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## Santa Brings New Honors to Talco School

A Christmas gift in which all of Talco may share arrived this week with the announcement that the Talco High School had been elected to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The announcement came in a letter to Sup't B. E. Dunagan from J. W. O'Bannon, chairman of the State Executive Committee, offering congratulations and adding that a certificate of membership will be mailed soon by Dr. F. C. Jenkins, General Secretary of the association.

Membership in the association is another feather in the cap of the Talco High School, which is already recognized as one of the most up-to-date high schools in the state, with a modern school plant unequalled in this section of Texas.

## Fine Arts Club Has Christmas Program Tuesday

The Fine Arts Club met Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. Roger Williams. The meeting was called to order by the president and business was discussed. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Renford Sikes, who directed a program on Christmas. The opening prayer was voiced by Mrs. C. E. Whitmire. A Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang," was given by Mrs. Johnnie Weatherall. Five musical numbers were given by Leon Lindsey, Pauline Norris, Elsie and Lucille Black of Talco High School.

Refreshments were served to Meses. B. H. Hazard, C. E. Whitmire, Renford Sikes, Johnnie Weatherall, O. T. Stephenson, J. P. Davis, Dick Rodgers, C. C. Holden, Vincent Leewright, Onis Welch and the hostess.

The club was adjourned to meet Jan 14 at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Weatherall, with Mrs. B. H. Hazard in charge of the program.

## Lamar Co. Observes 100th Anniversary

Lamar county observed its 100th anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and the day was officially proclaimed a county-wide holiday by County Judge R. V. Hammack.

On the 17th day of December, 1940, President Mirabeau Lamar, for whom Lamar county was named, being one of the Republic and temporarily in the United States, Vice-President David G. Burnett signed the act of Congress of the Republic of Texas introduced on December 11th and finally adopted on the date of signing, creating Lamar county as a county of the Republic.

## Talco High Gridders to Receive Letters

Twenty-one members of the Talco High School football team, along with the team manager and mascot, will receive letters at a banquet to be held in Talco Jan. 10.

Those who will receive letters are: Sam Barnard, Max Reed, Billy Hunter, George Quillantan, Lyndon Reed, Lemuel Hargrove, Harold Folles, Billy Carter, Ernest Clark, Clyde Holder, Frank Lindsey, Prentice Boyles, Burl Gafford, Clifford Jones, Ray Bacchanan, Alvin Hill, Arlen Ivy, J. M. Brown, Edwin King, Junior Hall, team manager, and Max Womack, mascot.

## Asphalt Officials Tour Titus Plant

Col. J. F. Lucey, president of the Talco Asphalt and Refining Company, led a group of more than 75 people last Thursday on a tour of inspection through the refining plant in Mt. Pleasant. The tour climaxed a convention in Dallas of the National Asphalt Association.

Titus county has already been credited as being the most important asphalt center in the United States, and the Mt. Pleasant refinery is operating at full capacity to meet market demands.

## Times Gives Santa Front Seat, So will be One Day Late

The Times will be later than old Santa Claus this year. Due to the fact that Christmas, which this year arrives on Wednesday, a very busy day for The Times, and due to the further fact that The Times is a firm believer in observing Christmas in the old fashioned way and will take that day off, this newspaper will be printed one day later than usual next week and consequently will be mailed out one day later.

The proverbial "hell and high water" has not heretofore interfered with the schedule of The Times, but taking a back seat for Santa Claus is a horse of a different horsepower.

## Small Change in AAA Rates for Next Year

Rates of payment offered for compliance with special acreage allotments under the 1941 agricultural conservation program in Texas in most cases are substantially the same as rates at which payments were made in 1940. However, rates on some allotment crops are slightly lower for these reasons: A larger part of the funds are made available for conservation practices, funds for crops having smaller acreage allotments are increased, higher participation, and in the case of some crops, such as cotton, increased yields. The normal cotton yield for the nation for 1941 is 238 pounds per acre, as compared to 230 pounds for 1940.

Under the Agricultural Conservation Program, a soil-building allowance is set up for each farm. The participating farmer may earn his farm's allowance by carrying out approved soil-building practices.

## Mrs. Crabb Hostess to Monthly Social of Bethany Class

The Bethany Class of the Calvary Baptist Church had its meeting in the home of Mrs. A. B. Crabb for the regular monthly social Tuesday afternoon.

The program was opened by prayer, led by Mrs. Carter. Following the business session, Mrs. D. Pair had charge of the entertainment, such as several interesting contests on old Bible characters, and Christmas games.

The room was artistically decorated with the color scheme of the Christmas season. The climax of the party was the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, holding gifts to be exchanged. A fine and enjoyable spirit prevailed through the afternoon.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Poindexter, served an attractive refreshment plate, with dainty holly favors, to the fifteen ladies present.

The class cordially invites all ladies, who are not attending Sunday school some place, to meet with them each Sunday morning for the Bible study.

## Deer Hunting in South Texas

C. E. Jones, with Hays Jackson, Luke Wilson and Morris Justice of Mt. Pleasant, left Sunday for South Texas, where they will again hunt for deer.

This same party returned about three weeks ago from the same country, where they killed several bucks.

Mr. Jones stated that he thought he knew where the deer were running and wanted to go back and try for another. He killed an 8-point buck on his last hunt.

## L. E. GILBERT IN CHARGE OF ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT

L. E. Gilbert, music instructor in the Talco Hi School, was in charge of a program Tuesday evening for Rotary Club members in Mt. Pleasant. Several musical and vocal numbers were given by Mr. Gilbert, Misses Elsie and Lucille Black, Pauline Norris and Leon Lindsey.

## Plans Drafted for Community Chest in Talco

Talco may have a Community Chest. Plans for such an organization have been made and presented for approval or rejection to the cooperating organizations in Talco.

Creation of such an organization in Talco was begun last Friday at a meeting at the Talco High School for the purpose of discussing coordination of various local organizations to aid the indigent and underprivileged people of the community. A motion that a Community Chest be organized in Talco was made by the Rev. C. S. Wilhite, seconded by the Rev. S. D. Lindsay and carried by affirmation of those present.

A committee, composed of E. W. Smith, Rev. J. W. Harper and Guy Lemmond, was appointed to formulate plans and regulations to govern the establishment and operation of such an organization. This committee met later the same day and agreed upon a suggested constitution and by-laws to be presented for approval or rejection of cooperating organizations.

Purpose of a Community Chest in Talco is to unify the efforts of all local organizations in benevolent and charitable work throughout the year.

Officers shall, according to the by-laws and constitution, consist of a chairman, secretary, treasurer and the other members of the executive committee of which these three are a part. This committee shall consist of one member elected by each of the following organizations: Talco Masonic Lodge, Talco American Legion Post and each of the cooperating churches in Talco. Officers shall, with the exception of 1940, be elected by the cooperating organizations on or before Nov. 1 each year and shall serve one year.

## Talco Postoffice to Be Open Saturday

Postmaster Farris Brown announced this week that the postoffice will remain open all day Saturday in order that patrons can take care of their Christmas mail.

The office always closes on Saturday afternoons, and Mr. Brown is doing this as a courtesy to the patrons.

## Red River Farmers Buy Fruit Trees

Bought in a pooled order by 131 Red River county farmers 2300 fruit trees are being distributed through the office of County Farm Agent W. T. Posey.

The eighth to be filled since the practice of buying in a group began, the current order lifts the total number received to 30,000, Posey says.

## Talco School Dismisses for the Holidays

Talco school students will lay down their books today (Friday) and go into a two weeks' Christmas and New Year vacation.

This is the first time Talco students have received a two weeks' vacation, but due to Christmas coming on Wednesday it makes it necessary for them to have this much time off in order to start on Monday and observe New Years holidays.

Teachers will leave for their homes to be with relatives and friends during the vacation period.

Miss Dixie Unsell will go to Dallas to visit friends, Miss Ray Woodbridge will visit friends in South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gilbert will go to Commerce and Fulbright to visit friends and relatives, Miss Francis Cornett will visit friends and relatives in Dallas, Longview, Linden, and in Dallas she will do some dramatic work. Miss Eddie Houston will visit friends and relatives in Mt. Calm, Miss Mildred Petty will visit friends and relatives in Pittsburg, Waxahachie and Dallas, Miss Fortenberry will go to Greenwood to visit friends and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shelton will visit friends and relatives in Dallas, Paris, Denton, Austin, Honey Grove and Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden will visit relatives and friends in Waco and Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Flewharty will visit friends and relatives in South Carolina, Guy Lemmond will visit friends and relatives in Gilmer and Winnsboro.

## Green Hill Resident Dies December 19

John E. Lunsford, 53, died Dec. 19 at his home in the Green Hill community. Funeral service was held the following day at Center Grove and interment was in that cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Aubrey and Harvey Lunsford, and two daughters, Mrs. Olive Lunsford and Miss Martha Lee Lunsford, all of Titus county. Three brothers, Harpey and Elmer Lunsford of Titus county and Bud Lunsford of Morris county, and two grandchildren also survive.

## Two Red River Co. Stores Burglarized

Two East Red River county business houses were burglarized last week, loot taken amounting to about \$800. Thieves took \$500 in guns and other stock from Stiles Bros. store at Annona and narcotics and merchandise valued at more than \$200 from the Swann Drug Store at Avery.

Officers who are working on the case said a third burglary was attempted at the Medford general store at Avery but was frustrated by a burglar alarm.

## Talco Boy Has Badly Cut Hand

Carrying a tin funnel which he was making in the manual training class at school Tuesday, Vannoy Cates of Talco stumbled and fell, the raw edge of the funnel cutting his left hand badly, severing some tendons.

He was resting well Wednesday at a Paris sanitarium where he was taken for treatment. He is the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cates of Talco.

## Leases Paid on Part of Red River Lease Section

Operations at the wildcat test well on the Tyer tract east of Bogata have been suspended since a Schlumberger picture of the hole was made last week. Results of the survey have not been disclosed.

Rentals have been paid recently on a large portion of the lease block. Leases expiring at present which have been paid amount to something like 2,000 acres. Others have previously been paid and operators have not said what course will be taken when the lease period runs out of those remaining, or whether all that expire now will be paid. The original block contained about 9,000 acres.

The hole is bottomed at present at between 2700 and 3000 feet.

## Sunshine out Thursday to Aid Shoppers

Temperature was pleasant Thursday and the populace in smiles as the sun came out to drive away damp and dripping weather which had put a damper on Christmas spirits and made shopping difficult. There had been no great amount of rain since Sunday and roads, though rough, were not impassable.

