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Keep on
**BACKING
ATTACK**
with WAR BONDS

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Twenty-One Fathers Group of Inductees Entering Armed Forces

Grandfather Included
in Last Group Sent
From County

Proposed principally of mar-
men and fathers of one or
children, most recent group
Haskell county registrants to be
in the armed services
sent to the Lubbock armed
induction center last Friday.
The group of twenty-sev-
en accepted were only six
men, while the remain-
ing were Pearl Harbor
and one, Arlie (Bud)
Boehner, has a son
four years old.

In this group of registrants
Joe Bowers, Haskell county
Age Assistance Supervisor,
was accepted for the Navy,
M. Nelson, cafe owner, and
H. (Fuzzy) Renfro, Haskell
market proprietor. All fathers
of two children.

Men in the group of in-
ductees were George Luther Wal-
ter, Thomas Davis, both go-
ing to the Army Air Corps;
Marland, Tom Richard Ev-
dett Reid Casberry and
Joyce Caddell, all accept-
ed for the Navy.

In addition to Clark, Bowers,
and Renfro, other pre-
Harbor fathers in the group
were Daniel Ross
Taylor P. Alvin, James
Alvin, Ovid A. Cobb, Au-
gustine Conder, Thomas M.
Benjamin Edward Terrell,
Nicolas Acosta, all going in to
Army; and Derwood R. Gib-
William Hollis Howard, A. D.
Earl Joseph Myers,
Thomas Middlebrook,
Allen Wilson, Jimmy
Marion, Thurman Lee
all going in to the Navy.

Among them, if not the first,
father to be drafted in Tex-
as, Clark is a prominent grocer
in this city, where he has lived
since 1919. Thirty-six years old,
married at the age of 17, and
his daughter, Mrs. Ila Jo
of Rochester, has a 4-year-
old son, and Mrs. Clark has
three children, Meatha Bell,
Bud, 10 and Mack Bell,

Clark plans to leave the
city of this store in Ro-
chester in the hands of his wife
and son in law while he is
in the service. However, their
service, Mr. Wolf, has been
in Class 1-A, so the busi-
ness soon be left solely in the
hands of Mrs. Clark, her husband
leaving after being accepted in

to allow employees a
pre-Christmas holiday.
The Haskell National and
Farmers & Merchants State
banks will close a noon
December 24, officials of
institutions announced this

Monday, December 25, is a Le-
gally for the banks and will
close all other business con-
cess for this reason the local
have granted their employ-
the half-holiday before
and businessmen, as
all other bank patrons, are
to keep the Friday noon
closing date in mind in
to avoid any inconvenience
in banking transactions.

to Private First Class
been Proving Ground, Md.
B. Dennington, former
Texas, now a stationed
Ordnance Replacement
Center was recently
to the rank of Private
He is the son of Jess
O'Brien, Haskell
the Army April 23.
His present address is Co.
Regt. O.R.T.C., Aberdeen
Proving Ground, Md.

Wm. R. Robertson returned
to Camp Mackall, Hoff-
C. of spending a 15-
with his parents,
Commissioner and Mrs.
Robertson. Pfc. Robertson
attached to a unit of the
infantry or paratroop-
will place him in the Air
Another son of Mr. and
Mrs. Robertson, Beverly, is also in
service, and is stationed in

24 SOLDIERS ARE GUESTS OF LIONS MONDAY EVENING

Christmas Dinner Given
Monday Evening for
Army Unit

Taking the place of the regu-
lar meeting of the Lions Club
this week was a Christmas dinner
and party given Monday night at
which a group of soldiers from
Camp Barkeley stationed here
during the current Scrap Metal
drive, were special guests of the
club. Also present was Lieut.
Buchanan, area officer in charge
of the scrap metal drive, and Sgt.
A. W. S'rane who has charge of
the men here.

The event was held in the high
school activity building, and the
dinner was prepared and served
by members of the Senior-Junior
Magazine Club. Approximately
fifty guests were in attendance,
including Lions and their wives,
and twenty-four soldiers from
the Army unit stationed here.

Presiding for the affair was Wil-
lie Lane, Lions Club president.
Lieut. Buchanan was guest
speaker, and entertainment fea-
ture of the evening was a quiz
program conducted by Willie
Lane, Theron Cahill, Harold Lin-
ker and George Neely, in which
he entire audience took part.

Father of A. T.
Ballard Buried
at Gorman, Tex.

Funeral service for J. H. Ball-
ard, retired produce dealer of
Cisco and father of A. T. Ballard
of this city, were held at the Gorman
Baptist Church Wednesday
afternoon, Dec. 15.

Mr. Ballard, 79, died at his home
in Cisco Tuesday afternoon at 4
o'clock. He had been in failing
health for the past three years.

A resident of Cisco for 18 years,
Mr. Ballard had been engaged in
the produce business in Gorman
and Cisco for 58 years until ill
health compelled his retirement
several years ago. Deceased had
been a member of the Baptist
Church for more than 47 years.

Mr. Ballard is survived by his
wife; two sons, A. T. of Haskell
and W. C. Ballard of Cisco, and
three daughters, Mrs. John Hud-
son of Abilene, Mrs. Mary Bowles
of Odessa; and Mrs. Pearl Haz-
lett of Cisco. Seven grandchildren
also survive.

The Market Poultry & Egg
Company in his city, of which A.
T. Ballard is manager, and all
other branch offices of the com-
pany were closed for the funeral
of the Cisco man.

Receives Cards
From Son Held
In Jan Prison

Welcome news for Christmas
came recently to Mrs. Emma Cox
of Fort Worth, formerly of his
city, in the form of two cards from
her son, Sgt. U. V. (Chick) Cox,
who is interned in a Japanese
prison camp in the Philippines.
One of the cards was a multiple
choice form card, but he other
had a message saying he was well,
that he "didn't know what the
score was, but he was hoping to
be home soon." Both cards bore
the recognized signature of Sgt.
Cox. The soldier spent most of
his life in Haskell county and re-
ceived his education at Prin-
Creek school. He has two other
brothers in the service, Sgt. Fred
Cox somewhere in the South Pa-
cific, and Cpl. Orville Cox a
Camp Callan, Calif.

Graduates as Aircraft Mechanic

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.—
Completing a five months course
in aircraft maintenance and re-
pair, Private First Class George
A. York was graduated this week
as an aircraft mechanic from this
technical school of the Army Air
Forces Eastern Technical Training
Command.

The son of A. M. York, Haskell,
he was sworn into the Army on
October 23, 1942. A graduate of
Haskell High School, Pfc. York
was employed at a service sta-
tion prior to entering his ser-



"HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL;
BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL,
WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!"



DR. H. C. WELSH MADE MEDICAL SOCIETY HEAD

Former Haskell Man Heads
Medical Society of
Harris County

Dr. Hugh C. Welsh, former
resident of Haskell, and member
of the staffs of Hermann, Metho-
dist, St. Joseph's, Jefferson Davis
and Southern Pacific hospitals in
Houston was inaugurated as pres-
ident of the Harris County Medi-
cal Society at the annual meeting
of the society in Houston last
week.

Dr. Welsh is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. W. E. Welsh of this city, and
formerly lived here.

Dr. Welsh, a graduate of Rice
Institute, and the University of
Texas school of medicine is a na-
tive of Bell county and graduate
of Temple high school. He served
as a lieutenant in World War I.
He has been practicing medicine
in Houston since 1925. He is a
proctologist and surgeon.

Doctor Welsh has served as
secretary and vice-president of
the medical society. He is mar-
ried and has two children. The
family resides at 213 West Main,
Houston, Texas.

Haskell Woman's Brother With US Forces at Arawe

Lt. Col. Clyde Grant of Abilene
brother of Mrs. Wm. P. Ratliff
of this city, and a group of 150
other heroic Texans was credited
with making the successful land-
ing of the American Sixth Army
possible last week on the Jap-held
island of Arawe.

Colonel Grant's participation in
the action was contained in a Uni-
ted Press dispatch from Arawe
which reported he and another
colonel were dispatched with a
force of men to silence Jap guns
that had inflicted heavy losses on
a Commando column of American
troops.

The following guests also at-
tended: Pearlita Ivy, Ray Perry,
Virginia Cox, Bill Perry, Emmie
Lou Taylor, Von Cox, and Ray-
mon Ray Medford.

Young Veteran of Pacific Air War Visiting Parents

Visitor in Haskell and Rule,
during the Christmas holidays is a
youthful veteran of some of the
hottest aerial fighting in the
Southwest Pacific war zones, Staff
Sergeant Leonard K. Florence,
21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs.
Leonard Florence, and who is
now a Gunnery Instructor of
Combat Crews at the Dalhart Army
Air Base who is home on a
Chris mas furlough.

A tall, young on a U. S. Fly-
ing Fortress, young Florence saw
10 months service in the Solomon
Islands area, was wounded when
machine gun bullets from a Jap
Zero struck a shell belt in his
gun turret, and returned to the
United States after being hospital-
ized to assume his instructor's
post at the Dalhart Army Air
Base.

The 21-year-old gunner has
been awarded the Distinguished
Flying Cross, Air Medal and Oak
Leaf Cluster, and the Purple
Heart. He is credited officially
with shooting down two enemy
planes in combat, along with sev-
eral "probables", while his crew
has been credited with 13 enemy
ships shot down. Young Florence
made thirty-four combat missions
over territory during his 10-
month stay in the Southwest Pa-
cific.

He enlisted in April, 1942 and
after receiving his training at
Hartlingen Aerial Gunnery School
went overseas in July, 1942. His
squadron was the first heavy
bombardment force sent to the
Solomon Islands area.

Capt. Jack Harris Cables Parents of Arrival in England

Capt. Jack Harris, pursuit pi-
lot of the U. S. Army Air Forces,
arrived recently in England, he
wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Shelby Harris last week. The 23-
year-old pilot received his wings
and commission a November of
last year at Lake Charles, La.,
and was stationed in Washington,
D. C. prior to his assignment to
foreign service. He received his
promotion from first Lieutenant
a Captain last November 11th,
and visited his parents here on
a short furlough just before he
was sent overseas.

Frank Cole Spencer and Miss
Jane Holland, students at Denton
are holiday guests in the home of
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Spencer. Frank will leave Decem-
ber 26 to begin training in the U.
S. Navy.

Capt. and Mrs. Jas. A. Isbell of
Nokomis, Fla., are holiday visitors
in the home of their parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Jim Isbell and Mr. and
Mrs. Alfred Pierson. Capt. Isbell,
veteran fighter pilot with the
first Army Air Forces assigned to
the European and Mediterranean
theater of war, is an Aerial Gun-
nery Instructor at the Jamay
Beach Air base.

Capt. and Mrs. Roy Huckabee
of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived Wed-
nesday to spend the Christmas
holidays in the home of her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norris.
Capt. Huckabee is a former as-
sistant County Agent of Haskell
county, and Mrs. Huckabee is the
former Gerry Norris.

PAINT CREEK IS TITLE WINNER IN 6-MAN FOOTBALL

Pirates Take Decision 44-32
Win Over Megargel in
Game Here

The football season for Paint
Creek ended Thursday, December
16 in a glorious way with a vic-
tory over Megargel a Bi-District
game, with a score of 44-32.

