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WITH WAR BONDS

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SMOOTER KNOWS

A LITTLE ABOUT EVERYTHING
AND
NOT MUCH ABOUT ANYTHING

TODAY, Friday, the thirty-first day of December, and the last day of the year 1943, is the passing of a year I was anxious it hasten by, and forget about it—not that I had suffered any sorrow or bad illness, rather on the contrary—I have enjoyed the blessings of good health and strength, enabling me to carry on my duties connected with my avocation. But I wished this old year to hurry itself on because I felt its passing would draw us one year nearer the close of this war. It has been a year filled with trials and tribulations, much worry and discontent among our folks at home. Worry over the fate of our boys fighting the enemy that our United States remain a free and liberty loving democratic country. The fruits of a World War has drained our country of the youth and is now making inroads on the men of families. The Old Year saw vacant chairs at the firesides in many homes of our county—vacated by the son of the household who has answered his country's call to go forward and fight our battles and pay the supreme sacrifice if need be that we at home may be safe that we at home may be safe from the intrusion of murderers and rapists. Some of our boys have paid the supreme sacrifice either on the battlefield or in training service. It is these mothers and fathers that have suffered deep sorrow in the loss of their sons. Our town and county have suffered from anxiety over the fate of their boys on the fighting fronts, in prison camps, and in training camps. The bright spot to me in the passing of the Old Year, is that it brings us one year nearer to victory—the day when our soldier boys can come back home and the day when lights again "will go on all over the world."

WITH the dawning of a new year tomorrow, the people of Martin come have room for rejoicing as they see a new year that promises the growing of fine crops by the farmers and the growing of fine grass on the range lands for the livestock men. A deep winter season in the soil made so by the falling of a four or five inch snow, with intermittent rainfall, is the secret of the jubilant feeling on the farm and ranch fronts.

WELL, they are reviving that Victory Garden proposition again. Those in the know say it is to prepare the plot of ground so much stress is being laid on the importance of the project guess I will have to suffer the agony of nursing blisters on my hands from wielding the hoe and the rake and dragging the hose around to water the garden to say nothing of suffering the inconvenience of wearing a courtplaster on my back to relieve the pains sure to be encountered stooping over pulling weeds out of the garden. It seems I start out to perform a discouraging task since I failed so miserably last year to raise a garden. I hope this time the seed man will cooperate and sell my wife garden seed instead of birdseed.

THE REPORTER has drawn from the mails a letter from the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., a letter bearing the information here is the Fourth War Loan coming up January 18 to continue to February 15, and that the amount of bonds to be purchased is \$14,000,000,000. It is necessary to sell at least \$5,500,000,000 of the loan to individuals. As has been the case in all the War Loan Drives the Treasury Department is calling on the newspapers of the country to carry the publicity into the homes of the people

through advertising underwritten by individuals and firms. The letter stated that in the Third War Loan drive "more than 10,800 newspapers obtained approximately 500,000 sponsors and published equivalent of about 62,000 pages of advertising in September. Whatever the method that you may select, the vitally important necessity is that the Fourth War Loan advertising be published in your newspaper, beginning during the week of January 10th and continuing until February 15. We are counting on you for another superb performance for the Fourth Loan." The letter bears the name of Don U. Bidge, Special Consultant War Finance Division.

THE REPORTER wishes all its family of patrons and friends a New Year of health and prosperity, and that by the end of the year 1944, (hoped for sooner), the war will have ended, and that peace and tranquility will flourish over our land.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH THE HAMILTONS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelly were guests for Christmas dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hamilton in Midland. Mrs. Hamilton has lost none of her artistic ability in the preparation of home-cooked food that she displayed on many occasions when her husband and wife were dinner guests at the Hamiltons made their home in Stanton.

The big, fat, juicy turkey, a crisp and tender brown, dissected into proper parts by the carving genius of the master of the household Bob Hamilton, was served buffet style with all the trimmings.

Of course, there was nothing to it, but circumstantial evidence pointed clearly in the direction that the Kellys were offered a bribe by the hostess, and they accepted it graciously. Preparing to leave the Hamiltons for their return home, the Kellys were presented with a pint—or quart—can of "Christmas Cheer." The label said—of East Texas syrup, "bonded and bottled" on the Hamilton Farm at Troup, near Tyler—the old homestead of Bob Hamilton.

For years, Ole Rastus Greene, an old negro servant that has been with Hamilton homestead for many years, tended to the growing of the cane and making the syrup. The can of syrup bore this trademark in poetry:

They're rationing sweets
They're rationing meats
They've rationed most all that we've eaten
But Ole Rastus Greene
Has a syrup machine
For "long sweetin'" it can't be beaten.
So here's Christmas Cheer
And a Happy New Year
From the Hamilton Farm
comes this Greetin'.

HENSON-HAGGARD WEDDING DECEMBER 24

Miss Ruby Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Henson and Aleck Haggard, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Haggard, of Lenorah, were married December 24, at 8:30 p. m., at the George Shelburne home. Mr. Shelburne said the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Wood and Mrs. Shelburne.

Both families of the young couple have lived in Martin county many years and have many friends who wish them the best of everything in their married life.

Mrs. Haggard is a graduate of the Courtney high school, finishing with the class of '43 with highest honors.

Mr. Haggard is a graduate of Stanton high school.

They are at home on the Haggard farm near Lenorah.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BEST OF WISHES

May this, the New Year, be a brighter day dawning for all our friends and patrons. We thank you for your hearty cooperation during 1943 and hope a continuance of same during the year 1944.

May each one of you have splendid luck, health and happiness.

THE STANTON REPORTER.



THAT OLD SPIRIT OF FIGHT STILL IN MARTIN COUNTY PEOPLE WRITES MAJ. GEO. A. BOND, JR

A gift the editor has placed among his most prized collections, was received a few days prior to Christmas Day, is the nice long letter from Major Geo. A. Bond, from his station somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Prize it? Because it is from a soldier boy who is in that "down under" country where battles are almost a daily diet, and its a fight with rats of the most brutal and yellowish type.

George Bond was county agent when he entered the services of Uncle Sam, and the Martin County Commissioners' Court granted him a leave of absence from his duties.

Major Bond, being an A&M graduate and having kept up his military training after graduating from the college, was a reserve officer and that placed him in a position for "call to arms" almost at the moment war was declared.

Maj. Bond's letter to the editor follows:
Somewhere SWPA
5 December 1943

Dear Jim:
I have been receiving the Stanton Reporter for the past three months, and everyone of them is just like a letter from home. Natural, you would expect a jibe from me, so as one, I'll suggest, more news and less of your hot wind. But really the paper is enjoyed: the Sales' new boy, Robert Keith; Tom Houston and his wings; Floyd Smith's croquet; and a meeting of the board of supervisors; is all news to a guy cast away on a tropical island as well as, I'm sure, those right there.

I have been reading the September and October issues this week. Those were the ones in which the 3rd Bond Drive was the principal topic. I was glad to see that Martin County went over the top on that. It indicated two things: that the old spirit and fight is still in the Martin County people, and that prospects for a good cotton crop at a decent price are evident. I hope

that this latter statement is true and will watch the paper to see. I also noted where the bank didn't buy any this time. Maybe if you'd have paid off your and my notes they would have; but I understand, from your column, they weren't supposed to.

You can see how far away I am from the fact that I read a September paper in December. Of course, the Stanton Reporter is slow. I've even seen it late to press; but I'm still a long way from home. I'm down on one of these Southwest Pacific islands that the Nips have been trying so hard to bring greater Asiatic Prosperity to. And if it weren't such a pretty little place I'd sure be in favor of letting them try making it prosperous. They would have less luck than any cotton farmer you ever saw.

But it's really a beautiful place: high mountains, cool, clear streams, jungles, swamps, grass lands, and coconut plantations. It isn't so terribly hot, it's very humid, and the nights are cool. There are bugs by the millions. They cheep, chirp, and cry all night long, and will eat up anything in sight. They eat on my shoes, pistol holster, razor strop, chew the wrappers off of cigarets and go out and chew a hole in my toothpaste tube so they can wash the bad aste out of their mouth. I guess they are all harmless tho, except for the beautifully colored centipedes, as we just push them out of our way and go about our business.

The native population is, of course, very interesting. (Gee, what a cotton crop one could raise with all these negroes. They are small, ugly as sin, black as the Ace of Spades, and have very bushy hair about 3 or 4 inches long. They live in small houses made of palm leaves, poles and are tied together on poles about 6 feet off the ground. They have little villages of from 8 to 20 huts, and kids?—I never saw as many cattle around a West Texas water hole, as there are brats

SNOW-SLEET-RAIN VISITS THE COUNTY

Just when Martin County enjoyed a white Christmas before, we are not in a position to say. Snow and sleet fell most all of Thursday night and at intervals Friday, interspersed with rain. The snow melted into slush two or three inches deep, every drop of moisture soaking deep into the ground. Some report four or five inches of snow fell.

