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## Schools To Get \$4.00 Per Capita By Christmas

Austin, Texas—The public schools of Texas will receive an unexpected Christmas present from the state in the form of a surprise \$2 apportionment payment on each of the 1,523,995 scholastics, in addition to a similar \$2 as of this date, to bring the grand total payment of \$10 on the \$22.50 total apportioned for each child, State School Supt. L. A. Woods announced last Thursday.

A total payment of \$10 per child before the holidays will be \$3 per capita ahead of last year's net current payment before Jan. 1 of \$7 per child. A total of \$8 had been paid last year but \$1 was in liquidation of a deficit carried over from the preceding year.

State school officials warned that the current affluence of the school fund is not a guarantee that the full \$22.50 will be paid out before the end of the scholastic year on Aug. 31, 1943, because later income may be slim. It was pointed out that there was a cash balance carry-over of \$2 per capita and that ad valorem tax collections were up, due to the discount allowances for early tax payments, combining to give the available school fund its best early balance in years.

Another factor in the early prosperity of the school fund is that the department has received and set aside \$1,850,000 to pay the free textbook bill for the current year and thus it will not be a charge and deduction against future revenues.

Some optimism was expressed that the full \$22.50 may be paid out before Aug. 31, 1943, as that would require an average per capita remittance of but \$1.50 per month after January 1.

School auditors are unable to anticipate the full effect of gasoline rationing; therefore they can make no estimate of the prospective revenue declines to the school fund from the gasoline tax. Their hope is that the income will be enough to pay the \$1.50 monthly average in the first eight months of the new year.

For the first four months of the school year the \$10 per capita payment will represent a grand total of \$15,239,995 leaving \$19,049,947 to be paid by Aug. 31 next year, out of a total of \$34,289,947 pledged by the state to the schools.

### ALVIN B. SPURLOCK

Cpl. Alvin B. Spurlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock, was drafted into the army January 21, 1942. He attended the aircraft parachute mechanics school in Ontario, California, and received his diploma on June 13, making him a first class parachute rigger.

Together with three other graduates, he was later sent by plane to New Jersey, and sailed on August 8 to an unknown port. Last accounts are that he is still somewhere in England.

### TEACHERS MAY AID INCOME TAXPAYERS

Washington, Dec. 21—Treasury officials disclosed Monday that plans to enlist aid of hundreds of school teachers throughout the country in instructing citizens in handling income tax returns next spring have been discussed with representatives of educational organizations.

Emphasizing the plans are still in the "conference stage" officials, declining to be quoted, said proposals under consideration contemplate using teachers in an educational program to spread tax information. It is not planned, officials said, to have teachers help taxpayers fill out returns.

The treasury is interested primarily, it was said, in enlisting aid of teachers with an educational interest in tax problems such as those engaged in teaching business subjects, mathematics and civics.

Treasury officials said the program was proposed as a partial step to meet the problem of handling about 8,000,000 persons who must make income tax returns for the first time next year.

The bureau of internal revenue expects to have about 8,000 tax consultants in the field between now and next March 15 to advise and help taxpayers with their returns.

### CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "TEN GENTLEMEN FROM WEST POINT" with Geo. Montgomery and Maureen O'Hara. Friday and Saturday, "FOR ME AND MY GAL", with Judy Garland and Geo. Murphy. (Matinee Friday Dec. 25 at 2 p. m.)

Sunday - Monday, "ORCHESTRA" with Ann Rutherford and George Montgomery.

Tuesday, "CANAL ZONE" with C. Morris and John Hubbard. Dec. 30-31, "CALLING DR. GILLESPIE" starring Lionel Barrymore and Phillip Dorn.

Men in Service Admitted Free

## To Each of You

Christmas this year comes to a confused world. The false prophets who guide the destinies of dictator nations have brought untold suffering to a sorely tried humanity.

Despite the haunting shadows of war, the deep, abiding joy of Christmas is felt throughout the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines as brightly as it did almost two thousand years ago, its rays reaching bravely through the dread darkness of ignorance and fear.

In our own community we have felt the hot breath of war. But Christmas, 1942, brings renewed hope to those who have suffered most. Since that greatest of all days, when the Virgin Mother brought forth a son in the manger at Bethlehem, men have found comfort and solace in the annual miracle of Christmas.

Those of us who live in small towns are able to see more clearly the suffering caused by war. We have a friendly, personal interest in each other. The spirit of neighborly love and devotion has eased many a saddened heart; the helping hand has been extended cheerfully when the road ahead seemed impassable.

This newspaper, which has recorded community tidings both happy and sad, wishes for each of you a Christmas of faith and hope—a Christmas rich with the loyalty of friends and graced with a full measure of happiness.

## Texas Real And Personal Tax Valuations Show Large Increase Over Preceding Year; Real Estate Makes The Largest Single Gain

Austin—State and county valuations of real and personal property for 1942 taxes show an increase of \$155,489,011 over 1941. State Comptroller George Sheppard has reported.

Largest gain was in the value of real estate, which provided \$97,703,001 of the total increase.

The sum of the real estate valuations, including county assessments on homesteads, was \$4,602,438,557. Homesteads are exempt from state tax up to \$3,000 valuation and the state assessment totaled \$3,859,999,128, excluding them. This was an increase of \$141,975,678 over the 1941 amount.

Land assessed on an acreage basis was valued at \$2,913,729,168 and the assessment on town lots was \$1,365,677,117 for 1942.

Cattle valuations increased \$10,656,826 with a current assessment of \$72,682,111. Vehicle assessments rose to \$125,061,489—a rise of \$10,192,799.

Due possibly to defense plant developments, manufacturers' tools and implements gained \$9,126,352, showing a total assessment of \$80,785,390.

Railroads came in for a good share of the advance, with assessments on trackage rising to \$131,718,719, a gain of \$38,218. Rolling stock was valued at \$18,418,455, gaining \$324,328. Intangible values were put at \$36,915,470, an advance of \$5,075,120.

Pipeline valuations cost \$2,734,195 on an assessment of \$100,870,832. Intangible values were put at \$36,915,470, an advance of \$5,075,120.

### CHURCHES HAVE PROGRAMS

The Stratford churches entered the Christmas season last Sunday morning with special services at the various churches. At the Methodist church a fine program was given last Sunday morning, with music by the choir, and a quartet. A Christmas sermon was delivered by the pastor. Thursday night this church will also have a Christmas tree, program, and a visit from Santa.

The members of the Baptist church are also having a tree at the church tonight, Thursday, with a suitable program by the boys and girls of the Sunday school. This will also be followed by a visit from Santa.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRAM GIVEN THURSDAY NIGHT

The First Christian church is announcing a Christmas program at the church Thursday night, December 24th, starting at 7:30. The committee has prepared an appropriate program, and following the program Santa will appear on the scene.

### MINISTER HAS OPERATION

Rev. Fern A. Miller, pastor of the local Baptist church recently submitted to a throat operation in Oklahoma City. After being in a hospital at that place for about one week, he and Mrs. Miller went to McAlester, where they are visiting with relatives. It was stated that Rev. Miller would be unable to preach for at least 30 days following the operation, and his many friends, both in and out of his church, trust that the operation will be a complete success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garoutte were Amarillo visitors last week.

## Teachers Meeting Is Limited to Single Day Next Spring

Austin, Texas—The Texas State Teachers Association, known generally as the Northwest Texas Conference for Education, will be limited to a single day when it is held in Amarillo next spring. The date will be March 19.

The decision to limit the meeting to one day was taken by the board of directors after a study of the transportation difficulties involved. According to Dr. A. M. Meyer, district president, the directors decided that the conference should be kept intact and that a one-day session would be possible and desirable.

"It is recognized that there will be some obstinate factors, such as travel conditions," Dr. Meyer said, "but in times like these teachers have responsibilities to the children and to the nation and they must assemble periodically to exchange ideas."

The Amarillo meeting will have a limited program, including perhaps two general sessions, mid-day luncheons, and sectional gatherings according to interests. District delegates also will meet for the election of officers and other business.

In normal times, the Northwest Texas Conference for Education is the largest convention which regularly meets in the Panhandle. Each year it brings nationally known educators and other speakers to its general sessions.

### STAMPS AND BONDS

The pupils in the grades of the Stratford schools are backing the government in its war work to the limit. When pupils in seven weeks time invest \$467.10 in stamps and bonds it means that they are on the job, and it's a mark that others may well pattern after. In addition to that they have purchased ten \$25 war bonds, making the investment December 7th one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

### TEXHOMA 4-H GIRLS HAVE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Saturday night, December 19, the Texhoma 4-H girls had their Christmas banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Holt. After eating the girls sang Christmas songs and exchanged gifts.

Those attending were: La Jeune Gorman, Jacqueline Bridwell, Addaloria Woolley, Barbara Weatherford, Jewel Holt, Georgia Marie Holt, Fern Hamilton, Frankie Mae Dodson, Zenita Gaddy, Frances Davis, Frances Dodson, Louise Dodson, Ruby June Arnold, Colleen Walthall, Colleen Holt, Miss Mabel Martin, Mrs. Myranda Ross, Jim Gorman, George Roberts, Sherman Holt and Sherman Holt Jr.

Irvin Ingle, who has been stationed in Boston, Massachusetts for some time arrived Sunday for a short visit with his wife in the home of her mother, Mrs. Tim Flores.



ROBERT M. SWENY

This fine looking young man hails from the Spurlock section of Sherman county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Sweny of that community. He attended the Spurlock schools and the schools at Sunray before he entered the service. He is stationed in the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.



The people of this community are interested in men who are serving in the armed forces. Families and friends are asked to cooperate with this paper by supplying news from these men.

Flight Officer Newton H. Foster was appointed to that rank recently from Staff Sergeant upon completion of his training at the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Stuttgart, Arkansas, and joins the armed forces' newest air arm, glider transport, as a pilot. Flight Officer Foster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foster of Stratford, and attended Stratford high and Texas A. and M., before entering the Army Air Forces.

Sgt. Wray is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ida F. Wray, his sisters Miss Roberta Wray, Mrs. John Bird and daughter, Roberta Jean. Sgt. Wray is stationed in New Jersey.

### VACATION WEEK

This is vacation time for the Stratford schools, as they closed down Friday of last week, and will not convene until December 28th. Some of the faculty members are enjoying short vacations with relatives and friends, but most of them are staying in Stratford.

