

The Country
Editor



Christmas Joy

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hope that St. Nicholas soon would come there; the children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; and Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap, when out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. I saw to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and drew up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, gave a luster of mid-day to objects below; when what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, with a little old driver, so very and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, now, now! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer! and Vixen! On, Come! On! On up! On Dunder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, so, up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too. And then in twinkling I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; a bundle of toys he had flung on his back, and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; his droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; he had a broad face and a little round belly that shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump—a right jolly little fellow—and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to work, and filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk and laying his finger aside of his ear, and giving a nod, up to the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistle; but I heard him claim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to a good night!"

Clement Clarke Moore

AND SO, MERRY Christmas, folks, from Ellie, Smittie and the by. May God bless us all.

CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday night Mrs. John Speers as hostess to the annual Christmas party of the 84 club in her home. Three tables of guests were present and gifts were exchanged from an attractively decorated tree. Refreshments of chocolate cake and scones were served.

JAKE GATES EXPLORED THE HERETOFORE UNEXPLORED REACHES OF COCKE COUNTY THURSDAY VISITING FOLKS AT ROBERT LEE; HE REPORTED THE JACK BIT TWISTING SEASON WAS NOW IN PROGRESS AND EVERYBODY HAPPY.

W. A. "ANDY" JORDAN IS SPENDING CHRISTMAS AT HOME VISITING HIS SIBS. HE WILL RECEIVE HIS DISCHARGE ON 13TH. ANDY HAS SERVED ON MOST OF THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC AREA.

DUTCH TEACHER WRITES LOCAL LADY

Dear Mrs. Campbell, I take great pleasure in answering your very welcome letter of December 22nd. It is impossible for me to thank you enough for your kindness. I showed your letter to my friends and all by six brothers and two sisters. I shall be so happy with the things you sent me, as these are only dreams to me. Another is also very glad with your gift as she can't get the things for herself. She is very busy at the present with her younger brother of 12 years who is very ill in bed with measles. He has to stay 6 months at least. Dear Mrs. please give my wishes to your husband and family. Well, I hope you will excuse my short letter as I am terribly busy with correction work in the fitting books of my 53 pupils. I can write again. Dear Mrs. many thanks. I wish I could do something for you.

I remain your thankful Dutch friend,
CORRY

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Washington and son Jack, will spend Christmas in Gatesville with relatives.

Treva and Geneva Gibson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Isaacs.

Mrs. E. E. Pace has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lois Coston of Big Spring.

Rex Don McKinnon of Lamesa is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Summers.

Mrs. Horace Brunette of New Baden came to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. G. V. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards spent the week-end in Waco visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Etter have returned from Ruidoso.

Miss Mary L. Townsley is spending the holidays in San Angelo.

Earl Damron of Pomona, California is visiting relatives for the holidays.

Billy McCarty of Pharr is spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. McCarty.

Mrs. W. L. Harris from Paducah are here spending the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Shak Blocker have returned from a visit to Sulphur Springs where they have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lumpkin of that city.

Dan Blocker is in Hollywood where he is spending Christmas. He is making a two week tour with the Hardin-Simmons football team. The Cowboys played in Laffonia, Airzona and Mexico while on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Maxwell of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Walker of the Mesquite community will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Maxwell. This will be the first family reunion in five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of Lubbock are the proud parents of a baby girl named Jean Ann. Mrs. Thomas is the former June Middleton. The grand parents are doing nicely.

Mrs. Daisy Celsor was in Lubbock Friday.

Mrs. Bill W. Davis her mother Mrs. J. A. Croft an daughters, Callie and Cordie of Lubbock will spend the holidays in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Redding.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Shook are spending the holidays in Pampa and Amarillo visiting their son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Brady of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shook last week.

Mrs. Hal Singleton Sr., visited in Lubbock Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. DeBusk and baby of California are spending Christmas with their parents, the De Busks and the Wrights.

Mrs. J. P. Bowlin visited last week in El Paso.

SEE BERNIE FOR XMAS FLOWERS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Jolly Twelve Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. A. H. Koeninger last Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. After the needlers finished their work Santa appeared and distributed gifts to each lady from a beautifully decorated tree. After the gifts were presented lovely refreshments were served to eleven members and the hostess.

Miss Joe Whitsett of San Antonio is spending the holidays with her brother, Marshall Whitsett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Vaughn and sons attended the Treasure Hunt in Lamesa Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gardenhire attended the Treasure Hunt in Lamesa Friday night. And quite a few others attended also.

Miss Ruby Heath will spend the holidays at home in Seminole.

Ellie Frank Gibbs is home for the holidays.

W. T. Huff of West Cliff, Colorado is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chas Cathey and a daughter in Lubbock.

Mrs. Geo. D. Foster is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster of Ada, Oklahoma.

XMAS REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jordan will have a Christmas reunion with all their children attending. They will include: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Greenwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McClellan and family of Tahoka, E. A. Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan and family of O'Donnell and Andrew Jordan who has been in the service for the past five years will be home for his first Christmas since enlisting. Andrew will get his discharge on February 13.

CLASS HAS SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

The Euzelian Class of the First Baptist Church entertained with a Christmas party in the church reception rooms Tuesday evening. Honored guests were Rev and Mrs. Hale and the class members' husbands.

After distribution of gifts from the tree, the rooms were lighted by candles for Mrs. Burl Koeninger's story of "The Other Wise Man". In closing, Mrs. Rochelle Peltz led the carol singing.

Guests were Messers and Mesdames M. F. Norris, R. R. Peltz, Harley Jolly, Allen Vandiver, Dallas Vaughn, Sam Nelms, Burl Koeninger, Douglas Bellew, Jesse Gillespie V. B. Hahn, Curley Worth Ingham, Ivey Atkins, C. A. Doss, Truett Hodnett and Rev and Mrs. J. M. Hale.

Mr and Mrs. G. E. Vickers and daughters, Kathryn Ann and DaAnne, Mr and Mrs. L. V. Cole and baby visited in Odessa last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. L. V. Cole have moved to Lubbock to make their home.

TWO VISITING PREACHERS TO METHODIST CHURCH

We will have TWO visiting preachers for Sunday, December 29 D. J. O. Hayms, district Superintendent of the Lubbock District will preach at 11 o'clock. The First Quarterly Conference will be in the afternoon at 3:00. At 7:00 Rev. Clarence Stephens, who was Chaplain in the European theatre will speak on the things he saw and will show a number of pictures. You are cordially invited to hear these two distinguished preachers.

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year is our sincerest wish for every one of you.
Edward H. Crandall, Pastor.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 15063 bales of cotton were ginned in Lynn county from the crop of 1946 prior to December 1, 1946 as compared with 5,311 bales for the crop of 1945.

DAN BLOCKER MEMBER OF COWBOY ALAMO BOWL TEAM

Dan Blocker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Shak Blocker is a member of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy football squad that meets the University of Denver Pioneers in the first Alamo Bowl football game to be played at San Antonio New Year's day.

Dan, who though only 17 years old weighs 283 pounds and stands six feet four inches tall, is a reserver tackle on Coach Warren Woodson's undefeated and untied Rancher eleven. A freshman, Dan has impressed the Cowboy coaches with his future possibilities and will be back next fall as a member of what may well be the greatest Rancher gridiron combination in history.

"Big Un", as he is known by his team mates, attended Texas Military Institute and played football there under Coach W. E. (Bud) Phillips.

Blocker has seen service against many of the ten foes to feel the back next fall during the season just closed that saw them roll to the Border Conference championship.

Dan's favorite hobby? Eating, he says and at his weight he must be telling the truth.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I am a boy 13 years old. I have been a good boy I think. I help with all the work around the place. I want some candy and nuts to eat, a gun and some kind of toy to play with. I will sure thank you if you will bring me these things.
Your friend,
Wayne Davis

Dar Santa, I am a little girl nine years old I have a little sister seven years old. We have been good girls and helped our mother. Please bring us a rubber doll with a bottle, and some toys to play with. My sister wants a doctor set and some nuts candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Shirley and Patsy Sutton

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a pretty good little girl, so will you please bring me a doll, big enough to dance with, also would like to have a little stove I can really cook on, and if you have enough to go around, I would like a doll buggy. Don't forget my little cousin Paul Jarrett, and Hudson, Judy, Cecille McLaurin. I'll try ever so hard to be a better girl next year, so "Merry Christmas" to you Santa.
Always,
Sherry Lynn Middleton

AND SO another Christmas edition is out. This year, especially our holiday advertisers have been anxious to have had an opportunity of saying "Thanks" the biggest little word of all. Largely this edition is theirs; the firms who paid marbles and chalk to make this issue possible. Read their greetings well.

The Indexman especially thanks his mother in her fine job of selling And to George Smith, a good printer and a likable man, and Miss Betty Walker for their valuable issue has been fun but we're tired!

O'DONNELL AND LAMESA GIRLS ARE GRADE SCHOOL QUEENS IN RECENT CEREMONY HERE



LANE SUFFERS PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Jesse Lane, road grader and mechanic for Dawson county in G. C. Aten's precinct, suffered a painful injury to his left hand last Monday when the maintenance car he was under and repairing, fell from the jack and the frame of the car caught Jesse's left wrist and thumb. He was rushed to Lamesa hospital and thru expert surgery his thumb was stitched back to his hand and wired. His wrist suffered a compound fracture. Last Friday Jesse reported his injury as improving but still mighty painful.

'46 STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 1946 Study Club held their Christmas party Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. Leroy Waggoner. Carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. A Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man" was given by Mrs. Chas. Cathey. The hostess presented each guest with a Holly corsage. Salad, Cake, Coffee, Candy, and nuts were served to Mesdames: Lynn Birdwell, Floyd Thompson, Harvey Jordan, Dallas Vaughn, Warren Smith, Louis Hochman, Porter Willis, J. B. Terrell, J. T. Middleton, Jr., Eddie Hill, Darius Sumrow, Kenneth Morrison, C. R. Burleson, Wayne Clayton, W. E. Singleton, Chas. Cathey, J. W. Gardenhire and the hostess.

MANY NICE GIFTS STILL AVAILABLE CORNER DRUG

THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Lewis Hachman entertained the Thursday Bridge Club in her home Thursday afternoon. High score was won by Mrs. Hobart Jordan, low by Mrs. Lynn Birdwell and bingo by Mrs. J. B. Terrell.

After cake and coffee was served, the hostess presented each member with a Christmas gift from a beautifully decorated box. Those present were Mesdames Burl Koeninger, W. E. Singleton, William Jackson, C. R. Burleson, J. B. Terrell, L. E. Robinson, Kenneth Morrison, Hobart Jordan, Floyd Thompson, Lynn Birdwell, O. G. Smith Jr. and J. T. Middleton Jr.

'39 STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton Sr. were hosts to the 1939 Study Club Friday night, December 20 for the Christmas social.

The reception rooms were very gaily decorated with the tree as the center of attraction.

Games of 42 and dominoes afforded pleasant entertainment for the evening.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree after a delicious refreshment plate consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, spiced apple salad, potato chips, pickles, olives and fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee had been served to the following: Messers and Mesdames R. R. Ragan, D. E. Sumrow, E. T. Wells, A. H. Koeninger, W. E. Vermillion, Warren Smith, P. A. Mansell, Mesdames Hal Singleton Sr., Ella McLaurin, Daisy Celsor, O. G. Smith Sr., H. B. Brewer, Ben Moore Sr., Rev and Mrs. E. H. Crandell and the host and hostess.

SUNDAY SCHOOL XMAS PARTY

The Wesley Sunday School class enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gardenhire. Several games of 42 and dominoes were played after which gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Fruit cake, sandwiches, coffee and cake was served to Mr. and Mrs. Eddiet Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ewins, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Sumrow, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crandell, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Edler, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roye and Mrs. J. C. Swinner.

LET BERNIE — HELP YOU WITH YOUR LAST MINUTE SHOPPING CORNER DRUG

Stores Close Dec. 25-26

As announced last week the majority of the business firms of O'Donnell will be closed both Christmas Day and the day following, Dec. 25th and 26th. Please keep this closing notice in mind and do your shopping for two days. Probably most of us will eat gravy and hash on the 26th anyway — after taking soda Christmas Day.

ROBERT GARY GETS CAR UNDER NEW GOVT. PROGRAM FOR INJURED

Robert Gary, son of Mr and Mrs Bob Gary who live just south of town, received a new 1946 Ford deluxe coupe under the government provision of awarding cars to veterans who have lost arms or legs in World War II. It is believed that Robert is the first veteran in this area to receive a car and it is certain that he was the first O'Donnell man. It was thru the untiring efforts of the local dealer, Mr. Terrell, and the local Legion post that the car was so speedily delivered.

Robert lost a leg at the Muse river crossing as he and his party struck a land mine. At the time Robert was carrying a load of ammunition up to his gun squad. Two of his buddies were instantly killed and another lost both legs. For many hours he lay in the snow in bitter cold weather, nearer death than life until the medical detachment arrived.

