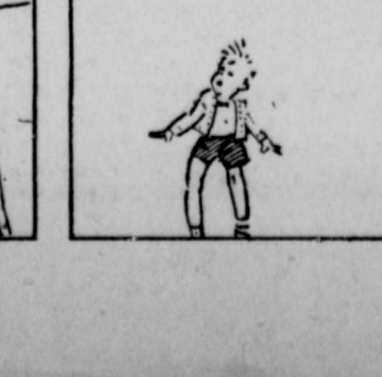


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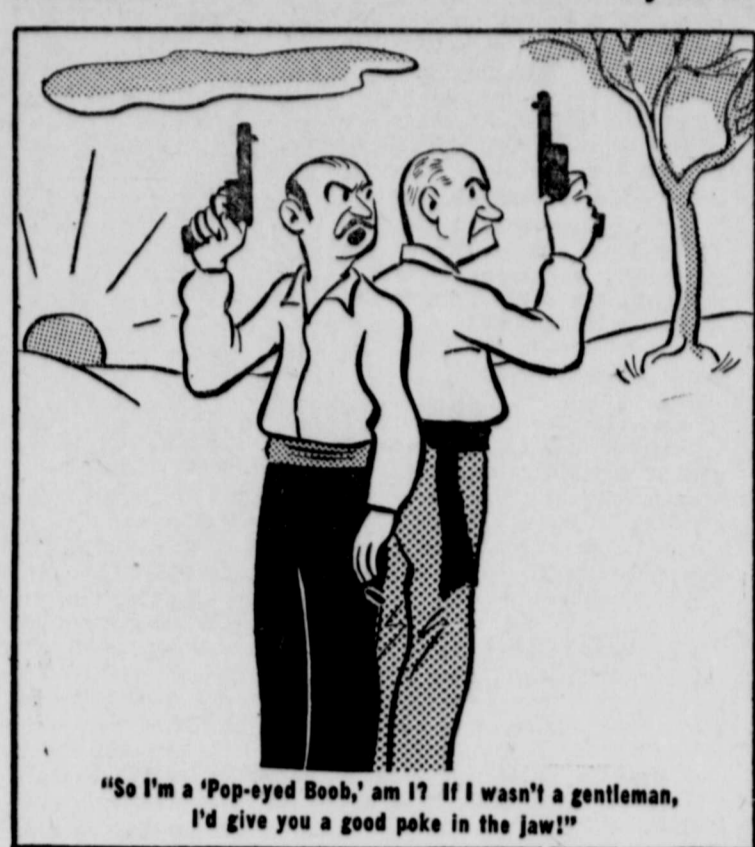
--- THE BABY'S



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By J. Millar Watt

INKLINGS



By Jarvis
"So I'm a 'Pop-eyed Boob,' am I? If I wasn't a gentleman, I'd give you a good poke in the jaw!"

MEANS WHAT IT SAYS



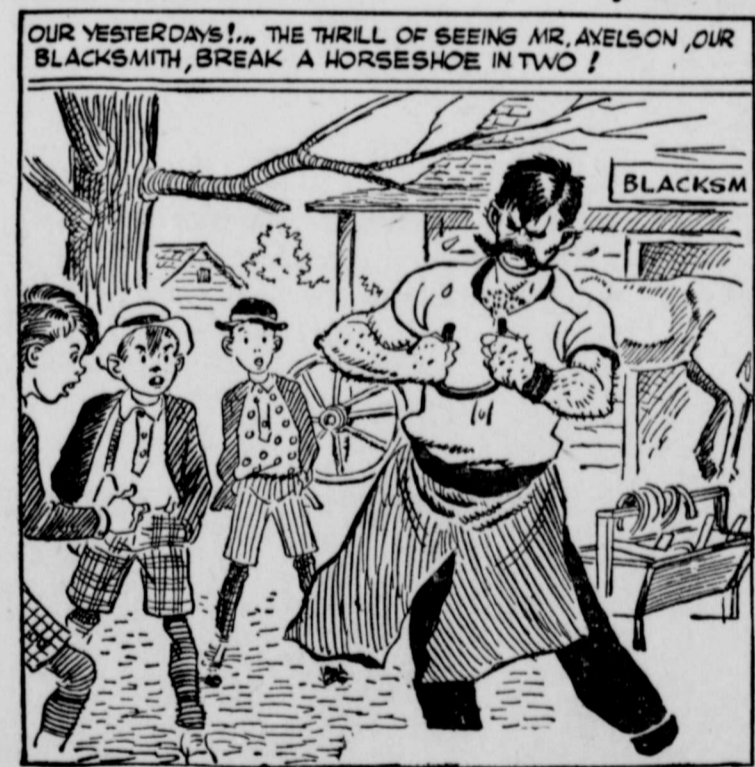
By Paulson
"Yep, by golly, that's right!"

DIFFICULT DECISIONS



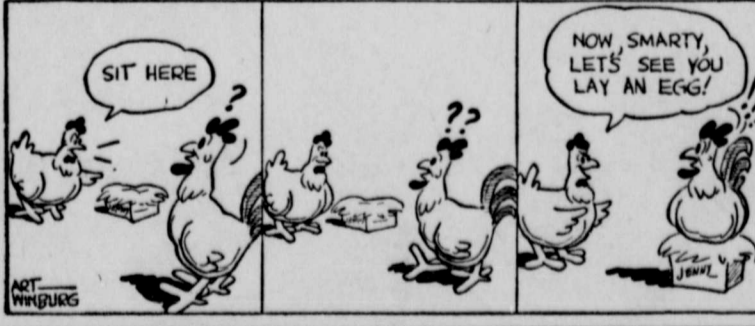
By Gluyus Williams
YOU PERCEIVE THAT IF YOU CONTINUE DOWN THE SIDE STREET YOU WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE CROSS-FIRE OF A FURIOUS SNOWBALL BATTLE BLOCKING THE END, AND IF YOU TURN IN YOUR TRACKS YOU WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE MAN WHO WANTS TO GIVE YOU A PLAY BY PLAY ACCOUNT OF HIS TWO WEEKS TRIP TO FLORIDA, FROM WHOM YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ESCAPE DOWN THE SIDE STREET

BACK HOME AGAIN



By Ed Dodd
OUR YESTERDAYS!... THE THRILL OF SEEING MR. AVELSON, OUR BLACKSMITH, BREAK A HORSESHOE IN TWO!

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QUICK CHANGE By FRANK L. PARKE

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The pupils of her eyes seemed to swell as she peered at him. "Did you—do it, Mart?" "The murder? Kit, you know. You know I've been straight since I got out.

He was conscious of the weight of it now, sheathed beneath his coat. Something was coming sure, McHugh was coming. Any minute now, Rorty knew it.



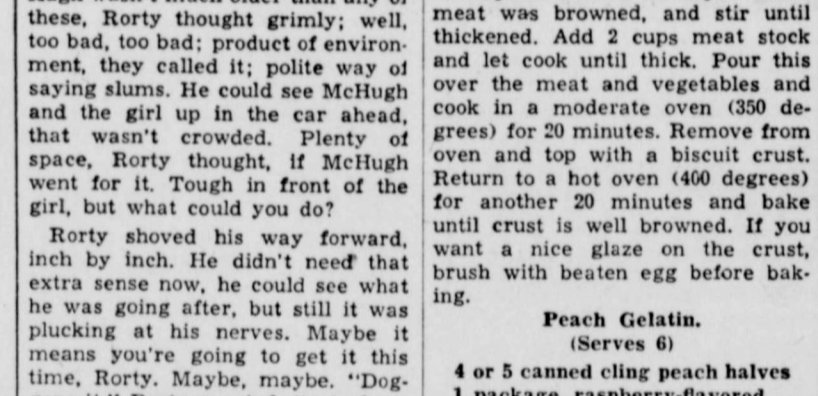
It was three o'clock in the afternoon and Rorty had been trailing the girl most of the day. He was going to bring McHugh in by himself, dead, as the saying goes, or alive.

Rorty dodged and smacked squarely into the woman... the doors closed and the train was on its way. The driver nodded. "Okay, boss."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

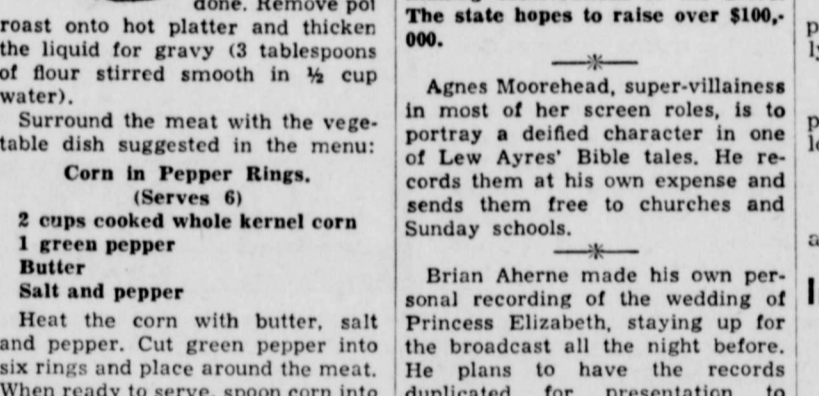
Crossword puzzle grid with horizontal and vertical clues. Includes a solution in next issue and a small word search puzzle.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS by Lynn Chambers



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President Truman Tells Farm Bureau Federation Farmer Will Carry Load

Scurry County members of the Farm Bureau and others were interested in the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing a million and a quarter farm families, in Chicago, last week.

At the opening session, delegates received greetings from President Truman. The chief executive expressed confidence that "The American farm family will continue to bear a heavy load of responsibility in meeting the world food emergency."

Truman added that the nation must maintain its productive capacity by conserving and rebuilding our soil to the greatest extent possible.

Edward O'Neal, retiring as farm bureau president after 16 years in office, gave the keynote address. Much, or most, of it was given over to domestic farm problems but O'Neal made it definitely clear that the people of agriculture are not isolationists. He touched at considerable length on world problems urging federation support of the Marshall plan. O'Neal also gave his approval to the lower tariff program which this and 22 other nations endorsed a few months ago at a convention in Switzerland.

That the people of the federation are world minded was demonstrated again when another speaker was introduced. It was Warren Austin, United States delegate to the United Nations.

He compared the risk of the proposed Marshall plan for Europe to those farmers taken when they plant crops. Said he: "The Marshall plan is an essential part of the task of building a strong United Nations."

But getting back to the federation's attention to domestic problems, O'Neal advised his organization to insist that Congress re-

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By LEON GUINN.

There is a dandy reason behind Attorney General Tom Clark's decision to hesitate so long in giving publicity to a list of so-called subversive organizations within the borders of the United States. . . . In the first place Clark argues (in conjunction with the government loyalty checkup) publicity would cause such organizations to immediately go out of business, only to reappear under new names; which would have to be investigated and listed all over again. . . . An example of this concealment technique, for instance, was the Young Communist League, which went out of the way to proclaim a dissolution some four years ago. . . . Many of the members, however, soon turned to the newly created American Youth for Democracy. . . . The idea, by the way, of the "loyalty purge" embraces many more angles than the average citizen would encompass in his viewpoint of such a necessary house cleaning.

Take it from close observers on Capitol Hill, it is to be believed, now, the entire foreign aid program will follow something of the pattern established last session for the Greek-Turkish Aid item. . . . There remains small doubt but that the house will substantially reduce the Administration's stop-gap outline; then if a floor fight is not strong enough to restore the cut the full figure (as originally requested) will be edged in by the Senate Appropriations Committee. . . . It will be recalled Taber's group took a "whack" at the Greek bill, only to witness a later correction to amount asked by the joint House-Senate conference right in the fading hours of the session. . . . Truman's closest friends, by the way, say he did not try to hasten Eisenhower's exit as chief of staff.

