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AIR CORPS LIFTS FIRST BAN AGAINST ACCEPTING MARRIED MEN

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas, has been advised by the War Department that volunteer enlistments of married men without dependents can now be accepted provided that a married man can make a sworn statement on enlistment that, "My dependents have sufficient means of support; are not dependent; nor in anyway apt to become dependent on me for support during my enlistment in the army of the United States."

This new regulation opens to married men without dependents their choice of assignment to any branch of the service they desire. Aviation Recruiting Officers To Visit Panhandle Next Week

The "streamlined" recruiting of the Aviation branch of the Army reflects the quickened tempo caused by the war. Starting in January, the Aviation Procurement team from Fort Bliss and the Itinerant Aviation Cadet Examining Board from Goodfellow Field will cover the following circuit:

Amarillo, Texas, Elks Club house January 5-6-7.

Childress, Texas, Municipal Building, January 8-9-10.

Pampa, Texas, Army Recruiting Station, January 12-14-16.

Borger, Texas, American Legion Hall, January 13-15-17.

Present will be a Recruiting Officer to explain requirements to men who want to learn to fly, or men who want to be Navigator-Bombardiers. All present, a Flight surgeon to give the physical examination, Air Officers to "size up" candidates and see if they are good air corps material.

Those who qualify, are then enlisted on the spot, and given a furlough of 30 days, so that they can know they are "In the Air Corps" and still have time to finish up business matters.

Those who pass the physical examination, but must take the mental examination later, are given help in arranging to meet the mental examination requirements. They are given letters to their local Boards requesting deferment until the next examination is past.

Capt. Perry C. Buchner, Fort Bliss Aviation Procurement Officer, states this opportunity is open to men of High School education or better.

Red Cross Ladies To Organize Work Friday Afternoon

Ladies selected from each of the churches to supervise organization of a Red Cross Workers Organization are requested to be present at a meeting in the Home Demonstration club room at the Courthouse Friday, January 2, at 2:30 P. M.

A special lady is requested to make a special effort to be present in order that organized efforts may be directed to give all possible assistance in winning the war.

Rationing Of Tires Begins January 5

Rationing of new automobile, truck, motorcycle tires, tubes and casing will begin January 5. No restriction has been placed on the purchase of used tires, retreads or recapped tires, or on bicycle tires.

The average citizen, unless he is a physician, a visiting nurse or a veterinarian, can not buy a new tire.

Seven groups of eligibles for the purchase of new tires are for vehicles used exclusively in protection of public health and safety or for essential freight and bus transportation or industrial and commercial operations. School buses and some classes of delivery trucks are also on the eligible list.

Tractor Tires Allowed

Regulations approve purchase of new tires for farm equipment, other than automobile or trucks, if tires are essential for operation of the equipment.

Local Board Rules

Local rationing boards, made up of members of local defense councils, are being established. They will have final jurisdiction within their communities and will issue certificates on application permitting eligible persons to purchase tires.

Rev. Fern Miller Accepts Pastorate Of Baptist Church

Rev. Fern Miller of McAlistier, Oklahoma, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church and will move here January 9 to assume his duties.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Smilin' Through" with Jeanette McDonald, Gene Raymond, and Brian Aherne.

Friday and Saturday, "Sun Set In Wyoming," with Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette.

Sunday and Monday, "Sun Valley Serenade," with Sonja Heine and John Payne.

Tuesday, "Dance Hall," with Cesar Romero and Carole Landis.

Dec. 7-8, "It Started With Eve," with Deanna Durbin and Charles Laughton.

\$615.50 Raised In War's First Red Cross Drive

Sherman County residents have donated \$615.50 to the first Red Cross war relief drive which was made almost before the close of the annual membership drive for enrollment in some parts of the county, it was learned this week from Chester Guthrie, Sherman County Red Cross Chairman.

Last week the funds which Spurlock presented in the annual Red Cross membership drive were confused with the current drive, causing a difference in the official report issued this week.

Chairman Chester Guthrie extends his appreciation to the citizens of each precinct who cooperated to make the first emergency call a success.

Donations listed from each precinct are as follows:

Precinct No. 1

T. F. Baskin \$5.00, R. L. Baskin \$5.00, George Bradley \$1.00, G. C. Bryan \$1.00, D. L. Buckles \$1.00, R. C. Buckles \$5.00, J. G. Clark \$5.00, Ellison Bros. \$5.00, R. K. Everett \$1.00, Herbert Folsom \$5.00, Dan Foreman \$5.00, Charlie Harris \$2.50, E. H. Hudson \$5.00, Elmer Hudson \$5.00, L. J. Keenan \$1.00, R. E. O'Quin \$1.00, W. E. Pleyer \$2.50, A. E. Pronger \$5.00, P. J. Pronger \$5.00, P. J. Pronger, Jr. \$2.50, C. W. Sloan \$3.00, W. A. Sloan \$5.00, Homer Smith \$2.00, W. W. Steel \$5.00, Irwin Wiseman \$2.50, Sam Wohlford \$2.00, R. B. Everett \$1.00, Mrs. Gaines Teeple \$1.00, Herman Borth \$2.00, O. R. Blankenship \$1.00, Gaines Teeple \$1.50, Henry Cromer \$3.00, making a total of \$97.50.

Precinct No. 2

Lester Wells \$1.00, Craig & Browder \$10.00, J. T. Cartrite \$5.00, Marshall Cator \$5.00, Barney Laniers Estate \$5.00, E. W. Carter \$5.00, W. A. Spurlock \$4.00, R. L. Carter \$3.00, J. R. Morris \$5.00, Roy Boney \$5.00, D. G. Cluck \$5.00, Mrs. J. R. Hunt \$2.00, C. E. Reynolds \$3.00, B. E. Dooley \$3.00, Harvey Spurlock \$1.00, Mrs. Emma Simpson \$2.50, Guy Sweny \$2.00, Lacy Fedric \$1.00, L. A. Flyr \$2.00, H. A. Carter \$5.00, Meritt Sweny \$1.00, making a total of \$75.50.

Precinct No. 3

W. T. Crabtree and wife \$5.50, Mrs. Harriet Burroughs \$1.00, Keith Parrish \$1.00, E. E. Fisk \$2.00, J. N. Bridwell \$2.00, Freeman Bros. \$10.00, Riffe Bros. \$10.00, Texhoma Oil & Gas \$1.00, Phillips Station \$2.50, Paul Gaddy \$1.00, Mrs. J. A. Hickman \$2.00, Raymond Sweet \$1.00, Lowell Johnson \$1.00, 54 Cafe \$2.00, D. C. Boothby \$3.00, Walter Lasley \$5.00, C. J. Brown Produce \$1.00, Mr. Walker \$2.00, T. P. Hawkins \$1.00, Sherman Holt \$1.00, George Roberts \$1.00, Mr. Harlen \$2.00, Bill Lasley \$3.00, Ben Benson \$1.00, Mr. Renner \$1.00, H. S. Hawkins \$2.00, Walter Burroughs \$1.00, G. L. Harlen \$5.00, Roy Schafer \$2.00, Ora Blackstone \$1.00, Henry Cornelison \$1.00, Gerald Davidson \$1.00, Paul Craig \$1.00, Charlie Roach \$1.00, Sam Lasley \$2.00, Carol Weatherford \$1.00, Texhoma Flying School \$5.00, Tommie McCuiston \$1.00, J. L. Hook \$1.00, M. Sellars \$1.00, Clyde Wyatt \$1.00, Harry Vinson \$1.00, Mrs. Lillie Long \$1.00, Dan Martin \$10.00, Ray Frei \$1.00, Frank Preston \$1.00, Red Dodson \$2.00, Texhoma Wheat Growers \$5.00, John Layman \$1.00, making a total of \$112.00.

Precinct No. 4

Roxy Theatre \$5.00, West Texas Utilities \$5.00, J. W. Elliott \$5.00, Ross Bros. \$5.00, Yates Drug \$5.00, First State Bank \$25.00, Bonar Pharmacy \$5.00, Reeds Cafe \$5.00, Kelp Cleaners \$2.00, Walden Electric \$1.00, Lowe & Billington \$5.00, Ernest Cummings \$2.00, Bennett Implement Co. \$5.00, Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. \$10.00, R. J. Davis Motor Co. \$5.00, W. T. Martin \$10.00, Crowder Hardware Co. \$5.00, Palace Cafe \$5.00, J. W. Pemberton \$2.00, Bert Slay \$5.00, Milton Robinson \$5.00, Sallie McAdams \$3.00, Panhandle Power & Light Co. \$5.00, Eugene Wilson \$1.00, Puckett's Grocery \$5.00, Riffe Bros. Inc. \$25.00, Stratford Star \$5.00, Albert's Grocery \$5.00, J. D. McDaniel \$5.00, Marvins Cafe \$2.00, W. L. Williams \$5.00, Van B. Boston \$5.00, J. R. Pendleton \$2.00, A. P. Bralley \$2.00, J. W. Garoutie \$5.00, Miss Mabel Martin \$5.00, Guy Tabor \$5.00, M. E. Cleavinger \$2.50, Roy Pendleton \$2.00, L. P. Hunter \$5.00, Consumers Company \$25.00, T. O. C. Service Station \$5.00, E. J. Massie \$2.50, C. R. Bomer \$5.00, K. L. Eller \$5.00, Byron Fedric \$1.00, Grant Keener \$1.00, Condy Donaldson \$1.00, E. W. Butler \$1.00, E. E. Hamilton \$5.00, Raymond Keener \$1.00, B. B. Carter \$5.00, John Lavake \$2.00, Leslie Parker \$5.00, J. R. Knight \$5.00, John Conley \$1.00, A. L. King \$3.00, Jess Turner \$5.00, Mrs. Eva Ullom \$2.00, Mrs. Lelah Boney \$1.00, Edgar Coons \$1.00, J. L. Higginbottom \$5.00, Fate Morris \$1.00, John Kidwell \$1.00, Harold O'Quin \$1.00, Mrs. Orel Martin \$1.00, Helen Gurley \$1.00, Taylor Mercantile Co. \$5.00, Leo L. Smith \$5.00, Arthur Mullins \$5.00, Wright Davis \$1.00, Ralph Harding \$1.00, M. L. Keener \$2.00, Joe Englebrecht \$1.00, O. R. Lasley \$5.00, Bruce Nance \$1.00, making a total of \$330.50.

Uncle Wood Barnes Laid To Rest Here Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted for Wood Barnes, 66 year old Panhandle pioneer better known as "Uncle Wood," at the Sunray Baptist Church and at the Stratford Cemetery where burial was made Monday afternoon.

Rev. J. B. McBeth of Dumas conducted the last rites at Sunray and Rev. George Rickles of Sunray conducted brief services in Stratford.

Mr. Barnes passed away at Dalhart, Texas Saturday evening. Although he had been troubled with heart attacks for several years he had remained active until about two weeks ago.

Wood Barnes was one of the typical pioneers, settling in the northwest part of Hutchinson County in 1901 and served that county as Tax Assessor from 1910 to 1918.

In 1918 he moved with his mother to Texhoma, Oklahoma, and in 1920 he made his home in Stratford, where he was connected with the elevator business until his retiring years.

A devout christian, Mr. Barnes is remembered for his ever present smile, whole hearted civic pride, and charitable characteristics.

Obituary

Marimar Wood Barnes was born at Higbee, Missouri, April 28, 1875, the son of D. R. and Julia S. Barnes, and passed away at Dalhart, Texas Saturday evening December 27, at the age of 66 years, 7 months, and 29 days.

"Uncle Wood," as most every one called him, was truly a pioneer. His family moved to Hall County, Texas in 1889. There he grew to young manhood. In 1901 the family moved to the Panhandle, settling in the northwest part of Hutchinson County, where he lived until 1918, moving then with his mother to Texhoma, Oklahoma. In 1920 they moved to Stratford where he was in the elevator business for a number of years.

Although Mr. Barnes was never married he helped to raise to young manhood a nephew, Burton Craig, and womanhood two nieces, Miss Ione Craig and Mrs. Twila Blanks, Luther, Wesley and Roy Browder, Mrs. Helen Sparks, Mrs. Theima Eubank, Arthur and Ellis Williams, Mrs. Annabelle Parish, and a host of friends.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Laura Moon, Sunray, Texas, and Mrs. Nannie Williams, Phillips, Texas, a number of nephews and nieces, Burton Craig, Mrs. Twila Blanks, Luther, Wesley and Roy Browder, Mrs. Helen Sparks, Mrs. Theima Eubank, Arthur and Ellis Williams, Mrs. Annabelle Parish, and a host of friends.

