

# Foot Prints In The Sands Of Time Marked Old 1947 As A Year Of Continued Progress

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Time in its flight leaves each individual at loss to determine just why he or she has not accomplished more in the passing year. Years of hopes, years of ambitions, years of disappointments pass in the same length of time, yet we cherish most those foot prints in the sands of time which show a trend of achievements attained.

1947 had its draw-backs and disappointments but remembered best are those achievements of individuals and organizations who consistently press forward on that uphill climb along the sparsely marked trail called progress.

## January 1947

During the first week of January \$11,800.00 was contributed for construction of a City Health Clinic building in Stratford by citizens of Stratford and rural sections of Sherman County.

Sherman County Home Demonstration Club ladies completed the tenth year of the club achievement program in Sherman County.

Stratford Independent Basketball team made a good showing in the AAU basketball tournament at Amarillo.

Members of the Methodist Church announced contributions for a new church building in Stratford had reached \$50,000.00.

Drilling activity over the county was resumed the third week in January after a brief holiday lull.

County Commissioners approved a \$2.00 bounty on coyote scalps in cooperation with other counties in an attempt to control the growing threat of coyotes to the cattleman's calf crop.

The building committee of the Stratford Lions Club advertised for construction bids for the Stratford Health Clinic building.

Invitation cage tournament was held in Stratford.

Members of the Stratford Consumers Company, Inc., set a new high in their attendance of the annual meeting of the organization's stockholders. Shares were increased from 200 to 800.

During the latter part of January the annual meeting of the Boy Scout Council was held to map plans for scout work during the year.

The City Council banned the burning of loose trash as a fire hazard.

Van Boston started construction of a 40x80 additional building space to the building in which he operated his business.

Stratford Homemaking girls reported that they cleared \$750 by operating the school cafeteria during the annual invitation basketball tournament.

The right-of-way was surveyed for hard surfacing of 5.5 miles of farm-to-market road on the Stratford-Gruber road.

A. E. Burns opened a jewelry and watch repair store in Stratford.

A \$100,000 county road improvement bond issue election was ordered for March.

The Baptist Church received a Hammond organ which was installed as a memorial to Tommy Joe Grimes.

Lions Club sponsored the annual President's Ball to raise funds for combatting infantile paralysis.

## February 1947

Delegation representing American Legion, Stratford Lions, and City Council, presented telephone facility complaints to general manager of the Southwestern Associated Telephone Co., and were promised installation of 40 new phones during the year.

Stratford 4-H club girls began plans for dresses they were to model in annual dress revue in March.

An audit showed 96.71 percent of Sherman County taxes were paid prior to January 31 without delinquent penalties.

Parent Teachers Association Founders day was observed with an outstanding program.

Steel arrived for construction of Masonic-American Legion building.

Stratford school children were inoculated for immunization against disease.

High school basketball boys and girls received awards which the school had been unable to secure for two or three years.

East Sherman went wild west; the rodeo pens of Bob Cluck with routine rodeos.

Turner Bros. opened the Imperial Barber Shop in association with their father, J. L. Turner.

County 4-H club boys began finishing of calves for County stock show.

Stratford Band Mothers met for organization of an active club.

Slays Furniture and Appliance secured the adjoining 30x60 building to their store for appliance storage space.

Influenza epidemic raged in Stratford with members of almost every family stricken and in some cases members of entire families were ill.

Walter Pendleton and Conde Donelson graduated from American Legion college conducted in Lubbock.

Stratford Independent basketball squad won Cactus invitation cage tournament.

Snow flurries quieted threatening blizzards.

## March 1947

Robert Keenan won first place in County 4-H club calf show.

City Council ordered election for the purpose of electing two Aldermen April 1.

Miss Letha Gail Fedric won Junior 4-H Club girls apron contest.

American Legion called meeting for organization of a volunteer fire department for Stratford.

Boy Scout troop was reorganized in Stratford.

Wallace Bridwell sold nine club calves at Amarillo fat stock show.

Commenced laying brick walls for new addition to the Consumers Company building in Stratford.

Miss Georgana Skillin won County 4-H club girls dress revue.

County road improvement bond issue was defeated in one-sided election.

Jimmie Summerour, Keith Green and Pronger Bros. won Hereford honors at Amarillo fat stock show.

Robert Keenan, Leroy Morris, Vance Morris, Jimmie Weatherford and Pronger Bros. sold live-stock at Amarillo fat stock show.

American Legion accepted responsibility for organizing a volunteer fire department in Stratford.

Sound system was presented to Stratford school from \$920 of funds left by graduating classes of '45 and '46.

\$62,300 was approved for county AAA agricultural improvement practices.

Faculty members of the Stratford schools attended the Northwest Texas Educational Conference in Amarillo.

Million dollar snow deposited inch of moisture.

W. L. Hankey broke the axle of his car attempting to deliver rural route mail.

Ladies started lengthening their dresses.

City Council and Stratford Lions Club petitioned State Highway Department for signal lights at intersection of U. S. 287 and 54, and at the intersection of U. S. 54 and Main Street.

Red Cross membership drive more than doubled county quota for 1947.

Organization of volunteer fire department completed by American Legion.

Stratford's baseball club was organized for spring training.

A. L. Wilson as secured as a Day Marshal and Deputy Sheriff.

A sea scout patrol was organized among local scouts.

Spreading grass fires caused fire department alarms.

Alice McAdams attended the President's congressional message.

Margaret Ritchie was entered as a University of New Mexico co-ed in the national cover girl magazine contest.

First Baptist Church announced a spring revival to commence April 20.

Baseball club began spring practice.

W. L. Williams became first spring casualty, injuring finger while testing a new air conditioner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan picked first tomato from indoor grown plant.

Stratford Lions started movement for beautification of Stratford cemetery.

Panhandle league. Stratford Rural High School Trustees ordered an architect to inspect school auditorium to determine structure's safety for accommodating large crowds.

Senior class presented annual school play.

4-H club girls entered county home gardening contest.

Sherman County Farm Bureau started action for control of birdweed.

Contract let for brick and steel construction of a two story 40x120 American Legion-Masonic building.

Mrs. Bud Coffman won honors at El Paso rodeo.

City prohibited parking of truck on Main Street except for loading and unloading purposes to avoid possible traffic accidents.

Construction started for a 50x32 foot Spurlock Chapel building with basement at the site of the old Spurlock school.

O. H. Ingham, Herbert Folsom, R. L. Baskin and John Steel were elected for a term of two years as trustees of the Stratford Rural High School district.

County trustees elected were G. L. Taylor, trustee at-large, A. E. Pronger for Precinct 1, Arthur Cartrite for Precinct 2, and Arthur Ross for Precinct 4.

Mrs. Rose Flores presented her pupils in a piano recital.

R. C. Buckles was named as a member of the USDA advisory feed committee.

V. H. Garoutte and D. W. Boner bought Blondo Shine Parlor, using additional space for the Stratford Cleaners.

Rain and snow brought moisture totaling 1.25 of an inch.

Miss Dorothy Dixon, county home demonstration agent, honored members of the commissioners' court and their wives with a luncheon in the club room at the courthouse.

Poles for County REA lines were secured.

A truck and pick-up filled with clothing along with a \$200 donation was sent to the distressed residents of tornado destroyed Higgins, Texas.

A revival meeting was conducted at the First Baptist Church.

Casing shortage slowed drilling program over county.

Delegation of 14 attended Masonic Khiva Temple rites at El Paso, Texas.

Methodist revival meeting was conducted.

Agriculturists commenced organized fight against birdweed by use of spray equipment.

Land sold for as high as \$68.50 an acre at auction sale promoted by W. N. Price.

Grand Jury met but returned no indictments to place county as one of the few in Texas without an existing criminal docket.

Wheat producers started filing estimates for custom combines and trucks they would need for wheat harvest.

Stratford High School Band gave noon hour concert in business district.

April moisture recorded as 2.49 inches.

Production of a record wheat crop was forecast for the plains section.

Mrs. E. E. Coons presented expression pupils in recital.

City Council authorized the purchase of hose wrenches for the volunteer fire department.

Stratford Lions assisted in raising funds to aid the blind.

Eighth grade students were honored with a banquet in the high school gymnasium.

Seismograph crew arrived here for another geological survey of county.

Stratford PTA box upper netted a profit of \$146.25.

Senior class was honored with banquet in high school gymnasium.

Lions club sponsored city census recording Stratford's population as 1131.

May 23 was set as the annual City Clean-up day.

Baptist Church announced vacation Bible school to commence June 9.

Paul Allison Company started construction of an elevator on the Santa Fe tracks.

Oil paintings of the class taught by Mrs. Maurice Norman were displayed in the Southwest Public Service Company office.

2.44 inches of rain accompanied by hail falls with slight damage to crops and property.

Lions Club nominating committee was named.

Tail louse became threat to down state cattle industry.

PTA elected officers for 1948 term.

Mrs. Dawson's dancing pupils were presented in a recital.

Hail storms damaged wheat field in spotted localities.

Construction of first hangar started at local airport.

Construction crew arrived for laying 50 miles of gasoline pipeline through Sherman County.

Commencement exercises were conducted for Stratford Seniors.

Stratford business firms closed doors as American Legion conducted memorial day services in high school gymnasium.

Baccalaureate services conducted for senior class.

Brown's Food Store and Albert's Grocery and Market installed new store fixtures.

Methodist closed 7-month conference year.

American Legion accepted request for sponsoring local scout troop.

County Home Demonstration ladies started keeping County Library open on Thursday afternoons.

Farmers held noxious weed and parasite control meeting.

County Commissioners bought portable spraying equipment for use in spraying cattle and weeds.

June 1947

Tax equalization boards equalized city and county taxes.

Boy scouts attended Phillmont summer camp.

Methodist opened vacation Bible school for young people.

Baptist conducted vacation Bible school for church youth.

Revival meeting opened at Church of Christ.

County 4-H boys and girls attended two-day camp at Bivins ranch.

Demand for county spraying equipment increased with the arrival of horn-fly season.

Stone entrance to cemetery erected by Stratford's Lions Club.

Farm labor office opened to direct transient labor and combines arriving in Sherman County for wheat harvest.

DDT fly spray praised by stock men using it to spray corrals and pastures.

County roads were graded to place them in condition for heavy traffic during harvest.

Lions club suspended meetings until September.

Producers were inclined to believe harvest would not commence until in July.

Storage space was made available for storing the first million bushels of wheat harvested.

Wheat harvest started in late June with 70 combines and 100 trucks needed to care for the crop properly.

Rains interrupted harvest.

Baptist and Methodist vacation Bible schools completed successful courses.

Robert Naugle delivered first load of wheat to elevator in Stratford.

Hail storms wiped out several sections of wheat two days before combines were to have commenced cutting.

40 miles of REA line construction promised to commence within 60 days.

July 1947

Ripening wheat fields increased the demand for custom combines needed in the county to 126.

County Home Demonstration Club women commenced learning the art of reed weaving.

Custom combines and trucks arrived in county during short dry weather trend to induce belief that a 5 million bushel wheat crop would be harvested.

Bendix Laundry opened business in Stratford.

County Commissioners approved blue prints for construction of a new county jail.

American Legion and Auxiliary officers elected in annual election.

American Legion secured two wheel chairs for emergency use of Sherman County citizens.

98.54 percent of County Tax collections were completed.

Local showers produced 1.2 inches of moisture.

Farm labor problem was solved as harvest drew to a close.

County 4-H club boys attended district camp at Lake McClellan.

Completion of 1947 tax assessments revealed 1947 City of Stratford taxes were increased \$2,443.50.