G. W. Teague, living on the county line in the north part of the county, in the Reporter office renewing his subscription Wednesday reported his section had more rain than snow giving them about 2-inches of moisture.

Visitor of Sid Crosses

Miss Mary Dell Davis, who is employed at Consolidated in Ft. Worth, spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. Sid Cross and Mr. Cross. Miss Davis is a riveter.

DU PONT PLANT HERE ROBBED 20 QUARTS OF GLYCERINE

INVESTIGATION PROVED SAME MATERIAL USED IN BIG SPRING ROBBERY

Well, apparently, lots of things go on at night around his home town that the news-hound on the Reporter knows nothing about, and some things happen he knows nothing about until the thing had happened a week and read it in a neighboring newspaper.

According to the Big Spring Daily Herald of Monday, right under our nose, the du Pont explosive plant located a short distance east of Stanton, was burglarized Wednesday night of last week and 20 quarts of summertime nitroglycerine were carried some 300 yards from the plant. Apparently not satisfied with the haul the burglars went back to the plant and made off with a "stick", equivalent to six and a half pounds or two quarts of the high explosive, the Daily Herald reported.

On the following Monday night safecrackers entered the Robinson Grocery in Big Spring, cracked the safe and made off with "approximately \$7,000 in bonds and cash."

A representative of the du Pont company investigating the Stanton robbery had examined the "blow in safe" at Big Spring and material identical with that seen at Stanton, had been used in the operation.

Evidently, the safecrackers were well acquainted with handling high explosives, and knew right where to get it.

PROMINENT COLORADO CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY IN SAN ANGELO

While attending a family reunion at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bryan Lawlis in San Angelo, Christmas Day, Jack G. Smith, of Colorado City, died suddenly of a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had gone to San Angelo Friday evening to the home of their daughter for a family gathering on Christmas Day.

Mr. Smith had resided in Mitchell County 61 years and a well-known rancher of Colorado City.

He was born in Robinson county, November 11, 1881.

His wife and three daughters survive him. They are Mrs. Bryan Lawlis, San Angelo; Mrs. Charles Donaldson, Big Spring; Mrs. John A. Murrell, Ft. Worth.

Those from Stanton attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Powell and daughter, Earle Mrs. W. B. Milam, Miss Erlene Peters, Miss Kathleen McCrealess and Cecil Bridges.

Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Earl Powell.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES DONALDSON MADE THEIR HOME IN STANTON SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE MOVING TO BIG SPRING.

GRADUATES FROM SCHOOL OF NURSING

Miss Ola Bearden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bearden of the Wolcott community, graduated from the West Texas Hospital of Nursing at Lubbock, December 24. She was honored with an award given by Drs. Hunt and English for outstanding work in surgery and efficiency of studies and other training.

She will begin work at the Lamesa General Hospital January 3rd. On February 9th she will register in the general registration of all nurses.

Miss Bearden plans to continue her work until the war calls on nurses.

Home From University
Ellis Ray Bennett is home from the State University at Austin to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bennett.

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RUSSIAN VICTORY

The year in review

Cronology OF THE YEAR 1943

DEBUT

The year began with these important events:

- January
1-Russians capture Veliky Luki, great railway center.
6-78th Congress convenes.
23-British troops enter Tripoli, capital of Libya.
25-Advancing Russians take Voronezh, Nazi anchor.
26-'Unconditional Surrender' agreement of Casablanca conference announced.

THE WAR

- January
1-Russians recapture Veliky Luki, railroad center.
4-U. S. Department of War information announces 41,126 service casualties to date.
12-U. S. planes based in Africa bomb Naples, Italy.
13-British only 40 miles from Tripoli.
23-British enter Tripoli, Libyan capital.
25-Voronezh, big Nazi stronghold, falls to Russians.
26-'Unconditional Surrender' agreement of Casablanca announced.

- February
2-Last German troops surrender in Stalingrad; U. S. Naval forces repel major Japanese attacks in Solomon area.
9-Allied headquarters establish separate U. S. command in North Africa.
11-Last Japs withdraw from Guadalcanal.
12-Rostov and Charkov, important Russian cities, recaptured.
15-Russians take Charkov, important base.
17-RAF bombs Leipzig as ships hit.
20-U. S. Navy reports 13 Jap ships hit.
21-U. S. forces raid Alaska base.

- March
3-Rivier taken by Russians.
4-Allied bombers destroy Jap convoy of 22 ships.
11-British attack Marsala in Tunisia.
12-American forces take Gafsa in Tunisia.
23-Chinese check Jap drive in Hupsh-Huan region.
24-Advancing Russians take Abinsk and other towns near Smolensk.
26-U. S. and British troops advance in Tunisia.
31-British take Matouia and two other cities in Tunisia.

- April
1-Fortresses raid Cagliari, Sardinia; Chinese drive Japs back into Burma.
4-Chinese retake Chuchuanan.
5-Allies bomb Naples, Kiel, Antwerp, Brest.
10-British capture Staff, important Tunisian port.
17-Berlin and other North German cities bombed in 'biggest raid'.
20-Russians attack on Kuban front.
21-Japanese execute U. S. doctor.
22-U. S. Naval forces occupy Funafuti islands, southwest Pacific.

- May
7-Bizerte falls to Americans; British first army takes Tunisia.
14-Last resistance ends in North Africa.
17-Nazi attack in Kuban, Russian front.
19-U. S. bombers raid Pantelleria, Italian island fortress.
22-Guerrilla warfare spreads in Balkans.
23-Japs admit loss of Attu.
31-French Alexandria fleet joins Allies.

- June
9-Curtis says invasion danger past in Australia.
11-Pantelleria, Italian island fortress, surrenders.
12-Lampedusa, fortified Italian island, capitulates.
13-Russians recapture Samsiz, port city.
16-Chinese charge Japs use gas.
17-RAF bombs Cologne.
20-U. S. forces land on Rendova, in Solomons.

- July
1-Rendova taken by U. S. forces.
5-Russians launch offensive on 160 mile front; U. S. Navy battles Japs off Solomons.
12-British capture Syracuse.
23-U. S. troops enter Palermo.
24-Americans take Marsala, Trapani.
25-MUSSOLINI DESIGNS KING EMANUELE II ASSUMES GOVERNMENT.
26-RAF raids Hamburg, Hanover, Essen.
27-Italian peace negotiations begin.
28-Fascist party dissolved. Riots sweep Italy.

- August
4-U. S. planes bomb Ploesti refineries.
5-Russians take Orsi; British capture Catania, in Sicily.
6-Americans occupy Munda, in Solomons.
11-Russians drive into Ukraine.
17-Allies enter Messina; island of Vela Lavella in Solomons taken.
19-U. S. and Canadian troops occupy Kiska.
24-Quebec conference on war plans ends.
25-British Admiral Mountbatten made chief of Allied Southeast Asia command.
30-Russians retake Taganrog, Nazi anchor.

- September
1-Japs withdraw air base from New Guinea.
2-Allied forces invade mainland of Italy near Reggio Calabria.
7-Allies capture P. I., Dalmatian.
9-ITALY SURRENDERS UNCONDITIONALLY.
11-U. S. and British troops enter Salerno.
12-Allies take Taranto; Greatest Allied raids strike northern France.
13-Germans seize Rome.
14-Allies take Salerno. Italian fleet surrenders.
14-Salamaua falls to U. S. and Australian forces.
15-Novorossiok recaptured by Russians.
24-Nazi troops evacuate Corsica.
26-Jap defense at Finschhafen stiffens.
28-British take Foggia.

- October
1-Allied forces take Naples, 22 days after landing at Salerno.
2-Australian troops capture Jap base at Finschhafen, New Guinea.
3-Island of Corfu, in Mediterranean, is freed of Nazis.
9-Russians complete mopping up of Caucasus region.
13-Italy formally declares war on Germany, by action of Premier Marshal Badoglio.
14-In great raid on Schweinfurt, Germany, important ball-bearing factories are

destroyed, at a cost of 60 Flying Fortresses; Japanese, continuing thrusts from Burma, invade Yunnan province, China.

- 23-Melitopol, key city of German defense in south Ukraine, falls to Russians.
23-Russians recapture Dnepropetrovsk, important industrial city.
23-U. S. and New Zealand troops land on Treasury Islands, in Northern Solomon.
30-Russians reach entrance to Crimean peninsula, trapping thousands of Nazis.