The Pirates took an early lead
with a long pass from Hager to
Lunsler. That play was called
back but the next play was iden-
tical and counted. Another score
was chalked up before Megargel
crossed the goal line. At the end
of the half the score was 12 to 8
in favor of Paint Creek.

During the third quarter the
Megargel team turned on the
steam and took the lead, which
he kept until the last two and
one-half minutes of the game. The
score was at that time 32 to 30.
The Pirates got the ball and
started down the field. With a
series of passes from Hager to
Overton and Mickler, a score was
made for Paint Creek and Mick-
ler was able to kick the only kick
of the touchdown.

Megargel then received the ball
and began a drive. R. Medford
intercepted a pass and ran almost
the length of the field for the
final touchdown. The game was
exciting throughout and both teams
played a good game.

Burns Fatal To Brother-in-Law of Haskell Resident

Mrs. J. S. Hays and Mrs. F. A.
Linville of this city were advised
this week of the death of their
brother-in-law, R. J. Massey of
Little Elm, Texas, who was fatally
burned when a gas tank he was
repairing exploded. No further
particulars concerning the acci-
dent were received. Mr. Massey,
76, was a native of Georgia, but
had lived in Texas for the past
fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie (Bud) Clark
of Rochester were visitors in Has-
kell Monday. Mr. Clark will leave
soon to begin training with U. S.
Naval forces, having been in-
duced last week at the Lubbock re-
ceiving station.

Bunis Faye Ratliff, student at
Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, is
spending the holidays with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis P.
Ratliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Clifton have
the following children home for
the holidays: Martelle, who is at
the aviation cadet center hospital
at San Antonio; Lt. (jg) Thomas
Clifton, who has been stationed
at Corpus Christi but is now at
Atlanta, Ga.; and Bill and Ben
Clifton of the Marine reserve,
who are attending Georgia Tech-
nological college.

Willie Fay Foster, Josephine
Parish and Velma Alice Ballard
are home for the holidays from
Texas State College for Women,
Denton.

Misses Jane Hol' and Elna Sol-
man of N.T.S.T.C. at Denton, are
spending the holidays with their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Holt and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sol-
man.

Haskell Stores to Observe Holiday on December 25th

83 Registrants Reclassified By the Local Board

Eighty-three Haskell county
registrants were re-classified by
the Local Selective Service Board
during the past week. Out of this
number 21 registrants were
placed in Class 1-A subject to
military service, and the names of
31 registrants were included as
having enlisted or been inducted
since their previous classification.
Remaining 31 registrants whose
files were re-opened, were placed
in deferred classes, action report
of the Board showed.

Classifications were listed as
follows for the last two meetings
of the Board:

Changed from 2-A to 1-A—
James W. Jeter.
Changed from 1-A to 1-C—
C. Sml h.
Changed from 1-A to 2-A—
Jimmie H. Schwartz.
Changed from 3-A to 2-A—
Ralph W. Merchant.
Changed from 3-A to 2-B—
B. Ramsey.
Changed from 1-C to 2-C—
Floyd D. Emerson.
Changed from 1-A to 2-C—
Earl R. Holmes.
Changed from 1-A to 3-C—Jack
Walker.

Changed from 3-A(H) to 2-B
(H)—Gaines C. Irvin.
Changed from 3-C to 3-C(H)—
Lionie C. Howard.
Changed from 3-C(H) to 4-A—
Jessie W. Hunt, Archie J. Jen-
kins, Pleasant G. Kendrick.
Changed from 3-A(H) to 4-A—
Samuel W. Kelso, William C.
Humphrey.
Changed from 1-A to 4-F—O.
E. Hatfield.
Changed from 1-A to 1-A(H)—
Dick A. Hood.
Changed from 3-C to 1-A—R.
V. Perkins.
Changed from 2-C to 1-A—Jul-
ius O. Mitchell.

Changed from 3-A to 1-A—Jack
Walker, Oral J. Huntsman, Arlie
V. Mann, S. E. Lanier, James H.
Fope, Aubrey H. Wolf, Jimmie
Mcadden.
Changed from 4-F to 1-A—Wil-
liam S. King, Joe Dell.
Placed in 1-A on first classifi-
cation—Lee E. Baker, Leroy D.
Vaughn, Claud E. Helweg, F. W.
Dodson, Joel C. Hewitt, Wilburn
McIntire, Billy J. Mapes, Earl R.
Holmes, Jack L. Carothers, Billy
D. Kittley, George L. Walker.

Changed from 1-A to 1-C (en-
listed or inducted)—Margin
Hooks, Kel h. Carnes, Clifford B.
Cagle, Felix Miller, Joseph M.
Hadaway, T. C. Herring, L. B.
McLellan, Roy E. Cook, Clyde I.
Laughlin, Lawrence W. Ivey, Ray-
mond C. Price, James L. Green,
Oscar L. Jones, Martin W. Doss,
Fay L. Wilson, Randolph Miles,
Charles C. McFadden, Homer
Neal, Orville W. Emerson, Ray-
mond A. Hilscher.

Changed from 1-A to 4-F—
Johnnie Taylor, Herbert M.
Barnes, Gene Dunlap, Foy M.
Garmon, Wilburn R. Hardin,
Elias Pina, Leo H. Guffey, Al-
bert S. Hammonds, Clarence F.
Oldham, William H. Owens, Ar-
thur L. McAda.
Changed from 3-A to 4-F—
James C. Carver.
Placed in 4-F on first classifi-
cation—Dal on T. Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Corley and
son, Brien Edwards, of Seymour,
spent Sunday in Haskell with Mr.
and Mrs. A. Y. Corley and Mr.
and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

REGULAR TERM OF DISTRICT COURT TO BEGIN JAN. 3

Grand Jury for Term Will
Be Impanelled at
10 A. M.

The regular January term of
District Court will be convened
Monday morning, January 3, at
10 o'clock with District Judge Ben
Charlie Chapman presiding. A six-
week term is scheduled and the
docket lists a large number of
civil cases, while the criminal
docket for the term is expected
to be fairly heavy.

Judge Chapman will deliver his
charge to the Grand Jury sum-
moned for the term at 10 a. m.,
after which the investigating body
will begin their work for the
term. A number of reported law
violations are listed on the Grand
Jury Calendar. Assisting the
Grand Jury will be District Attorney
Fred Stockdale and County
Attorney A. C. Foster.

The following persons have been
summoned on the Grand Jury
panel for the term:

Felix Mullins of Roches'er;
Porter Campbell of Rule; John W.
Lee of Roches'er; Newton Cole
of Rule; Will Segemoeller of Sag-
erton; Chas. A. Reed of O'Brien;
Fred Monke of Weinert; Abe M.
Watson of O'Brien; J. A. Bynum,
Wallace Cox, Clay Smith, Mar-
vin Cobb, John R. Wason, A. M.
Turner, Noah S. Lane and Belton
Duncan of Haskell.

News Concerning US Missionary in Manila Received

Welcome news came to Haskell
friends and acquaintances of Miss
Hester West, Methodist mission-
ary in China and the Philippines
prior to the outbreak of war, and
who has been interned in Manila
since the fall of that city to the
Japanese.

Through word sent Mrs. Ruby
Faye Power, county Red Cross
chapter chairman by an American
nurse who returned to the United
States recently on the exchange
ship Gripsholm, friends of the
missionary were advised that she
was well and safe, and working
in the Mary Johnston hospital in
Manila and also carrying on her
work in the church. Contrary to
report, the interned nurses are
being well treated by their cap-
tors, and Miss West and her Fili-
pino girls are carrying on their
work without an eruption.

Miss West is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John L. West of
Florida.

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Visits Grave of Munday Soldier In S.W. Pacific

In a letter to his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. R. D. Turpen of this
city, Pvt. Marion D. Turpen told
of visiting the grave of a soldier
from Munday who was killed in
action in the Southwest Pacific.
The Haskell soldier could not tell
his parents where he was station-
ed. Concerning his visit to the
grave of the Munday soldier, Tur-
pen wrote:

"After so long I have finally
got time to write. Today while
scouting around we went through
the graveyard where the dead are
buried from this battle point, and
I found one cross with Paschal A.
Peyson's name on it. You know
his people at Munday, and if A.
C. happens to see his people he
can tell Mr. Peyson that he is
buried in a real nice cemetery and
it is well kept."

The Haskell soldier has been
overseas for about a year, and his
unit has been in some of the hard-
ests fighting in the Southwest Pa-
cific.

Juanelle Williams, who is at-
tending Abilene Christian College,
spent Wednesday night in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Co-
way of this city. Juanelle was on
the way to her home in Archer
City. She is the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. E. D. Williams, who for-
merly lived here.

Sgt. John W. Breeden, left this
week to return to Camp White
Ore., where he is stationed with
an infantry unit, after a ten-day
furlough spent visiting his moth-
er, Mrs. E. H. Breeden and other
relatives and friends here.

Practically All Business Concerns To Be Closed Christmas Day

Climaxing the heaviest Christ-
mas holiday season in more than
a decade, practically all Has-
kell business concerns will close the
Christmas season Friday night
(Christmas Eve) to begin a two-
day holiday on Saturday and Sun-
day.

According to information fur-
nished the Haskell Chamber of
Commerce, all local stores will
observe a full holiday on Satur-
day, Christmas Day, it was indi-
cated this week.

In addition to the business es-
tablishments closing for the day,
offices in the City Hall will be
closed.

Offices in the courthouses will
be closed both Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day (Friday
and Saturday County Judge
Ivey announced this week.

Christmas will also bring a
holiday for route carriers and em-
ployees in the Haskell postoffice,
which will be closed during the
entire day. Rural route carriers
will not be required to make Je-
rouse deliveries on Christmas Day,
Postmaster J. M. Diggs said this
week.

Preceding the Christmas holiday,
practically all Haskell stores plan
to remain open late Friday night
to accommodate late-minute shop-
pers, a survey made Wednesday
indicated.

Mrs. Nora Holland Dies Dec. 17th at Home in Rochester

Mrs. Nora B. Holland, wife of
Tom Holland, gin manager in Ro-
chester, died suddenly at the fam-
ily home in the city Friday morn-
ing.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland moved to
Rochester from Anson last year.
They had lived in Jones county
since 1904.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hol-
land were held at 1 p. m. Sunday
in the Rochester Baptist church,
and at 3:30 p. m. in the Anson
Baptist church. Rev. L. A. Doyle
of Anson and Rev. J. M. Lunsford
of Rochester conducted both ser-
vices. Interment was in the An-
son cemetery with the Hob Sml h
funeral home of Rochester in
charge of arrangements. The sons
of the deceased were pallbearers,
and floral offerings were handled
by members of the women's Sun-
day School class of the Roches'er
Baptist church.

Mrs. Holland is survived by her
husband; six sons, Charles, avia-
tion cadet stationed in Lubbock;
T. L. Jr., in the Navy, stationed at
San Diego; Hub, of Anson; Bart-
lett of Stamford; and Elmer and
Gregory Holland both of Hawley;
two daughters, Mrs. Howard Rob-
erts of Anson and Thelma Hol-
land, graduate nurse of San An-
tonio; five brothers, Omer Bart-
lett of Ronoke, Okla., Henry
Bartlett of Lineville, Ala.; E. C.
Bartlett of Anson; A. R. Bartlett
of Pos; and Tim Bartlett of Ro-
chester. Seven grandchildren also
survive.