These Southern Republican leaders who control delegates to the national convention are playing mighty hard to get these days. . . . They are not lining up in anyone's camp, regardless of widely printed stories that Senator Taft has them "in the bag." Scouts going through Dixie say there will be a lot of patronage change and they want to be sure that in event of a Republican victory they're in the winter camp when the nomination rolls around. . . . Friends have been telling the past few days that Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming has appointed himself a one-man committee to "needle" Taft during the present session and during the coming session of Congress.

One might not be too surprised next year to learn that Congress again approves of quit claim legislation to renounce federal claim to the oil-rich marginal sea bottoms along the California Coast. . . . When the measure was passed but subsequently vetoed last year main argument of its supporters was that the State of California owned the tidelands anyway and that the case before the Supreme Court was rather unwarranted. . . . Now the high tribunal has ruled in favor of federal ownership and the old argument has proven false. . . . The new battle will be fought along the line of state's rights and the vital need to keep oil flowing. . . . Doubtless Congress will pass legislation but will sustain a probable veto by President Truman, who will naturally point out the fact that the government will be weakening national security to give away the tidelands for further exploitation by private enterprise.

One can safely believe a major battle will ensue in Congress early next year over reciprocal tariffs and the International Trade Organization. . . . U. S. Oil production, even running now at an all-time peak, is not near enough to take care of present demand, and the fact that the U. S. now uses as much oil as the entire world did 10 years ago makes it very vital the oil industry launch an aggressive, far-reaching exploration program early in 1948 to discover new reserves for the nation. . . . The petroleum industry soon will take the lead in an appeal to motorists to limit on a "voluntary" basis use of gasoline and all lubricants this winter. . . . Cool, as Humble Oil Company points out, is not carrying its share of the fuel burden this winter but that will likely have no effect in providing warmth for people "huddled" in homes and apartments across the land.

Despite the stepped-up production of fats and oils in the United States, the world is still short enormous quantities of food supplies, according to the International Emergency Food Council. . . . The food shortage as such will be felt in every American home, and reduced world production of fats and oils—along with increased U. S. exports have created a grave danger in shortage of fats and oil for industrial uses. . . . That makes it more needful than ever to conserve used kitchen fats and oils. . . . The 12 per cent drop in current world production of fats and oils, as compared to pre-war production, means a world shortage of over 8,000,000 pounds of fats and oils for food and industrial utilization.

The United States, it is reported, is sending to other nations over 452,000,000 pounds of fats and oils during the last three months of 1947—more than twice the amount shipped during the entire first six months of this year, although all pre-war U. S. surpluses have been used up. . . . Such stepped-up exports intensify the need to save every drop of used kitchen fats. . . . Every pound of used fats recovered for United States industrial use helps to ease the world shortage. . . . Used kitchen fats collected in Scurry and other counties are processed for use within 60 days after such oils are turned in to meat dealers.

Remember Christmas Origin

Suppose we do a little word division, and spell it this way: Christ-mas. After all the origin of Christmas is a holy thing—named after the sacred Nazarene. Sublimity and humility rightly belong to its observance.

Much of the world, and particularly America, has made of the occasion a time of boisterous revelry and scurrilous. To countless thousands Christmas is another excuse for drunkenness, reckless driving and livin'—a mockery of its origin.

Sacred cantatas and appropriate church services will be part of Scurry County's observance of the immortal birthday. You are invited to share in the somber tributes to the Christ child through songs, sermon and prayer. You'll be glad you did.

The Times rises to a preachment of sobriety, sublimity, close-to-home living with loved ones and friends. Remember the occasion that inaugurated Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago.

Future Is with Our Youth

We often speak of the responsibilities of the present generation to the post-war era of the world—and the burdens of the integrity of the modern generation are great. Much of the cause of the present muddle of affairs of the world can be laid at the feet of the men and women of today.

But, likewise, much of the responsibility of world recovery and readjustment must be shouldered by the generation that is coming on. To be sure, much of the cost of the follies of war are a part of the youth's inheritance from the passing generation.

So our sharing of the problems of today—counseling with the youth of today—on ways and means of solving the baffling enigmas of our times and of the future, is vital to the stability of those coming into manhood and womanhood.

Every parent owes it to his son and daughter to give them the benefit of experience in meeting the vicissitudes of being a citizen.

We can depend on our youth to care for world affairs, but they are entitled to our warnings and confidence and horse-sense reasoning.

A New Year Is Upon Us

Just a few more days and the old year of 1947 will become history. Then there will be a clean slate before us.

Before we can erase the mistakes we have made from the old slate, we need to check back over the days of opportunity that paraded during 1946. We can use our errors and follies as stepping stones to greater accomplishments when we take up our crayon before the new tablet.

Let us check back. Most of us can stop and consider the hindsight that is so much better than our foresight. With good memories of things that didn't "pan out" as we expected, we will be privileged to do those same tasks again in the new year with the benefit of experience.

Of course, we cannot take back harsh words, but we can resolve to make our new utterances softer and kinder—or not make them at all in instances.

We can give ourselves more to praise of our fellow man in our every-day dealings with one another. Then life will be richer for us and for those with whom we come in contact.

Let's be thinking these last few days of 1947 how we can make the new year 1948 a cheerier, more profitable, more worthwhile year.

A world population increase of 200,000,000 people, equal to the number of persons in all of North America, has been added since the first World War, reports the International Emergency Food Council in a message to Snyder Area people. . . . The council lists heavy war damage and a slow reconstruction as among chief reasons for the current world-wide shortage of nearly eight billion pounds of fats and oils. . . . Due to these causes, world production of fats and oils is 12 per cent less than during the pre-war years. . . . And to fill the big gap now left, only salvaged kitchen fats and oils can get the job done. . . . Every pound of used cooking oils should be salvaged and turned in to your local merchant.

Editorial of the Week

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Harold Stassen is not the first to suggest a Congressional inquiry into speculation in the commodity markets. President Truman has talked tough about the speculators boosting prices. And Commodity Exchange officials, denying that speculation has caused price rises, have said they would welcome a thorough inquiry.

But Mr. Stassen last week put his finger on one point of immediate and immense public interest. He charged that the government itself had engaged in purchasing policies deliberately designed to cause a boom in food prices. And he charged that government officials, possessing inside knowledge of government action, unethically had lined their pockets by buying and selling in the grain markets.

That is an ugly charge. One high government official, of whom Mr. Stassen inquired whether he had been trading in the markets, refused to answer. The same official last week also refused to answer the same question put by a newspaper reporter. Congress, with its investigatory power, can compel answers from any and all government officials. Congress, we think, owes a duty to the public to discover and disclose the truth.—The Fort Worth Press.

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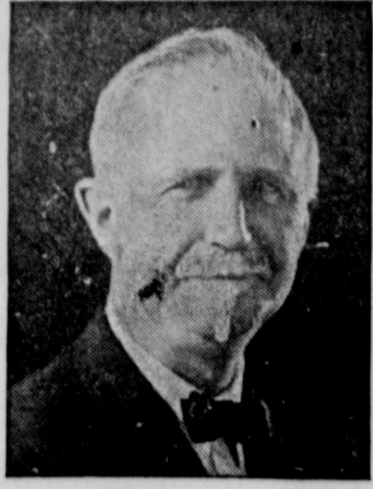
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W. Lee O'Daniel "Cottons" to Idea of Running for Vice President of U. S.



W. Lee O'Daniel, junior senator from Texas, "cottons" to the suggestion he said has been made that he run for vice president on a ticket with General Douglas MacArthur, Scurry County politically interested folks observed this week in reading press reports.

But he said it would have to be proven to him that "the rank and file of American citizens desire me."

O'Daniel said he was urged to run for vice president in a letter from George Armstrong, Fort Worth oil man, who said "such a ticket would sweep the country."

The Texas colon said the ticket would have to be that of a third party, which might be designated as the Jeffersonian Constitutional Party.

Armstrong also enclosed in his letter to O'Daniel a copy of a letter he had written to Karl Crowley, Fort Worth, outlining plans to incorporate a "constitutional foundation." Armstrong said he will give the foundation \$25,000 in 1948, \$50,000 annually and leave it millions upon his death.

O'Daniel said that he does not know the specific objectives of the foundation, but that he knows Armstrong's beliefs concerning the "protection of the constitution against radical new dealers" were similar to his own.

Armstrong's letter said that General George Van Horn Mosely, Atlanta, Georgia, former deputy chief of staff of MacArthur, would head the foundation.

O'Daniel's statement as to a campaign for vice president said in part: "I am not interested one iota in the office of vice president, and I would prefer that the people select somebody else as running mate for General MacArthur, but when I first entered public service it was at the urgent request of the rank and file of the people and I have always served where they desired me to serve.

"Therefore, if and when it is proven to me that the great rank and file of American citizens desire me to run on a ticket with

Brownfield Tells Lions of Work by Snyder FFA Unit

Highlights of the work being done by the Snyder chapter of the Future Farmers of America were told Snyder Lions by Franklin Brownfield when the civic group met Tuesday noon at the Manhattan Dining room. Brownfield is president of the Snyder FFA, organized by boys of the Snyder High School vocational agriculture department under sponsorship of J. L. Browning.

"FFA work consists not only of feeding projects by the boys but includes practical farming projects and field crops. The experience we get with our own projects should fit us for more successful operations on farms and ranches in our later years," Brownfield told Lions. He said the FFA program was not a play project but entailed plenty of hard work. Young Brownfield pointed to a good financial status of the local FFA group.

Dr. O. A. Keith made another in a series of talks on Lionism in which he reviewed some of the activities of the Snyder club. On a national basis he declared that the 39-year-old Lions Club movement now boasted more than 5,500 clubs with a membership of more than 280,000 members. He said that Lions Clubs in 1945 completed 74,659 separate projects of community betterment.

Program for selecting a delegate to the next International Lions Club convention in New York in July was inaugurated Tuesday, in which the name of Tom Deffebach was drawn. A name will be drawn each meeting from those present, it was announced.

Doyle Bynum was elected to membership in the Snyder Club Tuesday. Plans for a membership drive in January during Melvin Jones month were announced.

Pete Bradbury of Abilene was a guest at the luncheon.

No meeting will be held next Tuesday, it was decided, and meeting on December 30 probably will be held at the Snyder Country Club.

Make the Notes Fly

Dimitri Mitropoulos was rehearsing his symphony. He came to a rather quiet place. The oboe player came out with a very loud, discordant note. Mitropoulos stopped the rehearsal and went over it again. When they came to that point, the oboe player did the same thing.