- November
1-Russian troops isolate Crimean peninsula, cutting off escape for many thousands of German soldiers.
2-U. S. Marines invade Bougainville island in northern Solomons.
4-RAF planes drop more than 2,000 tons of bombs on Dusseldorf, Germany.
6-Viev, capital of the Ukraine, retaken by Russians.
7-British Eighth army advances in Italy, taking eight towns.
11-Nazis scuttle ships, blast installations to block harbors of Leghorn and Pescara.
13-Russians capture Zhilovka, important rail center of southern front; Chinese forces report gains along Yangtze river.
13-Treaty rat in history binds Germany.
13-Dropping 2,500 tons.
23-Another huge air attack smashes Berlin.
24-Fourth city said to be razed.
25-Makin island, member of Gilbert group, is taken by U. S. combined forces.
26-Russians fill gas gap in Nazi lines north of Gomel.
27-Marines take Tarawa, one of Gilbert islands, after 'toughest fighting' in their history.
30-British Eighth army bursts through Nazi lines in Italy, approaching Rome.

DOMESTIC

- December
1-RAF and U. S. bombers continue massive raids, hitting Düsseldorf region.
1-President Roosevelt meets with Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek in Cairo, Egypt. Agree to 'strip' Japan of her stolen empire.
6-Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin meet at Teheran, Iran, reach 'complete agreement on measures to crush Germany'. U. S. naval task force raids Marshall Islands.
7-Chinese admit loss of Changteh, important city in 'rice bowl'.
9-Turkey promises Allies all 'aid short of war'. Chinese recapture Changteh.
13-Russians troops regain initiative in Kiev area; British Eighth army cracks Nazi line in Italy, capturing 6,000.
14-President Roosevelt, returning from conferences, visits Malta and Sicily.
15-American planes raid Greece; U. S. bombers smash Jap base on New Britain Island.
16-Prime Minister Churchill stricken by pneumonia; German bombers sink 17 United Nations merchant ships.
17-American Sixth army lands at Arave, on New Britain island, southwest Pacific.

- January
1-President Roosevelt calls for unity among Allies stresses 'the suppression of planning what is to come after the war'.
4-U. S. Supreme Court frees Thomas Fenderson, Democratic political leader of Kansas City, under statute of limitations ruling.
6-78th Congress convenes; Samuel Rayburn speaker of house for third term; Pleasure driving banned in eastern states; Fuel oil ration reduced 25 per cent.
11-U. S. and Britain relinquish extraterritorial rights in China.
12-OFA sets corn ceilings at approximately 51 a bushel.
20-Joint draft system, by which men can be inducted into navy, marine or coast guard as well as army, announced.

- February
6-National income in 1942 was \$113,824,000,000 as compared with \$94,500,000,000 in 1941.
9-Roosevelt orders 48-hour work week minimum in labor shortage areas.
12-President Roosevelt promises stepped-up attacks on Europe and Japan.
18-Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek addresses Congress asking for more vigorous prosecution of the war on Japan.
23-Dried foods rationed, effective March 1.
23-Secretary of Agriculture March 1 suspends wheat quotas.

- March
2-U. S. and Chile representatives sign lend-lease agreement.
7-Draft classification '4H' for men between 28 and 45 ended.
11-Lend-lease extension to July, 1944, signed by President.
24-Establishment of naval base at Casablanca announced by navy.
25-Chief Davis named Food Administrator.
25-A 'critical shortage of doctors is developing,' an OWI survey reveals.

- April
8-President moves to check inflation by executive order freezing wages and forbidding war workers to change jobs.
11-Food corp ceiling prices raised from \$1.02 a bushel to \$1.07.
11-Act permitting the national debt limit to rise to 210 billion dollars, and a rider repealing the \$25,000 net salary limit becomes law without president's signature.
20-President Roosevelt confers on war and postwar problems with President Camacho of Mexico.
30-Soft coal miners of United, some Workers union reject President Roosevelt's order. U. S. breaks relations with Martinique.

- May
1-Federal government takes over closed coal mines.
11-Churchill arrives in Washington for war conference.
13-Merger between Western Union and Postal Telegraph is announced.
26-ALRB approves eight cent an hour raise for more than a million non-operating railway workers.
27-Postal workers, with 305,000 members, withdraws from the AFL.

- June
3-United Nations food conference ends.
7-Coal miners of the United Mine Workers union return to work.
11-President signs 'pay-as-you-go' income tax bill.
21-Riots in Detroit between white and colored mobs are suppressed by Federal troops, after more than 24 hours of disorder. Twenty-nine killed, 700 injured. Coal miners strike for third time since May.
23-President Roosevelt threatens to draft strikers in essential industries.
26-Judge Marvin Jones succeeds Chester Davis as War Food Administrator.
26-Federal court of appeals in Chicago grants new trials to six persons convicted of aiding Herbert Haupt, executed spy.
30-Five senators appointed to visit war zones and report on U. S. Army and Navy. Stocks on New York exchange reach a three-year high.

- July
1-House rejects amendment to Labor-Fed. Security bill, thereby cutting off funds for National Youth Administration.
1-President Roosevelt gives last minute reprieve to Max Baucus, sentenced to death for aiding escape of a Nazi spy.
7-Gen. Henri Girard, French commander of Northwest Africa, arrives in Washington.
13-The Board of Economic Warfare is abolished and its functions transferred to the Reconstruction Finance Corpora-

THE YEAR'S TEN BIGGEST EVENTS

SELECTED BY: BAUKHAJE (WNU Washington Correspondent.)

I-MILITARY:

- (a) Russian summer-fall offensive.
(b) Pacific offensive (Attu, New Guinea, Solomons, Gilberts).
(c) Italy surrenders.
(d) Air offensive against German cities.

II-DIPLOMATIC:

- (a) The four-power conferences (Moscow-Cairo-Teheran).
(b) Formation of the UNRRA.

III- DOMESTIC:

- (a) Passage of the Connally Resolution.
(b) Administration moves to right (OPA, Food Administration, War Mobilization, Stabilization, Economic Warfare).
(c) Republican political gains.
(d) Congress revolts against anti-inflation program (subsidies, reduced tax bill, resolution favoring railroad wage increase).

tion; Chester Bowles is named general manager of the Office of Price Administration.
10-World's largest pipeline, the 'Big Inch' running from Longview, Texas, to Phoenixville, Pa., is opened.
21-John Lewis, as president of United Mine Workers, signs two-year contract with United Coal Operators Association; War Department releases 85,000 prisoners of war in country.
28-Navy asks for more WAVES, stating that enrollment must reach 91,000 by end of 1944; Coffee rationing ended by OPA; Blue Network of Radio Corporation of America sold for \$8,000,000.

August

- 2-Race riot sweeps New York, resulting in death of five Negroes, and injuries to 800; Drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers set to begin on October 1; U. S. Army flies in England lives Thunderbolt and Lightning fighters at 700 miles per hour.
6- June personal incomes totaled \$12,162,000,000, a new record.
7-Airplane production reaches 10,000 a month.
14- War Manpower Commission establishes new list of 149 critical occupations for first priority in draft deferments.
19- National Labor Board raises total labor force by January 1, 1944, and the navy to 2,861,000, the War Manpower Board to 2,861,000.
23-The Guffey Coal Act, passed in 1937, to stabilize coal prices, expires. No move made to renew it.

September

- 2-The exchange ship Gripsholm sails with 1,310 Japanese, to be exchanged for 1,232 Americans at Goa, Portuguese India; Churchill and Roosevelt confer in Washington.
4-William Jeffers, director of the nation's rubber program, resigns.
7-Republican Postwar Advisory Council meets at Mackinac Island, Mich.
8-Debate for 15 billion dollar third war loan opened by presidential address.
14-Col. William Coleman is convicted by a military court at Goa, Portuguese India.
25-Edward Stettinius Jr. moves from lend-lease administrator to succeed Sumner Wells as undersecretary of state.
29-Senators report on war tour.

October

- 4-Treasury asks for ten and a half billion in new tax revenue.
7-Merger of Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies is completed.
11-Censorship of weather news is lifted.
12-National Labor board raises that labor unions have a moral responsibility not to strike in wartime.
13-American Federation of Labor votes to take United Mine Workers back into fold.
18-Third war loan passes goal of 15 billion dollars by 11:40 a. m.
20-The 48-hour week for war industries is extended to 29 more localities.
22-Edward Stettinius is to be discontinued.
23-Wildcat coal strikes referred to President by War Labor Board.

November

- 1-Federal government seizes 3,000 coal mines in which strikes are halting production.
2-Elections of various state and national officials reveal Republican trend.
3-Senate military committee plans graduated discharge pay for servicemen, ranging from \$200 to \$500.
6-Fifteen cooperating railroad unions reject wage increase offered by emergency committee; Bernard Baruch is appointed chief of a new unit of the Office of War Mobilization.
10-Army officials reduce budget by 13 billion dollars, which sum will revert to treasury.
11-A subsidy of 100 million dollars is allocated to stabilize price of flour.
23-House votes against extension of consumer subsidies.