Xmas Baskets Will Be Given Needy Families

Through cooperation of Haskell
churches, between fifty and sixty
Christmas baskets will be distrib-
uted to needy families in this city
Friday, Christmas Eve Day. The
Haskell Chamber of Commerce is
also cooperating in the distribu-
tion of the baskets, which will be
delivered Friday by members of
the Haskell Fire Department.

Lists of families to receive the
Xmas baskets have been assem-
bled by the various churches, co-
operating with Mrs. Louisa Her-
ren, volunteer welfare worker of
this city.

Finied in County and Justice Court

An out-of-town truck driver
who evidently intended to cele-
brate the holidays early, was fined
\$14 in Justice Court, and \$75 in
County court last week on com-
plaints of using abusive language,
and for driving while intoxicated,
aided by Chief of Police Ivey. The
trucker was arrested by Highway
Patrolman Red Green of Stam-
ford, on information furnished by
the Haskell officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Roberts
spent Wednesday in Munday,
where they were guests in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rob-
erts and family.


Brief News Items From RULE

And There News— Joe Smith shopped in Has. Tuesday. P. L. Mercer and Mrs. Vir. Hunt were Abilene visitors Friday. Mrs. Bill Kittley and Nelle McCain of Pecos last week end with their O. J. McCain and Mr. Mrs. W. W. Kittley. and Mrs. Jack Smith and daughter, Jackie, of Borger the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. and Mrs. Beans McCandless

and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Place were Stamford visitors Sunday afternoon. Miss Mary Frances Guantt who is attending a business college in San Antonio is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gauntt. Mrs. Ross Oliver, Jean and Ross Mack of Knox City were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith. Lt. and Mrs. Robert Sollock of Clovis, New Mexico are spending a few days with their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sollock and Ben Sellers. Mrs. M. W. Rogers visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Campbell in Ft. Worth last week. Mrs. W. L. McCandless visited her sister, Mrs. Floyd King in Haskell Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Less Lewis shopped in Abilene Friday. Gerald Parsons returned to his home in California last week after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Parsons. Mrs. Bertha Yarbrough is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gene Woods in Houston for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Cody Betts and baby and Gene Woods of Houston visited relatives in Rule last week. Mrs. Charles McBeath, and Mrs.

L. W. Jones, Jr., of Pueblo, Col. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jones, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Davis. W. S. Cole transacted business in Colorado City last week. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Epley and children of McCamey are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Rule and Rochester. Staff Sgt. Leonard Keith Florence of Pampa is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Florence. E. B. Whorton and Beans McCandless transacted business in Dallas Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Floy Pilly and son, F. C., Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pilly and daughter, Margaret of Los Angeles, are visiting relatives and friends in Sagerton and Rule. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fouts and children of near Haskell spent Sunday with Mr. Fout's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Fouts. Mrs. Dave Sahl, Misses Reba Stahl and Billie Jean Holland attended the funeral of Mrs. T. L. Holland in Rochester Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Reeves and daughter, Posey, were the guests of Mrs. Jiggs Westbrook and Mrs. I. W. McCain in Stamford Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Pete Lowe, Mrs. C. E. Lott and Mrs. Bill Mason shopped in Stamford Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Virgil Hunt has as her guests for the holidays her daughters, Mrs. Jigg Westbrook and Mrs. Mrs. I. W. McCain and son, Herbie Mike of Stamford. Pfc. and Mrs. Spurgin Neely of Bryan are spending a few days with Pfc. Neely's mother, Mrs. Lon Neely and other relatives. Aviation Cadet Scott White of Stamford and Mrs. White of Grand Prairie spent the week-end in Rule with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White and Mrs. J. A. Lisle. Mrs. E. O. Morgan and Mrs. Ora McCoulogh shopped in Haskell Monday afternoon. Mrs. Floyd Guantt shopped in Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Mercer have as their guests for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Middleton, Vernon David and Jan of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer and daughters, Dorothy and Mrs. V. W. Hill and son, LeRoy of Roan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barton and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stahl, Gean and Phyllis of Hamlin. Mrs. G. W. May and daughter, Mrs. Ora McCoulogh have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. May and son, T. L. of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews and daughter, Pa'sy and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers and children of Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. John May and sons, A. D. and Wallace of Knox City; and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lott of Dallas.



What Is Christmas?

To us, Christmas means the renewal of the teachings of Him, who taught us the true significance of the brotherhood of man. It means the observance of the anniversary of His birth.

Christmas is a time of family reunions and the closer understanding of loved ones and friends, one with another. It is the time of giving, unselfishly remembering those whom we love and cherish.

It is a time of expressing appreciation for all past favors and we, as a business institution, take this means of expressing ours.

On this most joyous season of the whole year, let us meditate on the significance of Christmas, and resolve to keep its spirit in our lives through the whole year.

Brazelton Lumber Co.

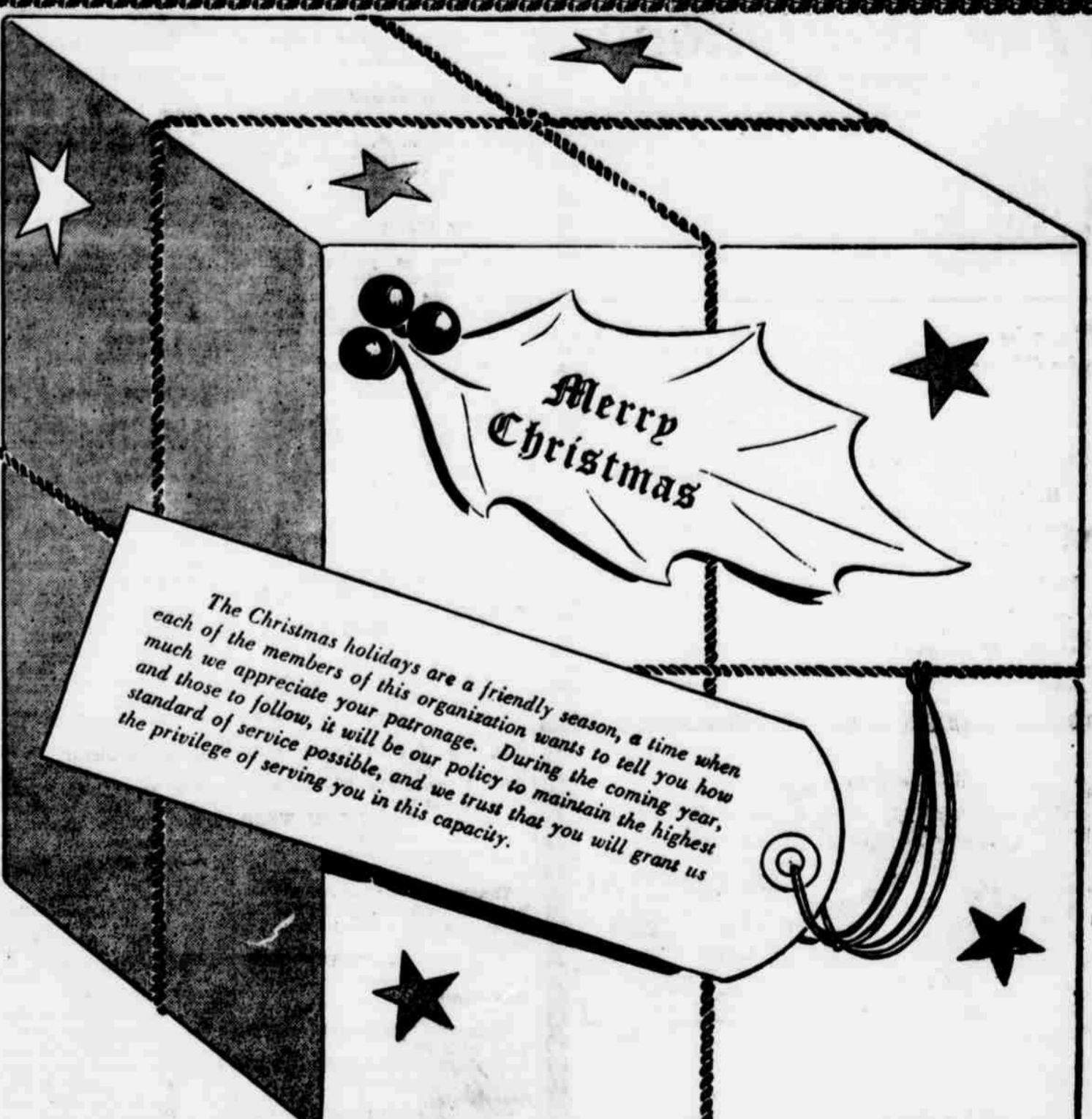
Alvin and Cecil Farmer and families of McAllen, Texas, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. H. A. Farmer and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Schumann and children left Tuesday for Bellville, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Schumann's father, Otto Schumann and brother, Herbert of that city.

Hob Smith of Rochester was a business visitor in Haskell Tuesday.


Mrs. Giles Kemp spent the week-end in Austin, where she visited her son, Billy, student in Texas University.

Dale Bartlett of Texas U. at Austin is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bartlett.



The Christmas holidays are a friendly season, a time when each of the members of this organization wants to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage. During the coming year, and those to follow, it will be our policy to maintain the highest standard of service possible, and we trust that you will grant us the privilege of serving you in this capacity.

Burton-Dotson Chevrolet Co.



Merry Christmas

TO OUR FRIENDS

It is the friendship and thoughtfulness of our customers—our friends—that have made it possible for each of us in this organization to enjoy the Christmas spirit to its fullest extent.

So we extend these Christmas Greetings, and with them, our appreciation of the privilege of serving you. We trust you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GHOLSON GROCERY

GIVE DAD



PARMAK ELECTRIC FENCE

What better present could you give Dad than one that will save him hours of hard labor, time and money through the years to come? Parmak is a quality fence. This year give quality. 5-year service guarantee—World's largest selling brand. Immediate delivery.

Woodson Battery & Radio Shop



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—REDDY KILOWATT

Every one of the myriad of bright lights that still burn in this Country at Christmas is a greeting from me, your electric servant, Reddy Kilowatt; and that greeting is MERRY CHRISTMAS! May it be an American Christmas with lights, happiness and good will for all.

We of your Electric Service Company will be on the job Christmas Day... to make sure that your Christmas lights burn brightly, and to continue to furnish industry and agriculture the electric energy necessary for production for victory... This is our contribution to a happy Christmas Day the American Way.

—REDDY KILOWATT.

West Texas Utilities Company

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Letters to Santa Claus

Well keds, Santa Claus is finally coming to town. These letters were sent to the Warwhoop Staff. Would you like to read them? Well, here goes!

H. H. S.
 December 19, 1943
 Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff

Dear Santie:
 I've cleaned out our chimney and put up the prettiest Christmas tree. Now if you should forget me, I'd be broken hearted. Sure enough Santie, all I want is

100 pounds of sugar (but Alfred would do) four new tires (but Alfred's car would do) and please Santa don't let me fail.

Thank you,
 —DEEN BARTLETT.

Haskell High School,
 December 17, 1943
 Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa:
 Maybe, I ain't been so good, but gee whiz Santa jist 'cause a feller plays hookie every once in a while, we don't have to be mean to him. Say Santie, I want a limousine, a yacht, \$100,000,000.