N. SALEH RAISES SILK WORMS IN NEW INDUSTRY FOR AREA

What few people know is that Mr. and Mrs. Nahun Saleh have been raising silk here for several years. They were the first in the U. S. Here's the story: Mr. Saleh sent back to his country of birth Labanon (Syria) seven years ago after some silk worm eggs. Thereafter the arrival, Nahun hatched off the worms and presently harvest the first crop of raw silk — right here in O'Donnell.

The life cycle of the silk worm is roughly as follows: egg hatches into the worm or larvae; the larvae covers itself in a silk oblong case atached to a tree limb called a cocoon; the worm matures and eats out of the anterior end of the cocoon and hence enters a metamorphosis stage of butterfly (the adult stage of the cycle). The flies mate, eggs are deposited, and the cycle reoccurs every five weeks.

The silk raiser is chiefly interested in the cocoon stage. The larvae is killed with hot water at the critical age while within the cocoon to prevent the emerging worm cutting the silk threads. The threads are wound off of the cocoon by machine.

An interesting factor in silk culture is the fact that if the worms are fed on tree leaves other than mulberry, the cocoon will not be composed of silk threads but of an inferior fiber.

Last year Saleh shipped 400 pounds of silk to the only silk factory in the nation — that in Palo Pinto County. The Salehs are engaged in raw silk production only as a hobby but they agree that the infant agricultural crop could be developed into a profitable American crop. Silk now is imported from the near East and the East. Next May the 1947 silk crop will be in progress and those interested will shown around by the Salehs.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN BY GENE BYRNES



LET BERNIE — HELP YOU WITH YOUR LAST MINUTE SHOPPING CORNER DRUG



GOOD SAMARITANS . . . Designed to flash pages of books and magazines from a film controlled by a gadget held in the patient's hands, a ceiling projection machine brings many happy hours to this bedridden navy veteran, a patient in the Portland (Ore.) Veterans' hospital. The machine was presented by Camp Fire Girls.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

New Reading Device Designed To Aid Handicapped Veterans

WNU Features

"Button, button"—not "who has the button" but who pushes it—is the question which was answered recently when one of the first ceiling projection reading machines to be used in this country was presented to the Veterans' hospital in Portland, Ore. Three groups of Portland Camp Fire Girls donated the machine for use of hospitalized disabled servicemen.

First patient to test out this novel reading machine, which projects book pages from a 35-millimeter film, was Eddie Hall, 21, navy overseas veteran from Medford, Ore.

"Ah, this is even easier reading than if I were able to hold a book in my hands," Hall exclaimed as he pushed the control buttons which flashed written pages on the ceiling. Hall, who must remain flat on his back, is just one of many patients whose battle for health will be made easier by the innovation.

The ceiling projection machine, a device weighing about nine pounds and occupying 18 square inches of space, flashes pages of books and magazines on the ceiling from a film controlled by buttons on a gadget held in the patient's hands.

This small gadget, built of aluminum, can rest lightly in the hand. Buttons are manipulated easily enough so that persons not having the use of their hands can turn the pages merely by placing the gadget on the chest and pressing with the chin.

Three Groups Combine.

The machine was purchased at a cost of \$100 by Camp Fire's three age groups, the Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and Horizon clubbers. The money was raised in a variety of ways, ranging from sale of community papers to tapping the organization's earned funds.

Films for books cost from \$1.50 to \$3. Most books require only one roll of film. A few run higher, with the Bible topping them all with four rolls required.

Hospital authorities predict the machine will be a boon to bedridden patients. Already a national magazine has agreed to supply films of its monthly publications to hospitals having the projector.

Although the reading device is an innovation, it is no novelty for Camp Fire Girls to provide gifts and service to hospitalized veterans and other shut-ins. During the war and extending into the postwar period, Camp Fire Girls had an outstanding record of service to the USO, Red Cross, Community chests, hospitals and other civic organizations. In Trenton, N. J., a group of Hori-

zon clubbers, Camp Fire's senior group, worked as teacher aides to "bedside students"—handicapped children who are unable to attend school.

When the Catholic Youth organization on Staten Island, N. Y., sponsored a swimming class for physically handicapped children, help was recruited from Camp Fire's Horizon club girls.

In Cleveland, Ohio, 11-year-old Loretta Rutkowski has spent more than 700 days in a hospital bed. Seriously burned in an accident almost two years ago, Loretta has undergone repeated blood transfusions. Her long siege has been made brighter through the friendly efforts of a group of Camp Fire's Blue Birds, who have sent her many gifts and messages.

In making arrangements for a crippled children's clinic in Crookston, Minn., the directors realized that many assistants would be needed to assist in handling large numbers of patients. Camp Fire Girls offered their services and helped fill out clinical histories, acted as pages, got the children ready for examination and served refreshments.

Occupants of the Old Ladies' home in Atlanta, Ga., have enjoyed many happy hours of entertainment supplied by Atlanta's Blue Birds. These "young fry" of Camp Fire fill the home with songs and music as part of their regular program to aid shut-ins.

These are just a few examples of Camp Fire Girls cooperation with others and their willingness to assume responsibilities and carry them out. For more than 360,000 members of this organization govern themselves by the law of the Camp Fire Girls—the third part of which is "Give Service!"

Ready for Grave

CHICHESTER, N. H.—Taking cognizance of the car shortage, the town of Chichester offered for sale an 1883 model hearse, complete with interchangeable wheels and sled runners. It had been locked in a shed for many years.



NEW TEACHING METHOD . . . Nine little deaf children are being instructed by Ruth McConnell in the new method of helping them overcome their unfortunate handicap and live more normal home lives. A microphone is used at the Philadelphia school so children with vestiges of hearing can hear the sounds.

Oregonians Seek Hidden Indian Blood

PORTLAND, ORE.—Countless Oregonians are scurrying around to see if they haven't some Indian blood in their veins.

Incentive is the decision by the United States Supreme court awarding about 15 million dollars to four Indian tribes of Oregon for land the paleface took away from the red man without even bothering to make a down payment.

The problem now is to determine just who is an Indian.

"We usually have considered in cases like this that anyone having one-fourth or more Indian blood is an Indian," said Morgan Pryse, regional director for Indian affairs in the Portland area.

"Undoubtedly," he added, "we will discover a lot of quarter-blood Indians who never had mentioned their heritage before."

Each Indian will get an average of \$10,000 under the court ruling.

HIGHLY HAZARDOUS

Attack Launched Against Accidents on Home Front

WNU Features

"There's no place like home"—especially when it comes to danger. Home accidents kill one person every 15 minutes and injure someone every six and a half seconds. Injuries alone from mishaps at home reach 4,800,000 a year, according to the National Safety Council. Approximately 130,000 of these leave permanent marks ranging from simple burns to serious crippling. Yet the home accident rate climbs higher every year.

Why? The answer, according to the safety council, is that when people are at home they unconsciously feel safer from accidents. When completely relaxed, they are off guard. This attitude makes them more vulnerable, accounting for the difficulty in preventing home accidents.

Warfare against the menace of home accidents is being carried on along many fronts. Safety councils, insurance companies and government agencies are conducting broad educational campaigns to make people aware of the home front hazard.

Effective attacks against the "enemy within" are being launched by a number of manufacturers of home appliances and devices that ordinarily cause home accidents when carelessly used or abused. Safety is being blueprinted into the design and engineering of a growing number of

mechanical gadgets going into the house.

A cordless electric iron combining safety with convenience eliminates the fire hazard to the ironing board. A luminescent switch plate which automatically turns on when regular room lights are turned off eliminates the need for groping while trying to locate light switches and prevents stumbles over furniture in dark rooms.

A new knife rack that hangs on the wall replaces the clutter of cutlery found in the usual kitchen drawer. A new portable electric room heater with non-radiant coils prevents burn or shock. To guard against falls in slippery tubs or on tile floors, a new bath mat has a vacuum grip.

Housewives no longer will be prone to fall off kitchen stools, a new variety of step-stool having a hinged top which automatically remains at a right angle to the upper step, preventing the user from stepping too far forward.

Rural Youngsters Will Raise Dogs For Army Corps

Rural youngsters will play an important role in a plan to raise dogs for purchase by the army, according to an announcement released by the Army Dog Association, Inc., a non-profit organization that helps the army obtain animals for the K-9 corps.

At present the project calls for boys and girls living within the farm area bordering New York's metropolitan area—New Jersey, northeastern Pennsylvania, the lower Hudson valley and Long Island—to bring up the animals. The area restriction is imposed because of the need for periodic inspections to make certain the puppies are receiving the early care essential to developing sturdy adult dogs.

While participation in the program is not necessarily limited to teen-agers, it is believed that both as a patriotic project and one involving experience in an interesting phase of animal husbandry, the plan of raising puppies until they are old enough to be enlisted in the army will appeal especially to members of the Boy Scouts, Four-H clubs and other youngsters.

On the basis of performance under all climatic conditions, the army has decided to limit its dog force for the time being to German shepherds. The services of dogs in the recent war convinced the army that the K-9 corps should have a place in its permanent establishment.

Cowhands Snort at High Falutin' Hunt

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—None of this pink coated, high falutin' fox chasing for Arizona cattlemen, who traditionally like their shooting straight and their hunting strictly western.

Disgusting snorts in regard to "fancy pink clothes" and "dudes" are emanating from a new organization created here—the Arizona Old-Time Cow Hands' Anti-High-Toned Fox Hunting association.

It all started when cattlemen read about plans for an English style fox hunt at Tucson.

"Ridiculous," snorted John Edward Dalton, president of the new group. "I sure never thought anyone would get himself all rigged up in fancy pink clothes and go chasing a little fox around this Arizona country."

Psychologist Gives 'Dull' Boy a Break

LINCOLN, NEB.—Although he may hover in one grade for several years, the so-called large, backward boy may be brighter than many of the classmates who jibe at him. Authority for the statement is Dr. D. A. Worcester, director of University of Nebraska educational psychology clinic.

The psychologist, who has tested more than 6,000 children during the last 10 years, says: "Many children are labeled 'dull' in our public schools because of remediable defects." He lists the most common of these as speech, hearing and sight deficiencies and certain mental blocks.

Mirror Trap Makes Monkeys of Monkeys

CHICAGO.—Monkeys made monkeys out of themselves when they succumbed to a trap designed by Brookfield zoo attendants to lure them into winter quarters. The trap, which saved a lot of vocabulary and footwork, consisted of a two-compartment box furnished with mirrors and a banana. The monkeys, fascinated by either, entered the box and were trapped.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

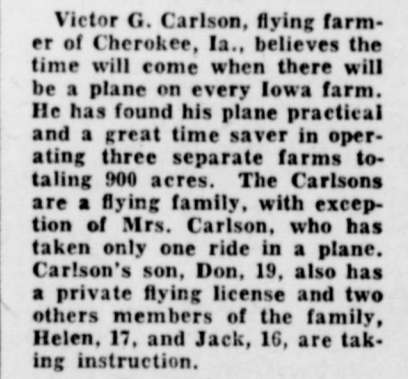
AIRPORT CHATTER

Eighty-nine planes brought 260 members of Elks lodges from all parts of Wisconsin to Milwaukee on the first of a series of breakfast flights. Despite gusty cross winds, all 89 planes landed without a mishap and, after the meeting, took off in 28 minutes. A more extensive breakfast flight is planned next summer.

First feeder airline in Washington state, connecting Walla Walla and Seattle through Kennewick, will go into operation in January with new twin-engine D18C Beechcraft transports. The airline will be operated by Inland Airways, Inc., with Perry Cole, army air force veteran, as president. . . . Organization of the Iowa chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives was perfected at a two-day aviation clinic in Des Moines. . . . Walter Betsworth, manager of the Sioux City airport, was named temporary president of the group, which has a potential membership of 40. . . . Principal value of the group will be to act as a clearing house for ideas on airport operating problems. . . . When Virgil B. Day Jr. made a forced landing in his light sports plane during a touch football game on the Kearney, N. J., oval, the football players came to his rescue. The players found the trouble—a plugged gas line—fixed it and helped Day take off. . . . They resumed their game. . . . Reports show that during the past year 52,850 acres of farm crops in the state of Washington were treated with dust or spray spread by planes for control of insect pests or diseases.

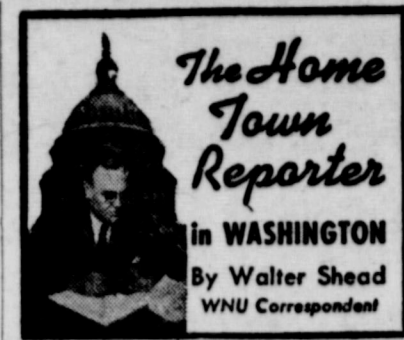
Victor G. Carlson, flying farmer of Cherokee, Ia., believes the time will come when there will be a plane on every Iowa farm. He has found his plane practical and a great time saver in operating three separate farms totaling 900 acres. The Carlsons are a flying family, with exception of Mrs. Carlson, who has taken only one ride in a plane. Carlson's son, Don, 19, also has a private flying license and two others members of the family, Helen, 17, and Jack, 16, are taking instruction. . . .