December

- 1-Ration values of meats reduced 30 per cent.
3-U. S. plane output for November announced as 7,700.
4-Army will retire 23,000 officers, reducing total to 625,000.
7-Largest U. S. battleship, the 45,000-ton Wisconsin, is launched.
10-Non-operating rail workers get senate approval for eight cent per hour raise.
11-Senate military committee plans graduated discharge pay for servicemen, ranging from \$200 to \$500.
16-President committee votes to retain food subsidies for 60 days.
17-OPA promises lowering of meat ration points.

SPORTS

- January
1-New Year's Day football results: Rose Bowl-Georgia 9, U. C. L. A. 0; Sugar Bowl-Tennessee, 14, Tulsa 0; Orange Bowl-Alabama 21, Boston College 21; Cotton Bowl-Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7; Sun Bowl-Second Air Force 13, Hardin-

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Simmons 7; Karar Stadium-East All-Stars 13, West All-Stars 12.
17-Ted Williams, formerly of Boston Red Sox, named 'player of the year.'
February
20-William Cox, New York sportsman, purchases Philadelphia Phillies for about \$200,000 from National League.
21-The Big Ten athletic council ended the rule forbidding freshmen to play on varsity teams.
24-Bucky Harris signs to manage Philadelphia ball club.
March
15-Greg Rice runs fastest 2 miles at K. of C. meet, in 8:52.7.
17-Philadelphia team wins the Golden Gloves championship in New York.
18-Detroit wins national hockey league title.
20-Cornelius Warmerdam sets new pole vault record of 15 feet, 8 1/4 inches.
25-Pauline Betz wins national indoor tennis singles championship.

April

- 6-Cleveland Rams, professional football club, suspends playing for duration.
8-American Wings defeat the Boston Bruins, 2 to 0 to capture the Stanley Cup.
May
1-Count Fleet wins Kentucky Derby.
6-Count Fleet wins Preakness, in 1:57.2.
21-Bob Montgomery outpoints Beau Jack to gain lightweight title.
June
3-Count Fleet wins Belmont Stakes.
20-Gunder Hagg outruns Greg Rice to win 2 mile race.
26-Francisco Segura wins Nat'l Collegiate tennis title, defeating Tom Brown Jr.
27-Windraway, 3 year old race horse, re-elected.

July

- 2-Patty Berg defeats Dorothy Kirby for Women's Western Open Golf Championship.
10-Gunder Hagg establishes 8:53.9 American record for 2 miles.
13-American League team wins annual All-Star game, 5 to 3.
26-Harold Gospaten defeats Buck Whitney by 1 stroke to win All-American golf title; Patty Berg takes women's title.
27-Fred Fitzsimmons quits Brooklyn to become manager of Phillies.

August

- 8-Ryder Cup golf team, captained by Craig Wood, defeats Walter Hagen's team.
9-Howard Schenken wins the contract bridge master's championship for fifth time.
25-College All-Stars defeat the Washington Redskins, professional football champions, 27-7.
September
1-The St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees retain strong leads in National League.
2-Joseph Hunt takes the national amateur tennis championship.
18-Columbus, Ohio, American Association team, defeats Syracuse, N. Y., International League team, to capture 'title world series' title.
23-The New York Yankees take the American League pennant for the 14th time.

October

- 2-Occupancy wins Belmont Futurity.
3-Final baseball standings; St. Louis Cardinals won 105, lost 49, for a percentage of .682. The New York Yankees, won 98, lost 56, for a percentage of .636.
8-Columbus, O., American Association team, defeats Syracuse, N. Y., International League team, to capture 'title world series' title.
10-Yankees win World Series, defeating Cardinals, four games to one.
November
2-Stanley Musial, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, named most valuable player in National League.
9-Spurge Chandler, New York Yankees pitcher, chosen most valuable in American League.
14-17 of Southern California and the U. of Washington chosen for Rose Bowl.
15-Ben Jack regains lightweight title, outboxing Eub Montgomery.
27-Great Lakes defeats Notre Dame (10-14) in year's biggest football upset.

DISASTERS

- January
6-Fire kills six and injures 100 in Chicago housing alley.
21-Thirty-five Americans die when a transport plane crashes in the jungle near Surinam, Dutch Guiana.
26-Gen. Carlyle Wash and nine other army men die in an army transport plane that came down near Flomaton, Ala.
31-Twenty-eight persons die in sanitarium fire in Seattle.
February
11-Eighteen lost lives when a Liberator bomber crashes in Newfoundland.
18-Twenty-one die when four engine number crashes aflame into a packing plant in Seattle, Wash.
22-Yankee Clipper crashes and sinks in Tagus river, Lisbon, Portugal.
March
2-Nineteen bodies recovered in coal mine disaster at Bear Creek, Mont.
3-Flood waters spread over a wide area in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. About 2,500 persons removed by Red Cross.
April
13-Omahia airport and village of Carter Lake, Iowa, flooded when Missouri river dikes break.
16-Seven Sea Scouts drowned, and three missing, when cabin cruiser founders off Long Island.
24-Blasting munitions ship in New York harbor towed out and sunk.
May
4-Explosion and fire in munitions plant at Elkton, Md., kills 13 and injures 60.
15-A tornado injures about 200 men, and destroys 41 buildings valued at \$175,000 at Fort Riley, Kan.
21-Spreading floods in Mississippi valley take twelve lives, and leave 153,000 homeless.
23-A Pennsylvania R. R. express train jumps the track near Delair, N. J., killing 14 and injuring 89 persons.
24-Death toll in flooded region of lower Mississippi valley reaches 17 and 130,000 are estimated to be without shelter.
31-Deaths from all causes over Memorial day week-end holiday total 154.

June

- 6-Navy reports 84 men killed when an ammunition ship collides with tanker off Fort Arthur, Tex.; Eighteen soldiers are killed when an army truck falls over a 20 foot embankment near Nashville, Tenn.

FOOD RATIONING

- 16-Two are killed, 11 injured in riot growing out of lynching in Beaumont, Tex. Martial law declared.
21-Race rioting in Detroit is suppressed by Federal troops after 24 hours of disorders. Twenty-six Negroes and three white men are killed, and more than 700 are injured.

July

- 23-Maj. Gen. William Upshur, Capt. Charles Paddock, both U. S. M. C. officers, and four other persons are killed in Navy plane crash near Sitka, Alaska.
27-Three soldiers who became lost in desert maneuvers near Yuma, Ariz., die of thirst.
28-Hurricane sweeping over Texas Gulf coast kills 13 persons. Damage estimate at 10 million dollars.
29-Nearly 500 persons were burned to death when American Airlines plane crashes and burns near Trammel, Ky. Two escape.

August

- 1-Ten persons, including Mayor William Baker and Maj. William Robertson, die when Army glider crashes in demonstration flight in St. Louis.
2-Five Negroes killed, more than 500 white and colored injured in race rioting in New York city's Harlem district.
5-Fourteen persons are drowned in a 'flash' flood in central West Virginia.
28-Twenty-one miners are killed in gas explosion at Sayreton, Ala.
30-Twenty-nine persons are killed and 150 injured in wreck of crack Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. near Wayland, N. Y.

September

- 6-Eighty persons killed and 177 injured, when Congressional Limited of the Pennsylvania R. R. is derailed near Philadelphia.
7-Twentieth Century Limited train of New York Central R. R. is derailed near Canastota, N. Y., killing three; Houston, Tex., hotel fire takes lives of 50 men.
17-Explosion of depth charges at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., takes 25 lives. About 250 are injured.
20-Twenty-five soldiers die when Army transport plane crashes near Maxton, N. C.

October

- 16-Crash of airliner 47 miles west of Nashville, Tenn., takes 10 lives.
23-Navy announces that 80 seamen died when two tankers collided off Palm Beach.
November
23-Six children die in farm home fire near Chicago.
December
13-Twenty marines killed, 29 injured in Hawaii when collision of navy planes releases bomb.
16-Twenty-nine killed, 80 injured in collision of two fast trains near Buie, N. C. Forty-eight of the dead were servicemen.

NOVEMBER

- 5-Famed Negro scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver, 78.
6-President emeritus of Harvard U., Dr. Abbott L. Lowell, 86.
10-Messiah to Garcia' hero, Col. Andrew S. Rowan, 83.
23-Alexander Woolcott, 56, 'The Town Crier' of radio, author, critic, playwright, actor.
February
7-Dr. Attilio H. Giannini, 68, physician, banker, motion picture executive, civic leader dies.
19-Lynn Overman, 55, comedian.
March
10-Poet and author Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, Pulitzer prize winner with 'John Brown's Body' dies.
20-Foreman governor of Illinois, Frank O. Lowden, 82.
28-James A. Farrell, 80, president of the United States Steel corp.