To the far corners of the globe go the Christmas wishes and packages to our boys in the service. With the new world of the future in the making we look forward hopefully to the Christmas of tomorrow, while wishing you the happiest of Christmases today.

Dick's Grocery and Market

May You Have a
 Delightful Christmas

As we enjoy to the fullest the joys of a happy Christmas Season, and await the coming of the New Year, we pause and look back with joy over the closing twelve months, to new friendships formed and old ones grown stronger.

Looking toward the future, we are grateful to folk like you who have, in many ways, made our journey through the past a pleasant one. Please consider this our pledge to merit your continued patronage.

and a
 Prosperous New Year

Jones, Cox & Co.

and all of the Ziegfeld follies girls.

Bye
 —HARTSILL JOHNSON

Faculty Row

H. H. S.
 December 19, 1943

Honorable Mr. Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Mr. Claus:

As long as you're fulfilling these fantastic wishes, we might as well add our 2c worth. Please clear the detention halls, make all grades passing or else turn the whole bunch out.

Mrs. Carrie Williams.
 Coach Roberson.
 Mrs. T. R. O'dell.
 Mrs. Reynolds Wilson.
 Mrs. Fred Stockdale.
 C. B. Breedlove.
 J. Cleo Scott.
 Mrs. J. A. Byrd.
 Miss Willie Riley.
 Mr. Morlon.
 Mrs. B. C. Chapman.

Haskell, Texas,
 December 16, 1943

Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been a very good little girl this past year, and I would like as my reward, a certain boy from Paint Creek. Along with that, lots of good things to eat, and just anything else that you think I would like. Thanks a lot.
 Yours truly,
 —MARY LOU WEBB.

Dear Santa:

Thanks for sending Anna Dean Batey to Haskell High School because I've met her and learned to like her.
 —"CURLY" BIRD

Dear Santa:

Gimme a Lieutenant and be done with it!
 —RUBY GRACE MCKELVAIN.

Dear Santy:

I've been a good girl this past year (with a few exceptions) and will you please send me a male doll, about five feet and ten inches tall, with dark wavy hair and brown eyes, that will walk and talk.
 —MARIE IVY

Haskell, Texas
 December 16, 1943

Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:

What I want is awfully hard to get, so try real hard, will you please? Shells, you know so I can go hunting (turkey hunting). Also please bring my Daddy four new tires and some gas. If you can't do that, I would like a scooter so I can come to town and also a woman who is.
 Your little friend,
 —WALLACE HENSHAW, Esq.

H. H. S.
 December 15, 1943

Santa Nick,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa Nick:

Since I have been extra good this year, please bring me a doll to put in my big red wagon that you promised me so long. I want this little doll to eat, drink, and you know what. Candy, fruit and anything else will be greatly appreciated.

The good little boy,
 —M. L. COOK

Haskell High School
 December 13, 1943

Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little boy—if you don't believe me just ask Mrs. Byrd. So for Christmas please bring me a machine gun because I have to be protected from all these she wolves. Also bring me a toy drum with pictures of animals on it. That's all 'this time Santa, thanks a lot.

A little friend,
 —HARTSILL EVERETT.

P. S. Please bring plenty of nuts, fruit, and candy, too.

Haskell, Texas
 December 13, 1943

Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa Claus:

For Xmas please bring me a little HE doll, tricycle, set of Mickey Mouse dishes and some cowboy boots.
 A little girl,
 —JANET TURNER

Haskell High School
 December 20, 1943

Santa Claus,
 C-o Warwhoop Staff.

Dear Santa Nick:

I am just three years old and have been very nice all these years. So please bring me a color and cut out book, black headed doll and some fruit and candy. Nuts to you, Hal Ha!
 A charming girl,
 —EMMER SUE THOMPSON.

To Santa From the Fish

Dear Santa:
 First of all please give Mrs. Stockdale a sense of aeronautics. Those paper planes send no thrill, just a chill thru our teachers!
 Huey, Kenneth, Tooley, Floyd and several others of our class members want that book report done in ink, early.
 Eddie Bess wants a new heart throb. Sue, Rex, Floyd T., Kathryn, Joan, C. W., and several others in our class are singing "There is a change in the weather!! There is a change in me". Freshman romances are really in a stir!

* It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.



Hut Pittman

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



JOYOUS HOLIDAY

Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

Campbell Produce

Juniors Have Xmas Party

Thursday night, December 16, the Juniors had a blowout in the activity building. Those present were: Deen Bartlett, Tommy Ray Foster, Ruby McKelvin, Jimmie Free, Margaret Sholl, Annie Claud Hall, Red Welch, Wallace Cox, Alfred Pierson, Eugene Riskey, Hartsill Johnson, Lucile Zelisko, Earl Smith, Jack Thornton, Charles Adams, Dick Bischoffshausen, and our sponsors, Mrs. Odell and Coach Roberson.

After playing several games, everyone exchanged gifts and then sat down to eat. The menu consisted of chickenburgers, celery, olives, cookies, Cokes, Fritos and doughnuts.

Coach was presented with a blind bulldog and everyone received a good laugh from his present and a good time was enjoyed by all.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY from THE WARWHOOP STAFF

Gossip

We are racking our brains in order to find out who Ernest W. was with Mon. night. I don't suppose it could be an ex-senior whose initials spell Florence Hammer!!

By the way, Vaughn Ray, who is that locket for? Is it Frankie R. from O'Brien??

We wonder how Bobby D. felt when he returned to his car, after escorting his friend to the door and saw a figure in the back seat. Owell brother's are O. K. aren't they?

Since the weather has turned so cold, Royce found it to be just suitable (around north ward).

Dick B. has begun writing a few notes we hear. Careful boy that they don't fall from your pocket.

Our hero, Raymon played basket ball last week. And above all that, he has a bruised knee. Never the less we're proud of you.

Billy Jo Morgan has recently taken notice to a new senior, Virginia Pickering from Weiner. Just leave it up to Billie. How's about it???

"Talent did you say?" Well if you care to hear and see talent, just listen to Hartsell and Dusty when they sing.

Floyd Tankersley borrows his brother's car for short intervals practically every night. But be-

Stockholders Meeting

No ice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1944 the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and he transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

W. Q. CASEY, Cashier

Stockholders Meeting

No ice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1944 the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and he transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

A. C. PIERSON, Cashier

Annual Queen Race Ends

Friday, December 10, 1943 ended the Annual Queen race for 1943 and 1944. Sophomore candidate, Mildred Chapman was selected by a large majority of the \$76.17. The Freshman candidate, Catherine Davis was second in the race. This is the second year the Sophomores carried this honor because last year's annual queen was a Sophomore, too. Say, the Sophomores sure do believe in keeping up the standard year, don't they?

A good way to keep your shoulder, is to keep your arm to the wheel.

It's pretty safe to judge low by what he laughs at.

A fellow may not always accomplish what he sets out, but you have to admire trying.

It has been found that colds are caused by germs. It just like a germ to attack the weakest pot?



One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

Fred Stockdale



AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

R. J. Paxton



WE PAUSE, on the Eve of Christmas, 1943, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a quarter of a century. To these old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Merry Christmas."

Reid's Drug Store

Santa: I want you to bring me a sewing set and a drawing set and some...

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. Will you please bring me a doll and a ring, and I would like to get a coat. Bring me some candy, too.

—SUE JENKINS. —CAROL ANN ROBERTSON

Rule, Tex. I want some candy and cookies like my granny can make. Also a prin dress, to make me look like a school girl; and if you want to make me surely happy, please find my gun and bring it back to me.

—ANN HILLS—Just 6

Don't want a football and wagon. I, Myetis, wants a doll and doll buggy. I, Eugene, wants a gun and scabbard. Also a train and track. Of course we all want fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget our little cousins, Doro by Alais and Philip Charles Bledsoe.

We are your little friends, —FRANKY DON, MYETIS and EUGENE MULLINS.

Thank you, JAMES HARRIS ROBERTSON, Jr. P.S.—Tell all our Haskell friends hello.

Haskell Members Entertain Delta Kappa Gamma


The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its regular meeting Saturday, December 11th, in the home economics cottage in Haskell. A delicious luncheon was served on a table attractive with its centerpiece of silver grapes and tiny blue electric lights to the following members: Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, president; Mrs. E. R. Branton, and Lucile King from Knox county; Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Eileen Wilson, Mrs. Louise Greene, Catherine Sands, Mrs. Mary M. Holden, and Iva Palmer of Haskell. Miss Mae Fields and Miss Minnie Ellis were honor guests as pioneer women teachers of Haskell county. After the luncheon a program

Sincerely

This is more than an ordinary greeting this year. It is evidence of our gratitude to the folks who have lived before us, who have made this Christmas of priceless happiness possible.

In this spirit we send our sincere good wishes for you and all those dear to you. May this Holiday time be one of joy and happiness to you and yours.

HAPPY New Year



Southwestern Associated Telephone Company

Dear Santa Claus: I am 7 years old, and I want a new school dress, a pretty prin'—some walnuts and pecans and some divinity candy like my mother can make. And anything else you and Mrs. Santy can dig up to make a girl like me feel happy.

—JEROLDINE HILLS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 21 months old. Please bring me a doll and a little bed. Also a little rocker so I can rock my doll. I would like to have a little broom to go with my mop.

A little girl, —KATHRYN ANN RUEFFER

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old—please bring me a doll with hair and has a blue dress on. Anything else you want to bring will be all right for me. Also bring my baby sister, Pa'sy, a rattler for she isn't big enough to play with a doll. Be good to other boys and girls and bring us all some candy, nuts and fruit.

Thank you for everything you bring. Your friend, —JEANETTE ROBERTSON.

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa: I am a boy eleven years old. For Xmas I want bicycle tires and tubes for my bicycle and I want new bearings for my bicycle and also I want some candy and nuts for Xmas.

Your friend, —BILLY JOE ROBERTSON

San Angelo, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl four years old. I live at 721 Koberlin street in San Angelo, Texas. My granddaddy, Tobe Griffin and Aunt Elva live on a farm near Haskell and we all take the Free Press paper.

I want you to bring me a doll, a cradle, and a doll suitcase; some building blocks, nuts, fruit and candy. And please, Santa, don't forget the boys working for Uncle Sam, especially my uncle, T. C., that's in the Marines.

I love you lots, —MARY BETH JACKSON.

Rochester, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I'm six years old, and this is my first year in school. I would like for you to please bring me a jeep, a gun if you can get it—and a football, too; candy, nuts and fruit, mostly fruit.

Your friend, —JOHN BEN GLOVER

P.S.—Please don't forget everybody else.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old, and have been a pretty good boy—so please bring me a barn yard set, boxing gloves, a ball—and some leather gloves, and if you have it, please bring me some candy and fruit.

A little friend, —JERRY MATTHEWS.

Dear Santa: I have been a nice girl and worked hard this year. So please bring me a set of dishes and a robe.

Your friend, —SYLVA FORCE

P.S.—Most of all I want 'possum and 'taters for Xmas dinner.

Rochester, Texas. Dear Santa: I want a doctor's set. If you don't have it, well, just skip it, and bring me a bow and arrow, and if no—a ball and bat. Bring a 12-inch ball with a good cover on it.

Love, —CHARLES JENKINS.

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa: Just another 6-year-old friend, who you won't forget on Christmas morning. I hope, and, as most 6-year-olds, I suppose, I want lots and lots of things. But will be real happy over anything you choose to leave for me.