Federal Tire Rationing Conditions

A certified eligible purchaser of new tires must meet the following conditions:

1. That the vehicle on which the new tire casing or tube is to be mounted constitutes an "eligible" vehicle.

2. That the vehicle cannot be replaced by one owned, operated or subject to the control of the applicant, which is equipped with serviceable tires and tubes and which is not fully employed for a use specified in one or more of the listed eligible categories.

3. That the tire, casing or tube is to be mounted at once to replace a tire, casing or tube no longer serviceable.

4. That the tire, casing or tube, when added to all other tires, casings and tubes in the applicant's possession, whether unmounted or mounted on a vehicle, and when that total is applied only to eligible vehicles, does not add up to more than one spare tire, casing or tube of a given size for each eligible vehicle.

5. That the existing tire, casing or tube cannot be recapped, retreaded or repaired for safe use at speeds which the applicant may reasonably be expected to operate, or that such recapping, retreading or repairing cannot be obtained without inordinate delay.

6. That the applicant agrees to trade in replaced tires, casings and tubes on new tires, casings and tubes purchased under this order, or to dispose of replaced tires, casings and tubes as may otherwise be directed by the Office of Price Administration.

Remember Pearl Harbor

Arthur Foster Receives Promotion As Textile Engineer

Arthur Foster, son of Mrs. C. R. Foster who has been employed as a textile engineer in McKinney, Texas, has been transferred to a textile mill at Waco, Texas where he has been placed in charge of the dye department.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster and baby are at home at 2410 Ethel Avenue, Waco, Texas.

Fred Roberts Car Stolen In Amarillo Monday Night

A 1941 Chevrolet coupe belonging to Fred Roberts of Sherman County was stolen in Amarillo Monday night. The car bore the license A76-551.

4-H Club Boys Plan To Feed Beef Calves

The 4-H Club boys and leaders of Sherman County plan to feature feeding beef calves, breeding and feeding hogs and growing grain sorghums from certified seed for their 1942 club demonstration work. This will provide practical demonstrations of marketing home grown feeds through well finished livestock, A. P. Bralley, County Agent, pointed out.

The County Agent received a letter this week from George Cummings, a seventeen year old member of the Spurlock 4-H Club, in which the boy explained, "I feel that I can't get a beef calf because I am going to join the Marines when school is out."

Eighteen of the club boys have recently selected 21 beef calves which they are feeding on a commercial basis, and expect to take them to some major livestock market after a feeding period of six months or more. L. M. Price, president of the First State Bank of Stratford, loaned several of the boys money to buy their calves.

The Sherman County Farm Bureau has volunteered to sponsor a Cow, Hog and Hen Program in which they will give a boy in each club a registered gilt pig. The pigs will not cost the boys anything, but each boy will give a gilt pig from the first litter, which the Bureau will give to another boy. This makes a continuous program and it should increase the interest and number of well bred hogs throughout the entire county, according to R. C. Buckles, President of the Sherman County Farm Bureau.

The club boys who are feeding beef calves are: Texhoma Club: Wallace Bridwell, Dale Hamilton, Don Roach, Jimmie Meyer, Joe D. Dodson, Johnny Walthall, Dwayne Mitchell, and Charlie Roach; Spurlock Club: Richard Adams, Jr., Dean Sweny, Vernon Carter, Dwayne Carter, and James Oscar Carter; Stratford Club: Jack Reed, Homer Coffman, Arthur Lee Ross, Dickie Buckles, and Robert Keenan.

Tragedy Strikes Kincheloe Home

Funeral services for Clark Kincheloe, 31-year old wrecking shop operator of Alamogordo, N. M., were conducted at the Peoples Funeral Chapel in Dalhart Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. Sam Hanson.

John Kincheloe, 63, is charged with shooting his son at the family home near Dalhart Christmas day.

Norvell Kincheloe, 23, Bell Gardens, California, was involved in a fatal traffic accident in Phoenix, Arizona Saturday while on his way to Dalhart to attend the funeral of his brother. Kincheloe's car struck and killed an unidentified man in downtown Phoenix, according to Coroner Nat T. McKee, who permitted him to continue his journey with the understanding that he would return to Phoenix Saturday for the inquest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kincheloe and their children made their home in Stratford for many years before moving to Dalhart about 18 years ago.

Mrs. F. L. Yates Resigns Position In Sheriff's Office

Mrs. F. L. Yates has resigned her position with the Sheriff & Tax Collector's office after 7 years of service. She will be associated with her husband in operating the Yates Drug.

John Kidwell, who has been employed with Brown's Cash Food for several years, will take over his duties as assistant in the Sheriff's office January 5.

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton Undergoes Operation In Amarillo Hospital

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton underwent a lung operation in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday. X-rays located the tooth in her lung which had been missing since the car accident in which she was injured about three weeks ago. The tooth had moved and was not recovered Mr. Wiginton reported Wednesday. It was also discovered that she has six broken ribs.

Mrs. F. A. Judd was still in the Moore County hospital Wednesday, although plans have been made to move her to Amarillo.

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Communion Services 11:45 A. M.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 P. M.
Evening Services 7:30 P. M.
Song Practice Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

You are cordially invited to come and be with us at each and every service and always welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

Leon Carpenter Enlists In U. S. Naval Forces

Leon Carpenter, a cousin of Mrs. Paul J. Lawhon, who moved here several months ago from Arkansas to work in the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber yard, has joined the United States Navy as a volunteer.

His letters indicate that he is lonesome, being the first time he has been away from home except when with relatives. Voluntary restriction of the news makes it impossible to print his address, but friends who wish to write to Leon may secure his address from Paul J. Lawhon.

George Riffe Spent Christmas At Tyrone

George Riffe, a nephew of Earl Riffe, who formerly managed the Stratford Grain Company here, before entering the Canadian Royal Air Force, spent Christmas day with his parents in Tyrone, Oklahoma, it was learned here this week.

Congressman Worley Enters Naval Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Carrying out a promise made during his campaign last year, Congressman Eugene Worley, 18th District of Texas, late yesterday enlisted and was ordered immediately into active duty.

The day Worley voted to declare war on Germany and Italy, he sent identical letters to President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief, to Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and to Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, in which he said: "I respectfully urge you to accept my services in any capacity at any time and in any place in our military or naval forces."

The past two weeks have seen Worley turned down by the Army, where he attempted to enlist as a buck private, and also rejection by the Air Corps. In making application to the Navy, Worley stated his preference for active service and, in accordance with naval regulations, was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander in the Volunteer Branch of the Naval Reserve.

Worley's predecessor in Congress, Judge Marvin Jones, now sitting on the United States Court of Claims, volunteered his services when he voted to declare war against Germany in 1917, and was elected to a second term while still serving in the armed forces. Senator Tom Connally of Texas, then a member of the House of Representatives, likewise served in the last war. Several of Worley's colleagues in the present Congress have also entered the military services.

Worley said his office would be kept open and that he would remain in as close touch as possible during his service. After a brief period of intensive training in Washington it is anticipated he will be ordered to active duty.

Funeral Services For Wadley Infant Conducted Tuesday

Brief funeral services were conducted at the Stratford cemetery Tuesday afternoon for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Wadley of Kerrick by Rev. L. B. Chaffin.

Wilson Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Local Cage Battles Tuesday And Friday Nights In Gym

Stratford boys and girls will play a double header basket ball game with Hartley teams on the local court Friday night, the first game being called at 7:30.

Texline will play the Elks in a double header game here Tuesday night of next week. Their first game will also be called at 7:30.

Reports of the team's strength indicate a close battle will be fought in all four games. Local fans believe the Elks have a fair chance to win.

The Quickest, Surest Way YOU Can Help Win This War...



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OIL LEASES ON 69,000 ACRES ARE FILED

Oil and gas leases purchased on about 69,000 acres of land in the southeast part of Sherman County and in Hansford County were filed in the County Deed Records this week. Most of these leases were closed in June and July but had not been placed on record.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bivins et al sold D. D. Harrington oil and gas leases on the following described acreage: section 3, Block 1-C, section 4, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 90, 62, 100, Block 1-C; section 1, 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, Block 3-B; section 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 33, 34, 35, 36, Block 2 G. H. & H.; Hansford County sections 59, 61, 62, 63, 78, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 105, 106, 135, 107, 108, 133, 109, 134, 137, 138, Block 2 G. H. & C.; Sherman County sections 37, Block 2, G. H. & H.; sections 40, 60, and 66.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price sold oil and gas leases to D. D. Harrington on the following described land: the west 1-2 of section 11, section 13, North 1-2 and the Southeast 1-4 of 16, 23, the south 1-2 of section 26, the west 1-2 and the northeast 1-4 of section 27, East 1-2 and Southwest 1-4 of 28, North 1-2 and Southwest 1-4 of 29, 30, North 1-2 and Southeast 1-4 of 31, Northwest 1-4 of 33, East 1-2 of 43, 44, Southeast 1-4 and Northwest 1-4 of 45, West 1-2 of 46, West 1-2 of 48, 61, 62, North 1-2 of 63, North 1-2 of 64, South 1-2 of 65, East 1-2 of 66, Block 3-B; North 1-2 and Southeast 1-4 of 23, North 1-2 and Southeast 1-4 of 24, Block 2 G. H. & H.; Northwest 1-4 of 19, East 1-2 of 38, Block 3-T; West 1-2 of 72, Block 2 G. H. & H.

J. R. Morris et al sold an oil and gas lease to W. N. Price on section 25, Block 2 G. H. & H.

Coy Holt et al sold an oil and gas lease to W. N. Price on section 15, Block 3-B.

L. M. Price and wife sold D. D. Harrington an oil and gas lease on the Southeast 1-4 of 33, Block 3-B.

Miss Gladys Batterson And Buster Gum Married Friday

Miss Gladys Batterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Batterson, and Buster Gum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gum of Hardesty, Oklahoma were married Friday evening in the home of the bride's parents north of Texhoma.

The double ring candle light ceremony was read by Rev. J. B. Thompson before an improvised altar of flowers and pot plants.

G. N. Batterson gave his daughter in marriage, Miss Jessie Lee Butler served as brides maid.

The bride wore a blue wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

The brides maid wore a navy blue crepe dress with blue accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

The groom, a soldier in the United States army, was attended by a former college chum, Mr. Nall of Boise City as best man. Mr. Gum is a graduate of P. A. M. C. at Goodwell and was employed in the county agents office at Guymon for about 3 years before entering military service.

Mrs. Gum is a graduate of the Stratford high school and attended P. A. M. C. at Goodwell before accepting a position as a stenographer in the Soil Conservation Office at Guymon where she has been employed for about 3 years.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gum cut the four tier wedding cake prepared by the brides mother. Miss Jessie Lee Butler, acting brides maid, served refreshments to Mr. and Mrs. Gum, the bridal couple, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Batterson, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Spence, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McFarland, Robert McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Nall, and Rev. J. B. Thompson, who were present for the wedding.

For her going away dress, Mrs. Gum wore a blue wool business suit with black accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Gum will spend their week's honeymoon in Amarillo and Abilene, before the groom will return to military service.

Sickness Closes Texhoma, Texas Grade School

The Texhoma, Texas grade school has been closed this week because of an epidemic of measles and mumps, County Judge L. P. Hunter announced this week.

Christian Church

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)
Bible School 10:00 A. M. J. R. Pendleton, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Junior Endeavor 6:00 P. M. Mrs. C. R. Bomer, Sponsor.
Intermediate Endeavor 6:00 P. M. Mrs. S. J. Calvird, Sponsor.
Senior Endeavor 6:00 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.

There will be no orchestra practice until after the holidays.

Our Christmas program will be given Wednesday evening 7:00 o'clock December 24th.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

THE DUSTER

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SOCIETY COLUMN

Everyone is looking forward to the New Year, and hoping it will bring pleasant memories as this year has. Perhaps it's only the day's vacation from school they enjoy (who can tell).

This idea of getting engaged is popular. Eh! what? If certain people take the hint.

These college boys and girls surely brighten up our busy little town at this time of the year. Really though, we are glad you've come back for the holidays. We want

you to come see good "ole" S. H. S. while you're here. Maybe after the teachers recall what "children of mischief" you ex-seniors were, they will appreciate us a little more.

So many people made trips that the town honestly looked and was rather dull during our Christmas holidays. Dalhart has made up for the dullness here (so we hear). "Notice" Seen Mildred Pendleton and Alfred Pronger, Bobbie Wington Bill Garrison, Gene Harrison, Douglas Dettle, and Jack and Glenell Dettle.

The New Year's Eve will bring plenty of news to our column next week (hope, hope).

We all want you to have a very happy New Year.