Merchants welcomed the sunshine and indications point to a busy town for the last four big shopping days. Holiday stocks are still good and stores are ready for shoppers.

Heavy week end rains swelled small streams and creeks in this area and postponed all field work on farms until after the holidays.

Despite a wet top and bottom, the Christmas spirit is not materially dampened and its shining is manifested in warm smiles, cheery greetings and extra shopping on the part of local people.

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## Second Draft Calls 24 in Red River Co.

Second draft call will take 24 men from Red River county into compulsory military training about Jan. 13. First call for six men was filled by volunteers but board members say a number will have to be called for the January list.

Several residents of Bogata and Southwest Red River county are high on the order list and have already returned questionnaires qualifying them for immediate call.

## Talco State Bank is Sprucing Up

The Talco State Bank has undergone remodeling on its fixtures this week. The old cage-style fixtures have been torn away and all new fixtures are about four feet high, giving employees more light and giving spectators a better view of the bank.

A short time ago the ceiling and walls were painted.

## Power Co. Showing Christmas Spirit

The Community Public Service Company office here is showing a good display of the Christmas spirit. Their beautifully decorated windows, with colored lights, blend with Christmas lights on the streets. The company is also doing its part in placing before the readers of this newspaper its merchandise.

## Hinton Will Start Two Rigs in Talco Field

Bill Hinton is starting two rigs in the field and will probably register two producers before Christmas. One of the wells will be drilled on the Blalock No. 1, in East Talco and the other on the Rutherford No. 6 in West Talco.

Magnolia Company is also drilling on the Rutherford tract No. 2 and will complete soon.

A Railroad Commission test will probably be taken on the Rutherford No. 3 Friday, drilled by Hinton.

Humble Company, who has been drilling near Kilgore, is scheduled to move machinery back to Talco by the first of January and drill several locations.

## Titus County Man Dies from Effects of Gunshot Wounds

Tom P. Henderson, Titus county World War veteran, died Tuesday night at the veterans' hospital in Dallas from the effects of gunshot wounds received last Sept. 21.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Frank Henderson home in Mt. Pleasant and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Deceased is survived by two brothers, Frank and Grover Henderson of Mt. Pleasant and five sisters, as follows: Mrs. Jake Mead, Mrs. Lawrence Tey and Miss Cleo Henderson of Dallas, Mrs. Wilson Kelley of Richardson and Mrs. B. F. Hoffman of Pittsburg.

## Mrs. R. C. Walker will Present Pupils

Mrs. R. C. Walker will present her pupils in a recital Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Talco High School auditorium.

The following students will be on the program: Barbara Joy Canter, Colleen Rollins, Bessie Nell Hazard, Billie Jean Canter, Dorothy Jo Fussell, Gloria Howard, Wanda Beth Carl, Martha Joyce Penn, Doris Nean Penn, Charles Wilhite, Bettye Jean Clark, Mary Helen Johnson, Joyce Whitmire, Bobbie Jack Sosebee, Gale Whitmire, Odessa Devall, Charlene Allums, Wanda Westbrook and Bonnie Nell Ray.

## Farmer's Academy Man Dies Wednesday

Alton Causey, 79, died early Wednesday morning at his home in the Farmers' Academy community. Funeral services and burial were at the Farmers' Academy church on Thursday.

Surviving are his widow, three sons, Herman Causey of this county, and John and Jeff Causey of Greenville. One daughter, Mrs. M. L. Barrett of Mt. Pleasant, and two brothers, R. A. and Noah Causey of Alabama.

## New Directors for Titus Fair Named

Below are the names of new directors of Titus County Fair Association, as announced by Sam Williams, retiring president: A. G. Daniel, J. A. Petty, Sam Williams, Floyd Thomas, L. H. Wilson, L. L. Simpson, C. E. Lee, J. W. McCown, Susie Brabham, A. B. Gilpin, George Lillienstern, O. L. Colley, Bob Sandlin, G. W. Cross, H. B. Wilson, Dr. Dan M. Witt and J. A. Miller. Officers for the coming year will be chosen from this list.

## Legion Holds Roy Bean Court

Talco American Legion held its annual Roy Bean court on Thursday. Passing motorists and all pedestrians were stopped and fined. The amount of the fine was whatever the prisoner wanted to pay.

The affair was all in fun, and for a good cause. Funds received will be used to purchase food, clothing and Christmas gifts for the needy. The amount taken in had not been learned at press time.



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**THE LIGHTS MUST NOT GO OUT**

Christmas 1940 brings us to a deeper sense of human interdependence and the brotherhood of all free men everywhere. America, strong and free, still believes in the brotherly love which was heralded in the Bethlehem sky by His bright star. That Star has never ceased to shine somewhere. Above bursting bombs we hear brave Britons singing: "There Will Always Be An England." Little peoples, beset by fear and brutal persecution, still struggle to keep the dim spark of liberty burning in their hearts. America, happy at peaceful firesides, will lead the darkened world back to charity, cooperation, tolerance, kindness and Christian freedom. Every Christmas candle bravely shining in every home proclaims that the spirit of the day has not perished from the earth. With faith in God's truth triumphant we pledge ourselves: The lights must not go out.—Hubert M. Harrison.

**CAN YOU KEEP CHRISTMAS?**

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas!—Henry Van Dyke.

The Times man lost two newspaper friends last Sunday—one who had lived three-score and ten, while the other was cut down in the noon-day of his life: DeWitt McMurray of the Dallas News who died in his 74th year, and John Francis Hart, 38, professor of journalism at ESTSC and business manager of the

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

**BURT LOCKHART**  
 in Pittsburg Gazette

Not long now until all the towns and some of the folks will be lit up.

Many a young man who goes in for fun comes out with a headache.

Ugly as it looks, millions of people will continue to spell it "Xmas."

No use casting bread upon the waters around England. The fishes have plenty to eat without it.

One of the nicest things in life is being able to do something for others without hope of reward.

What has become of the old fashioned town that boasted of its community Christmas tree?

The fellow who makes a habit of jumping at conclusions often lands in a pile of trouble.

Not even a burglar can qualify in taking things easy unless he works hard at the job.

No, son, the real Santa Claus' address is still North Pole—not Washington.

Seventy-one per cent of all war orders have been placed, but if the government does not put an official kibosh on strikes work will slow down disastrously.

Commerce Journal. It had been our pleasure to know John Hart and call him friend since his young manhood. He had visited in our home upon numerous occasions and we in his. Kind, courteous and considerate in every word and act, to know John Hart was to love him.

This newspaper and those who make it wish everyone of its readers a Happy, Joyous Christmas, with the hope that the spirit of Him whose natal day we are about to celebrate will permeate and enrich your lives.

Election of the Talco High School to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is a definite and distinct honor to the school and to Talco. It is a Christmas gift that will keep on giving to everyone in this area and The Times extends congratulations to Talco school board and faculty members.

Work of organizing a Community Chest in Talco to unify the efforts of various welfare organizations in aiding worthy and underprivileged citizens deserves the commendation of everyone. Welfare work is something that must go on 365 days in the year, if it is to be of maximum benefit. The problem of caring for the less fortunate is as old as Adam and one that can be solved only by cooperative effort on the part of the more fortunate. Talco has a heart and it is on the right side.

There are two sides to most questions if you don't count the right side.

This is a crazy world. Just about the time a fellow learns how to resist a temptation, along comes a later model.

We are credited with having five senses—sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. One more, please, the sense of humor.

Happy is the man who knows enough to know that it is downright foolish to worry over anyone's troubles but his own.

It may be humiliating to Hitler and Mussolini to change their diet to mules and dogs, but probably they'd rather eat that than crow.

It is interesting to note that when Mussolini told gaping thousands that he had not begun to fight, he was telling the truth.

Those radio quiz programs are educational, but they are not going to do away with schools. We must go to school before we are able to answer the quiz questions.

The New York woman who died the other day didn't know when to let well enough alone. She was reducing from six hundred and thirty-five pounds to five hundred pounds.

**Man Kills Hog that Won't Stay Killed**

It probably wouldn't do any good to suggest to Esker Westbrook that the hog he couldn't kill to death Monday might have had an overdose of the Christmas spirit.

Mr. Westbrook is reported to have gone out to his hog pen Monday at his home north of Deport and shot and stuck a prime porker. Leaving the hog to bleed, he went into the house for a moment and returned to find the swine standing up eating corn. It gets monotonous, he finds, killing hogs that refuse to stay killed.

I always feel a bit sorry for the fellow who hero worships a hardened criminal because he is rated as a tough character. The real tough guy today is the man who is generally conceded a success. I know that he went into the game with all he had and that he stayed on his feet while his competitors were dawdling in their soft chairs or sprawling on their beds. My number one tough guy is the fellow who throws all he has into the battle for supremacy in the never-ending struggle for right over wrong. He can take it and come back for more.

**Aged Fulbright Man Buried December 12**

Silas Hope, 88-year-old Fulbright man, died Wednesday night, Dec. 11, at the home of his brother, W. H. Hope, west of Fulbright, following a long illness. Funeral services were held the following day at the home, conducted by Sister Williams. Interment was in the Bethel cemetery. Survivors include two brothers, W. H. and Chas. Hope.

**Ain't that Sump'n**

By NUMBER SEVEN

Rhyme written after being refused a news story by a certain farmer who is reported to be having extraordinary luck with his hens:

I ran across a farmer  
 Who keeps a bunch of hens  
 Nestled in their cozy nests  
 And paying dividends.

I asked him for a story  
 Of his chickens and his dough,  
 But he backed up and hollered,  
 "No, fellow, no!"

He keeps his information  
 From this columnist's ear,  
 He won't whip a whisper,  
 But this is what I hear:

Along about Christmas time,  
 With spirits rising high,  
 The hen-pecked farmer  
 Began getting mighty dry.

The hens began to cackle,  
 The eggs began to spill  
 To make a barrel of eggnog  
 For their good friend, Bill.

A barrel full of eggnog,  
 A-kicking and a-spewing—  
 How are you doing, Bill?  
 How are you doing?  
 Post script:

Never mind the story, Bill;  
 Let it go to glory;  
 Pass around the barrel, Bill,  
 And we'll pass up the story!

And then there is the local man who never let his wife know where he kept his money until he got married.

Voices of nature: The fly telling the tumblebug, "I speek not."

Heard a fellow say that all the smart men he knew were modest, and remembered old Schopenhauer and his saying that when modesty was made a virtue it must have been a great advantage to the fool. If a hen sets on good eggs, something is going to hatch out. If a man has something good in him, it is bound to come out—modesty or no modesty. On the other hand, if a hen sets on rotten eggs and a man has something rotten in him, it is better that they keep them to themselves.