"HIGH JUMP" WINGS . . . A crew member of the Mount Olympus, flagship of the navy's "Operation High Jump" expedition to the Antarctic, is shown in cold weather clothing as he gets into a ski-equipped plane aboard the flagship.



ADOPTS SYMBOLS

To speed off-loading of air cargo, TWA has instituted a system of stenciling packages with distinctive symbols representing destination points. Some of the identifications being used are the Statue of Liberty for New York, the sphinx for Gairo, "the loop," nickname of its business section, for Chicago, the automobile for Detroit, the capitol dome for Washington, the Colosseum for Rome, the fleur-de-lis for Paris, the elephant for Bombay and a snake charmer for Calcutta.



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Lobbyists Numerous, Highly Paid, Registrations Show

OUT OF some hundreds of known lobbyists operating in Washington, as this is written, 189 already have registered as provided by the new congressional reorganization act. More will have registered by the time the new congress convenes, January 3.

By a study of these registrations, some semblance of the picture of what may unfold before the 80th congress may be ascertained. For instance, although there hasn't been a "peep" out of the Townsend recovery plan and its old age securities for many months, there already have registered 29 lobbyists from as many states, including Dr. R. E. Townsend himself, in behalf of the Townsend National Weekly, Inc. Dr. Townsend draws down \$7,800, plus living expenses away from home. D. C. Townsend gets a \$5,200 salary and Herbert F. Haren, also of the Townsend weekly, is paid \$5,000 a year, for their work in behalf of the Townsend plan. Other Townsend lobbyists draw from \$1,300 to \$4,600, but most of them are on a 25 to 50 per cent commission basis on gross receipts, presumably collected from the area which they represent.

This registration of lobbyists certainly would indicate an active campaign in the next congress on behalf of Dr. Townsend's plan for "recovery."

To date there are 44 labor lobbyists registered, representing the CIO, AFL and other independent unions and the railroad brotherhoods. Peculiarly enough, there also are 44 lobbyists registered in behalf of business firms and business organizations. Sixteen of these business lobbyists are paid more than \$10,000 annually, while three of the labor lobbyists thus far registered draw \$10,000 or more.

That the National Association of Real Estate Boards plans to engage in an all-out fight for lifting of rent controls and any and all other controls over housing and building construction is evidenced by the registration of six lobbyists. There are eleven lobbyists representing veterans' organizations, six representing religious organizations and six more registered for various women's groups.

Top Salary Is \$65,000

The United States Chamber of Commerce pays its two lobbyists, Donald A. Young and Clarence E. Miles, \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively. National Association of Manufacturers hires top price men to do its lobbying with Walter Chamblin drawing \$28,000, Carey R. Sutlive, \$8,000, and Samuel B. Biedsoe, \$18,000 annually, plus expenses.

But the man who tops the list thus far as a paid lobbyist is Purcell L. Smith, representing National Association of Electric Companies at an annual salary of \$65,000 with an unlimited expense account, for which princely stipend he gives only 25 per cent of his time. As a helper, Smith has Arthur R. Barnett, who gets \$11,000 for only 15 per cent of his time. This is getting up in the bucks for part-time jobs.

National Association of Electric Companies is composed of a group of electric utilities that have combined forces to fight the spread and growth of such organizations as TVA and REA and any other organization or policy which they deem inimical to the private utility interests and, by the same token, to attempt passage of legislation favoring such private utility interests.

Smith is well known in utility circles. He is a former president of Mid-west corporation, a former Samuel Insull holding, an official of Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago.

Unions Well Represented

Pennsylvania railroad has a staff of three lobbyists headed by Frank J. McCarthy of Indianapolis, who receives \$14,790 annually plus expenses. The other two are John E. Dougherty and William H. Tinney, who draw \$7,053 and \$5,843, respectively.

In the labor group American Federation of Labor pays its lobbyists on the average better than CIO. AFL average salary is \$7,310 while CIO is \$4,346. Average salary of all the 44 in the labor groups is \$5,800. Martin H. Miller, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is the highest paid at \$12,180. Lowest paid is Geraldine Shandros of American Communications association, CIO, at \$2,236 a year.

Some of these registered lobbyists, according to their registration, receive no salary. Others are on a contingent basis, the salary "to be allocated when actual lobbying is done." In this latter class are Joseph H. McLaurin and Roland H. Rowe, representing U. S. Wholesale Grocers association.

All in all, it appears from this list of paid lobbyists, that the field is a rich one and that about the only organization which does not have representation before the nation's lawmakers are the people themselves, who elected them.

Color Custom

An age-old custom of Oriental peoples is to associate colors with the cardinal points of the compass, white with the North, yellow with the East, red with the South and black with the West. In some parts of China, this color custom is still followed in the painting of city gates which face in these directions.

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"But, my good woman!" objected the undertaker, "I couldn't do that. Why that's unthinkable!" "Unthinkable, my eye!" rejoined the widow. "That good-for-nothing loafer never worked a lick in his life, but now that he has no say in the matter, I'm going to make him to be useful at last!"

Octobass, 13 Feet High, Failure Because of Size

The octobass, a three-stringed musical instrument invented in Paris in 1849, was 13 feet in height and thus required its player to stand on a box to bow it and press its strings with artificial fingers which he moved by levers, says Collier's.

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Lesson for December 29

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PAUL CLAIMS THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Acts 9:15; 19:21; 23:11; 28:23-31; Romans 1:13-16; 15:22-24.

MEMORY SELECTION—I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.—Romans 1:14.

The gospel is for the whole world. God wants all men to hear and come to repentance (John 3:16; II Pet. 3:9).

For the establishment of the great missionary program with its worldwide sweep, he called a man gifted, prepared and anointed for that work, namely Paul, whose life and ministry have been our interesting portion these three months.

Now we find him at the very center of the then known world to claim it for Christ. Politically, commercially, socially and religiously, Rome was the very heart of the known world which centered around the Mediterranean sea (the name of which means "the middle of the earth").

Having preached almost everywhere else, Paul had a longing to face heathendom at its very center and claim trophies for Christ and the gospel.

Our Scriptures present:

I. God's Plan and Man's Purpose (Acts 9:15; 19:21).

Choice involves the thought of selection because of certain qualities or abilities. The Lord had prepared Paul for just this ministry, and now he chose him to carry it out. That encourages us to believe that God is leading in the experiences of our lives, preparing us for the day when he will call and use us. Let us be yielded and ready.

Our second Scripture (Acts 9:21) tells us that the plan of God was put into operation by the purpose in Paul's heart. God does not have to depend on man to do his work, but he does just that! We may hinder his full use of us if we fail to purpose in our spirit to do his will, as Paul did. God wanted Paul in Rome. That was his plan, and that was the purpose of Paul's heart.

II. God's Confirmation and Man's Determination (Acts 23:11; Rom. 1:13-16; 15:22-24).

Man needs to have his good purposes confirmed by the Lord, and so it was in the case of Paul. He had been taken prisoner for the gospel's sake. His trial had resulted in an uproar. Things did not look too promising for him. Humanly speaking, there was a question whether he would get anywhere, let alone to Rome.

In man's hours of discouragement God stands by with a good word. "Be of good cheer," he tells Paul; "as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem so must thou bear witness also at Rome."

In his letter to the Romans, Paul expresses his determination to come to them. There were hindrances, there was a contemplated trip to Spain (which he probably did not make), but in spite of all these things he would come in due time.

The reason for that determination is tremendously interesting and pertinent to our own lives. He saw himself to be a debtor. The gospel had been committed to him, not as a deposit for his own good or pleasure, but as something he must give out to everyone who had not heard, including Rome.

We, too, who know Christ are in debt to a world which has not heard of him. That includes the cultured, whom we often forget, and the uncultured, the men of every race—everyone who has need of a Saviour.

The tremendous urge which moved Paul should be characteristic of every believer. Think what it would mean for the evangelization of the world if every Christian said: "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel" (v. 15).

III. God's Salvation and Man's Declaration (Acts 28:23-31).

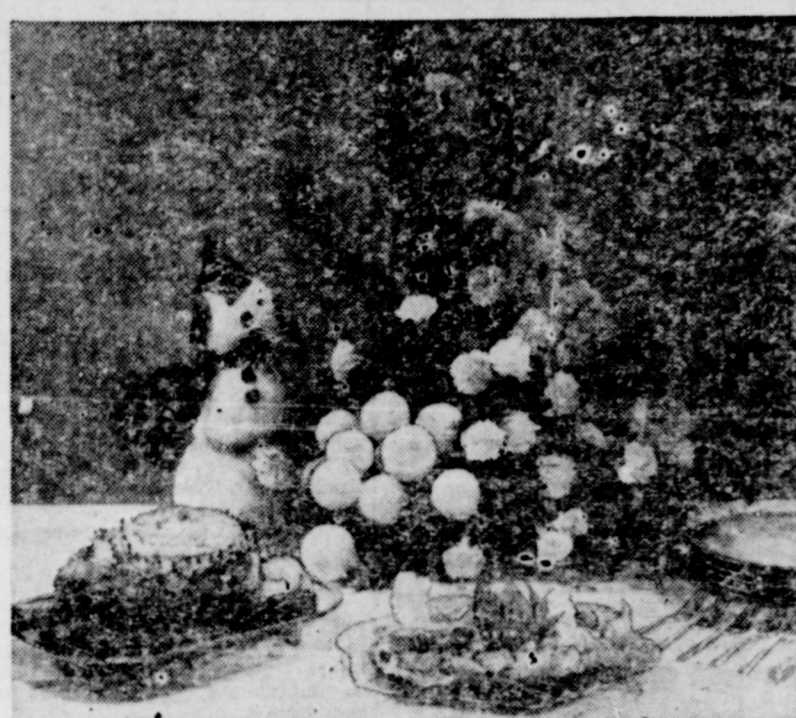
A slight change in the arrangement of our Scriptures brings us to our concluding thought. God had sent salvation to the Gentiles and they would hear it (v. 28), even if the preacher had to come as a prisoner, for Paul came thus to Rome.

How wonderfully God arranged it all, for Paul was given the privilege, even as a prisoner, of living for two years under guard in a private house. Here he won his guards to Christ, many members of Caesar's official household (Phil. 4:22), and others who came and went as he preached and taught, "no man forbidding him" (v. 31).

When man declares the gospel of salvation which God has sent, mighty things are wrought for the glory of God and the good of men.

It is just that which we should be about with renewed zeal and diligence during the new year just ahead. We are in debt, and we must discharge our indebtedness by declaring to all that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies.

Best wishes for a most blessed new year! It may well be the most important year in all history. Let us make use of it for the glory of God.



Entertain Your Friends at a Buffet (See recipes below)

Holiday Buffet

The holidays bring with them a spirit of good cheer and friendliness that we want to take advantage of the opportunity to entertain our friends. It's so easy to ask people over to see the tree, or stop in for fruit cake that every homemaker should be prepared to set a table worthy of the spirit of the season.

By being prepared, we mean in the good old-fashioned way, of course, with the pantry stocked full of good things ready to set on the table at a moment's notice, cookie jars brimming full of their gay, sweet snacks, and the refrigerator replete with a baked ham and salad makings.

It's easy to serve buffet style if you have lots of small tables for people to sit down to and eat. Then they can go to the buffet—which by the way can be a buffet or a large table—and serve themselves as often as they like. With food such as I've outlined, you'll be surprised how often they can come back.

Your table should be as pretty as a picture with a white or ivory damask cloth. The centerpiece, too, can carry out the holiday mood. Use Christmas greenery abundantly, and if you have branches from the tree, use them with carnations, some artificial snow balls and possibly a snow man as illustrated above.

Now, here's the way we prepare the food:

***Baked Ham.**
Scrub ham thoroughly before cooking. Place on a rack in shallow pan, skin side up. Bake 25 minutes per pound in a slow (300 degrees) oven. Remove ham 1/2 hour before it is finished baking. Peel off the rind and score fat. Spread with a desired glaze and insert a whole clove in center of each scored section. Return ham to oven for remaining half hour.

Here's a list of coatings and glazed mixtures that may be used for ham.

1. 1 cup crushed pineapple mixed with 3/4 cup sugar.

2. Strained honey mixed with chopped maraschino cherries.

3. 1 cup of strained honey mixed with 1 cup cherry juice.

4. Juice of 2 oranges mixed with 1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup white corn syrup.

5. Apricot puree which is made by cooking 2 cups of apricots in 2 1/2 cups of water and then rubbing through a sieve. Sweeten with 1/2 cup corn syrup or sugar.

***Picture Salad Plate.**
Place crisp lettuce cups on salad plate. In the center of the plate place a tomato rose, made by cutting tomato into sections and then pulling out "petals" to make a rose. Around the rose, place carrot curls, chilled asparagus tips and sliced hardcooked eggs. Serve with oil or sour cream dressing.

LYNN SAYS:
If You Serve Fowl for the Holidays: Homemakers who want to serve fowl for the holiday dinner should keep these tips for preparation and roasting well in mind. Quick frozen birds may be used to save time in cleaning.