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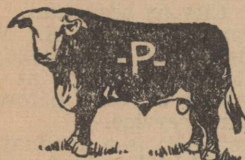
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SENIOR REPORT

Wow! What a vacation! Santa was good to us Seniors, but he could have given us another week to catch up on our horizontal engineering labs. But we had to come back and begin our cramming again! Eh, What, Coach?

Since some of these college fish are back home, they are trying to make us dignified seniors feel like we are midgets, but we'll have our chance next year. Even if we do seem small to them we feel big in S. H. S.

Nobody can say we aren't patriotic! Seniors are just as ready to be a heroic nephew of Uncle Sam as our twenty-one-year-old cousins are. We girls can wear skirts and sweaters, and we can soothe a wounded soldier as well as we can make a plate of fudge.

Some may say this "younger generation is going to the dogs," but we are still ambitious, and all we have to say is to "keep Ole Glory flying."

BAND REPORT

If everyone got to band practice as I did Monday morning,— well, we won't discuss that. After eating candy, nuts, fruit, and turkey all week and sleeping until ten every morning for the past week, you can imagine how many were at school on time Monday.

When the band director was asked what he did over the holidays he said he had spent most of his time in Amarillo at a recruiting office. We wouldn't be surprised if anyone were drafted now, not even our director, but we would hate to lose him.

SPORTS

Holidays are over, and we are afraid our next game may reveal some weakness in our playing. We hope not.

We played the Plunk brothers Monday night. Then, in case you have lost your basketball schedule, we play Hartley's boys and girls here on Friday night. On Tuesday, January 6, we play Texline here. Next on our list is the Spearman tournament which we hope to take. Our new suits are not here yet, but we are looking forward to their coming.

GRADE SCHOOL JOTS

The seventh graders had a nice Christmas.

Oleta Kelp went to Dalhart Sunday.
Melvin Bachman went to Plains, Kansas.
Louise Carter went to Dumas Sunday.

Sixth graders also report a very merry Christmas.

Alana Davis made a flying trip to Florida and back.
Destry Trainham spent the holidays near Vera.
From the sixth grade to every-

one: "A very Happy New Year!"

Fifth graders covered many miles during the holidays— Ida and Vida to Plains, Kansas, to visit their grandmother; Betty June and Ruby Dell to Dalhart; Dorless to Amarillo; Adolph to Amarillo; Virginia to Pampa; Loretta to Guymon.

Mrs. Boswell was detained in Dallas for the completion of an eye test, and Mrs. Tabor taught in her place Monday.

Fourth graders also did some traveling. Bobbie Bachman went to Kansas; Corine Pleyer to Dalhart; Tony Scott to Canyon; Donna Jean Bryant to Pampa, Berger, and Amarillo; Glenn Goodman to Dalhart; Mary Lee Luther to Guymon.

The third graders practically turned gypsies—a little more Christmas vacation and they might have. Jr. Jacobs went to Dalhart; Leta Kelp to Dalhart; Kenneth Dean O'Quinn to Dalhart; Patsy Chambers to Canyon; Jean Harrison to Texhoma; Roberta Jean Bird to Houston; Millie Bennett to Dalhart; Darlene Lawhon to Sunray; Georganna Skillin to Dumas, Gene Ross to Hooker.

The second grade now has a new teacher—or at least a teacher new for this year. Miss Bonnie Mae Pendleton has returned to her old position. We hope she is as glad to be back as we are to have her back.

Tommy Wakefield went to Garfield; Lanette Naugle to visit her grandmother; Doris Ann and Dorothy Marie Beall went to Dal-

hart; Almota Wall to Shamrock; Imogene Luther to Guymon; Rita Cameron had relatives to visit her. Shirley visited relatives in town; Jimmy Arnold went to Amarillo; Billy White visited his grandmother.

JUNIOR REPORT

Well, here we are back again! Stuffed full of Christmas goodies which have turned into that three pounds of us gained!

Janie Lasley had a slumber party over the week end. Guests: Mary Lee, Pauline, and Rosalie.
Zola Faye Hodges went to East Texas for the holidays. Doris Blevins visited in Wichita Falls.

The new year is creeping up on me; lest I forget in the celebrating of it—"Happy New Year to All!"

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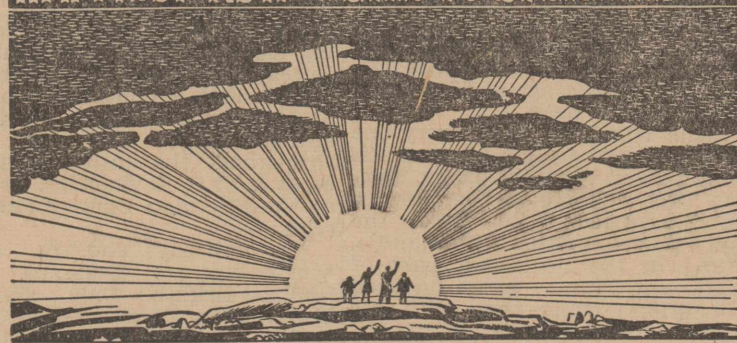
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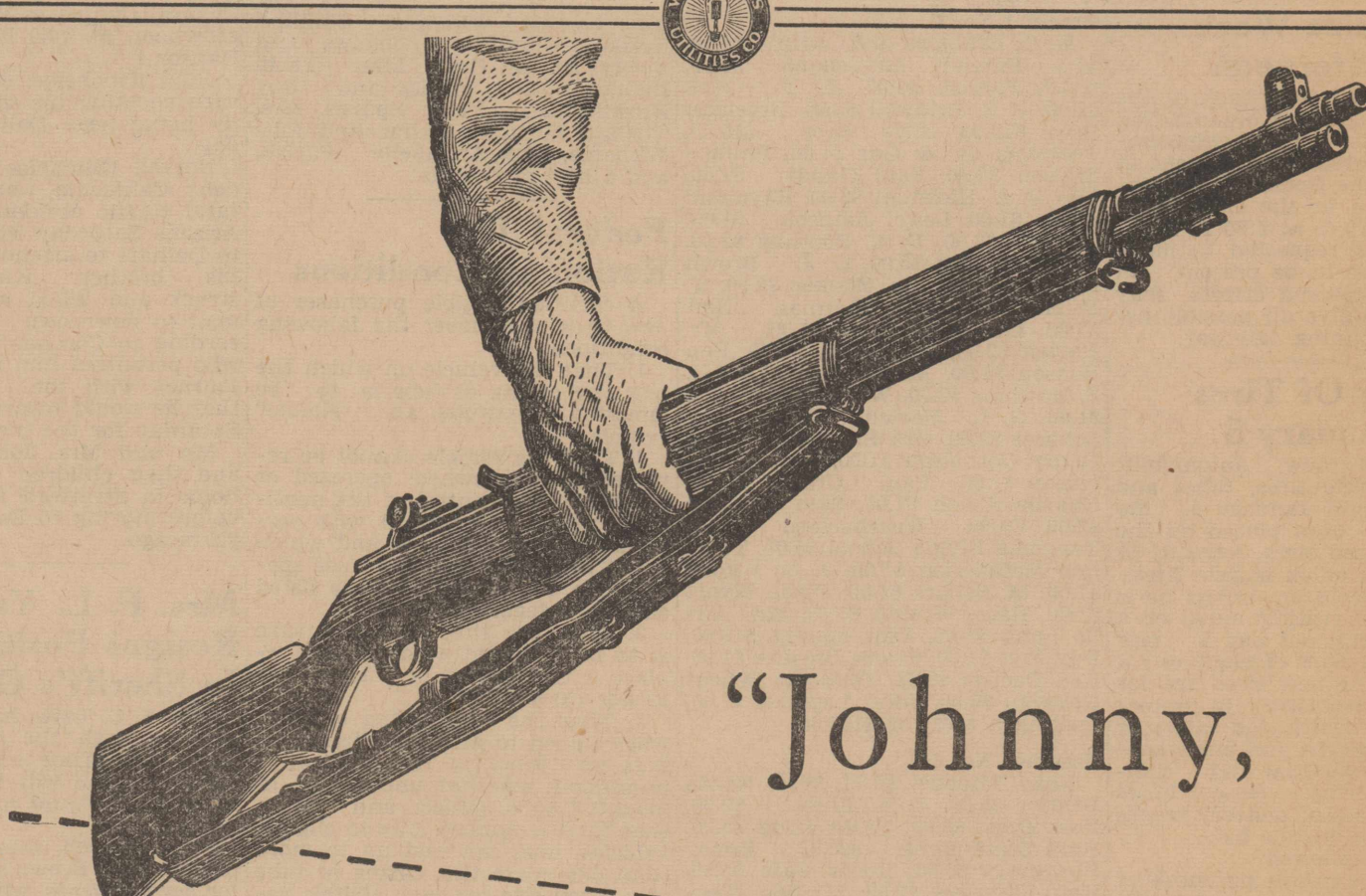
The certificate of title should be in your possession at all times while driving your automobile. Therefore we suggest that you not wait until you are ready to register your car before determining if you have a certificate of title in your possession.

It takes time to obtain a certificate of title, and if you wait until you are ready to register your car before obtaining a certificate of title, you may not be able to complete registration until after the deadline for registration.

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The Year in Review

Chronology OF THE YEAR 1941

DEBUT

The year began with these important events:

January

- 1-Hitler in a speech predicted "victory in 1941."
3-New congress convened, heard President ask "all out" aid for democracies.
15-CIO ordered by government to end defense strikes.
20-President Roosevelt inaugurated for third term.
21-Civil rioting broke out in Rumania signaling beginning of Nazi "putsch" in the Balkans.

THE WAR

January

- 1-Hitler predicts 1941 victory.
4-Italian defense in Albania reported broken.
7-Greeks push back crack Italian troops.
11-Nazis and Russ sign new trade pact.
17-Russian, Rumanian clashes disturb Balkans.
21-Civil rioting breaks out in Rumania.
27-Rumanian leaders executed as civil rioting is ended.
30-Hitler forces sweep on beyond Derna in Libya.
Hitler declares all "aid-to-Britain" ships will be torpedoed.

February

- 7-British empire forces capture Bengasi, last important city in eastern Libya, after 100-mile drive in seven days against fleeing Italians.
9-Winston Churchill in world-wide radio broadcast asks U. S. for "tools, not men" to defeat Axis powers.
Admiral Darian named vice premier and foreign minister of France as Laval loses out.
10-Great Britain breaks diplomatic ties with Rumania.
11-Russia reported to have okayed Nazi thrust into Bulgaria, 1940.
Nazi fly army to Balkans.
16-Nazi mines Singapore sea lanes.
Japan offers to mediate European war.
21-Nazi troops enter Spain (small detachment).
Nazi troops massed near Bulgaria.
Nazi army units reported 60 miles inside Bulgaria.
26-Anthony Eden reaches Turkey for war talks.

March

- 1-Bulgaria joins Axis. German troops enter that nation.
2-Turkey closes Dardanelles as Nazis push through Bulgaria to Greek and Turkish frontiers.
12-British rush aid to Greece.
13-British smash at Berlin for first time since December 20, 1940.
20-Crown council of Yugoslavia approves program of passive alliance with Axis; Serbs angered; three ministers quit in protest.
27-Boy King Peter takes Yugoslav throne as Axis rule is ended in bloodless coup d'etat.

April

- 1-Bengasi, eastern Libyan capital, taken from British by Nazis and Italians.
6-Germany declares war on Yugoslavia and Greece. Invasion starts.
Addis Ababa, Ethiopian capital, entered by British.
12-Japan and Russia sign neutrality pact.
16-"Worst bombing" of all time hits London.
Jugoslav army collapses.
19-Greece announces suicide of Premier Korizis. King George heads new government.
British troops land in Iraq to guard vital oil supplies.
22-Nazis crack both ends of Allied defense line in Greece and reach history-making Thermopylae pass.
27-Nazi advance guard enters Athens.

May

- 1-Iraq protests landing of British forces to protect oil fields.
2-Iraq forces fight British, shell important airport.
3-British troops out of Greece enter African battle.
6-British regain control of Iraq oil pipeline.
Stalin takes U.S.S.R. premiership.
12-Rudolf Hess flees Germany and lands in England.
15-Marshall Pétain of France agrees to closer co-operation with Germany.
20-Duke of Aosta and main Italian force in Ethiopia surrender to British.
24-Largest warship afloat, British 42,000-ton Hood, is sunk by new 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck.
27-British navy sinks battleship Bismarck after thrilling sea battle.

June

- 6-German forces reported in Syria.
8-British and Free French forces invade Syria.
10-U. S. freighter Robin Moor reported sunk by Nazi U-boat in mid-Atlantic.
18-Turkey and Germany sign friendship pact.
21-British and Free French in Syria take Damascus.
22-Germany attacks Russia.
23-Bres-Litovsk, Vilna, Kaunas, Dvinsk and Lwow fall to Nazis as Russians hold on north and south fronts.