APRIL

- 22-Luren D. Dickinson, 84, former governor of Michigan, foe of 'high life'.
23-Maj. Gen. Robert Olds, 46, commander of the U. S. Second Army Air Force.
May
11-Maj. Gen. Stephen O. Fuqua, 63, chief of industry in U. S. Army, 1928-32.
20-Adm. Henry A. Wiley, 76, Pacific fleet commander, 1927-23.
26-Edsel B. Ford, 49, president of Ford Motor Co., Laborer.
28-Sylvester Q. Cannon, 77, Mormon church leader and publisher.
June
4-Maj. Kermit Roosevelt, 53, son of the 26th President, on active duty in Alaska.
16-Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, noted historian and Harvard U. professor, at 83.
23-Rear Adm. Neil E. Nichols, 63, former commandant of Boston Navy Yard.

JULY

- 14-Actress Beverly Sillgreaves, 76.
17-Rev. Ernest Lynn Waldorf, 67, bishop of the Methodist church, Chicago area.
29-Opera star Marie Gay Zanatello, 64.
August
1-President of China, Lin Sen, 78, scholar and artist.
7-C. Bascom Slempp, 73, former Republican National Committee man, and secretary to Calvin Coolidge.
15-Lieut. Gen. William M. Wright, 79, commander of two divisions in World War I.
21-Dr. William Lyon Phelps, 78, of Yale university.
September
6-Former ambassador to Poland, John C.udahy, 55.
9-Rear Adm. Walton Sexton, 66, former chairman of the Navy General Board.
21-British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, 62.

OCTOBER

- 6-Patrick Nash, 80, political leader of Democrats in Cook County, Ill., which includes Chicago.
11-Samuel H. Church, 85, president, Carnegie Institute.
20-Ben Bernie, 52, band leader.
November
9-Dr. Jesse G. Bulowa, developer of pneumonia serum, at 64.
21-Rep. J. W. O. Her (R.-Penn.).
22-Rep. H. B. Steagall (D.-Ala.).
December
13-Marvin McIntyre, 65, for 20 years secretary to President Roosevelt, at Washington.
18-E. C. 'Billy' Hayes, 59, well-known track coach of Indiana U.; the Rev. Dr. William A. Brown, 77, Presbyterian minister, one of founders of World Council of Churches.
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FATHERS' DRAFT

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FINIS

The year drew to a close with these important events:

- December
1-Roosevelt, Churchill, Chiang Kai-shek pledge to strip Japan of imperialistic gains.
Exchange ship Gripsholm arrives with 1,232 American repatriates from Far East.
2-Fathers' draft bill delays during absence of President.
16-President Roosevelt returns to America following five weeks' diplomatic trip.
17-Army announces successful landing on Japanese base in New Britain.

MARTIN-HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

E. L. Daniel, Chairman
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Gordon Stone, Secretary
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Miss Luna Kolb, farming north of Lenorah, believes that conservation practices doubled production on her farm this past year in spite of the lack of rainfall, stated W. J. Davis, with the Soil Conservation Service.

W. E. Armstrong, who farms in the Wolcott community, is listing his land on the contour and will build more terraces this winter.

G. F. Cook has bought a Whirlwind terracer from S. F. Weatherers and plans to widen his terraces which were built a few years ago.

Frank Jones, foreman of the Slaughter Ranch near Flower Grove, is moving some cows to grass in Gaines county.

J. K. Barfield put the cultivated land on his ranch northeast

of Stanton, under contour cultivation this past week.

C. G. Erwin, farming northwest of Tarzan, made application to the district for assistance in putting contour cultivation on a half section which he has recently rented.

S. N. Teague, who farms in the Three League community, has plowed out terrace lines run by the district and plans to start construction of the terraces as soon as possible.

The guayule experimental plot on the Jim Tom farm north of Stanton, was abandoned last week. Lack of funds forced the abandonment of several of these plots in West Texas. The dry season this past summer did not give the plot a favorable chance so it was discontinued.

HONORS SISTER WITH COFFEE

Mrs. Jim Tom, honored her sister with a coffee Tuesday morning from ten to eleven o'clock. The affair was very informal, the guests serving themselves to coffee and hot doughnuts from the dining table which had as centerpiece a bowl of poinsettias. The guests who called remained for some time as the extreme cold made the warm interior, lighted with candles, very inviting.

The conversation began and ended with, "Do you remember when?"

LETTER FROM SOLDIER RECEIVED IN QUICK TIME

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Shelburne received a letter December 23 from their sailor son, Cleddie, which he wrote on December 21. That is swell mail service in the Pacific aboard a large cruiser.

He says he is well and as happy as could be under the circumstances. Cleddie is a radar operator and thinks it very interesting work. He has advanced to 2c operator.

He was elated over receiving Christmas cards from friends here. He says "it sure helps."

Back From California

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pollock have returned from California, where Mr. Pollock has been working in the shipyards the past two years. He will farm this year with his father, G. B. Pollock out on Star Route.

Spend Christmas in Lenorah

Mr. and Mrs. George Shelburne of Stanton, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bolch and son Charles Ray of O'Donnell, spent Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foreman at Lenorah. Mmes. Bolch and Foreman are daughters of the Shelburnes. Mr. Foreman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Foreman of Lenorah, were also present. A typical Christmas feast was served at the noon hour.

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Guests Cecil Hamiltons in Brady

Mrs. Nobve Hamilton and daughters, Lela and Dorothy, and Mrs. Joan Long, spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton, in Brady, where Cecil is instructor at the Army Air Force Training School, Curtis Field. This field is the only civilian operated basic army training school in the Southwest and one of three in the United States. That they two are local boys and West Coast.

Leave For Home in Waco

Mr. and Mrs. Bristol Chesser and daughter, Erlene, left Tuesday for their home in Waco. They were Christmas guests of Mrs. Chesser's mother, Mrs. Maud Sadler and sister Mrs. Elizabeth Graves. On Christmas Day they were guests for dinner at the home of Mrs. Chesser's sister Mrs. Jim Tom and Mr. Tom.

Visit Parents for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin returned Sunday night from Stephenville and Dublin where they were guests of their parents. Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Thomas Jones of Fort Worth returned with them for a visit.

CUR SOLDIER BOYS

(continued from page one)

The story is told on one of the officers over here who tried to buy a grass skirt. Of course, he had untold difficulty in making himself understood to the village's head-man; but after much pointing at the skirt on the woman and the display of coins, he closed the deal. The head-man took the money and walked off. It seems that he considered he had sold the skirt and all it contained. The officer had a heck of a time getting rid of the woman, but he got the skirt.

Americans are terrible souvenir hunters. I have a grass skirt but I didn't experience that ordeal.

Things are looking brighter on all of the war fronts, even this one. But this is going to be a slow go in this theater. One can never realize why until he sees what a beautiful defensive position a mountainous jungle can be. The little yellow rats just have to be blasted out one by one, and airfields can't be built until they are blasted out, and ships can't go without air cover. It's just as simple as mud.

I'm doing ok, eating three

squares a day, getting plenty of cigarets and working 10 and 13 hours a day to keep the time from dragging. And the months really do get by. I have been over here and Australia for nearly 8 months now.

Sure do miss the sandstorms, the friendly West Texas atmosphere, and most of all, my friends and family, but am planning heavy on getting back soon, just 9 more months and 11 days, they gonna turn me loose.

I've been wanting to write you for sometime, but was afraid you'd publish the letter; but when I noiced that your allowance of newsprint had been reduced I figured that if I made it long enough you couldn't (not as good letter as this and as many friends who want to know about would I refrain from publishing your letter, Maj. Bond—Ed), and I could still wish you and Mrs. Kelly, and all my friends a very Happy Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
George Bond
Major

A SMALL WORLD—STANTON BOY MEETS ONE IN ALGIERS AND ANOTHER IN NEW YORK CITY

Here's a letter of interest to folks of Martin County, especially to those acquainted with the two Stanton soldier boys involved. The letter is from Sgt. Robert B. Schell of the Medical Corps, based at Brooklyn, New York. Sgt. Schell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schell, former residents of Stanton, now living in Denver, Colorado. The boy, Billy Houston, Bob mentions in his letter, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Houston of Stanton. Bob writes:

December 19, 1943

Dear Jim:

A short time ago I was walking down the street in Algiers when I heard my name called as only a fellow from home can call it. That fellow was Billy Houston.

We were so glad to receive news from our home town that we declared right then and there that we would write you so that we could share our pleasure with our friends through your paper. Unfortunately, we

never got the chance to do it, but it seemed such a good idea that I couldn't resist telling you about it anyway.

Billy is fine. He's doing a swell job. He likes his work, and is well thought of by all his associates. They call him "Tex."

When I arrived here in New York I met another Stantonite, John Bentley. You'd be proud of John, too. The war hasn't changed him a bit. He's still the clean, square-cut fellow he always was. When I saw him he was leaving for overseas to establish a Station Hospital. I understand Coats will be joining him soon.

If you should mention this letter in your paper (you better will you wish all our friends

sure they'll understand, that even though we are neglectful at times, our friends are always foremost in our minds.

Always your friend,
Bob Schell

WANT ADS

RURAL CO-OPERATIVES RECEIVE REA LOANS

In an (AP) dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, the REA announced loans to rural electric co-operatives, and among those listed was Cap Rock Refrigeration Co-operatives, Inc. Stanton, Texas, \$25,000.

O. B. Bryan, superintendent of the Cap Rock Cooperative here, has received an OK bill of consent of material for the plant, and as soon as the ground for the plant has been decided upon, work on this \$25,000 structure will commence.

Spend Holidays With Parents

Iekie and Angela Peter, spent the Christmas holidays at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Peters. Angela is attending Texas Technological College in Lubbock and Iekie is attending Price College at Amarillo.

Attends Dance in Midland

Edgar Lay Powell, attended a dance at the Country Club in Midland Tuesday night. Mrs. R. W. Hamilton and Mrs. W. Y. Penn, gave the dance honoring their sons, Bill Hamilton and Lynn Penn. The Sub-Deb set were the guests.

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We are starting the Incubators Saturday, January 8th, and have plenty of room for custom hatching for the first few settings. Gibson Feed and Hatchery. 12-2tc

LOST kahki colored bag containing clothing, electric iron, shoes, and other items somewhere in or around Stanton. Pay \$10 reward. Contact E. W. Fate. Tarzan, Texas.

WANT to buy field glasses and compass for husband overseas. Mrs. Friou Cathey, Box 014, Stanton, Texas.

FOR SALE small 2-row tractor good rubber, all new tools. Bargain at \$650, if taken at once. O. C. Campbell, Stanton.

In India Corp. Friou Cathey stationed somewhere in India, has been promoted to sergeant.

Home From Monahans

Henry Herzog was home for Christmas from his carpentering work at Monahans. He found his son, Robert, in bed with the flu. Mrs. Herzog was in Amarillo visiting a daughter.

Home From Amarillo

Dwain Henson was home from Amarillo to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Alta Henson.

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Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows. This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in every greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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The year in review

Chronology OF THE YEAR 1943

DEBUT

The year began with these important events:

- January 1—Russians capture Veliky Luki, great railway center. 6—78th Congress convenes. 23—British troops enter Tripoli, capital of Libya. 25—Advancing Russians take Voronezh, Nazi anchor. 26—"Unconditional Surrender" agreement of Casablanca conference announced.

THE WAR

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THE YEAR'S TEN BIGGEST EVENTS

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- I—MILITARY: (a) Russian summer-fall offensive. (b) Pacific offensive (Attu, New Guinea, Solomons, Gilberts). (c) Italy surrenders. (d) Air offensive against German cities. II—DIPLOMATIC: (a) The four-power conferences (Moscow-Cairo-Teheran). (b) Formation of the UNRRA. III—DOMESTIC: (a) Passage of the Connally Resolution. (b) Administration moves to right (OPA, Food Administration, War Mobilization, Stabilization, Economic Warfare). (c) Republican political gains. (d) Congress revolts against anti-inflation program (subsidies, reduced tax bill, resolution favoring railroad wage increase).

DOMESTIC

- January 1—President Roosevelt calls for unity among Allies, stresses the necessity of planning what is to come after the war. 4—U. S. Supreme court frees Thomas Jefferson, Democratic political leader of Kansas City, under statute of limitations. 6—High Congress convenes; Samuel Rayburn speaker of house for third term; Pleasure driving banned in eastern states; Fuel oil ration reduced 25 per cent. 11—U. S. and Britain relinquish extraterritorial rights in China. 12—OPA sets corn ceilings at approximately \$1 a bushel. 23—Joint draft system, by which men can be inducted into navy, marines, coast guard as well as army, announced. February 8—National income in 1942 was \$113,824,000,000 as compared with \$94,500,000,000 in 1941. 10—Roosevelt orders 48-hour work week minimum in labor shortage areas. 12—President Roosevelt promises stepped-up attacks on Europe and Japan. 18—Mrs. Chung Kai-Shek addresses Congress asking for more vigorous prosecution of the war on Japan. 23—Dried foods rationed, effective March 1. 23—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard suspends wheat quotas. March 2—U. S. and Chile representative sign long-term agreement. 7—Draft classification "4F" for men between 28 and 45 ended. 11—Lend-lease extension to July, 1944, signed by President. 24—Establishment of naval base at Casablanca announced by navy. 25—Caretaker Davis named Food Administrator. 26—"A critical shortage of doctors is developing," an OWI survey reveals. April 6—President issues check-inflation by executive order freezing wages and forbidding war workers to change salaries. 10—Feed corn selling prices raised from \$1.02 a bushel to \$1.05. 11—A bill permitting the national debt limit to rise to 210 billion dollars, and a rider repealing the \$25,000 net salary limit become law without president's signature. 20—President Roosevelt confers on war and postwar problems with President Calles of Mexico. 30—Soft coal miners of United Mine Workers union reject Roosevelt's order; U. S. breaks relations with Martinique. May 1—Federal government takes over closed coal mines. 11—Churchill arrives in Washington for war conference with Roosevelt. 13—Merger between Western Union and Postal Telegraph is announced. 20—NLRB approves eight cent an hour raise for more than a million non-operating railway workers. 27—Machinists union with 565,000 members, withdraws from the AFL. June 3—United Nations food conference ends. 7—Coal miners of the United Mine Workers union return to work. 10—President signs "pay-as-you-go" income tax bill. 21—Riots in Detroit between white and colored mobs are suppressed by Federal troops after more than 24 hours of disorder. Twenty-nine killed, 100 injured; coal miners strike for third time since May 1. 23—President Roosevelt threatens to draft strikers in essential industries. 28—Judge Marvin Jones succeeds Chester Davis as War Food Administrator. 29—Federal court of appeals in Chicago grants new trial to six persons convicted of aiding Herbert Haupt, executed spy. 30—Five senators appointed to visit war zones and report on U. S. Army and Navy's work on New York exchange reach a three-year high. July 1—House rejects amendment to Labor-Federal Security bill, thereby cutting off funds for National Youth Administration. President Roosevelt gives last minute reprieve to Max Baucus, sentenced to death for aiding escape of a Nazi spy. 7—Gen. Henri Giraud, French commander of Northwest Africa, arrives in Washington. 15—The Board of Economic Warfare is abolished, and its functions transferred to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

SPORTS

- January 1—New Year's Day football results: Rose Bowl—Georgia 9, U. C. L. A. 6; Sugar Bowl—Tennessee 14, Tulsa 6; Orange Bowl—Alabama 27, Boston College 21; Cotton Bowl—Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7; Sun Bowl—Second Air Force 13, Hardin-Simmons 7; Kazar Stadium—East All-Stars 13, West All-Stars 12. 17—Ted Williams, formerly of Boston Red Sox, named "player of the year." February 6—William Cox, New York sportsman, purchases Philadelphia Phillies for about \$200,000 from National League. 21—The Big Ten athletic council ended the rule forbidding freshmen to play on varsity teams. 24—Bucky Harris signs to manage Philadelphia ball club. March 13—Greg Rice runs fastest 2 miles at K. of C. meet, in 8:52.7. 17—Philadelphia team wins the Golden Gloves championship in New York. 18—Detroit wins national hockey league title. 20—Cornelius Warmerdam sets new pole vault record of 15 feet, 8 1/2 inches. 25—Pauline Beitz wins national tennis singles championship. April 6—Cleveland Rams, professional football club, suspends playing for duration. 13—American League team wins the Boston Bruins, 2-0 to capture the Stanley Cup. May 1—Count Fleet wins Kentucky Derby, 2-24. 8—Count Fleet wins Preakness, in 1:37.2. 21—Bob Montgomery outpoints Beau Jack to gain lightweight title. June 3—Count Fleet wins Belmont Stakes. 30—Gunder Hagg outruns Greg Rice to win 1000 meter race at Longview, Texas, in Phoenixville, Pa. 13—John Lewis, as president of United Mine Workers, signs two-year contract with Illinois Coal Operators Association; War Department releases 65,000 prisoners of war in country. 28—Navy asks for more WAVES, stating that enrollment must reach 81,000 by end of 1944; Coffee rationing ended by OPA; Blue Network of Radio Corporation of America sold for \$8,000,000. August 2—Race riot sweeps New York, resulting in death of five Negroes, and injuries to 500; Drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers set to begin on October 1; U. S. Army flyer in England drops Thunderbolt and Lightning fighters at 780 miles per hour. 6—June personal incomes totaled \$12,162,000,000, a new record. 7—Airplane production reaches 10,000 units. 14—War Relocation Authority Commission establishes new list of 149 critical occupations for first priority in draft deferments. 15—Army must be raised to 6,200,000 men by January 1, 1944, and the navy to 2,861,000, the War Manpower Board announced. 23—The Guffey Coal Act, passed in 1937, to stabilize coal prices, expires. No move made to renew it. September 2—The exchange ship Gripsholm sails with 1,410 Japanese, to be exchanged for 1,410 American prisoners of war in India; Churchill and Roosevelt confer in Washington. 4—William Jeffers, director of the nation's Republican Party, resigns. 7—Republican Postwar Advisory Council meets at Mackinac Island, Mich. 8—Dr. J. Edgar Hoover's war loan opened by presidential address. 14—Col. William Coleman is convicted by a military court for being careless and careless use of firearms, demoted to captivity. 17—President Roosevelt reports to Congress on Quebec conference. 23—Ship ration stamp becoming valid November 1 must last six months. 25—Edward Stettinius Jr. moves from lend-lease administrator to succeed Sumner Wells as undersecretary of state. 29—Senators report on war tour. October 2—Occupy wins Belmont Futurity. 3—Final baseball standings: St. Louis Cardinals won 105, lost 49, for a percentage of .682. The New York Yankees, won 98, lost 56, for a percentage of .636. 6—Columbus, O. American Association team, defeats Syracuse, N. Y., International League team, to capture "little world series" title. 10—Yankees win World Series, defeating Cardinals, four games to one. November 2—Stanley Musial, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, named most valuable player in National League. 3—Spurgeon Chandler, New York Yankees pitcher, chosen most valuable in American League. 14—U. S. Southern California and the U. of Washington fight for Rose Bowl. 19—Beau Jack retains lightweight title, outpointing Bob Montgomery. 27—Great Lakes defeats Notre Dame (10-14) in U. S.'s biggest football upset. December 12—Chicago Bears win western pro football championship. 13—Day regains title as All-Star National Bowling champion. J. P. EASTERS January 1—Fire kills six and injures 100 in Chicago alley. 6—Thirty-five Americans die when a transport plane crashes in the jungle near New Guinea. 16—Brig. Gen. Carlyle Wash and nine other army men die in an army transport plane that came down near Ft. Monmouth, Ala. 17—Twenty-eight persons die in sanitarium fire in Seattle. February 18—Eighteen lose lives when a Liberator bomber crashes in Newfoundland. 18—Twenty-eight die when four engine bomber crashes afloat into a packing plant in Seattle, Wash. 22—Cyclone strikes and sinks in Tagus river, Lisbon, Portugal. March 2—Nineteen bodies recovered in coal mine disaster at Bear Creek, Mont. 21—Flood waters spread over a wide area in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. About 2,500 persons removed by Red Cross. April 13—Omaha airport and village of Carter Lake, Iowa, flooded when Missouri river dikes break. 19—Seven Sea Scouts drowned, and three missing, when cabin cruiser founders off Long Island Sound. 24—Blazing munitions ship in New York harbor towed out and sunk. May 4—Explosion and fire in munitions plant at Elkton, Md., kills 13 and injures 60. 15—A tornado injures about 200 men, and destroys 41 buildings valued at \$15,000 at Fort Riley, Kan. 21—Spreading floods in Mississippi valley take twelve lives, and leave 105,000 homeless. 23—A Pennsylvania R. R. express train jumps the track near Delair, N. J., killing 14 and injuring 89 persons. 24—Death toll in flooded region of lower Mississippi valley reaches 17 and 100,000 are estimated to be without shelter. 31—Deaths from all causes over Memorial day week-end holiday total 154. June 6—Navy reports 84 men killed when an ammunition ship collides with tanker off Port Arthur, Tex.; Eighteen soldiers are killed when an army truck falls over a 30-foot embankment near Nashville, Tenn.

FOOD RATIONING

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MARTIN-HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

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Miss Luna Kolb, farming north of Lenorah, believes that conservation practices doubled production on her farm this past year in spite of the lack of rainfall, stated W. J. Davis, with the Soil Conservation Service.

W. E. Armstrong, who farms in the Wolcott community, is listing his land on the contour and will build more terraces this winter.

G. F. Cook has bought a Whirlwind terracer from S. F. Weather and plans to widen his terraces which were built a few years ago.

Frank Jones, foreman of the Slaughter Ranch near Flower Grove, is moving some cows to grass in Gaines county.

J. K. Barfield put the cultivated land on his ranch northeast

of Stanton, under contour cultivation this past week.

C. G. Erwin, farming northwest of Tarzan, made application to the district for assistance in putting contour cultivation on a half section which he has recently rented.

S. N. Teague, who farms in the Three League community, has plowed out terrace lines run by the district and plans to start construction of the terraces as soon as possible.

The guayule experimental plot on the Jim Tom farm north of Stanton, was abandoned last week. Lack of funds forced the abandonment of several of these plots in West Texas. The dry season this past summer did not give the plot a favorable chance so it was discontinued.

burne of Stanton, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bolch and son Charles Ray of O'Donnell, spent Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foreman at Lenorah. Meses, Bolch and Foreman are daughters of the Shelburnes. Mr. Foreman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Foreman of Lenorah, were also present. A typical Christmas feast was served at the noon hour.

HONORS SISTER WITH COFFEE

Mrs. Jim Tom, honored her sister with a coffee Tuesday morning from ten to eleven o'clock. The affair was very informal, the guests serving themselves to coffee and hot doughnuts from the dining table which had as centerpiece a bowl of poinsettias. The guests who called remained for some time as the extreme cold made the warm interior, lighted with candles, very inviting.

The conversation began and ended with, "Do you remember when?"

LETTER FROM SOLDIER RECEIVED IN QUICK TIME

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Shelburne received a letter December 23 from their sailor son, Cleddie, which he wrote on December 24. That is swell mail service aboard a large cruiser.

He says he is well and as happy as could be under the circumstances. Cleddie is a radar operator and thinks it very interesting work. He has advanced to 2/c operator.

He was elated over receiving Christmas cards from friends here. He says "it sure helps."

Back From California

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pollock have returned from California where Mr. Pollock has been working in the shipyards the past two years. He will farm this year with his father, G. B. Pollock out on Star Route.

Spend Christmas In Lenorah

Mr. and Mrs. George Shel-

OUR SOLDIER BOYS -

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The story is told on one of the officers over here who tried to buy a grass skirt. Of course, he had untold difficulty in making himself understood to the village's head-man; but after much pointing at the skirt on the woman and the display of coins, he closed the deal. The head-man took the money and walked off. It seems that he considered he had sold the skirt and all it contained. The officer had a heck of a time getting rid of the woman, but he got the skirt.

Americans are terrible souvenir hunters. I have a grass skirt but I didn't experience that ordeal.

Things are looking brighter on all of the war fronts, even this one. But this is going to be a slow go in this theater. One can never realize why until he sees what a beautiful defensive position a mountainous jungle can be. The little yellow rats just have to be blasted out one by one, and airfields can't be built until they are blasted out, and ships can't go without air cover. It's just as simple as mud. I'm doing ok, eating three

squares a day, getting plenty of cigarets and working 10 and 13 hours a day to keep the time from dragging. And the months really do get by. I have been over here and Australia for nearly 8 months now.

Sure do miss the sandstorms, the friendly West Texas atmosphere, and most of all, my friends and family, but am planning heavy on getting back soon, just 9 more months and 11 days, they gonna turn me loose.

I've been wanting to write you for sometime, but was afraid you'd publish the letter; but when I no iced that your allowance of newsprint had been reduced I figured that if I made it long enough you couldn't (not as good letter as this and as many friends who want to know about would I refrain from publishing your letter, Maj. Bond—Ed), and I could still wish you and Mrs. Kelly, and all my friends a very Happy Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
George Bond
Major

A SMALL WORLD—STANTON BOY MEETS ONE IN ALGIERS AND ANOTHER IN NEW YORK CITY

Here's a letter of interest to folks of Martin County, especially to those acquainted with the two Stanton soldier boys involved. The letter is from Sgt. Robert B. Schell of the Medical Corps, based at Brooklyn, New York. Sgt. Schell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schell, former residents of Stanton, now living in Denver, Colorado. The boy, Billy Houston, Bob mentions in his letter, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Houston of Stanton. Bob writes:

December 19, 1943

Dear Jim:
A short time ago I was walking down the street in Algiers when I heard my name called as only a fellow from home can call it. That fellow was Billy Houston.

We were so glad to hear from you and receive word from home town that we declared right then and there that we would write you so that we could share our pleasure with our friends through your paper. Unfortunately, we

never got the chance to do it, but it seemed such a good idea that I couldn't resist telling you about it anyway.

Billy is fine. He's doing a swell job. He likes his work, and is well thought of by all his associates. They call him "Tex."

When I arrived here in New York I met another Stantonite, John Bentley. You'd be proud of John, too. The war hasn't changed him a bit. He's still the clean, square-cut fellow he always was. When I saw him he was leaving for overseas to establish a Station Hospital. I understand Coats will be joining him soon.

If you should mention this letter in your paper (you better) will you wish all our friends

sure they'll understand, that even though we are neglectful at times, our friends are always foremost in our minds.
Always your friend,
Bob Schell

WANT-ADS

RURAL CO-OPERATIVES RECEIVE REA LOANS

In an (AP) dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, the REA announced loans to rural electric co-operatives, and among those listed was Cap Rock Refrigeration Co-operatives, Inc Stanton, Texas, \$25,000.

O. B. Bryan, superintendent of the Cap Rock Cooperative here, has received an OK bill of consignment of material for the plant, and as soon as the ground for the plant has been decided upon, work on this \$25,000 structure will commence.

Spend Holidays With Parents

Iekie and Angela Peter, spent the Christmas holidays at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Peters. Angela is attending Texas Technological College in Lubbock and Iekie is attending Price College at Amarillo.

Attends Dance In Midland

Edgar Lay Powell, attended a dance at the Country Club in Midland Tuesday night. Mrs. R. W. Hamilton and Mrs. W. Y. Penn. gave the dance honoring their sons, Bill Hamilton and Lynn Penn. The Sub-Deb set were the guests.

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FOR SALE fresh young Jersey milk cow. M. L. Reed, 1/2 mile west Courtney school.

We are starting the Incubators Saturday, January 8th, and have plenty of room for custom hatching for the first few settings. Gibson Feed and Hatchery. 12-2tc

LOST kahki colored bag containing clothing, electric iron, shoes, and other items somewhere in or around Stanton. Pay \$10 reward. Contact E. W. Fate, Tarzan, Texas.

WANT to buy field glasses and compass for husband overseas. Mrs. Friou Cathey, Box 014, Stanton, Texas.

FOR SALE small 2-row tractor good rubber, all new tools. Bargain at \$650, if taken at once. O. C. Campbell, Stanton.

In India Corp. Friou Cathey stationed somewhere in India, has been promoted to sergeant.

Home From Monahans

Henry Herzog was home for Christmas from his carpentering work at Monahans. He found his son, Robert, in bed with the flu. Mrs. Herzog was in Amarillo visiting a daughter.

Home From Amarillo

Dwain Henson was home from Amarillo to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Alta Henson.

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After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows. This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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PEOPLE ARE FUNNY ABOUT WEARING O'COATS—BUT THAT'S THEIR BUSINESS

If the cold, rainy, snowy weather the past week had accomplished only good thing, that one would have been worth all the moisture that fell. It bro't out Wilmer Jones and his overcoat at a time when overcoats were really in season. The comfortable feeling that spread over the citizen that met Wilmer and his overcoat was worth watever suffering the citizen went through when he met Wilmer and his overcoat in sizzling hot weather. What worries the writer is what would happen should the top button on Wilmer's overcoat suddenly collapse. The writer is not certain there are any other button holes on his o'coat. Anyway, that's nobody's business but Wilmer's. W. Y. Houston is another who breaks down all the time in traditional overcoats. He's comfortable when he wears one, but the season begins in July or mid-August. But "Dick's" overcoat has a full quota of buttons and buttonholes and he's not a bit scimp about using them.

Saw Cal Houston celebrating the day after Christmas by wearing an overcoat. He looked like he was choking to death, or should I say, looked like a cow that had lost her cud. But there is one redeeming feature about Cal he doesn't give a damn how he looks to other people just so he's satisfied in his own mind and smoking a cigar.

Fort Worth Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston of Fort Worth, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Houston.

MAY THE WAR CEASE AND GIVE US PEACE

Nineteen hundred forty-four is here, But when the war will be ended, is not clear. We believe love and kindness does pay, Then let us use it to hasten the day.

That this old world may reach that perfect peace Where our love and friendships will never cease, Then we will have cleaned around our own door Much better than we ever did before.

We can keep America clean if we try, For America you know is you and I, So in arranging our security Let's make love our password to purity.

Then love your neighbor as yourself would make sense, And today is a very good time to commence, Then this year would be left with a cleaner page That may be will last on from age to age.
—Mrs. Bettie Hobs, Stanton

Here From El Paso
Mrs. Helen Joy Daniell and children Olga Joy and Dana Sue came in for Christmas day visit with Mrs. Daniell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ebbersol. The children remained for a longer visit, Mrs. Daniell's returning to El Paso.

WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION



Lt. Governor Smith

COTTON GINNING REPORT REVEALS 15,969 BALES

After his personal visit to the gins in Martin County to get the number of bales ginned, W. Y. Houston, special agent, send the following report to the Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C.:

Census report shows 15,969 bales of cotton were ginned in Martin County from the crop of 1943 prior to December 18, as compared with 21,926 bales for the crop of 1942.

This report, outside of possibly a few straggling bales, will stand as the bale crop for Martin county's cotton crop.

Considering the crop grew and matured on a very scant rainfall, this is a fine showing and proves any question of a doubt that Martin is the home of King Cotton.

Hustles In His Renewal

Our good friend J. H. Burnam in the grocery business at Odessa, hustles in his renewal subscription to the Reporter before the increase in price January 1. J. H., says things are little quiet since Christmas, "all filled up on turkey and cake, and some on rum," he said.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many kind words of sympathy in the death of our son, Staff Sergt. Robert C. White in the fatal crash of an airplane.

May God bless you all.
Mr. and Mrs. Elee White
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Louder and son.

Spent Christmas in Haskell
Mrs. S. F. Jones spent Christmas with her brother T. L. Atchison at Haskell. Mr. Atchison is 87 years old.

California Visitor
P. L. Daniell is visiting here from El Monte, California with the Roy Ebbersols.

Midland Guest
Miss Lillie Mae Stovall of Midland, was a guest of Miss Dorothy Hamilton in the home of her mother, Mrs. Nobye Hamilton, over the week-end.

To Kansas For Christmas
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bradley and children left Christmas Eve night for Greensburg, Kansas, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bradley's parents.

IS THERE GOLD IN YOUR CELLAR?

Yes, and in Your Attic Too! Turn Those Things You Don't Want Into Money with a Want Ad

BOOK YOUR ORDERS AHEAD

Let us book your orders for Baby Chicks as far ahead as possible so that we may know the breed and number of eggs to set.



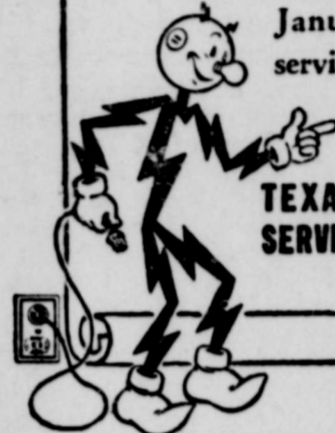
GIBSON FEED & HATCHERY

Phone 52

Stanton

NOTICE!

Interest on customers' deposits is payable January 1, 1944. For the convenience of our customers, unless payment in cash is requested, all interest amounting to 30c or more will be credited on January electric service bills.



TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

THANK YOU!

STANTON AND TRADE TERRITORY

During '43 we have not been able, at all times, to supply what was wanted. In some instances the quality we had to offer, was not up to the standard that we like to maintain.

All of this has been beyond our control. We have made every effort to carry in stock a complete and high quality selection of Hardware.

In spite of all this you have been good to us—you have understood that the Armed Forces must be served first and that some items were not available. We have enjoyed a splendid business and it has been a pleasure to have you in our store.

Our wish is that you may have a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and that we may be able to serve you better in 1944.

CLEMENTS-JONES

Hardware and Appliance

Phone 15

HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS. During 1944 we wish you ever success . . . your full portion of the luck of the year, and bountiful rewards for your earnest endeavors. We thank you for your friendship and patronage during the past year and extend our hope for a continuation of our mutual contact in 1944.

JACK JONES
Grocery & Market
PROMPT DELIVERY - PHONE 17
"AIN'T MAD AT NOBODY"

Starting with the New Year we start the year's business under a new name. Ever since the business was established this firm has been operating under the name of the Blocker Chevrolet Company. We have decided to change the name to the—

Stanton Chevrolet Co.

No change in the management or personnel of the firm as operated under the firm name of the Blocker Chevrolet Company. We are indeed appreciative of the fine patronage you have given the old firm and we hope the same fine patronage will be accorded us under the new name and during the new year 1944.

May your Hope Chest be bursting with all good things for the coming year. May happy and prosperous times come to you permanently—may every one of your wishes and desires come true. Happy New Year to you—and many of them.

Stanton Chevrolet Co.

PHONE 5

G. W. ALSUP, Manager

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