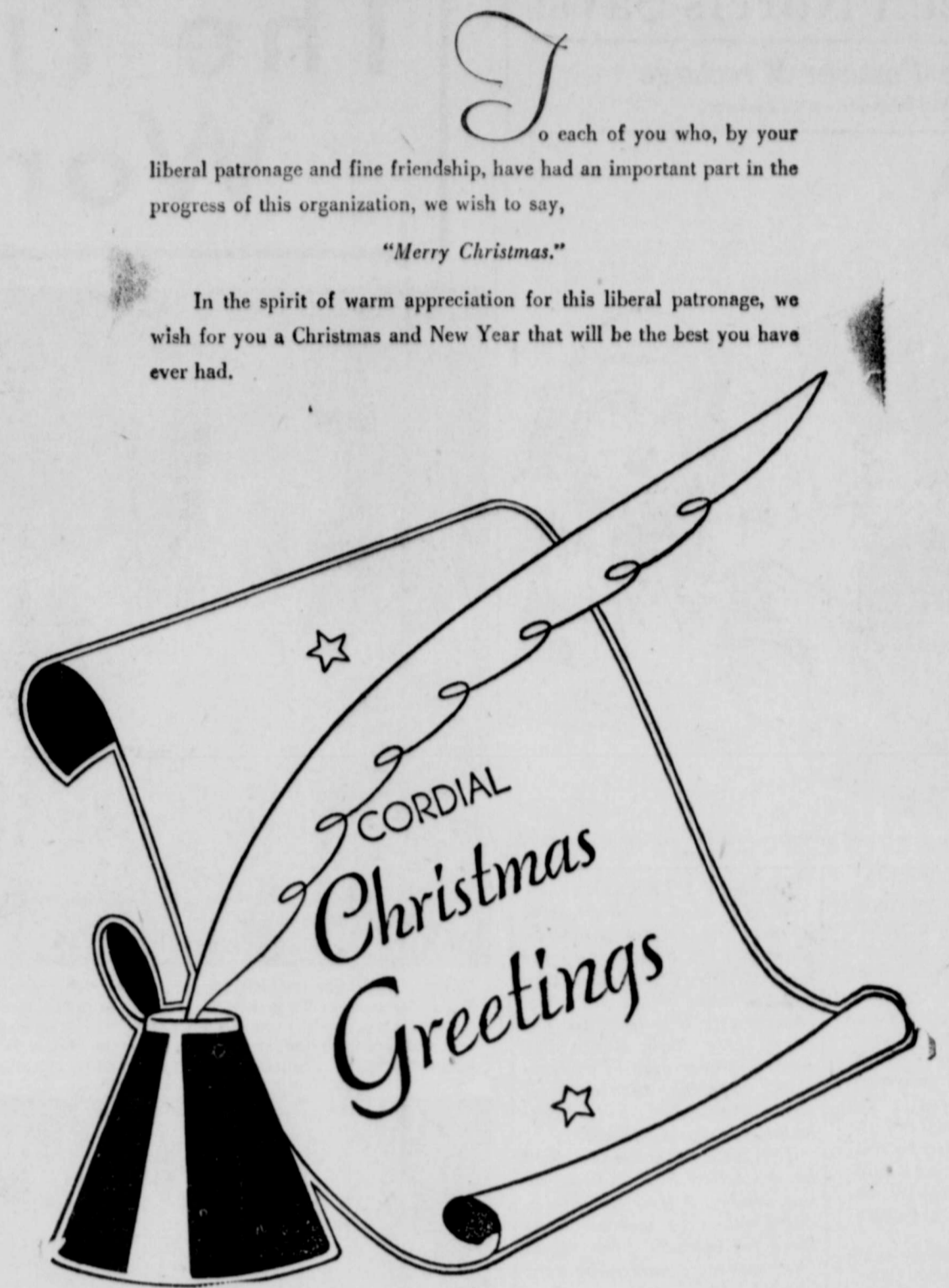
Mitropoulos threw up his hands and started over again. The third time it happened. Mitropoulos threw up his hands again and said to the oboe player, "What in the world is the matter with you?"

The oboe player looked at his music over his glasses and said, "Acht! I've been playing a fly!"

FORECAST of Roger W. Babson, internationally known business observer and advisor, will be carried in next week's issue of The Times. His article will deal with national and international problems as they affect business and individuals. His timely comments will be worth your reading.

General MacArthur, as a means to get him drafted into that high office, and if it is agreeable to General MacArthur, I will give the matter serious consideration.

See The Times for rubber stamps.

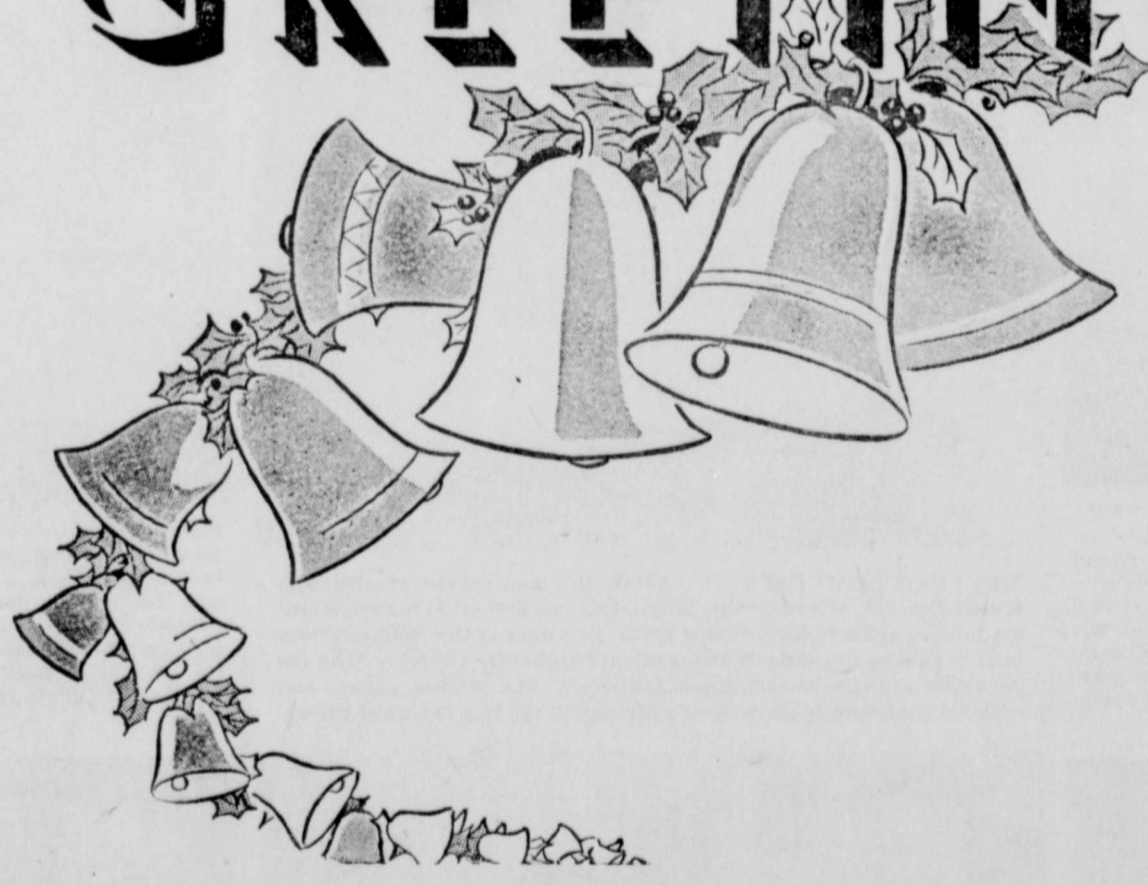


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Kathleen Norris Says:

More Postwar Wreckage

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.



"When Arthur came home he showed no interest in Gwendolyn or the baby."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE war scrambled many marriages that might have worked out all right in ordinary times. This letter comes to me from Oregon. Gwendolyn thinks her situation is intolerable and insoluble. I can't see that it is so difficult but, without knowing more about the people involved, I can give only a general answer. It is hard to tell, from her letter, just how adequate Gwendolyn is as a wife, or how strong Arthur's character is.

Gwendolyn was a telephone operator when she met Arthur. They were both just 19. He was in the tank corps, soon to go overseas. Three weeks after they danced together they were married. They spent a happy month honeymooning in a seaside cottage lent them by a friend. Then Arthur had to depart for active duty in Europe.

For five months Gwendolyn continued with her job; then being an orphan with little money, she went to live with Arthur's mother in a town a hundred miles away. A few months later a daughter was born. Gwendolyn went back to work, and Arthur's mother, Catherine, who kept boarders, took care of the baby.

"I hadn't wanted Arthur to marry at all at his age," writes Catherine. Therefore I didn't exactly welcome his wife, Gwendolyn, when she came to me. In time, however, I came to love her, and I am very fond of her baby. Gwendolyn is a weak, tearful little woman, entirely dependent on me for moral support.

"Everything was going along all right until a letter came from Arthur, who then was stationed in England. He had met a WAC, fallen in love with her, and forgotten all about his wife in the United States. In short, he wanted a divorce from Gwendolyn so he could marry Dorothy the WAC. The shock made Gwendolyn hysterical, and this condition worsened into a long illness.

When Arthur came home he had no interest in Gwendolyn or the baby. He lived at a hotel, never coming a night here. During his overseas period he had grown up very much. He is now strong, firm-willed and different from when he left. We hardly recognize him, he is so changed. Gwendolyn is continually in tears.

He Owns the House.

"Soon after he arrived he made it plain that he intended to marry Dorothy as soon as legal obstacles were cleared up. He also said that he wants to live in the house, which he owns. Furthermore, he wants me to influence Gwendolyn to give him the divorce as soon as possible. In return, he promises to pay her \$60 a month for the support of their baby daughter.

"Arthur is ambitious, energetic, handsome and more affectionate to me than ever before. I am a widow, and he is my only child. He and Dorothy intend to convert this big old house into a tourist's hotel. Dorothy has a little money, which she would spend on the house.

"I don't know what to advise Gwendolyn to do. If I tell her it would be best for her to divorce Arthur, what would happen to her and the baby? The settlement Arthur has offered is not enough to keep her and her child. On the other hand, she could not expect to get

"MARRY IN HASTE..."

After a man has been away at war for several years, he finds it hard to adjust to the old ways. Many young men who married just before they left realize now that they did not really love their wives, but were just overcome by an emotional urge that they couldn't resist. Particularly is this true of the teen-age marriages.

This is the situation described in the letter Miss Norris answers today. Arthur met Gwendolyn when he was about to leave for overseas. Four weeks after they were married he went abroad.

Then a bombshell fell on this happy little household. Arthur wanted a divorce so that he could marry a WAC whom he had met overseas.

any more, or perhaps as much, from a court order. She might marry again, but no girl can be sure of that.

"If I advise her to hold her ground, and not to give Arthur his freedom, where do I stand? Arthur easily could make it impossible for me, or Gwendolyn either, to remain in this house. There is a small cottage in the rear where I could live if he and Dorothy take over and change the house as they plan. At my age, I have to think of myself, too.

"Whenever Gwendolyn and I talk things over, she cries and says, 'Don't send me and my baby away. I don't know where we could go, or what we would do.' Then Arthur tells me 'Mother, fix things up for me in a hurry. Gwendolyn and I were never really right-hand mates. Let's save what we can from the wreckage.' Miss Norris, what can I do in this sad situation?"

My advice, Catherine, is not going to be particularly palatable to any of you. There is no easy way out of this muddle. Gwendolyn's rights must be considered, too, as well as your son's desires and your wishes for security. Arthur married too young, too carelessly, in an emotional haze. So did Gwendolyn.

Marriage is Serious.

Now that Arthur has matured a bit, and has had a lot of hard experiences in war, he thinks he is ready for a more exciting wife. He is like thousands of other young men who want a complete re-education when they return home. He has lived in a strange world where all normal values have been distorted or sneered at. He comes back disillusioned and cynical, tired and restless. It is not Gwendolyn that he has outgrown. It would be the same with any other girl. He just wants something different.