July

- 2-Stalin orders "scorched-earth" policy for Russia as Germans advance.
8-Britain halts U. S. occupation of Iceland.
12-Soviet claims sea victory over Nazis.
Russia-England sign mutual aid pact.
Armistice signed in Syria.
18-Japanese form new cabinet under Prince Konoze.
23-Vichy France accepts Japan's demand for military control of French Indo-China.
25-Japan's assets frozen by U. S. and Britain.
28-Finnish government breaks relations with Britain.

August

- 7-First Russian air raids on Berlin.
10-Russia admits Nazi gains in Kiev and Leningrad sectors.
14-Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt meet at sea and issue eight-point declaration of peace aims.

TEN BIGGEST EVENTS OF 1941

- 1-Execution of German soldiers in London.
2-Admiral Darian named vice premier and foreign minister of France as Laval loses out.
3-Executions reported curbing anti-Nazi uprisings throughout Europe.
4-Russians admit troops are falling back toward Moscow.
5-Women and children ordered to leave Moscow.
6-Japanese cabinet falls and is replaced by one more "warlike."
7-Part of government evacuates Moscow.
8-Russians hurl back attacks on Moscow front.
9-Fifty Frenchmen ordered executed for slaying of Nazi army official in France.
10-Nazis report fall of important Russian city of Kharkov.

DOMESTIC

- 1-Petain meets Goering for collaboration talk.
2-Italy bares big revolt plan; attempt to kill Mussolini fails.
3-Serbian guerrillas create "new front" in conquered Yugoslavia.
4-Britain declares war on Finland, Hungary and Rumania.
5-President Roosevelt announced he had previously dispatched peace plea to emperor of Japan.
6-Japan unleashes devastating surprise attack on Hawaii and Philippines and follows this with declaration of war on U. S.
7-U. S. declares war on Japan, as does Great Britain.
8-Germans give up winter attempt to win Moscow.
9-Japanese planes reported over San Francisco bay; "mistake" alarms in N. Y.
Manila bombed; Japs claim capture of Guam.
10-British admit loss of warships Prince of Wales and Repulse off Malaya.
11-Germany, Italy declare war on U. S. and congress votes declaration against them within four hours after news is received.
U. S. army bombers sink 29,000-ton Jap battleship Hataze.
13-Dutch announce sinking of four Japan transports; 4,000 lost.
14-Russ report Nazis smashed from Baltic to Black sea.
15-U. S. destroys 29 Jap planes in smashing Philippine landing attempt.
16-Adm. Kimmel, commander of Pacific fleet, and two top ranking army officers in Hawaii removed as aftermath of Pearl Harbor losses.
19-Japanese effect landing at Hong Kong.

FOREIGN

- 1-Increased taxes on many commodities become effective.
2-George Hopkins, parachutist, rescued from top of Devils Tower, Wyo., after six days.
3-Navy reports seizing Nazi radio stations in Cuba and Greenland.
4-Torpedoed while on patrol duty off Iceland.
5-Government announces sinking of U. S. ships; Lehigh, flying U. S. flag off Africa, and Bold Venture, Panamanian flag off Iceland. All hands saved.
6-Gasoline sales ban in eastern states lifted.
7-We're at battle stations" and "the shooting has started" keynote President's Navy day address.
8-Strike of 53,000 miners in "captive" coal mines broken by 45-day truce agreement after five days.
9-Army takes over Bendix, N. J. plant of Air Associates, Inc., to keep up production of vital aviation supplies.
10-U. S. destroyer Reuben James torpedoed and sunk while on convoy duty off Iceland; 44 saved, 95 missing.

SPORTS

- 1-Bowling games attract 340,000 football fans.
Earl Dew wins 1940 jockey title.
2-Christofids whips Bettina for lightweight boxing championship.
3-Bob Feller signs record breaking (for pitcher) contract (\$30,000) with Cleveland.
4-Joe Louis knocks out Red Burman in fifth round of title go.
5-Fred Fisher, founder of famous auto body building company.
6-Lew Fields, famous comedian.
7-Howard Jones, U. S. C. football coach.
Edward B. McLean, former owner Washington Post and Cincinnati Enquirer.

DEATHS

- 1-William R. Davis, internationally known oil man.
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TEN BIGGEST EVENTS OF 1941

- 1-Market quota restrictions on wheat approved by over 80 per cent of farmers in nation.
2-Fifty army plane production tied up as C.I.O. workers strike at the North American Aviation company in California.
3-Army takes over strike-bound North American aviation plant at Inglewood on orders of F.D.R.
4-Justice Harlan Fiske Stone made chief justice of Supreme court as Robert Jackson and Sen. James Byrnes get high court positions.
5-President Roosevelt "freezes" all Nazi and Italian assets.
6-U. S. orders Nazi consulates to close by July 10.
7-Thirty-three die in sinking of U. S. submarine O-9.
8-Ford signs union contract with C.I.O.
9-U. S. state department condemns Nazi attack on Russia.
10-Giant B-19 successfully completes first test hop.

DOMESTIC

- 1-Men who reached the age of 21 since October 16, 1940 register for the draft.
2-Russia has nominated congress that U. S. armed forces have occupied Iceland.
3-Grand jury names German reich in indicting 33 spies.
4-Nation's second peacetime draft lottery held.
5-President asks extended term for draftees.
6-Nationwide drive for scrap aluminum opens.
7-Government mobilizes Philippine forces on wartime basis.
8-President forms economic defense board to coordinate economic war on Axis. Wallace named head.
9-Gas stations ordered closed at night in Eastern Seaboard states.

FOREIGN

- 1-Oil shipments to Japan banned.
2-C.I.O. calls strike at huge Kearny, N. J., shipyards.
3-Senate passes act extending draft term by 18 months.
4-OPM puts steel under full priority control.
5-Installation buying curbed to check inflation trend.
6-House passes draft extension bill.
7-Gas rationing ordered for eastern states.
8-President returns to U. S. after historic sea meeting with Winston Churchill.
9-Strike at Kearny, N. J., shipyards ends as navy takes over.

SPORTS

- 1-Senate passes largest tax bill in U. S. history.
2-President orders U. S. navy to shoot at Axis ships sighted in "defensive" waters.
3-Congress gets new request for \$6,000,000 U. S. lease-lend bill.
4-Lynn Stambaugh, Fargo, N. D., attorney, named commander of American Legion.
5-President signs 3 1/2-billion-dollar record tax bill.
6-Duke and duchess of Windsor visit Washington, D. C.

DEATHS

- 1-Mexico's President Camacho pledges co-operation for hemisphere defense.
2-Washington announces Peru, Chile, Bolivia and Argentina enter new agreements in economic war on Axis.
3-Four slain as Mexicans riot at president's home.
4-Argentina moves quickly to nip plotted Nazi conspiracy.
5-Hundred more firms in Latin America go on U. S. blacklist against Axis.

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- 1-Mexico and U. S. sign treaty to share air service from Dakar.
2-Request by Axis powers to surrender seized vessels rejected by Mexico.
3-Denmark government (Nazi controlled) votes pact giving U. S. protection over Greenland.
4-Japan and Russia sign neutrality pact in surprise diplomatic move.
5-Treaty ends 100-year border feud between Venezuela and Colombia.
6-Twenty-one American republics reach agreement for unified utilization of 160 idle foreign flag ships in American ports.

SPORTS

- 1-Pope Pius XII defends the rights of man against extensive state interference in a radio address.
2-Chungking air raid shelter.
3-Bolivian cabinet resigns.
4-Six Danish ships taken over by U. S.
5-Latin American nations asked to ban Axis consuls ousted from U. S.

DEATHS

- 1-China breaks diplomatic ties with Germany and Italy.
2-Outbreak of military clash between Peru and Ecuador is reported.
3-Peru claims fresh attacks by Ecuador.
4-U. S. "blacklists" 1,800 Latin Americans as having Axis affiliations. Embargo placed on their goods.
5-Bolivia squelches Nazi putsch. Ousts German attaches.
6-Argentine government asks Peru and Ecuador to end dispute.

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NAZI-SOVIET WAR

Joe Louis stops Tony Musto in ninth round of heavyweight battle.
Buddy Baer TKO over Tony Galento in seventh round of heavyweight battle.
Joe Platak wins national handball championship for seventh consecutive year.
Boston Bruins win Stanley cup hockey championship, beating Detroit Red Wings.
Major league baseball season opens with Yankee-Senator game.
New England syndicate, led by Bob Quinn, buys control of Boston National league baseball club.

SPORTS

- 3-Whirlaway wins Kentucky Derby, setting new Derby and track record of 2:01 2/5.
7-Hank Greenberg, star Detroit baseball player, inducted into army.
9-Billy Soose wins world middleweight championship over Ken Overlin.
14-Joe Louis beats Buddy Baer with TKO in seventh.
30-Mauri Rose of Indianapolis wins 500-mile automobile speedway classic.

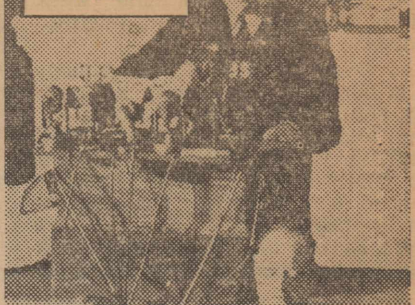
DEATHS

- 3-Fred Perry, former English Davis cup star, wins national professional tennis singles title.
7-Craig Wood wins National Open golf championship.
14-Patty Berg wins Women's Open golf championship.
18-Joe Louis knocks out Billy Conn in 13-round thriller.
27-Frankie Parker and Pauline Betz win national clay court singles tennis titles.
Washington university rowing crew wins Poughkeepsie championship.

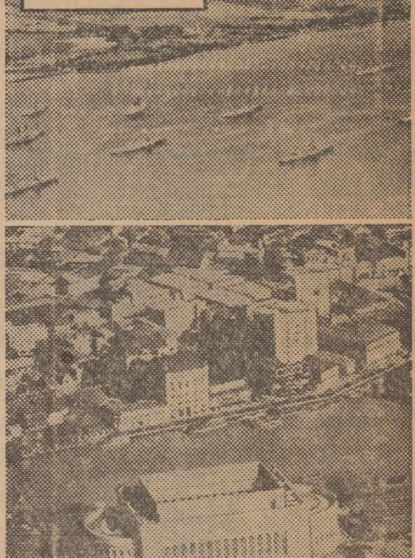
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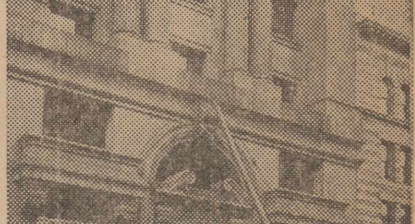
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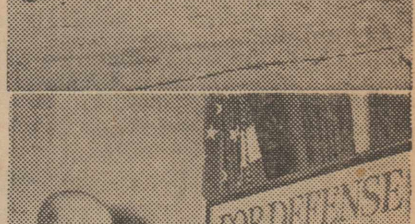
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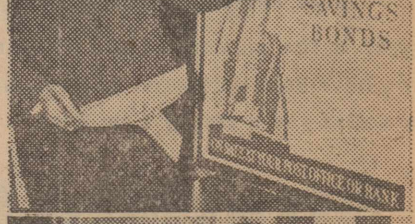
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The year drew to a close with these important events:

- December
7-Japanese attack on U. S. is followed by declaration of war.
8-U. S. and Great Britain declare war on Japan.
Nazis give up winter attempt to take Moscow.
11-Germany, Italy declare war on U. S. . . . Congress answers this in four hours, recognizing state of war.
15-Germans smashed from Baltic to Black sea—Russian claim. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