And for a less light—but none the less sincere—note, this column begs space to reprint a few of its lines from a New York publication:

**LOW STAR**

A star hangs low; the earth is deep  
 and white,  
 The lights about the country gleam  
 and glow,  
 A little child looks out into the  
 night;  
 A star hangs low.  
 The colored lights are swinging to  
 and fro,  
 And hearts are happy now and cares  
 are light,  
 And men forget the heartache and  
 the blow  
 Of old defeats, forget the wrong  
 and right,  
 And turn, as men before them long  
 ago,  
 Their faces to the East where, clear  
 and bright,  
 A star hangs low.

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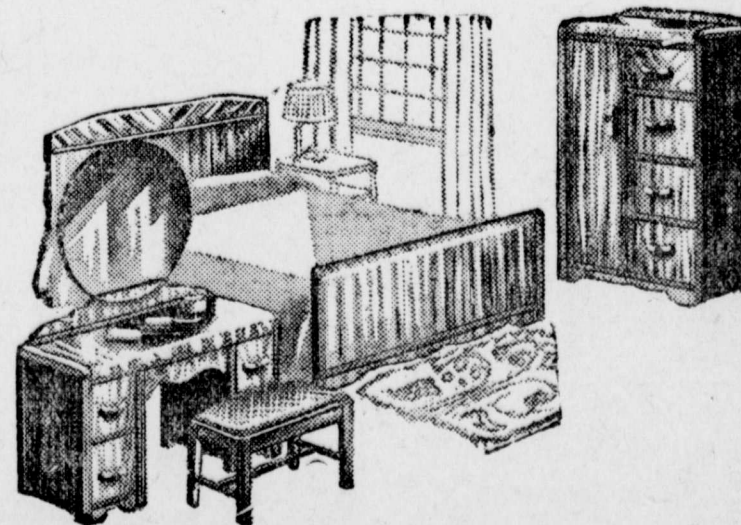
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# PATMAN'S WASHINGTON PARAGRAPHS

(CONGRESSMAN—TEXAS)

## Farm Program

The cotton farmers have again by an overwhelming vote adopted the marketing quota provisions of the Farm Act. There are many causes for our farm problem; among them are the following:

(1) The plowing up of millions of acres of grass lands during the World War to produce food and fiber.

(2) The change of our Nation from a debtor nation to a creditor nation. In the '20's we loaned the European countries money to buy our cotton. When pay-day came they quit buying cotton.

(3) New farm competition in countries pioneering in the cotton industry.

(4) Tractors displacing horses. In the Administration's program the leaders are working toward the following:

(1) To give the farmer his share of the national income.

(2) To adjust markets for farm products dislocated by the European war.

(3) For soil conservation and crop diversification.

(4) To help the actual farmer own his own farm.

## Domestic Problem Should Not Be Neglected

Our defense plans must not be permitted to cause us to neglect our domestic program, which is involved in the Social Security law, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Youth Administration, the Farm Security Administration, the Extension Service, Soil Conservation, the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Farm Credit Act, and other laws that benefit the people physically, mentally and spiritually.

## College Girls Listed as Poor Spellers

CHICAGO.—The modern college girl has almost everything it takes to be a business success, says M. P. Nelson, co-director of the Career Institute.

She has charm, poise and emotional control. She has sincerity and determination.

But there is one drawback, Nelson said—she can't spell or put her "who" and "whom" in the right places. He explained:

"On the whole we find that college girls of today are very well balanced emotionally and socially, but English is something they don't seem to have been concerned with since the days they were in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades."

## BEAUTIES OF NATURE

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## Alexander Book Company

33 South Main Street  
PARIS, TEXAS

## CUNNINGHAM

The mattress making project, supervised by Mrs. Ira Taylor, closed Thursday after having made 49 mattresses. It will reopen around the first of the year.

The rain that fell Saturday and Sunday put the water out of banks in Sulphur river and the channel south of town.

Most farmers in this section finished gathering their crops last week. Silas Howell had a cow to get a leg broken this week.

Mrs. John Allen is improving after several days' illness.

Mrs. F. E. McGahan, sponsor of the girls' Spanish class, postponed their trip to Dallas on account of bad weather. Their plans are to go after Christmas. The Spanish club met Friday afternoon. Games were played and refreshments were served to the class.

Harold Wyatt has been carrying the mail on the eight-mile loop for Mr. Carroll since the bad weather. Earl Cook has purchased the Lewis Clark house at Oakdale and will move it to Cunningham on a lot owned by D. E. Kennedy.

Fred Cox has bought a house from Lee Roach and will move it to his place south of town.

Mrs. Earl Turner is ill at her home here.

School will be dismissed Friday for the Christmas holidays. There will be a Christmas tree at the school auditorium Friday night.

The school is planning to turn out for the holidays Friday with a Christmas pageant to be given Friday night at the school. The public is invited to attend.

The school plans to attend the Christmas parade in Deport Friday afternoon.

A very interesting discussion on safety first, good manners and thrift was given by members of the Citizenship Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday.

Billy Bybee suggested the best way to be happy at Christmas was to try to make someone else happy by giving some kind of gift, be it large or small.

The program chairman, Davene Taylor, has been absent from school two weeks with influenza. She is reported improved, but not yet able to attend school. She has been greatly missed.

## YOUR ALMANAC by Herbert

CALCULATED FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23.


SUNRISE	DECEMBER 23.. 7.11	SUNSET	DECEMBER 23.. 4.16
	DECEMBER 24.. 7.11		DECEMBER 24.. 4.16
	DECEMBER 25.. 7.12		DECEMBER 25.. 4.17
	DECEMBER 26.. 7.12		DECEMBER 26.. 4.18
	DECEMBER 27.. 7.13		DECEMBER 27.. 4.19
	DECEMBER 28.. 7.13		DECEMBER 28.. 4.19
	DECEMBER 29.. 7.13		DECEMBER 29.. 4.20

TIME GIVEN IS STANDARD BULOVA WATCH TIME...



WOODROW WILSON... BORN DEC. 28, 1856.

IS YOUR NAME WILSON? THIS IS ONE OF THE COMMONEST AND DISTINCTIVE OF WELSH SURNAMES—ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT ORIGINALLY A WELSH NAME—BUT ADOPTED FROM THE NORMANS. THE NAME SIGNIFIES "SON OF WILLIAM"...



PEOPLE BORN DURING THIS PERIOD ARE SHREWDS, FAIR AND CLEVER IN BUSINESS MATTERS AND ARE DECIDEDLY VERSATILE.



DEC. 25... BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND READERS... DEC. 26... PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS ESTABLISHED... 1805.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

A CLOTH DIPPED IN VINEGAR AND WRAPPED AROUND AMERICAN CHEESE WILL KEEP IT MOIST AND APPETIZING.

WORDS ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT LAST FOREVER.—WASLITT.

## American Creed Written in 1917

Written by William Tyler Page, Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, in 1917, and adopted and promulgated by the Government's Committee on Publication. Accepted by the House of Representatives on behalf of the American People, April 3, 1918.

"I believe in the United States of America, as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-

stice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

The victim said that when he left the cafe with his two pretty companions he had \$60 on him besides several pockets full of loose change. But after being hit on the head he says he woke up without a dime. —Painter (Okla.) Recorder.

Three million farm families of the nation, 53 per cent of them in the south, are living on gross incomes averaging \$615.

## First Baptist Church

J. W. HARPER, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 22: Sunday school 9:45, D. B. Hazelwood, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., preaching by pastor. Subject, "Present Tense Christianity." Do we have salvation now? Is eternal life given us now? Come, we will answer these questions for you. 6:30 p. m., BTS, Irwin Miller, director. This is a fine group of young people. We usually have around one hundred in the training service. You are invited to come in time for this service. Four different group meetings and a place for everyone.

7:30, preaching by pastor. Subject, "Watchers Around the Cross." Monday night, an old-fashioned Christmas tree and Santa Claus. Come and let's have an old-fashioned Christmas together. You will be welcome.

The week following Dec. 22 is Christmas week. The usual services of the church for the week days, with the exception of Monday night, will be suspended.

We wish for each of you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## NO DIFFERENCE

Robber: "Don't be scairt, lady, all I want is your money."  
Old Maid: "Oh, go away! You're just like all other men."

Use a clean sheet of wrapping paper to roll pies and pastry on. It saves a lot of cleaning up later.

## If Your Ear Comes Off, Keep It

CHICAGO.—If an ear is torn off in an auto accident, the American College of Surgeons was advised, it should be saved because weeks or months later it can be put back on and will make a perfectly good new ear.

The report was made by Dr. H. L. D. Kirkham of Houston, Texas. The ear has to be kept in a preservative, but he said that even if it were not found until 24 hours after the accident, it still could be preserved.

When cooking fruits, add the sugar at the beginning of the cooking period to retain the shape and keep the pieces whole.

## SEND CHANGES OF ADDRESS PROMPTLY

Times subscribers are asked to notify the subscription department promptly of any changes in their addresses. Under the new postal laws, newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any changes in address furnished by the postoffice. In addition, there is also the problem of delay in delivery or failure to get the paper. The best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

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Choose these stockings because they come in wonderful colors and because they are so beautifully made and perfectly proportioned that any woman will be thrilled and flattered to receive them.

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## Select His Christmas Slippers

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Soft kid leather house shoes in black, brown or burgundy. Two styles... one has a soft sole... the other has a hard leather sole and rubber tap heel. They're "sure-fire" Christmas gifts.

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TABLE GRILLS \$6.95 up



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## School News

The following students were placed on the Talco Honor Roll for second six weeks: Charlene Allums, George Anderson, Mary Margaret Anderson, Ted Baxter, Lucille Black, Mary Lee Blankenship, Ray Buchanan, Wanda Beth Carl, Earline Cramer, Earnest Clark, Lavonne Davis, Theo Duke, Oscar Elliott, Georgianna Fletcher, Dorothy Jo Fussell, Julia Earle Francis, Betty Fae Gee, Marjorie Howard, Geo. Hazelwood, Mary Bell Honeycutt, Ruby Dell Hanks, Robert Harper, Anna Lou Hearne, Mary Hanes, Ruth Johnson, Jerry Lynn Jones, Bessie Faye Kelley, Lois Gene Kirkham, Edwin King, Mary Louise Kelley, Olga Mae Lindsay, Roy Lilly, Faye Lindsay, Robert Little, Donald Long, June Morris, Louise Potts, Billie Moore, Rufene Prestige, Louise Reidout, Dorothy Reidout, Melba Spruell, Adeline Swarts, Zenith Steele, Moye Vansaw, Wayne Warren, Beryll Welborn, Arvin Watts and Verble Whitney.