Harding and Parker leased Phillips service station from Ralph Harding.

Christian Church installed Hammond organ.

County AAA office received OK for continuation of farm improvement practice program.

Earl Bond won \$200 prize in Ochiltree county photographers contest.

Three 4-H club girls completed successful sweet corn demonstrations.

Producers became alarmed over reports of low baking quality wheat raised in the plains section and called meeting for discussions of the wheat variety problem.

Star Home Demonstration Club organized in Stratford.

Mary Nan Davis won Grain Producers Award for best 4-H club girls story of her demonstration in a 7-county area.

Steel construction started on American Legion-Masonic building.

Wheat producers shifted to certified seed after learning of millers objections to Chiefkan and Red Chief beardless wheat.

One inch rain improved crop conditions.

Citizens commenced pledging the cost of paving streets in Stratford after engineer placed estimated cost with City Council.

Mike Burgess and L. H. McDaniel attended the national convention of the American Legion held in New York City.

Wayne Cartrite and Edwin Weatherford were selected as outstanding 4-H club boys to attend the state 4-H club round-up in College Station.

Catherine Williams and Lejeune Gorman chosen as outstanding 4-H club girls to attend the state round-up in College Station.

September 1947

Stratford schools opened after a delay of one week caused by late resignations of faculty members.

Lions club resumed regular meetings.

Conde Donelson was named manager of the Consumers Company following the resignation of John Steel.

County 4-H club delegates returned from training course in leadership at State Round-up.

H. C. Bennett attempted making rain by seeding clouds with dry ice.

County Commissioners approved budget as prepared by the county judge.

American Legion organized color guard.

PTA welcomed teachers with lawn party at school building.

Commissioners let contract for construction of new jail building.

Fire department made repeated runs to extinguish grass fires.

Meeting for explanation of state uniform traffic law was held.

City Council ask bids for proposed paving project in Stratford.

Agricultural leaders and Stratford business men commenced plans for a county fair in 1948.

Grass fires continued to harass fire department.

Supt. Holmes announced 364 students were enrolled in the Stratford schools.

Poems of Angie Taylor were published in the "Pageant of Poetry."

County 4-H club boys and girls staged calf, pig, and poultry

show supported by Stratford business men.

Kerrick 4-H club girls organized a club and elected officers.

Manual training class sponsored successful box supper to secure funds for shop equipment.

Churches launched drive for collection of clothing to be sent to suffering Europeans.

72 students were reported enrolled in the Texhoma Texas school.

Eugene Hudson, Van B. Boston, Sam Wohlford, Arthur Milton, O. L. McMinn, Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Mrs. Tom Wakefield, and Mrs. Harold Bennet were named as an executive committee to sponsor the Sherman County fair.

Stratford 4-H club girls elected new officers.

Rev. John Reaves accepted pastorate of First Christian Church.

Improved land sold for \$50 an acre without mineral rights at O. R. Blankenship auction sale.

Construction of brick and tile walls of the American Legion-Masonic building was started.

Miss Mary Taylor entertained students of the Kerrick school with a weiner roast.

October 1947

Rita Blanca REA construction engineer mapped homes of rural residents desiring rural electrification.

Scottish Rite club organized with Floyd M. Keener elected as President.

Scout finance committee made successful drive for annual funds to encourage scouting work.

Miss Jeanne Huggins was named as a member of the Texas University Glee Club.

W. T. Crabtree, Van Boston, and E. E. Hamilton attended the national U. S. highway 54 convention in Iola, Kansas.

Spotted rains eased fears of a threatened blow season.

Stratford selected for District 1-B boys basketball tournament to be held February 13 and 14.

Keith Green and Jimmie Summerour, Conlen 4-H club boys, won livestock honors at Texas state fair in Dallas.

Sherman County Farm Bureau launched membership drive and secured 100 percent farm family membership.

Lions club dropped inactive members from the roll to make room for new members.

City Council awarded paving contract to G. T. Morris, low bidder on the project.

Work orders signed as lot owners placed cash in safekeeping for completion of work.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Parker moved to Stratford and opened Chiropractic treatment rooms.

Stratford Motor Company let contract for construction of a 60x120 foot steel and concrete business building.

Kerrick school students staged successful hallowe'en carnival.

Stratford Boy Scouts raised \$110 in fines assessed as traffic officers for a day.

3½ year old Jimmie Parker accompanied his dogs on a long hunting trip causing wide spread alarm for his safety.

A badger took up residence under the W. P. Mullican home, avoiding all traps and shot gun vigils.

Dr. and Mrs. Huston Pearson moved to Stratford to head the City Health Clinic.

Senior Hallowe'en carnival cleared \$1600 for senior class.

November 1947

Miss Bonnie Almon Flyer honored on deans honor roll at North Texas State College.

T. O. C. Motor Company let contract for construction of a 30x40 foot showroom.

### Martin-Watkins Nuptial Vows Read Sunday

Nuptial vows were solemnized Sunday afternoon for Patricia Martin, daughter of Mrs. Hazel B. Martin of Santa Barbara, California, and W. C. Martin of Stratford, and Charles Edward Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Watkins of Galveston, Texas.

Rev. Howard Whatley read the double-ring service in the First Methodist Church of Stratford. Pre-nuptial selections were played by Mrs. Hose Flores, organist, who also played the musical accompaniment for the exchange of vows.

Conrad Riffe, cousin of the

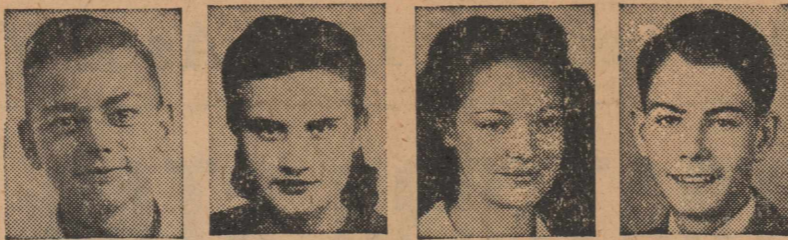
bride, lighted the tapers. June Carr of Houston, Texas was maid of honor, and Bill Jones of Galveston, Texas was best man. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William Martin.

An informal reception honored the bridal party in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. C. V. Collins.

Following the wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Houston, where the groom is a student in the University of Houston.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. B. E. Watkins, Galveston; Mrs. Hazel B. Martin, Santa Barbara, California; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown and Tommie, Santa Barbara, California; Miss Glenna Williams and Mrs. Jack Williams, Perryton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Bushland; Jim Brown, Conway; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mason, Copeland, Kansas.

### Texas 4-H'ers Win Chicago Trips



Louis Muniza Helen Koleja Ella Keith Henry Schacht

**SUPERIOR** records of achievement in 4-H Clothing, Garden, Girls' Record and Tractor Maintenance have won 1947 state championship honors for four Lone Star State club members. Each receives an all-expense trip to the 26th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. The winners, who were selected by the state club office, and brief outlines of their records follow:

Louis Muniza, 15, of Wharton, is the state winner in the 1947 4-H Tractor Maintenance awards program. His Chicago Congress trip is provided by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company. He has been a 4-H'er for four years. His record shows that he has instructed other 4-H club members in lessons on tractor maintenance. Louis has found that a tractor with proper care and operation results in greater efficiency, more dependability and lower costs. He uses his tractor in the work on his father's farm and in carrying out his corn and cotton projects.

Helen Koleja, 17, of Damon, is the state's top 4-H homemaker in 1947. Her achievements during seven years in club work as shown in the National 4-H Girls' Record activity include preparing and serving 600 meals, sewing, making over or mending 36 garments, and canning 3,617 jars of foods. Helen also made 45 home improvement articles. In five years of gardening she raised enough vegetables and fruits to can 2,917 pints valued at \$769.25, and stored 23,514 pounds of vegetables for home use. She helps with milking, butter churning, cheese making and keeps a record of the stock. Helen has made 126 exhibits and was named grand champion exhibitor at Houston Youth Fair last year, winning a \$100.00 scholarship. Helen has won many awards, including \$261.25 in prize money. Her estimated total

income from all her 4-H projects is \$3,064.33. Her Chicago trip award is provided by Montgomery Ward.

Ella Keith, 18, of Whiteface, a club member for seven years, was named state winner in the 1947 National 4-H Clothing Achievement activity for having the top ranking record of sewing, making over or mending 179 garments for herself and other members of the family. She also made rag rugs, quilt tops, curtains, dish towels, pot holders, and many other things for the home. Ella made a scrapbook of costume history going back to 2000 B.C. She has won many awards, including \$94.30 in cash prizes and has been junior leader of her club for four years. Her Chicago trip award was provided by the Educational Bureau of the Spool Cotton Co.

Henry Schacht, 17, of Lockney, is the state winner in the 1947 4-H Garden Activity in which Allis Chalmers provides the awards. His record shows that during eight years of club work he raised 257 acres of garden, from which 274 bushels of vegetables were produced. His garden exhibits won many placings, including \$50.00 in cash prizes. Henry sold \$1,089.15 worth of his garden vegetables after his family requirements had been met. He served his club as junior leader for three years and is now a freshman at the Texas Technological College.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

be the first meeting of the new year, and I would like to have a good attendance at this meeting to thrash out some plans for the new year, and review the old year a little bit and get some suggestions for pepping up the organization a little bit. It is your organization, not mine, and I want you there to help outline the years plans.

I should make some resolutions concerning this alleged column while we are still in the business of resolutions, but don't expect me to live up to them. I should resolve to make more enemies. No newspaper columnist is worth his salt without a good following of enemies threatening him with bodily injury, social ostracism, writ of habeas corpus or whatever kind of legal ammunition they use for the purpose. So far as I know only one person has threatened me with violence over this column, and he never came around. People become more interested in a thing when it makes them mad. Of course I don't want anyone to bruise up their knuckles on my nose, so if anyone gets inclined to take it seriously, I was only joking. Being the world's lowest paid columnist I can't afford to lose any blood or ruin any clothes over this, so I only want to make someone mad enough to threatened me, but not mad enough to do anything about it. I want to wish all my readers a very happy and prosperous New Year, and thanks for reading.

### Entertained With Open House Christmas Day

Christmas day the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haile was open to their friends and relatives. For the guests who were energetic enough to make the early morning hours of seven to nine, a delicious breakfast of hot biscuit, country cured ham, eggs and coffee was served. For guests who called during the afternoon refreshments of coffee, candy, cookies and cokes were served. While Mrs. Haile was entertaining guests in the living room, Lorel was busy running reels of home movie pictures. As the majority of the guests were

stars in the movies at one occasion or another, laughter and kidding led to a cheery, happy visit.

Guests calling during the day were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown, Jim Tom Brown. Mrs. Hazel Martin and Patricia, all of Santa Barbara, California; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burkstresser, Jim Bill, Rita Lou and Nancy of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wisdom, Jefferson City, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ullom, Canadian, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Bushland; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Conway;

Mrs. R. S. Mason, Copeland, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. John Kidwell, Mrs. C. V. Collins, Mrs. Hilma Cleveland, Joe Cleveland, John M. Hester, Miss Katherine Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk.

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### Snow Stops Christmas Summer

A sudden drop in temperature Tuesday with rain and sleet, followed by sleet and snow just before dawn Wednesday morning brought to a close summer days which have been enjoyed over the Plains section during the holidays.

Wednesday evening large flakes with higher moisture content started falling as the barometer changed to indicate fair weather.

### PTA Meeting Monday Afternoon

A meeting of the Stratford Parent Teacher Association will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Nelle Alexander taking a leading part in the discussion of the subject, "Budget of Human Values." She will be assisted in the discussion by Misses Judy Sherrod and Ruby Dell Harding who have been interviewing high school students for material to be used.