Dr. J. W. Norvell and daughter, Mrs. Leta Boswell attended a turkey dinner given by the Sisters of Loretta Hospital in Dalhart Monday evening honoring all the Doctors and their wives of this territory.

## Youth Held At Enid; Federal Officers Might Handle Case

Vernon Hergert, age 14, is being held in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was picked up by officers at that place for Sheriff Garoutte of Sherman county.

The young lad is charged with taking a truck belonging to Norman Bridwell on Saturday, November 14. It is said he drove the truck to Amarillo where he remained over night, then drove to El Reno, Oklahoma over Highway 66, stopping at Conway, Texas where he cashed a check at El Reno, he stored the truck, and then made his way to the home of his parents at Enid.

It was reported here, according to Sheriff Garoutte that the boy was inclined to be wild, and had figured in some local scrapes at Enid.

It is believed that he will be turned over to the federal authorities for prosecution, as he drove the truck out of Texas into Oklahoma.

### HOME FOR VACATION

A number of Stratford young men and women who have been attending schools at different places are home for the holiday vacation.

Among them are: Ira Guthrie, who attends the Panhandle A. & M. College at Goodwell; Robert Brown, William Pendleton, James A. Ullom, who attend the Texas A. and M. College at College Station; Miss Marcelline McWilliams, a business college student in Amarillo, and Miss Claudine McQueen, W.T.S. college at Canyon.

### POSTOFFICE HERE HAS RECORD BREAKING BUSINESS DURING MONTH

Mrs. Sallie McAdams, and her helpers will be glad when the Christmas rush is over, regardless of the fact that they have by hard work, been able to keep up with the work. She stated that the past ten days had been extra heavy, and that both rural carriers, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Hankey, had almost car loads of mail to deliver out on the routes each day.

Mrs. McAdams has been with the postoffice for the past fourteen years, and stated Wednesday morning that so far this year, and especially in December, all records of both out-going and in-coming mail. However, she would not know the financial amount until the end of the month. More packages had been handled so far than ever before.

Mrs. McAdams also stated that Christmas cards were yet popular with the people, and that she had sold 9000 one and a half cents stamps for them, and also 8000 one cent stamps this month.

Will Green met his brothers, Osa at Spearman and Dudley of Hereford in Amarillo Sunday for a visit before returning to his station in South America. He left Tuesday for that place, after being here for the funeral of his father last week.

## Annual Report Given Sherman County Home Demonstration Work By Miss Mabel Martin

Home demonstration work is a part of the national system of Extension work in agriculture and home economics. It is a cooperative educational program between the USDA and Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture and rural families, directed toward the development of the home-maker and improved family and community living. It recognizes that education is a continuing process.

The fundamental aim of Home Demonstration work is the development of rural family life in attaining a higher plane of profit, comfort, culture, influence, and power through a continuing process of education. It contributes toward self-realization, economic efficiency, assumption of civic responsibility, and desirable human relationships.

Home Demonstration work, as determined by needs expressed by rural people includes the following objectives:

1. To develop desirable standards for home and community living.

2. To understand and appreciate the function and relationships of the home in the social order.

3. To obtain and manage money and non-money income, which will contribute to better living.

4. To plan and manage both productive and leisure time to the end that energies and resources may best be conserved and utilized and the maximum of satisfaction be gained.

5. To promote and maintain health.

6. To discover, develop and utilize leadership, especially among rural women and girls.

7. To make such personal and family adjustments as are essential for individual and family security.

8. To develop civic consciousness and willingness to assume responsibility in contributing to the public welfare.

There are four 4-H clubs in the county with an enrollment of 73. The girls worked on bedrooms and vegetable gardening this year. There are six women clubs with an enrollment of 70 and they worked on Landscaping and Home Food.

The home food supply is always of utmost importance to the home-maker and this year more so than ever because of the shortages due to the war. For this reason the production, preservation and best use of food was stressed. The club work has stressed the Victory Garden, conservation of food and good nutrition. The frame garden has been popular as usual this year. There were 21 acres reported in adult gardens and six acres in 4-H gardens.

In food preservation 10,800 quarts of food was canned, 3436 pounds of dried or cured fruits, 12,142 lbs. in freezer lockers and 4490 lbs. stored fresh by the women this year. One hundred and seven women and girls report improved diets or improved methods of food preparation.

In yard improvement 23 lawns have been improved, 2489 trees have been planted and are living, 469 shrubs have been planted and 115 shrubs and trees have been rooted from cuttings or grown from seed.

The results of home improvement find the following: 35 members have remodeled a dwelling in some way; 42 improved kitchens; 10 improved either water or sewerage systems; 35 provided needed storage space; 52 improved arrangement or rooms

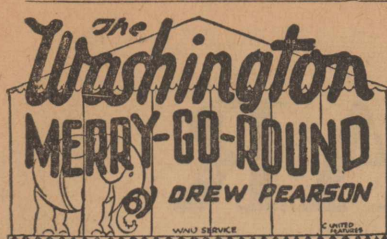
other than kitchens, and 17 improved laundry arrangement and methods 28 improved or repaired screening to control flies and insects; 17 improved methods of repairing, remodeling, and refinishing furniture, and 31 improved housekeeping methods.

The club women and 4-H girls started a cherry program which is a long time project.

The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Mabel Martin, spent one-third of the time in office work and two-thirds in the field. During the year 362 farm or home visits were made throughout the county in carrying on the Extension program: 582 office calls and 72 telephone calls were made to the agents office for help information and bulletins. 1574 bulletins were distributed concerning various phases of home demonstration work. 31 training or committee meetings were held for adults and 5 for girls. 81 method demonstrations were given to 892 adults and 40 method demonstrations given to 632 4-H club girls. Result meetings number 21 and three tours were held for girls and women. One achievement day was held for girls. 50 other meetings were participated in by the agent with an attendance of 3852.

The Club women are doing their share in the war emergency. Their biggest contribution is in producing more and more of the things needed by the government, and by keeping themselves and family well and happy.

They sponsored a Red Cross first aid class and sixteen certificates were issued. They have assisted with the scrap and rubber drive and are giving time as a community and neighborhood leaders. They are also finding time to knit for the Red Cross and when Uncle Sam asks for something they can be depended upon to do it.



Washington, D. C.

**POLL TAX AGAIN**

Despite the bitterest legislative battle of the year, the administration has no intention of abandoning the battle for poll tax repeal. Next round in this savage controversy will be fought out in the courts.

Labor leaders William Green and Phil Murray were given this private assurance by FDR himself when they called to urge the President to make a statement denouncing the filibuster and pleading for passage of the bill.

Green was very emphatic that Roosevelt take a hand.

"This issue has war implications, Mr. President," the AFL leader argued. "While our soldiers are fighting to protect the right to vote, a minority of willful men in the senate is filibustering against it. You could break the filibuster if you spoke out."

Murray also put in some strong licks for presidential intervention. Roosevelt, however, interrupted to say that the administration was doing all possible to put over the repeal bill and he was too busy with the war to become involved in the controversy.

He added that the administration wouldn't give up even if the fight in congress were lost, since Attorney General Biddle was preparing a case to test the validity of the poll tax in the courts.

Green and Murray accepted this alternative. But in talks with friends the labor chiefs are not optimistic about favorable action in the courts, fearing that the Supreme court will dump the issue right back in the lap of congress.

**ARMY MASCOTS**

Mascots are popular in the armed services. Dogs are most common, but some units have adopted cats, eagles, goats, mules, horses, prairie dogs, and even kangaroos rats.

In fact on the morning report of the 355th Infantry, Camp Carlson, Colo., appears the name of a certain sergeant who has never received a cent of pay since he joined the army, yet he is one of the happiest and best liked members of the outfit.

The "sergeant" in this case is a white fox terrier, a company mascot. He was in good standing until recently, wore his chevrons proudly on his khaki jacket.

But one night he left the camp AWOL to chase prairie dogs and did not return in time for reveille. Like any other soldier, he had to pay the penalty for misconduct. In a solemn ceremony, attended by officers, he was "broken," his stripes were taken away, and the warrant was signed by the colonel.

**NEW NEBRASKA SENATOR**

Senator-elect Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, who will fill the most famous shoes in the senate, those of George Norris, was in the senate once before, many years ago.

He was then a law student and visited a friend who was the son of a senator. The senator took the two boys to meet Woodrow Wilson, who happened to be at the senate. As Wherry tells the story on himself, he shook hands with the President, after which there was an awful silence. Then Wherry, feeling something must be said, blurted out: "I've heard a lot about you."

He wished the senate floor might open up and swallow him.

**MRS. LUCE GOES ROUND THE WORLD**

Mrs. Clare Luce, newly elected Republican congresswoman from Connecticut, will be an additional problem for the British embassy to worry about. Mrs. Luce came back from a trip through Egypt and the Far East with the feeling that something was wrong with the old British empire. Undoubtedly her views had a lot to do with recent editorials in her husband's magazine, Life, criticizing the British.

In Egypt she found the Egyptians carrying signs in the streets saying "We Want Rommel." In China, she found severe criticism of the British, and she heard the fear expressed by the head Chinese censor that if China let too much news of India pass on to the United States, Chinese supply shipments would be curtailed from India.

Everywhere she tried to find an explanation for the fall of Singapore. Finally one young English officer put it this way:

"We just went cold."  
"What do you mean by that?"  
"Well, that's your part of the world to defend. Our part is Europe. We know that after the war, you'll give all that part back to us."