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Club Meet

Tuesday, December 17th the County Home Demonstration Council held a training meeting in recreation. The meeting was held in the WOW hall at Tahoka and was from 10 to 4 p. m. Nearly all of the county clubs were represented. Lunch was of covered dishes brought by members attending. Incidentally, Miss Anderson is making a fine record in the county and her work is to be highly commended. Merry Christmas, Miss Anderson.



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Officials estimate at least 100,000 lives are saved each year—in America alone—by funds made available by the annual Christmas Seal campaign against tuberculosis.

In 1903, a Danish postal clerk—Einar Holboell, by name—conceived the idea of a voluntary tax on Christmas greeting cards which would benefit the underprivileged. Specifically, Holboell visualized establishment of a fund to build a hospital for tubercular children. The ministry granted Holboell permission to sell his seals at post offices and the Christmas Seal campaign was launched. In many countries, the seal campaign is conducted largely in co-operation with postal authorities and, in some instances, the seals are parts of special postage stamps.



The American Red Cross became interested in the project in 1907 and co-operated with the National Tuberculosis association. To strengthen the nation-wide campaign, the Red Cross and the Tuberculosis association jointly conducted the sale of the seals and, until 1919, the emblem of the Red Cross appeared on the seal.

In 1919, the double-barred cross, international emblem and trademark of the warfare against tuberculosis, was embodied in the design of the seal. In 1920, the Red Cross wished to devote its energies to the annual Roll Call and arrangements were made whereby the sale of the tuberculosis Christmas Seal is conducted exclusively by the Tuberculosis association.

If . . .

Children of Provence, France, reverently recite the following prayer before the Christmas cribs in that vicinity:

Little Jesus of the Crib—
Give us the virtues of those who surround you.

Make us as philosophical as the fisherman,

Carefree as the drummer,
Merry for exploring the world as the troubadour,

Eager for work as the bugler,
Patient as the spinner,
Kind as the ass,

Strong as the ox which keeps you warm.

Give us the sacred leisure of the hunter.

Give us also the desire of the Shepherd for earthly things,

The pride of the trade of the knife grinder and the weaver,

The song of the miller.

Give us the knowledge of the Magi,

The cheerfulness of the pigeon,

The impulsiveness of the cock,

The discretion of the snail,

The meekness of the lamb,

Give us the goodness of bread,

The tenderness of the wild boar,

The salt of the haddock,

The good humor of old wine,

The ardor of the candle,

The purity of a star.

Propriety of a few of the metaphors may be disputed, nevertheless, nostalgia prompts speculation regarding a world of humanity endowed with the virtues so earnestly and innocently enumerated by the little ones.

**Future Foretold
By Drowsy Hens**

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Czarist Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor: each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money meant wealth; Ring, foretold a wedding within a year; and Hope, promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.

Yule Means December

The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol," meaning December.

TELEGRAM
WITH INDEX \$17.95

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of boots and football. I want some fire works. James wants a pair of gloves. I got a little niece, her name is Donnie Kay. She wants a doll. We got a new boy in the family this year

his name is Jonny Raborn, he wants a rattler.
Your friend Errol Lee Farmer

RENEW YOUR TELEGRAM
AT INDEX \$10.95; WITH
HEADACHE, IT'S \$1 MORE



MAKE GOOD
CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is
Christmastime. The glowing
faces of friend and
stranger alike bespeak it.
It gives us the same thrill as
of old to wish all our friends,
and those who are still to
become our friends,
a very Merry Christmas.

HURT'S

Lamesa



Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Collins

Lamesa



The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

O. C. McBride & Sons



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

O'Donnell Hotel

R. E. Golightly, Prop.

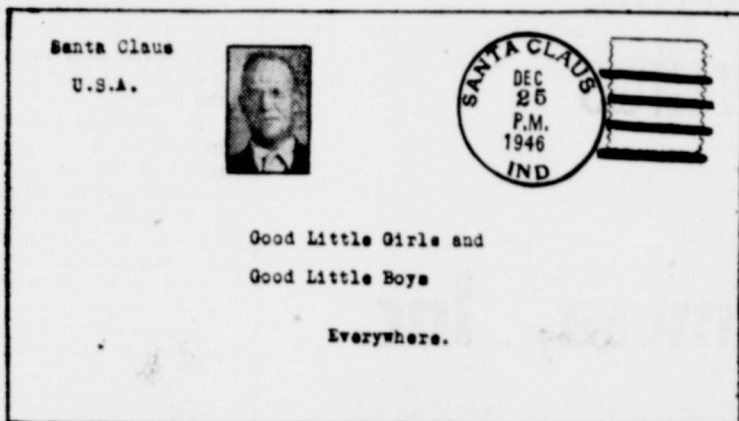


Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above the Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Eugene Field



Good Little Girls and Boys Everywhere: Your old friend Santa has received your letters. While he could not answer them all from Santa Claus, Ind., he wants you to know that he is watching over you and knows you will become stronger in every way before next Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I have been pretty good. Please bring me some boots, a wagon, gun and scabbard and a tractor. I will be in Sweetwater, Texas. I will be looking for you anyway if you can't bring all this.
Love, Bobbie Sumrow

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a pool table, a rubber doll, a horse, a big doll bed, an electric iron and an ironing board.
Love Helen Hoffman
P. S. Please write.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little boy. So will you please bring me a choo-choo train, the one you give me last year hasn't any wheels on it now. I want a cap gun with lots of caps that will shoot real

loud too.
Please don't forget my brothers Milton and Darrell.

Your little friend,

Pat Alden Fariss

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. I try to be as good as possible and I help my sister clean up the house.

Santa I want a doll with magic skin, a set of dishes, nuts, fruit and fireworks for Christmas. We have picture of you at our store sitting up on the soda water box and you have a bag of toys beside you. I think it is pretty.

Your little friend
Frances Mae Rogers



Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

**H. E. McLaurin
Grocery & Station**

Thanks,
Friends.
MERRY CHRISTMAS
1946



Dub's Garage

Phone 45

Box 69



Joy to the World

Christmas

Panhandle Service Station L. E. Isbell, Owner



WE adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get a glimpse of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you

Pelt's School Store



One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill of old to wish all our friends and those who are still to become our friends a very Merry Christmas

Sumrow Grocery & Station Phone 46

Thanks.
Friends.
MERRY CHRISTMAS
1946



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYAL-
TIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED
BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO
KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR
CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY
WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Farmers' Co-Operative Association

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
TO TOWN



1946
MERRY CHRISTMAS*

JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the
window. It's Christmas! Join
with us in celebrating the glori-
ous holiday.

And Merry Christmas
TO YOU

BOWLIN GIN

HOLIDAY at HOME

IT WAS three nights before Christ-
mas and Margaret was packing
to go home. Contrary to traditional
sentiment, she was not happy about
it, for she had planned to stay in
New York with Ralph. With consid-
erable forethought she had even
planned the day; church in the
morning, Christmas dinner with
Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth
avenue at twilight, a snack of sup-
per, and the theater.

But Ralph had been invited to a
"swell house party in Philadel-
phia." Margaret slammed down the
top of her suitcase. She could have
borne up under a Christmas with a
lonely mother, or a widowed sister.

"What about me?" she had longed
to cry out, but she had, in-
stead, smiled and said that it was
just too marvelous, wondering
meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let
her have an extra day off. Ralph
had only to go to Philadelphia, two
hours away, while she had no one
within 500 miles!



Several hours later she stood on
the porch of a white frame house.

Now she was ready, bag in hand,
for the midnight train. As she wait-
ed for the taxicab, she smoothed
her black tailored woolen frock
over her slim hips. If New York
hadn't been particularly kind, to
her, it had at least taught her how
to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train.
Closing her eyes, she saw the clut-
tered desk which she had left at
Roswell's Advertising agency, and
Mr. Johnston's kindly face when he
had told her to go home for Christ-
mas. She saw Ralph's desk in the
manager's office, Ralph opening Christ-
mas gifts — and just Ralph,
with whom she would never again
share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for
the local train at Pittsburgh, but
Margaret was too tired and de-
pressed to leave the station. After
buying a magazine featuring an
article on men, and an astrological
delineation of her birthsign, she
settled herself into the practical task
of trying to determine her future in
this most unpredictable world.
Several hours later, not much wiser
but much more weary, she stood
on the porch of a white frame
house.

The door opened and Margaret
blinked.

"I win!" shouted Ralph trium-
phantly. "She came on the midnight
train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hall-
way and enfolded her daughter in
an ample, motherly embrace.
"Margaret! Why child, you're a
sight! Your face is as black as coal."

Margaret withdrew herself from
her mother's arms and looked at
the two of them coolly. "Well, if it
isn't asking too much, just what is
this? Not a weekend in Philadel-
phia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine
and helped her out of her coat.
"Don't be like that, Margaret! I
bet your mother a box of candy
against a mince pie that you'd come
down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you do-
ing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother.
"I invited myself. A surprise for
you, and then I wanted to talk to
your Dad about something . . ."

Ralph was awkwardly turning the
magazine in his hands. "Jumping
fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the
little red book!" He opened it to a
center page, and read: "The natives
of this sign are more than likely to
have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of
reach and Margaret stamped her
foot. "Ralph! Wells," she said. "I
come home for a rest and the first
thing you do is make fun of me. If
I have a complete breakdown it's
your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her
mother. "You go upstairs and get
washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs,
then turned in sudden remem-
brance. "Are you staying over
Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a
dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned
again. "And don't forget, half of
that pie is mine. After all, I did the
coming home!"

"Okay."

"She's tickled to death to see
you," whispered Mother Brown
cautiously. She patted his arm, and
Ralph understood.

—oooo—

Millet is the popular name for
many grasses grown in the Old
World for cereals.



Merry
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better
fellowship and good will
towards all is Christmas.
That it may be a truly
happy Christmas for each
of you is our ardent wish.

Pace Cafe

Glad thoughts

And special wishes
Are happily combined
To make this
Christmas Greeting
The warmest kind.



WILSON GARAGE



SINCERE
GOOD WISHES
for a delightful
holiday season
from the store
that friendship
built.

Gibson Cleaners



1946
**CHRISTMAS
THOUGHT**

× ×
★ Years may come and years
may go but Santa Claus is with
us forever. He's coming again
this year, with a full sack. So
sweep out your chimney and
get ready for the jolly visitor,
who has had special orders from
us to bless your home with a
very Merry Christmas.
× ×

Fritz Service Station Texaco Gas and Oil



*Joy to the
World*

Christmas

GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere!
Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with
glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand
sum total of Christmas.

**First National Bank
Of Tahoka**



Look your prettiest to greet the
New Year! Pin flowers in your
hair. Mistletoe, dipped in silver
powder, makes a beautiful "frosted"
hair decoration! You won't have to
stand under the mistletoe—you'll be
under it, just in case!

**Hunting the Wren
In Old Ireland**

Once upon a time in Ireland, the
wren was hunted and killed on
Christmas morning: a branch of
holly and bright ribbons were at-
tached to his body which was car-
ried from house to house by wren
boys who sang songs and expected
to receive a dollop from each house-
hold.

The story goes that during the
Danish-Irish war, the Danes were
resting after an arduous march and
the Irish were creeping up quietly.
All of a sudden a wren, spying a
few crumbs which the drowsy Dan-
ish drummer had dropped on the
drumhead, swooped down and be-
gan to peck at the crumbs. The
pecking awakened the boy, who
aroused the camp: the Irish, driven
off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Irish, ashamed of the
once-honored tradition, say the guilty
bird may have been a starling or a
sparrow anyway, and now welcome
the wren to their farms and homes.

**Mexico Did Away
With Santa Claus**

In 1930 the authorities in Mexico
decided to abolish Santa Claus dur-
ing the Christmas festival as they
considered him out of place in a
country where snow is seldom seen.

The well-known bearded figure
was ousted by Quetzalcoatl, the In-
dian "god," half bird, half snake, who
was worshipped by the Aztecs be-
fore the Spanish invasion.

In its new Christmas program,
the southern country has made a
feature of the distribution of pres-
ents to thousands of needy children
by the plumed serpent, and every
year this big-scale present-giving
takes place on December 23.



Have you ever thought
of Christmas as a birthday party—a
birthday party that goes all over the
world at once? That is why Christ-
mas is so joyous! Everybody is a
participant in this big, grand, world-
wide party, with Santa Claus the
host!

And here we are, on the Eve of
Christmas, sending you our very
best wishes for a joyous time at this
great Birthday Party.

**Tahoka
Implement Co.**
M-M Sales and Service
Phone 122 Tahoka



MAKE GOOD
CHEER FOR

Christmas

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

It's in the music of the cherished
carols hovering like a benediction
over the bustling crowds.

Time for us to send you our best
wishes for the happiest Christmas
you have ever known.

D. W. GAINAT

Hardware ;: Furniture ;: John Deere Tractor
and Implements, Tahoka



THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS.
LET IT ECHO IN THE
STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE
GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Robinson's Ready to Wear

Tahoka



Salute to our Friends at
Christmas

Accept our hearty thanks
for the pleasant business associations of the
past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas!