Special music is being arranged by R. W. Stewart. Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick and Mrs. Ben Bidy, delegates to the state PTA convention, will make a report of convention activities. Parents of high school students are especially urged to at-

tend this meeting. Fifth and Sixth grade students will act as hosts and hostesses. Home Economics girls will serve refreshments and conduct a nursery in order to enable mothers with small children to devote all of their attention to the program.

### Legion Aims

(By Earl Bond)  
Now is the time for New Years resolutions. It has been my personal observation that more people made resolutions on New Years than made resolutions. It is quite possible, however, that I was the one that was going round and round, and it only appeared that everyone else was making resolutions. Be that as it may, there are still a lot of people who make resolutions on New Years Day. I have never been one of that clan, however, because it always seemed to me that such resolutions were like soap bubbles, so short-lived that they were hardly worth the trouble of making them. The only possible advantage in New Years resolutions lies in the fact that in making them a person admits his own short-comings. It doesn't happen to most of us often that once a year that we ever get around to taking inventory and admitting that we aren't such a swell guy after all. I am afraid if we were strictly honest about it and invited our wives, friends, and relatives to add their supplement to our list of weaknesses we would take one look at the list, decide such a bum deserved to be shot, and make a mad dash for the nearest six-shooter. But so far as is known, no man has ever asked his wife to make out his list of New Years resolutions for him. It would be certain to cause a divorce, or worse.

Speaking of resolutions, I should make a few myself. I hate like the dickens to admit I have fallen down on some things, but I have. To say simply that I resolve to make a better Commander and Legionaire than I have in the past would be putting it much too generally. In the first place I should resolve to try my best to make the Legion programs more interesting to more people, and thus get a larger attendance at meetings. I should resolve to pay more attention to the greater objectives of the American Legion, and do something really worthwhile for the community, state and nation. I am afraid that our post like many posts has not done enough in the promotion of Americanism and good citizenship. This is one of our primary aims. I should resolve to make sure that I do not postpone little details like getting out cards, etc. until the last minute, or not at all. I should resolve to make sure that the funeral squad and all other essential committees and groups are functioning efficiently. I

should resolve that I will see to it that more members have an active part and duty in the organization. I should have resolved long before now to see to it that every delinquent member is brought back into the fold. I could go on and on for pages like this, but it would make dull reading and no good would be accomplished. I am not making an ironclad resolution to do any of these things, but I am resolving to try to do them, and not make such a sloppy Commander for the remainder of my term of office.

Tonight, January 1, 1948, will

*Interior Modes... by Reno's*

With radiant heating, your basement, too, can have that "new look". Because building materials of all kinds are still scarce, it's good news that basement modernization doesn't take much in the way of materials but may require a little "elbow grease". Shown in the illustration is an attractive basement recreation room which was "made over" from a dingy, drab cellar by painting the floors and installing pine paneling. The oil fired hot water boiler for the radiant heating system provides ample warmth for the recreation room. Radiant heating is flexible. You can have it with any type of fuel — gas, oil or coal. The boiler may be in the basement or in a utility room. Also with radiant heating there is a choice of four methods of heat distribution: Radiators, radiant baseboards, pipe coils in the walls, floors or ceilings, or convectors.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
Every new year is a sealed package... as we start to unwrap 1948, it is our sincere hope that you are opening a big box of happiness...  
**BAMMES GARAGE**

1947 with its joys and sorrows will soon be part of the past, and 1948 will soon be here! We join in the celebration to ring out the old year and ring in the new, and now voice the hope that 1948 will be crowded with many golden hours for you.  
**LUTHER ELECTRIC SHOP**

We can look back a long way... back to years that were better... back to years that were not quite as good; but always, as we look back, we see the smiling faces of a multitude of loyal friends. At the threshold of 1948 we renew our pledge to you of service and cooperation. We reaffirm our faith and confidence in our community.  
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**NEW YEAR'S**  
1948  
**GREETINGS**  
When the stork alights with that brand-new year, he is bringing 525,600 minutes in that precious package. May each of these passing minutes of 1948 add its mite to your happiness and welfare, and may you have a moment, now and then, to spare for old friends over here.  
**Ralph Harding**

### Independents Lose To Cactus Cage Squad

The American Legion sponsored Stratford Independents suffered a loss by five points in the last game before Christmas at the hands of the Cactus team on their home court. It was a close game with Cactus holding a slight lead throughout the game. The local boys look forward with much anticipation to the returned game with them here Saturday night. It promises to be a fast moving game and the team would enjoy having a good number present to witness the contest.

A practice session was held Monday night with a fine crowd of men enjoying a good scrimmage. The squad is beginning to really look like a team. They are taking on a polish that could result only from the effort, cooperation, and the ability of the coach and team. The club ex-

ists as a form of clean recreation and the boys work hard for the fun they get out of playing, hoping that spectators enjoy it as much.

The club expresses its appreciation for the financial contributions presented them this week. No admission charge is made for the games and the team depends on contributions to pay the expenses of maintaining the organization.

League games scheduled for next week to be played on the home court are with Sunray Monday night and with Continental Carbon Wednesday night.

### Ladies Have Christmas Socials

Mrs. D. L. Buckles and Mrs. Hattie Flores entertained with a dinner party Monday at 7:00 P. M. in the home of Mrs. Buckles.

The Christmas lights were still aglow outside and inside of the house and the spirit of the season still remained in the hearts of all present.

A delicious dinner was served from a long lace covered table to the following guests: Mesdames Osa Gamble, Jennie Brown, Agnes Foster, Ann Harrison, Esma Gilbert, A. W. Klawetter, Hattie Flores and Kate Buckles.

After dinner entertainment continued in the living room as guest books were passed around by both hostesses to preserve a record of the day's social activities.

The wish expressed for the New Year was that all would continue to be well and happy through 1948.

Mrs. Agnes Foster and Mrs. Esma Gilbert entertained with a lovely dinner at noon Monday in the home of Mrs. Foster. The yuletide theme was very effectively carried out in room decorations, table appointments and

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### 'Bye, Duckie, Says Chuckie



CHICAGO, ILL.—Chuckie Datz, 3, kisses pet duck a sad farewell as he leaves bird at 14-acre Olson Park, home of Olson Rug Co., here. Chuckie raised the duck from an Easter gift, duckling to a full grown bird, but because of approaching Winter is forced to turn his pet over to the Walter Olson Bird Sanctuary in Olson Park, located in the heart of Chicago's Northwest industrial area, which is visited by upwards of one-half million people annually.

covers were cleverly marked for Mesdames Hattie Flores, Jennie Brown, D. L. Buckles, Osa Gamble and her sister, Ione Taylor, Mertie Massie, Ann Harrison, A. W. Klawetter, Esma Gilbert, and Agnes Foster.

### 3 Gas Wells Tested; One New Location

Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 Keenan in section 336, Block 1-T, produced pay from 2,678 to 3,056 feet, produced 15 million cubic feet of gas after treatment with 15,000 gallons of acid. Rock pressure was 417 pounds.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. 1 R. K. Everett in section 3, Block 2-T, drilled to a depth of 3,390 feet and plugged back to 3,265 feet, produced 37.2 million cubic feet of gas after treatment with 42,000 gallons of acid. Rock pressure was 422.8 pounds.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. 1 Royal Pendleton in section 343, Block 1-T, drilled to a depth of 3,350 feet and plugged back to 3,318 feet, produced 30.3 million cubic feet of gas after treatment with 56,000 gallons of acid. Rock pressure was 422.7 pounds.

Magnolia Petroleum Company announced the location of the No. 1 O'Quin, 2,310 feet from the north line and 1,650 feet from the east line of section 282, Block 1-T.

**HERE IS HOPING**

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As the years come and go we can count our friends in ever increasing numbers. We like to think that neither luck nor chance accounts for this, but that the answer lies in public recognition of our determination to give our customers superior service and value at all times. Here is hoping that you may all enjoy

**A Most Happy New Year**

**TOC Motor Co.**

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### Steel Production Soars Toward Record Output

Steel production in 1947 gives promise of attaining a total of 84 million ingot tons, a record for any peacetime year, according to Northern Trust company, Chicago. In 1946, as the result of major strikes and material shortages, the industry produced only 67 million tons. Representing 92 per cent of capacity for the full year's production, 1947 output will be a third more steel than was produced in 1929, 1.8 times the 1935-1939 average, and may be compared with 90 million tons produced in wartime 1944.

Anticipated demand for such items as automobiles, railroad cars, pipe and tubing, heavy electrical equipment and construction steels indicates a relatively high level of steel production in 1948 for domestic consumption, the bank reports. Foreign demand is also heavy, with exports now absorbing about 10 per cent of production as against a normal prewar average of about 5 per cent of total production.

"Over the longer term, the highly cyclical characteristics of the industry may be expected to reassert themselves," the bank says. "Output will continue to fluctuate closely with activity in the capital goods industries and with the demand for consumers' durable goods."

Discussing the industry's contemplated postwar expansion plans, the bank points out that, of the overall figure of one billion dollars in contemplated expenditures, 448 million dollars is to be disbursed in 1947.

### Jack Pine Produced In Great Lake States

During the past 30 years, jack pine in the Great Lake states climbed from obscurity to economic prominence. Once commercially unimportant, it now is used extensively in production of pulpwood, box lumber, mine timbers, cabin logs, piling, poles and posts.

According to the U. S. department of forestry, the present total area of jack pine in the lake states is slightly more than 3 million acres. Present total merchantable volume is estimated at 12 million cords. Total merchantable volume includes more than 5 million cords of pulpwood and 2 billion board feet of sawlogs. The remaining 1,696 million cords are substandard cordwood.

The current annual growth of jack pine in the lake states is in the neighborhood of 45 million cubic feet, or about 15 cubic feet per acre per year. This is only one-third of what can be produced under favorable conditions of stocking. Depending on age and site, a fully stocked acre of jack pine land should grow from 25 to 85 cubic feet per annum.

### Plastic Smoothy



Thin, lightweight wall tile with the strength of metal and the smoothness of velvet is this new application of Styron, a plastic, according to National Patent Council. The tile is made in an array of pastels, deeper shades and two-color variegations. Stability of the patented product gives the tiles a nonwarping, nonchecking quality under ordinary usage and because the color is all the way through the plastic, a scratch does not de-face it. The tile is reported easy to keep clean. It will take a high gloss. Weight is only about half a pound per square foot.

### Hank Says:

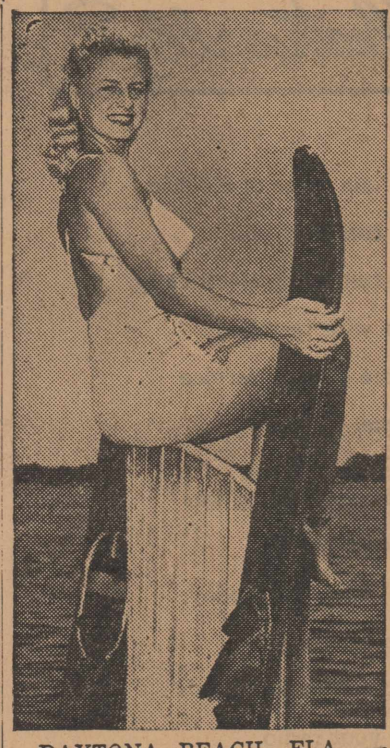
You know, I've been reading a lot lately about the difference between a democracy and a dictatorship form of government and I think the democracy has the edge. A dictator can be ever so good but when he dies his successor could be a much worse man and in a democracy when a politician dies you always stand a chance of getting a better one.