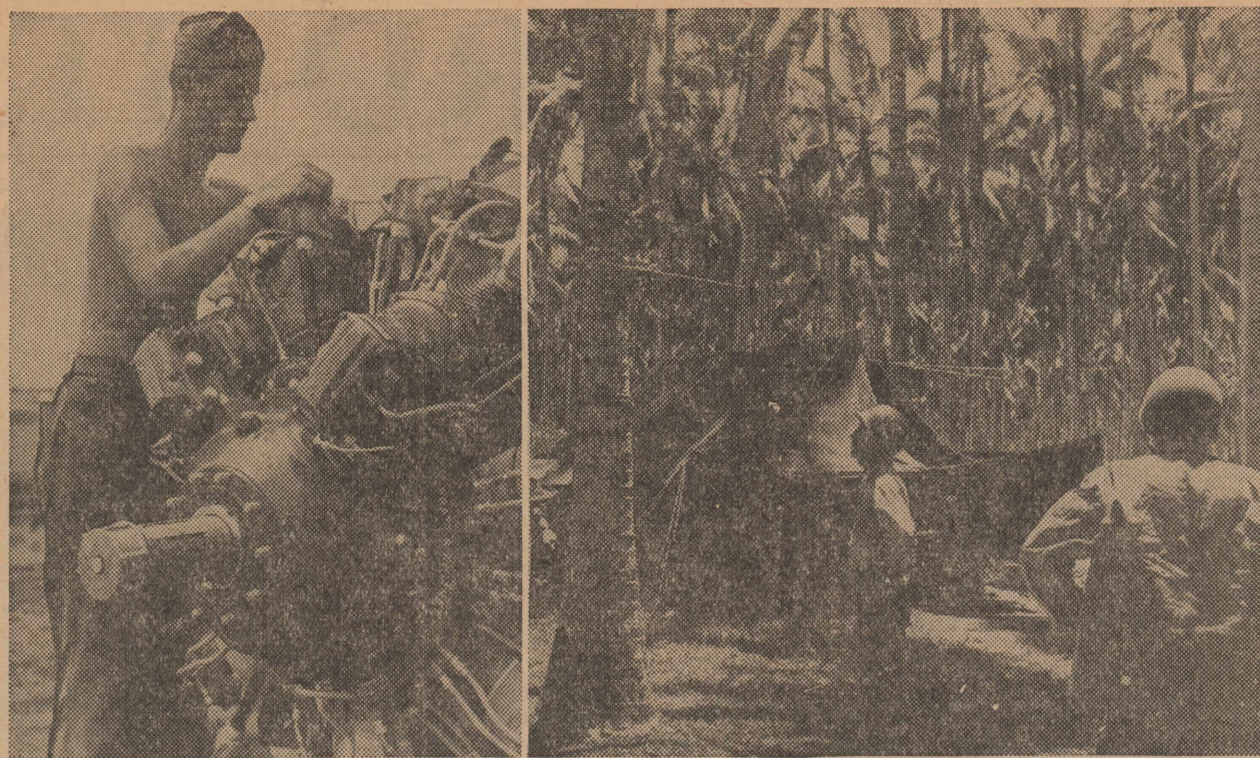
**CAPITAL CHAFF**

¶ Maj. Frank Capra's first training film, just finished for the army, is so good that every American should see it, either in or out of the army.

¶ The war department is now trying to make up its mind whether to release it to the civilian public.

¶ For several days after the North Africa landing, the Rockefeller office had 5,000 to 10,000 words cabled daily from Latin America in the form of comment and praise of the new front. This material was then radioed by OWI to Europe.

**Momentary Breathing Spell on Guadalcanal Island**



Typical of the ground crews' unsung heroes is this U. S. marine mechanic (left), who is checking over the power plant of a plane which has seen heroic service in the daily air battles over Guadalcanal. He plays a vital role in the air superiority held by our forces in the Solomons. Right: The sign says 42nd Street, but it's a long, long way from New York City's Times Square. The sign was posted at a marine camp on Guadalcanal.

**Getting Ready for Action Aboard U. S. Carrier**

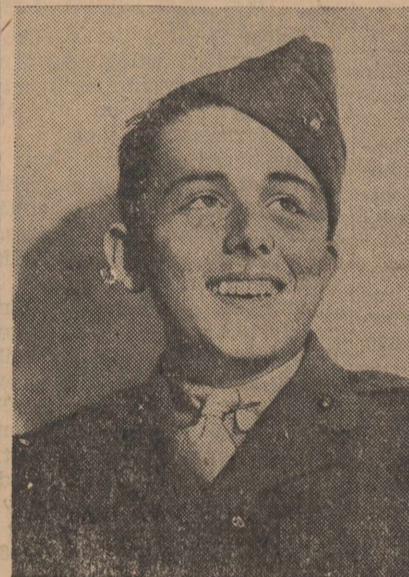


Lunch during general quarters on a U. S. fighting ship is where it happens to find you. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee—plenty of coffee, from the looks of things—refreshes the deck crew (left) of this aircraft carrier as it plows towards the enemy. Right, a U. S. sailor straightens out the belts of .50 caliber machine gun bullets—calling cards for the nation's foes—in the magazine of the carrier.

**U. S. Army Nurses Arrive in Middle East Sent Home to Grow Up**



United States army nurses are gradually being sent to every United Nations front. It is their job to care for the wounded and to do everything possible to make sure that injured fighting men will fight again. A group of army nurses is shown here on the East African front waiting for a train to take them to their various units.



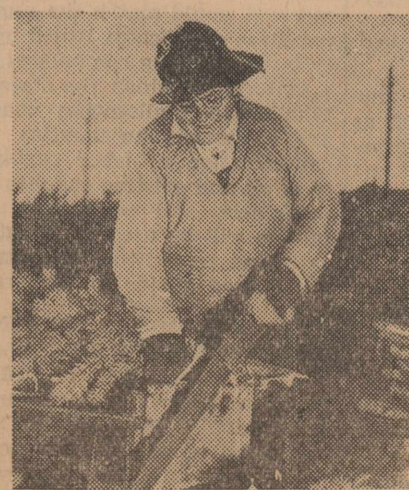
U. S. marine corps private George B. Holle, above, was sent back to his Eau Claire, Wis., home after it came to light that in spite of his six-foot-one-inch height, George is only 13 years old. Young Holle enlisted in the marine corps 13 months ago when he was but 12, and after completing recruit training last December he was sent to a South Pacific base. Here, after more than six months at this base, his age was discovered.

**President Batista of Cuba Visits Miami**



President Batista walks through a guard of honor upon arrival to review the officer candidates' school at retreat, in Miami, Fla., following his arrival from Cuba. On the left behind him is Aurelio Conchoso, Cuban ambassador to the United States; on the right is Dr. Jose A. Martinez, Cuban minister of state.

**'Lumberjill'**



"Lumberjills" are pinch hitting for the men in harvesting the state of Washington's Christmas tree crop. Here Mary Giblin trims the trunk of a young tree before shipping. About 50 railroad cars will be used for Washington's crop.

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**SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER**

A single bicycle tire and tube gives rubber enough for the insulation of six Army radio sets.

Just because the synthetic rubber program has been upped to 1,100,000 tons production capacity by the end of 1943, the chances of car owners getting synthetic tires before 1944 have not been increased. War needs will take the bulk of the synthetic.

In normal times, say 1940, the average car owner expended only \$15 a year for tire and tube replacements. He spent \$117 for gasoline and \$10 for oil out of his annual \$159 expenditure for car maintenance, exclusive of heavy repairs.

Picture 16,000 automobile tires and you have an idea of the amount of rubber used in the construction of a battleship—75 tons.

*Joseph Shaw*

*In war or peace*

**B.F. Goodrich**

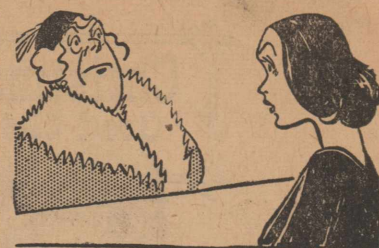
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Lady—Have you any invisible hair nets?  
Clerk—Yes, ma'am.  
Lady—Let me see one, please.

And No Second Pies  
Tommy—How did you make out in the pie-eating contest?  
Jerry—Not so good. Bill came in first and I came in sickened.

While You Can  
Mr. (coming in late)—Can you guess where I've been?  
Mrs.—Yes. But go ahead and tell your story.

WACHITA, KANS.—Don't be shocked if Santa Claus should leave some baseball tickets in your stocking Christmas morn.

The National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress has announced that no less than 1,000 books of 10-session tickets for the 1943 National Championship tournament here, Aug. 12 to 26, are now available as Christmas gifts, being discounted at an extra 20 per cent.

In other words, it is explained, a book for a Christmas gift sells at \$4.60, which includes both federal and state tax.

Last year 125,000 fans attended the National Championship Classic here, making it the largest sports attraction in the Midwest.

Orders for 10-session books of tickets will be accepted by writing National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, Box 2202, Wichita, Kans., according to President Ray Dumont.

**YOU CAN'T BUY ASPIRIN**  
that can do more for you than St. Joseph Aspirin. Why pay more? World's largest seller at 10c. Demand St. Joseph Aspirin.

**No Certainty**  
Any one who is prosperous may by the turn of fortune's wheel become most wretched before evening.—Ammianus Marcellinus.

**Acid Indigestion**  
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When excess stomach acid causes painful, suffocating gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest-acting medicine known for symptomatic relief—medicines like those in Bell-u-na Tablets. No laxative. Bell-u-na brings comfort in a jiffy or double your money back on return of bottle to us. 25c at all drug stores.

**Refuge of Weak**  
Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds, and the holiday of fools.—Lord Chesterfield.

Millions have used **PAZO** for **PILES**  
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There's good reason why PAZO ointment has been used by so many millions of sufferers from simple Piles. First, PAZO ointment soothes inflamed areas—relieves pain and itching. Second, PAZO ointment lubricates hardened, dried parts—helps prevent cracking and soreness. Third, PAZO ointment tends to reduce swelling and check bleeding. Fourth, it's easy to use. PAZO ointment's perforated File Pipe makes application simple, thorough. Your doctor can tell you about PAZO ointment.

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**Alaska's Coastline**  
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**SKIN IRRITATIONS OF EXTERNAL CAUSE**

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The dog without teeth barks the most.