Boothe's 5c to \$1 Store



to our many new friends,
to all our old friends,
and to friends still to be.
● We wish to thank you most
cordially for past favors,
and look forward to
still greater and better service
to all of you in 1947.

SINGLETON APPLIANCE



KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrow household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.



Bill did not neglect his privilege.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation — and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back — with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want." Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you — alone!"

Millet is the popular name for many grasses grown in the Old World for cereals.

Satisfactory business relations rest upon past performance. It has been our aim during all the years to justify your confidence in us and to merit your continued friendship.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant associations of the past year, and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1947.



Jolly Shoe Shop
Harley Jolly



'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
Christmas

Glad thoughts

And special wishes
Are happily combined
To make this
Christmas Greeting
The warmest kind.

O'Donnell
Laundry

Again may you know the fragrance
Of hemlock, pine and holly.
Again may friendly voices call
A greeting warm and jolly;
And again may the meaning of
Christmas,
Deep and still more true
Bring faith and hope and gladness
To the hearts of yours and you.

City Bakery

Peace and
Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.



Ellis Chevrolet Co.



It is good to know that
 Christmas is here again . . .
 good to celebrate it,
 as in the past, with so many
 fine people with whom
 we are happy to be associated
 in this community, and
 to whom we now send

Koeninger Grain Co.

As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains. Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
 At our Christmas-board
 Shall hang to the honor
 Of Christ our Lord.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib: the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit: the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.



**JOYOUS
 YULETIDE**

Here's wishing that the light
 of the season's cheer will glow
 through all you do, adding greatly
 to your Christmas happiness.

**Gibson Motor
 Freight**

**HAPPY
 NEW YEAR
 And Many More
 Of Them**



In the same friendly
 spirit with which we served
 you in 1946

we stand pledged to serve you in 1947.

With grateful acknowledgement
 of past favors we extend to all
 the season's greetings.

**Charlie and Mary
 Cabool**

SEASON'S GREETINGS



*Happy
 Healthy
 Prosperous
 NEW
 YEAR*

TO EACH AND ALL

**When We Count Our Blessings we find
 many we had not thought about. Among
 the outstanding blessings in our list is the
 good will of the people of this community.**

MANSELL BROS.

Household Hints

Bake several dishes of food at one time, so that one heating of the oven does several jobs.

Small corks make good shields for knitting or crochet needles carried about in a sewing bag or handbag.

To remove mildew from a shower curtain, wash it in hot suds, then moisten the spots with lemon juice and salt and hang the curtain in the sun to dry.

To prevent chipping your dishes, drain them on a Turkish towel if you have no draining rack. When through, rinse towel and hang up to dry for next time.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

BUILDING MATERIALS

FOR SALE—Apply Little Giant vibrating block machine, new. Also new Flan machine for making blocks and brick. Also good second hand, slightly used mixer. **ROY F. GAKLEY**, Durant, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS & INVEST. OPPOR.

SMALL GROCERY STORE, fixtures and telephone exchange, serving six small communities, 33 subscribers, can handle more. **E. C. FRANKLIN**, B. 37, Vineyard, Tex.

POPCORN MACHINE, Manley Lifetime model, Excellent condition. Write or phone **C. F. and E. E. HARDWICK**, State Theatre - Clovis, New Mexico.

FARMS AND RANCHES

HOPKINS COUNTY FARM FOR SALE—200-acre stock farm, well stocked with Whiteface cattle. Two sets improvements, tanks, spring, best improved pastures, fenced and cross-fenced. Would make ideal dairy farm; 40 acres good cultivation. **Raney A. Smith**, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SLEEP WITHOUT DRUGS
INSOMNIA sufferers—amazing new sleep inducing method. Scientific, tested. **Dr. Clark Bellows'** smooth, compelling voice against a musical backdrop will close your eyelids. The 12" unbreakable phonograph record is non-habit forming. Enjoy deep relaxing, refreshing sleep. Top side—Sleep, Sleep, Sleep. Reverse side—Mass Hypnotism. Approved by The American Society of Hypnotists. Price \$5. **G. GORDON**, P. O. Box 71, West Farms Sta. 60, New York City.

IDaho RED CEDAR POST maker wants sale, continued into low prices. Write **Hugh Chisholm**, Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

FOR SALE, American flatwork ironer, Troy 40in. extractor, sev. air dry. presses, and other miscellaneous laundry equip. Priced for quick sale. **Wash Rite Laundry**, 1813 Greenville, Dallas, Texas, T-8128.

ARMY-NAVY surplus, real bargains. We have 6,000 all wool, slightly used Army blankets, size 60x84, weight 4 lbs., sell \$2.60. 24 Reconditioned Army shoes \$1.65. Soft leather pillows \$1.25. Raincoats, field jackets, wool and khaki pants, shirt, foot lockers, Army comforters, Navy shoes, War shoes, Navy storm rubbers, fatigues, hats, tents. Many other items. Get price list. **BLANK'S EXCHANGE**, Texas Wichita Falls.

PERSONAL

SHEER NYLON HOSE

Direct From Mill To You
NOW you can get all the beautiful long-wearing rayon or sheer nylon hose you want. Buy direct from mill. **Aluminum Sun Blende shade**, Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2, 3 prs. nylon \$3.50. Cash orders prepaid, or sent C.O.D., plus charges.

JANE DALE, Inc.

456 Kaighn Ave. - Camden, N. J.

DO YOU FOLLOW AFAR OFF?

Matthew 26:56—But Peter followed him a far off unto the high priest's palace and went in, and sat with the servants to see the end.

There are a lot of people today who are following Christ afar off. If you will read the story of Peter and find what it cost him to follow Christ afar off, I think you will follow closer.

REV. BILLINGTON
What America needs is some old-fashioned conversations, people who can say and mean it out of the depths of their soul. It is a pleasure to go to the house of God.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Christmas Dinner Needs Color and Good Cooking To Appeal to Appetites



Christmas dinner is for family and friends. They should be given their favorite foods, prepared family style. Plan meal ahead and save last minute musing and fussing.

We may all get somewhat worn-out by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, but, confess now, would you give any of it up? I don't think anyone would say "yes," because that's half the fun of Christmas.

Christmas is the time to put on your best of the year, for this is truly the meal that's remembered. Whatever you have, set it on a colorful table with red and green colors in food and decorations predominating. Have everything cooked to perfection and let the rest take care of itself.

Do your marketing and planning well in advance so you won't be disappointed, and do get most of the food prepared in advance so you won't be caught in the last minute rush. Dessert, refrigerator roll dough and salad can all be prepared the day before Christmas if you follow the suggested menu.

***Cranberry Juice.**
Mix equal quantities of cranberry and orange juice. Add half as much ginger ale and chill thoroughly before serving.

***Roast Beef.**
Wipe roast with a damp cloth; dredge bottom of pan with flour. Place roast in pan, skin side down, and rub over with flour. Place in a moderate (300 to 350 degrees) oven and cook as follows: for a well done roast 15 minutes per pound, plus 15 minutes; for medium done, 12 minutes per pound plus 15 minutes; and for a rare roast 10 minutes to a pound plus 15 minutes.

***Green Beans with Mushrooms.**
(Serves 6 to 8)
2 pounds green beans, cut in slivers
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup minced onion
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup water
3 tablespoons butter or bacon fat
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup milk or cream

Combine beans with mushrooms which have been washed and sliced. Add onion, salt, water, butter and sugar. Cover and cook over low heat until tender. Add remaining ingredients, heat well and serve. Canned mushrooms and green beans may be substituted for fresh produce, if desired.

Cranberry Relish Salad.
(Serves 6)
2 cups fresh cranberry relish
1 1/2 tablespoons plain gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
12 apple slices
Real mayonnaise
Salad greens

To cranberry relish, add gelatin soaked in cold water and dissolved in hot water. Turn into shallow pan rinsed with cold water. Have mixture at least one inch deep. Chill until firm. Cut with a scalloped cookie cutter and place on salad greens. Top with 1/4-inch apple slice cut with same cutter and dipped in lemon juice. Top with real mayonnaise and garnish with a half a cherry.

LYNN SAYS:
Have an Old-Fashioned Christmas
Now that everyone's settling down to a normal life at last, make it a good old-fashioned Christmas at your house with all the trimmings.

Nice Christmas trees always have something good to eat. There are red and white candy canes which make the tree cheerful, and cookies cut in fancy shapes like stars, wreaths, miniature trees and snowmen. Flavor them with ginger and spices and frost prettily with white icing, red and green sug-

CHRISTMAS DINNER

- *Cranberry Juice
- *Rib Roast of Beef
- Browned Potatoes
- *Green Beans with Mushrooms
- Hot Rolls
- *Molded Salad Relishes
- *Plum Pudding with Sauce or Fruit Cake
- *Recipe given.

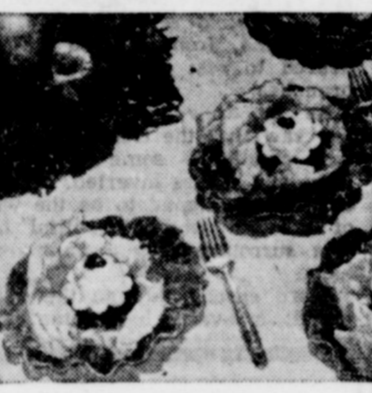
To make the cranberry relish used in the recipe for the salad use the following directions:

French Cranberry Relish.
1 pound raw cranberries
1 large orange
1 large red apple
1 cup honey

Wash berries, orange and core apple. Put through the meat grinder, using medium knife. Add syrup and let stand in the refrigerator. This will make 3 1/2 cups of relish. It may be used as a relish for meat, if desired. Trimmings from the jelled relish salad can be added to fruit cup the following day.

A good plum pudding may be kept for several weeks, if desired, and allowed to mellow like a good fruit cake. Or, if you want some for New Year's Day also, double the following recipe:

- *Royal Plum Pudding.**
2 eggs, separated
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3/4 cup chopped suet
1 1/4 cups soft bread crumbs
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
3/4 cup seeded raisins
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup nutmeats
1 1/2 tablespoons flour



***Cranberry relish salad** is made of easy-to-get foods like apples, oranges and honey. It can be prepared the day before and garnished prettily by cutting the molded salad with a scalloped cookie cutter, and topped with an apple cut the same way, garnished with mayonnaise and a red cherry.

Add beaten egg yolks to brown sugar and mix in lemon juice. Blend in suet, bread crumbs and remaining ingredients. Lastly, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Use a 2 quart mold which has been greased well. Sprinkle with flour and pour in pudding. Cover and steam for 3 hours, or bake at 250 degrees for 3 hours. If individual molds are used, this will make six puddings.

To make a sauce for the pudding, beat 1 egg yolk and add 1/4 cup of sugar slowly. Fold in 1 stiffly beaten egg white and another 1/4 cup of sugar. Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Just before serving, fold in 1/2 cup of cream which has been whipped. Orange or lemon flavor or grated rind may also be used for flavoring.

Jack Horner Pudding
2 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup cut figs
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Scald 2 cups milk in the top of a double boiler, add brown sugar and salt. Stir the remaining 1/2 cup cold milk into the cornstarch to make a smooth paste. Stir into the hot milk mixture, and continue to stir until smooth and thick. Add raisins, figs and grated orange rind. Cover and cook over hot water 1/2 hour. Pour into deep custard cups, cool and chill. Unmold and serve garnished with sprig of holly.

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Let's start with the tree and make sure everyone has a hand at decorating it. The good old-fashioned trees are topped with a gold or silver star. This can be made of metallic paper pasted on a cardboard.

Here's a tip for making those popcorn chains: use a slender needle and cotton thread, and tell the small fry not to use too much force or the fluffy grains of corn will break. They'll probably figure this one out by themselves, though! Heavier thread should be used for the cranberry chains.

'Seven Wonders of Georgia' Lure Tourists to State

Principal magnets for the tourists who are lured by the romantic history of the state are the "Seven Wonders of Georgia."

Of main interest is Warm Springs, made famous by the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was here that he founded Warm Springs foundation for the treatment of infantile paralysis victims and it was at the "Little White House," located a mile from the foundation, that he died. The Warm Springs are noted for their beauty and tremendous flow of water, 1,800 gallons a minute.

Amicalola falls are the highest natural waterfalls in Georgia, the drop being 729 feet.

Marble deposits in Pickens county are largest in the world.

Tallulah river gorge in north Georgia is noted for its scenic grandeur, the chasm being more than 1,000 feet in depth. Jeekyll island possesses virgin forests in all their primeval splendor.

Okefenokee swamp is a land of mystery, continually luring naturalists and scientists to explore its jungle interior.

Stone mountain, near Atlanta, is a solid piece of granite, reputedly the largest single exposed section of this material in the world. On the sheer side, according to present plans, a memorial to the Confederacy will be carved out some day.

How It Started

MEN OF STRAW—When Westminster hall (England) was the courts of justice, established there in 1224, men could be seen walking about with straw in their shoes, to indicate that they were prepared to act as witnesses.

The custom dates back to ancient Greece. A lawyer who, perhaps but a weak case, would approach one of these "men of straw," show him a fee, and ask him if he remembered a certain person or certain case. The man of straw's memory was not always good—until the fee was increased, when strangely enough, he would remember. The fee changed hands and the "witness" went to court and took the oath.