Yours,  
Hank Sherrod.

### Consumers Plan For Annual Meeting

Plans are being made this week for the annual stockholders meeting of the Stratford Consumers Co., Inc., to be held in the district court room of the courthouse in Stratford January 12.

### WITCH OF THE WAVES



DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Gorgeous, blonde-haired Johnette Kirkpatrick, one of the world's ace women water skiers, poses for a camera "shot" on the beach near her home here. Her most recent conquest was in the recent eastern championship meet at Baltimore, Maryland.

### Trophies Arrive For Cage Tourney

Trophies which will be awarded in the annual Stratford High School invitation basketball tournament January 16 and 17 arrived this week and have been displayed in the Yates Drug.

### Concrete Curb Poured On Grand Avenue

Concrete curbing for Stratford's paving project extended Northeast from Main Street Tuesday on Grand Avenue as additional citizens authorized the paving of portions of the street in front of the lots they owned. These new structures complete concrete curbing from Main Street for three blocks Northeast.

### Roxy Theatre

- STRATFORD, TEXAS
- January 1 and 2  
June Haver and Mark Stevens  
In  
**Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now**  
In Technicolor  
January 3  
Johnny Mack Brown In  
**Land of the Lawless**
- January 4 and 5  
James Stewart and Jane Wyman  
In  
**Magic Town**
- January 6 and 7  
Leo Gorcey and The Bowery Boys In  
**Hard Boiled Mahoney**  
—Plus Second Feature—  
James Brown and Sheila Ryan In  
**The Big Fix**

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**HAPPIEST NEW YEAR 1948**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY!**

We know of no better way to begin the New Year than by extending our thanks to our friends for their generous patronage. We hope that we can be of still greater service to you in 1948, and may the best of everything be yours!

**Bonar Pharmacy**

The stork depositing the young cherub is the traditional symbol of the New Year.

Just as traditional is our old-time wish for all our old-time friends: That good health, good cheer, good friends and good fortune may be your lot in

1948

Phones 40 and 86

**Stratford Grain Co.**

**OLD Fashioned Greetings**

1948

• A New Year looms before us. Our wish for it is that happiness will bless our homes and contentment reign among our families — that friendship will continue to grow in our community from day to day and in its afterglow come the serenity of good will to each and all.

ON SALE:  
1941 4-Door Chevrolet      1941 2-Door Ford

**Garrison Motor Co.**  
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### Agricultural Outlook Is Forecast

On the basis of present information, Texas farmers and ranchmen now planning their 1948 operations can look forward to their farm prices averaging about the same as 1947 but, with farm operating costs a little higher, the resulting net income will be moderately lower.

That's the word that Tyrus R. Timm, extension economist for Texas A. & M. College, brought back from the Outlook conference in Washington, D. C., where economists from the U. S. Department of Agriculture as well as representatives from the states met recently to discuss the agricultural situation and out-

look. Contributing to the lower income will be the likelihood of smaller crop production in some areas and a slight reduction in livestock numbers. But price-wise on the things farmers sell, it looks pretty good.

The major Texas farm groups will do well to exercise a little caution in their activities. The first is the fruit and vegetable growers. No sharp declines are expected for fruits and vegetables as a whole; however the foundation for the price structure in these commodities does not seem nearly as steady as it is in the livestock, grain and cotton enterprises. The second group is composed of those livestock and poultry producers who operate largely "out of the bag." Some of them may get caught by rising feed prices.

Of course, Timm says, uncertainty about prices of farm pro-

ducts is greater for the second half of 1948 than for the first. The size and condition of 1948 crops, not only in the United States but abroad as well, will affect prices later in the year.

Expenditures abroad under the Marshall Plan or its equivalent, plus full employment in this country constitutes the more important elements in the economic picture for next year and for several years to come. These two activities mean strong consumer demand.

The economists suggest that farmers and ranchmen not only observe supply and demand factors, but particularly watch the hearings and actions of Congress as it goes back into session in January. It will also pay them to keep up with the developments on State Department policies in carrying out assistance programs to foreign countries. Government policy in 1948, he says, may dominate the agricultural outlook for a number of the basic agricultural commodities.

Timm says the agricultural outlook is not just guess-work. The fact that U. S. Department of Agriculture statisticians and economists worry with a lot of facts and figures seems to have paid off for the farmers. Since 1923, the USDA has published an agricultural outlook each year, largely so farmers would have an even break on knowing current conditions. A ten-year check before the war showed that the predictions made by the outlook average about 81 percent correct. The year year on prediction was 1929, when the average was 87 percent.

Timm would like to give a word of warning. When prices begin to settle, it is very likely that agricultural prices will settle first. When that happens, farmers will realize more than

**"NOW I'M REALLY CONTENTED!"**

**GOLD FACTS**

**DR. JOHN GORRIE**  
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**New "One-Arm" Lock**

NEW YORK—No need for Richard to come and open the door for this pretty housewife. Yale's new spring latch, pictured here, features "one-arm" action. The new lock makes it possible for one person to open the door with ease, though encumbered with packages, without having to have both hands free to manipulate key, lock and door knob.

A revolutionary invention, the lock also has new material and mechanical patented improvements which make it impossible for anyone except a master locksmith to pick it. It heads a series of new night latches which are the first new products in the builder's hardware line announced by Yale & Towne since the war.



they do now that taxes and many other fixed costs have gone up. These costs, he says, will come down more slowly than prices. Fixed expenses, including the interest and repayment charges of independents, will constitute a heavy burden when the income is not as high as it is now. Texas farmers and ranchmen will do well to remember that American farmers have yet to come out winners from an inflationary period.

### Wiginton Boys Here For Xmas Re-Union

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiginton, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wiginton, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wiginton, all of Spokane, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wiginton, San Diego, California, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wiginton, Borger, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiginton, Lubbock, were here Christmas day for a reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiginton who celebrated the moving into their new home with the boys and their families.

### Farm Bureau Directors To Meet Tuesday

R. C. Buckles announces the Sherman County Farm Bureau Director's meeting will be held at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday, January 6, at the courthouse. Directors are

requested to attend this meeting and help plan the 1948 program of work. The meeting of the Board of Directors is open to the public and local people are welcome to attend and present questions or programs for the betterment of agriculture.

### Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly. Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion. It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

### Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

- To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection institute issues these precautionary tips:
- Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.
- Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.
- Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.
- Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.
- Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

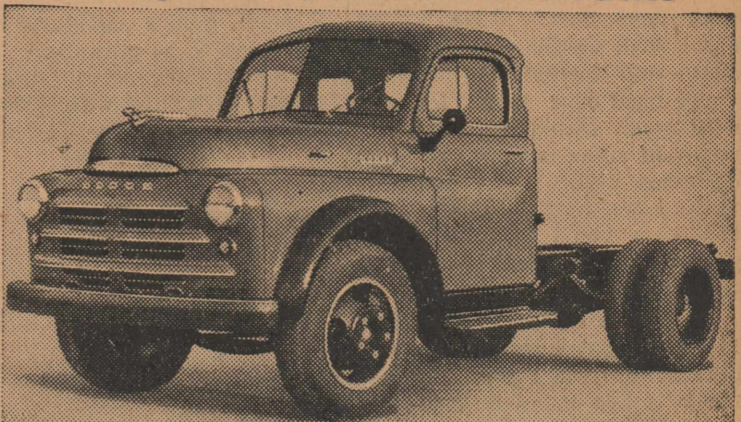
### "New Look" for Dining Room, Too



TOP PHOTO—This drab, dull dining room with its dingy wall-paper and dark furniture demanded a "new look" which could be provided by a thorough paint-up, clean-up job. LOWER PHOTO—After a few days work, the same room with same furnishings looked like this. A single coat of cheerful Kem-Tone covered the old, dingy wall-paper and two coats of enamel paint added new life and smartness to the old fashioned furniture.

**New Arrivals**  
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kendrick announce the arrival of a son, David Curtis, born in a Borger hospital December 28. He weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

### Appearing In Our Showroom January 7th Dodge Introduces New Trucks



Among the 248 basic gross vehicle weight chassis models just announced in the new Dodge "Job-Rated" truck line is this B-1-H tractor of 128-inch wheelbase, 15,500 pounds gross vehicle weight (1 1/2-ton nominal rating) and 28,000 pounds gross train weight. The trucks have many new features.

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## Clearance SALE ON MEN'S - BOY'S - CHILDREN'S Clothing

<b>Men's Sheep Lined Jackets</b>	Regular \$19.75	Now \$15.00
<b>Men's Plaid All Wool Shirts</b>	Regular \$9.98	Now \$7.00
<b>Men's All Wool Slip-On Sweaters</b>	Regular \$6.50	Now \$4.50
<b>Men's Ribbed Sweat Shirts</b>	Regular \$1.85	Now \$1.15
<b>Men's Cotton Plaid Shirts</b>	Regular \$3.75	Now \$2.50
<b>Men's Underwear (Shirts and Drawers)</b>	Regular \$3.50 Suit	Now \$2.25
<b>BOY'S ROBES</b>	Regular \$3.25	Now \$2.00
<b>Children's Corduroy Overalls</b>	Regular \$2.98	Now \$1.98
<b>Children's Jackets</b>	Regular \$3.50	Now \$1.98
<b>Children's Snow Suits</b>	Regular \$6.95	Now \$4.50
<b>Children's Coat and Jacket Suits</b>	Regular \$7.50	Now \$5.95

Other Items Too Numerous to Mention — Priced To Sell

**LOVELACE DEPARTMENT STORE**

**1948**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM THE PUBLISHER AND STAFF

### Orvie Brooks Re-Enlists In Navy

Orvie Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brooks, is aboard the U. S. S. Dayton sailing for Italy, if plans of the ship were carried out according to a letter received from his parents this week. Brooks recently re-enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in Washington D. C., Boston and New York City for a few days before going aboard ship. He sign-

ed up for a three year enlistment.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one of my little friends for the lovely gifts and cards I received while I was in the hospital. Bonnie Lou Farris.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation of the many remembrances sent to me during my illness. Mrs. Roy Allen.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends for their

remembrances of cards, flowers, and letters during my illness. Mrs. Arthur Mullins.

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones and son, Brownfield, Texas, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Cooper.

Mrs. Lacy Cole, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burgess.

Miss Kathryn Walden will leave Friday to return to McMurry College in Abilene after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walden during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Crabtree and family in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flores and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hose Flores and daughter, Mrs. Emma Lou Williams and daughter, Timmie Lu, Mrs. Hattie Flores and Joe Garner were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Boney near Gruver.

Ira Guthrie, a student at Texas Tech, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie.

Miss Florene Burgess returned Sunday to Coolidge, Kansas, where she is teaching after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chisum, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and baby and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum visited in Dumas Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl and baby were Amarillo visitors Monday.

### Spurlock News

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Liggenstoffer and daughter, Mary Lou, of Kiowa, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ellison visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oma Ellison Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flyr, Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Ford, Texola, Oklahoma, and Mrs. L. A. Flyr and sons, Lewis and David, of Denton, Texas, spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sweny and son, Mike, Miss Evelyn Towery, Amarillo, Mrs. C. G. Williams and Catherine, and Mrs. Gerald Lasley and daughters, Imajean and Linda, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Fedric and son, Gilbert, of Dalhart, spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fedric. Later in the day they visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock.

The Spurlock family had their family Christmas tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Spurlock.

Mrs. Remmer Fedric and daughter, Theresa, of Dumas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock Sunday.