TO RELIEVE MISERY OF **COLDS**  
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And Your Strength and Energy is Below Par

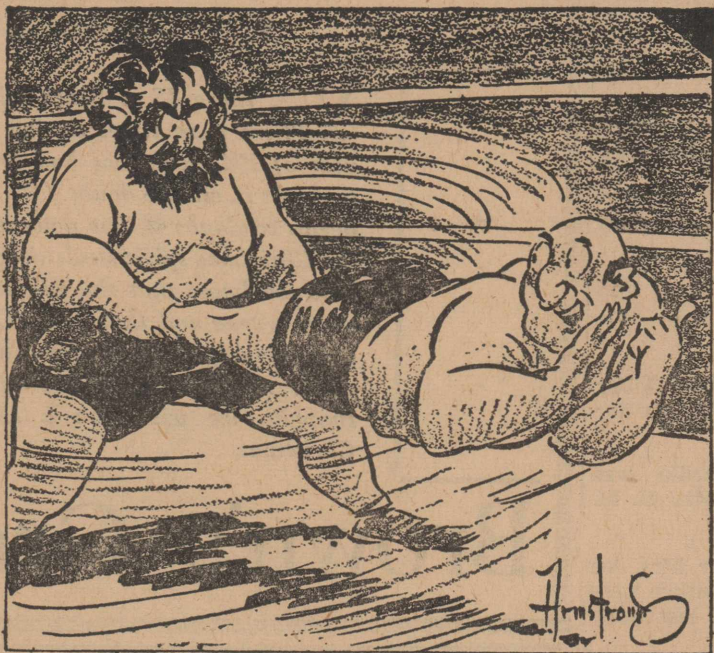
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You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use **Doan's Pills**. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won country-wide approval than on something less favorably known. Doan's have been tried and tested many years. Are at all drug stores. Get Doan's today.

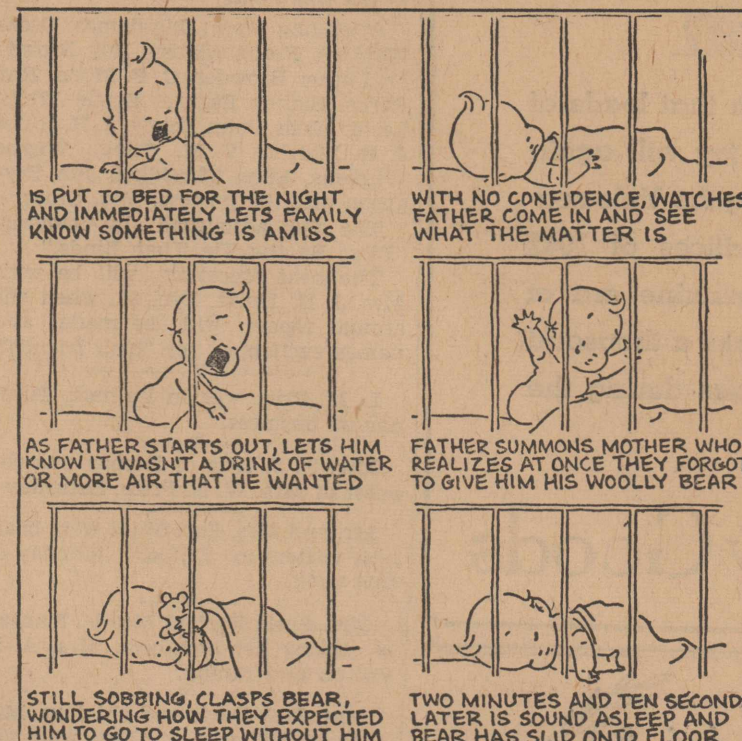
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**THE SPORTING THING**  
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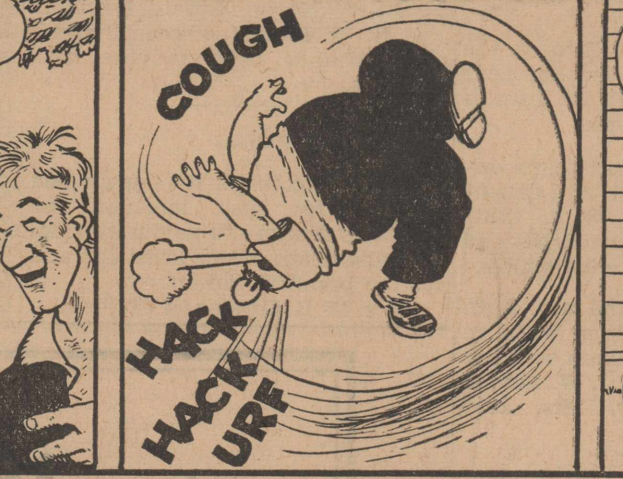
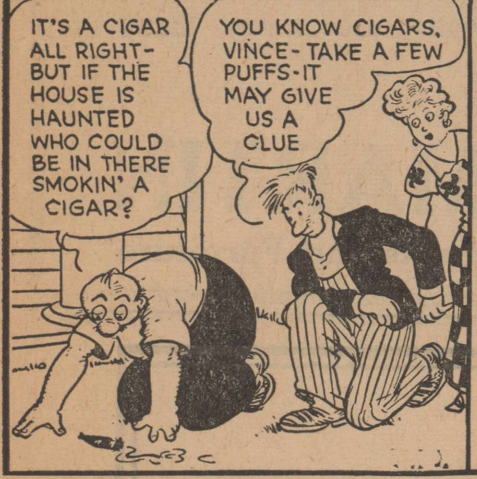
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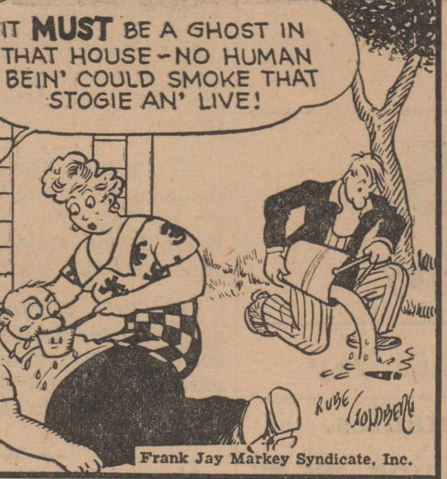
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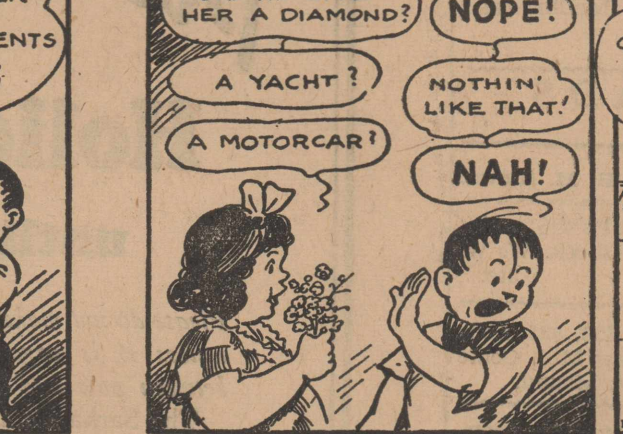
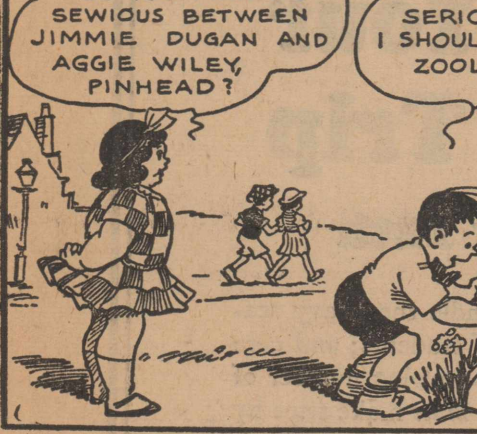
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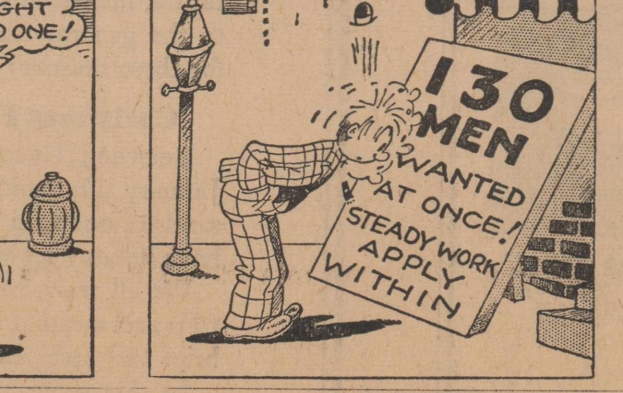
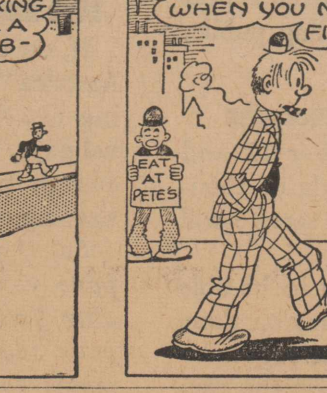
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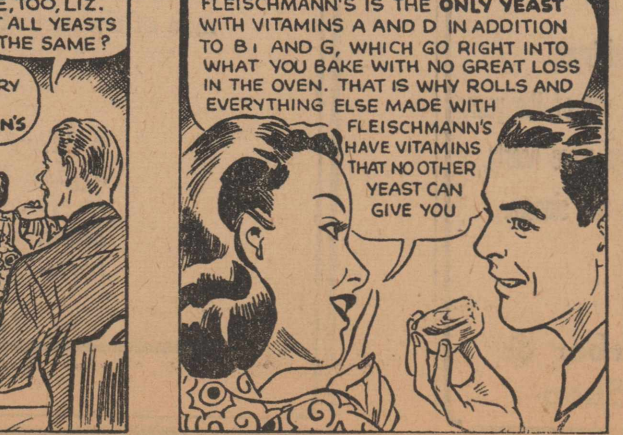
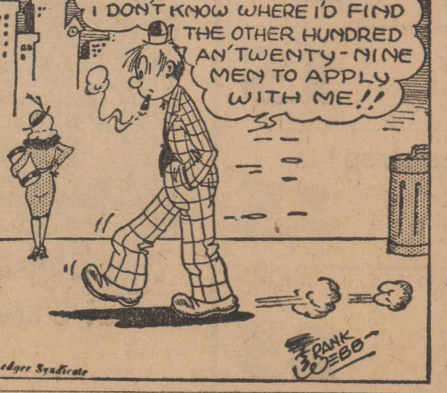
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**RAISING KANE**—Safety in Numbers



By **FRANK WEBB**





It is our sincere wish that loads of old-time Christmas joy will again be with us all during the Yule season. May the sacrifices of 1942 usher in soon a genuine era of good will. And thanks a thousand times for your many kindnesses during the past year.

Ross Bros. Dry Goods



Christmas 1942 A Season Joyous

May the benign influence of this blessed season extend far into the future, bringing to you the hope of all civilized humanity...the peace and good will proclaimed nineteen hundred forty-two years ago.