PERSONAL

Mrs. Bill Hess and Mrs. Fred Carter, Lefors, spent the week end with Mrs. Joe Doby and family. Mrs. Eula Young, Peru, Illinois, arrived Wednesday of last week for a visit with Mrs. J. W. Shireman. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Lloyd and June, spent the week end in Arkansas City and Wichita, Kansas. Leo Cook of Little Rock, Arkansas is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelp and daughter visited with her sister, Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mr. Cameron and family during the Christmas holidays. Pete Betzen and Clarence Betzen

spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Scott City, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cameron left Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cameron and family in Temple, Oklahoma. Mrs. Tim Flores' home was the gathering place for a Christmas dinner this year for Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ingle of California, Mr. and Mrs. John Boney and baby of Sunray, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams and Timmy Lu, Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flores and children, Mrs. Flores and daughter, Fay. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Neil Jackson and Stanley Ulom spent the week end in Avondale, Colorado with Mrs. E. J. Hogsett and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webb and family. Mr. and Mrs. Hose Flores and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cleavinger, Jr., and daughter spent Christmas in Hale Center with Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hitchcock and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Bird and Roberta Jean returned from Houston, Texas Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe left Tuesday for Dallas on a business and pleasure trip. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, Jr., Abilene, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grimes entertained with a Christmas day dinner. Guests for the day were Mrs. S. V. McAdams, Rowena, Alice of Amarillo, Mrs. Gene Foster, Dalhart, and Randolph McAdams and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ritchie, Margaret and Donald Ritchie, Mrs. Lucille Morse, Peggy Morse and Miss Bertha King. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Massie and E. J. Jr., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and son in Hereford, Texas. G. L. Taylor and D. R. Wilson attended a dealers meeting and banquet of the Minneapolis-Moline dealers in Guymon Monday night. Miss Jessie Lee Butler, San Antonio, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Farris and Eudora Farris returned Sunday from a visit in Santa Anna, Texas with their son, Eugene Farris, and other relatives. Rev. J. H. Dean, Abilene, Texas, came Tuesday for his household goods. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin had as their guests for Christmas day dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King and Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin and Douglas Dettle. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bain and sons, Dumas, spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Areace LeBleu. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford's home was the gathering place for children of Mrs. W. W. Smith to enjoy Christmas day dinner. Those present were Mrs. W. W. Smith, Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Kidwell, Miss Mary Woodford Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith, Amarillo, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Wohlford. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings, Charles Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding and daughters spent Christmas day in Dalhart with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cummings and family. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price and granddaughter, Lelah Price, were Amarillo visitors the first of last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Headrick, Amarillo, were six o'clock dinner guests of Mrs. C. R. Foster and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cummings and family and Bill Garoutte spent Christmas holidays in Canon City, Colorado with her parents. J. E. Crabtree, Amarillo, came Tuesday for Elliott, who has been visiting his grandparents, Judge and Mrs. J. W. Elliott, and returned by Dalhart for Mrs. Crabtree and daughter, Kathryn Elaine. Mrs. Archie Arnold, Wilma and Bill, were Dalhart visitors Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huff, Conlen, Mrs. Swift Ingram, Vidas, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams and family, and B. O. Kirkwood were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Buster and J. R. Kirkwood. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Patricia, Canadian, returned home Monday after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelp had as their guests Christmas day Mrs. J. T. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Davis of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barnett of Roy, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelp and daughter of Hot Springs, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wherry, Brownfield, Texas, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson and other relatives. Mrs. Chester Berry and son, Tucumcari, New Mexico, visited with her nephew, M. F. Reeder, Mrs. Reeder and other relatives. Mrs. Foy Parsons, son and daughter, Gary, Indiana, arrived last week and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl were visitors in Amarillo Sunday and Monday. Eual Allen, Amarillo, George Allen, Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Simon, Huntsville, Texas, were guests of their parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Roy Allen, during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burrows, Long Beach, California, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelp Tuesday. Howard Gibbons is spending the Christmas holidays in Burbank, California with his sister, Mrs. Bill Lollis, Mr. Lollis and family. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamilton, Persia, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards, Arapaho, Nebraska, Mrs. Mary Gross, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bomer during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wharton, Tucumcari, New Mexico, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spivey, Canyon, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons and other relatives. Mrs. E. M. Boswell and son, Mac, visited in Dallas and Waco with Mr. Boswell and his parents during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kelp visited with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Davis in Dalhart Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bomer had as their guest for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamilton of Persia, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards of Arapaho, Nebraska, Mrs. Mary Gross, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryan and daughter, Dalhart, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cowdrey and family. Miss Mae Gay has returned from a visit with her parents in Haskell, Texas. Leland Salt, Denver, Colorado, bought six carloads of cattle from Dick Diehl Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price were Amarillo visitors Monday. Mrs. Lucy LaFrenz entertained with a Christmas dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louie Green, Fred Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer, June and Maxine. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Foster and daughter, Bess of Lamar, Colorado spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. C. R. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster and Peggy. Mrs. Arthur Ross, Miss Lorraine Ross and Arthur Lee Ross were business visitors in Dalhart Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings, Charles Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins, Miss Lois Mullins and Mrs. Eldon Plunk and children, Amarillo, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster were business visitors in Dalhart Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cameron, Harold and Evelyn will leave Saturday for Oklahoma City to visit her relatives over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trainham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Branman and daughter returned from a holiday visit in Haskell, Texas this week. Mrs. Jack Lucas is ill at her home in Texhoma this week and their son is ill with the measles. Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Brooks returned Friday from a visit in Haskell, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk, Amarillo, visited relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Plunk of Enid, Oklahoma, who are visiting here, visited with them in Amarillo Tuesday. They expect to return to their home in Enid Friday. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Garrison, Miss Marcella, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred French returned Wednesday from a visit during the holidays in Windsor, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and children spent the holidays at Abernathy, Fredericksburg and Mason, Texas. Earl and Richard hunted deer but failed to find their game. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace and children returned Wednesday from a visit in Nashville, Tennessee with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Puckett returned Monday after spending the holidays with their son in San Antonio. Mrs. W. T. Guthrie, Fort Worth, spent the week end here with her son, Chester Guthrie, Mrs. Guthrie and children. She was enroute to Colorado for a visit with her sister. Tom Marshall, Texhoma, transacted business here Monday. Russell Boney, Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Lelah Boney, and sister, Marjorie. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cooper and family in Big Spring, Texas Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Green and son of Spearman spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. M. B. Green. Dewey Wiginton and his sister,

Mrs. Leonard Martin, of Altus, Oklahoma, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Kelp. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ballegee, Phillips, are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis, Alana Davis, L. J. Davis, and Miss Helen Pemberton spent the Christmas holidays touring Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Arkansas. P. J. Pronger, who underwent an operation in Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas about two weeks ago, is reported to be getting along nicely. It is expected however that it will be necessary for him to remain in the hospital for several weeks.

Happy New Year
Thanks for your patronage in the Past Years. We hope that we may serve you more efficiently in the New Year.
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This Month's Special
Avon Hand CREAM 10¢
With Good Order Sold By
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
The basic good sense, the cooperative spirit, and native determination will carry the American people through even the present difficulties. That is why we say "Happy New Year" in expressing our appreciation of our many friends and customers.
YATES DRUG

SEASON'S GREETINGS
It is with a deep feeling of gratitude and friendship that we wish for you the best during the coming year. Present conditions strengthen all the more our belief that the well-being of good friends like yourself is the foundation of our own success. Disturbed as the world may be at the present, we are confident of the ultimate outcome, and we express the hope that throughout the emergency we may be permitted to serve you in a way that will substantiate your good will. During the coming months there may be times when the emergency will make it difficult to obtain normal supplies of certain items, but if they are obtainable, you can count on us to supply your needs. We pledge ourselves to give you the best possible service during this trying period. To you, your family and to your associates we wish a happy New Year. May you enjoy during the coming year an abundance of the blessings of this land of ours.
Bonar Pharmacy
YOUR REGISTERED STORE

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Ring out the old disappointments, the old mistakes, and bury them in oblivion where they belong.
Ring in the New Year with new opportunity and new understanding of our fellow man.
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BEST WISHES
Close Out SALE
On 9x12 Bird Linoleum RUGS
25% Below Old Retail Price
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
Most cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve, and it is with all sincerity that we wish you a Happy New Year.
Stratford Grain Co.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1942
To be able to grow any community must have a loyal, forthright citizenry, and because we know you and the other people who live here we are certain our territory will withstand the present crisis. The friends we have made, the relationships that have grown with the years have been one of the inspiring things of life.
Lowe & Billington Motor Co.
FORD DEALER

Happy New Year to All 1942
OUR THANKS
For your patronage during the past year we desire to express our appreciation. May the New Year of 1942 bring you fulfillment of your every hope, Health and Happiness.
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NOTICE TO FARMERS: For a first class butcher job of your hogs or cattle at a reasonable price, see Major Thomas. Will go any where at any time. 13tfc
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FOR SALE: 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan.-Joy Smith. 11-tfc.
LOST: Open face gold watch, \$5.00 reward.-W. W. Steel. 12-1tp.

HOLIDAY CHEER
We say "Happy New Year" for thoughts of our ever increasing number of friends made this holiday a happy one for us. We hope that you too, have had a full share of happiness.
Palace Cafe
RUSSELL BEALL, Proprietor

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1942
Holiday Greetings
May we acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors, and extend Best Wishes for a 1942 of Health, Success and a return of Happiness.
Van B. Boston
Oliver Farm Equipment

Sincere Wishes
JOYOUS SEASON TO ALL 1942
Happy New Year
MAY 1942 BRING
New Happiness to you and to those you love. May it be a happiness above material things, a joyous strengthening of old ties and associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it mean a new freedom from cares, and bring you good health and a new zest for living.
Taylor Mercantile Co.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barnett, Roy, New Mexico, spent Christmas day here with the Kelp families. Melvin Wall of Jefferson City, Missouri, spent the Christmas holidays here with his children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie.

C. B. Dodson, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Monday.

Hayden Cooper and daughter, Barbara, of Ness City, Kans., spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cooper.

Miss Marjorie Boney is recovering from a long siege of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sewell, Clinton, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Harry Vincent, Texhoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Tackle and M. B. Green spent Christmas in Jacksboro, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Davis, Dalhart, visited the Kelp families here Thursday afternoon.

Miss Alma Hall, Hereford, visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mullins.

Miss Mabel Martin returned Sunday from a holiday vacation in Kerrville, Texas. Her mother, Mrs. Emilia Martin, returned to Stratford with her for a short visit.

A. L. Cooper, Big Spring, Texas,

was here Monday to attend the funeral of Wood Barnes.

William Green, Amarillo, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Green.

Mrs. Velma Howard spent the holidays in Cameron, Oklahoma with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burkstreser and children, Carlsbad, New Mexico, Mrs. Hilma Cleveland and son, Joe, of Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mason, Copeland, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dickerson, Plainview, Oklahoma, John Hester and family, Conlen, were here Christmas day for the family gathering at the home of Mrs. C. V. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stipe left Friday for an extended visit in Big Pine, California with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones and children, Brownfield, Texas, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cooper.

Miss Winnie Williams spent the holidays with her parents at Chillicothe, Texas.

The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for a 14 percent increase in egg production in 1942.

S. J. Calvird's Mother Dies In Clinton, Missouri

S. J. Calvird and M. Dortch left Wednesday for Clinton, Missouri where they were called by the death of Mr. Calvird's mother.

Miss Ariel Williams Married In Dallas

Miss Ariel Williams, a former Stratford school teacher, was married in Dallas last week to Sam Pruitt of the Texas Oil Company, according to an announcement received by Mrs. Joe Duby.

KERRICK NEWS
(By Homer Mathews)

Christmas Dinners
At B. R. Crabtree's: Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Crabtree and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Crabtree and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Crabtree and family of Dumas.

At Joe Taylor's: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mathews and Marjorie, Jim Taylor.

At O. H. McDaniels': Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Ina, Inez, Earl and Kayo McDaniel.

At Jesse James: Mr. and Mrs. Andy A. James, Mrs. Mettie James, Lois, Fannie Sue, and Louis James, Mr. and Mrs. Frank James, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. James, Jr., and family.

Roy Allen was pleased to preside over a dinner at which were all the family, Eual, George, Winnie and Bill.

Lyll Murdock and family (minus Bob) ate Christmas dinner with his parents, W. L. Murdock in Los Angeles, California.

R. T. Elms enjoyed Christmas dinner with his parents.

Robert Murdock was a guest at Stratford for dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Crabtree motored to Amarillo Monday.

Calvin Elms stationed somewhere in Texas, came home Monday on a 10 day furlough. He is now in a tank division.

Robert Murdock and the "one and only" attended the A. & M. College dance in Dalhart Saturday night.

Tom and Newton James and Joe Pete Taylor came home Saturday night from a week's hunting trip near Rankin, Texas. They also made a side trip to Juarez, Old Mexico.

The distinguished gentleman seen in Kerrick smoking a big cigar and driving a new car was Walter Strothers.

Mrs. Walker Taylor was in Boise City the greater part of last week, working at a Beauty Parlor during the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Ingham were in Boise City Monday on business.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF SHERMAN: TO THOSE INDEBTED TO OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OSCAR FILMORE FOSTER, DECEASED.

The undersigned having been duly appointed Executors of the Will and Estate of Oscar Filmore Foster, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by L. P. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1941, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Arthur Ross, Executor, within the time prescribed by law at his Residence in Stratford, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 16th day of December A. D. 1941.