Earlene Towery of Amarillo

### Fashion Swings Full Circle



The "new look" in glove fashions is at least a hundred years old, as this fine French Kislav glove proves. Called the "Centennial" because it was designed especially for the one hundredth anniversary of Kislav gloves, it was adapted from French glove styles of a hundred years ago. A perfect accessory for all the new fashions, the glove is made of fine doekin and—it's washable. It's the ideal Christmas gift for any lady of quality.

spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hudson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hudson and sons, Gary and Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hudson and son, Clyde, were out to the Christmas tree Wednesday night. They were also out to the party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foreman and Nell spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and daughters, Sue and Judy, spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson and daughter, Sheri, spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hudson.

Rev. and Mrs. Hicks and daughter, Jo, and Zonell Hardway of Sunray were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweny Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. Flyr and David spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Fedric.

Don and Earlene Towery of Amarillo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny and Ina Fay Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shaw and family of Sunray visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merser, Liberal, Kansas, visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Morris, Tuesday.

Ray Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris, broke his arm and shoulder bone Saturday while playing.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris were Amarillo visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dovel, Stratford, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Carter.

Misses Helen and Virginia Green of Hereford spent Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter and family, the Misses Green, and Mrs. Vera Mae Brabham spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Carter.

Mrs. Arthur Cartrite and Mrs. Hubert Richards visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Dortch of Morse Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Richards and daughters left Sunday for Lubbock where he is attending school.

### 'Here I Am Again,' Friendly Bandit Says, Taking \$23

DETROIT, MICH.—A friendly bandit who held up a dry cleaning store for \$53 and then escorted Clerk Barbara Seabert to her bus stop, paid another call later, getting \$23 this time.

Barbara, 18, told police she looked up from her work to see a familiar, smiling face and hear a pleasant voice announce "Here I am again."

Recognizing the caller, she said she reached for the telephone, but the polite bandit displayed a gun and admonished, "Here, here, none of that."

He had just appropriated \$23 from the cash register when the telephone rang and a passerby looked in at the door, the young clerk reported. She answered the phone and the man fled.

### Intended Prisoner Kidnaps Police Chief

Forced at Gunpoint to Drive For Two Hours.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Kidnaped by a man he was seeking to arrest on a robbery charge, Police Chief Wayne Elliott was forced at gunpoint to drive for two hours but finally escaped by leaping from the car in nearby Bethlehem.

Elliott said the man threatened a number of times during their ride to shoot him with one of three revolvers he was carrying and "laughed about taking a cop for a ride."

The 45-year-old police chief identified his captor as Erbor Julius Worsack, 23, who was captured in Allentown several hours later.

Elliott said he went to a house in Allentown where Worsack had been living to seize him in connection with several safe robberies in the Allentown area.

A cordon of police was thrown around the house as Elliott approached the front door. Before he could knock, however, Worsack appeared with a revolver.

Forcing Elliott to walk in front of him and muttering threats that he would shoot if other police moved, Worsack forced Elliott to climb behind the wheel of his black radio-equipped police sedan.

"He kidded and laughed about taking a cop for a ride," Elliott said. "He made me drive for about two hours, holding three guns on me, one he had and two he got from the car."

"When we got near the Moravian seminary campus in Bethlehem I told him I had to get out of the car. He let me out. I started running and never stopped."

Elliott said he hid in some high weeds and watched while Worsack drove around the block twice looking for him. Finally Worsack drove away.

Approximately 75 percent of the farm homes in the U. S. are without running water.

### Lions To Have Ladies Night Monday

Stratford Lions will meet at 7:00 P. M. Monday to honor Lionesses with a ladies night program.

Mrs. Lawrence, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dalhart, will bring a group of young people to the banquet who will furnish a program of entertainment for the evening.

### Major Eck Killed In Plane Crash

Friends here his week were notified of the death of Major Samuel K. Eck, killed in a plane crash October 19. He was the husband of the former Maurine McNatt, Sherman County's first home demonstration agent. He is survived by his wife and three small children, the youngest having been born a month after the father's death.



Good Luck to all 1948

Barbershop quartets and hardlebar musiches may be out of style, but hearty good fellowship never goes out of date. In this friendly, jovial spirit we wish you the best of luck the coming year.

### Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



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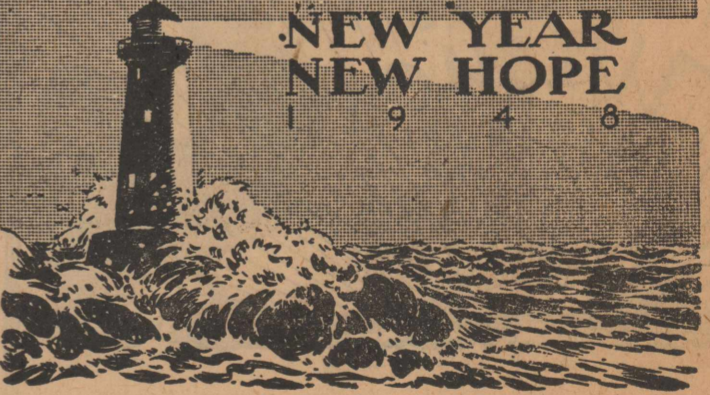
Time, the one monarch to whom the whole world pays obeisance, poises his scythe to sweep back another year into history's pages.

Few tears mark the death of the old year, but there is gladness at the advent of a new era, which man feels is to prove better and more fruitful than the old one.

May new faith and new courage be your lot in 1948.

## Duby

Plumbing & Electric  
Phone 143



### NEW YEAR NEW HOPE 1948

New gleams of hope, fresh streams of courage, come with the dawning of the New Year.

We cherish the thought of the fine associations that have been ours for many years past, and take this means of expressing our deep appreciation of your valued friendship.

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Hardware & Implement  
J. I. CASE SALES AND SERVICE

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 1948**

- In looking forward to the future and a continuation of our pleasant relations with you, we have raised our sights once more and can promise you even higher standards of service and value than in the past.
- We wish you an abundance of health, happiness and prosperity in 1948, and a delightful New Year's holiday.

## Consumers Co., Inc.

"We are Open 24 Hours a Day"

*Hello Everybody!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

When the shadows begin to lengthen on the afternoon of December 31st we experience a feeling of buoyancy as we hurry home. The air is already charged with hope for the New Year, now so close at hand.

We look hopefully forward, with you, to a better year than the last, to a better year than any of us even dream of—for all!

## First State Bank

OF STRATFORD

To OLD FRIENDS and NEW 1948

Another year has rolled around... 1948. As we see it, this is another opportunity to make new friends, and to serve our old ones even better. May we offer you our best wishes for a truly Happy New Year.

# Yates Drug

happy holiday to all 1948

**Another New Year!**

There's a lift of the spirit, a warming of the heart! There's laughter and youth... sixty joins hands with twenty, and on this day the old grow young and youth throws off the grasp of time.

On this happy occasion we wish for you the very best that life affords!

Photographs are not strictly a Christmas item. If you failed to have that Christmas portrait made, do it now.

## BOND STUDIO

**Local News**

Texas, spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burgess, Jr.

J. B. Burgess, Sr., Chillicothe, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown and

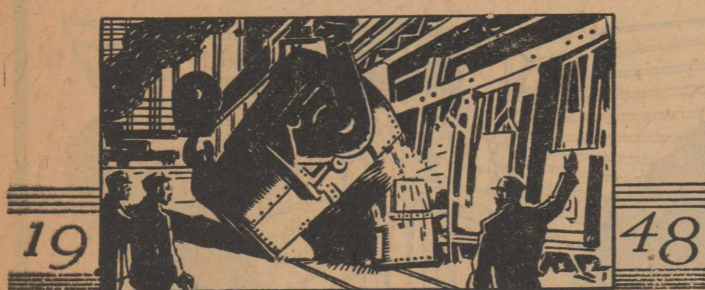


**MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE HAPPY**

The pursuit of happiness is every American's right

... the Constitution says so. May you catch your full share of it in 1948 ... that is our sincere hope, as another New Year's Day rolls around.

**Raymond's Radio Service**



**a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to all**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**

To our Faithful old friends and our valued new ones we send these greetings of the New Year.

**McMahen Furniture**

Shop in South Stratford and Save



**DAWN OF A NEW DAY**

... and a new year. Hopes rise with the sun when its golden glow gilds all our prospects. May all the promises of 1948 be fulfilled. This is our wish for you.

**W. T. MARTIN**

**INTERNATIONAL Trucks**

son, Tommy, left Tuesday for their home in Santa Barbara, California, after spending the holidays with relatives in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Halle and son, Arlyn, were holiday guests of relatives in Spur, Texas.

Mrs. Hilma Cleveland, Canyon, is a holiday guest of Mrs. C. V. Collins and other relatives in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bachman expect his mother and father of Plains, Kansas to arrive here for the celebration of New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Raymond returned Monday from East Texas where they spent the holidays with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chisum have returned from their honeymoon to make their home in Stratford.

F. A. Hobbie, Dodge City, Kansas, was a guest of Mrs. Caroline Slusser and L. P. Hunter Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robinson were visitors in Dodge City, Kansas Sunday.

Mrs. A. N. Slay was a business visitor in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Gill spent the holidays with relatives in Tulia, Texas.

Mrs. Emma Lou Williams and daughter, Timie Lu, spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Norman in Amarillo.

Mrs. Roy Worley and Mrs. Calvin Worley, Texhoma, were visitors here Monday.

Miss Minnie Laura Jackson is spending the week with friends in Orange, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Frank Roden, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. Caroline Slusser and daughter, Sally, and Mrs. E. R. Robinson went to Boise City Tuesday to take Frank Hobbie, who has been a guest of L. P. Hunter and Mrs. Slusser.

Lieut. and Mrs. Frank Mehner spent the holidays in the Bavarian Alps in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDaniel, Walnut, Kansas, visited in the J. D. McDaniel home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbons and children, Texhoma, and Mrs. J. T. Gibbons were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl Christmas day.



Your holiday table will be festive and gay, embellished with cedar and holly and huge red candles to lend a bright reflection. A wreath of Christmas greens, interspersed with seasonal flowers, encircles the punch bowl and sets the scene for a merry Christmas or New Year's celebration.

Traditional Yuletide refreshment, and perhaps the most popular of all holiday beverages, is a fragrant bowl of eggnog which has come to symbolize the spirit of the season. Served hot, the eggnog may be accompanied by thin slices of fruit cake or plain cookies.

**HOLIDAY EGGNOG**  
1 quart milk  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
4 egg yolks  
2 cups Cresta Blanca sherry  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. vanilla

Scald milk in double boiler. Beat egg yolks slightly with sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Stir a little of the hot milk into egg mixture and return all to double boiler; cook, stirring 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in sherry slowly. Heat thoroughly and serve. (If eggnog separates, as it may on standing, beat with rotary beater.) Serves 12.

Melvin Wall and children visited relatives in Shamrock the first part of last week.

Mrs. C. H. Wisdom and daughter, Miss Virginia Wisdom, Plainview, spent-Christmas day in the John Kidwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Lon C. McCrory, Dalhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ross were Christmas dinner guests in the Arthur Ross home.

Mrs. Tom Pugh, Texhoma, was a guest in the Dick Diehl home Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ledbetter and daughter visited relatives and friends in Greenville, New Mexico Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisdom and children and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armstrong and Joy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Armstrong in Amarillo.

Ira Guthrie and Mrs. Chester Guthrie returned home Tuesday night from Dallas bringing home

**Your Home**  
By Frances Ainsworth



Last Christmas I entertained 36 for dinner ... and, so many of my guests commented on the seeming ease with which the entire dinner was prepared, that right then and there I made a mental note to tell you about it this year!