### Assembly

Friday, at the assembly period the high school was entertained by Lloyd Gilbert's carol club. The chorus sang three songs and there were two trios and a special string trio. Mr. Gilbert and his carol club are doing splendid work.

All students of Talco High School wish all the readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Folk-Dancing Club Meets

The Folk-Dancing Club, sponsored by Misses Smith and Woodbridge, held its regular meeting Tuesday. The dance studied at this meeting was the Virginia Reel, an early American dance.

Folk-dances of Germany, Scotland and England have also been studied by the club this year.

### Spanish Club

The Spanish Club met Thursday, Dec. 12. The president, Harry Howard, presided at the meeting. Minutes were read and roll called by the secretary, Marjorie Howard. Plans were made for a Spanish dinner, Dec. 18, which was served by the home economics class. Guests were Mr. Dunagan and Mr. Flewharty.

The remainder of the period was spent in singing Spanish Christmas songs. The meeting was adjourned with the wish, "Feliz Navidad y un prospero ano."—Billie Moore, Reporter.

The Spotlight sponsored a Christmas party at the home of Sam Barnard on Wednesday night. Presents were brought to be given to the Community Chest. Miss Frances Cornett, our sponsor, furnished refreshments as a gift for the club. The Spotlight will sponsor a play soon, entitled "Mystery at Midnight."

### CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

THE chief charm of Christmas is its simplicity. It is a festival that appeals to everyone, because everyone can understand it. A genuine fellowship pervades our common life—a fellowship whose source is our common share in the gift of the world's greatest Life which was given to the whole world.

### The Birth of Christ

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. —Tomnyson.

### Noel, Name of Two Towns

Noel, the French for Christmas, is the name of towns in Virginia and Missouri.

### "The Feast of Lights"

"The Feast of Lights" is one of the oldest names of Christmas.

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## Talco Boy Scout Troop Reorganized at Scout Meet

At a recent meeting of the Boy Scouts, Rex Shelton was elected Scout Master and C. C. Holden, Vincent Leewright and Gail Brelsford, Assistant Scout Masters. A troop committee, composed of L. E. Gilbert, Guy Lemmond, Glen N. Flewharty and B. E. Dunagan, was also elected. The Scouts are anticipating a lot of fun in the near future.

Monday night the Scouts met in the gym under their new Scout Master Rex Shelton. There are four patrols. Bob White Patrol—leader, J. W. France; assistant leader, Jewel Smith. Flaming Arrow Patrol—leader, Bobby J. Allen; assistant, Jack Medlin. Mustang Patrol—leader, Oscar Elliott; assistant, Hershell Kelley. Panther Patrol—leader, Donald Long; assistant, John Paul Jones.

The C Scout Patrol is yet to be organized. It will be composed of older boys, possibly around the age of 16.

Mr. Wheeler of Paris, Scout executive, was present to assist in organizing the Scouts. Next meeting will be Jan. 6. According to Scout Master Rex Shelton, plans are underway for an outing immediately after the holidays, providing the weather is favorable.

## Journey to Bethlehem Not Like Today's Travel

ACCUSTOMED to our swift and modern transportation, it is difficult to visualize the hardships of that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, or the great fatigue and weariness suffered by Mary and Joseph. Consternation filled their hearts at the decree of Caesar; yet there was nothing to do but obey the summons. They must make the long, tiresome journey and at once!

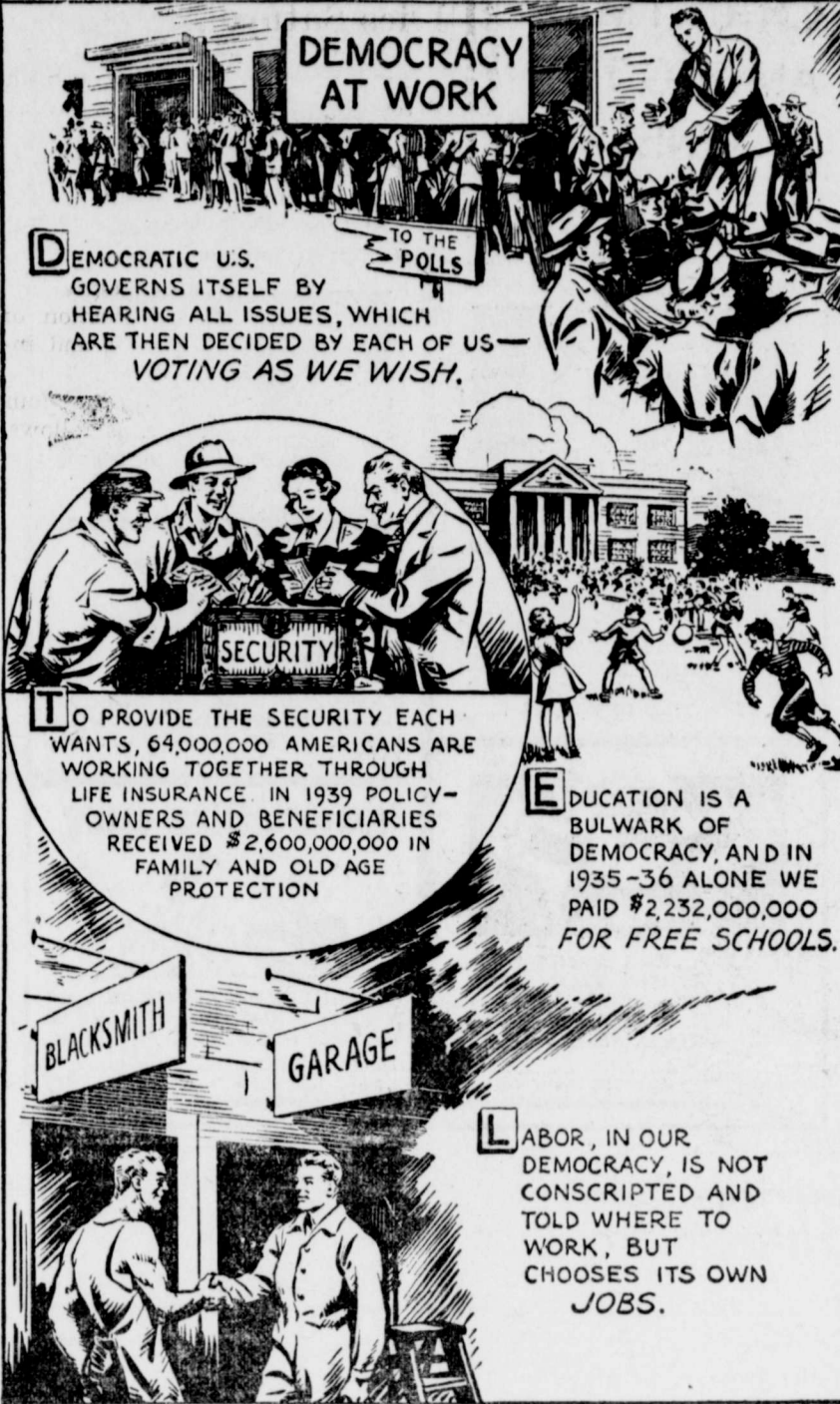
No shining motor car waited outside their gate; no silver-winged plane stood throbbing in a nearby field; not even the meanest ox-cart was available. While others rode by in gorgeous caravans, a patient little donkey was their only means of transportation. We can imagine the tall and bearded Joseph leading the animal along, glancing back every now and then with words of cheer and encouragement for Mary, or pointing out some landmark along the way.

Behind them now was the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Tabor. Through the plain of Estraleon they labored; then came the rough and uneven trail through Samaria, where even the sure-footed donkey stumbled at times. To the west, the Jordan ran its course, to empty farther south into the Dead sea. Along their way they passed many places whose names would be known and revered around the world in the dim future. . . . Did Mary have a vision as she went by that one day the Son whom she was about to bear would go up and down this country preaching a new Gospel of love and peace and hope for man, and that His birth would be held in happy and blessed remembrance by all the peoples of the earth until time would be no more?—Katherine Edelman.

### Pocahontas Coal

Pocahontas coal takes its name from the coal fields of Pocahontas, Va., which town was named for the Indian maiden celebrated in the colonial history of that state. "And because this little Indian maid stood for the best of the native product of old Virginia," states "The Story of Pocahontas, 1863-1915; a good coal," her name has been associated with the best natural products of our country, and the word "Pocahontas" whenever we see it associated with anything always means to us "best." . . . And because these now famous coal fields produced the best steam coals in the world, they have become known as the "Pocahontas" coal fields and have carried the fame and name of Pocahontas to the farthestmost parts of the earth.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



DEMOCRATIC U.S. GOVERNS ITSELF BY HEARING ALL ISSUES, WHICH ARE THEN DECIDED BY EACH OF US—VOTING AS WE WISH.

TO PROVIDE THE SECURITY EACH WANTS, 64,000,000 AMERICANS ARE WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH LIFE INSURANCE IN 1939 POLICY-OWNERS AND BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED \$2,600,000,000 IN FAMILY AND OLD AGE PROTECTION

EDUCATION IS A BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY, AND IN 1935-36 ALONE WE PAID \$2,252,000,000 FOR FREE SCHOOLS.

LABOR, IN OUR DEMOCRACY, IS NOT CONSCRIPTED AND TOLD WHERE TO WORK, BUT CHOOSES ITS OWN JOBS.

**Draconian Laws in Greece**  
The Draconian laws in ancient Greece are noteworthy primarily for their cruelty. The death penalty was attached to almost all crimes, even the petty ones. This code of Draco is said to have made the first legal distinction between voluntary and involuntary homicide and to have made a murderer liable to punishment by the state. Theft was made punishable by death and debt exposed a man to the danger of slavery. The 51 ephetae or special judges were probably Draco's creation.

**Columbus' View of Porto Rico**  
Christopher Columbus had the right idea about Porto Rico, America's island possession at the gateway to the Caribbean. Returning to Spain from his second voyage to the new world in 1493, it is recorded, he excitedly told the queen about the little island of Porto Rico. She asked him what it looked like. The explorer crumpled a sheet of paper and tossed it on the table. "It looks like this, your majesty," he said.