ARTHUR ROSS, FRANK A. SEWELL, Executors of the Will and Estate of Oscar Filmore Foster, Deceased.
Pub. Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22.

Prevention Of Prairie Fires Is Necessary

It is estimated there are a million head of cattle in this area and conservatively they are worth \$50,000,000. Livestock is one of the biggest industries and it behooves us to organize for its protection. Prairies of the Panhandle are now heavy with dry vegetation and every precaution must be taken to prevent damage by fires. Acre after acre of grazing land has burned, threatening livestock and other property.

With the best grass in decades, the Panhandle area has a great and valuable store of livestock feed. Recalling destructive forest fires which broke out over the nation two years ago the citizens and public officials of the Plains area are called upon to take special precautions, to report fires promptly, and to organize prairie fire fighting methods.

Now that dead tumble weeds have piled up against fence rows and in gulches throughout the area, prairie fires could be most disastrous. It is pointed out by our cattlemen. Ranchers propose the plowing of fire guards over the entire Panhandle, with the cooperation of land owners.

Following are the counties being contacted: Sherman, Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Hemphill, Lamb, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Swisher, Wheeler.

Listed below are the names of the organizations in each county that have been asked to cooperate in this matter: County and City School Superintendents, Chambers of Commerce, County Judges and Commissioners' Court, Farm Security Administration Supervisors and County Agricultural Agents.

W. T. U. Buys Defense Bonds

The West Texas Utilities Company is buying \$50,000 of U. S. Defense Bonds in lieu of a treasury department request that deductions be made from employees' pay checks on a "Pay Roll Allotment Plan," according to Chester Guthrie, WTU local manager.

The announcement was made by Price Campbell, president of the company earlier this week.

Instead of inaugurating the Pay Roll Allotment Plan, Mr. Campbell said, the company is responding further to the national emergency by buying the maximum block of bonds. Each of the nine districts served by the company is being credited with its pro rata portion of the \$50,000 and bonds purchased locally.

It was explained that the purchase of these bonds by the company is not presumed to relieve employees of the patriotic duty of buying bonds and stamps, but, on the other hand, is in accord with the company policy of making no pay roll deductions for any purpose other than group insurance and social security required by law.

Leguems conserve nitrites and other chemicals already in the soil

Brief Review Of The Great Conflict

Everyone must realize by now that the Japanese-American war is not an isolated conflict in the Pacific, without bearing on the wars that are going on elsewhere in the world. When the Japanese attacked Oahu without warnings, they were simply carrying out their part of a tremendous plan for world domination that in all likelihood was framed in Berlin. The amazing efficiency with which the Jap blitzkrieg was delivered, suggests a German High Command influence. Japan's war leaders have never been famous for surprise and subtlety. The Germans, on the other hand, have proven themselves masters of strategy, and it is very probable that German staff officers had much to do with laying out the pattern of attack.

As the President has said, this was primarily a war against Nazism and everything else is incidental to that. The reasons for Germany doing everything in her power to provoke an American-Japanese war, are clear. First, actual involvement in a major shooting war will mean that, for the time being at least, American lend-lease aid to the Allies will be reduced. It may also be necessary for both America and Britain to transfer naval strength from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Second, if Japan can succeed in her drive to isolate this country from the Far East, the Axis powers will have control of immense quantities of vital war materials, of which oil is the most important. For example, the Dutch, rulers of rich Batavia, are putting up a fine fight but they simply haven't the manpower, the ships or the equipment to fight on alone. Their forces act as adjuncts of British-American forces. If British-American power were destroyed in the Far East, the Dutch would be through.

It has long been said that this country should be able to defeat Japan in a very brief period of time. That might be true if it were possible to concentrate all American fighting force and production capacity on the prosecution of a Pacific war. But we must maintain an Atlantic fleet of considerable size to help the British in combating the U-boat menace. And the President has said that aid to our Allies will continue, even though it may be temporarily on a reduced scale. It is known that Japan has for years built up reserves of war materials. Some think that she has enough on hand to last for a full year's all-out fighting.

The Japanese are fanatical fighters, and their Sumarai tradition holds that a man who dies in battle will go to an Asiatic Valhalla in which all is milk and honey. Therefore, it is only the part of wisdom for this country to expect a long war—a war in which there will be serious reverses no less than great victories.

The loss of one American and two British battleships, along with a number of lesser warcraft, is admittedly serious. But it is by no means fatal, as the German-Italian-Japanese radio networks are saying. Our fleet alone is much larger than the Japanese, and it is said to have greater fire power, speed and armor, judged on a ship for ship basis. The combined American and British fleets outnumber the Japanese fleet by more than two for one. However both Britain and the U. S. must keep major naval units elsewhere, while Japan has her entire force in the Pacific, and this, of course, materially cuts down our naval supremacy.

In the long run, most authorities think, this will come down to a war of resources—a war of oil production, steel capacity, etc. Here our edge over economically poor Japan is tremendous. But even if Japan should collapse, Hitler, with all the resources of Europe, will remain. And the destruction of Hitlerism is the announced goal of all the Allies. None think that can be done easily.

In the meantime, the Allies have much to be cheerful about. The Russians have done the apparently impossible in not only holding off the German legions, but in actually forcing them into a major retreat. The British campaign in Africa goes ahead, and while German resistance is stubborn, it is steadily lessening. The Italians seem to have practically given up so far as aggressive fighting is concerned. And in the Pacific, the U. S. Army, Navy and Aid Force are living up to the finest traditions of American arms. The democracies, which Hitler used to say were soft, decadent and incapable of fighting effective war, are showing the iron which is inside them.

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WISHES TO EVERYONE
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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Slay
ALLENDER'S
STRATFORD, TEXAS PHONE 100

Albert's Grocery
MARKET & SERVICE STATION
PHONE 15

Happiest New Year
1942

As we come to the close of another year we wish it were possible to take you and every friend by the hand and spend a few minutes with you in friendly conversation. We cannot see each of you on New Year's Day but we can use this space to express our well wishes.

We often come in contact with you through business matters, in fact, it is through these channels that we meet you most frequently. This time we want to tell you how much we appreciate your friendship and the pleasant relationship between us.

It is our sincere wish that in the months and years to come this friendship will continue.

At the close of this year all of us are looking hopefully to the future. As one good friend to another, then, we are hoping for you a prosperous 1942.

WATSON GROCERY AND MARKET

Happy New Year
1942
Greetings to you

WE EXTEND OUR CORDIAL GREETINGS of the season and our Sincere Hopes that 1942 will bring to you your desires of Happiness.

New Year's 1942
SEASON'S GREETINGS

THIS IS THE SEASON WHEN WE LIKE TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS FOR THE COMING YEAR May It Bring To You Everything You Desire GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

BEST WISHES FOR ALL
1942

THE FERVENT HOPE FOR ONE AND ALL

In this wonderful America of ours we should be very thankful for living in a country where "democracy" is still more than just a word. We can count it a great blessing to be living among real friends and good neighbors. Let us resolve, for the coming year, to do our part to preserve the rights that are our heritage. With this in mind, we wish to express our appreciation of your patronage.

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CHAPTER XVII—Continued

Benning went to bed after watching for several hours and managed to sleep through part of the day.

From his porthole, Benning saw flying fish scurry out of the course of the ship in late afternoon, which confirmed fast progress south. With evening he caught the blink of distant light myriads on the coast line. He explored the possibility of escape in the night by whaleboat, but concluded he stood slender chance of success in such an exploit. At dark he resumed his reconnaissance of the deck in his effort to locate Bravot.

Schmolz' stateroom was empty at nine o'clock, again at ten. On his third trip down the boat deck, Benning found that half a dozen men had assembled, including Bravot and Schmolz. He stationed himself again in the shadows of a whaleboat and waited. An hour passed without development, then the group filed out and went to the rail to strain their eyes into the starlight night.

One of them set off a flare, and ten minutes later a second flare. Benning's ears caught the distant hum of an airplane. The sound grew in volume until a plane zoomed overhead and circled to a stop.

The engines of the ship slowed down. Four men lowered a boat. Bravot shook hands with Schmolz and climbed over the rail to disappear down the ladder. A few minutes later Benning caught the flash of oars in the starlight. The plane burst into a roar of sound, lifted into the night, and streaked off into the void whence it had come.

Benning returned heavily to his cabin. Bravot's departure by plane clearly meant that the ship would not pause at Tampico or Vera Cruz. But at least, Benning consoled himself, he could play a stiffer game on deck with the French renegade out of the way.

Somehow, in the tense days ahead, he would find a solution to this hideous problem, he vowed. If nothing better, a chance at the radio room whence he could flash a warning code to the coast artillery forts and naval base guarding the Canal from Limon Bay.

During the next few days, while the dynamite ship ate up the long miles to Panama, Benning carefully went over the vessel and watched his chances. Land had vanished, escape by boat he had dismissed finally as out of the question.

Benning's interest centered on the radio room as his best chance. The radio station lay in a cubbyhole under the bridge. Several times he visited the room, pretending interest in its mechanism. But the radio operator, one Smidt, was sullenly uncommunicative and resentful of visitors.

"You been around here enough, mister," Smidt complained at Benning's third appearance. "I got work to do, so you please keep away."

After that incident, Benning gained an uncomfortable suspicion that he was being watched. Twice he tested his trail by an abrupt about-face on deck. Both times a hatch-faced steward slouched past him with exaggerated preoccupation.

Only one chance remained if he failed at the radio. That was to reach the American officers who would come aboard to check cargo before the ship was permitted in the locks. But Benning decided that he must not wait on that last desperate extremity.

Benning kept up a careful estimate of the speed and progress of the ship. His calculations told him when the ship must be approaching Limon Bay. Schmolz' plan, he guessed, was to detonate the ship as it passed through Gatun Locks.

Benning's plan of direct action crystallized on what he judged to be the last afternoon at sea. In his cabin he blocked out, on a sheet from his notebook, a blunt warning message:

"Commanding General, Panama—Halt American freighter now approaching Limon Bay from New York with cargo of high explosives. General plot in effect to wreck Panama Canal. Instant action imperative.—Benning, Major G-2."

Until he saw Schmolz go to the bridge, Benning loitered about the boat deck, then went direct to the radio room.

"Mister, didn't I tell you to keep out of here!" Smidt exploded as Benning stepped into the little room.

Benning said quietly: "I want to use your radio, Smidt. You'll be good enough to do just what I tell you to do."

Smidt scowled at Benning's leveled pistol and yielded with a sullen nod of his head. Benning strapped the fellow's hands behind his back and forced him to stretch out face downward on the floor. Sitting down calmly, Benning started putting his message into Panama. He had buzzed out the words, "C. G. Panama—Halt"—when a voice challenged from the door.

"So, my ship has a new radio man!"

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forward. The U. S. army was not prepared for this sudden attack, and could only retreat in the face of overwhelming force. While an American spy in Mexico City, Benning had gained the confidence of two enemy officers, Fincke and Bravot. Weeks later he unexpectedly met

his voice a raucous sneer. Murder burned in his round green eyes as he covered Benning with a long-barreled Luger pistol. Behind Schmolz were his mate, steward, and a member of the crew. With an oath he unstrapped Smidt's hands and kicked the operator to his feet. Smidt took Benning's pistol and message and passed them to Schmolz.

"Ei, himmel!" Schmolz gasped, as he read the message. "A spy aboard!"

In a surge of savage fury Schmolz seized Benning by the collar and jerked him out on deck. With a sudden swing of his ham of a fist, he dropped his prisoner and crashed down upon him with his two hundred pounds of beef and brawn.

"Got here—just in time—didn't I!" Schmolz bellowed. "Not for nothing—did I have you watched!"

Schmolz' beefy fists pummeled emphasis to his words, flailing Benning's face and head.

"Chuck him overboard to the sharks!" he roared.

Benning was driven to the rail. He gripped the rail with his hands and held tenaciously against the fatal plunge into the Atlantic. One of his assailants clutched his legs, an-



"So my ship has a new radio man."

other ground with heavy heels at his fingers. Below Benning could see the water foaming down the hull of the ship.

His feet were clear of the deck, his left hand lacerated into helplessness. A knife flashed in the air over his right hand to slash it free of the rail.

Schmolz bellowed an order before the knife could reach the flesh and bone of Benning's fingers.

"Stop it! Hold everything—keep him aboard! Ja, I got a new idea!"

The others turned to Schmolz with questioning glares. The knife hung in the air over Benning's hand.

"Ja, in the water it is over too quick!" Schmolz leered. "So I think we give him a nice stateroom—where he can think—until—boom!"