SPECIALS Friday and Saturday

Our Store will be Closed Christmas Day

Christmas Nuts—Fruits and Vegetables.

Cranberries Eatmor Extra Good Quart	19	Spry Shortening 3 Lb. Can	75
Celery Fancy Stalk	19	MILK Bordens 3 Large or 6 Small Cans for	27
Pumpkin, No. 2 Can	10	Malted Milk Bordens 1 Lb. Can	23
No. 2 1/2 Can	15	Syrup Blackburn White, 1 gallon Glass jar	69
BEETS No. 2 Can	10	Pineapple Crushed or Sliced No. 2 1/2 Can	29
No. 2 1/2 Can	15	Pie Peaches No. 2 Can	15
Grape Juice Qt. Bottle	33	Brimfull Peaches Syrup Pack Tall Can	15
Cherries Red Pitted, No. 2 Can	19	Asparagus Bi-A-Can No. 2 1/2 Can	25
Oysters Marco 10 oz. can	22	Vanilla Wafers Sunshine 9 oz. Box	15
Corn Tender Sweet Whole Kernel No. 2 Can	15	Diced Carrots Kuners 1 Lb. Can	10
Wax Beans No. 2 Can	15		
Peas Kuners Early Garden No. 2 Can	15		
Kraut Kuners No. 2 1/2 Can	15		
Apricots No. 2 1/2 Can	25		

Albert's Grocery

Phone — 15 WE SET THE PRICE—OTHERS FOLLOW

Priscilla Club

The Priscilla Club held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. B. Craig with all members present. Games were enjoyed during the afternoon, then the loaded tree was stripped of its lovely gifts.

Each member received a beautiful gift and much laughter was heard over the guessing of "clug friends". The club was pleased over having Mrs. Wells and O-Reda present again.

The Club decided to donate \$10.00 to the Red Cross.

Attending were: Mesdames Oscar Watkins, Frank Blanks, Roy Browder, Luther Browder, C. F. Moon, Roy Parks, Sidney Parks, Bertie Wells, Lester Wells, John Boney, J. H. Hurst, J. R. Morris, V. M. King, Wayne Williams, Edna Threlkel, Jim Ferguson and the hostess, Mrs. Craig. The club adjourned by singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. R. Hurst, Dec. 31, when the annual report will be made and names exchanged for "club friends".

L. M. Price was in Dalhart, Tuesday on business.

Mrs. T. J. Lyle of Dumas was the guest of Mrs. W. N. Price, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shirk were business visitors in Dalhart Monday of this week.

Mrs. Susie Poot of Meade, Kansas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Sutton and family.

Mrs. Jack Davis and children, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams and Dale were visitors in Dalhart, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron and Mrs. Charles Cameron were in Amarillo Thursday of last week.

Rev. L. B. Chaffin took his mother, Mrs. D. K. Chaffin to her home in Boise City, Okla., after a weeks visit here.

Miss Charlotte Watson who has been with her grandmother in Calvert, Texas is home for the Christmas holidays.

Ira Guthrie, student at PAMC., Goodwell, Okla., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie.

Misses Frances and Grace Sutton of Dalhart were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sutton, near Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mrs. King and daughter, Zola Mae motored to Amarillo, Monday.

Little Miss Roberta Bird is the guest of her cousin, Sidna Sue Love and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Love in Goodwell, Okla., this week.

Mrs. Mynola Ross received an announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Bill) Hugg. Linda Gayle arrived Nov. 18 and weighed 7 pounds nine ounces.

Mrs. Leta Boswell and son, Mac, arrived home Sunday from Waco, to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Norvell and her grandmother, Mrs. Leta Henderson.

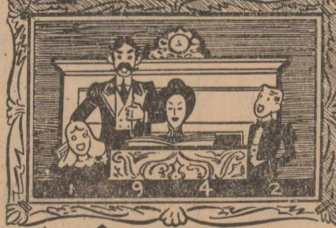
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison motored to Lubbock for the students attending school there. Returning with them were Misses Mildred Pendleton, Lorraine Ross, Selma Mullins and Eugene Harrison.

WANT ADS

FLOWERS: Call Mrs. H. M. Brown. For Sale: Cane bundles 2 1/2 cents; Hegari 4 cents in the shock. W. W. Steel. 3tc.

Rough Lumber \$25, \$30, \$35, f.o.b. mill. Jackson Bros. Saw Mill, Ocate New Mexico via Wagon Mound.

Merry Christmas



"for Christmas comes But Once a Year"

Not just a wish for Christmas, But a wish for each day of the year, And never were greetings more hearty, Or wishes more true and sincere.

Pioneer Barber & Beauty Shop

S. S. CLASS DINNER

The Ladies Bible class of the Christian church observed their annual Christmas dinner in the basement of the church, Sunday, Dec. 20. The pastor and his family and the ladies husbands were guests. Nineteen enjoyed the dinner and the program which followed.

Song—Joy to the World.

Welcome Address—Mrs. John Wiley with response by Rev. Chaffin.

First Christmas—Mrs. Folsom.

Song—Silent Night—Mrs. Frank Judd and Mrs. Jess Turner.

Song—America.

Prayer—Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.

Talk—Mrs. Bert Cock.

Sheldon Foster was in Guymon Wednesday of last week on business.

Kenneth Kendrick and Graden Gamble were in Amarillo Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross and Gene were business visitors in Amarillo, Tuesday.

L. M. Price was in Dalhart Tuesday on business and was accompanied by Mrs. Price.

Mary E. Brown of Amarillo was the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. M. Brown over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price, Mrs. Joe Duby and Mrs. Lester Parker were in Amarillo Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. William Arrowsmith returned Thursday of last week from a visit with her children in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick and children of Phillips are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith left Monday morning to visit his parents in New Mexico during the Christmas season.

Miss MaBel Martin and Mrs. Mynola Ross attended the banquet given by the 4-H club girls of Texhoma Saturday evening in the home of Mrs. Sherman Holt.

The La Ciencia Cub will meet in the home of Mrs. O. R. Blankenship for an all day meeting Thursday, January 7, 1943. The ladies are asked to bring their fancy work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Garrison went to Canyon for the students there. Returning home with them were Misses Marcella Garrison, Claudine McQueen, Messrs Edward Brannan, and N. W. Hudson, who will spend the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown to us during sickness and death of our loved one and for the beautiful flowers. Mrs. M. B. Green and Children.



YES, there IS a Santa Claus. There were times during this year of 1942 when we had begun to doubt it, and no doubt YOU had begun to doubt it, but now, when the Christmas spirit steals over the land we know that the Christmas story is true and that Santa Claus will come again, as he has always done. And so, with this cheering thought, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Brown's Grocery



Rising above the turmoil and cares of the world is the majestic story of Bethlehem. May the star that shone then still cast its light for you and all of us, revealing new pathways to happiness and achievement. Our entire organization joins with us in thanking you for your good will and patronage during 1942, and in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

W. T. MARTIN Hardware-Implements and Furniture

Please Put Off Your Holiday Rail Trip until after January 12th

Please do not make a trip by rail, unless it is urgently necessary, between now and January 12th.

The Santa Fe, in cooperation with other western railroads and the Office of Defense Transportation, makes this direct appeal to the general traveling public, for these reasons:

Christmas Furloughs

Between December 12 and January 12, hundreds of thousands of our men in service will have holiday leaves.

We all want them to be able to travel without delay on these brief and precious furloughs.

In this same period the railroads must transport a million men of the armed forces moving

on duty; handle the heavy seasonal flow of students; and care for the ever-growing number of persons who must make trips by rail on urgent government business or private emergency.

Not Enough Cars for All

If, on top of all this, civilian America "travels as usual" during the Christmas-New Year holidays, there just will not be enough passenger coaches and sleeping cars to go around.

So, if you possibly can, postpone your trip at least until after January 12—and thus do your share to ensure seats or berths for our men in service on their all-too-brief Christmas-New Year furloughs.

More than ever, in these difficult times, please turn freely to your local Santa Fe agent for friendly help on travel and shipping problems.





JUST A LINE to extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us during 1942, and to wish you and yours the merriest Christmas of them all.

**DAVIS MOTOR CO.**



AT THIS TIME, when prince and peasant bow in common harkening to the message of good will from old Judea, we want to express our earnest wish for a happy 1942 Christmas season to all our friends.



**Stratford Grain Co.**

ANGELL ONE-WAY PLOWS AND DEMPSTER GRAIN DRILLS

**Food Changes Will Be Made During New Year**

During 1943 homemakers can expect to buy many foods in bulk which they formerly bought in more convenient cans. Sauerkraut is one food, for example, which likely will be sold only in bulk during the year just ahead.

Planning meals by the week and taking war-time adjustments into consideration will increase the homemaker's efficiency. Before the end of 1943 housewives may make their soup at home or buy it in her neighborhood grocery store and take it home in a jar or bucket. Manufacture of canned soups has been curtailed because of uneconomical use of tin cans.

Eliminating the frills in packaged foods and other household articles may be expected, too. Soap will have fewer wrappings, and there will not be as many types and sizes of containers on the grocer's shelves.

**SUGAR STAMPS CHANGED**

Washington—Sugar ration stamp number 10 will be good for three pounds of sugar from Dec. 16 until Jan. 31, the Office of Price Administration said today. Number had the same value.

Dear Santa:

I want a cowboy suit and a aeroplane, a ball and bat. Your friend, Bobby Lovelace.

Dear Santa:

I want a U. S. A. flag, a water gun and a cowboy suit. Your friend, Billy Lovelace.

**FINANCING THE WAR A PUBLIC DUTY**

One war bond amounts to little by itself, but if enough are bought by enough people, they add up to millions of dollars. And it takes many millions to reach the 9-billion-dollar total the Treasury department needs this month in order to keep the war machine rolling along in high gear.

Have you done your part to make this vital financing program a success?

Victory Fund salesmen have many kinds of war securities from which you may choose—big and little denominations, long and short maturities, issues designed for special purposes and for every type of investor. See a salesman and tell him you want to lend your government some money for the war program.

**FOR SALE**

- 1 IHC, R D 31 Combine, on rubber.
- 1 22x36 IHC Tractor, new rubber.
- 2 Van Brunt Wheat Drills
- 1 set Plumbing Tools.
- 1 Walker-Turner Circle saw.