Santa, don't forget the children whose daddy's can't be home this Christmas. Make their holiday as cheerful as you can.

I'll be seeing you (I hope). —SHERRY KAY HAMMOND.

Weinert, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a big doll with blond curly hair, if you will bring her I will love you and bring my brother ha is in the army a lot of things as he is far away, don't forget him.

—SUE NELL ALEXANDER

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa: I am a little boy three and a half years old.

Please bring me a teddy bear, a big drum, a gun and lots of cany. San a, don't forget my little cousin, Standly Lee Fullerton.

—EDDIE ALBERT YORK.

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa: We are writing you a little early, but times are so hard, and we know that toys are going to be very few this year. So I, Franky

Stamford, Tex. Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be a good girl this year. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. Santa, I want you to bring me "Boots and her Buddies" color book; and a big story book, and a "Follow the Dot" book, too. Be sure to bring my brother something. And don't forget my mother and Daddy, too. Lots of love to you, —NELL HANSON

Dear Santa Claus: I would like very much to have a breech-action rifle, and a little doctor set, and a pocket knife, and fruit, nuts and candy.

I have been a very good little boy this year.

Yours truly, —DON OATES.

Rule, Tex. Dear Santa: I have tried to be a good little girl and want you to bring me a doll with curls and shoes on. And please remember all the other little girls and boys, especially those whose daddy's are in Uncle Sam's Service. I'd like to have a zipper purse if you have one.

Your little friend, —ROBBY NELL NORMAN.

O'Brien, Texas. Dear Santa: I am writing to you for my little brother and I. He is six years old and I am nearly eight years old.

I am just getting over the flu. My mother is in the bed now with the flu. But she is helping me write this letter.

We are not going to ask for very much this year. We know you don't have very much on account of the war.

But please, Santa, we would like some puzzles and paint books and a story book. My little brother wants a little doll and I want some checkers. We would like some tinkertoys if you have them. We have been very good little boys I am in the second grade in school. I sure do like my teacher.

Now bye, Santa Claus. We wish everybody a Merry Christmas, from— —BENNIE and JERRY HANSON.

Crewe, Virginia. Hi Santa: Gee, it's cold out here. You must live close by me. I'm just a little boy, slightly over 1 year old, so I don't care for too much. Last year I asked you for a fur-rough for my Dad, which you was nice enough to arrange. So this

BLEAK DECEMBER!
Tis passing strange that this month which furnishes the least light out of doors, should furnish the most light within. It's the Spirit of Christmas, and the Merriest of Christmases to you!

American Nat'l. Insurance Co.
A. D. Frierson, Agent



We Know What We'd Do...

IF WE WERE SANTA

We know exactly what we would do if we had the opportunity of making old Santa's "run" this Christmas. First, we'd see to it that every one in this community received all the nice things so richly deserved as a reward for their loyal patronage and genuine friendships.

Then, we'd find a way to make it clear to all the people around here that the sentiment expressed in this Christmas message is from the bottom of our hearts.

We know there are no finer people anywhere than those whom it is our privilege to serve. Many times this has been proven to us and we are certain that when Santa's sack is emptied, a large share of its contents will have been left with the people here.

Since we can't take Santa Claus' place, please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Fouts Dry Goods & Variety

AS YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES of the Yuletide Season, we want you to regard this little message as a personal acknowledgement of your goodwill and splendid cooperation. Because of these factors you have made it possible for us to enjoy the Holiday Season more thoroughly.


The management and personnel of this institution join together in extending to all of you and yours sincere best wishes for a Christmas of great happiness and a New Year of good health and good times.

Greetings



Cut-Rate Cash Grocery
J. D. TYLER, Prop.

Greetings



The long awaited occasion is here and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships... of saying to our acquaintances that all our good wishes go to each of them and our heartfelt thanks for the patronage that we have had during the time we have served the people of this community.

So, for Christmas we say,

- ★ PEACE FOR YOUR PATHWAY
- ★ WISDOM FOR YOUR WORK
- ★ PROSPERITY IN YOUR UNDERTAKINGS

Clifton Produce Company

CHRISTMAS

THE PLEASURE IS OURS

As another Yuletide Season is ushered in, we enjoy looking backward over our experiences of the past year. We recall many, many instances of your confidence and good will, and we find these thoughts make us extremely proud and happy.

It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the Christmas Season, to tell you we have not forgotten. Your confidence in us will be our incentive to greater efforts, that we may continue to come up to your expectations.

Best wishes to you, your family, your friends—our friends.

GREETINGS

W. A. Lyles, Jeweler

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the host of friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended during our bereavement in the loss of our mother...

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the kindness shown us during the recent illness and death of our mother and grandmother...

County Treasurer Willie Lane and S. E. Lanier made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week...

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammond and Sherry Kay visited his parents...

Want Ads

POULTRY RAISERS - Now is the time to condition your flock for fall and winter laying. Feed them Quick-Rid Poultry Tonic...

FOR SALE - Two registered Duroc sows, 18 months old. See Fate Senn, 5 1-2 miles southwest of Munday.

FOR SALE - Good electric radio. Can be seen at Bob Harrison's Barber Shop.

FOR SALE - 180-acre place, 8 miles northeast of Haskell, 100 acres in cultivation; regular Farmall Tractor and equipment...

IMPROVED Farms for Sale - 400 acres, 270 in cultivation, price \$25 per acre; 160 acres, 140 acres in cultivation, price \$60 per acre...

FOR SALE - Five room house, bath and sleeping porch; lot 70x140. Water piped in house. Hot water heater and hardwood floors...

FOR SALE - Butane heater. Modern, used one winter. See Nig Grindstaff at Mrs. S. A. Moser's, 1 1-2 miles north of Haskell.

FOR SALE - WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION cook book, now \$2.50. After January 1st - \$3.00. HURRY! Leon Gilliam.

PATHFINDER - Still \$1.00 per year, weekly news from Washington, D. C. See Leon Gilliam.

DAILY PAPERS - Your choice, at bargain rate until December 30. DON'T WAIT. Leon Gilliam.

FOR SALE - Boy's bicycle. Good as new - new tires and tubes. Also 3 tons threshed milo maize. See Berry Norman, Rule.

FOR SALE - 2 rocking chairs \$8.00, 1 cabinet \$12.00, 2 linoleums \$6.00, 6 dining chairs and table \$12.00, iron bedstead, springs, mattress and slats \$10.00...

WANT TO BUY - 50 or 100 pullets ready to lay, prefer White Leghorns. O. W. Whiteker, Rt. 3, Haskell, Texase.

FOR SALE - Girl's bicycle in good condition. See or write Mrs. Joe Hyde, box 183 or see Dr Arthur Edwards, Haskell.

WANT TO BUY - Good Gas heater. See Mrs. D. A. Jones at Novelty Shop.

FOR SALE - My Piano, a very good instrument, nice tone and an attractive piece of furniture. May be seen at the home of Mrs. J. B. Gipson.

FOR LEASE - My place seven and one-half miles southeast of Haskell. One hundred acres in grass, 70 acres in cultivation. Made good crop this year...

FOR SALE - 70 model Oliver Tractor, fully equipped; s'arter, lights and power lift. Also disc plow, all in A-1 condition...

FOR SALE or TRADE - two registered Jersey Bull Calves, and one, full-blood Bull ready for service. Rice Alvis, Haskell, Texas.

SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED - Off for a few days vacation, back January 10th. Good wishes to my friends and customers for Christmas and the cream of the crop for the coming year...

FOR SALE - 5-ft Norge Electric box in A-1 condition. See Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Weinert, Tex.

FOR SALE - Oil-burner heater, in good condition, used only one winter. See Mrs. J. M. Hinkle, 2 blocks east of Haskell Elevator.

FOR LEASE - My place seven and one-half miles southeast of Haskell. One hundred acres in grass, 70 acres in cultivation. Made good crop this year...

FOR SALE - Early Variety black hull wheat seed. No Johnson grass. See J. W. Carter, 6 miles south of Rule.

FOR SALE - Boys bicycle. Can be seen at Leslie Medford's in Paint Creek community.

WANT TO TRADE - Battery radio for electric set. See S. M. Royall, Haskell, Texas, Rt. 3.

300 BUSHELS cotton seed, Texas Special. \$2.00 a bushel.

200 BUSHELS OATS to sell - free of grass, Also 95 tons of silage. See Tobe Griffin.

WANTED - Electrician, steady work, good pay. Give age and qualifications. Write to Free Press for further information.

FOR SALE - House and 3 lots. Southeast part of town. See W. J. Williams.

FOR SALE - Ford-Ferguson tractor, in A-1 condition. Will give 90-day guarantee on this machine. Virgil Somnamaker, Haskell, Texas.

FOR SALE - International Hammer Mill. See C. L. Linville at Haskell Elevator.

FOR SALE - Good seed barley. See Geo. E. Fre.

FOR SALE - Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers \$25 each and up. Shipped C.O.D. if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y.

WANT TO BUY - Electric Washer. See Mrs. Tom Brueggeman, Rt. 1, Haskell.

FOR SALE - 250 bales of peanut hay with peanuts. \$1.00 bale - Rex Martin, eight miles west of Rochester.

FOR SALE - Almost new kitchen cabinet, and 3 year old roan bull. See J. B. Dunnam, 6 miles north of Haskell.

PERMANENT WAVE, 59c! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Korl Kit. Complete equipment including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied.

FOR SALE - Good farm 160 acres located 1 mile southwest of Rochester. House and outbuildings. Good well water with windmill; water piped to house and barn. See J. T. Hester, Haskell, Texas.

Do your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks?

One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone. -Druggists refund money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

A best-selling laxative ALL OVER THE SOUTH because it's thrifty and fits most folks needs.

BLACK-DRAUGHT

WASHING MACHINES WANTED - Any make, with or without motors. Also machines repaired or rebuilt. Clell Whitsell, 1182 Sycamore, Abilene.

FOR SALE - F-20 Farmall, 2-row equipment, on rubber. W. Q. Casey at Farmers State Bank.

FOR SALE - House and lot, 4 blocks east of jail. See G. R. Loyd.

LOST - Brown Jersey heifer, with either left or right ear split. She will be fresh soon. Reward F. J. Urban, Weinert, Texas, Rt. 1.

FOR SALE - To be moved, 3-room house. Also second hand lumber. A. B. Dozier, Rt. 1, O'Brien.

WE ARE PREPARED to inspect your tires, recharge batteries, rent batteries. New batteries for sale, Delco line, etc. flats, starter and generator and all ignition repair work. Prompt service. Kennedy Service Station, etc.

MULTIPURPOSE SALVE" heals skin cancer, piles, old stubborn sores and all forms of skin ailments. Try it. Be convinced. REID'S DRUG STORE. See or write H. P. Bell, Rochester, Texas. \$1.00.

FOR SALE - Five thousand bundles of higar. R. H. Burson, Rule, Texas.

LIFE MAGAZINE - One of specials. Leon Gilliam, etc.



TIMES HAVE CHANGED, but Christmas remains unchanged - the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship.

Jno. F. Ivy



TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

Jones Shoe Shop



AS one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset.

Bartlett Service Station



May Your Christmas Be Merry

And may your blessings be many in the coming year and each year that follows.