I advise Arthur and Gwendolyn to stick together for another year or maybe two. That is not very long, after all. Let him take his place in his community, standing by his wife and child, as an honorable husband and father. During this time it is likely that Arthur would again fall in love with his wife, and that the charms of their daughter, with the quiet pleasures of home life, would drive all thoughts of separation from the young man's mind. It has happened before. Arthur is just like so many other men, weak and selfish, but basically sound.

Sewing Machine Care

A clean sewing machine may solve problems such as noisy stitching, imperfect stitches or other common troubles. If the machine is dusted frequently and oiled regularly, cleaning is not often necessary. Good grade sewing machine oil is important since a poor grade deposits a gummy substance on the bearings and causes the machine to run hard. Oil should be placed in each oil hole and wherever two pieces of steel meet and there is motion.



His daughter's charms...

Opportunity Opens for Women in Dental Field

Dentistry for many years was one of the few professions in which women did not participate to any great extent. However, a promising career for women is opening in the wake of World War II. A recent survey conducted by the women's bureau of the labor department shows that all but 4 of the 39 dental schools in the United States admit women as students and did even before the war.

"No prejudice seems to exist in

this profession against women entering it," Dr. G. Farrell Webb, a leading woman dentist, says. "Certainly women should enter dentistry. Any bright, well-educated young woman with a gift for precision in her work should, with good course in dentistry, make a fine place for herself.

Years ago, strength was one of the assets of a dentist. Today modern equipment eliminates that requirement and skill is the essential

The Times' Weekly Page of World News in Pictures



VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS... Santa Claus (Carl A. Gebhard) paid an unexpected visit to five-year-old Peggy Bennett of Titusville, N. J., who is losing her eyesight. A tree all dressed up with Christmas decorations was the main feature of a party given the sick child when physicians said they feared Peggy would be blind by Christmas. She and Santa are looking over a toy record-player which Santa himself presented to her. Other gifts included lots and lots of dolls, clothing and more than \$300 in cash.



GUARDING STRUCK PARIS PLANT... Armed guards are shown among strikers in front of the Citroen auto plant in Paris where "sit-down" strikers inside were reported to have turned high-pressure fire hoses on police who tried to evict them. Under guidance of the Communist-dominated General Federation of Labor, strikers in various industries throughout France passed the million mark as a new French government under Premier Robert Schuman was formed to cope with the crisis.



"PLEASE MAKE ME QUEEN, MISTER"... It's situations like this that make it hard to decide whether to pity a beauty contest judge or envy him. Judges Don Rogers, Stanley Hahn, Marvin Kuppinger and George Stasand (left to right) are hard put to make a selection as 67 eager beauties, culled from 3,000, make their heart-rendering pleas. One of them will be picked to rule as queen at the Rose Bowl game.



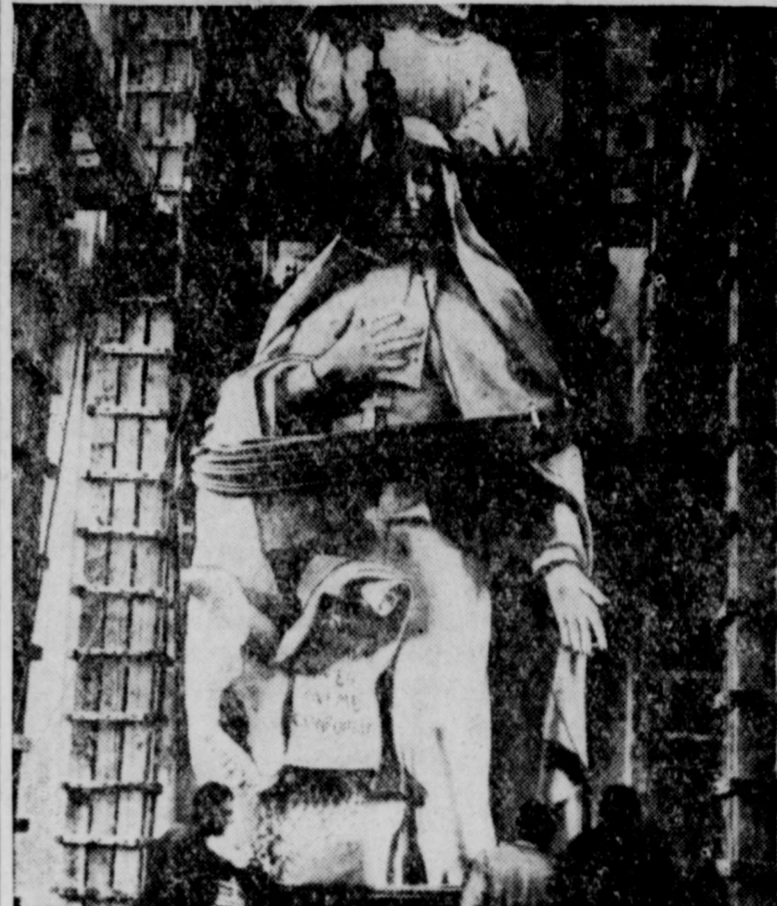
FIRST DRAFTEE RE-ENLISTS... Remember the man with No. 158, the first U. S. citizen to be selected for the peacetime draft? Little more than seven years ago Elmer Banks of Lexington, Ky., received the first "Greetings" and became the most discussed man in the nation. Now, with the war over, he has re-enlisted and is serving as a motor vehicle inspector at the Kadena, Okinawa, army air field.



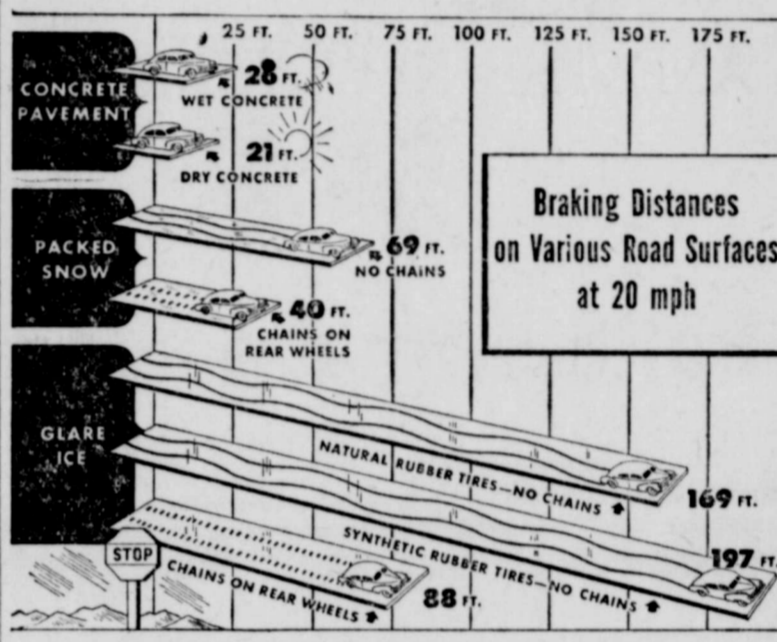
CENTURY BETWEEN THEM... Hiram R. Gale, 101, of Seattle, past commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, holds one-year-old Barry Grimes who visited him on his 101st birthday — Mr. Gale's 101st birthday. Barry celebrated his first on the same day. The two got together for old time's sake.



MEDAL FOR MARLENE... Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor awards the medal for freedom to Marlene Dietrich who "covered" most of the war fronts as a USO entertainer during the war. It is the war department's highest civilian decoration.



U. S. SAINT JOINS VATICAN GALLERY... The 21-ton marble statue of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is hoisted to its niche in the gallery of saints of the Roman Catholic church who are honored by statues in St. Peter's basilica, largest church in Christendom. Mother Cabrini, a native of Italy, was a naturalized American citizen and died in Chicago 30 years ago. Canonized in July, 1946, she is first U. S. saint whose statue has been added to the gallery.



INVITATION TO LIVE THIS WINTER... New winter accident facts, based on research by National Safety Council, reveal alarming increase of skidding and poor visibility crashes during snowy, icy weather. Authorities urge equalized brakes, using tire chains, wind shield wipers, defrosters, good lights and lower speeds to minimize the added seasonal hazards of inadequate stop-and-go traction on snow or ice and in reduced visibility.



THE LONG ROAD BACK... Admiration and encouragement help Robert Laser, 9, of Somerville, Mass., take his first steps toward learning to walk again in the infantile paralysis center at the children's hospital in Boston, the nation's only general hospital for children. With the youngster at the polo center pool is Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress and national chairman of the women's division of the 1948 March of Dimes.



SHORT SKIRTS OR LONG BEARDS... Male students at University of Kansas object to the longer skirts now in vogue with their feminine schoolmates and are voicing their disapproval by allowing their beards to grow. Four bewhiskered members of the anti-long dress club are (left to right) Joe Francis, one of the originators of the idea; Carl Sieby, Bill Mabry and David Butler. It's the new look for men.



'EYES' FOR BLIND BEAUTY... Miss Kathleen May of Chicago, blonde and beautiful but stricken blind at height of her dancing career, hugs new master-eye dog as she returns from Minneapolis, Minn., where she trained animal for six weeks.



ASKS CROP DICTATOR... Carl C. Farrington, agriculture department official, asked congress for emergency power to buy up entire farm crops when poor yields threaten the domestic economy or the export program.



THE MARINES... Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift (right), who is retiring as commandant of the U. S. marine corps, is shown conferring with his successor, Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, at USMC headquarters.



BASEBALL BUYER... Robert Rodenberg, Baltimore and Washington sportsman, said he would pay 2.5 million dollars for the American league franchise of the St. Louis Browns. He would bring the Browns to Baltimore in 1949 when that city's new stadium opens.



OFF FOR LONDON... Secy. of State George Marshall says goodbye to his wife at Washington airport before leaving for the Big Four foreign ministers' conference on German and Austrian peace treaties in London.



Water Witch

Your Main Street and Mine: Memos of a Coast-to-Coaster: The "inside" on the Howard Hughes probe...

Tokyo Rose (trying to get back into the United States) now claims she went to Japan to "take care of her aunt."

Winchellebrities: Joan Crawford at Wilkerson's glimmer party, L'Aiglon, looking for a "what's she got to be unhappy about?"

Hollywood Novelties: In a scene from "The Bishop's Wife" you may notice (among other objects on a table) a small stone bust of a pretty young lady...

How Tempus Fugit Section: When the president's post office hoofed on the Pantages and Orpheum circuits (1910-20) his first journalistic effort (this hub?) was a one page neatly typewritten newspaper called "The Daily Newsweek" (his first coined word).

Donaldson Donaldson is one of the men who came up the hard way. His career with the service began with his appointment as a city letter carrier in Shelbyville, Ill., in 1909.

Some party liners accuse the United States of not "trusting Russia enough." They owe us 11 billion dollars in lend-lease. Isn't that enough?

The Aristocrats: Whoever dreams up the script-stitching for "Club 15" merits a pat on the typewriter. "You Bet Your Life" has some standard quizzing, but Groucho Marx's quipping saves it from mediocrity.

Acting Isn't all stardust and grease paint. The Sabbath Times drama section notes that young thespians (whose efforts have rated pretty good reviews) are forced to eke out a living between shows as waitresses, soda jerks, janitors, dishwashers, et cetera.

The Late Watch: That groan you heard (in Washington) was from FDR supporters who heard that FDR's foremost opponent (Jesse Jones) may be brought back by Mr. Truman.

Sounds in the Night: At the Stork: "May I present my foist wife? She was foisted on me by her rich father."

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS British Laborites Win Strength Test; Government Seeks Coal, Oil Rationing; Hannegan Quits as Post Office Head

Released by WNU Features. (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer. No special Editor's Note is necessary on this newspaper.)