Schmolz sprang forward, seized Benning's collar and hustled him down a narrow flight of steps from the boat deck. He searched Benning's pockets and shouted an order. A winch sang, a hatch crept open over the hold. At command, one man seized Benning's legs, the other two helped Schmolz cram their prisoner head foremost through the opening.

Benning plummeted through black space, struck on head and shoulders and lay stunned, consciousness holding by a thin thread. Slowly his mind cleared. He stretched his pain-racked body out on the hard cargo and tested shoulder blades by moving them. There was no fracture. Lying flat on his back, he strained his eyes upward through the blackness. The hatch had been closed.

He muttered to himself: "This time, Benning, you've tangled yourself in a fine snarl. Looks like curtains, doesn't it?"

Benning felt drowsiness creeping over him, a drowsiness that had the power of a strong opiate. He woke with a start to find the engines shut down now. The ship was not moving. He concluded the ship must have stopped at Cristobal. Here a quarantine officer would come aboard. Schmolz would advise him of the nature of his cargo, but this merely for the computation of weights and water displacement required for passage through the locks. Unless suspicions were aroused, the ship would steam on into the Canal.

In a short time the engines churned. Benning took this as verification. The ship was leaving Cristobal.

After a time the engines slowed down, stopped. Benning's pulse ham-

Fincke in Washington, and continued to pose as his friend. Benning accompanied him on a boat loaded with dynamite bound for the Panama Canal. On board he aroused the suspicions of Schmolz, the skipper.

Now continue with the story.

mered in his ears. He guessed that the dynamite ship had come to the locks and was being made fast to the electric mules that would tow her.

By now Schmolz and his henchmen must have abandoned the ship, after setting detonators in motion for the explosion, he reasoned. Innocent hands were seeing the vessel through, a hundred seamen whose lives would roar into nothingness with his own.

Into the black hole there came the soft yellow glow of a ball of light. Benning shook his head dazedly against what must be a phantom of his tortured imagination. The ball swung crazily toward him, gaining in brightness, and a hushed voice came to his ears from overhead.

"Say, mister, ain't you pretty hungry about now?"

Benning's voice leaped from his throat as his mind oriented itself to this intervention.

"Quick, Grimes! Get a rope down here and pull me out of this hole!"

The ball of light ceased its rotation, grew stationary on a thin cord in front of Benning's eyes. Grimes mulled through priceless seconds, and countered, "But the cap'n might get sore when he comes back, and kick me off the ship."

"Schmolz isn't coming back!" Benning shouted. "Quick, get a rope for me or it's only a matter of minutes until we'll be blown to pieces!"

Grimes did not answer, but jerked the lantern back up out of the hold. Benning's fingers bit into the palms of his hands through an eternity of waiting until the lantern reappeared, hitched this time to the end of a stout inch-rope.

Benning detached the lantern when it reached him, passed the end of the rope under his armpits and tied a hurried knot. He put the force of his lungs into an order to heave.

With legs braced across the open hatch, Grimes put the strength of his powerful arms into the job and brought Benning to the deck. Benning staggered to his feet and started for the rail.

"Come on, Grimes," he ordered. "We got to get off this ship!"

Under the soft light of a new moon, as he ran to the rail of the ship, Benning saw the thick concrete walls of the locks. Beyond were the rows of squad tents of an emergency guard detachment. Ahead the electric locomotives tugged at heavy cables.

Benning drove the force of his lungs along the deck in warning to the crew and climbed down the ladder, closely followed by Grimes. At coming abreast of the top of the walls, he leaped, propelling himself outward with his legs, and landed on chest and stomach. For several moments he lay stunned, then staggered to his feet and ran toward the tents. Sentries barked a challenge, a figure in pajamas burst out of a tent to level a vibrant voice.

"I'm the commanding officer—what's all this yelling about!"

Benning panted: "I'm Major Benning, of G-2. The cargo of this ship is dynamite—it will detonate at any minute! Get everyone clear here!"

The commander swung on his heels with cool promptness and began shouting orders. "All out! On the run! Leave everything behind! Get moving to Mindi—on the wagon-road—never mind formation!"

There was intensity rather than excitement in the officer's voice.

Benning saw that the crew was bursting from the doomed ship. Some, in their panic, leaped into the water of the narrow locks, others made the long leap to the top of the locks. He ran after the officer, Grimes trailing. A puffing sprint brought them to the railroad grade that led into Mindi. Another long run and the officer halted in a deep cup in the Sierra Quebrancha. He commanded his soldiers to scatter into the foothills.

Two miles lay behind. Half an hour had passed, Benning judged. The captain introduced himself, Marlin. He began asking questions, suddenly suspicious that he might have been tricked away from his post of duty. Benning quickly established his identity.

"But how do you know the ship's cargo is—?"

Marlin cut off his query as his cheeks caught the peculiar stir of air as from a gust of wind. Benning's hands dove to cup his ears. He felt himself pitched forward on his face. The earth heaved violently, his head rang with the pain of the volcanic might of the explosion that filled the world. All existence had been reduced to roaring, crashing, maddening bedlam.

A clap of thunder shattered his thoughts. It crashed out of distant hills and jungles far down the Isthmus from Gatun Lake. Benning halted. There came a second crash, a third, a fourth. The detonations followed one another successively, within the limits of a few minutes.

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**THE SYNOPSIS GOSPELS:
MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE**

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 1:1, 17; Mark 1:1, 14, 15; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5.
GOLDEN TEXT—Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—I Timothy 1:15.

A new year of God-given opportunity with the assurance of His grace and strength for our daily need. Such is the precious gift we hold in our hands as we enter on A. D. 1942.

With the new year, we enter upon a new course of study—carefully planned ahead through 1947, if the Lord tarries. We begin very appropriately with a study of the life of Christ as presented in the first three Gospels, known as the Synoptic Gospels.

"Synoptic" is a combination of two words, meaning "a view together," and refers to the fact that Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the same general view of Christ, although differing somewhat in their emphasis.

Matthew, writing his Gospel especially to the Jews, presents Christ as King. Mark, for the Romans, presents the Servant. Luke presents to the Greeks the Son of Man—the perfect Man, and John, for the Christian church, reveals the Son of God. But note that all the Gospels are for us, and in them we find the fourfold picture which presents the many-sided glory and beauty of our Lord. Turning to our scriptures we see—

I. The King (Matt. 1:1, 17).

These verses come at the beginning and end of the kingly genealogy of Jesus. It is important that the descent of a king be carefully recorded and studied, for it alone can prove his right to the throne. We know that Israel rejected Jesus as King, but we also know what prophecy reveals that He will one day take the throne of David and reign. Does He have that right?

In Matthew 1:1-17, we have His national and royal descent. Being son of both David and Abraham, He is heir to both the promise and the throne. As King of Israel, there was no need to trace His lineage back further than Abraham through David, but we find that in Luke (2: 23-28) the Son of Man is traced back to Adam. Mark has no genealogy for reasons noted below, and John also has none, for the Son of God is eternal, infinite, without need of genealogy.

II. The Servant (Mark 1:1, 14, 15).

A servant needs no genealogy, he needs only to be able and ready to work, and that is just what we find in Mark. The account plunges at once into the story of "the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," who is ready to serve—by life or by death—yes, even by the death of the cross.

The forerunner, John the Baptist, bears his witness. Jesus is baptized. John is imprisoned, and immediately Jesus begins to preach, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." The key verse of Mark is 10:45: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The characteristic words are "straightway," "forthwith," and "immediately." The Greek word thus translated appears about 40 times in the book. The Servant of God went quickly about the Father's business. Christians, can we say the same for ourselves?

III. The Son of Man (Luke 1:1-4).

Luke undertakes to write, under the control of the Holy Spirit, a careful account of the saving work of Christ, but he makes it doubly clear that he writes from firsthand knowledge. "Eyewitnesses" means those who made a personal investigation, hence, those who knew Christ as the Son of Man, the One who became flesh and dwelt among us. "Ministers" means literally those who served under Jesus, His personal assistants; again emphasizing His personal ministry as "the Son of man who is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (as Luke 19:10, the key verse of this Gospel, expresses it).

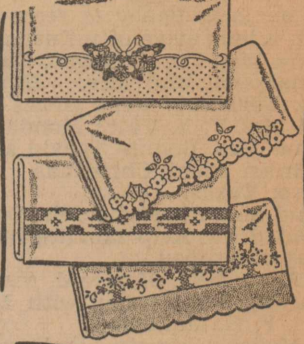
IV. The Risen and Ascended Lord (Acts 1:1-5).

Christ who was crucified arose a Victor over death and the grave, and ascended to the Father, where He now appears as our Advocate. That does not mean that His work on earth terminated, for we have in Acts what Dr. Morgan fittingly calls "the book of the continued doing and teaching of the living Christ by the Holy Spirit through His body, which is the church."

The Gospels (Acts 1:1) told only that "Jesus began to do and to teach." Acts continues, but does not complete the story. Christ is working today in and through surrendered believers. Will He have liberty to work through you and through me this year of 1942? If so, it is sure to be a happy—yes, a blessed—New Year.

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As Sandy walked slowly down the village street two of his old friends looked on sadly.
"Man, Sandy's lookin' awful white and thin these days," said the first.
The second shook his head dolefully. "Ay, ye're right," he replied. "He's jist like a bottle o' milk w' shoes on!"

On Wrong Trail
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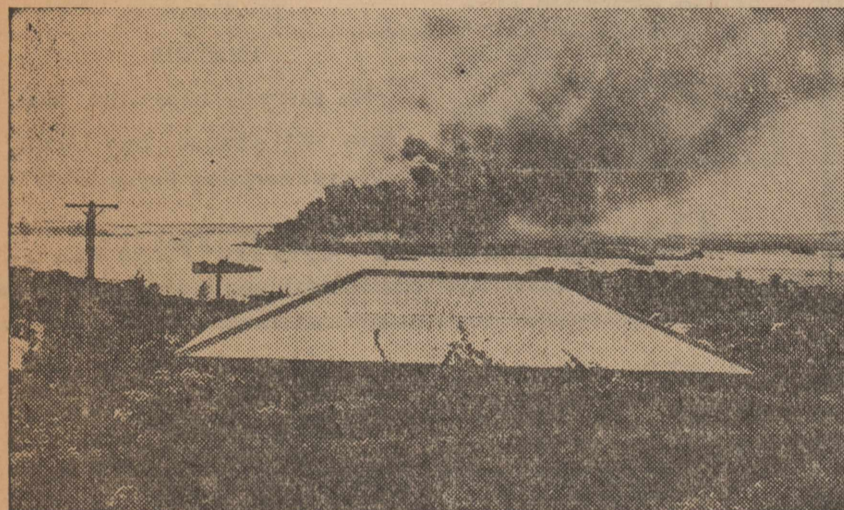
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Benito's Contribution to Singapore Defense



These Breda guns, captured from the Italians in Libya, are being reconditioned in Malaya for use against Jap invaders. During Wavell's desert blitz a tremendous amount of Italian equipment was taken by the British. It has since been useful on other fronts, and will serve the allied cause again in Malaya.

U. S. Battleship Arizona Goes Down



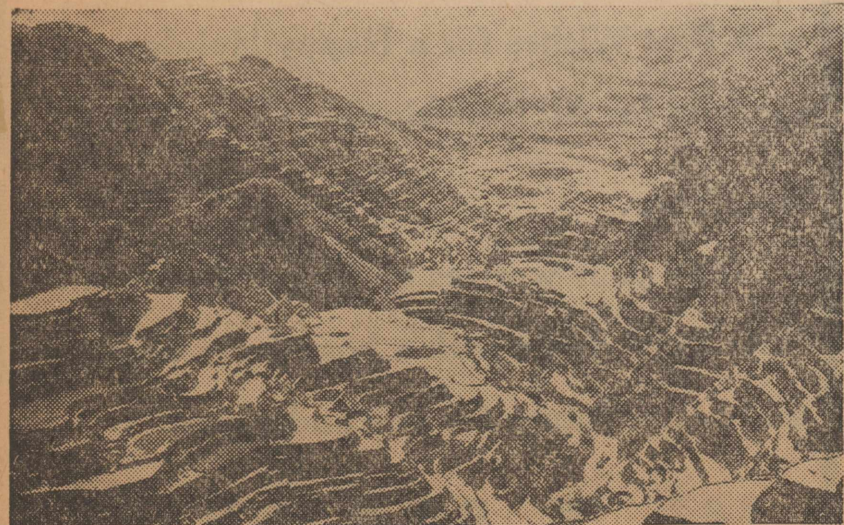
The U. S. S. Arizona on fire and sinking in Pearl Harbor after sneak raid by Japanese bombers. The 25-year-old battleship was destroyed by the explosion of the first of its boilers and then its forward magazine, due to a bomb which was said to have literally passed down the smokestack.