BYNUM MOTOR CO.

holiday greetings



JUST as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmastime), that surely there will always be a Christmas. Our wish for you is that this Christmas season of 1943 be the most memorable you have ever known.

Mrs. Iva Palmer



Holiday Greetings

AND she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them at the inn.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Thomas Bros. Service Station



Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

OLEN DOTSON



OD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year. At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

Perry Bros., Inc.



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers. Like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

Texas Theatre Carrie McNulty, Mgr.

Mrs. Harley Sadler of ... Mrs. J. E. Sadler, and his sister ... Mrs. W. A. Holt.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus: I have moved to a new town since last year, but I will be back in Haskell at my grandmother's for Christmas, so will you please leave my toys there? I'd like a new doll with pretty clothes on— and a table and chairs. I also need some clothes for the dolls I already have. Fill up my stockings with whatever you have, and don't forget all my friends and all the other little children. With all my love, —PANSY OLIPHANT, Liberator Village.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll bed

... doll trunk and ironing board. I have a little brother named Dudley. Please bring him a tee her and any other toy for tiny tots. Your little friend, —LYNDA PERRIN, McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Remember my sisters and I this Christmas. We would like for you to bring us a doll and a toy watch. Bring Azile a rat-ler. Bring us some fruit, candy and nuts if you can. Remember our cousins that live up here and Rowena at Austin, and our Granny Jacobs at Haskell. Remember mother and Daddy, too. Your little friends, —CHARLEN, MAXINE and AZILE CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. and Mrs. Finnie Smith and children; Larry Smith of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith of Hamlin visited with relatives here last week-end.

Grandson of Mrs. J. T. Therwhanger Weds in England

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Peggy Troop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Troop of Kettering, Northamptonshire, England, and John N. Therwhanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Therwhanger of San Angelo and grandson of Mrs. J. T. Therwhanger of Haskell. He has been overseas for more than a year and is a supervisor in the Lockheed Overseas Service and is stationed in North Ireland.

The wedding took place Oct. 22 at high noon in a single ring ceremony performed at Caxton Hall, Westminster, London.

Major E. F. Bourne, Jr., brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man. He is stationed in England with the Eighth Bomber Command of the American Air Force.

Joyce Therwhanger of San Angelo Weds Lieut. LeRoy Sweet

In a ceremony performed at the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Miss Joyce Therwhanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Therwhanger of that city and granddaughter of Mrs. J. T. Therwhanger of Haskell became the bride of Lieut. LeRoy Sweet of Philadelphia.

The couple will make their home in San Angelo, where Lieut. Sweet is stationed as finance officer at Goodfellow Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Cypert Entertain Friends at Lovely Christmas Party

One of the community's memorable occasions took form Monday night when Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Cypert entertained a host of friends in their lovely home. The true Christmas spirit prevailed throughout the evening's entertainments. At the end of an hour's musical program in which six pieces constituting an orchestra of no mean ability had given their version of those old, old melodies of the long ago — the crowd then joined in vocal assent as the band played: "Silent Night," "Home, Sweet Home," "When They Ring the Golden Bells for You and Me," etc.

At the conclusion of this part of the program, Mrs. Charlie Sargent was called into the dining room and presented with a lovely set of dishes. On the inside of a very neatly addressed envelope it was discovered that this very beautiful gift came from the Lake Creek Sunday School. Then came the serving of fruit to everyone present.

Out-of-town attendants and musicians were: Mr. and Mrs. Pe'e Raines of Weinert; Raymond Reeves and Pete Barnes of Monday.

South Ward P.T.-A.

The South Ward P.T.-A met Thursday, December 16, 1943 in a regular monthly meeting. The fourth grade presented "Helping Santa Claus", a play directed by Mrs. Cecil Jetton.

"Freedom of Worship" was the subject for the day Kenneth Copeland, pastor of First Methodist Church, discussed — "Are Youths Truly Spiritual?"

In the business session which followed the members voted to change the meeting date from Wednesday to Thursday.

Miss Cathryn Sands, county Home Demonstration Agent, left Tuesday for Alvord, Texas, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and other relatives and friends.

Mr. H. K. Linker was a business visitor in Wichita Falls Tuesday. W. J. Jeter of Sagerton was a business visitor in Haskell Tuesday of this week.



LIGHTS ON THE FIR TREE, SNOW ON THE WINDOW LEDGE... THE JOYOUS FACES OF CHILDREN... CHRISTMAS... MAY IT BE A VERY HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

Brown & Percy Motor Co.



WHAT matter if Santa comes in a tarp, just so it's Santa Claus? And it IS Santa Claus! And this IS Christmas. May the 1943 season be an exceptionally happy one for you and your family.

Tucker's Booterie

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We will serve a Turkey dinner Christmas Day for 75c.

We hope to remain open Christmas Day until midnight, but will close then and remain closed until Monday morning.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

WARREN CAFE

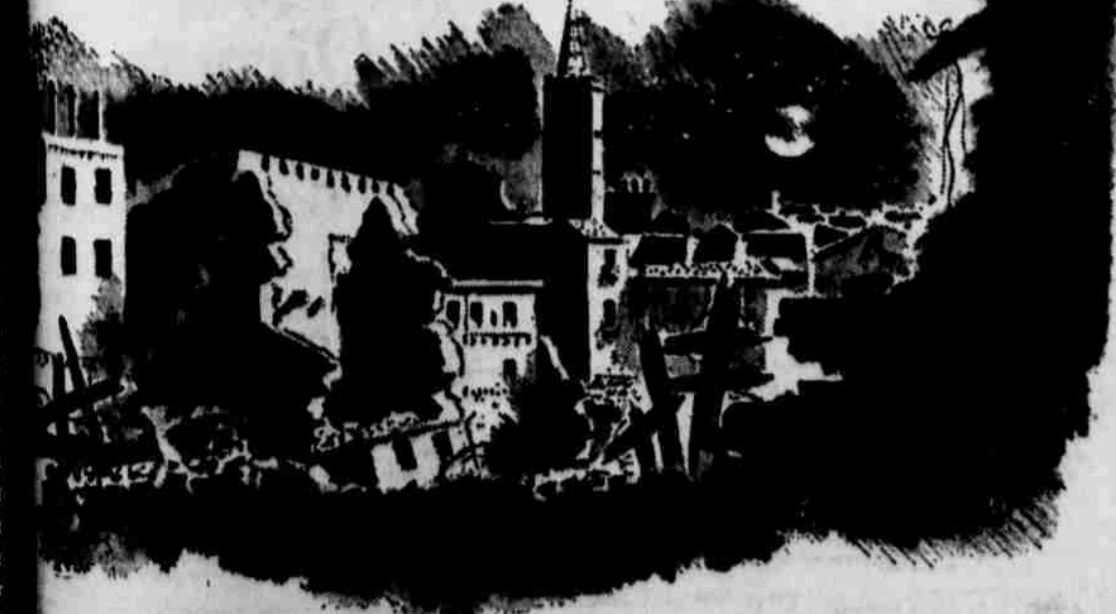
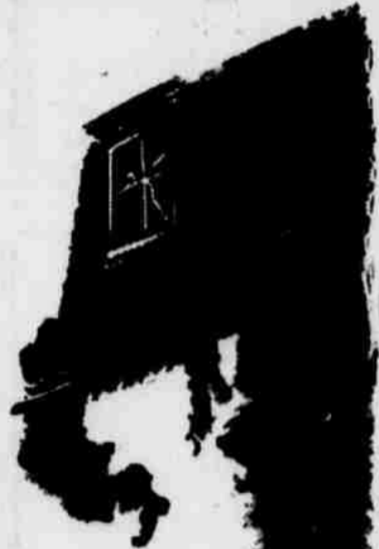


No one of us would amount to much without the help and influence of FRIENDS, and CHRISTMAS is especially the season when we like to think of them and renew Friendship's bonds, MAY THE FAITH, HOPE and COURAGE of a real AMERICAN CHRISTMAS ABIDE WITH each of you throughout the NEW YEAR.

W. A. Holt's Grocery

Silent Night

The battle is over. The bomb-shattered village is deserted, lifeless. And the silence that greets our invading men is deathly. It's the kind of grim stillness many of them will know on Christmas Eve this year. Not like the warm, beautiful "Silent Night" we know. Not like the peace in our homes the night before Christmas. But the only way we can have some peace in our hearts is to know that we're helping bring our men back. Actually helping by buying all the War Bonds we possibly can. And by giving all the War Bonds we possibly can. For no other gift could mean so much this year... no other gift could do so much good. In War Bonds, live the spirit of Christmas.



FOR PEACE ON EARTH BUY WAR BONDS Haskell National Bank MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Of All the Fine Things In This Grand Old Land of Ours, We Wish You Most...

A Merry Christmas Good Health, Good Cheer and Happiness

Throughout the New Year...

J. BELTON DUNCAN City Secretary



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, dominating the world stage, once more has incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war. There is still beauty in common things, still good in the world, and we are all grateful for the glowing interval of Yuletide. As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend the season's best wishes to all.

Panhandle Garage



THIS STORE which for a great many years has supplied the families of this community with neighborly things, wishes every family an unusually happy 1943 Christmas season.

Collier's Grocery

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our many friends and customers. We've enjoyed serving you and we're looking forward to your continued friendship in the future.

May your Christmas be filled to overflowing with Joy and Happiness and may the New Year bring Victory!

Haskell Implement Co. Bill Richey, Mgr.





TO WISH YOU THE BEST OF

CHRISTMAS CHEER

And joys and contentment that will brighten each day of the New Year just ahead.

We should like to take this means, too, of expressing our thanks to each of you for your patronage in the past. You have been generous and we are grateful.



Lane-Felker Men's Wear

Lane-Felker The Latest in Wear For Ladies Who Care

MAY

Every Good Wish Come True!

It is only natural at this glad Season of the year to think of those who have made the past so worthwhile and whose loyal support and friendships give added strength to the future.

We extend our compliments of the Christmas Season and take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage.

Sincere good wishes to all!

JONES & SON
"The Place for Everything"

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old and have been a good boy this year, so please, Santa, bring me a pair of boxing gloves, doctor's set, anti-aircraft gun, and a two-gun scabbard. Also candy, fruit and nuts.

Santa please don't forget my little sister, Vanelle, she has been good too, and she is one year old. I love you,
—JIMMIE WHATLEY and VANELLE WHATLEY.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school at Haskell. Mrs. Fallard is my teacher, and I like her fine. I have been a good boy, I think. Will you please bring me a few toys. I know you will have a hard time to find toys, so just bring me anything you can spare. If you have any War bonds or stamps left when you get to

my house please leave me some of each. Please be good to my mother and daddy—and also to all the little boys and girls. Don't forget my teacher and all the soldier boys.

Love to you,
—CLARENCE CALLOWAY
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa: I am a girl 6 years old. Will you please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, a paint book, a paper doll book, and a box of crayons, and lo's of nuts and fruit. I have a brother in the army and two at home, please stop by their way and a sister which helps my mother do the housework. So be good to her, too.
A friend,
—HELEN JEAN COX.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl 10 years old. Will

you please bring me a bedtime story book, a paint book, a box of crayons, a paper doll book, and a pair of skates, and lo's and lots of nuts and fruit.

I have two brothers at home and one in the service. So be sure and stop by their way and also by my little sister's way.
A friend,
—ALICE INEZ COX.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, seven years old and am in the third grade. I would like a big sleepy eyed doll. Also a set of dishes and a little stove. I have a little brother and sister. They would each like some nuts, fruit, candy, toys and some War stamps.
Thank you,
—NELLWYN CONNER.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. I want you to bring me a doll with long curly hair. I want a locket also. And Santa I would like to have a little cedar chest. Also fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
—OMA GAYLE HOLCOMB.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl. I am six years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll with real, curly hair, a locket and a cedar chest. Also fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
—ELVA MAY HOLCOMB.
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I would like for you to bring me a little stick horse, cowboy ope, lock, airplane, and gun. Also fruit, nuts and candy. And dear Santa, remember my big brother, Boyce, who is in the hospital with his leg broke.
Love,
—JOHN LEE HOLCOMB.
Rochester, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl in the fifth grade. I am nine years old. I want a locket, and a doctor set for Christmas.
I would like to have some candy and nuts if you have any. Please don't forget the boys fighting for our country.
Your friend,
—LENA FAYE BEVEL.
P. S.—Please bring mother some house shoes.
—JIMMIE JOE HESTER.
Rochester, Texas

Dear Santa: I want a tinkertoy set, an airplane puzzle, a set of dominoes, and fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys at Rochester.
—ZADA ANN HESTER.
Rochester, Texas

Haskell, Tex. Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls, four and six years old. Will you please bring us a doll and some dishes. And Santa, please don't forget our little cousin, Inez, who's daddy is in the Navy and all other little boys and girls who's daddy's are in the service.
Thank you, Santa,
—GLENDA ALENE and NELTA YVONNE WALTON
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl almost one year old and my mummy says I have been a good little girl this year, so please bring me a doll, a rattle and a little red snow suit.
Thank you, Santa,
—MAYCENE MORRIS
P. S.—I am depending on you, Santa, because my Daddy is in the army.
—GLLENDA ALENE and NELTA YVONNE WALTON
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. Santa, please bring me a pretty doll and I sure would like to have a little blackboard with some colored chalk, also a little rocking chair. Fruits, nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
—GLENDA DAVIS.
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa: I would line very much to have a monopoly set, and a gun and holster if you have one. Don't forget my little playmates at Paint Creek. And don't forget my brother, Dale.
Love,
—BILLIE MIDDLEBROOK
Rochester, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus: We have been pretty good little girls and we would like for you to bring us some blackboards and a doll buggy. Please bring our little nephew, Clarence Paul, who is 4 months old, some rattlers and little tiny mittens. We hope to see you Xmas Eve.
Love,
—BETTY RUTH and BARBARA RUSSELL.
Knox City, Texas.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll and a ring and a blackboard hat will stand up and a set of fishes.



As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you ... thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 and of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you a very Merry Christmas.
Goodson Cafe
Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Goodson
Rochester, Texas

Haskell County History

As Revealed by the Files of the Free Press 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

20 Years Ago—December 28, 1923 Mrs. Carrie Moser, local Western Union manager, has returned from Dallas, where she attended a meeting of operators from this section.

Marshal Pierson, inspector for the state food and drug department, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Clarence Gay of Stonewall county is moving here. He has purchased the R. E. Malone residence and plans to occupy the new home about the first of the year.

Miss Lucy Cummins, who is attending State University at Austin, is spending the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Ervin Whitmire of Fort Worth is here to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitmire.

John Pace, Maurice Smith, Kenneth Oates and John L. McCollum, students in Texas A&M College, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

County Judge R. E. Lee has been advising by the State Extension Service, that County Agent Nowlen will begin his work in that capacity on January 1st.

Employment of the County Agent was recently authorized by the Commissioners Court.

The Haskell I.O.O.F. lodge entertained its members and visitors from Rochester, Rule and Weiner last Thursday night with a turkey supper. More than 100 Odd Fellows were present for the affair.

Earnest Sanders, who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Sanders.

Two new buildings have been completed on the southwest corner of the square and will be occupied by Jones & Son Tin Shop and the Clifford Glenn Garage.

Miss Lela Welsh has returned home from State University, Austin, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welsh.

30 Years Ago—December 27, 1913 The City Council met in regular session Thursday, Dec. 18 with the following members present: T. C. Cahill, Mayor; Leon Gilliam, secretary and treasurer; J. W. French, city marshal; and N. McNeill, M. A. Clifton, T. E. Ballard and H. M. Rike, Alder.

men Last week when W. M. Tucker went to inspect one of his steel traps in the Pitman pasture he discovered that he had caught an exceptionally large eagle. After killing the bird, he measured the wings, which were seven feet three inches from tip to tip.

The City Council this week adopted an ordinance prohibiting the handing out or distribution of any handbill, circular, or other printed sheet larger than 4x6 inches in size, within the business section of the city.

J. C. White, who has lived six miles west of town for the past seven years, has moved to the Cliff community where he and his family plan to make their home in the future.

L. J. Snyder, who is interested in the oil well being drilled on the Scott Ranch east of town, left this week for Ponca City, Okla., where he will spend the holidays.

Misses Hattie Kesterson and Lela Colston of Virginia are here to spend the winter with relatives on the Kesterson ranch in the northeast part of the county.

Messrs. Leflar and Lemm have opened up a real estate office in the McConnell building, in the quarters formerly occupied by Judge Gordon B. McGuire.

Miss Frankie Alexander returned from Georgetown Friday, where she has been attending Southwestern University.

40 Years Ago—December 26, 1903 The Texas Central Railroad reported a good response from this section to its Excursion Rate Offer, under which West Texans could pay one fare plus \$2.00 for a round trip ticket to points in the South and East, former home of many residents of this area.

Advertisers in the Christmas, 1903, issue of The Free Press included Caleb F. Terrell, watchmaker and jeweler; P. H. Hughes Company of S. M. H. dealers in hardware, implements, furniture and saddlery; The Prospectors Hotel, Haskell; J. S. Glenn, prop.; City Mea. Market; J. N. Ellis, prop.; Texas Central Railroad; S. Amford; J. C. Bell, saddles and harness; Terrell's Drug Store, Haskell; Wm. D. Cleveland & Sons, Houston, cotton buyers; T. G. Carney; Williams & Whitaker; Roy Cummings; Alexander Mercantile Co.; and S. L. Robertson.



★ From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

Hettie Williams
COUNTY CLERK

Complete Abstracts
to all Haskell County Land
Haskell County Abstract Co.
V. W. Meadors
Abstracts Insurance

Business and Professional Directory

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TOM DAVIS Lawyer Office over Oates Drug Store	JONES SHOP SHOP All Kinds of Shoe Repairing We Guarantee Our Work	CAMPBELL PRODUCE CO. FEED and COAL Highest prices for your Poultry, Cream and Eggs Homer Campbell, Prop.	A. TONN Saw Sharpening Cabinet Repairing Cabinets Made to Order
VIRGIL A. BROWN Real Estate Office over Piggy-Wiggly Farms and City Property	CALVIN HENSON Lawyer Haskell Texas	Starr Blacksmith & Machine Shop We Do All Kinds of Repair Work, Welding and Blacksmithing	

"OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"
sums up, in two words, the achievements of our armed forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We thank you most cordially for your good will and patronage and wish you the Season's Greetings.

J. F. Kennedy Service Station

Season's Greetings ...

and

Best Wishes for The New Year

Ben Charlie Chapman

Those girls are Sue Sellers, Geraldine Barton, Eddie Bess Fouts, Joan Berry, Kathryn Harrell, Dorothy Toliver and Catherine Davis. Each of these girls wore white carnation corsages, which were gifts from the leader. Sue Sellers, president, acted as mistress of ceremonies for the following program: Invocation — Wanda Dulaney, leader. "Jingle Bells"—Sue Busby. "The Christmas Blues"—Gerry Barton. "Aloha Oe"—Eight Senior Scouts. "We'll Meet Again"—Cora

Fay Hays, Florene Cook, Wanda Dulaney. Margie Ammons was accompanist for the entire program. There were fifty-seven troop members and guests present for the occasion which was held in candlelight. As an additional feature, a special program was held to entertain thirteen soldiers here in the banquet hall who requested such. This included additional songs by the soloists and trio, and a jitterbug dance by Betty Oates and Nancy Free. Afterwards, Joan Berry presented their leader a gift from the eight Senior girls. In conclusion, the entire group, the soldiers, and the other civilians there sang "White Christmas," closing a very enjoyable and memorable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Spivy Entertain Young Folks
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Spivy entertained the young folks of the Church of Christ, Friday night with a Christmas party at their home. The house had Christmas decorations and each child received a cut gift by fishing into another room. Refreshments of cup-cakes and cocoa were served to the following guests: Margie Kennedy, Helen Baker, Jack Thomas, Lloyd Kennedy, Hartsell Johnson, Bonnie Faye Edwards, Billie Jo Reynolds, Jaynell Kennedy, Pearlita Ivy, Ray Perry, Hersal Baker, Warren Edwards, Bobbie Jean Reynolds, Lucille Covey, Mirian Baker, Maggie Frierson, Stella Faye Smith, Claudia Fraley, Anna Dean Batey, Mary Faye Fowler, Margie Covey, Mary Eva Frierson, Charles Baker, and Marie Ivy.

Ray Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perry of the Paint Creek community, left this week to report to the army air corps. Ray graduated from Paint Creek High school.

Pearlita Ivy, who is attending Abilene Christian College, is spending the Christmas holidays in Haskell in the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. John Ivy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: The Unknown Heirs of W. T. Miller and Salina J. Miller and the Unknown Heirs of said W. T. Miller and Salina J. Miller, and the Legal Representatives of each of said persons, and the Unknown Claimant's of the property herein-after described, greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 24th day of January, A. D., 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Haskell County at the Court House in Haskell, Texas.

to the town of Rochester in Haskell County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the N.E. corner of Block No. 1 of the A. B. Carothers Addition to the Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas, which is 60 feet South of the Southeast of the West line of Main Street in the original town of Rochester; Thence South along the East boundary line of said Block 1, 120 feet for corner; Thence West 200 feet for an inside corner; Thence South 180 feet to point in South Boundary Line of Block No. 1; Thence West 100 feet to S.W. corner of Block 1, the S.W. corner of this tract; thence North 300 feet to N.W. corner of Block 1, the N.W. corner of this tract; Thence East 300 feet to the place of beginning.

That on said date he was in possession of the property above described and that on said date the defendants and each of them unlawfully entered upon said premises and dispossessed plaintiff of such premises and have at all times withheld and now unlawfully withhold possession from him of said land to his damage. Plaintiff further shows to the court that on or about the day of _____, 19____, he purchased said property from W. T. Miller and Salina J. Miller and they conveyed the same to him by General Warranty Deed, and that he immediately went into possession of said property under said deed, and he has had possession of the same ever since, claiming under said deed, but said deed was never filed for record and has been lost. Plaintiff pleads the ten and twenty-five years statute of limitation.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for title and possession of said land, for writ of possession and for general relief.
Issued this 8th day of December, 1943. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell Texas, this 8th day of December, A. D., 1943.
HORACE O'NEAL,
Clerk District Court,
Haskell County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION The State of Texas To:
J. V. Cunningham, Mrs. Darrell Cunningham Hopking, and her husband, _____ Hopking whose given name or initials are unknown, and Mrs. Zelma Cunningham Emerson, and her husband, _____ Emerson, whose given name or initials are unknown, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 17th day of January, A. D., 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Haskell County, at the Court House in Haskell, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of Nov., 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 7117.

tion for cash, or upon such other terms as the court may direct, by private sale through a Receiver, and the proceeds thereof returned into court and partitioned among the persons entitled here-to according to their respective interests, after the payment of all charges and liens against the same.

Said real estate is described as follows:
First Tract: 173-46-100 acres of land, lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being 435, and 40 acres off the West end of the W. Arenbeck Survey No. 3, Cert. No. 22, Abstract No. 435, and 40 acres off the West end of the Washington County Railway Company Survey No. 1, Cert. No. 28-141, and 13-75-100 acres off of the East end of the S. R. Rike Survey No. 1, said 13-75-100 acres being fully described in deed from H. M. Rike to G. B. Astin, dated April 25th, 1908, and recorded in the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, Vol. 41, Page 485, to which reference is here made for a particular description.

Second Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as being Sixty (60) feet off of the East end of Lots numbered Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), in Block "C", of the Sayles and Hughes Subdivision of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One Hundred Eighty (180) in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

That the plaintiff, G. B. Astin, owns an undivided one-half (1/2) interest in said real estate; that the plaintiffs, Mrs. Onah H. Pearre, Mrs. Vallie Fisher, James Y. Astin, Arch R. Astin and Mrs. Zelma Morrow, each own an undivided one-twelfth (1/12) interest therein; and the defendants, J. V. Cunningham, Mrs. Darrell Cunningham Hopking and Mrs. Zelma Cunningham Emerson, each own an undivided one-thirtieth (1/30) interest therein.

That the plaintiff, G. B. Astin is claiming a charge or lien against said real estate for the sum of \$519.50 expended by him out of his own personal funds, since the death of Mary D. Astin, deceased, for the necessary preservation and protection of the common and joint estate of the plaintiffs and defendants.
Issued this the 30th day of November, A. D., 1943.
Given under my hand and seal

of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D., 1943. (Signed) HORACE O'NEAL, Clerk District Court, Haskell County, Texas.



Season's Greetings

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and a very happy Christmas!

BILL FOUTS
Commissioner Precinct 4

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Now 4%, time 20 to 34 years. Land Bank Commissioners Loans now 5%, time 10 to 20 years.
National Farm Loan Association Office
W. H. McCandless, Secy-Treas.
HASKELL, TEXAS



HASSEN BROS. CO.
"The Store That Holds Prices Down And Quality Up"

IT HAS BEEN a privilege to serve you during the year just past in a capacity that we believe will merit confidence for years to come.

As you enjoy the Yuletide with your friends and loved ones, we trust you will keep in mind that our thoughts are of you at this happy occasion.

Many, many thanks for your goodwill and patronage and best wishes for the New Year.

Our Best Wishes

... FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON TO EVERYONE

R. B. Spencer Lumber Co.
JOHN A. COUCH, Manager



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.
A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

Clanton Grocery

H E A R T F E L T G R E E T I N G S



THIS holiday season is filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence in ultimate Victory, the day when "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" will again be a happy reality.

But with peace, as in wartime, food will continue to be the world's most vital necessity. We here in America are faced with the great responsibility of providing Food for our Allies... Food for the Nations freed from tyranny... and Food for our own People. We must observe the rules of fair play—Produce, Conserve, Share and Play Square—in order that starvation and want may not stalk the earth.

Never before has the job of supplying fresh fruits and fresh vegetables been more important than it is today. It is a job that must and will be done by the established trade in the proven system of efficient distribution.

We extend Heartfelt Greetings and Good Wishes to all of our friends in the Southwest. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you through home-owned independent retail dealers with the finest fresh fruits and fresh vegetables for your good health and enjoyment.

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Listen for the Whistle
KEITH'S FRUIT EXPRESS
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For Personal Enjoyment
HEAR SUNDAY SERENADE
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BEN E. KEITH COMPANY
Largest Distributors of Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables in the Southwest
DALLAS - FORT WORTH - LONGVIEW - ABILENE - LUBBOCK - WICHITA FALLS

FOR SALE — 1930 Model A coupe with good tires and good motor. Verna Corley.

FOR SALE—1 Underwood stand-coupe with good tires and good typewriter in A-1 condition. J. Belton Duncan.

Christmas Greetings and Every Happiness In The New Year

Arthur C. Foster

JOYOUS



CHRISTMAS

LET EVERY HEART BE GLAD!

Carry on that tradition that is America. Be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and hope for Victory in 1944!

Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas

MENEFFEE AND FOUTS

(Haskell National Bank Bldg.)
Phone 169

Texas Theatre

Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24—
"THIS LAND IS MINE"
with CHARLES LAUGHTON and MAUREEN O'HARA
TOMMY TUCKER and ORCHESTRA

Saturday, December 25—
"JITTERBUGS"
with STAN LAUREL and OLIVER HARDY and
VERNON BLAINE
CORNBY CONCERTO—SHORT

OWL SHOW—December 25—11:30 O'Clock—
"WHAT'S BUZZIN' COUSIN"
with JOHN HUBBARD, ANN MILLER and ROCHESTER
WESTERN COWGIRL—SHORT

Sunday and Monday, December 26 and 27—
"OX-BOW INCIDENT"
with HENRY FONDA, DANA ANDREWS,
and MARY BETH HUGHES
DIZZY DETECTIVES and PARAMOUNT NEWS

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29—
"HIT PARADE OF 1943"
with JOHN CARROL, SUSAN HAYWOOD, GAIL PATRICK
FREDDIE MARTIN, COUNT BASIL and RAY MCKINLEY
with their Orchestras
Steel Head Fighters—Short, and Paramount News

Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31—
"SALUTE TO THE MARINES"
with WALLACE BERRY, REGINALD OWEN, FAY BAINTER
—SCIENCE NO. 4—
FREE KIDDIES SHOW AT 10 A. M., DEC. 24TH.
Mothers bring your kiddies and leave them while you do your last-minute shopping.

RITA THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25—
"SOUTH OF THE BORDER"
with GENE AUTRY and MARY LEE
Morning Up—Short—G-Men vs. Black Dragon No. 10

Sunday and Monday, December 26 and 27—
"WAKE ISLAND"
with BRIAN DONLEVY, MACDONALD CARY
and ROBERT PRESTON
—HULL OF A MESS—

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floyd J. Spivy, Minister

Bible Study—9:45 a. m. every Lord's day. You are invited to come and study with us.
Preaching—10:45 a. m.
Communion—11:45 a. m.
Young people meet at 6:30 p. m.
Preaching—7:15 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Class, Wed. 3 p. m.
You are invited to attend every service.

PERSONAL PRAYER PERIOD AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, First Methodist Church invites the public to stop by the church for a few moments of silent prayer anytime from 6:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. The organ will be played continuously during the two-and-one-half hour period. The old Christmas Carols will be played. No words will be spoken; no songs will be sung. Persons will come any time during the period designated, stay as long as they choose, breathe a silent prayer for our own souls and for those who suffer in this war-torn world, listen to the music and leave when they desire. Persons can come alone, with families, or with friends in any size group.

This will be a time when each of us can search our own hearts within the beauties of the sanctuary with the great music of Christmas to aid us. The public is cordially invited to come. The world needs prayer now as never before. Your prayers offered at this service will mean much to you and to those for whom you pray.

It is better to have first-class gumption and third-class brains than to have third-class gumption and first-class brains.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
William N. Sholl, Minister

Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Ben Charlie Chapman, superintendant.
Morning Worship—11:05 a. m. Sermon: "Along the Friendly Road."
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m. Congregational singing of Gospel songs. Appropriate Gospel meditation.
Young People meet at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Our members are urged to be faithful. Visitors and strangers will be heartily welcomed.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Kenneth W. Copeland, Minister
C. B. Breedlove
Sunday School Superintendent

10:00 a. m. Sunday School. Let's close the old year with a record attendance.
10:55 a. m. Morning Worship Service. Special Music by the Choir. New Year's Sermon by the Minister, Kenneth W. Copeland.
6:00 p. m. Evening Vesper Services. Great inspirational congregational singing. Sermon by the Minister.
7:00 p. m.—Hi-School Department of the Methodist Youth Fellowship meets. All young people of the city, no otherwise obligated, are invited to fellowship with this group.

Dr. Arthur A. Edwards
Optometrist
Eyes Tested... Glasses Fitted
Magnetic Massage
HASKELL, TEXAS

The senior class of Paint Creek High School enjoyed a supper at Oates Drug, and the show, Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin and Miss Frances Worden were the teachers that attended. Seniors attending were: Francis Perry, Curtis Cox, Allen Overton, Edwin Lee Elmore, Lula Marie Kuensler, La Vern Dean, and Truett Lee Kuenstler.

BABY CHICKS—Place your order between now and Jan. 15th and save 10%. Hundreds took advantage of this offer last season and were well pleased. DAVIS English WHITE LEG-HORNS Consistently average 200-240 Big Eggs Per Bird. IT'S PATRIOTIC and PROFITABLE To Raise a Better Laying Flock. ORDER NOW! You'll Be Money ahead. DAVIS POULTRY FARM, Rule, Texas.

FOR SALE—Five room house, bath and sleeping porch; lot 70x140. Water piped in house. Hot water heater and hardwood floors. Good well of water. Located three blocks east of square. Mrs. G. E. Cearley, Haskell, Texas.

HOUSE FOR RENT—See Kemp at Tonkawa Hotel.
FOR RENT—5-room house of hospital; permanent no. for sale. Also eight 5 1-2 months old far.

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

We extend our sincere wishes that your holiday season and the year to come be filled with much happiness and joy. Serving you and working with you has been a pleasure!

MR. AND MRS. WILLIE LANE



HAPPY CHRISTMAS WISHES

To Our Many Friends and Customers, to Our Employees,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Serving You and Working With You Has Been a Pleasure!

Hallie Chapman Implement Co.



A Very Merry Merry Christmas

We Extend Our Sincere Wish That Your Holiday Season and the Year to Come Be Filled With Much Happiness and Joy!

Perkins-Timberlake Co. and Employes

Season's Greetings—a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

THE PERSONALITY SHOPPE

MRS. ELMA H. GUEST
Owner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Age-Old words should not lose meaning in these war-torn times.

The joy of peace is appreciated more, when we know it can not be realized.

Let us all pray for an early achievement of a lasting PEACE that will re-unite our loved ones who are now absent.

That those in service for the freedom of the world, may be sustained by His grace, protected by His power, and that sorrowing loved ones at home be comforted.

That we may begin an early rehabilitation of shattered homes, cities and countryside among all nations, and for the assurance that all people of good will, everywhere, may be free.

May 1944 bring a full measure of anticipated blessings.

Sincerely,

Ideal Security Life Insurance Co.
Anson Texas



A WREATH IN THE WINDOW

a star in the sky, and happiness in the heart. That the Christmas season of 1943 may be truly memorable for you and yours is the earnest wish of

B. R. Adkins Service Cleaners

MRS. OPAL ADKINS, Owner



CHRISTMAS CHEER 1943



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

Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Ben Franklin Store

Carrie Williams, Mgr.



May Your Hearts Be Filled With Happiness and Cheer

Greetings to you, one and all. May your holiday season be merry, the coming year filled with much happiness.

W. H. McCandless