Holiday meals are no problem at all if you work things out ahead of time. I've found that by following 3 simple steps I can enjoy my holidays and my guests. First ... simplify your menu and plan it well in advance — second, use easy cooking methods — and third, prepare everything you possibly can the day before. You'll find that handy roll of waxed paper indispensable in your pre-holiday plans, so better note that on your Holiday shopping list. I always clean celery and carrots the day before, then wrap them in waxed paper before putting them in the refrigerator. My turkey is dressed and stuffed ... then carefully wrapped for cold storage until roasting time. Cabbage for the salad is shredded, then wrapped in waxed paper until the Holiday morning. Pies can be made the day before ... sweet potatoes can be steamed, chilled, peeled and even seasoned. I've discovered that by a little work the day before a Holiday, I can persuade my dinner to almost "cook itself" while I enjoy my guests!

If you are entertaining a few people, buy a half turkey — rather than a whole one. To stuff a half turkey, turn the skin side down, and fill the cavity with your favorite stuffing. Place 2 strips of bread over the stuffing and cover bread with a double thickness of waxed paper. Turn paper side down, and place in a shallow roasting pan, then proceed as you would for a whole turkey.

You know, I'm looking forward to the Holiday excitement of guests, special dinners and entertainment. Even the cook has fun if she plans carefully ahead of time!

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie who have been enjoying the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and Mrs. Lucille Kearns were Amarillo visitors Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDaniel spent Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sidey, Greenfield, Iowa, spent the week-end visiting with friends in Stratford and looking after real estate interests.

Miss Sheila Duby will leave Sunday for Bristol, Virginia to reenter school.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Toomey and son, Sunray, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Boothby, Texhoma, Mr. and Mrs. John Kimbrel and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keener and children were Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner.

Leland Solt, Denver, Colorado, was a guest in the Dick Diehl home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Liggenstoffer, Kiowa, Kansas, are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ellison.

Mrs. Cleo Etheridge, Palestine, Texas, is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Etheridge and that of her parents in Dumas this week.

V. H. Garoutte was a business visitor in Dalhart Tuesday.

**MANN'S**



**Malted Milk Bread**  
At Your Favorite Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Garoutte were Christmas guests of her parents in Raton, New Mexico. Mrs. Hazel Martin returned to her home in Santa Barbara, California Sunday.

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It's coming in now, loaded to the gunwales with good wishes from all of us for your health and happiness for 1948.

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FRANK AND EMILY ROSS

**Good Health Good Luck**

We stand at the end of one year and are about to enter upon a new. We are not sorry to bid farewell to 1947 and we greet 1948 with that traditional hope and faith that well eternally in the breast of human-kind.

May the New Year be a brighter and happier one for all!

**Harding & Parker**  
Wayne Harding Carroll Parker

**COMING THE NEW YEAR 1948**

**AS THE BILLBOARD HERALDS THE ARRIVAL OF 1948,**  
we are glad to wipe the slate clean and start the New Year fresh.

On the threshold of 1948, we wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us during the past year and to voice the hope that we may continue to enjoy just as pleasant relations the next twelvemonth.

**McIntosh Dry Goods**

**Compliments of the Season 1948**

Hoopskirts and sideburns belong to a legendary era now. External ways of life change constantly, but friendship remains ever the same. And just as friends wished each other a Happy New Year a hundred years ago, so we on the eve of 1948 extend our warmest greetings to you.

**Robbie's Gift Shoppe**  
Phone 140

**Local News**

Mrs. Ralph Keener, Retah Evelyn Cameron, Mrs. Russell Kelp and Serena visited in the homes of Mrs. Dick Boothby and Tom Gibbons in Texhoma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall, Dalhart, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates.

Mrs. B. E. Watkins, Galveston, Bill Jones and Edward Watkins, Houston, Texas, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Miss Lois Mullin's returned home Thursday night from Temple, Texas where she had been with her mother.

**ALL HAIL TO THE NEW YEAR**



"Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

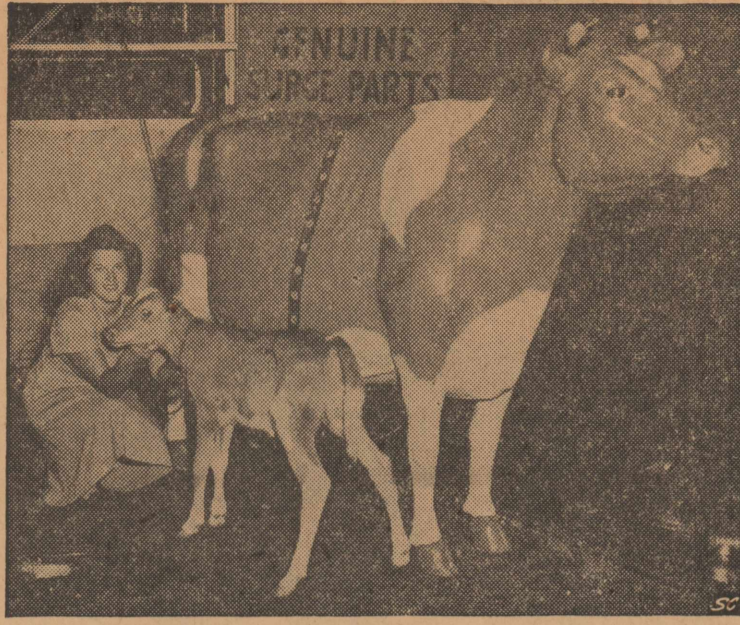
—Alfred Tennyson

As the glad bells peal out at the stroke of midnight to mark the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new, we pause for a moment to express our appreciation for the confidence, friendship and good will which have been extended to us during the past year and to extend our best wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

Welcome — 1948!

**Ross Bros. Dry Goods**

**That's Not My Mother!!**



COLUMBUS, O.—Ohio's pretty Dairy Queen, 24-year-old Evelyn Priddy of Pickerington, knows from experience that the old adage about leading a horse to water applies to a calf, too, even though the plaster cow in the background offers real grade A pasteurized milk. The synthetic cow, used in the demonstration of modern milking machines, only served to frighten the calf, who apparently preferred its own flesh-and-blood mother.

Mrs. C. R. Bonar visited in Wichita, Kansas Sunday with her granddaughter, Miss Sherry Gail Skillman, who was born December 17, weighing seven pounds thirteen and one-half ounces. O. D. Henderson, Pampa pharmacist, served on relief duty at the Bonar Pharmacy over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Van Beber, who spent Christmas in Troy with his relatives, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her parents, before returning to their home in Lubbock, where he will re-enter school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faris and daughter, Charlotte, spent the holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pendleton went to Amarillo Friday where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Jane Gilmer, mother-in-law of the former Miss Ruth Kessie.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis and family spent the Christmas holidays visiting in San Antonio.

Mrs. Agnes Foster had as din-

ner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Headrick, Miss Ineva Headrick and Mrs. Kathryn Bishop, all of Amarillo, Mrs. Clarence Dietrich, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foster and daughter, Marilyn, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Mrs. June Mathews and son, Terry, were visitors in the F. M. McDaniel home in Boise City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kelp returned Sunday from a visit in El Paso and Hot Springs.

Mr. and Leo Ledbetter and daughter, Willa Jean, will return to Stillwater, Oklahoma Friday, where he will resume his studies at Oklahoma A. & M. College, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris.

Melvin Wall spent Christmas with his children in the Chester Guthrie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wisdom, Jefferson City, Missouri, spent Christmas with her parents and other relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford, who have been visiting in their home, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Noland, Tulla, and A. C. Witt, Perryton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Parks, Sunray, were guests in the Dick Diehl home Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Cunningham and daughters, Adele Cunningham, and Mrs. Cloyce Box, Canyon, are expected home this week from a visit with relatives in Malvern, Arkansas. Mr. Cunningham returned December 17 from a visit with his mother in Malvern.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding left Monday for a visit in Los Angeles and Glendale, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess entertained twenty-five relatives and friends in their home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Clay and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clay of Kerrick spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hankins of Lubbock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strother returned home Saturday after

after spending the holidays with her relatives in Denton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings visited in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert enjoyed turkey dinner Christmas day at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman were Christmas guests in the home of his parents in Plains, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Jr., and children of Ordway, Colorado were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henderson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Denney and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denney were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barnett, Socorro, New Mexico, Mrs. Stewart Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knight, Dalhart, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelp during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Maxey and Ray spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Jacksboro, Texas.

Richard Dortch, Dallas, is here



WE WISH YOU the brightest, most satisfying, most successful New Year that you've ever experienced.

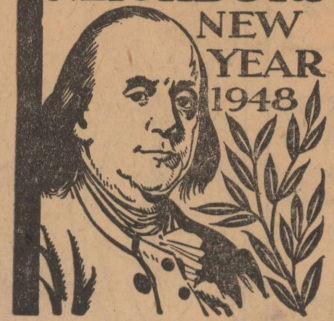
**Stratford Abstract Co.**

for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corum Dortch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Ullom and

children, Canadian, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Divine.

**GREETINGS NEIGHBORS NEW YEAR 1948**



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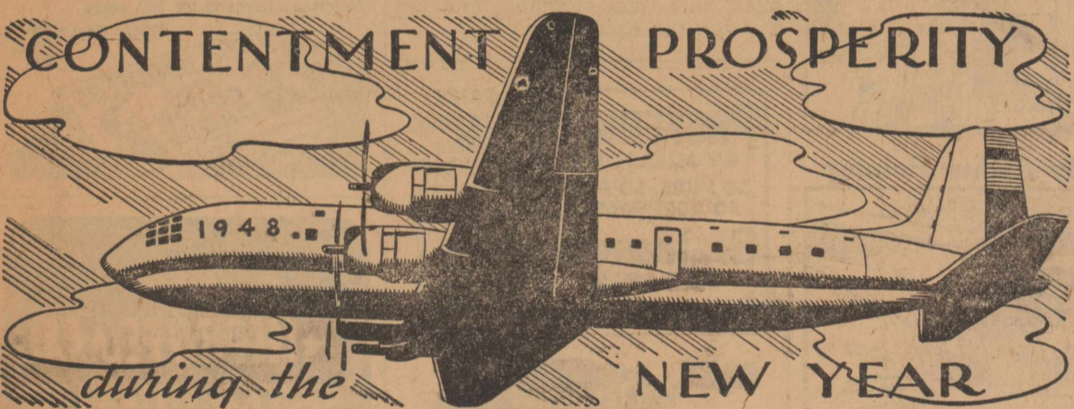
• BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MADE THE MOST OF EVERYTHING... MADE EVERY GOLDEN MINUTE COUNT. WE HOPE THAT YOU, TOO, WILL MAKE THE MINUTES COUNT IN 1948, AND THAT EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL ADD TO THE SUM TOTAL OF YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.



• It may be a good thing, as some maintain, to stop and take stock at the end of the year, to review, to analyze, and to resolve greater accomplishments in the New Year.

• With 1948 immediately ahead of us, let us remember only the best, forget the worst, and look confidently ahead. May this year hold for you more blessings than any that has gone before.

**Lovlace Motor & Equipment**  
**Lovlace Department Store**



Time flies! It seems but yesterday since we wished you a  
**Happy New Year**  
and here we are again repeating the time-honored greeting.

It has been a good year for us. To the customers we have been privileged to serve in 1947 we express our deep appreciation, together with our assurance of continued friendly service in the days to come. May every member of this community pursue his or her happiness during 1948 amid peace and plenty!