**Author of "Go West"**  
The expression, "Go West, young man, go West," was first used by John L. B. Soule in an editorial in the Terre Haute Express, in 1851. Soule was editor of that paper and in his editorial he stated that Horace Greeley could not give better advice than this. It became a favorite saying of Greeley, who used it in a letter to W. H. Verity in 1874 and again in "Hints Toward Reform" in the form "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country." Seitz's biography of Greeley mentions that on his western trip to Buffalo and Detroit in 1839 he had yet to cry, "Go West, young man, go West," for he concluded a letter by saying: "If I were a farmer without a satisfactory farm, I might emigrate to the Far West; but I should be quite as likely not to wander beyond the western boundary of Erie county, Pennsylvania."

Bananas to a total of 60,000,000, 000 stems, valued at \$28,500,000, are imported into the United States annually.

## Holidays to Begin Early in Talco

Christmas holidays will begin on Friday afternoon for a large part of the population of Talco, when the more than 700 students enrolled in the Talco High School are dismissed until January 6.

For the majority, however, the shopping season will continue until Christmas Eve, though the holiday spirit will accompany the shoppers on their rounds.

So far as business is concerned, Christmas will be like Sunday. Business houses will be closed and there will be no rural delivery.

Talco churches have Christmas programs scheduled for Sunday.

A number of college students have returned home for the holidays and many local people will visit with friends and relatives in other communities.

### FUNERAL HELD FOR CHILD OF MR. AND MRS. AUTRY

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 in the home for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Autry, who passed away Wednesday night. Rev. S. D. Lindsey officiated. Burial was made in the Talco cemetery.

**Early Watches**  
Though the Chinese claim to have invented the clock about the year 2000 B. C., there is a general belief that Gerbert, who afterward became Pope Sylvester II, made the first mechanical clock for the Magdeburg cathedral in the year 996 A. D. Peter Henlen or Hele of Nuremberg, Germany, is credited with the invention of the mainspring which made watches possible, about the year 1500 A. D.; one of the oldest watches in existence was made in that city in 1560.

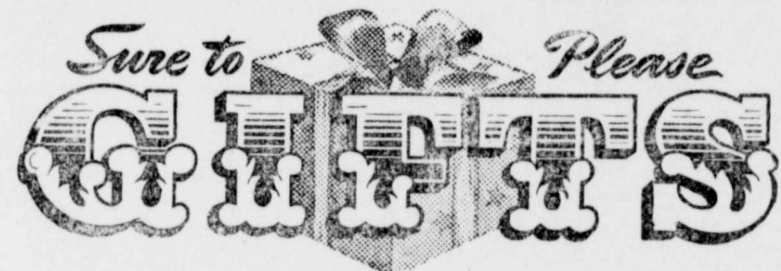
### Images of Olympic Game Heroes

Towards the latter part of the Sixth century B. C., it became the custom to set up images of the victors in the Olympic games. The custom apparently gave one of the earliest impulses to Greek sculpture, which resulted in splendid presentations of the male figure. Since high honors were heaped upon victorious athletes, sometimes even divine worship and honor, the greatest sculptors were proud to immortalize the victors in stone and bronze.

### GET HIS PICTURE BEFORE HE LEAVES

Let us make a picture of your soldier boy before he is called on the draft. Pictures are as lasting. Remember him as he was before joining the army.

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## Christmas Greetings

Remember, you still have FOUR more shopping days until Christmas.

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## Merry Christmas

THE HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY,  
a Texas institution,  
joins its Employees, Service Stations  
and Dealers  
in extending to you and yours every good wish  
for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR



# LOCAL NEWS

PHONE 101  
LUCILLE BELL, Reporter

Miss Eddie Houston motored to Paris Saturday.

C. C. Smith is at a Paris hospital for medical treatment.

Jerome Kulak made a business trip to Paris on Friday.

Roy Gist made a business trip to Gladewater on Monday.

Lloyd Graf transacted business in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Otto Holland transacted business in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

O. R. Medlin made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Jerome Kulak made a business trip to Mt. Vernon Saturday.

George Massad visited friends and relatives in Tyler Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Bonham made a business trip to Paris Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Jones made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris Brown visited friends in Sulphur Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Croley made a business trip to Gladewater Sunday.

Charles Clinton Smith of Talco R2, is under treatment at a Paris hospital.

C. E. Jones left Sunday for South Texas, where he will enjoy deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAlister made a business trip to Paris on Monday.

John DeHay was carried to a Paris hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

Raymond Taylor and James Bell made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Estelle Sale spent the week end in Naples with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sale.

Mrs. Scottie Mays and Miss Polly McAlister made a business trip to Paris on Monday.

J. T. Belcher visited Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Herrington, formerly of Talco, in Greggton on Tuesday.

Hugh Dunagan and Miss Margaret Steward of Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end in Dallas, shopping.

Misses Lucille Williams, Odessa Reid and Dixie Unsell spent the week end in Dallas shopping.

No draft call for the month of December will be made on Franklin county registrars, officials of the local Draft Board were notified this week. A quota of eight should be ready for call about Jan. 13, however, headquarters officials said.

The nicest courtesy you can show your guests from out of town is to have their visits mentioned on the local page. The nicest courtesy you can show your friends is to let them learn of your visit thru this page when you go away. And we, too, will consider it a courtesy whenever you will give us any item of any kind. Just phone 101 or drop us a postal card.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Travis spent the week end in Cooper with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Harris.

Mrs. L. Hedrick, who has been a patient at a Paris sanitarium, has returned to her home at Sulphur Bluff.

A daughter, who has been named Nelda Joyce, was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright of R2 Bogata.

Bob Sandlin of the Irvin-Sandlin Chevrolet Co. of Mt. Pleasant, was a business visitor in Talco Wednesday.

Lamar County Sheriff J. H. Ratliff has announced his candidacy for city marshal in Paris in the April election.

Christine Alexander left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her family and friends in Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. W. D. Bagley, 62, died about 1 p. m. Friday at her home in North Deport, following a stroke of apoplexy late Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Nugent, accompanied by Mrs. Nannie Neugent, went to Atlanta Sunday to visit James Corgile and family.

Thomas Nolan, 19 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Neugent, who has been ill with pneumonia for three weeks, has recovered.

Twin daughters were born Dec. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Elliott of Hagansport. They have been named Sandra Kay and Audrey Gay.

Mrs. Charles Collins and daughter, Mary Elwyn, and Mrs. Roy Moore and daughter, Joan, made a business trip to Paris Saturday.

Mrs. Murray Spengle of White Castle, La., daughter of Mrs. Richard Miller, has been visiting here and will remain through the Christmas holidays.

The Talco Theatre announces this week in their advertisement that the theatre will be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Charles L. Langston of Fulbright and James A. Reed of R1, Detroit, have enlisted in the U. S. Army and have been assigned to the air corps at Barksdale Field, La.

The Mt. Pleasant Tigers made new history for that school last Friday when they beat Plano 19 to 6 to win the regional football championship. The game was played at Mt. Pleasant.

J. T. Belcher carried his son, Earl, to Greggton Tuesday to catch a bus for Ft. Benning, Ga., where he is stationed in the U. S. Army. Earl received a rating as staff sergeant on his return.

## CHRISTMAS AMONG THE PINES

By  
Jocile Webb Pearson

**BIG BILL**, in spite of his six foot four was a boy at heart. Boss of a logging crew he could be plenty serious when occasion demanded, but a Christmas tree and all the lights and cheer that goes with it was his weakness. "Christmas is no fun without kids," was the way he put it. But, it looked like Bill was doomed to disappointment this year. The crew were lounging around the fire after a hard day's work when Pudgy Sam, the cook, shook the ashes out of his pipe and said: "What's the reason we can't have



"Christmas No Fun Without Kids," the Way He Put It.

a Christmas just like home right here? Plenty trees, if we can muster the trimmin'."

Bob, the kid dishwasher, was all enthusiasm. "We've got popcorn. I've strung yards at home for mom. Sam's got a harmonica, and Dave a Jews harp, an' some of you fellows can sing. And I'll trim the tree."

"The Boss wouldn't think much of a Christmas without kids," put in Dave. "There's the Martins. They got a couple kids; we can ring them in. I was by there t'other day an' heard them talkin' about Santa comin'."

"Boss said Martin looks sort of beat out, too," said another. "Suppose we appoint Bob, here as a committee of one to extend our invitation for them to join us. I feel we owe them something, the way they helped us wher some of the men had flu."

Big Bill was jubilant with their plans. "You fellows took the wind out of my sails, but you'll do a better job than I could."

"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," lead by Sam's harmonica, floated out from lusty throats upon another star-strewn night.

Big Bill in a scrambled suit of red flannel and a hemp beard was a satisfactory Santa Claus to at least two happy children. He handed out gifts to everyone. Sam had done his best on the feast that followed, and everybody joined in the "three cheers and a tiger" for a jolly Christmas among the Oregon pines.

Times Classified Advs. Pay.  
When the army has specified that thing but upland cotton shall be used.

It is interesting to watch the world go by, even though half of it is carrying a gun and the other half a chip.

## Christmas Greetings to EVERYONE

seas, cannons roar  
ly missiles drop from  
out here in America  
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right with the good

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## Prominent Titus County Resident Dies Saturday

John H. Stephens, 78, prominent Titus County citizen, died Saturday morning at his home in the Chapel Hill community, following a long illness. He and Mrs. Stephens celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on October 8.

Funeral services were held at the New Hope church, construction of which he helped to finance, and interment was at that place.

Surviving are his widow, four sons and four daughters, as follows: W. J. J. M. and J. A. Stephens of Tyler, Roscoe Stephens of Dallas, Mrs. W. V. Patton of Decatur, Mrs. Arnold Thornton of McAllen, Mrs. Sam Wilks of the Chapel Hill community and Mrs. Perry Wells of Mt. Pleasant. He also leaves a number of grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## Cotton Ginning Figures Given

County cotton ginning census report shows the following number of bales ginned from the crop of 1940 prior to Dec. 1 as compared with number of bales ginned from the 1939 crop to the same date.

	1940	1939
Titus	3,744	7,040
Red River	20,418	23,583
Lamar	35,097	37,029

Mrs. Lilly Grissom, 72, widow of the late Representative John S. Grissom, died suddenly last Friday at her home in Mt. Pleasant. Survivors include two sons, a brother and three sisters.