See **Ralph Harding**

**RATS PLAGUE CLAYTON**

Clayton, New Mexico—Clayton is looking for a Pied Piper.

Rats, big fat ones, have taken over the city, coming in from nearby grainfields where they have dined until they want a change in diet.

The rat menace has become so grave that the city council has agreed to pay a bounty on rat tails—three cents each with a 50-cent bonus for 25 tails delivered in a bunch to the city hall on specified days.

The city limits is the "out of bounds" marker excepting for the dump ground, where hunting will be allowed.

An appeal was made for civic club members to stage hunts—women's clubs included. No holds or weapons will be barred in the hunt.

**FARM MOBILIZATION DAY FIXED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS JAN. 12TH**

Washington—The White house disclosed today that President Roosevelt has proclaimed Tuesday, Jan. 12 as Farm mobilization day, when meetings will be held to consider means of "insuring for the year 1943 the foods."

He called on farmers, wherever possible, to gather that day with department of agriculture representatives, extension service agents, vocational teachers, state officials, farm organizations and others concerned.

His proclamation, signed yesterday, said that:

"I should like Farm Mobilization day to be a symbol of a free America; a symbol of the might and productivity of our nation; and a symbol of our unalterable determination to put to full use our agricultural resources, as well as our other resources, in the achievement of complete victory."

Asserting that every pound of food finds use in wartime, the chief executive said farmers might justly be proud of their production record of maximum harvests for three successive years.

The country, Mr. Roosevelt said, owes them a debt of gratitude.

"Food is no less a weapon than tanks, guns and planes," he said. "As the power of our enemies decreases, the importance of the food resources of the United Nations increases. With this thought in mind, we must further mobilize our resources for production of food."

**SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD**

Employers are reminded by Dewey Reed, Manager of the Amarillo Social Security Board Field Office, that it is count numbers for all employees on their social security tax returns for the quarters ending December 31. Failure on the part of the employers to secure account numbers for all employees results in possible loss or reduction in benefits to the employees extra trouble and expense to the employers in answering letters and having personal calls by the Board personnel, and unnecessary expense to the government in attempting to contact individuals and secure their account numbers.

Dewey Reed advised that in the event an individual is employed who does not have an account number or has lost his card, he should be immediately requested to secure an application form from the Postoffice and fill it out. The employer should then mail the application to the Amarillo office and ask to be advised of the account number. As soon as a card is issued or, in case of requests for duplicates, the original account number ascertained, the employer will be advised of the number by the Field office.

The Amarillo office will, upon request, furnish employers with application blanks stamped "Notify Employer." In this way the employer can, where necessary, have a supply of these forms on hand, and any employee who does not have an account number card should be requested to complete the application at the time he is employed.

**A JOB FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT THE BANKS**

The idea that billions of dollars needed to carry on the war can and should be borrowed from banks not only is unsound economics but it implies that the big majority of citizens have an extremely limited responsibility in the money end of the program.

Victory Fund committees are engaged in raising 9 billion dollars this month and they need your help.

The aim of the campaign is to sell hundreds of thousands of bonds and notes to men and women, to labor and industry, to small investors and the wealthy, to corporations, insurance companies, trusts, foundations, schools, to anyone who has \$25 or any organization that has millions.

The term Greenhorn has all kinds of applications; to a cowboy it is someone who has never been on a ranch.

Dear Santa:

I want a cowboy suit, a form set a ball and a little car. Your friend, Glendale Lovelace.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a piano, a sleepy doll with hair, lots of candy, fruit and nuts. I will be a very good little girl, Santa. I will see you Christmas night. Your little friend, Olive Marie Davis.

**Methodist Church**

Rev. J. W. Rosenberg, Pastor. "The man who expects to go to heaven should take the trouble to study the route that will get him there." "The average man believes in the church; let him be consistent and go to church"; "You don't have to institute a lawsuit to collect the wages of sin."

Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "The Word of the Lord"

Junior League 6:30 p. m.; Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Sermon: "Springs of Sympathy". Attend all the services of your church.

Choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 8 p. m.

A lie is a poor substitute for the truth, but up to now it is apparently the only substitute that has been discovered.

**Merry Christmas**  
  
 Tidings of Joy -- 1942  
**TO YOU AND YOURS AT HOME AND ABROAD**  
**Bonar Pharmacy**  
 Your Registered Store Phone 29

**HOLIDAY GOOD CHEER 1942**  
  
**REGARDLESS** of what has happened to this queer old world in 1942, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season.  
 We want to say now that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide all the happiness it can possibly bring.  
**Palace Cafe**

**1942 Christmas**  
  
 IT'S an old-fashioned greeting, hal-  
 lowed by centuries of use, but we know of no other greeting to take its place, so in 1942, as in other years, we simply say to you, our friends,  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Taylor Mercantile COMPANY**

**1942 1942**  
  
**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON**  
**GOOD WILL**, music, happiness, health—a foursome without a peer—our wish for you and yours as Christmas comes in this fateful year of 1942. Your kindness has meant a great deal to us, and we thank you most cordially.  
**Bennett Implement Co.**

**Merry Christmas**  
  
**To Our Friends and Members:**  
 May we have the pleasure of extending to you, one and all, our sincere desire for all the good things that you may wish for.  
 Our ever increasing circle of friends has made this Christmas a very happy one for us, and we only hope that you, too, will receive your share of happiness.  
 For your patronage we are thankful and as that we may continue to serve you in the years to come. Indeed, it is a sincere pleasure for us to wish you a  
**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 and a  
**Prosperous New Year.**  
**Consumers Company, Inc.**



# ACE IN THE HOLE

by JACKSON GREGORY

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THE STORY SO FAR: Ann Lee and Cole Cody, beneficiaries under two wills made by Early Bill Cole of the King Cole Ranch, arrived simultaneously at the Ranch to be greeted by Rance Waldron. Rance, posing as Old Bill's nephew and only relative, made it evident they were not welcome at the Ranch. Each was determined to stay, however. Later, during an argument, Ann accidentally shot Cole. It was then they discovered Old Early Bill had made two identical wills, one leaving all his money and the King Cole Ranch to Ann, and the other giving the same money and property to Cole. However, before his death Old Bill had sent them each a key to a box.

Now continue with the story.

## CHAPTER X

Two old porch-sitters from Bald Eagle came skallyhoooting out to the King Cole Ranch. They shared what they agreed to call a hunch. Likewise, both were scorching with curiosity. Having talked spaciouly of the two newcomers, a pretty girl by name of Ann Lee and of a lean, long individual name of Cole Cody who had brought the stage in, having discussed these two at full length—Queerly, they didn't even mention Aunt Jenifer to each other, though both had taken full cognizance of her—they were impelled to travel out to the ranch at an unearthly hour, to take stock of conditions there.

They arrived early, just in time to see four people gathered about a table with an old black iron box centering their attention.

"Aha!" the two old porch-sitters said simultaneously within themselves, and came barging in.

Ann emitted a small, shrill squeal of delight.

"Doctor Joel Oh, Doctor Joe, I'm so glad and grateful you came! I'm amongst enemies, cruel, horrid men that would steal a girl's last penny. You come watch, Doctor Joe!"

And Cole Cody, seeing the Judge, said a warm,

"Howdy, Judge. Come guard my interests, won't you? They're not only shooting me up, they're trying to steal my mess of pottage. Keep the eye peeled, will you Judge? And I'll buy the drinks."

They got the box open. And, all credit to little Ann Lee and some small credit to Cole Cody, they didn't grab. Their eyes, though, did grab.

They saw, first of all, two long, sealed envelopes.

"Well, Mr. Cody," said Ann, and looked and sounded very brave, "the top envelope is addressed to William Cole Cody. If you care to lift it out, I'll take mine!"

Underneath was the one addressed to her. She snatched it, ran her excited eyes over it, flouted it in his face. Then she tore it open as fast as any envelope was ever opened in all the world, from the time of Rameses, if they had envelopes then, to this current Anno Domino year. Her eyes, racing faster than light travels, that rapid traveler, were shining. A glance told her the tale, the fairy tale, the story that she knew would be there!

"To Ann Lee I give and bequeath—all my belongings—the properties known as the King Cole Ranch—" and so forth—

"Come, hurry, Doctor Joe!" she cried. "You were right! Look!"

Cole Cody nailed the Judge with his eye.

"Hey, Judge!" he called cheerily. "Step over, will you? We maybe are going to need arbitration, and I pick you for my sponsor! Ten per cent of the net proceeds, if any, goes to you. How about it? Let's both ride lucky!"

"What in the world is this?" exclaimed Ann Lee. She waved a sheet of paper; there was a bank note pinned to it. "Listen! It says: 'Little Ann Lee, I sort of kind of liked you. You were mighty sweet to me, little Ann; you were like a flower and I bet you make yourself a lot of trouble though, but all live gals do such! Do me a favor, will you? I made a bet with a crazy galoot name of Josephus Daniel Dodge, generally known far and wide, mostly in low dives and disgraceful places, as Doc Joe. I made the old fool a bet, five hundred dollars that me, I'd outlive him. And here I am as good as dead already! Wouldn't that make you mad, lit—'"

She began to cry, dabbing furiously at her eyes. But she jerked her head up and let the tears run as they darn well pleased, and kept right straight on reading:

"Wouldn't that make you mad, little Ann Lee? Well, it makes me mad, but I lose and I pay. Here's five hundred dollars. Suppose you hand it over to Doc Joe and tell him that anyhow I'll get me my laugh, sitting up on a big white cloud with nice pink trimmings and playing 'Home Sweet Home' on my harp, while I peek down pretty soon and spy on him sizzling down in hell! Thanks, little Ann—and you keep your hair on, and maybe you'll ride lucky! Yours, Bill Cole."

"I'm damned," said Cole Cody softly.

He held up a similar sheet of paper, bank note attached. He read,

"Hi, Bill Cole Cody! Sorry I missed you; couldn't wait, having other places to go. Now look here, kid, I sort of liked you; anyhow we had fun together. So you remember old times and do me a kindness, same as I'd do you at a pinch. I made a bet with a dirty

dog, name of Arthur Henry Pope, commonly known in and about Bald Eagle as the Judge, five hundred bucks that I'd outlive him. I just simply got tired waiting for the old fool to die, so, dammit, kid, I lose and here's the five hundred, and you hand it to the Judge for me, and tell him it was fun dying, just that that way I could make sure him and me would never, never-no-more meet up again—for he's hell-bound along of Doc Joe, and me I'm always for the High Places! Yee! On handing it to him look out he don't claw your hand off, the money-grabbing old coyote. And tell him I hope him and Doc Joe, barging into town to get drunk together, both chokes to death. Luck, kid. Yours, Bill Cole."