LABOR TEST: Clean Slate In Great Britain the Labor party had been worried over the outcome of the by-election in the southern town of Gravesend.

Richard Acland, a rich baronet, was carrying the Labor party's banner against Frank Taylor, an ex-furnace stoker, the Conservative candidate. A seat in parliament was not the only thing at stake.

It was a hard fought battle, and Acland, the Laborite, was elected to Parliament by a majority of 1,675 votes—a clear cut defeat for the Conservatives.

Nevertheless, the 1,675-vote margin of victory was considerably smaller than the 7,056-vote Labor party margin that had been piled up in the same district in 1945.

Perhaps one reason for the Labor party's continued popularity was that, despite all else, it was doing a good job of distributing equally what food and other goods were available in Britain.

POSTMASTER: Hannegan Out Robert E. Hannegan has eased himself out of the public political eye.

Little more than a month after he had quit his job as Democratic national chairman—because of ill health—he turned in his resignation as postmaster general.

To replace Hannegan as head of the nation's post office, President Truman named 62-year-old Jesse M. Donaldson, first assistant postmaster general, who has had 42 years in the postal service.

There was a possibility that the President would ask congress to eliminate the tax-free status of officer pensions except in cases of actual combat disability.

Said Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, White House military aide, "I know of one officer who is receiving tax-free disability pay and is holding a \$75,000 job in private industry. If a man is handicapped to such an extent that he gets tax-free disability pay, he's not worth \$75,000 a year to private industry."

OIL RATIONING: Anti-Inflation When President Truman, in his celebrated "10 points against inflation" address to congress, asked for limited authority to impose ration controls on basic commodities, it was taken for granted that they were food commodities alone.

First indication that this might not be a correct interpretation of Mr. Truman's proposal came when the department of interior asked congress for power to fix price controls and rationing on coal and oil as part of the anti-inflation program.

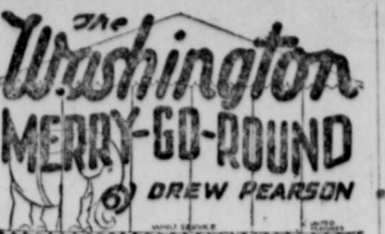
Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of the interior, told the house banking and currency committee that grave shortages and price advances were threatened in the two basic fuels.

There was no way of telling, he said, whether such controls actually would have to be imposed, but he insisted that the government should have authority to do so, just in case.

It is not probable that congress will give the government power to control oil and coal, but the incident serves to reflect the current point of view of the administration that a return to wartime rationing and price controls is the quickest and most effective way to buck inflation.

President Truman disclosed the policy first in his speech at the opening of the special session of congress. The interior department's request for control of coal and oil probably was a planned follow-up.

Only one cannot seem to be kept clean—that of the late Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin who needs his shoes shined and pants cuffs washed every day. He sits in a chair, his feet in such a position that tourists tug on his pants legs.



Washington Merry-Go-Round

Private Aid to Europe WASHINGTON. — President Truman is digging deeper than the Marshall plan to find food for Europe.

He is calling not only upon congress, but also non-government agencies. When he heard that several private relief agencies were joining forces in an all-out drive for contributions, he summoned Lee Marshall, head of the coordinating body, to the White House.

Writing to Marshall, President Truman declared that the American Overseas aid program has "my official endorsement and the warm and enthusiastic support of all of us who know that peace and security cannot be built on want and privation."

While the letter to Marshall was not sent with the idea it would get into print, the President's words were just as stirring as if addressed to the entire nation.

"Millions of people, particularly children helpless and suffering in lands laid waste by war, need assistance now if they are to survive," he wrote. "We must try to help them through this crisis."

Later Marshall called at the White House and explained that American Overseas aid was working on an ambitious program to collect one day's wages from every worker in America.

Next Un-American Probe The house committee on un-American activities has new fuel for kindling headlines now that the Hollywood flap has flickered out.

McDowell has been prying along the Mexican and Canadian borders, running down clues as far as the Panama canal. His first report, made orally to chairman J. Parnell Thomas, stated that the biggest border leak is at the Canadian port of Windsor, opposite Detroit.

Undesirables crash boldly into the country, using legal visiting permits which the immigration authorities issue laxly. Once in the country, the visitors can renew their permits indefinitely.

NOTE—Another project which the un-American activities committee has in mind is a probe of Communist infiltration into the Slavic population of the United States. Letters have been sent to 20 American-Slavic leaders, asking if they would cooperate in weed-out of the Communists. Eighteen agreed to appear before the committee without subpoenas.

Founding Fathers Scrubbed Before every session of congress, George Washington gets a special scrubbing behind the ears; so also do Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, William Jennings Bryan and 69 other notables.

Monuments to these historic figures stand in the Capitol's Hall of Fame, and it is the job of David Lynn, capitol architect, to put them in good condition.

This is no easy matter. The monuments require a special cleaning fluid. First they must be rinsed with water, then dosed with the cleaning fluid and wiped off with a wet cloth. Such a bath is prescribed twice a year for figures cast in marble.

Most difficult to bathe are Georgia's Alexander Hamilton Stephens, who was vice president of the confederacy, and Dr. Crawford Williamson Long, who discovered ether anesthesia. Both were sculptured from Georgia marble, which absorbs moisture and complicates the task of cleaning.

Only one cannot seem to be kept clean—that of the late Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin who needs his shoes shined and pants cuffs washed every day. He sits in a chair, his feet in such a position that tourists tug on his pants legs.

Curb on Hearings A bill to overhaul the ox-cart procedure of congressional hearings will be introduced shortly after opening of the regular session of congress in January by Rep. Francis Walters (Dem., Pa.).

A Longhair A small town musician who likes to look the artist type gazed at his young son disgestedly. "I'll give you a quarter if you'll go and wash your face," he offered. "Keep it," replied the boy, "and get yourself a haircut."

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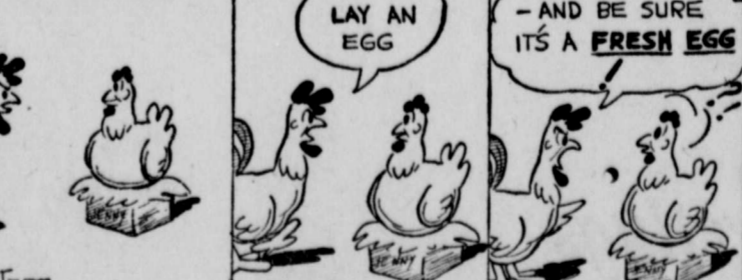
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Dear Santa Claus: I want a BB gun and about eight boxes of BB's. I want a set of guns. Billy Wade Abercrombie, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football and a BB gun. And I want lots of nuts and candy and I want a knife and I want a train for Christmas. Your friend—Sylvester Norris, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like very much for you to bring me a bicycle and a BB gun for Christmas. Thanking you—Billy Wayne Harris

Dear Santa: How are you? I hope you answer my letter. I want a bicycle, an air gun, a tinker toy set, a scout knife, a pack, a cap pistol, a wagon, a big box of stationery, a train, a billfold and a model air plane. Yours truly—Dorale Henley.

Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be a good girl at school and at home. I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes, a rubber doll, and a set of cooking vessels. Please bring me this and also candy and nuts and fruits. Don't forget the starving people of Europe. Your friend—Barbara Pierce, City Fire Department, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a doll and candy and fruit and a new car. I want a piano and a new dress, a play house with everything in it. I am at school and have just finished arithmetic. I wish you would come to see me and I hope you a merry Christmas. With love, Ann, 1104 26th Street, Snyder.

Dear Santa: My little sister and I like you very much. I hope the little boys and girls are happy this Christmas. My little sister and I like



BARNWARMIN' QUEEN—A Southern belle, Martha Strong, looks pretty tickled as she wears the crown that shows she's Queen of the 25th Annual Barnwarmin' at the University of Tennessee. Martha, chosen by agriculture students at the university, wears a billow dotted swiss dancing frock in keeping with the "King Cotton" theme of the event.

Christmas best. I like it better because we get toys and gifts. Well I guess you would like to know what we want for Christmas. My little sister wants lots but this is what she wants: A piano, doll that comes in a suitcase, has clothes, milk bottle, and a telephone. That is a lot. I want a doll that has a long dress. It has a blue dress with white writing on it, and a Mickey Mouse watch. That is a little too much but I want it. I hope you have it. Much love—Carolyn and Jerry Dee Robertson.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a table and chairs, and a cradle. And Santa, don't forget to bring me a stretchy bracelet and lots of nuts and fruit. Your little friend—Sarah Johnston, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing this letter to tell you what we want for Christmas. My two sisters want a doll and dishes. My baby brother wants a wagon and a few blocks. My two brothers want a train and a truck and a gun. I want a writing doll and ring and a necklace and a pair of skates. Much love—Barbara Hunter, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a gun for Christmas. I want a horn, too. I want a bus, also bring me some nuts, candy and fruit. Love—Horace Caldwell, 312 30th Street, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl all year. Please bring me a bicycle and candy and nuts. That is all. Thank you Santa. Your friend—Mary Nell Jourden, Snyder, third grade.

Dear Santa: I want a gun and a baseball bat. Also a BB gun, a pair of boots and a 22 gun. Love—Bobby Martin Knollenberg.

Dear Santa: I hope when December 25 comes you can bring me some toys. What I want for Christmas is a bicycle and wagon, and my

elder brother wants a bicycle and a motor car, and my sister wants a doll and doll house. My mother wants a bedroom suite. My father wants a pair of shoes. I hope you can get here. With love—Dale Grinnmet, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am an eight year old girl. I want you to bring me a red headed doll, doll house, and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Remember all the other little children. Your little friend — Barbara Ann Smith, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: We are little boys. I, Richard am six and Roy, four. We have been good boys as far as good goes for a boy. We want a cowboy suit with guns, one gun to shoot caps and a clicker gun. We also want a football, then plenty of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget our little aunts, Betty and Linda Moffett. Love—Richard and Roy Sumruld, Route 1, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 10 years old. My name is Delmar Kay Roberts. I would like to have a football, basketball, two guns and holsters. Don't forget my friends. With love—Delmar Kay Roberts, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a Mickey Mouse watch, a Huckleberry Finn book and a suit. That is all I want this year. Please, Santa, fill my stocking full of fruits, nuts, and candy. Please fill all the other boys' and girls' stockings full and bring them all many gifts too. With love—Jonelle Light, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring one set of dishes and one doctor set, and some candy and nuts. I like you Santa. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I try to be a good girl. Your friend — Mary Elizabeth Niedecken, Snyder.