## STRAND THEATRE

TALCO, TEXAS

Will be open at 2 p. m. Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Friday and Saturday  
"Bullet Code"  
with George O'Brien and Virginia Vale also Comedy

Sunday and Monday  
"Girl from Havana"  
with Dennis O'Keefe Claire Carleton Victor Jory also Comedy and News

Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.  
"The Great McGinty"  
with Brian Donlevy Muriel Angelus Akim Tamiroff also Comedy and News

## SINGING CONVENTION DEC. 29 AT MT. PLEASANT GYM

A convention of Northeast Texas singers will be held the fifth Sunday this month at the Mt. Pleasant

gym. A number of prominent singers, including the Stamps and Atlanta quartets are expected to be present.

Times' Classified Ads Pay.

## FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### MEN'S GIFTS—

TIES, SCARFS, SHAVING SETS, COMB and BRUSH SETS, PAJAMAS and GABARDINE SHIRTS.



## MASSAD'S

TALCO, TEXAS



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Combination Gift Sets, including Powders, Toilet Water, etc, priced from \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 to \$5.00

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### Holiday Dress Special



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What a Buy of  
Ladies'  
DRESSES

In Silk Corduroy, Velveteens, Wool Jersey, Silk Jersey. These are values to \$10.95. Priced to sell! Don't wait. Come today and buy one for your Christmas Dress.

Choice of 50 Dresses

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BUY NOW!  
One Group of Ladies'  
DRESSES

Priced to sell for Holiday Special. Values to \$4.98.

Choice of 35 Dresses

\$2.98



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## Christmas Cheer



TO ALL  
May Each of You Enjoy  
All the Joys it Brings

It is wonderful to celebrate a cause in America that even other countries are afraid to observe.

You still have four more shopping days until Christmas to take advantage of our

### Christmas Values

Come in and make your gift selections today. Presents for Men, Women and Children.

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DRY GOODS

## Lonesome Bill Wishes All A Rafter-Raising Christmas

Editor's Note: We have received the following letter from Lonesome Bill, who has something to say about the difference between Christmas stockings and Christmas trees, plus a paragraph homily on the changing temperaments of women just before Christmas.

Dear Editor: Well, I guess I'm ready for Christmas at last. But it was some job, if you ask me. First and worst thing I had to do was to go down on the creek and cut a Christmas tree and then pack the blasted thing clear back to the house and set it up in the setting room. I wonder who got the Christmas tree business started, anyway. We used to just hang our stockings up from the mantle board and Santa Claus done the rest.

But I guess a tree is more sanitary than stockings. Come to think of it, Old Santa Claus used to have to smell about a jillion stockings when he made his rounds. Big ones, middle-sized ones and teeny-weeny ones, and each one with a different stink, I reckon. It's a wonder he didn't die with stinkitis a long time ago. I'm for sanitation myself, even if it does mean more

backache and sleeping with my socks off. I also think we ought to leave some kind of present for Santa Claus, say, something like a jug of apple cider or something.

It's funny how Christmas times change people. I've got my fingers crossed when I say it, but I've noticed my wife has been acting different to me the past few days, and the other night when she called me William and told me she'd get up and build the fires next morning, well, it sort of took me back to the old days when the sight of her on a Sunday morning kind of spun my wheels and swiped my breath away. Them was the days when a woman was a woman and the people supported the government and you could lick a postage stamp for two cents.

My wife said that since I was bound to write you this letter and since it would be my last letter before Christmas, she figured it would be a good idea to wish everyone a merry Christmas. So here goes for an old-time, rip-snorting, rafter-raising Christmas to everybody in civilization and some of the folks over in Europe. Yours truly,  
LONESOME BILL.

### Formal Notice

Talco, Texas, Oct. 22, 1940.  
To the Stockholders of the Talco State Bank:

Pursuant to a written application signed by a majority of the stockholders of the Talco State Bank requesting us to order a meeting of the stockholders of such bank for the purpose of considering the increase of the capital stock from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00, we, who constitute all of the directors of said bank, do hereby notify you that a meeting of the stockholders of the bank will be held at its office in Talco, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, 1941, being the 14th day of January, 1941, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering the increase of the capital stock of the bank from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

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A. A. SMITH,  
R. F. LINDSAY,  
E. S. LILLENSTERN,  
NELLIE D. WARNER,

Comprising all of the Directors of the Talco State Bank.

### Third of Legislators are in Draft Age

AUSTIN.—More than one-third of the members of the Forty-Seventh House of Representatives, which will convene next January, are within the registration age limits and face a possibility of a year's military training unless exempted, a compilation by Chief Clerk E. R. Lindley showed.

Thirty-one of those in the conscription age, however, are married and may expect some degree of deferment for that reason if not otherwise exempt. Twenty-one of the group do not have a wife as a dependent.

### LOCAL PRIDE

Tourist: "My, what a beautiful sunset this is!"  
Native: "Yeah, not bad for a small place like this, is it?"



Season's Greetings

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### FARM NOTES

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Joe Vaught, 4H Club member of Cooper's Chapel, produced 2050 pounds of seed cotton on one acre of upland as his club work this year. After paying for the seed, ginning and labor that he did not do himself, he cleared \$64.94 for his labor, rent of land and use of team. This is pretty good production and is attributed to good land, thorough preparation of land before planting and good cultivation of crop. The land was flat broke on Feb. 23, bedded on April 24, the middles run April 26, rebedded April 27 and the cotton planted May 26. It was plowed May 23, chopped May 26, middles run May 27, plowed again on June 12 and 21.

Jack Harvey, another club member of the same community, made 480 pounds of lint on one acre. His land was bedded Jan. 8, rebedded Feb. 15 and again on March 2. The beds were then harrowed and rebedded on May 1. The land was harrowed again following this, and the cotton planted May 14. After the cotton came up it was scratched on June 1 and again on the 8th, chopped June 20, plowed the 25 and 29, and again on July 19 and 25.

James Geron made 617 pounds of lint cotton on one acre of upland as his 4-H Club work in the Cooper's Chapel community. His production is also attributed to good land, good land preparation and cultivation. The land had been laying out for six years. It was flat broke, bedded, the bed cut down twice with a disc and then bedded, rebedded, then planted on April 23. After coming up it was scratched twice, center furrowed, plowed and center furrowed twice more.

Joe Bob Stuart of the Monticello 4-H Club produced 1582 pounds of lint cotton and 2016 pounds of seed on three acres of bottom land. After paying for the seed and ginning, he cleared \$152.40 for land, rent, teams, tools and his labor. The land was flat broke, bedded and planted. The cotton was plowed six times.

Max Hill has made a bale of cotton to the acre on upland the last two years as his club work in the Green Hill community. The land that he has been growing this cotton on was just about worn out when his father, Cameron Hill, took charge of it eight or ten years ago. Since that time the land has been well terraced and Max put nine loads of barnyard manure and 200 pounds of 4-8-4 commercial fertilizer on his acre of land this year. He grew 1460 pounds of seed cotton this year. The land was bedded twice before the cotton was planted and plowed four times after the cotton came up.

J. C. Ward, 4-H Club member, produced 63½ bushels of corn on one acre of upland in the Marshall

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53 acres—Hall farm; 1½ miles northeast of Detroit. Unoccupied. Reduced price, \$600.00.

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ton burs and 250 pounds of cottonseed meal distributed in the middles, and the land rebedded. It was allowed to lay until the cotton burs were rotted then the land was rebedded twice more, the middles run and the corn planted. The corn was cultivated with scratchers and sweeps five times, the middles run after each cultivation.

### Tree Claimed Oldest Living Thing

The oldest living thing on the earth is supposed to be a cypress tree in a church yard in Santa Marie, Mexico. Its age is estimated to be more than 6,000 years, possibly more. It is 126 feet tall. Twenty men standing at its base with arms outstretched can barely measure around its trunk. Gnarled and grizzled with age, the old cypress began its growth well over 4,000 years before the birth of Christ.—Ex.

### Army Pursuit Planes Require Much Work

There are about 78,000 rivets just in the fuselage of a pursuit plane.

There are 6,000 separate parts in an airplane engine, many of them of more than hairbreadth precision. In some cases, there are more than 500 subcontractors involved in the making of a big plane.

The raw materials used in building a heavy bomber come from 33 states. It takes from a year to a year and a half to build an airship of this type.

Rough-ginned cotton costs Texas farmers from \$1.50 to \$10 a bale. Much of this loss can be prevented if only dry cotton is carried to the gin.

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### Truth in Fabrics Law is Coming

COLLEGE STATION. — A few months hence a Federal act, already popularly captioned "Truth in Fabrics," will become a law of the nation. Effective June 14, 1941, manufacturers of all woolen goods, except carpets, rugs, mats and upholsteries, will be required to stamp, tag or label their product to show the proportion of the types of wool as well as the content, other than wool, in it.

"This act," says W. R. Nisbet, Extension Service Animal Husbandman for Texas A. & M. College, "opens the way for women to know precisely the wool content of the fabric, especially wearing apparel, they are buying. Moreover, they can demand labelling of any fabric placed on sale as 'woolen'."

### Calvary Baptist Church

S. D. LINDSEY, Pastor  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. BTU, 6 p. m. Preaching, 7 p. m.

A large crowd attended both the morning services and evening services Sunday. A larger crowd attended Sunday night. A pageant was given Sunday night, "Christ Child."

Most of the BTU classes had Christmas programs. You are cordially invited to attend the Calvary Baptist Church.—Mrs. B. E. Dunagan, Reporter.

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.—Fuller.

## Greetings

Remember, you still have FOUR more shopping days until Christmas.

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## Santa Claus Not Same Man All Around the World

Significant meanings surround Christmas, according to superstitions believed in various parts of the world.

In Holstein, mistletoe is not only supposed to be a cure for all green wounds, but will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler.

Early Norsemen believed for centuries that the mistletoe would give protection against both bodily ailments and evil spirits.

A person who is born on Christmas will have power to see and command spirits, according to a Scottish belief.

French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of prophecy.

If a baby is born at sermon time on Christmas Eve in Middle Europe, it portends that someone in the house will die within the year.

Daughters born in the Vosges, France, on December 25 will be wise, witty and virtuous.

A baby born on Christmas in Silesia will become either a lawyer or a thief.

Girls in the ancient Duchy of Swavia seldom missed the opportunity offered by Christmas to look into the future at their future husbands. On Christmas Eve they would go to the woodpile to draw sticks. If a girl pulled a thick stick, her husband would be stout; if a long stick, he would be tall; if a crooked stick, he would be deformed. They would determine the business of their future husbands by dropping melted lead into a pan of cold water. The molten metal would form various shapes in cooling, and thus resemble the insignia of his occupation: Hammer shape, a carpenter; shoe shape, a cobbler. Every piece of lead resembled some occupation to the old wives.