And Bill Cole Cody, no sissy like Ann Lee, didn't weep. He blew his nose and glared stormily.

"I—I don't understand," gasped Ann. "I never in all my life once even laid eyes on Mr.—Mr. Early Bill!"

"Me, too," said Cole Cody. "He says here—It's a funny thing. I never knew Bill Cole, never saw him!"

The Judge and Doc Joe looked at each other.

"Don't you kids be fooling yourselves," Doc Joe said crustily. "I don't mean any disrespect to the dead—or do I? Come to think about it, I never could see why a dead dog was any nicer than a live one. Well, be that as it may, and no dis-

respect meant, old Early Bill Cole was a jackass if ever there was one, a no-count rambling wreck of wickedness and sin; the same dirty dog he names this here gent, Mr. Arthur Henry Pope. Just the same he wasn't no liar. If he says to Miss Ann she was sweet to him, then she was sweet to him, and somewhere he knew her. If he says to this young Cody that they had fun together, well they did. Am I right, Judge?"

"Right as rain, Doc," said the Judge. "Hell taking old Early Bill to the contrary notwithstanding, you're right."

"What's all this about wills?" said Rance Waldron, as sharp as a new tack.

"You shut up!" cried Ann Lee. "You and your wills! We're talking about—" She spun on her heel like a small whirlwind. "Doc Joe! Here's your five hundred dollars! Golly! Here—here's your five hundred dollars, Doc Joe!"

"Thanking you kindly, Miss," said Doc Joe, and took his rightful winnings.

"Well," said Cole Cody, "here's yours, Judge. Like Early Bill says, I'm hoping you and Doc Joe choke to death."

The Judge cleared his throat, accepted the bank note, cleared his throat again. Beyond that, being both lawyer and banker, he would not go.

"But, like I was saying," Cole Cody went on, "having done with wishing, here is the tall, straight and shining fact of the matter. I've got in my hand a legal-looking paper. It calls itself a will, last will and testament. It gives and bequeaths and etcetera, all his belongings—and properties and accessories—with some to wits and some more etceteras—the King Cole Ranch thrown in—to a certain gent name of William Cole Cody, which is me! And could you tell me, Judge, without straining yourself—whose time is it right now to laugh? To laugh, my good friend and counselor, like a whole pack of hyenas? Mine? You're sure shouting! Haw!"

Rance Waldron was as interested as any. More interested than the others, from the look of him. He said, speaking smoothly,

"I might help you folks out, maybe. My uncle—Mr. William Cole, you know—was pretty old. What's

the word for it? Senile? It's my thought that he was dying and was out of his head—what you call non compos mentis—in plain English he was as crazy as a bed-bug when he wrote those wall-eyed wills. He told me—Hell's bells, he told me fifty times that all he had was going to be mine! Now here's Miss Lee and here's Mr. Cody, both of them saying they've got a will, giving them the whole shooting works! That sounds kind of funny, don't it? It might pay to see how these wills were dated, and how they were witnessed and all that. Whether, maybe, they were made while the old man was dying, and was so clean off his nut that both wills are worth about—"

He did a nice job of snapping his fingers.

Cole Cody laughed.

Ann Lee smiled; it was a tight little, slight little, bright little smile that spelled Triumph.

When no one else seemed to have anything to say, Aunt Jenifer spoke up brightly.

"Have all you gentlemen had breakfast?" she asked. "Wills and things, you know, can wait longer than appetites."

Before departing with Doc Joe, the Judge had cleared his throat a couple of times and had gone so far as to say,

"Speaking of evictions, seems to me as though Cal Roundtree might just possibly be within his rights to throw out the whole kit and caboodle of you. But as to any of the rest of you evicting anyone else—well, I reckon it would have to be like the Irishman playing the fiddle, by main strength and awkwardness. Better sit in at a poker game and play for it." And in haste the Judge caught up with Doc Joe, and a cloud of dust showed the way the two had taken—each with an honestly earned five hundred dollars in his jeans.

Old Early Bill's house was big enough to accommodate a score of people; consequently its present inhabitants, little Ann Lee and Aunt Jenifer, Cole Cody and Rance Waldron could all dwell under the one roof without running into each other all the time.

Thus for a time the big house was divided against itself, and all was outwardly peaceful in an atmosphere reeking with watchfulness and suspicion. Rance Waldron was locked up in his own quarters, ostensibly concerning himself with various papers and accounts he had found there. Ann devoted hours to investigating the house.

As for young Cole Cody, he left the house as soon as he had stowed his few belongings in his room, and went down to the outbuildings along the creek, by the barn, seeking Cal Roundtree.

He was sitting on a log that had been hauled up to the woodpile, smoking contemplatively, with his wreck of a black Stetson pulled down over his eyes. His head came up with a snap as he heard footsteps.

"Mind if I perch alongside you?" demanded Cody. "I've just had a long walk and am sort of leg-weary."

"Squat," said Cal Roundtree. Cody lowered himself to the log and reached for his own papers and muslin bag of fine-flaked tobacco. Roundtree eyeing him narrowly all the while. "What's on your mind, Cody?" he asked bluntly.

"Plenty," Cole Cody told him, and licked his cigarette and lighted it. "I think I own this outfit now; I'm not sure of anything. That girl up at the house—"

"She's the prettiest specimen of the girl species I ever clapped eyes on, and in my time I've seen some of 'em cute enough to take prizes. And she's got as much spunk as anybody needs, with maybe a mite extra thrown in."

"She's not bad looking, that's a fact," agreed Cody without enthusiasm. "As for spunk, she's got as much temper as you'd find in two wild cats with their tails tied together. What I was going to say, here's a funny mix-up: I think I own the place and she thinks she owns it. On top of all that, there's that Rance Waldron fellow who puts in his claim."

"You see," Cole Cody continued. "I never knew Early Bill Cole. Or if I did know him, as Doc Joe and the Judge seem to be sure of, then I didn't know I knew him. Maybe that's hard to get, but that's the only way I can put it."

"He was a queer old rooster," said Cal Roundtree. "I guess I knew him about as well as anybody ever did. I worked for him for sixteen years, and out on the range we slept together more than once, and we et together and got mad at one another. He was, to my notion, the finest man that ever walked in a pair of boots or forked a horse or got drunk or played cards or gave his money with both hands to folks that was in want, and he didn't ask any questions about their pedigree. Yep, I knew old Early Bill as well as anybody on earth."

"Somebody shot him?"

"Yes, I'm just hoping with all my hope-machinery that some day I'll find out who did that for old Bill."

"Tell me about it; all that you know."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

### Lesson for December 27

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### DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

LESSON TEXT—Romans 12:1-3, 9-21. GOLDEN TEXT—Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—Romans 12:21.

Dynamic—there is a word with an attraction for both young and old. It speaks of power, but not just brute force. There is personality with its winsomeness, challenge, accomplishment, all around attractiveness and usefulness as the essential element of this kind of power.

It may surprise some of us to hear that this is the kind of life every Christian may, and ought, to live, by the grace of God. Not that each one will have the gifts of leadership, or the personal qualifications which mark some for places of public service, but that each may have divine power working in and through his life.

Such a life can be lived only as God's power is able to flow through a surrendered life. This must begin in the individual, and in the depth of his own heart. Then it will appear in his relationship to his brethren in the church, and ultimately in his life in the world.

#### I. In the Heart (vv. 1-3).

It is only the believer who is ready to serve God. The unregenerate man needs cleansing, not consecration. Having that, he is ready for the transforming work of God which will bring him out into a place of freedom and spiritual strength. Notice that this is brought about by an act of the will. We are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice. That is our part, God will respond in blessing.

Conformity to this world (v. 2) is the blight on the church and on the individual believer which so hampers the work of Christ in the world today. The worldly Christian is an anomaly.

The call then is for non-conformity to the world and surrender to the transforming grace of God. Then there will be both true humility (v. 3) and full confidence in God's power.

#### II. In the Church (vv. 9-16).

The dynamic living of the Christian is not something to be paraded before the world, a thing of which we may be proud. It begins, as we have seen, in the heart, and then gives itself in gracious, affectionate, earnest living within other believers.

Here we note that being dynamic does not mean only being a "live wire." It may express itself in quietness which is graciously powerful; in goodness which overcomes evil; in love which weeps with the sorrowing; or in humility which is willing to touch the lowly.

These verses are full of overflowing with the kind of instruction which, if heeded, would make the fellowship of the church well nigh heavenly. For example, "in honor preferring one another" would put an end to church "fights"—blessed thought! If all were "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" there would be no problem about getting the work of the church and Sunday school done, and done well.

If Christians were "patient in tribulation," and would continue "instant in prayer," and rejoice "in hope," we would at once be free from complainers, and weak or unhappy church members.

We could go on, but the teaching of the Word is so plain that what we need to do is to practice it.

#### III. In the World (vv. 17-21).

"Take thought," that is, plan to have "things honest in the sight of all men." Bishop Moule's comment is particularly acute. He says the Christian "is to be nobly indifferent to the world's thought and word when he is sure that God and the world antagonize. But he is to be seriously attentive to the world's observation, were the world more or less acquainted with the Christian precept or principle, and more or less conscious of its truth and right, is watching, maliciously, or it may be wistfully, to see if it governs the Christian practice."

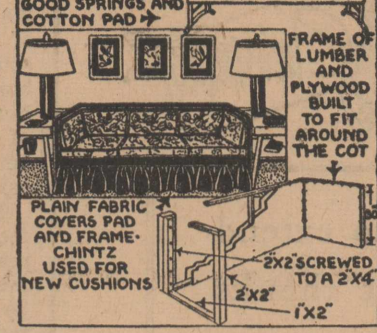
How then does the Christian behave toward the world? He does not return evil for evil. How often Christians have failed at that point, becoming involved in a "blow for blow" conflict with some worldly man or institution. How much better to "live peaceably with all men" as far as it is possible to do so.

The Christian is not to seek revenge. The injustice suffered may be confidently left in the hand of God. He will make it right in due season and in His own way. He will judge righteously, where we might be prejudiced. We might be too severe; He will be fair. The way to deal with such situations is by the "coals of fire" method (v. 20). It really works. We ought to use it more frequently.