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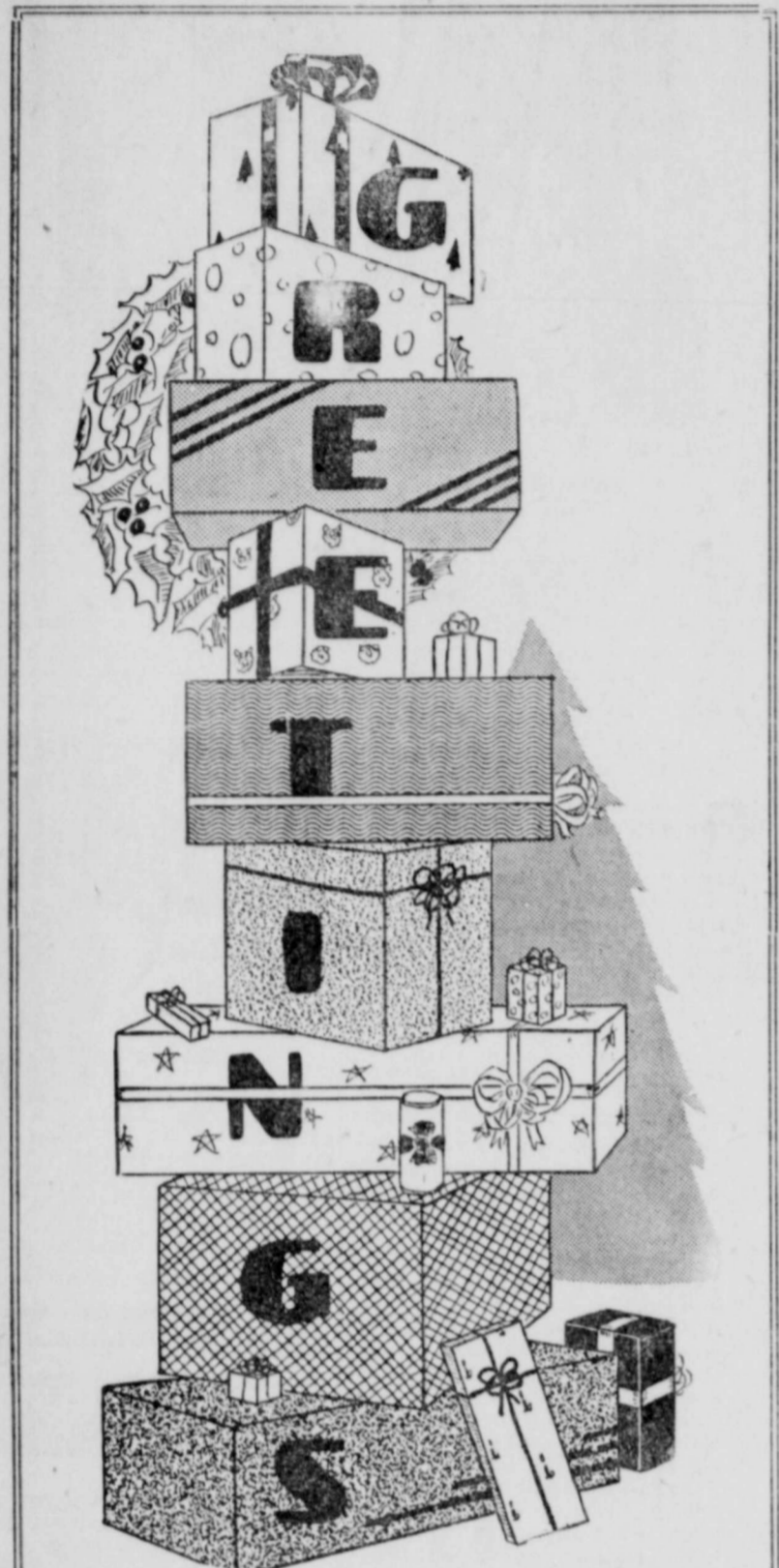
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Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and spurs. Don't forget my little sister. She wants a tricycle. Your friend—Gary Grant, Grade 5, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me a gun and a train for Christmas. Love, Joe Simmons, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: Please I want a watch and a wetting doll. Please I want a set of pencils. I want some roller skates and an umbrella, a story book and a stretchy bracelet, and a jeep that will run and candy and nuts. With love—Billie Jean Ramsey.

Dear Santa: I am ten years old. I have a sister that is one year and nine months old. I would like for Christmas an air rifle, a pair of boots, a wrist watch, an electric train, and a plastic brick set. Don't forget my little sister. Merry Christmas. With love, Troy Dean Williamson, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I want a doll, blackboard, and lots of fruits and candies, and do not forget my little brother and sister. Love—Margaret Trevey, Route 3, Snyder.

Dear Santa: I am a boy in the fifth grade and I want a gun, football, baseball, bicycle and some games, and lots of other things. With love—John Gilbert Tatom.

Dear Santa Claus: I do wish you would bring me a pretty house coat, house shoes, dresser set, and a lot of candy and fruit. Love — Faith Hope Miles.

Hi Santa: How long is your beard by now? We will all be glad when you come to town. Don't forget to bring me the BB gun or the tricycle. Have a merry Christmas. — Jim Morris Sealy.

Dear Santa Claus: Santa Claus I want a pair of skates and a rubber skin doll and girls bicycle and a girls' bill fold. Dear Santa please come. Love—Mollie Gilliam.

Dear Santa Claus: I am eleven years old and in the fifth grade. I am sort of a tomboy and some of the things I want are ridiculous, but here is what I want. I want a few games, a cocker spaniel puppy, a book about A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court and



SANTA CAME EARLY—Santa Claus gave little eight-month-old Susan Boyd of Memphis, Tennessee, a preview of what she can expect on her very first Christmas Day. He left these soft, cuddly dolls a bit early. The elephants and clown are samples of delightful dolls made of cotton bags that will fill Santa's bag this year. Old St. Nick just goes to work on an empty flour or sugar sack, adds cotton stuffing and comes up with gifts toadden children's hearts for Christmas and the year 'round.

Robin Hood books. I would also like a chemistry set, a doctor's set, a bike, and a palmy set. My little sister who is two years old would like a doll, a red wagon and a tricycle or a rocking horse or one that rolls. My little brother would like a bike, a BB gun, a set of trains, a bath robe and a chemistry set. With love—Clare Dodson Smith.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun, saabard, racer, a game and fruit, nuts and candy. Bring my little brother the same as you bring me. Love—Carroll Wylie, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Fine I hope. I am a little girl 11 years old. I wish you would bring me a house coat, a pair of house shoes and a wrist watch. That is all I want so please bring them to me. Thanks. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas also your reindeer. Love—Mamie Lou Burdett, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bed set and some ice skates and a baby doll and a story book. Please bring a teddy bear and ring and necklace. Amerette von der Hoff, Snyder.

Dear Santa Please may I have a dydee doll, a bassinet, little Miss Velvetten, a basketball, a tennis racket, and a chemistry set? Thank you and Merry Christmas to all—Karen O'Brien.

Dear Santa: I want a set of dishes, a bed, a pair of skates, a doll, a chemistry set, a story book,

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Santa Fe Carloadings Decline

Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 13, 1947, were 28,202 compared with 28,422 for the same week in 1946. Cars received from connections totaled 11,495 compared with 10,956 for the same week in 1946. Total cars moved were 39,697 compared with 39,378 for the same week in 1946. Santa Fe handled a total of 40,050 cars in the preceding week of this year.

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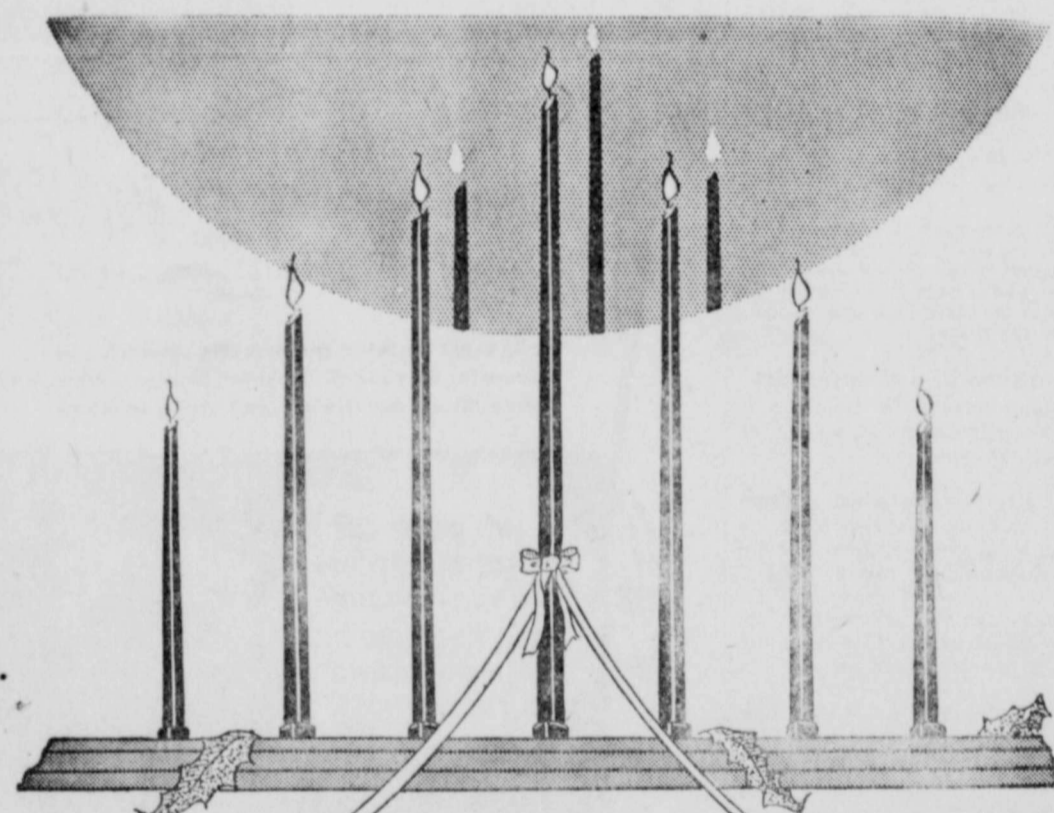
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Dear Santa Claus: I want a burning set for Christmas. Our house number is 2703 Ave Q. Proud Brent, Snyder.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me an electric train and a kodak and a bicycle and a bow and arrow. Good-bye and happy Christmas to all.—Robert Wells.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll that wets her diaper and sucks her bottle, also some skates. I want you to bring Larry some toys. He is my little cousin. Don't forget Sharon, my little playmate. Oh yes, I want a little stove and a little sink. Don't forget mother and daddy. Lots of love—Donna Jean Scott.

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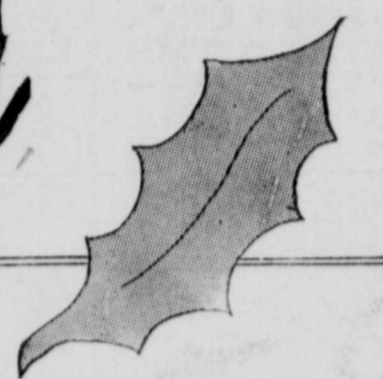
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THE FLOWER SHOW 'FIX'

The "fix" has turned up in the strangest of events, a flower show. In London the other day book-makers, driven out of sports, took bets on flower show entries and "doped" a chrysanthemum exhibit. The exhibitor was one of the top chrysanthemum men of England and had a flower that was the public choice, so to speak. The crooks crept into his hothouse in the night and poisoned the blooms that were to go to the post. It just goes to show what a dishonest world we are living in.

Elmer Twitchell, the well known horticulturist, came out today with a warning that the flower "fix" is not limited to the British Isles. "I had a tea rose entered in an American flower show," he declared. "On past performances, it couldn't miss first money. It wilted as soon as the gate was sprung. The dopers had been at work." "Then there was the case of the hopped up petunia," Twitchell went on. "It was known as the Regal Queen Petunia, and never had been defeated. It was such a standout that all but two other petunia owners scratched their entries. The price was knocked down to two to five and, when the bugle blew, Regal Queen was found too droopy to compete!"

Elmer insists that he knows of one case where at a big flower show in this country, an entire garden exhibit was given a mickey finn. At 11 p. m. on the night before the judging, the garden was in perfect shape and an easy winner. At 8 the next morning not a crocus could lift its head and the gladioli were out on their feet.