A maiden in Switzerland who accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas also accepts the man who professes it.

All animals in the German Alps can speak on Christmas Eve.

It is believed in the Netherlands that nothing sown on Christmas Eve will perish. Even seed sown in the snow will live.

A Bohemian wife will die within a year if she burns a Christmas cake.

To insure an abundant harvest in Denmark, some of the bread baked on Christmas is kept until sowing time, when it is mixed with the seed.

It is said that bread baked on Christmas in England never becomes moldy.

Ashes must not be thrown out on Christmas day in some sections of Europe, for fear they might be thrown into the Savior's face.

Some families in Scandinavia place all their shoes together on Christmas. This will cause them to live in harmony throughout the year.

## Prunes Promote Growth in Dogs

COLLEGE STATION.—"Try it on the dog" meant testing a new play on a small city audience in the days when the theatre was associated only with the spoken drama, but from California comes a story with real dogs as the subject of a test.

The Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, reports "a rather astonishing superiority in rate of growth and general conditions developed in prune-fed dogs." Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan of the University of California declares she recently reared a litter of five fox terriers at the university laboratory on a mixture of four dry commercial foods, three of the dogs receiving a diet which included 20 or 30 per cent of prune paste.

Increased vitamin A value in the prune diet accounts for the extra growth, Dr. Morgan said. Thus the venerable boarding house dessert wins new fame!

## HALESBORO

Most everyone is enjoying electric lights and other electrical appliances since last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Quinton fell Thursday and dislocated her left wrist.

J. H. Hobbs is reported unimproved.

School will be dismissed Friday with a program and Christmas tree that night.

Several killed hogs after the northern Monday. Burrell Leftwich, Miss Vivian Smith and Miss Cora Johnson were in Clarksville on business Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wright and Mrs. Brice Roby were Paris visitors Tuesday.

## Texas Enters War Against Paralysis

NEW YORK.—Texas enters the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign under the leadership of William L. Clayton of Houston, a leading business man and seasoned warrior against the crippling disease. Headquarters will be at Dallas.

In a message to Keith Morgan, national chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, Clayton accepted the state chairmanship for the third time and assured Morgan that the Lone Star State again would go over the top in the war against infantile paralysis.

## Titus Co. Schools Close for Holidays

All schools in Titus county will close today (Friday) for the Christmas holidays, according to an announcement from the office of County Sup't. Joe B. White. A majority of the schools will resume work on Monday, Dec. 30, allowing the students 10 days' vacation.

## Acid Foods are Said Not Harmful to Body

An idea many persons are sold on that "we eat too many acid foods" is without foundation, say nutritionists of the Federal Bureau of Home Economics. Persons so obsessed shun oranges, tomatoes and other good foods for fear of acid. The taste is acid, but actually these foods tend to counteract acidity, the nutritionists say. There is no need to worry about acid-forming and base-forming foods if one has a well-rounded diet that includes plenty of milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and cereals with some meat, fish or poultry. It is better, they emphasize, to focus attention on adequate diets than to fret about acid-forming diets.

Another false food idea is that different kinds of fruits should not be eaten together on account of possible danger in combining the different acids. Nutritionists explain that there is no possible harm in fruit combinations because nature combines different acids within a single fruit.

## Russia Abandons Free Education

On October 3, 1940, Soviet Russia abandoned its policy of free universal education for high school and college students and for those studying in the various arts. Tuition in 8th, 9th and 10th grades was set at 200 rubles per year in the cities and 150 rubles in the towns and villages, while college students were called upon for 400 rubles yearly in cities and 300 in the smaller towns.

Education in art, music and the theatre was made even higher, being set at 500 rubles per year. The present value of the ruble is about 20 cents.

## Irrigated Cotton May Not be Used for Clothing for Army

WASHINGTON.—Publication of Senate committee hearings on the third supplemental defense appropriation bill discloses the existence of an army order prohibiting the manufacture of cotton clothing from cotton grown on irrigated land.

Senator Hayden of Arizona said the order had been made the subject of a strong protest by himself and others representing the irrigation areas of California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, and that he was hopeful an investigation by the agriculture department would result in its withdrawal.

Agricultural officials, he said, were "making a careful scientific analysis" of irrigated cotton "to prove it to be the equal in quality of upland cotton."

Hayden asserted that while irrigated cotton has a longer fiber and greater tensile strength than upland cotton, the army has specified "that nothing but upland cotton shall be used."

It is interesting to watch the world go by, even though half of it is carrying a gun and the other half a chip.

## Holiday Greetings from Little America

(From The Deport Times)  
A radiogram from Jerry Reece, former Deport man, with the Byrd expedition in Little America as radio operator and technician, has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reece, and other Deport relatives and friends.

The radiogram reads, "Greetings from Little America, with best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Due to an insufficiency of government appropriations as a result of the war preparedness program the expedition is expected to start the long trek back to the U. S. in January, 1941.

## French Santa Claus Just Samaritan

VICHY, France.—Christmas will be little more than a date on the calendar for Frenchmen this year but the Yuletide season will be devoted to relieving the plight of French prisoners in Germany.

Conquered France will see little of the traditional good cheer, fellowship and family reunion that in the past have symbolized the holiday spirit.

For there are 2,000,000 Frenchmen—the cream of the nation's youth—behind barbed wire fences of German prison camps from East Prussia to occupied France. There is hardly a French family that has not some member missing.

## Modern Torpedoes Can Vary Speed

Most modern type torpedoes can be adjusted before being launched, making their speed vary according to the distance they are to travel. For instance, the most powerful types—about 21 inches in diameter and more than 20 feet long—can travel through water for approximately six miles at a maximum speed of 30 miles an hour before their power is spent. If adjusted for a shorter distance, however, the same torpedo will travel for one, two or three miles at a speed of 40 miles or better an hour.

## Air Conditioned Bed May Be Possible

Prof. F. K. Kirsten of the University of Washington engineering staff is rushing work on his latest invention—an air-conditioned bed.

The bed is designed to maintain an even temperature, summer or winter. In the summer compressed air is pumped into the mattress and cooled by pressure reduction. On cold winter nights the air passes over heating elements and is warmed before entering the mattress.

The mattress and coverlet are filled with a porous material which permits the air to leak out slowly, soothing the body continually.

The temperature can be regulated by a thermostatic control switch at the head of the bed.

But, alas, the bed will not be ready for market until next year, the inventor said.

The marriage of Miss Anna — and Willis —, which was announced in this paper a few weeks ago, was a mistake and we wish to correct.—Golden (Colo.) Paper.

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## A Merry Christmas TO ALL



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You still have four days to get that automobile tuned up for the holiday trip.

## Mayfield Garage

PHONE 73 TALCO, TEXAS

## Lamar will Draft 45 Men in January

Local Selective Service officials have announced that about 45 Lamar county men will be called in the first January, 1941, draft tentatively scheduled for Jan. 13. Only white men will be called.

Of the 45, about 25 will be called by Draft Board Number 1, with the remainder being furnished by Draft Board Number 2.

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## Christmas Greetings TO EVERYONE

Across the seas, cannons roar and deadly missiles drop from the skies, but here in America the stars shine down on a land that still knows the meaning of "peace on earth, good will to men."

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AYRES' CHRISTMAS THRIFT STORE

**HUMBLE CAMP NEWS**

Mrs. J. C. VanWinkle motored to Paris Saturday.

Mrs. J. J. Smith and family made a business trip to Paris Saturday.

L. G. Wright of Longview, spent the week end here with his family.

George Ford of Longview, spent the week end here with his family.

Mrs. Jack Carlisle and family made a business trip to Paris Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cowan spent the week end in Sherman and Sadler, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Douglas have moved back into the camp, having been away on a drilling job near Kilgore for the past three months.

Mrs. B. Gartman entertained friends Saturday with a bridge party. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Al Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhodes and the hostess.

Mrs. M. A. Ferguson and mother, Mrs. B. A. Magee, have returned to their home in Bogata, after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Hoffpair. M. A. Ferguson also visited in the home of Mrs. Hoffpair after having been working in Brownwood. He returned here Monday morning and he and his wife returned to Bogata.

Mary Jo Lowe entertained her friends with a party Saturday night at her home. Refreshments were hot chocolate, sandwiches and candy. Those attending were Mary Ruth Smith, Sam Barnard, Mary Helen Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Prentice Boyles, Woodward Boyles, Happy Whiteside, Sonny Ford, Lois Carlisle, Melvin Frugia and Lois Jean Kirkham.



**KAY'S SELFISH CHRISTMAS**  
Metha Barning Thomas

**TOBY BARNES**, just home from the office, stood regarding his wife with amusement. "You have the manner, Kay, of being about to leap up and wave a flag. What's happened?"

"I've just discovered something important about myself," Kay's short, light curls were becomingly haphazard. Her eyes were of an intense blue. She was slender and young and vivid. "I'm supremely selfish." She rose to her feet and gesticulated with both hands, "I want to be utterly, gloriously engrossed in ME!"

They both laughed. Then Kay ran forward and dragged her husband



down into a wide, comfortable chair, squeezing in beside him.

"You're a perfectly grand guy," she smiled, "but this Christmas, my man, I'm going to be superbly selfish, as an experiment. Will you try it too, Toby?"

"All right," he agreed, "I'll take you on."

The next morning Kay tilted a pert gray hat on her curls, and walked imperiously to the shopping district. "I'm fed up with being poor, and scrimping and saving so I can be generous in mean, little ways. Today I . . . spend on myself!"

She felt guilty and ridiculous, and she turned her eyes away from a haberdasher's window where gentlemen's furnishings were invitingly displayed. Toby needed masses and masses of things. No, just this once she would spend with a bang all she had on something frivolous for herself. Toby had promised to do the same.

At noon she happened to notice a tall person standing by the next store window. He was absorbed in thought. Kay hardly breathed while the man suddenly plunged into the store door. She crept close to a sheltering pillar while she watched what happened inside.

She saw the man point to a woman's rich, quilted housecoat. She saw him pay for it, and leave, but without a package under his arm. Just the sort of housecoat for which she had yearned hopelessly.

**Mysterious Siwa Just an Oasis in Libyan Desert**

The inhabitants of Siwa, a mysterious oasis in the Libyan desert, whose beehive dwellings, built of mud bricks, rock salt and stone, and from which ancient temples rise, tier on tier, sometimes reaching a height of almost 200 feet, first came under Egyptian influence in 1600 B. C. The diety, Jupiter Amon, whose predictions were here revealed to the suppliant by the priests of the innermost shrine was a god of oracles. Kings and queens gladly sought his favor.

Alexander the Great, hearing that kings in Egypt were considered divine, besought the oracle at Siwa in 331 B. C. to defy him. He could then by divine right, as son of Zeus, impose his tyrannies on his subjects. With deep mystery the ceremony was carried out in the temple by the priests and Alexander was decorated with the horns of a ram, the sign of Amon the ram-headed, and was invested as a Pharaoh. He returned to Egypt stamped as the authentic son of Zeus. Cleopatra personally sought guidance from the oracle concerning the entangled affairs of her heart and state. She came to Siwa from Rome after the murder of Julius Caesar, seeking an omen of divine aid.

The temple is in ruins, but walls still reveal the bright blue pigments seen in relief work on the monuments of Egypt.

The high, honey-combed, mud-walled town of Siwa is like a fairy castle, built on two great rocks in the center of the oasis.

Instead of spreading out their town, the Siwans have built one house on top of another, and this has been kept up until they reach a dizzy height. It is quite customary for a son to build his house on the top of the house of his father.

**REGULATION OF SPEED IS FOUND TO DATE TO 1678**

Speed regulations in America date back, not to the advent of the motor vehicle, but to the year 1678, and the first accident ascribable to "too fast for conditions." In Newport, R. I., a child was run down by an equestrian and there was great public indignation.

The first vehicle weight law seemed to have been a brain child of Napoleon Bonaparte, for on May 19, 1802, he proclaimed a law which fixed a precedent later followed in connection with commercial vehicles. It specified, notes a writer in the New York Herald Tribune, that wagons "used for traction and commerce" be limited to four and one-half tons if they had four wheels, and two and one-half tons if only two wheels. Physics being the unchanging science it is, it was recognized even in that distant day that the more points over which a load was spread the less damage the vehicle would do to the highway. Commercial vehicles may have six or eight wheels, but the principle set forth by a Little Corporal still governs them.

By 1829 the seemingly ultra-modern problem, the over-loaded commercial vehicle, had risen to vex and almost vanquish the king of the Netherlands. But the king was not going to have his subjects' roads ruined just to accommodate the selfishness of a commercial trucker. So he ordered his officers to check the weight of stage coaches and draught vehicles once a month and if any were found overweight, the owner might go on a jail ration if he couldn't pay his fine.

**Penguins Practically Helpless**

Penguins are aquatic they are practically helpless on land. The wings are too small for support and are best described as flippers. Covered with tiny scale-like feathers, they use them to propel them through and beneath the water and when we say they fly under water we are not exaggerating, for it is possible for them to outswim even fish, says a writer in the Los Angeles Times. They pick out the most isolated islands in the Antarctic where they are safe from attack, returning each season to the same spots. Sociable, easily tamed, they stay in clans. There are several varieties, varying mainly in color and size and style of beak. Some have the ability to jump or leap as much as three to four feet out of the water to land on an ice-floe or rock.

**YOUR ALMANAC by Herbert**

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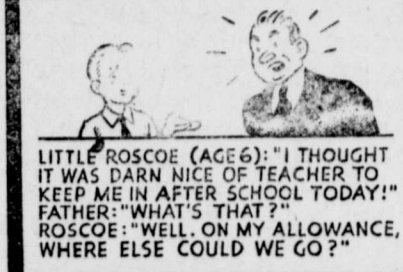
TIME GIVEN IS STANDARD BULOVA WATCH TIME...



**IS YOUR NAME DEWEY?** DEWEY IS BELIEVED TO BE A WELSH VARIANT OF THE NAME DAVID (DEWI). IT MAY ALSO SIGNIFY "AN ISLAND SPRING" FROM DOUR (WATER, A SPRING) AND EY (AN ISLAND). THE OLD ENGLISH WORD DEOW MEANT MOISTURE (DEW).



**DECEMBER 16.. COLONISTS ENJOYED THEMSELVES-BOSTON TEA PARTY, 1775. DECEMBER 20.. WASHINGTON D.C. OUR NATIONAL CAPITOL, WAS FOUNDED, 1790.**



**LITTLE ROSCOE (AGE 6):** "I THOUGHT IT WAS DARN NICE OF TEACHER TO KEEP ME IN AFTER SCHOOL TODAY." FATHER: "WHAT'S THAT?" ROSCOE: "WELL, ON MY ALLOWANCE, WHERE ELSE COULD WE GO?"



**SAGITTARIUS** PEOPLE BORN DURING THIS WEEK ARE VERSATILE AND EASY-GOING. THEY ARE VERY LIBERAL AND IMPARTIAL IN THEIR OPINIONS..

**HOUSEHOLD HINT**

LEFT-OVER SANDWICHES NEED NOT BE DISCARDED. BRUSH WITH MELTED BUTTER AND SAUTE TO A GOLDEN BROWN ON EACH SIDE...THEY ARE DELICIOUS...

**A House Built Christmas Day**  
... by ...  
Frances Grinstead

**A HOME** that was built on a Christmas day stood for a long time on the old Santa Fe trail where it passed near Arrow Rock, Mo., on the Missouri river. Though not quite completed in a single day, with the help of his neighbors on that "holiday" about a hundred years ago, Henry Nave got his cabin ready for his family and the day after Christmas took them into his shelter.

Of course the house was built of undressed lumber, felled right on his farm. When he had selected the location this pioneer cut down round poles for the walls, rafters and joists—the framework.

Mr. Nave had found some large, flat stones, and in the afternoon they dragged these into place for the hearth. Then of other suitable rocks, by much puffing and pulling they built a fireplace—one of those great practical ones which served to heat the home and to cook venison, buffalo meat, corn pone and other "victuals." The exterior of this fireplace was wood, the stones providing a fireproof lining.

The mortar to bind the stones was chiefly mud; to obtain even this simple ingredient it was necessary to build a small part of the half-constructed cabin and thaw the ground.

But, writes this hardy woodsman, "It was not many days until we were living snugly in our cabin and in good health and with fine appetites."

Holidays among our ancestors were made occasions for such celebrations as this, but they never witnessed the cessation from labor ours afford. There was always need for immediate shelter, crop harvesting, or game killing. Hence log-raising, corn-huskings, and gun-shoots were made social occasions. But do you suppose we ever have more fun than Henry Nave's family and friends had building a house on Christmas day?  
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**Mizpah Meant "Watch Tower"**

The Hebrew word Mizpah or Mizpeh, meant "watch tower" and was used as the name of numerous places in Palestine. The modern use of the word as a parting salutation or as a talismanic inscription on rings, comes from the covenant between Jacob and Laban (Gen. 31: 49). At Galeed they heaped stones as a memorial and called for a divine witness in these words: "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

**Cave of Bones Found**

Paris. — A modern "Aladdin's cave" is reported by the Paris press to have been found near Barcelona, Spain. It contained jewels and treasures valued at nearly \$4,500,000.

**To Test Dairy Herds**

London.—A national campaign to eliminate tubercular cattle from British dairy herds will begin on January 1.

**In Talco Three and Four Years Ago**  
From the Back Files of The Talco Times

**Week of Dec. 17, 1937**

An ex-convict was being held in Mt. Pleasant for the robbery of the Mac's service station in Talco.

The Talco Times had an excellent solution for solving gift problems, by sending a year's subscription to The Times as a present.

W. T. Hines had been named new minister at the Church of Christ. Mr. Hines came from Henrietta, Ok.

Titus county commissioners court had met and failed to take action on the proposed new court house.

Miss Sallie Lou Gray and Mr. Myron Gage had been married on Sunday. Both were well known to everyone in Talco.

**Week of Dec. 18, 1936**

Warning had been issued from the local American Legion that they would hold a Roy Bean's court in Talco on Monday and all citizens on the streets would be fined.

The Constantine Refinery was ready for operation and was equipped to handle 5000 barrels of oil daily.

Colored Christmas lights erected across the streets of Talco were attractive and blended with the Christmas spirit.

Due to fire danger, fireworks were prohibited in the city limits.

Six new wells had been added to the field with others drilling. The chief completion was in the Meadows curve area.

**Drilling Continues on Wood Co. Wildcat**

Still short of the Woodbine, drilling continued past 4,320 feet in Eagleford shale at last report on Wednesday from S. J. Rotondi et al. No. 1 Cobb heirs, Brewer survey, wildcat at Hawkins in Wood county. Having based the Austin chalk at 4,176 feet, or over 400 feet high to the Robby Manziel test nearly four miles north, the well thus has logged so far 144 feet of shale. The Manziel well cut 255 feet of shale before picking up the Woodbine series, and with the thinning the Rotondi test has been showing the Woodbine is expected at any time.

**WHD Meets Friday with Mrs. A. Small**

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. A. Small for a business meeting and a Christmas tree Dec. 12. There were 22 present. Opening songs were "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Two new members, Mmes. Morris Brown and Virgil Brown, were welcomed, and Mrs. G. C. Gray asked for the first meeting in January. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Gray on Jan. 2, and Santa took charge of the tree. Everyone enjoyed fruits, nuts and cookies. Gifts were distributed by Santa to the following:

Mmes. W. T. Edwards, Bruce Murphy, O. L. Eskew, H. L. Laughlin, Morris Brown, D. E. Howard, W. E. Welch, Leo Roberts, A. W. Tucker, Jack Moore, Pruitt Adkins, R. F. Goodwin, J. W. Harper, R. S. Rushing, Charley Phipps, Virgil M. Brown, J. L. Colley, A. O. Sikes, Paul Reeves, D. A. Neeley, G. C. Gray and A. Small.

**Tariffs, Customs Houses Had Peculiar Beginning**

The first tariffs and customs houses began in a queer way. Long years ago, when the great rivers were the principal arteries of commerce in Europe, strong men, who wished to live by preying on the industry of their neighbors, built their castles or forts on the banks of the Rhine, the Danube and other rivers, and levied fines or tolls on all the commerce that passed up and down these natural highways. In time this lawlessness became a custom, hence the name "customs houses."

After a while, kings thought this would be a good way to raise revenue, and they adopted it, at the same time abolishing, or greatly curtailing, the activities of the freebooters. Later still, governing bodies took over this method of raising revenue, excluding by law all others, and while the system was inherently bad, this change removed some of its evils, because the public got the money thus raised, or most of it.

However, keen-sighted, covetous persons never lost sight of the personal advantages that might be obtained through the manipulation of tariffs; hence the continual pressure and the skillfully devised arguments brought to bear upon all governments to make the rates as high as possible.

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