String of 'Valentines' for Axis



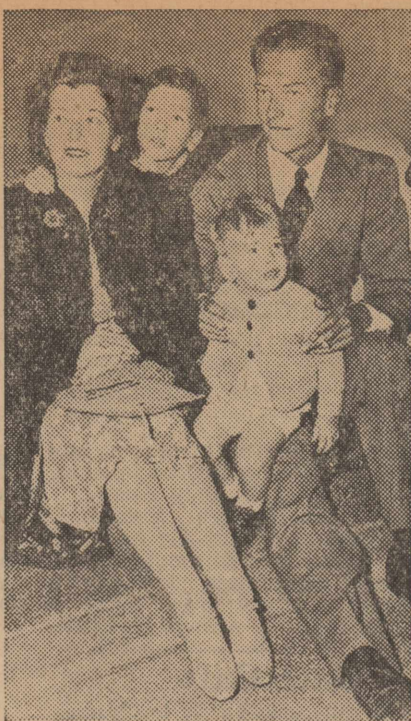
At a U. S. army airport, somewhere in the U. S., a ground crew is making adjustments to a string of 600-pound bombs before the missiles are loaded into a bombing plane for delivery at . . . ?

Where U. S. Troops Are Meeting Japs



Above is a view of the rice fields of Appari, on the northernmost tip of the island of Luzon, which is the principal island of the Philippines. The Japanese were reported as succeeding in landing troops in this rough terrain, but met with stiff resistance from U. S. troops. Manila, on this island, was the first major Jap objective.

From Wake Island



J. B. Cooke, Wake island airport manager, and his wife and two children, Bleecker and Philip (front), shown upon their arrival at San Francisco on the clipper plane. This was the third clipper to arrive safely from the war zone. All passengers commented on the high morale of the civilians in Honolulu. Wake island is one of our far Pacific outposts that has held out so splendidly against the Japs.

Fortify Hong Kong



A motor torpedo boat, the British navy's newest weapon for harbor defense, makes a test run across Hong Kong harbor. In the background are two lumbering Chinese junks. This "Gibraltar of the East" has lent its might in repelling Jap attacks.

War Jobs for Women



Lieut. James Hoey of New York shows a group of members of the American Women's Voluntary Services how to slide down a pole in his firehouse. The women have enrolled for defense training courses. The organization announced a shortage of trained switchboard operators and auto drivers.

To Direct Chinese



Lieut. Col. C. L. Chennault, famous U. S. flying officer, who will direct a Chinese aerial offensive against Jap bases. The 51-year-old Texan is a veteran of World War I.



DIAMOND HEAD AS GOOD AS GIBRALTAR

SEVERAL YEARS ago I sat with Captain Wilson on the veranda of his home, looking over the placid waters of Pearl Harbor near Honolulu. The harbor is but a salt water lake opening into the island of Oahu from the Pacific. It was originally not much more than a marsh that had been dredged to a depth of some 60 feet in places. It is a lake of many arms and bays, with sufficient anchorage room to accommodate all of the American navy.

On the far side, across from the homes of the naval officers, is the club house of the Honolulu Yacht club, and the landing place of the Pacific clipper planes. Near the center is an island on which is located the naval air field. There was no war, or thought of war when I sat there with Captain Wilson. There was not even an appearance of any preparation for war. On the far shore a clipper plane, in from Manila, rode at anchor and was being loaded with mail for San Francisco. In that same arm several small sail boats were engaged in a race. In another arm a battleship and cruiser were anchored, and near them were two or three destroyers. No one of these fighting ships offered any evidence of being ready for sea. They did not mar in any way the peaceful appearance of the scene.

"This does not look like the impregnable fortress I had expected to see," I said to Captain Wilson.

"It was not intended that all the defense preparations should be in sight, but an enemy would find them here," was his simple reply. He did not tell me more, and should not have done so, but while in the islands, I learned a little of what these preparations were. No effort was made to cover up that entire division of American soldiers at Schofield field, the army headquarters in Hawaii, and as fine a division of fighting men as one could find in any man's army. Officers of the army, quite properly, would not permit me a view inside of Diamond Head crater, a veritable mountain fortress. I know it is literally filled with great guns, each capable of throwing 1,900 pounds of steel for a distance of more than 20 miles. In the subterranean passages of that fortress are stored sufficient munitions, food, water, medicines and other materials to last for more than a year. Diamond Head is not a second, but a first Gibraltar.

Along the shores of Oahu are other great guns, one of them within a block of the Royal Hawaiian hotel at Waikiki beach, and another beside the Honolulu harbor.

At Pearl Harbor there were vast quantities of storage facilities for oil, gasoline and naval munitions. There were dry docks and repair shops, everything to complete the most formidable naval base in the world. Into it the government, through the years since the annexation of the islands, has poured something near like a billion dollars. Now it is worth all of that, and more. It insures the safety from serious attack of our western mainland coast.

I saw Pearl Harbor and the fortifications in peace time. It is a different picture now. The big guns, the warships and the airplanes are doing the job they were put there to do. The place of Hawaii in our defense will advance its claim for statehood as the forty-ninth state.

PARTNERSHIP SHOULD BE LABOR-EMPLOYER RELATION

I WAS IN EUROPE in 1918, and for a short time in that section of Belgium retaken from the Germans just before the end of the war. On my return, a Belgian acquaintance, who operated a chain of laundries in Chicago, called on me to learn of what I had seen in his native country. During his visit the subject of the new attitude of labor was discussed and I explained what English leaders had told me would be needed to appease labor in that country.

"Labor is not entitled to consideration," said my visitor. "Labor has no brains. If I were to turn my business over to my employees tomorrow, in six months it would be wrecked. There would be nothing left."

"Possibly that is true," I replied, "but there is another thing that is true. Should you find yourself without the help of labor tomorrow, and unable to get other employees, you would be out of business at once."

He did not like my statement, and one of our troubles of today is that there are too many employers who fail to recognize the partnership between labor and capital.

PRICES SHOULD BE REGULATED

AMERICA CAN and will pay the cost of defeating the Axis powers, whatever it may be, but America should not, and must not, have to pay an excessive price because of waste or greed. The government can take from capital any profits made on war production, but the price of ships, planes, tanks, guns, of all war equipment, is largely determined by the price of labor. We need a regulation of prices, including the price of labor.

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Or What You're After It's not much good being a "go-getter" if you don't know where you are going.

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Household Hints

Grapefruit and oranges will peel more easily if you soak them three minutes in boiling water to cover. That will make the membrane come off along with the skin. Then chill the fruit for use in salads, cocktails, or desserts.

If doors and drawers swell so much that they won't close, sandpaper or plane the edges, and then varnish the surface to prevent further swelling or shrinking.

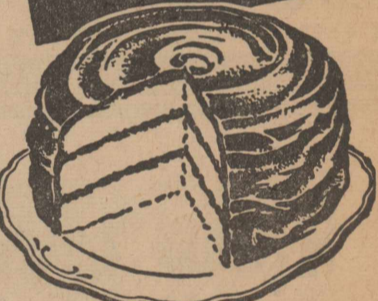
If your vacuum cleaner has several attachments, make the best use of them. They come in handy for cleaning behind radiators, book cases and the refrigerator.

Try dipping the knife in boiling water before cutting cake or pie.

To remove finger marks from washable wallpaper, rub gently with a soft cloth dipped in warm water. Wipe off quickly and then dry with a clean soft cloth.

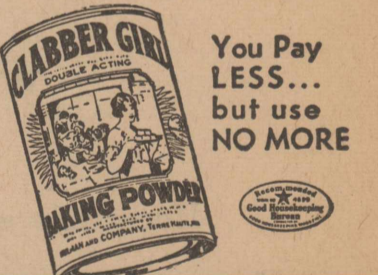
When spreading crackers with cheese, mix a little butter with the cheese, creaming it with a fork. The mixture will spread more easily on the crackers and will have a better flavor.

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New Oil Activity Is Slated For Cimarron County

Boise City News— It was officially announced this week that the Placid Oil Company of Dallas, Texas, one of the H. L. Hunt com-

panies, has taken assignment of oil and gas leases covering Cimarron county lands acquired by R. J. French in townships 5 and 6 north, range 5 and 6 east, comprising approximately 17,000 acres on which assignments have been made. At their regular meeting Monday the Commissioners of the Land Office approved the leases executed

and assigned by Mr. French to the Placid Oil Company. The state likewise approved a \$7,500 drilling bond covering the first 17 tracts, approximately 10,000 acres, which acreage was let to Mr. French under date of November 3, 1941, on a drilling contract for a test to be drilled. This test is not to be less than a depth of 4,200 feet and guarantees to the state that such test will be completed within a year. It is understood that H. L. Hunt is the largest independent operator in the world, having 70,000 barrels daily runs from his thousands of productive acres in Louisiana and Texas, and his coming into Cimarron county through the Placid Oil Company is considered one of the outstanding features in the oil development history of the county.

The new proposed test is thought to be north of the Gulf's Cox No. 1 in the Griggs community now reported to be drilling in a limestone formation. Weather conditions have prevented the usual report of the depth, but based on calculations of recent drilling, they should be near the 5,000 foot level.

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Palace Cafe Remodels Kitchen

Russell Beall has been rearranging the kitchen of the Palace Cafe and installing new equipment during the week. He states he was lucky, just happened to select a type of new stove the army didn't want.

Miss Morse Entertains With Party

Miss Peggy Morse entertained Saturday evening with a Christmas party. Twelve guests enjoyed the games and new victrola, also delicious refreshments.

Embroidery Club Entertains Husbands

The Embroidery Club entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner and a Christmas party at the school building. There were about 40 present to enjoy the occasion. The long tables were decorated with reindeer and Christmas bell center pieces. After dinner guests were ushered into a long hall where there was a beautiful Christmas tree with gifts for everyone. They were seated at tables where the game of "42" was enjoyed until a late hour.

THE DUSTER

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thing to do with a sophomore. Tut! Tut!
The freshman and eighth graders had a grand party at the school building on the Thursday night before Christmas. It was given by Mr. Cleavinger and Mrs. Boston. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

THIS UN THAT
Happy New Year everybody! And from what I've seen—everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Especially Jane Brannan. If you wanta know why—third finger left hand—

Stratford lads were pretty good to Stratford lassies this year. Chocolates— dresser sets— compacts— manicuring sets— lockets— sweetheart bracelets— pictures— stationery—

Peggy Morse has already put that new victrola to work. That younger set will probably give these records a good working over.

Dean says all she got for Christmas was Cologne. She says maybe it was a hint or something.

Ermalee got a hair brush. Mmmmm. But that nothing, I got two and a dresser set! I think those hints were a little too strong, don't you?

Selma got clarinet reeds from that Brother-in-law. I wonder if Mrs. Alexander gave her girls English books— Oh, well, it was just a thought.

Marcella got a dresser set too! These boys surely demand good grooming— don't they?

Piggy— one thing about nail polish— you don't have to keep your nails clean.

I'll bet half of this column is censored out before it reaches the public. But that's not nearly so bad as working a whole period on one and having it left out completely.

Santa went bankrupt before he got to Lenoir. That's what I call a first class gyp.

From what we hear— a certain party had a very Merry Time while a certain party's parents were gone— You know the old saying "When the cats away, the mice will play."

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We sincerely hope the shadows will change into many pleasant surprises during 1942.

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TO YOU AND YOURS

Although our peace has been broken and our liberty attacked, the members of this organization send sincerest Greetings with Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday season, and for All Possible Good Things in the New Year.

May your worries be forgotten, and the New Year dawn with a hope for a brighter and better future for you and yours.

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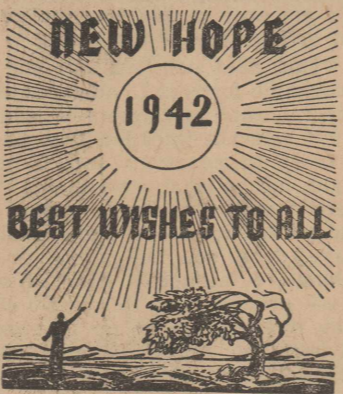


To each of you who has given us your fine friendship we extend our Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes.

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Package 15	Schilling Pound 29
JERSEY CORN FLAKES	SOAP
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Because we value your friendship and know how it has contributed to our own happiness and prosperity in the past.

We welcome the New Year because we know it will bring new opportunities to be of service to you and to express through this service our appreciation.

We sincerely wish that you may find 1942 filled with good things, and may the horizons clear for a new joy in living.

If at any time we can contribute to a fulfillment of those wishes we shall count it our greatest happiness.

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