**Albert's Grocery & Market**



**A Very Happy New Year**

To our friends and customers who have so generously contributed to our success in the past, our heartiest wishes for a Happy and Bountiful New Year.

**Palace Cafe**

RUSSELL BEALL, Proprietor



**NEW YEAR IS HERE!**

When the old year with his flowing robe and long whiskers gives way to the new year cherub with his telescope set on a fruitful year ahead, we are always sure that the new twelvemonth, will be better—and it generally is!

Young Mr. 1948 will prove no exception, we are sure, and so we again greet you with the hope that the traditional faith and good will which always mark the advent of the New Year will bring their reward in the form of an improved community this year.

**Stratford Motor Co.**

### ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

#### The Questions

1. The Romans had an organized system of shorthand as far back as what year?
2. Where was the last shot of the Civil war fired?
3. Chinook winds are peculiar to what region?
4. How often do quintuplets occur?
5. What does mountebank mean?
6. Who was the first woman to land from the Mayflower?
7. Coffee was first introduced into France in what year?
8. For every ten people in the United States there are how many phones?

#### The Answers

1. In 63 B. C.
2. At Palmetto ranch, Texas, on May 13, 1865, more than a month after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.
3. Pacific northwest.
4. Once in about 75,000,000 times.
5. An impostor.
6. Mary Chilton.
7. In 1662.
8. Two telephones.

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By Margarita

**MUTT AND JEFF**  
By Bud Fisher

**JITTER**  
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Using a special magnet, an Atlanta physician recently removed a 1 1/2-inch nail that had been lodged for six days in the duodenum (first part of the small intestine) of a four-year-old boy. In this case, the first on record in which an object was removed from this part of the body without a surgical operation, nearly six hours were required for the magnet to reach the nail, but only two minutes for the magnet and nail to be drawn back into the stomach and up through the esophagus.

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### A Striking Story

An American League umpire named Jack Kerns had a phobia against calling games. No matter how dark it got, Kerns felt that a ball game was nine innings or more. One day when Kerns refused to call a game, the pitcher in desperation huddled with his catcher and whispered, "Listen, you keep the ball in your mitt. I'll wind up and pretend to throw it. You pop it into your glove as though you'd caught it."

There were two strikes on the batter. The pitcher went through his motions the catcher popped his mitt. "Strike three and out!" belatedly Kerns.

"Strike?" screamed the batter. "Why that ball was two feet outside!"

**COUGH**

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**Lice Inflict Heavy Damage on Cattle**

**DDT Treatment Cuts High Winter Losses**

Lice are injurious to all types of cattle. Animals produce less meat and milk if lice are unchecked. Young animals and poorly-nourished old animals suffer most from lice.

The winter season is the time lice are bad on cattle. The louse population builds up then. Dr. Harold Gunderson, extension entomologist at Iowa State college, says one louse unchecked in fall means 1,000 the following March.

For lice control on cattle, DDT is being used successfully. Early in fall, before cold weather arrives, it is mixed with water and sprayed on the animals. After cold weather comes, a DDT dust is recommended. Farmers are being advised to use a dust containing 10 per cent DDT. Some of the powdered louse killers on the market contain less than 10 per cent DDT, but have other effective insecticides combined with the DDT.

The rotenone dusts recommended for cattle grub control can be used for lice control. Usually they are diluted for lice, to cover greater area and reduce the cost. For instance, one pound of a cattle grub dust containing 1 1/2 per cent rotenone can be mixed with two pounds of flour to make an effective louse killer.

**World's Largest Potato Yard Found in Chicago**  
The world's largest potato yard is located—not in Idaho, nor in Maine—but in the largest city near the geographical center of the nation—Chicago.

In the Wood street yards of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, an average of 20,000 carloads of potatoes are handled annually. Many thousands of tons of other vegetables also pass through this yard.

The yard is the central marketing point for potatoes, which come in from virtually every state in the union. Dealers and brokers assemble in the yard each day before dawn to buy, sell or reconsign an average of 36,000 bushels daily. The Wood street yard is a far cry from the wooden platform which served as a terminal years ago.

**Milk Testing Traced To Michigan Farmers**  
By Louis Sellers  
Forty years ago a few progressive dairy farmers in Michigan organized the first cow-testing association in the United States. They wanted to improve the profitability of their herds. They hired a tester to weigh

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**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS**

**London Conference Ends in Failure; GOP Anti-Inflation Bill Rejected; U. S. Policy on Palestine at Crisis**

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**DISUNITY: Big Four Fail**

The lethargic, uninspired ending of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in London was reminiscent of nothing so much as the rather dreary business of tossing out the Christmas tree after the holidays.

There was a small amount of nostalgia and regret expressed over the abrupt finish of the unsuccessful discussions, but there was also a thinly veiled feeling that perhaps, after all, it was a good thing the affair was over.

As seen dimly through clouds of futility and frustration, what the wind-up of the German and Austrian peace treaty talks amounted to was this: The western powers had failed utterly to reach any kind of agreement with Russia on the fate of Germany, and the failure leaves Europe more firmly divided than at any time since the war ended.

Although the delegates were unable to agree on any single issue on their agenda, the point upon which the conference balloon burst was the problem of German reparations.

To the inevitable question, "What now?" diplomatic authorities were answering with a prediction that the United States, Great Britain and France would begin negotiations soon among themselves concerning the unification of western Germany.

Russia would be out of it, and there was no prospect of another four-power meeting in 1948 or in any other year.

**CONGRESS: 'Straw Man'**

Of the two pressing reasons why President Truman called congress into special session in November, one had been disposed of but the other kept hanging around like an evil spirit as the year drew to a close.

The senate and house had voted strongly in favor of authorizing up to \$97 million dollars for emergency winter relief for France, Italy, Austria and China, but no such accord was displayed in dealing with the problem of inflation at home.

Rejecting President Truman's 10-point proposal for fighting inflation by imposing wage and price controls and selective rationing, house Republicans offered an anti-inflation bill based upon voluntary agreements for price reductions.

With a two-thirds vote needed for passage, the Republican measure went down to defeat 202 to 188. The house split almost exactly along party lines over the bill, not one Democrat breaking ranks to vote in favor of it.

"The President has asked for bread and you have given him a stone," said Rep. Brent Spence (Dem., Ky.) in summing up the debate for the Democrats. Rep. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (Dem., Okla.) dusted off another bromide when he "charged" the GOP majority with "getting up a straw man to combat the menace of inflation."

That was the swan song for any anti-inflation legislation during the special session. Although the senate was preparing to act on the house-killed bill, there appeared to be little likelihood that the Republicans would be able to put through their proposals.

**Thrift Plan**

Meanwhile, although congress had given its approval to the proposition that interim relief should be rushed to Europe and China, the emergency aid issue continued to send forth echoes.

This time the struggle arose over the actual bill to appropriate the \$97 million dollars previously approved by congress. The house appropriations committee, showing the same cutting ways it had exhibited earlier in the year toward budget requests, knocked 88 million dollars off the original figure in preparing the bill for floor action.

Thus, the bill carried only 509 million for winter relief. The appropriations committee, headed by Rep. John Taber (Rep., N. Y.), said the cut was represented by items which would have been used by France and Italy for payment of interest on their foreign debts and for making payments on commercial accounts.

Aroused at the Republican display of economy, Democrats labored under the committee's action as an "undercover" attempt to hamstring the aid program. They served notice that they would attempt to restore the cut.

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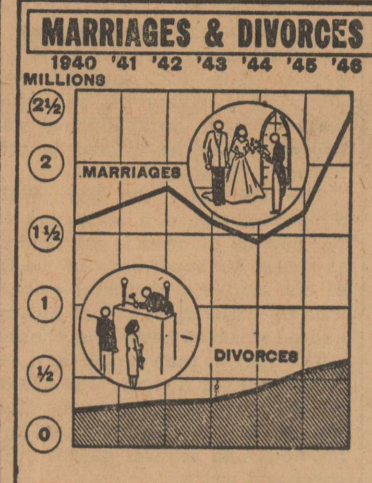
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World conditions sharply influence the number of marriages in the U. S., an Investors Syndicate survey shows; but the number of divorces continues to increase steadily. In fact, divorces increased fastest during the war-time slump in marriages. There were 2.3 million weddings in 1946 and 622,000 divorces.

**APOLOGY: Doublecrossed**

The Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was a doublecross in more ways than one. Shigenori Togo, Japan's wartime foreign minister, told the international war crimes court.

He explained that he himself was a victim of double-dealing on the part of some of his country's leaders in the Pearl Harbor event.

In a 3,600-word statement involving many of his 24 fellow defendants, Togo gave the fullest version of Japan's secret prewar plot that the court had heard during its 19-month session.

He alone, Togo said, had opposed a Japanese navy proposal to begin the war against the U. S. without giving due warning.

At a conference in December, 1941, Togo related, he had "assumed" that customary warning would be given America.

"I was immediately met, however, with a statement by the late Adm. Osami Nagano that the navy wished to carry out a surprise attack."

Nagano was not around to defend his motives. He died during the war crimes trials.

**THE SQUEEZE: For Arms**

Ever since the U. N. action which partitioned Palestine into Arab and Jewish states and the subsequent outbreak of hostilities between the two groups, top U. S. officials have been hoping against hope that this country would not be called upon by the Jews to contribute arms and funds to help them fight the Arabs.

Everyone agreed, however, that such a request was virtually intractable, and when Moshe Shertok, head of the Zionist political department, arrived in Washington to lay his case before U. S. authorities it was apparent that the nation faced a major crisis on its Palestine policy.

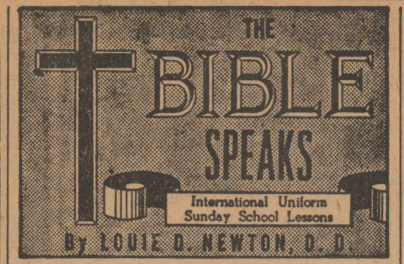
As one state department member put it, administration officials fear that they will be "damned if they do and damned if they don't" agree to Zionist requests.

Zionists believe the U. S. can and should act on its own initiative and help the Palestine Jews without waiting to act through the U. N. They say the Jews are seeking to uphold the U. N. decision on partition while the Arabs are attempting to nullify it.

America, according to the Zionist view, has a twofold obligation to help the Jews—first, as a member of the U. N., and second, as the leading advocate of partition.

Well aware of the moral issues involved, U. S. leaders nevertheless fear that if America intervenes in the Palestine strife Russia is almost sure to make an appearance on the scene also. From such a situation could arise the most dangerous kind of complications with both Russia and the Arabs.

Unless the present trend alters profoundly, circumstances in Palestine will build up to a crisis which will burst upon the world next summer when British troops withdraw from the Holy Land. What the U. S. position in the conflict will be probably will have been made clear by that time, with the November elections playing a big part in forcing a definite stand one way or the other.



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**THE first three months of 1948** will reintroduce us to some of the great Christian teachings in regard to God, Man, Salvation and Christian Living.

While many of us have studied these great teachings again and again, we shall be greatly profited in the lessons of this quarter, looking at life in today's changing world in the light of these timeless truths.

Dr. Newton "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this Book; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name," John 20:30, 31. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," 1 Timothy 4:16.

**The Story of Lydia**  
SHE bore out the above truths as seen home out in the story of Lydia, Acts 16:11-15. Here was a prosperous business woman, making an honorable living, "whose heart the Lord opened." Paul taught her the way of salvation. She and her household were baptized, she took Paul and his helpers into her home, and became a tower of strength as the Gospel was being spread throughout Europe.