The price of Scotch and Canadian whiskey will be cut 30 cents a bottle under the new tariff changes. "You may be sure this whole saving will be passed on to the public," said H. T. Lourie, vice president of the National Association of Beverage Importers. —News Item.

Wanna bet? . . .

WASHINGTON SUMMARY Muddle, confusion, boom and bust . . . If the devil don't getcha, OPA must.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER Money isn't hard to get. A policeman, Charles Smythe went into the "Break the Bank" program and, having answered five other simple questions, had one more to go to get \$3,000. And the crucial knowledge he had to possess was to know that the man named Charlie who served in Coolidge's cabinet was Charlie Dawes! We are trying to get John Kieran to disguise himself as a tall, thin man with a red mustache and let us enter him in all these big dough quiz programs on a 50-50 split. (The present hitch is that John is holding out for 51 per cent.)

Leroy Robertson, a former Utah cowboy, has won a \$25,000 prize for a symphony. This should stymie the woman who always is kicking if the kid leaves his spurs, rope and chewing gum on the piano.

Definitions of a Communist A Communist is a fellow who wants to better your life, no matter what it costs you.

He is a reformer who will guarantee you everything in return for his right to bump you off when you demand to know how you're doing.

He is a man who will rebuild the world even if he has to kill off the NEXT to the last survivor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan of Chicago are on a canoe trip from that city to Cuba. It just goes to show how traffic conditions are regarded by some people.

CAN YOU REMEMBER—When Hollywood people were always supposed to answer "Yes" to anybody?

When you got a soda straw without asking?

When a fellow had some change left after meeting a payroll?

Name on a Connecticut restaurant "The Atomic Lunch." It causes us to wonder if lunchrooms are beginning to boast of their destructive cooking.

THE SHORT STORY U.S.A. S.O.S. O.P.A. P.D.Q.

The housewife finds that the \$10 bill of a year and a half ago will buy only \$7 worth of food today. —President Truman.

Where can she get a wonderful break like that, Harry?

President Truman wishes he had kept the old O.P.A. around so he could now trade it in for a larger model.

Girl's baseball teams are spreading all over the Midwest. The girls play a good game, are well paid and their contests are largely attended. Amusement men predict that the sport will sweep the country and that there will one day be a world series between the cities. Still, it is going to seem odd to think of your daughter in later years as an old Duluth or Terre Haute outfielder.



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ABOUT OUR PRESIDENTS JOHN QUINCY ADAMS expressed his opinion as follows: If you want to be happy, go to congress, but don't be President. After his third term as President, he was elected to congress. At that time he wrote in his diary: "My election as President was not half so gratifying." THOMAS JEFFERSON, third President of the United States, founded the University of Virginia. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT was the first President to preside over the forty-eight United States. MARTIN VAN BUREN abstained from the use of food and water the first week of every year in order to keep from gaining weight.

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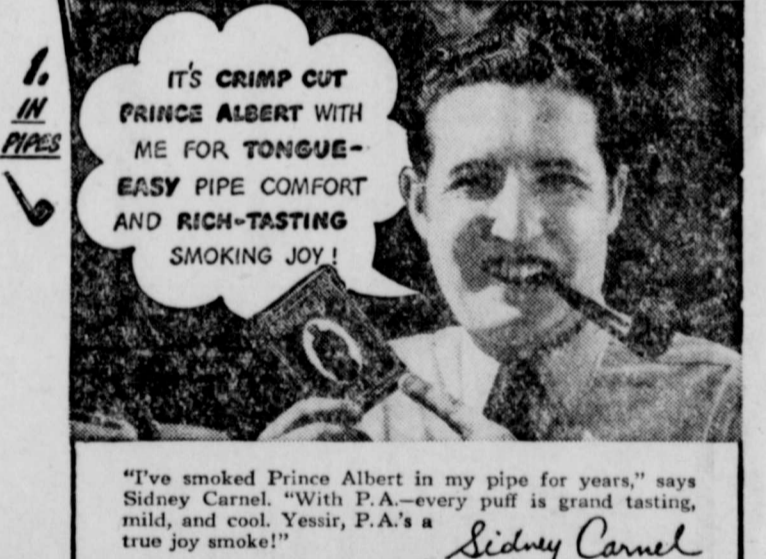
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Gems of Thought

SHUN idleness, it is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals. — Voltaire.

Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from truth who believes what is wrong.—Jefferson.

Vulgarity defiles fine garments more than does mud.



SAVAGELY, old Adam Courtney twisted his cigar-yellowed moustache. From the plush sofa, the muffled sobs of Diana, his shapely and lovely young daughter, expressed an unshakable defiance.

"I AM going to marry Jim Bailey," she chanted monotonously. "I don't care if he HASN'T got the money he ought to have to start in business. I don't care if he HAS only three thousand and instead of six."

The slender girl leaped hysterically. A slipper flew across the room. "I LOVE him, doggone him! I LOVE him!"

Grimly, Adam Courtney went for his hat and his heavy cane. Grimly he left the house. He knew where to find Jim Bailey. Barred from calling on Diana, he would be waiting at the club—the big social and athletic club—for her to join him for the dance tonight.

In the old days on the West Coast, he thought angrily, a matter such as this might have been settled with a 45. Now business and money and convention had overtaken him—after his marriage, late in life.

Diana was all he had, since the young wife he adored had died in childbirth. Ever since that day, his only child had been his only interest, taking the place of her mother before her.

Never before this had she defied him, turned from his love to the love of someone else. As things stood tonight, however, he had lost her—unless somehow he could hold her back.

Surely this called for desperate measures. As he stalked into the club, he spied the ruddy, muscular young object of his quest. In the black and white of dinner clothes, Jim Bailey sat watching a game in the busy card room. Jim rose, and the table fell silent, as the grim old man came up.

"Jim Bailey," Adam Courtney thundered, "are you man enough to take a gamble?"

Jim Bailey simply stared. "I understand you have three thousand in the savings bank," old Courtney said. "I'll put up two dollars to every one of yours. Give you two to one on every bet. Six thousand to three thousand, table stakes. If you lose—you will agree to leave my daughter alone."

"And what if I win?" asked Jim Bailey. "Win?" Adam Courtney's bony face paled. "Win—you marry her, sir, of course."

Jim Bailey hesitated, and the whole room stopped breathing. Everybody understood the struggle that had been going on between him

and Diana, on the one hand, and Diana's father on the other. Under ordinary circumstances, no one would expect him to agree to risk losing his money and his hope of future happiness on the turn of a card. But suddenly it had dawned on everybody that this situation was not ordinary.

Only two weeks before, the old man had ceded a newspaper editor who had intimidated that Adam Courtney, in the old days on the Coast, had been a professional gambler. No one believed a word of the accusation. But now, to refuse publicly to play would tell the world he believed what the editor had written, and were afraid of being rooked.

Jim Bailey wet his lips. "Do you want to play with chips, sir, or cash?—but even money!"

"Cash!" said Adam Courtney grimly. Next evening, each bearing his stake of three thousand dollars, they took their seats in the card room.

"Draw poker," announced Adam Courtney, tearing open the pack. "Table stakes. And," he leaned across the table and looked Jim Bailey in the eye, "a gentleman's agreement!"

"Okay," Jim Bailey said. "Will you cut, sir?"

Open gambling was not permitted in the club. But what employee would dare stop this? Like wildfire the news spread. Members hurried in just in time to see the old man lose five hundred dollars on a full house, against Jim Bailey's four tens.

At first, luck seemed to favor Jim Bailey. But presently the calm, grim old man began to win.

Then the old man lost three large bets. The stacks of money stood about even again—each three thousand dollars.

Jim Bailey dealt. Adam Courtney looked at his cards. He counted out five hundred dollars. Jim Bailey

looked at his cards. Without hesitation, he pushed an equal amount forward.

Then each drew cards. Jim Bailey held up three cards and drew two. Adam Courtney asked for but one. The old man looked at the card. Quickly he pushed forward his whole remaining pile.

The spectators glanced at one another. Some thought they had glimpsed the two hands. To start with, as they afterward explained, Jim Bailey had held three aces. Adam Courtney three kings. On the draw it seemed that Jim, with three aces pat, had caught two queens. Thus he had the highest possible full-house on this deal. But the old man had caught another king, and held four—the winning hand.

Would Jim Bailey put up his whole



The money in Jim's hand told her the rest. She ran to her father. The grim old man ignored her.

pile and call the old man's bet? If he did, the game was over. He would lose his money, and Diana, too.

Jim Bailey's hand shook as he rifled his remaining pile. Since the old man hardly had held four-of-a-kind to start with, and had drawn but one card, the odds were forty to one against his now having four-of-a-kind or better. Suddenly, his face no longer ruddy, Jim Bailey pushed his whole pile forward.

"I call, sir," he said. He spread out his hand. "I've got a full-house—aces over queens."

Then occurred one of those disturbing interruptions which explain the new screens at the card room door. There was a cry and a commotion, and Diana, Adam Courtney's daughter, appeared in the doorway, staring in at the players.

She was dressed to go to the dance. Her hair was arranged in the style of twenty years ago. In a white satin dress which had belonged to her mother, she looked (as an elderly member said) the spitting image of Adam Courtney's dead wife.

Old Adam Courtney glanced up, stared, as if a ghost. Heaven only knows what memory—perhaps of his and his wife's glowing early happiness—passed through his mind. He drew a deep, slow breath. His white head disappeared beneath the table as he retrieved the cane from the floor.

This distraction lasted but a moment. Then Adam Courtney sat up and faced Jim Bailey. Leaning awkwardly forward, his left hand heavy on the table, the old man turned his own cards up, one by one.

THE KING OF DIAMONDS. "One!" the crowd breathed. THE KING OF HEARTS. "Two!" the crowd whispered. THE KING OF CLUBS. "Three!" the crowd murmured. Then he turned — THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS.

It was his last card.

Not only had he failed to catch the king of spades on the draw, apparently he had drawn but one card, when he should have drawn two. He held only four cards, a worthless hand.

The grim old man had lost! Jim Bailey had won, not only the old man's three thousand, but his daughter.

Jim Bailey gathered in all the money. He stood up, holding it in his hand. Everyone watched Adam Courtney's daughter as Jim Bailey crossed to where she stood framed in the doorway.



Make Extra Gifts By Baking Goodies In Home Kitchens



Cookies make a wonderful holiday gift! Wrapped as glamorously as these, they'll solve many a last-minute gift dilemma. Set a box under the tree as an extra gift, or take a box of them to your neighbor.

These are extra-wonderful days in the kitchen, for there's a hustle and bustle of activity, warmth and cheer, mysterious smells of something good and the swish of gay and cheery wrapping paper and ribbons.

Yes, we're getting ready for Christmas. But it's not just the holiday feast we're preparing for, since kitchens also may be put to work to make those wonderful home-made presents every home-maker appreciates so much.

Of particular interest are cookies and candies. You'll want to make some of your own for the holidays, so why not whip together an extra batch and send some to neighbors and friends? There's no better way of expressing warmth and cheer than something made by deft hands and a heart-ful of good wishes.

Here's a taste-tempting cookie you'll want to include in your cookie collection:

Henecies. (Makes 2 1/2 dozen 2-inch cookies) 1/2 cup butter or substitute 1/2 cup brown sugar 2 egg yolks 1 teaspoon vanilla 2 cups cake flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 cup ground nut meats 1/2 cup whole bran

Blend butter and sugar; add beaten egg yolks and flavoring. Sift flour, baking powder; add nut meats. Combine with first mixture. Chill. Form dough into egg-shaped balls. Roll in whole bran which has been crushed slightly. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot (400 degree) oven for 10 minutes. Note: Whole bran may be added to the cookie dough instead of rolling cookies in whole bran.