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But for the house of representatives of 1789, the President's title might have been a more high-sounding one. A senate committee wanted to call him "His Excellency" or "His Highness the President of the United States and Protector of Their Liberties."

This seemed too imitative of British royalty, from which Americans had fought hard and long to separate themselves. So the chief

executive is simply "President of the United States."

Probably Thomas Jefferson was as delighted as anyone over congress' choice, for he was one of the most democratic of all early statesmen.

Stalin's Victory Vase

The Victory vase, recent gift of the Russian people to Generalissimo Stalin, is the largest object of its kind in existence. Ornamented with \$40,000 worth of gold and decorated with a portrait of Stalin and war scenes which took five artists two years to paint, the base is made of pink porcelain and is nine feet in height.

Mussel Boat Equipped With Underwater Sails

Along the Ohio and Kentucky rivers are boats that have no masts, but they are equipped with underwater sails. They're called "mussel diggers" and are used to dig mussels from the mud at the bottom of the river. Mussels come from a species of fish whose shells are used to make shirt buttons and cheap jewelry.

A long rod having two dozen or more hooks, hangs from the bottom of the boat. In order to counteract the drag of the rod, a sheet of muslin or canvas is dropped window-shade fashion over the bow of the boat. It sinks, fills with water, and the river current "sails" the boat downstream at the required speed for digging mussels.

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Snowball candles are left to give frosted effect.



In making a cottage candle the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.

Big oversized jumbo candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the house.

LITTLE OL' SANTA

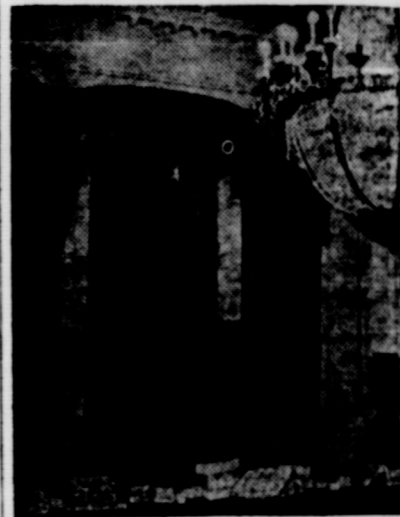
The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.



Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

The Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . .
The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

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Bonchevalier and Tree of Humanity

The tale of Bonchevalier and the tree of humanity, told with minor variations throughout France and Germany, is one of the most charming of all the Christmas tree legends.

Bonchevalier was traveling through a dense forest once upon a Christmas Eve. In the distance one tall evergreen stood apart from all the others; it seemed aglow with lights and, from afar, a star appeared to rest among its topmost branches.

As he drew nearer, Bonchevalier saw that the tree was covered with candles — some standing upright and others inverted. The star at the top seemed to be the vision of a child whose beautiful head was surrounded by a pale amber halo.

Word spread through the village that Bonchevalier had seen a vision,

dreamed a dream, or perhaps experienced a phenomenon. The knight himself admitted that the whole thing seemed incredible; if it was a vision, he could not interpret it; but he was absolutely certain he had seen it and his story was always the same.

Learned citizens of the community questioned him and shook their heads—so did everyone else, except his mother.

The tree of humanity had been revealed to her son, she said proudly, and all the world would be blessed by his vision.

Indeed, Bonchevalier's vision symbolized the tree of humanity; the candles represented persons, the good ones standing upright; the bad ones inverted; and the child at the top was the infant Jesus who watches over all the world of humanity.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

Gives Strength to Wrestler

In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.



To each of us the word Christmas summons many happy memories. To some it recalls a ride over the frozen countryside to grandma's, sleigh-bells tinkling all the while. To others it recalls happy reunions in mirth-filled living rooms, gay banquets and glowing Christmas trees. But to all it recalls days of charm and endowment, the happiest days of our lives. May you know this happiness in all its fullness once again, dear friends, this Christmas season

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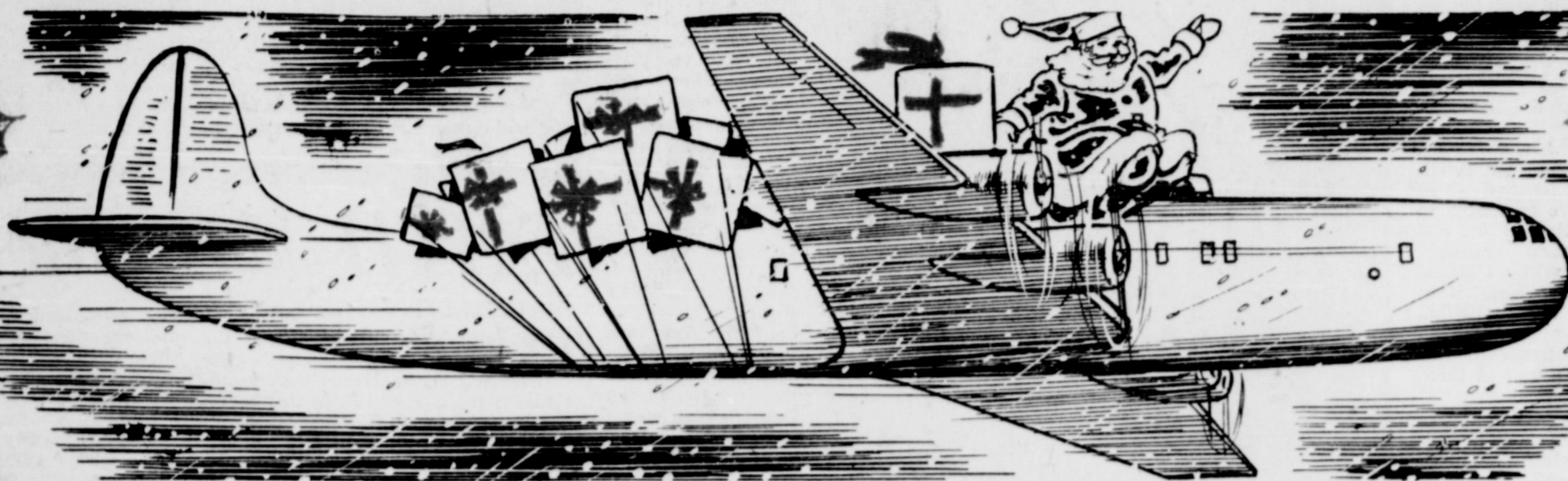
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Merry Christmas

The GREATEST of all GIFTS

By HUGH SCOTT

THE United States really was born on Christmas Day, 1776. It was born in the faith a tall, tired General had in his men, and in the words he said as dusk sifted down through black, winter-stripped branches to shadow the nearby Delaware River and blur the New Jersey shore beyond:

"The time now is near at hand which probably must determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves."

Today those words of George Washington may sound slightly melodramatic but on that earlier Christmas Day they formed only a simple statement of fact. Historians agree that the cause of Independence was at its lowest ebb. Not long before, Washington's Army had been beaten at Brooklyn, N. Y. It had retreated to Manhattan, N. Y., then across the Hudson River, then across New Jersey, and finally across the Delaware River to Pennsylvania.

General Howe, of the British Army, felt so sure that the American rebellion was crushed that he had given General Cornwallis leave to return to England. General Washington had lost much-needed supplies and artillery. Many of his men were without shoes; others lacked bayonets for their rifles. And, across the river in Trenton, N. J., Colonel Rall was telling his Hessian soldiers: "What need of intrenchments? Let the rebels come. We will at them with bayonets."

Washington's Brave Words

The words of Washington were more productive: "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this Army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or to die."

But Washington knew well that words alone don't win battles. His plan was to make use of the overconfidence of the enemy by attacking. He was to cross the Delaware River nine miles above Trenton. Two smaller forces were to cross the river opposite and south of that New Jersey town. And together they were to fall on the 1,500 Hessians of the British Army, who they thought would be worn out with Christmas festivities. Volunteers had come from Philadelphia to swell Washington's Army. General Sullivan had arrived in camp with the men formerly commanded by General Lee, and General Gates had brought 2,000 men from the upper Hudson River.

That Cold Christmas Night

The two smaller forces that were to

have crossed the Delaware River at Trenton and below it were stopped by the danger of floating ice. But nothing could stop General Washington. Before the first stars began winking on that cold Christmas night, Massachusetts fishermen were straining at the oars of the boats Washington had collected for crossing the Delaware. By midnight snow was falling. Ice floes slid out of the darkness to bump the boats. Sleet

tion, and if we now shamefully fail we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us then rely on the goodness of our cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. The eyes of all our countrymen are now upon us; we shall have their blessings and their praise, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the tyranny meditated against them. Let us, therefore, animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a freeman contending for liberty is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth. Liberty, property, life and honor are all at stake. . . ."



"The fate of unborn millions will depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army," said Gen. George Washington just before the Battle of Trenton on Christmas day 170 years ago.

Seldom in any nation's history have results so closely and completely followed a spoken hope. Without the results of the Battle of Trenton, Washington's words would be classed as an early American pep talk. With the results of this battle, they come alive in a startling way.

At 8 o'clock that morning the long march over slippery roads to Trenton was completed. The day before, the American troops had watched the enemy celebrating Christmas across the river. A few of the soldiers realized that the more the enemy sang and the more they drank, the easier would be the coming battle.

Preparation for Battle

On the march down to Trenton the American Army divided. One group under General Sullivan took the road nearest the river; the other group under General Greene took the upper or Scotch road. Washington marched with General Greene's troops. Most of the men were veterans, having seen service at Bunker Hill, in Canada, at White Plains and Harlem Heights and on Long Island. They came from every province from New Hampshire to Virginia.

coated the cannon as the men strained to get them from shore to boat and then from boat to shore across the river.

It wasn't until 4 o'clock next morning that the Army was formed on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River and started down the nine miles to Trenton. The snow had turned to sleet. And many of the soldiers must have kept going only because of their memory of Washington's words:

"Our own, our country's honor, calls upon us for a vigorous and manly exer-

Gen. Greene's advance guards made first contact with the British outposts on the outskirts of Trenton. The surprise was complete. The two columns moved steadily on in support of their advance parties, down King and Queen Streets (later Warren and Greene Streets). At a junction point six cannons were set up and Washington himself directed their fire.

Colonel Rall, in command of the British, was awakened by the gunfire. He pulled himself together fearfully and quickly, but his officers were hopelessly bewildered. Hessians threw aside their arms and ran without a fight.

Meanwhile, the cold, hungry Americans were more alert. They fired from behind houses and trees. They moved up close, then rushed groups of Hessians with their bayonets. Gradually the British were driven to a field beyond the town where Colonel Rall, who had been mortally wounded, gave up his sword to General Washington.

When the battle was over the Americans had taken about 1,000 prisoners,

1,200 small arms, six brass field pieces and all the enemy standards. The American loss was two killed, two frozen to death and a few dozen wounded.

The more far-reaching results of this battle, and of the Battle of Princeton a few days later in which General Washington outmaneuvered the British, were felt on every side. General Cornwallis hastily cancelled his proposed visit to England. American soldiers, whose enlistments were running out, were encouraged to re-enlist. New recruits came to the Army in greater numbers. Robert Morris was able to raise \$50,000 to pay the troops. In fact, the whole atmosphere changed, and thousands who had given up the American cause as lost gained heart and started working for it again.

It was the greatest Christmas present this country ever has received—these words and actions of George Washington and his men on Christmas Day 170 years ago. Thus it gives Christmas an added meaning to every American, who is one of the "unborn millions" mentioned by General Washington during that chill twilight of Christmas, 1776.

FAITH and Brotherhood

(AN EDITORIAL from The Birmingham News)

THE faith of Christmas is that the Creator of the universe desires the highest good for all men; that brotherhood is the goal of life on this earth; that there is power, supreme power, in the spirit of man—in a spirit in keeping with this faith.

Each year through the centuries this faith has been renewed by the mysterious magic of this season. Always men have managed to achieve something of this faith. But it has seldom been easy for those who have faced up to all the harsh realities of life.

For years during the most terrible war in all history it was extremely difficult to hold fast to the Christmas faith. Now that peace of a sort has come, it seems in some ways more difficult than ever.

Fighting the war, fighting in the deep conviction that we were serving the

givings underneath the warm emotions and the distractions and pleasures of these days, submerging them until we must go on with the hard realities after the holidays have passed?

Or shall we face these fundamental issues as honestly as we can and strive to see what meaning the light of Christmas sheds upon them?

Perhaps the latter approach is not as involved as it may seem to so many millions of sincere men and women. For one tremendous fact now stands out, more clearly and more simply than ever before.

No Hope in Physical Power

It is the fact that there is no hope for the world simply in the multiplication of physical power. Indeed, the vast new potentialities which now present themselves in the field of atomic energy bring out as never before the futility of



Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Matthew 19:13-15.

right, we were preoccupied with the all-absorbing demands upon us, we were hopeful as to what would come after victory had been achieved. Now we are in a measure released from the long agony, the tension lifts, and yet a darker fear than ever grips all the world.

Men Still Afraid

Men are afraid that the nations next may accomplish the destruction of everything. Doubt and distrust assail even the most hopeful.

Could a loving God be responsible for such a creation?

Will it ever be possible to achieve brotherhood with certain of the peoples of the earth?

Is there any power in the spirit or are all things finally subject to sheer selfishness and physical force?

It is such questions as these that harry the souls of countless millions of good men as this Christmas of 1946 draws near.

Shall we simply suppress such mis-

seeking to establish peace and a good world primarily on a basis of destructive power.

It is evident that if all the nations seek security in that way, any nation might become an uncontrollable threat to all other nations.

It is evident that if the great nations of the earth turn to competition in the development of destructive power, any explosion might bring the literal destruction of civilization.

The fear that would be produced by any such competition would almost certainly produce an early explosion.

So, then, in all the complexity of these days it should at least be clear that no safety, no progress, no real peace, can be found through the power or threat of violence.

If there is to be a good world, it must be achieved through the power of the good spirit, through a more effective establishment of the ways of brotherhood among men, through a renewal

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MAGIC Touch of CHRISTMAS

(Continued from Philadelphia Inquirer)

OLD-TIME residents of the Southwest and those of every city and town in the United States recall holidays long past and the gay customs which made them bright. But our Christmas traditions are not entirely our own. They were brought here from many lands by many nations and races and we have adapted and unified them through the years.

Long before ever there was a Christmas, people in many countries held their great annual celebrations at the winter solstice the latter part of December.

Thus the Yule log was bequeathed us by the ancient Druids who worshipped the living tree as a symbol of eternal life. A great while before the birth of Christ, people in northern lands observed the turning point of the year by cutting the log and offering it as fresh fire to the sun. Centuries later wine and oil were poured on it and carols were sung as it burned. In this country the ceremonial was most popular in the Southern States where the celebration usually concluded with a Virginia Reel.

The mistletoe, which causes so much merriment at our holiday parties, was held sacred to the gods by the Druids. Our sparkling tapers reflect the ancient Feast of Lights observed by the Jewish people. But the custom of lighted candles on Christmas Eve really was inspired by Ireland. There it was customary to burn a large candle which could be snuffed only by a woman named Mary. "For who knows," it was asked, "but on some Christmas Eve Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, this time to the holy isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Even our holiday greens are survivals of other, less gentle anniversaries. For their Feast of Saturn at the winter solstice, the Romans trimmed temples and homes with laurel and holly. And early Christians copied these decorations.

Each Yule season in towns and cities of the Southwest, thousands are cheered by great lighted trees erected to symbolize the spirit of good will. Of recent years there is hardly a city, town

or village in the United States but sets up a Christmas tree.

A Recent Innovation

But the lighted and decorated Christmas tree is a comparatively recent innovation. Not until the 19th century was it adopted by every Christian nation. Probably the first unlighted and undecorated tree graced a celebration in Alsace, France, about 1646. Within the next 50 years it picked up lights



Christmas traditions of many lands by many nations.

and crossed the Rhine into Germany. Between 1800 and 1841 it invaded Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Austria. It was taken to England by Queen Victoria's German consort, Prince Albert.

It is said the first tree to find its way into a home in the United States was in Wooster, Ohio. There on Christmas Eve of 1847, August Imgard, recently arrived from Germany, surprised nieces and nephews with this part of his native land's holiday celebration.

Each country has its own legend of the patron saint of childhood, the good fairy who rides forth on Christmas Eve

to fill small stockings with goodies and leave toys by the hearthside. Our own boys and girls know him as Santa Claus.

But even Santa Claus came to us from Holland by way of Germany. The St. Nicholas of the Dutch children really existed long ago. He was born in Patras, a city of Lycia in Asia Minor in the third century, was Archbishop of Myra, a noted churchman, famous for his kindly deeds. Some 600 years after his death in 343 he was canonized through influence of Vladimir of Russia and became Russia's patron saint. Later Greece, Naples, Lucerne, Siberia, Lapland and Holland gave him the same honor. In England alone he is patron of more than 400 church congregations. For the presents which filled their stockings and little porcelain shoes at Christmas, children in the Low Countries thanked the good San Nicholas. Dutch settlers brought the St. Nicholas customs to New York and the New World. But children in the Rhine provinces already were calling their patron Senter Klos (meaning Santa Claus).

So the tradition of the churchman merged with Yule magic and Santa Claus came into being.

Other Christmas Customs

Italian children believe their gifts are left by La Bafana, a poor old lady who tried in vain to catch up with the Wise Men carrying their rich offerings to the Christ Child. English and Australian hopefuls think of Father Christmas himself as the giver.

Czechoslovakian children thank an angel-like Christ Child for a yearly visit to the earth and the gift He leaves them. Into Scandinavian homes elfin Julenissen or Tomtegotar tosses a bag of toys and candies. Polish boys and girls receive their gifts from the stars, Hungarians from the angels.

In some other countries, where evergreens are not abundant, the Christmas Crib often is substituted for the tree. The Crib is the center of the great celebration held each year at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, "The Christmas City of the United States." Called the Putz by the Pennsylvania Dutch, it is lovingly prepared in almost every home. And

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Time Cannot With Christmas

THE gates of time have swung wide again to permit our entrance into the exotically beautiful land of Christmas. Every fibre of our being is accord with so many phases of its splendor. And, as we listen intently, we hear once more the reassuring song of the angels, "Glory to God the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." Somehow we know that ultimately this will be.

"God said it would be so
That starry Christmas midnight
Long ago."

Beyond the scope of our human experiences, the glorious light of Christmas shines on the far-off hills, above the disturbance of doubt, the anxiety and fear and worry, and the frustration of mankind, where God has greater things than human and ever conceived. His plan is inexorable and His thoughts so tremendously far-reaching. We need the spiritual realities of hope, faith, love and kindness at Christmas to preserve the immeasurable and immortal values with which we are endowed.



"Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is in union with Him who has overcome the world." Christmas is Christ, the Christ of love and justice and freedom and peace, because its fruits are of the soul, they never die!

The treasures of art—the Madonna, the Nativity, the Adoration; the treasures of music—from the sweetest strains of Silent Night to the Magnificat, the Annunciation and the swing and sweep of the centuries world without end—in the mighty Hallelujah chorus of Handel's "Messiah."

All are a part of this great train, as are the smallest deeds of love and kindness, truth and mercy. At Christmas we sing, we remember, and we serve to express a joy that becomes our own radiant possession, striking a chord of harmony in a discordant world.

Let us attune our living to the great spirit of Christmas. Let us look up at His star to behold the eternal purpose.

Yule Record Expected

The greatest Christmas spending spree in history has been predicted for the United States this year.

Carl F. Gamer, president of the Association of Buying Officers, says that when the final figures are in sales will

top by 25 per cent the record \$22,794,000 mark set last year.

Reason for the spree is not only the current prosperity. It lies in the fact that traditional gifts such as shirts, sleds, electric trains and lingerie items are on the counters once again.

Santa in Housing Business

Even old Santa Claus has drifted into the housing business.

Assembly lines for toy tanks, armored cars and battleships have been slowed down, replaced by machines that yield materials for miniature homes, buildings and airports.

That's only half the surprise he's carrying in his bundle this Christmas.

Santa's engineers are well in step with modern science. They've got

smoke billowing out of electric trains and a whistle for every stop. By remote control logs can be loaded onto a flat car, coal lumped into a coal car and pipes lifted by an electro-magnet, transferred to another train.

A few war toys remain. Lead soldiers, jeeps and electric cannons are still in stock. Mainly, however, Santa has swung to the educational type of toy with a note of better quality, craftsmanship.

Be Careful With Christmas Trees

Don't let carelessness in handling your Christmas tree turn the Yuletide into a season of tragedy. Observe the following rules to prevent disastrous fires:

1. Set the tree up in a pan of water.
2. The base of the tree should be cut at an angle at least one inch above the original cut, and kept standing in water until removed from the house.
3. The tree should be kept away from stoves and other sources of heat.
4. It should be securely placed to prevent falling, and so placed that it will not block an exit.
5. Only safe and approved electric sets should be used for lighting purposes, never candles.
6. Only flameproofed materials should be used as decorations.
7. Christmas wrappings should be removed without delay.
8. Protect gas heaters and fireplaces with screen guards to prevent clothing from catching afire.
9. Consult your local fire marshal or fire chief when in doubt about the rules of safety in preventing fire.

Strikers Ineligible for Benefits

Veterans who are striking against an employer cannot receive unemployment benefits, according to a decision by the Veterans' Administration.

The decision centered around three veterans who claimed compensation because they were out of work during the General Motors strike last winter. Since 50,000 veterans took part in the General Motors strike, the test case against the three men will be far-reaching in its effect.

Meanwhile, the Veterans' Administration reported that 1,958,053 World War II vets are receiving Federal education or training benefits. Of this number, 1,292,893 are attending college or school and 665,160 are receiving on-the-job training.

Surplus Goes at Quarter Cost

The United States is selling millions of dollars of the war materials it shipped overseas to whip the Axis at slightly less than one-quarter of their original cost.

Furthermore, less than half of these sales are for actual cash. The remainder represents credits extended to other countries to make purchases, trades or cultural exchanges.

Coal Miners' Pay

Under their contract soft coal miners in the United States have a nine-hour day, including travel time underground. They have a five-day week. Work on the sixth day is optional at time-and-a-half rate.

The basic rate is \$1.18½ an hour. For every hour they work in excess of forty-five they receive \$1.77½ an hour, which is the basic rate. Lewis' recent demands were for a forty-hour work week. Thus a miner working forty hours a week would receive \$71.10.

Latest figures from the Bureau of Labor Standards show average time worked in the bituminous mines was 42.4 hours, for which the miners received an average of \$62.37. On that basis miners' earnings exceed those of most other industrial groups.

U. S. Payroll Rises

Uncle Sam is issuing regular pay checks to almost 20,000,000 people, or more than one-seventh of the entire population of the country.

The cost averages \$1,701,000,000 a month, or about \$67 for each citizen on the payroll. This amounts to half the annual Federal budget.

Civilian payrolls include 2,761,172 persons. The military includes 2,454,056 and the veteran group (all wars) comes to 5,636,041. Social Security amounts to 5,633,534 more, and 3,000,000 farmers are receiving \$22,000,000 a year from the agricultural conservation program.

These figures do not include people

touched incidentally by such Federal hand-outs as subsidies, school lunches and business, farm and power loans, Indian benefits, maternity and other programs. They include only people receiving pay checks at regularly spaced intervals.

50½ Billion in Lend-Lease

The United States gave the world more than 50½ billion dollars under lend-lease from March 11, 1941, through last August 31, the date the flow of American aid was ordered halted. This was disclosed in a report to the Treasury by Robert W. Cavanaugh, chief of lend-lease fiscal operations.

The figures are not final, being subject to transfers made to foreign governments not yet recorded to the lend-lease division by the procurement agencies.

The total lease-lend expenditure to August 31 was given as \$50,596,698,489. Of this, \$31,367,559,327, or almost 62 per cent, went to the British Empire. Soviet Russia received \$11,266,642,270. France and her possessions took \$3,230,660,198. China's share was \$1,557,399,993. These four nations took the bulk of lend-lease, or almost 47½ billion dollars.

In return for the outlay, the report credits less than 7½ billion dollars of reverse lend-lease from the countries benefited.

Taxes Take Third of Income

The American people as a whole, directly and indirectly, are footing a tax bill for the support of government—Federal, State and local—which, in 1944 and 1945 was the equivalent of nearly \$1 out of every \$3 of total national income to individuals in each year, or more than \$1,300 per family, the Institute of Life Insurance said recently.

The institute traced the growth of the people's tax bill in a study of the long term relationship between government taxes and income payments to individuals, based on figures compiled by the United States Department of Commerce and the National Industrial Conference Board.

The institute study noted that the total tax bill of government in both 1944 and 1945 was almost fifty billion dollars. A few years before, in 1940, it said, this overall government tax bill was just under thirteen billion dollars. This was equivalent to about \$1 out of every \$6 of total income payments to individuals or well under \$400 per family.

Atom Depends On Safety

The U. S. Public Health Service says peacetime use of atomic energy must wait for completion of a newly-launched research program to determine how much radioactivity a workman can safely stand.

Until this is decided there will be no attempt to put the atom to work in peacetime industry. The research is taking place at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Ground Forces Cut

The United States Army is paring 38,000 men from the ground forces to stay within President Truman's limit of \$8,000,000,000 on War Department expenditures. The cut amounts to two and a half infantry divisions.

By January 1 the Army will have dismissed 73,200 civilian workers and the Navy a total of 20,200 as a part of the overall economy drive.

Strikes Are Expensive

Strike idleness during the first nine months of 1946 cost the U. S. working man three times as much time as did work-stoppages during the entire year of 1945.

Government figures show that 98,225,000 working hours were lost due to labor-management disputes from January through September. For all last year the total was 38,025,000, a record up until that time. Previous peak was 28,425,000 in 1937.