Lydia was not attracted to Paul by his eloquent preaching, but by the story of God's love which Paul faithfully gave. And when she had been saved, she began immediately to translate her faith into works.

**Proving Our Beliefs**  
JUNIOR boys and girls will like this story about Lydia because it is practical. We can see a woman opening her home to the preachers of God. We can see her in her place of business, inviting her customers to come and hear Paul preach. She was a living sermon.

Every junior boy and girl in every Sunday school in the United States can render the same vital service during 1948. There are literally millions of boys and girls in this country who have never been to Sunday school. They do not know anything about a Sunday school, but they would like to know.

You can start a movement in your community that will solve problems that the mayor and police cannot solve. They will thank you for your help, and God will bless you in time and eternity. Invite that neighbor boy or girl to Sunday school.

**Belief Makes a Difference**  
YOU are what you believe. Ask the football or basketball coach. Ask the man who teaches people to fly planes in your community. You are what you believe. "Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God," 1 John 5:1.

And it matters greatly what you believe. You can go wrong very easily by believing what is false about God, just as you can go wrong very easily in flying a plane by failing to believe the right thing about the laws of physics.

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JESUS is the Christ, the Son of God. That is the number one belief that matters. It was so on the day when Jesus announced, "On this rock I will build my church," Matthew 16:18. It is absolutely basic in every relationship of life.

I meet with business and professional men every day, in widely varying walks of life, who tell me that they are sustained by this belief. During the recent war, men lived in this basic belief. In these trying days as hand and ahead, belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the norm. We cannot face these difficult days without this anchor.

And all this quarter we shall be studying, Sunday after Sunday, this great truth and those that grow out of this fundamental concept.

What a privilege to teach this great truth! The Sunday school teachers of our country are the most important single group we have. By their voluntary service, they are pointing our people to the one sure road that leads to the City of God. My prayer is that they shall daily seek to qualify under the formula of 1 Timothy 4:16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

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YEAR TO COME.

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**Greetings to you!**

Yes, it's time to change the figures  
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eight . . . Let's look optimistically  
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luck, this should be the best year  
we've ever had! On this cheerful  
note, we extend to you our heartiest  
wishes for a Happy New Year.

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happy spirit of New Year's Eve  
be parceled out  
through the long stretch of days  
as 1948 doles out  
the Good Luck we wish for you.

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**Addicted Infants**  
Infants born to mothers who are  
morphine addicts show all the sym-  
ptoms of a morphine addict whose  
supply suddenly has been cut off,  
and if not properly treated they may  
die of convulsions during the first  
week of life, according to Ameri-  
can Medical association. The in-  
fants are born at full term and are  
apparently normal, but their addic-  
tion matches that of their mothers.  
Separation from the maternal cir-  
culation shuts off the supply of drug  
to the newborn, and withdrawal  
symptoms ensue within three days.  
In the past, some investigators er-  
roneously assumed that morphine  
was excreted in human milk; hence,  
breast-feeding by the addicted  
mother was a method employed in  
the treatment of congenital mor-  
phinism. Dosage with phenobarbital  
brought about prompt recovery, the  
drug being continued for eight  
weeks before being tapered off  
and stopped.

**Bee Stings for Arthritis**  
Beekeepers have been said to be  
immune to arthritis and they  
have been known to dispense the  
stings of their bees to the sick,  
American Medical association says.  
In Europe, places existed where  
rheumatic patients made pilgrim-  
ages for the sake of bee stinging  
treatments. The natural venom of the  
bee contains a poisonous sub-  
stance similar to cantharidin and a  
sapotoxin somewhat similar to that  
found in snake venom. The physi-  
ologic effects produced by injections  
of the venom of bees are said to be  
analogous to the effects of admin-  
istering histamine. Since the proce-  
dure employed by bringing about  
the stinging of patients by live bees  
is somewhat hazardous, methods of  
harvesting the venom have been de-  
veloped. On the basis of the evi-  
dence available at this time, bee  
venom therapy cannot be recom-  
mended, says the association.

**Ups and Downs of Horses**  
The draft horse business always  
has experienced good and bad pe-  
riods. At one time horses dominated  
the city streets, six to eight hitched  
clipping over the cobblestones from  
early morning to late at night. In-  
vention of the reaper and the com-  
bine brought horses in enormous  
hitches to the farm. When the rail-  
road loomed up as motive power  
those who loved and valued the  
horses feared the speed-eating com-  
petitor. Instead it bound the farmer  
and the city consumer closer. By  
the time of World War I horses  
were bringing big prices, one Per-  
cheron stallion selling for \$40,000 at  
a time when beef cattle were con-  
sidered expensive at \$25 to \$40 per  
head.

First proximity-fuzed anti-  
aircraft to destroy a Japanese  
plane was fired from the cruiser  
USS Helena on January 5, 1945.

**Want Ads**

- LOST in Stratford Saturday  
afternoon; a yellow gold wrist  
watch with black cord band.  
Please return to Mrs. Lamoline  
Palmer. 11-2tp
- FOR RENT: One bedroom. —  
Mrs. E. B. McQueen. 12-3tp
- FOR SALE: Only ice, poultry  
and feed business in Stratford.  
Will sell to devote time to other  
business interests. — M. H. Harri-  
son. 11-tfc
- FOR SALE: Used Gas Ranges.  
Duby Plumbing & Electric. 7tfc
- FOR SALE: Good '41 Chevrolet  
Coupe. — Leo Smith. 8-tfc
- HOUSE FOR SALE: 28x38 foot  
with 9x34 foot porch, located 15  
miles south of Stratford, to be  
moved. — Dan Foreman. 9-4tc

**'Sissy' Rebels,  
Slays Chum, 11,  
Admits Crime**

**Garrotted Boy With Leather  
Belt; Tells FBI How He  
Planned Deed.**

NEWARK, N. J. — A 14-year-old  
parochial school student was ac-  
cused of slaying an 11-year-old com-  
panion. The FBI said the youth  
admitted garrotting his pal with a  
leather belt in an abandoned ware-  
house because he wanted to prove  
himself "no sissy."

The FBI said the boy, Walter  
Smigelski, signed a statement tell-  
ing how he planned to kill someone  
to assert his superiority in the face  
of his mother's continual demands  
that he wash dishes, dust furniture  
and do assorted household chores.

The body of the younger boy, John  
Preston Jr. of Kearny, was found in  
an old warehouse, in nearby Harri-  
son, a leather belt tightened about  
his neck and several gashes on his  
chest and wrist.

The statement quoted Smigelski  
as saying he selected the Preston  
boy as his victim because he was  
certain he was weaker than himself  
and could be subdued easily.

The FBI said the boy admitted the  
slaying after he had been brought to  
headquarters here by his father,  
Walter Smigelski, a lathe operator,  
whose suspicions had been aroused  
by a copy of a kidnap ransom note  
found by Mrs. Smigelski in the  
pocket in one of the boy's trousers.

**Demands \$1,000.**

A similar note, crudely scrawled  
and asking \$1,000 ransom, had been  
received by the victim's parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Preston Sr., in  
the mail some 12 hours after the  
boy was reported missing.

"If you want your son back alive  
you get 1,000 one thous," the note  
said.

"Bring a clean shirt, pants, shoes  
underwear and a good supporter a  
small one that will fit him tight he  
has a slight case of rupture we did  
it he'll have worst if you don't do as  
we say don't trust anyone wrap  
everything nice in a paper bag the  
1,000 and clothes you see a boy  
stand on First st. and Sussex st.  
there will be a boy there he'll know  
nothing he just a hired boy do ask  
any questions give it to him don't  
go to the police or we'll kill him  
just do as we say cross up (two  
scrambled lines followed, crossed  
out and illegible) one one of these  
ave words and you have his body  
for nothing.

"Don't ask the boy any question  
and give it to him at 4 o'clock Mon-  
day afternoon four bells p. m. and  
you have Jackie back at six p. m.  
no funny stuff."

On the other side of the paper  
was the following:

"You know the byby shirt is just  
an underwear shirt. Do as we say  
or else."

**Father Accuses.**

The father of the Smigelski boy  
said he waited for his son as he  
came out of church and confronted  
him with the kidnap note found by  
his mother. The boy told conflicting  
stories, police said the father told  
them. As a result the father took  
the boy with him to FBI headquar-  
ters here.

S. K. McKee, New Jersey FBI  
chief, said the boy first insisted he  
met a masked man who asked that  
he help in the kidnaping of the Pres-  
ton boy. The youth broke down un-  
der questioning, however, and told  
the story of his long resentment  
over household chores and his plan  
to prove that he was no sissy.

There are nearly 600 people to  
the square mile in Puerto Rico  
and most of them live off the  
land.

**Watchman, 65, Wins Fight  
With Thugs, Saves \$1,000**

DETROIT, MICH.—Thomas Rob-  
inson, 65, night watchman of the  
Ambassador branch of the Cana-  
dian Legion, won a battle with two  
young thugs, saving \$1,000.

One youth threatened him with a  
butcher knife, Robinson told Wind-  
sor police, but he knocked him  
down.

The other attacker struck him  
from behind with a beer bottle,  
knocking him to the floor.

Robinson shouted and the pair  
fled, kicking down a side door to  
escape.

After first-aid treatment, Robin-  
son returned to his job of protecting  
\$1,000 in the cash register and safe.

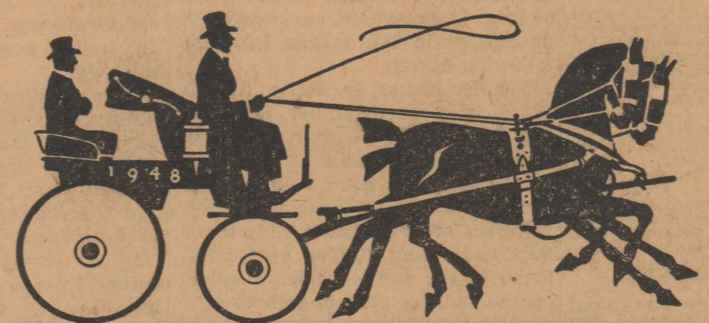
Say You Saw It In The Star



Each year we welcome  
the New Year, certain  
it can bring only better  
things. Under New  
Year's familiar lights  
we share memories of  
struggle, of triumph,  
of hope.

May all your hopes  
for 1948 come true!  
And may you enjoy a  
very happy New Year.

**Davis Motor Co.**  
"YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER"



A Happy New Year to All

- At the magic stroke of 12, the New Year  
will make its advent, marking the turning  
of another page in the book of our lives.  
Lo, there is before us a clean white page, a  
slab of snow-white marble, whereon must  
be recorded the events of the coming year.  
What shall be written thereon?
- A saga of peace and contentment, of hap-  
piness and joy, of health and happiness. That  
is our wish for you on the threshold of 1948.

**Van B. Boston**



HEALTH · HAPPINESS · PROSPERITY

**Once Again** we greet the New  
Year in the traditional manner—with pealing bells,  
with fun and gaiety, laughter and music.

Despite his ingenuity, man still persists in "watch-  
ing the old year out and greeting the new year" in  
almost the identical manner of his forefathers.

In that same identical manner, we extend our  
traditional New Year's greeting to you:

**MAY HEALTH, HAPPINESS  
AND PROSPERITY BE YOURS TODAY AND  
THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR**



**Brown's Food Store**



**Our Proclamation for  
1948!**

The New Year presents a chal-  
lenge. We accept that challenge,  
pledging to do our utmost to  
make this a better community in  
1948. Your friendship has en-  
abled us to play an outstanding  
role in the past—we look forward  
to a continuation of your good  
will in 1948.

**Stratford Laundry**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawkins