

The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1940

NUMBER TWO

Baird School To Cooperate With National Defense Program

The Baird Public schools, it was announced by Superintendent South, will cooperate with the National Defense program which has made available, through R. B. Mefford of Stephenville, Area Supervisor for the Vocational Agriculture, funds to be used for schools teaching agriculture. The plan is to construct buildings and furnish adequate equipment for classes in agriculture and manual training to be used throughout the day in connection with class work in the school and turned into training rooms in the afternoon and evening for all boys in the community between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four, who desire instruction along these lines. At the present, classes in wood work will be conducted by Cliff Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been hired to supervise this phase of the project and will receive some special training in John Tarleton University before starting work. Classes will be started January first and until the new building is completed, will be conducted in the old FFA building.

A building to house the project will be constructed immediately. N. Y. A. labor will be employed and any boy wishing to apply for work or to enlist in the school may do either or both by asking for additional information from the school board here, the FFA supervisor, Roy Curtis, or by contacting Superintendent South.

The new building will contain class rooms, shop, store rooms and will be constructed of native stone. The building, properly equipped, will be an asset to the school.

Callahan Over Subscribes Red Cross Call Quota

Tee Baulch, of Clyde, Callahan County Red Cross Roll Call chairman announces that Callahan County has subscribed \$595.58 to the Red Cross Roll Call, which is \$95.58 over the county quota of \$500.00. There were one hundred more members enrolled this year than last year.

Mr. Baulch asked The Star to express his sincere thanks to the people of Callahan county for their cooperation and especially all who assisted in the work of the annual roll call.

Eula Locals

Well we will soon have another Christmas and as I am the oldest correspondent on The Star I am sending Christmas Greetings to everyone who reads The Star and Hargis were welcomed as new members. Instead of giving gifts we have quite a few who have been reading The Star longer than I have. I congratulate Miss Elizabeth and Haynie for making The Star what it is. As I look back over the years I always think of the late W. E. Gilliland, who established The Star. He was a great man.

I congratulate the Gilliland family on their new home they are building.

I hope this has been a good year for The Star readers. We have all had our sorrow and joy but we will have these all through life.

When I go to Baird I miss many of my old friends; so many have passed over on the other side and others have moved a way, but I still have many good friends there who I am always glad to see.

Our schools will close in a few days for the holiday and the kids will be coming home for Christmas. I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PATSIE.

FOR SALE—Two Bungalow Residences, all modern convenience West Baird. Call Seale Ranc for particulars.

Program For Community Christmas Tree

1. Music, Mrs. McCook.
2. Christmas Story, Mrs. Roberta Mayes.
3. Christmas Carols, School Chorus and audience.
4. Address, Rev. Alsie Carleton.
5. Presentation of Gifts.
6. Benediction, Rev. Royce Gilliland.

Time, 7:15, Monday Evening, Dec. 23.

In case of rain, program will be held in lobby of courthouse. Loud speaker system will transmit the program to all parts of the grounds.

A large Christmas box will be placed beside the Christmas tree and all will deposit their gifts in the box when that part of the program is reached. These gifts will be turned over to the Goodfellows and the Baird Fire Department, who will see that they are distributed to the children of the town who otherwise would not receive gifts of toys. Let all cooperate to make this our First Community Christmas Tree a success and bring gladness to LITTLE CHILDREN.

County Hospital News

R. E. Cozart of Seranton who has been a medical patient for the past three months is slowly improving and expects to be able to spend the holidays with his family.

Fred Stacy of Cross Plains is a patient suffering from chest injuries received when his car turned over near Cottonwood. Wendell Smith of Admiral who had his knee broken in the wreck was carried to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene for treatment by Dr. Hodges, bone specialist.

Henry Settle is a patient suffering from injuries received when he caught his hand in an electric saw in the FFA index at the public school. The index finger on his left hand was severed and his hand badly injured.

Mrs. Lindley Ford of Baird, a surgical patient.

W. E. Connell of Denton, is a surgical patient.

Mrs. Morgan Price of Admira a medical patient for several days returned home Monday.

Nolan Jones of Eula, pneumonia patient went home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Sprawls Jr. of Putnam is a surgical patient.

Delphian Club

Mrs. Bob Norrell was hostess to the Delphian Club Tuesday Fifteen members answered roll call. Mrs. Carleton and Mrs. Hargis were welcomed as new members. Instead of giving gifts to each other, a gift will be sent to the Marlin hospital for crippled children.

Mrs. Norrell was leader of the Bible program. She was assisted by Mrs. W. P. Brightwell and Mrs. Lee Alexander.

Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mrs. John McGowan were guests.

The club will meet with Mrs. Carroll McGowan, Dec. 31.

The Club met Dec. 10 with Mrs. Haynie Gilliland with Mrs. E. C. Fulton as leader of a program on the Rio Grande, assisted by Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mrs. Gilliland. Fourteen members were present.

BANK HOLIDAY NOTICE

Wednesday, December 25, 1940 (Christmas Day) and Wednesday, January 1, 1941 (New Year Day), legal holidays will be observed by The First National Bank of Baird. Correspondent are requested to be governed accordingly in the transaction of particulars.

FOR SALE—Genuine Red See Oats, free from Johnson grass or other seed. Ev Hughes, Baird 2-2tp.

Shepherds and Kings

AND she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

From near at hand and from distant lands there came visitors to Bethlehem. There were kings and there were shepherds. They followed the same star. Somewhere in the streets of the little town these columns met, and there was talk between the wise men and the shepherds as to the nature of their mission. They exchanged such information as they had about the birth of the King of Kings and where He was to be found.

One of the royal party leaned down from his camel to listen to a shepherd who said, "We were in the field watching our flock and suddenly an angel appeared. We were very much frightened. And the angel said to us, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And then suddenly the sky was filled with a great light and voices sang, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

"And the light faded and we began to talk to each other and we decided to leave just one man with the flock and we went up to Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass and which the Lord has made known to us. And we were in great haste."

And the king who sat high above the shepherd got down from the back of his camel to hear the story more clearly, and the shepherds clustered around him to learn what signs he and his party had received which brought them from far countries to Bethlehem.

And the eldest of the wise men explained, "For it was a star, a new star in the heavens, and it seemed to us that the star beckoned, and we gathered together treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh."

And he pointed to the great retinue behind him and the camels heavily laden with bales and bundles of precious stuffs. And the shepherds seemed ashamed and said, "We have brought nothing. We came straight from the field when the angel spoke to us. And we were in great haste."

And all the shepherds were abashed in the presence of the three kings and their servants and their camels bearing the burdens of rich gifts. They could see and detect the place of their destination at the end of the street. The star shone directly on the stable. And because it was only a small place and the party of the kings was large the shepherds made as if to step aside so that these great men from a distant land might go first with their precious gifts for the King of kings. But the eldest of the wise men waved to the shepherds to join his servants and not to humble themselves.

"Whether it be from far or near," he said, "we are on the same mission. We should enter into the house together."

But the shepherds were still reluctant, and one of them answered, "First must come your servants with your precious gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. We have told you we bring nothing. We came straight from the fields, and even if we had not come in great haste there is nothing we possess fit to bring as a gift to the King of kings. We will linger and tarry here until you have given over your treasure."

The city was dark and still, but in this street there was a babble of voices and the sound of camel drivers calling to the great beasts to kneel so that they might dismount and unfasten the thongs which held in place the treasure chests and the sacks of incense. And the cavalcade drew up before the door with clatter, noise and tumult. The shepherds were silent, for they had seen many wonders in a single evening, and not the least

of these were the kings of the East and their camel train.

And in the street the servants opened cedar chests and revealed great bars of gold heavier than the stones which lay in the meadow where the flocks had been left to graze. And the eyes of the shepherds opened wide again as when they saw the light of angels and heard the voices from the heavens.

Through the narrow door and up to the manger itself strode the kings and great bearded man bearing treasure. The timid shepherds followed and ranged themselves in the back of the room against the walls of the stable, for they were affrighted to be in the presence of princes and of the King of kings.

The eldest of the wise men said, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him. And we bring with us rich treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh."

And Mary, the mother, looked up at the great throng and paid no heed to the gifts of gold and incense but placed her finger upon her lips and said to the shepherds and to the kings, "The baby sleepeth." —By M. A.

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AROUND TOWN

With OTTO B. GRATE

With the world customs changing by the day I wonder if it's still correct to say "Dear Santa Claus" or if they've agreed to use "Heil Nicholas", any way you put it, that's one dictator who never has any trouble with his subjects.

Only a few more days until Christmas and Around Town takes this chance of wishing all of you all of the holiday cheer that you can possibly use, enough to tide you over until next year, and the next and next.

The weather stole a march on time this week and came through with Christmas weather a week in advance. All week there was a gray mist of rain and then one night an icy breath from the north brought a freeze, and with the dawn a miracle had happened. You'd have sworn Medlin himself had walked this way, it was so like pure magic. The world was transformed into a fairyland of ice. Trees stood like things of crystal that tinkled with each breath of air. The clumps of winter grass and weeds spread skirts of snowy lace in winter's own ball room.

John Bullock, who is getting to be a real humorist and a very tender eye, hands in a prize gag. When Bess and Eddie bought their baby son a two-colored sweater the little fellow brushed it down carefully and said, "Now I look exactly like Ralph Short." Short sports a two-colored sweater, but for the benefit of young Bullock, who may be a follower of the idea that clothes make a man, we don't think his future could possibly be that dark.

Have you been around to see the Christmas lights, it would be a job to name all of the very attractive places in town but one of them is the Clyde White home which is particularly lovely. Glenn and W. O. Wylie Jr. have a nice display of lights and Ruth and John Bowles have a beautiful window. Susie Le Smith has one of the prettiest trees trimmed in gay Christmas lights.

A few months ago Around Town gave a spotlight of the week the E. L. Piersons and young son Larry. Now I want to add another name to that list and include baby Richard Pierson on the list. Richard is a native of Baird and we are right proud of that citizen.

Book of the week for you to look into is "Free Land", a story of the frontier days and to be listed among the better periodicals. If you can take the pioneer hardships in your stride and like to know how great great grandfather rested his bones, half froze to death in a shod shanty not on a Government claim then this is your kind of a book.

Have you noticed Mrs. T. P. Bearden's blue Persian cat, He is really something to take time to see. The cat answers to the name of "Oui" and will sit politely by and look bored while you pay him your nice compliments.

Spotlight of the week goes to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mille who are certainly nice neighbors to include in your list of friends. Here is something you may not know, but in Mr. Miller's bar there are ten cats and three kittens that he feeds daily. A fellow who will give a home to ten cats and their families is the kind of a man to deal with and you can just lay odds that he can be depended on to be a kind, good friend in any situation.

Baird Schools Have Ten Days Holiday Vacation

The Baird Schools will close today for the Christmas holidays. The schools will open again Monday, December 31.

W. H. Dawkins of Abilene was in Baird on business Tuesday.

College Students Coming Home For Holidays

Russell Chatham, Clyde Yarbrough, Wendell Jones, Ben Louis Russell and Jack Ray, students in A and M College came home Saturday. All of the boys except Clyde Yarbrough had been ill with the flu which because of such an epidemic the college was closed several days ahead of the Christmas holiday schedule.

Harold Bryant of Iona also a student in A and M came home Saturday.

Lawrence Wheeler, Crawford Hughes, Billie Fetterly, R. L. Griggs Jr., and Elouise Berry, students of McMurry College, Abilene are home due to an number of cases of flu in the college.

Other students coming home for the holidays are James Alexander, Louis Hill, Randall Jackson and Marian Dyer from Texas State University; Paul Scherrille, Hardin-Simmons; Mike and Jonsi Mae Hughes, A. C. C., Abilene.

Richard Windham, John Tarleton College, Stephenville.

M. D. Chatham went to College Station after the students from there.

Mike Hughes Wins Jacket With ACC Wildcats

Mike Hughes, of Baird has been lettered in football at Abilene Christian college.

Twenty-four of the 30 members of the traveling squad will receive these leather-jacket awards for their playing during the 1940 season.

The Wildcat team, for the second consecutive year, has shared the Texas conference title, this fall with Howard Payne college and Texas Wesleyan college.

Hughes has played on the Wildcat team for two seasons in end position.

Arthur Burleson Named Baird's Most Valuable

Arthur Burleson was Baird high school's most valuable football player of the 1940 season by vote of his teammates and a committee of Baird business men.

Burleson has received a trophy for this honor at a banquet for the team given by the Callahan County Luncheon Club. The trophy was donated by J. B. Beeson, manager of the Plaza Theatre and was presented by Coach Bill White at the banquet Wednesday.

Burleson plays end on the Baird team and was selected on the All-District 10A eleven.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met in the home of Mrs. L. L. Blackburn with Mrs. Charles Coats, hostess.

The program with Christmas as the theme was:

Christian Life as revealed in the Catacombs of Rome, Mrs. Ace Hickman.

Christmas Story "The Bells" Mrs. Roberta Mayes.

Duett: Star of The East, Mrs. Lee Ivey and Mrs. Roe Curtis. A beautiful Christmas tree had been set up with blue lights making the silver tree lovely. Gold walnuts hung by tiny ribbons, added to the beauty.

Mrs. Charles Coats told the legend of the gold walnut, and assisted by Mrs. Mayes gave one to each member who opened them and found their fortune on a slip of paper.

Christmas garlands and other decorations throughout the home made the meeting a very colorful one, long to be remembered. Nineteen members answered roll call with quotations from Proverbs.

Edgar Nall of Fulton, Ky., was the guest of Dr. W. S. Hamlett yesterday. Mr. Nall was enroute home from California.

PUTNAM GIRL IN COLLEGE CHORUS

Miss Zada Williams of Putnam sang with the Southwest Texas State Teachers College Chorus in their annual presentation of the famous oratorio, "The Messiah," in the college auditorium, San Marcos, Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 4 o'clock.

The 35-piece College Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of R. A. Tampke, will accompany the Chorus which include a hundred voices under the direction of Dr. H. Grady Harlan.

Mrs. Marvin Coats of Cottonwood Died Here Thursday

Mrs. Marvin Coats, 27, of Cottonwood, died in the Callahan County Hospital yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock. Deceased is survived by her husband and three children, one a baby only a few hours old.

The remains were carried to Cottonwood for burial.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags 5c per pound Blue Arrow Service Station. 2-2t.

Presbyterian Ladies

The Presbyterian Ladies met in the home of Mrs. Lee Alexander with Mrs. E. B. Mulligan as co-hostess on Monday Dec. 16, at 3 o'clock p. m. The meeting opened with a song of Christmas Carols. Prayer by Mrs. R. L. Elliott; Scripture reading by Mrs. John Bowles. A Christmas story by Mrs. Lee Ivey.

A beautiful program was given by Mary Lou Settle, Tessie Cunningham, Joe Bess Miller, Shirley Pool The house was decorated in Christmas colors and gifts were exchanged from a blue and silver lighted Christmas tree.

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:
This is your little sweetheart Yvonne writing to you, and Mom and Daddy say that I really am a sweetheart with my soft blue eyes and blonde hair. I want a big doll, a table and chairs, desk, some dishes, and rocking pony. Do you think I'll get all of this? I'll raise an awful row if I don't. Mommy and Daddy say I can do that too.
Love
Yvonne Melton.

sis wants a doll with a red dress
Love,
Leslie and Carolyn Nichols.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a very little boy who wants just anything you have in stock I really want a tricycle though, and one that will go just lickety split. Please don't forget me.
Your friend,
George Lee Lambert.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and some doll furniture and a little bit of a cook stove that I can play house with. Bobby and Bruce would just leave me alone in the toy store I could take care of myself and not trouble you with having to bring me anything but they want it done this way. They ought to know I'm a modern girl and very independant. Please bring 'Doc something nice too, because I love him lots and lots and I think he likes me too. Love,
Billie Beth Bell.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please remember me this Christmas and also my baby brother Ronnie. I believe in every person for himself but since he is too little to even write, I'll have to include him in my letter. Maybe I can arrange a ten per cent cut with him later. I want doll furniture, a doll with lots of clothes a football, and a telephone. Ronnie wants blocks and a ball and little old things like that. Love,
Jerry Lou Estes.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little red wagon for Christmas and anything else you can spare. I like little cars and

things I can push around.
Your friend,
John Mack Risinger.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please dig deep in your sack and bring me lots of pretty things this Christmas. I like most anything boys like and I'm in the market for anything you have.
Sincerely,
Neal Hollingshead.

Dear Santa Claus:
First I want you to know that I'm the nicest little boy you hope to find anywhere and just before Christmas I'm even nicer. I want a little car that I can ride in. Love,
Charles Eddie South.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tricycle this Christmas. I'd like a toy dog or a teddy bear too, I have one toy dog but I've about loved him to death and he is getting thin in spots. I'm not fickle though, I love him just the same. Your friend,
J. W. Hunt, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
This Christmas I want a football. I'm gonna' grow up to be an all-American and you should see me now and know that I have a good start. I'll bet I can lick my weight in wild cats when I get a little older. Be sure and remember that football.
Your friend,
Johnny Holt.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tricycle with big tires. My Dad will probably keep 'em flats just fooling with 'em. He tears up everything else we get anyway. but I guess you just have to put up with daddies until you can get 'em trained, don't you? I'd like some little cars too, and something soft and cuddly like dog or a bear to take to bed with me at night.
Love from, Don Cook.

Dear Santa;
Because of the European Situation we feel that your supply must be rather low, since England seems to be getting most of your attention. Therefore we only want an electric train, an truck that will carry supplies and a big doll for our baby sister.
Oh yes, Nicholas old boy, be sure and see all the little children in the War Zones first, cause all of us American boys and girls have been having an easy time this year.
We the 'People,
BoBo and Sonny Ault,
P. S. Santa you needn't bring any nuts for we have a friend that's nutty enough.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old please bring me a dump truck, a pair of gloves, some fruits and candy. Don't forget my three brothers and little friends.
Your little friend,
Darrell Dean Gibbs

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a six wheel tractor, and a steam shovel, a sand hopper, also four men and a dump truck.
Yours truly,
R. G. Farmer

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, four and half years old and I have tried awful hard to be good, so I want you to bring me 2 tractors, and a lot of fire crackers,
Be sure and don't forget my

cousins Doris and Jamie.
Your friend,
Mickie Brown
Rt. 2, Clyde, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm glad that it is time for you to come back again. I've tried to be awful good, and Santa, if you could, I'd like for you to remember me again this year.

I would like for you to bring me a little boy doll, a rocker, and a tricycle, also some shoes and anything else you might find. Don't forget all the other little boy and girls and especially Billy Ruth and Williams Robert. I'll keep my boots on and be real good so hurry and come.
I love yee,
Gayle Walls

Dear Santa Claus:
Here is your little friend Shirley Marie. Writing for more toys, I

would like to have this time a big doll, phone, dresses for my doll, a dresser big enough for my own us, a vanity set to go on it. Bring me some nuts, candy and fruit. Please don't forget my friends, Barbara Nell Knudson, and Dorothy Henry, they have been good too. Don't forget all other little girls and boys who have been good.

Your Little Friend,
Shirley Marie Nobles

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Payne in the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene on Tuesday Dec. 17th a son Mr. Payne is local manager for the Texaco Co. in Baird.

McConnors Products, Wate softener, face and hand lotions its Mrs. R. F. McQueen, west of High School Building.

Mrs. A. G. Hart the former Mildred Hearn of Baird, who has been seriously ill at her home in Albany was reported improving yesterday afternoon.
The West Texas Utilities sponsored the Radio broadcast of the Cowboys ball in Anson, last night. This helping to make possible the K. R. B. C. service in this section.



Merry Christmas

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PAL

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Our daddies said tell you..



Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

...and they said tell you we're glad you use electric lights, and refrigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They appreciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that electricity is so cheap and everybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mamas don't work so hard any more since they got electric servants in the kitchen.

"There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use electric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"

Our Local Offices Will Be Closed Christmas Day
West Texas Utilities Company



What The CCC In Doing

Changes have been announced regarding the pay of all members of the CCC. Beginning January 1st the amount sent home monthly will be reduced from \$22 to \$15. \$7 will be placed aside for the boy, to be given him upon discharge. \$8 will be paid to him in cash at camp, as to heretofore.

Training is being intensified in building, operations, and repairing bridges roads, and telephone lines so that youths may become competent repair men and fit into the general defense program.

Heathful outdoor work and good food is reflected in the physical improvement of members of the Corps. The average gain in weight is ten pounds within the first two months. With doctors and dentists available in all camps every boy is assured of first class attention in all camps every boy is assured of first class attention. When serious illness develops he is sent to one of the Army Hospitals for treatment and care. Operations may be performed only with the consent of the parents or guardians. Alertness and health go hand in hand and the CCC has an outstanding record of returning boys to their homes better citizens who are confident and able to cope with problems that must be solved in everyday life.

Texas will call 5,000 CCC boys in Jan. 1941. Any Callahan county boy wanting to enroll should see Miss Ann Johnson at the Public Welfare Office 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

Baptist Ladies Give Program

The Baptist Ladies met at the church last Monday afternoon and rendered a very interesting program. The theme, Steadfastness. All members present repeated the W. M. S. watchword in unison—Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord, 1 Cor. 15-58.

Mrs. Brisco brought the devotional after which Mmds Stephens, Atchison, Boydston and Gilliland talked on the material and spiritual conditions in China

and Japan. These talks were interspersed with prayers for the program of countries. While Miss McClendon sang Silent Night, the Y. W. A. girls presented a Christmas pageant and how we wished that all our ladies could have been there to enjoy the program as we did.

Reporter, Miss Jewel Dunlap, returned Sunday, from a two weeks visit with relatives, friends in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holmes of Roscoe came down yesterday Mrs. Holmes who is recovering from a severe illness will remain several days with Mr. Holmes sister Mrs. W. B. Atchison and family.

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We've Told St. Nick

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MAYFIELD'S

To the Citizens of Callahan Co. At this season of the year we all pause to think of each other and the good things that have happened throughout the year. I am indeed grateful to the entire citizenship of this County for the help, support and co-operation you have given my Department, in doing so allow me to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year... for 1941.

Gratefully yours,
C. R. NORDYKE
Sheriff, Callahan County.

On This Happy Yule Day

We could wish you many, many nice things... but for none more earnestly than that the day will be one of supreme joy and happiness for you and yours.

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situated in the County of Callahan and State of Texas, and within the metes and bounds and territorial limits of said Callahan County, Texas, to-wit: First Tract: All of Block 6 in OldTown of Schleicher except a parcel of land running 65 ft. E and W by 110 ft. N and S, out of the S end of said block; Second Tract: South 3-4 of Block 10 in OldTown of Schleicher, subject, however, to the rights of the defendant, his heirs, assigns or legal representatives, to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law; subject to the further rights of the defendant to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said State of Texas.

C. R. Nordyke Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas. 1-3t. Dated at Baird, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1940.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Callahan. By Virtue of an Order of Sale issued by order of a judgment decree of the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 8th day of March A. D. 1940 in a certain suit No. 45 wherein the State of Texas is Plaintiff, for itself, for Callahan County, and for the use and benefit of all political subdivisions of said County, whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, having taxes due on and against the property hereinafter described, and Gertie Hunt, a feme sole, B. P. Sherred, F. G. McLellan and T. L. Booth, Defendants, in favor of the said plaintiff, for the sum of Forty Nine and 34-1100 (\$49.34) Dollars for delinquent taxes together with the legal and total amount of penalties, interest and costs of suit computed thereon, and the foreclosure of Plaintiff's delinquent tax liens upon the property hereinafter described as being situated in the County of Callahan and State of Texas, and within the metes and bounds and territorial limits of said Callahan County, Texas, to-wit: First Tract: Being 100 acres out of Walter Converse Survey No. 333 Abstract 113, Callahan County, Texas, described as follows, save and except 67 1-2 undivided acres which R. E. Booth has paid the taxes, penalties, interest and costs: Begin 756 vrs. E of NE corner of W. T. Riley Tract out of said Survey on N Border line of Survey No. 333; Thence S 17 Degrees E 750 vrs; Thence E 730 vrs; Thence N 750 vrs; Thence W 750 vrs to place of beginning. The above property is rendered in R. E. Booth's name. Records indicate that 32 1-2 acres in form of a square out of SE corner of above 100 acres belongs to Gertie Hunt and R. P. Sherred Remaining 67 1-2 acres belongs to F. G. McLellan, T. L. Booth and R. E. Booth,

however, to the rights of the defendants, their heirs, assigns or legal representatives, to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law; subject to the further rights of the defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said State of Texas.

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in less divisions than the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said State of Texas.

C. R. Nordyke Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas. 1-3t. Dated at Baird, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1940.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Callahan. By Virtue of an Order of Sale issued by order of a judgment decree of the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 14 day of November A. D. 1940 in a certain suit No. 38, wherein the State of Texas is Plaintiff, for itself, for Callahan County, and for the use and benefit of all political subdivisions of said County, whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, due on and against the property hereinafter described, and A. I. McCada, and Mrs. M. E. Wakefield, Individually and as Devisee under the will of M. E. Wakefield, deceased are Defendants in favor of the said plaintiff for the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven and 09-100 (\$137.09) Dollars for delinquent taxes, together with the legal and total amount of penalties, interest, and costs of suit computed thereon, and the foreclosure of Plaintiff's delinquent tax liens upon the property hereinafter described as being situated in the County of Callahan and State of Texas, and within the metes and bounds and territorial limits of said Callahan County, Texas, to-wit: Being 7 1-2 acres of land out of Walter Converse Survey No. 333 Abstract 113, beginning at SE corner of A. W. Booth, tract; Thence North 363 3-4 vrs.; Thence East 1045 vrs.; Thence South 363 3-4 vrs.; Thence West 1045 vrs. to the place of beginning, located in Callahan County, Texas, subject, however, to the rights of the defendants, their heirs, assigns or legal representatives to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law; subject to the rights of the defendants to have said property divided and sold



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With the announcement of an enlarged and enlivened magazine The American Boy, foremost publication for boys ten to twenty also announces a reduction in its subscription and single copy prices. Hereafter The American Boy will sell for 10c a single copy at newsstands or for \$1.00 a year and \$2.00 for three years on a subscription basis. In announcing a charge in editorial policy, publishers of The American Boy assure subscribers that the established fiction heroes who have made the magazine so popular with young and old alike, will continue to fill of their adventure exclusively in this group are Renfrew of the Canadian Mounted, Cyndie Morgan and Old Man Mattie, prospectors; Square Jaw Davis, railroad engineer; Johnny

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OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.

"Mama!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mama, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal



Floes, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrul!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys!"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just tending the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumfounded. "But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grand-son's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It gleamed like new inside the weather-brown case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears. "Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere . . ."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

German Priest, Schoolmaster, Wrote 'Silent Night'
 "SILENT NIGHT," the favorite Christmas carol, was written by a German country priest and his friend, the schoolmaster of a neighboring village, for a Christmas now a century gone. After its first use in 1818, in a little Austrian town, it gradually made friends until it came to be known in all Germany and, in translation, in many other countries, observes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
 The author of the verses of "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" was Joseph Mohr, born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1792. He was ordained a priest in 1815, and when he wrote the song was assistant at Laufen, on the Salza, near Salzburg. Later he held pastorates in various other places, and died in 1848.
 The schoolmaster of Arnsdorf, near Laufen, who wrote the music of this and also of a number of lesser known hymns, was Franz Gruber, born in Hochburg in 1787.

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This is the season of the year when strict precaution against catching cold is of vital importance. Any sudden change of temperature, such as occurs when you go from a warm room into an unheated part of the house, chills your body and makes you an easy prey to the attack of the cold germ. Play safe! Don't give a common cold an even break! Provide adequate heat and a circulation of pure, warm air in every room of your house during the short winter season,

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