Chocolate Drops. (Makes 2 1/2 dozen 2-inch cookies) 1/2 cup butter or substitute 1/2 cup brown sugar 1 egg, beaten 1 1/2 squares chocolate 3 tablespoons water 1/2 cup sour milk 1 cup whole bran 1 cup flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon soda 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup chopped nut meats

Cream butter and sugar; add egg, melted chocolate and water. Beat well, then add sour milk and whole bran. Sift flour with baking powder, soda and salt and add to first mixture with the nut meats. Drop from teaspoon onto a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate (375 degree) oven for 15 minutes.

Date Favorites. 1/2 cup butter or substitute 1 1/2 cups sugar 1 1/2 teaspoons soda 2 tablespoons water 1 cup buttermilk 3 cups flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 cup nuts, chopped 1 cup dates, chopped Powdered sugar

Cream butter and sugar. Mix soda with water and add to the butter-

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

Browned Short Ribs of Beef Glazed Carrots Canned Potatoes Childlover Au Gratin Tossed Salad Wheat Bread Baked Pears Beverage *Ice Box Cookies *Recipe given.

Milk. Add flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Fold in nuts and dates. Pour into a shallow, greased pan and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut into narrow slices while still warm and roll in powdered sugar.

*Ice Box Cookies. 1 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup butter 1 egg, unbeaten 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar 1/2 teaspoon soda 1/2 cup pecans, cut fine 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream sugar and butter well together. Add the egg, flour, cream of tartar and soda. Mix well and fold in nuts and vanilla. Make into rolls about 2 inches in diameter and wrap each in waxed paper. Let stand in refrigerator for 24 hours. Then unroll and slice about 1/4 inch thick. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 8 minutes, or until golden brown.

Fudge Squares. (Makes 36) 2 squares unsweetened chocolate 1/2 cup butter or substitute 1/2 cup light corn syrup 1/2 cup sugar 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla 2 cups quick oats, uncooked 1/2 cup chopped nut meats

Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler. Add remaining ingredients, blending thoroughly. Pack firmly into an 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle a few chopped nuts on top if desired. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) for 12 minutes. When cool, turn out of pan and cut in squares. Store in refrigerator if warm.

Of Yuletide sweets, there are none tastier than home-made candies. With just a few ingredients and tested recipes you can concoct some delectable treats and gift-wrap them for Christmas presents.

Brazil Nut Patties. 1/2 cup syrup 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup water 1/2 pound brazil nut meats

Combine ingredients. Cook to 290 degrees or the crack stage. Pour carefully over brazil nuts arranged over a marble slab. Loosen patties before they become too hard to prevent them from cracking.

Maple Creams. 1 cup maple sugar 1 cup light brown sugar 1/2 cup water 1/2 teaspoon almond extract 1/2 pound nut meats

Cook the sugars and water to 240 degrees or the soft ball stage. Add the almond extract and cool to lukewarm. Then beat until creamy. Knead until smooth, form into small balls and place a nut meat in each ball.

Stuffed Marshmallows. 1 box marshmallows 1/2 pound nuts (whole meats) Lay the marshmallows out on a table and, with a sharp knife, make a gash into the center of each. Push a nut meat (English walnut, pecan, hickory or peanut) into this opening, and press marshmallow closed with fingers. They may be dipped in chocolate if desired.

Reheat by WNU Features.

Some mixture can be formed into balls and speared with a toothpick; Mash anchovy paste with cream cheese, and season with Worcestershire sauce and cayenne pepper.

Celery Balls: One cup of minced celery, 3 ounces of cream cheese, with salt and pepper. Roll in chopped parsley.

Green Balls: One-half cup grated Swiss cheese, 1/2 cup minced ham, 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1 egg yolk (raw) and salt. Roll in minced chives or parsley.

Burning Bush: Mash cream cheese with a dash of onion juice. Roll in minced dried beef. Liver Sausage Balls: Mix 1 cup of liver paste with 1/4 cup minced celery and 2 tablespoons minced green pepper; roll in minced dill pickle. Stuff green peppers with a rye-fort cheese mixed with cream cheese; fill, chill and slice thin; serve on toothpicks. Pimiento cheese spread also may be used for stuffing. Toast sticks, crisp bacon and long slices of dill pickle, held together with a toothpick, form another taste appealing combination.

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Barley roots were unharmed when exposed to the radiation of man-made plutonium for only 24 hours.

flow of water and plant food from roots to leaves was badly damaged.

The plants absorbed plutonium and the other elements quickly, even when they were present only in trace amounts on the surface of clay or soil particles.

All elements were found almost entirely in or on the roots. Only one of them, strontium, appeared to any extent in the leaves.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Skill, 4 Burning, 9 Dance step, 12 French coin, 13 Great flow of water, 14 Illumined, 15 To confer with an enemy, 17 Composed of two elements, 19 To prohibit, 20 Giant, 21 Excited, 23 Transgress on, 24 To remove, 27 To allow, 28 To bring forth, 29 Bishop's headpiece, 30 Preposition, 31 Part of a circle, 32 Golf term, 33 To depart, 34 Scent, 36 To suit, 37 Crevice, 38 Withered, 39 Light brown, 40 Wan, 41 Gems of geese, 43 Pass between mountains, 44 Australian botanist, 46 Joyful, 49 Ovary, 50 Girl's name, 52 Organ of hearing, 53 Misery, 54 Subtle kind of sarcasm, 55 Cereal plant.

Vertical clues: 1 Venomous snake, 2 Kiwi, 3 Flatfish, 4 The southwest wind, 5 Winged insect, 6 Maiden loved by Zeus, 7 Redbreast, 8 To prepare for publication, 9 Celestial body, 10 Tune, 11 Pen for swine, 16 To fall behind, 18 Lowest point, 20 Malleable metal, 21 Also called, 22 Kind, 23 Pouch, 25 Lawful, 26 To eat away, 28 Period of time, 29 To entangle, 31 To alter, 32 To fasten, 35 Color, 36 Distant, 37 To hesitate, 39 Weblike, 40 Hawaiian dish, 42 Prefix: half.

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S.H.S. Basketball Boys Get Suits as Court Play Starts

The Snyder Tigers have laid away their football togs and have once more stepped into the familiar black and gold basketball uniforms. Lettermen receiving uniforms Monday were Jack Gorman, Billy Don Burk, George Richardson, Richard Land, Donnie Everett, E. J. Moore, Billy Tom Deffebach, and Robert Preullit.

The boys receiving uniforms who were with the Tigers last season were Don Bynum, James Littlepage, Charles Birdwell, Donald Jack Jones, David Smith, Darrel Black, Robert Minton, and Max Wayne Harra. Coaches Beene and Taylor announced that there would be three games played every game night. These will consist of boys' Class C games at 6:00 o'clock, Class B games at 7:00 o'clock, and Class A games at 8:00 o'clock. In case of girls' games, the C game will be dropped and the girls' game will be played at 7:00 o'clock and the B game at 8:00 o'clock—S. H. S. Tiger's Tale.

County Vet Among High Rank at J-Tac

Veterans continue to rank high scholastically at John Tarleton College, Stephenville, according to Dean E. J. Howell. A Scurry County ex-GI is one of the group.

"All three male students on the 90-honor roll and 35 of the 73 on the 80-honor roll are veterans," he noted. Seven students were listed on the recently released honor roll as having averaged 90 on all subjects, and 97 are listed as having attained grades of 80 or more on all subjects. James B. Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davidson of Snyder, is on the current honor roll.

James, the C game will be dropped and the girls' game will be played at 7:00 o'clock and the B game at 8:00 o'clock—S. H. S. Tiger's Tale. The S. H. S. girls have also been undergoing intense practices under T. D. Wiman, girls' supervisor. Girls with previous experience are Johnnie Cole, Frances Leath, Syble Ramage, and Ila Ruth Newton.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS WISH

By COLLIER



Lands in Scurry County Involved in \$1,379,000 Gift of Wassons to Baptists

Ranch lands in Southwest Scurry County were involved in a gift of more than a million and a quarter dollars to Texas Baptists given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Wasson of Big Spring last week.

All department heads of the Baptist General Convention of Texas were re-elected Tuesday and gifts of \$1,379,760 accepted by its executive board.

The 161-place board also named Dr. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Austin, as chairman, succeeding Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas. A gift of oil and gas leases, surface rights and oil royalty on 14,484 acres in West Texas, valued at \$1,364,000, was accepted from Mr. Wasson.

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New Experiments Find Poison for Al Cotton Pests

Boll weevils and every other cotton pest are doomed—if experiments by the Department of Agriculture pan out like, it thinks they will.

Scurry County cotton raisers and others are interested in experiments that are being made. Benzene hexachloride, mixed with hexachloride, mixed with DDT, gave "outstanding control of heavy infestation" of practically every known cotton pest in experiments at Waco, the Bureau of Entomology reported Monday.

Its new mixture, five per cent DDT combined with benzene hexachloride containing three per cent gamma isomer, killed boll weevils, pink boll worms, cotton aphids, leaf worms, flea hoppers, tarnished and rapid plant bugs, thrips, loopers, stink bugs, webworms and Army worms, the bureau said.

These benzene hexachloride mixtures gave a much quicker kill of the boll weevil and longer protection against the cotton leaf worm than did calcium arsenate (the standard boll weevil poison), the bureau stated.

It reported that another new poison, chlorinated camphene, "gave promising results" against practically all types of cotton insects in laboratory experiments, adding that fields treated with it produced 46 per cent more cotton than those treated with calcium arsenate.

The greatness of a loss, as the proverb suggests, is determinable, not so much by what we have lost, as by what we have left.—Bovee.



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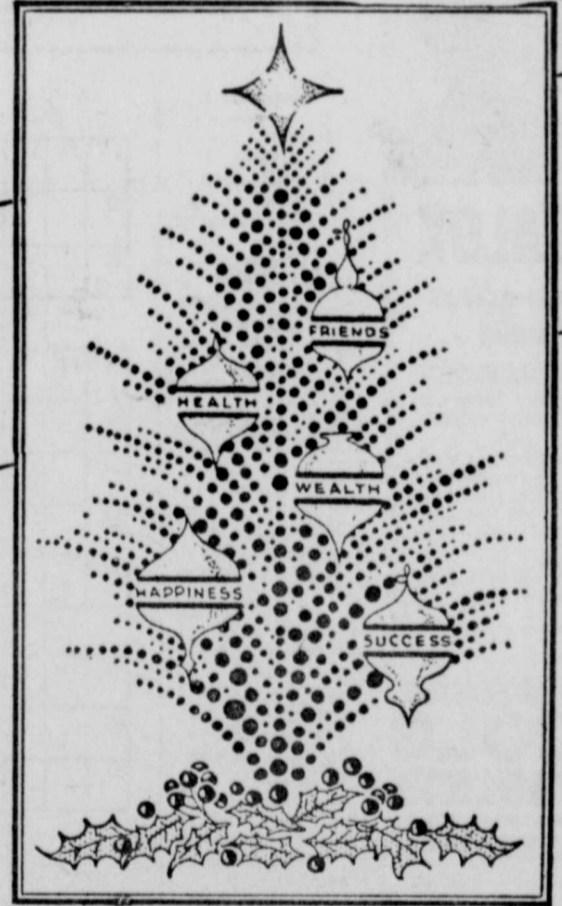


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