Verse 21 sums up the whole matter. Instead of letting the evil of this world get the best of him, the Christian will "overcome evil with good." It seems just now that such a plan does not work, that evil has taken the upper hand, but let us wait a bit. The final accounting has not yet been made.

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"Oh, no, don't do that!" replied Murphy. "I'm killing myself already tryin' to eat ten dollars' worth."

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An aspiring politician had a speech written for him by a friend, who included instructions in the manuscript for the speaker.

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That's Moving Up  
"I see they're using alcohol to make tires now instead of whisky." "I see. The effect has changed from reeling to rolling."

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"What kind of a fellow is Smythe?"

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3. If you suffer from hypnophobia, you fear what?
4. Why were gypsies so named?
5. Who was the author of the statement: "These are the times that try men's souls"?
6. How long was the siege of Jericho?
7. Tass is the official news agency of what country?
8. If you had a nom de plume, you would have what, a feather fan, a pen name, or a French maid?

### The Answers

1. Apollo.
2. Asbestos is mined.
3. You fear sleep.
4. Gypsies were thought to have come from Egypt. Their original home, however, was in India.
5. Thomas Paine.
6. Seven days.
7. Russia.
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sessing the power to prolong life. This is only a sketch of things to come, if—

War did not create these ideas. Most of them were in the industrial laboratories during the '30's. War simply accelerated the development which was held back in the '30's because we, the people, followed political leaders who attacked the rewards of incentive, who decried risk capital, who set up an artificial standard to take the place of individual reward for individual merit, and thus chilled and deadened and stultified the American free enterprise system.

Here are two facts: For 30 years, from 1900 to 1930, we, the people, risked three billions a year in developing new things, and another three billions in buying new things, roughly six billions in all. But in the following decade we expanded those six billions each year through the Government, through Washington agencies in non-productive enterprises. From management's hands our savings went into political hands.

No political organization since the world began ever developed a great industry. Even waterworks and the postoffice were developed by the risks and energies of individuals pooling their resources under private management.

The future possibilities are limitless if we but remember that. If we keep in mind that there is one freedom necessary to the consummation devoutly to be wished, the freedom of enterprise, the encouragement of risking, the applause and commendation for those who come through successfully, rather than envy and vituperation against the measure of their success.

Only if we are willing to pay this price can the future give up its treasures to the common man, and thus usher in the Golden Age which is our heritage; only if—Merle Thorpe in Nation's Business.

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**COWARD**

The old farmer and his wife visited the zoo. When they halted before the hippopotamus cage he remarked, admiringly: "Darn'd curious looking fish, ain't it, ma?" "That ain't a fish, ain't it, ma?" the wife announced, "that's a reptile."

It was thus that the argument began. It progressed to a point of such violence that the woman began belaboring the husband with her umbrella.

The old man dodged and ran, with the wife in pursuit. The trainer had just opened the door of the lions' cage, and the farmer popped in. He crowded in behind the largest lion and peered over its shoulders at his wife, who, on the other side of the bars, shook her umbrella furiously. "Coward!" she shouted. "Coward!" —Carlton County Vidette.

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The chief sources of revenue to the Texas State Government include: ad valorem tax; gross receipts tax; inheritance tax; franchise taxes; motor fuel tax; occupational taxes; wine, beer and liquor stamp taxes; and auto license fees.

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"For Christmas comes But Once a Year"

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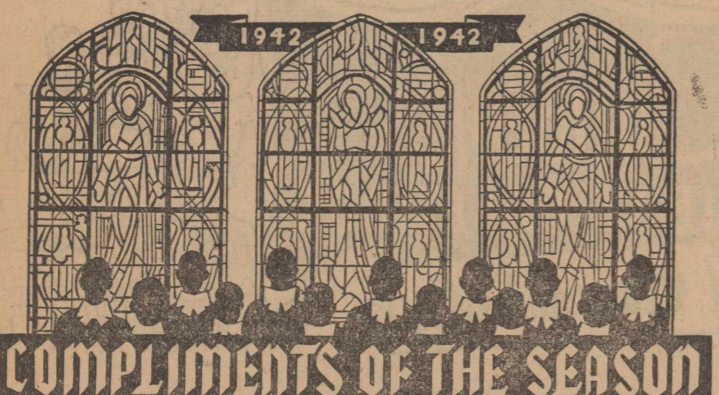
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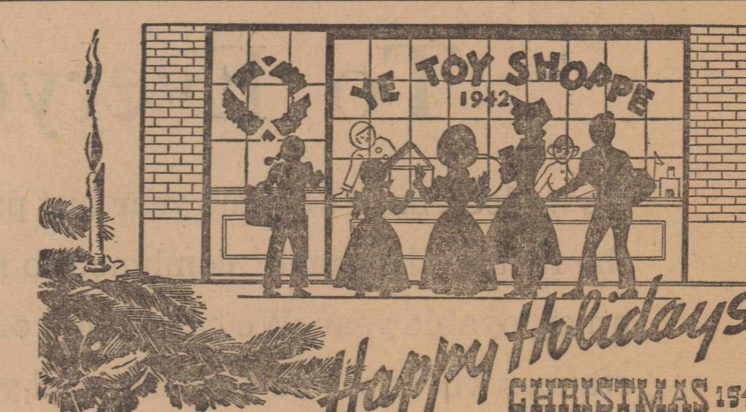
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**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS**  
 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, Lo! the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: For behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the Angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

With the European world at war, and our entry into the conflict now one year old, and many people naturally say, "How can we have a Merry Christmas? How can we have a Happy New Year." Now the answer is just like this. If we all had obeyed our natural instincts, confessed our sins and accepted Christ as our Savior, then ours should be a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is the status of the world within us, and not, the world with-

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out, that concerns us this day, and all the days to come. Ours "is a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "It is founded upon a rock" and not "upon the sands". The possessions in this house are yours. They compose you, yourself — that immortal self that lives forever. It is up to the individual. If he wants a Merry Christmas it is his for the making, and the same way with the New Year. Joy and happiness when made within you belong to you, and no one can take them away from you.

Every man, or woman, who drives a truck or a car, should make themselves committees of one, to keep the highways cleared of broken glass, nails and tire damaging articles that might be left in the highways. It will only take a moment to stop the car, to pick up an article, while it could cost a lot to a damaged tire and tube. Tires and tubes are not so high in price, but they are scarce and hard to get, and they are needed to help win the war. "Keep the highways clear", clubs would be a good organization at this time.

Readers of newspapers who desire to keep right on reading them, and this includes the home town paper, had better keep the subscription paid up in advance. Rationing of newspaper paper will likely be along in a short time, and since a 20 per cent cut in consumption has already been ordered, and a \$10 advance per ton has already been made, simply means a paper that is not kept paid up will be dropped by all publishers. These things are beyond the control of the publishers, as they are forced upon all by the war program.

### Universal Ration Books Printed In 18 Different Shops

Washington—Distribution to consumers of the "universal ration book" should be completed during January, the Office of Price Administration reported—and added that the job of printing 150,000,000 such books was the biggest in history.

Eighteen printing firms in the country are turning out the books at a rate, in some plants, of 500,000 a day. Each book was 192 stamps, making a grand total of almost 30 billion stamps, which the OPA said "happens to exceed 12 years continuous production of all the postage stamps used in the United States."

The books are printed on paper which will "prove a real headache to anyone foolish enough to try to counterfeit ration books," the OPA warned.

While the OPA intends to get the books to consumers next month, it is mindful of the delays which recently caused some gasoline ration books for western areas to lie for days in airport freight rooms because military goods got priority on plane cargo space.

"If a shipment of military supplies needs the freight train that is loaded with ration books, OPA unloads and waits even if it means postponing a rationing program," it said.

Since government presses could not possibly have handled the huge printing job within the 60 days allowed for printing and distribution, the government printing office hunted the country for plants able to do the printing, perforating and numbering jobs.

Among the 18 firms found capable of the tasks were firms in Houston, Oakland, California and Los Angeles.

One year of the war is over, and we lost Pearl Harbor, Wake Island, Bataan and the Java Sea, but we gained Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal and North Africa, and our country has just started to fight.

A few years ago Hitler stated he would eat Christmas dinner in London, England, and now he has thrown everything Germany has into the conflict, and the only place he

has eaten dinner in another nation is some little weak country that could not possibly cope with Germany. He tried his damndest to get a big meal in Russia, and all he got out of it is probably around 500,000 dead Germans on Russian soil. A Christmas meal in Russia would sure cost the old boy a whale of a lot.

A news report says that students of music never commit suicide—but some of their neighbors do.

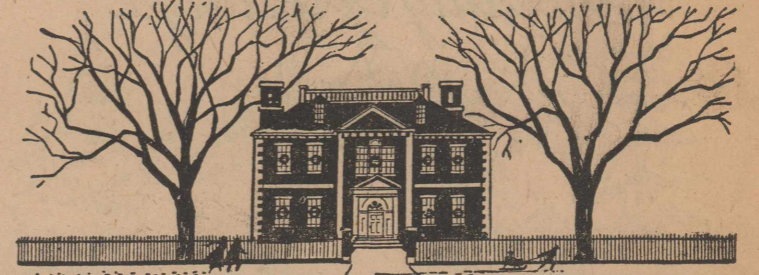
It is not only now, at Christmas time, when we appreciate your patronage. We appreciate it all year 'round, but now, in the last short days of 1942, is the very best time to tell you about it, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



## YATE'S DRUG

Fountain Service, Drugs and Sundries

### MERRY CHRISTMAS.. PEACE ON EARTH



### HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO EVERYONE 1942



It would be fine if we personally could meet and greet each one of you this thought-provoking Christmas of 1942. The fact that we cannot does not keep us from saying to you here that we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

## SLAY'S FURNITURE STORE

Stratford

Texas



## To Everyone

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, and that this will be a happy time for you and yours.

# The First State Bank



Against the background of Christmas is the ideal of a world at peace. This ideal has nourished the Christmas joy of countless millions since the days when shepherds first tended their flocks on the plains of old Judea.

It is this peace of spirit in all its fullness that we wish you now, as, mindful of a whole year of pleasant relations, we pause to express our appreciation.

May you all enjoy a truly Merry Christmas this season.

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