There were 3,575 strikes during the first nine months of this year, as compared with 3,784 for all of 1945. The big jump in man-hours lost, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was because strikes were more bitter, more extensive and longer than ever before.

Bread Eating Campaign

Remember the bread shortage? The Millers National Federation now says people aren't eating enough bread and plans to spend \$1,250,000 in the next two years to restore bread as the Number One ingredient of the American diet.

Bread has been slipping in public esteem. In 1919 the average American consumed 212 pounds of wheat products. This average dropped off until, during the depression, it hit 155 pounds and this year reached a mere 150 pounds.

A bumper wheat crop this year has made the supply ample to meet all demands caused by the publicity campaign.

Motorist's Duty

With winter driving conditions already here, the highways will be filled with cars of abnormal age and mechanical weaknesses. Driving will be more than usually hazardous. There will be accidents to owners because of over-age vehicles; many will be injured through no fault of their own but because some one did not have his car put in shape for winter driving.

One must hope that motorists will take the necessary precautions this year to prepare their vehicles for adverse conditions which may last a long time. A warning of danger on the highways has been given by T. V. Rodgers, president of the American Trucking Association. He says: "Never has the picture been so black. Old vehicles driven by men and women from whom the discipline of gas rationing or the discipline of military service has been lifted are jamming our highways, jockeying for position, taking chances and depending on defective mechanism."

The staggering toll of automobile accidents is a national challenge. Between 1923 and 1943 more than 500,000 men, women and children died from these tragedies. This year the totals may be close to 40,000 killed and a million injured. As winter approaches it is each motorist's duty, both to himself and family and to his fellow citizens, to see that his car is in good mechanical shape and to drive in accordance with the rules of safety.

The plea for safety simply comes down to a matter of each motorist taking care of his own life and the lives of others.

Clothing Prices Studied

New York clothing manufacturers declare that clothing prices generally will remain at their current levels unless fabric or labor costs are lowered or boosted.

Exception will be rayon goods where an immediate 12 per cent rise in yarn prices will be reflected in a 15 to 25 per cent rise in the finished product.

GI's Back On the Job

Thirty-seven per cent of all U. S. employees are veterans. And of the 834,633 veterans employed by the government, two-thirds are veterans of World War II.

These figures were released recently by Charles Anderson, chief of the Veterans Division of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Anderson said there are only 2,232,000 civilian employees working for the government today and of that number only 260,000 work in Washington, D. C.

How to Live a Long Time

Dr. Martha Eleanor Nelson, of Benton, Ark., who recently celebrated her one hundred first birthday, gives this advice on how to live long:

"If you want to live a long time, stay young. To stay young you must look young and think young. Be interested in the welfare of your neighbors, of your town, and of the world. If things are not being done to please you, then do something constructive about it or keep quiet. Eat a healthy diet, for it is easier to stay well than to get well. Stay in the middle of the road and don't go to extremes. Keep your sense of humor. Don't waste your days by rushing through them. Enjoy your days one at a time."

Total Axis War Criminals Convicted

A total of 1,986 axis war criminals had been convicted up to Oct. 31, 1946, the United Nations War Crimes Commission announced. Death sentences were meted out to 979 of them. In Europe, there were 1,108 tried, 413 condemned to death, 485 imprisoned, and 210 acquitted. In the Far East, 1,350 appeared in court, 384 were sentenced to die, 704 were imprisoned, and 262 freed.

Whale Meat for Dinner

Special effort will be made to prepare whale meat for human consumption.

World shortages in meat, oils and fats are behind the drive which has been resumed to hunt for whales in Antarctic waters. Chief whaling countries are Norway, Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and whaling is estimated to be worth 200 million dollars annually to them. This year they are sending 14 whale factories and more than 130 whale-catching boats of altogether 300,000 tons dead weight. Some 6,000 men are engaged in whaling.

Last year an Anglo-Norwegian firm of whalers experimented with whale meat as a human food and found it palatable. The plan is to quick-freeze the meat in pieces of about 45 pounds. Whale meat will be sold first in England.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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JINGLE BELLS are ringing and the tones sound sweet to me. I can never remember a dull Christmas but have known several Christmases when I had only 30 cents in my pocket. Money will not make a happy Christmas unless one has in his heart a love for others and a yearning to make others happy. Kindly greetings, without gifts, will make many folks happy. One of the kindest men I ever knew was Uncle Ben McCarthy. He grew on his farm several varieties of thin-shell pecans. Every Christmas Uncle Ben would deliver a paper sack of his pecans to each neighbor as a gift. It was a simple, yet a kindly deed. That was long ago and Uncle Ben has passed on to his reward, still remembered and beloved by the people of his community.



"Every Christmas Uncle Ben would deliver to each neighbor a paper sack of his pecans."

Uncle Ben simplified and glorified the Christmas spirit. Though a poor man, he shared what little he had with neighbors. He went about looking for good in others and he found it. He never hated anybody and never said an unkind word about anybody. His was a useful and beautiful life. What the world needs at this time is more Uncle Bens.

Christmas would be a flop without children. They make Christmas brighter, gayer, happier. My children are grown up but some of them have children of their own and I am, therefore, a grandpa and mighty proud of it. When I tell these children there is a real Santa Claus they believe it. When

I tell them Santy comes down the chimney and leaves pretty things in their stockings, if they have been good little boys and girls, they believe it. So, I am a big shot among the children, which is more fun than being a bit shot among the grown-ups.

We should impress upon our children that Christmas means more than toys, candy, tinsel and confetti. We should tell them that it is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus who loved and was the friend of little children. In Matthew, 19:13-15, he said to his disciples: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." At another time he said, Matthew 18:4: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Wife has been figuring on what she will buy me for Christmas. She reads all the ads in the paper, hoping to find a bargain. She has hinted that my Christmas gift will be a sport shirt, swank tie and ranger belt. I told her not to dress me up, that if she did a pretty blond might kidnap me. She replied: "Not much chance, but if it happens the blond can have you—lock, stock and barrel."

The trees of Coon Creek have turned scarlet and gold, russet and red. All up and down the creek trees have put on autumn colors. They are prettiest at sunrise and at sunset. Then you see the changing hues of sunlight blend with the colorful leaves of the trees.

There is something about the fall of the year that gets you if you live in the country. I have seen many seasons come and go but to me the fall of the year never grows old.

We hear more about shortages now than during the war. The worse shortage is quality. As prices go up quality comes down. The greatness of America was built on quality. We have prided ourselves on building a better mousetrap, a better plow and a better auto than any other nation. Pride in workmanship, however, is at low ebb. Men are interested in shorter hours, more wages, more vacations, but not interested in quality. Another shortage, and it is also serious, is that of persons willing to do an honest day's work.

A scientist has discovered that cheerful people resist disease better than glum people. He says you are less apt to catch a cold if you are cheerful. That's worth trying out—being cheerful, at least through January and February, when we catch the most colds. This would be a wonderful world if everybody were cheerful all the time. It would put the devil out of business and stop a lot of squawking and hell-raising.

The 400,000 soft coal miners who went on a strike, thus violating their contract with the government, should get rid of old John Lewis who is slowly though surely ruining the soft coal business. Because of his tyrannical power over a vital industry, scientists are now at work to find a substitute for coal and they will find it. Low cost atomic heat and energy are not far away from realization. The heat stored in uranium, from which atomic bombs are made, is to be harnessed for industrial and residential use. Scientists estimate that a pound of uranium has the heat equivalent of 100,000 tons of coal.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS --- from over the State

TYLER LEADS U. S. IN ROSES
Rose growers in Tyler, Smith county, produce two-thirds of all outdoor rose bushes in the entire United States, according to the Texas Rose Research Foundation.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS
The Texas State Teachers Association says that one out of every four teachers in the Lone Star State is brand new at the job and one out of every six is sub-standard as regards qualifications. The Association says the turnover in teachers is the greatest in history.

LONG-TERM WEDDING CELEBRATED
Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, of Shamrock, Wheeler county, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Both remain active despite their advanced age and both are enthusiastic members of the Methodist Church. They have six children.

TEXAS LEADS IN AIRFIELDS
More than one-sixth of all Army airfields still in operation are located on Texas soil. Of the 305 fields still active, 53 are in the Lone Star State. As was the case during the war, most of the AAF activity is centered around San Antonio, but there is still a great deal of Army flying being done elsewhere in the State.

GAINESVILLE CIRCUS REVIVES
The Gainesville, Cooke county, circus is going to make a post-war comeback. A community dinner recently saw \$3,275 pledged to purchase permanent storage space for circus materials, and plans are being made to rebuild the city's circus bigger and better than ever before.

U. T. BECOMES COSMOPOLITAN
Two hundred and twenty-five foreign students are registered this year at the University of Texas, and they come from 33 different countries. Mexico has the largest representation with 85 students, and Venezuela is second with 18. China is third with 15. Students come from such widely scattered spots as Syria, England, Iceland, Lebanon, Turkey, the Philippines, Belgium and India.

SCORES PUBLIC ATTITUDE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY
Public indifference toward traffic accidents amounts to a "social disease," says Capt. J. O. Musick of the State Department of Public Safety. Musick declares that the public must become acutely conscious of the waste in traffic accidents before any real improvement can be made. He pointed out that 40,000 lives a year are being snuffed out by accidents on the road, and 90 per cent of those accidents are preventable.

TEXAS GETS HOSPITAL CASH
Texas stands to get the most Federal help in the State-aid hospital building program being discussed by the Federal Hospital Council. A total of \$75,000,000 in Federal money will be spent annually, throughout the entire nation, for five years. The States have to match every Federal dollar with two State dollars, making an overall program of one and a quarter billion dollars. Texas' allocation will be \$4,800,000, largest of any State.

BEE REMOVER DE LUXE
Harvey Bevers, of San Antonio, is a real estate man who makes a hobby of removing bee-hives from inaccessible places. This year he has specialized in getting the hives out of airshafts of office buildings, attics of houses and the top branches of tall trees. He has devised a special trap for luring the bees away from their hives into a permanent, box-like home. His only reward is to share in the honey when he has found a new home for the bees.

103-YEAR-OLD VET PASSES
Francis Marion Potter, age 103, a veteran of the Confederate Army and the Spanish-American war, died at his home near Brownwood, Brown county, last month. A native of Virginia, Potter was graduated from West Point in 1860. He was an Army officer for 15 years and, granted amnesty after fighting for the Confederacy, he saw much service in the Indian wars. It was said that he killed Chief Rain-in-the-Face, the son of Geronimo, while fighting in Nevada. Potter was also a Baptist minister for more than 50 years.

TEXAN DISCHARGED TWICE
Pvt. Robert E. Kelso, of Houston, is one of the few men to be discharged from the Army twice in the same war while still being ineligible to bear arms. Three years ago he enlisted at the age of 13, saw a year of service in Europe, was wounded twice and won three stars before the Army found out how young he was. He was discharged. Last February, aged 16, he fooled the recruiting officer again and served ten months before discovery. Now the six-foot two-inch youngster declares he will re-enlist the minute he is old enough to serve.

MODERN CHICKEN THIEF
Chicken stealing has gone modern, said Deputy Sheriff Stanley Mahavier, of Houston, when a spraygun filled with chloroform was left behind in a recent raid. He said the thief had evidently sprayed the chloroform through a window, waited for it to take effect, then walked in and off with the benumbed fowls.

U. T. STUDIES ROCKETS
The University of Texas has been authorized an expenditure of \$600,000 a year of government funds to conduct research in guided missiles moving faster than sound and the causes of deflection of radar waves. University scientists will also delve into advanced phases of meteorology.

BAPTISTS ELECT PRESIDENT
Texas Baptists elected the Rev. Wallace Bassett, of Dallas, as president at their convention at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, last month. Bassett is pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, a position he has held since 1918. He was born in Tennessee, but was ordained in 1905 at Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county. He was pastor there and at Amarillo, Potter county, before going to Dallas.

BUSINESS IS GOOD
There were no business failures in the State of Texas during the month of October and only one during the month of September, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Texas had six business failures during the first 10 months of 1946 and only five during the corresponding period in 1945.

SNAKE OIL REQUEST
The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce recently received a request from an out-of-State citizen for information as to how he could acquire some rattlesnake oil. The gentleman had heard an enthusiastic Texan boast of the medicinal properties of "snake oil" and he wanted a bottle for himself.

"IF YOU PLEASE"
"If You Please" is the name of the newest wrinkle in Houston businesses. Operated by two veterans, "If You Please" promises to perform service miracles for Houstonians and will do any odd jobs that their clients find impossible or merely tiresome. Services include finding white shirts, baby-sitting, errands, catering and entertaining, shopping, rapid laundry and cleaning, air line and hotel reservations, and so on. Clients pay a set fee each month and "If You Please" takes care of their daily wants.

VETS WANT BONDS
A Houston chapter of the American Legion has started a movement for a veteran's bonus to be granted former World War II soldiers from Texas. The Houston plan would cost the taxpayers \$108,000,000. An effort will be made to pass it through the next Legislature. Every State voting on a bonus during the last year, with the single exception of Maine, has passed a similar plan.

NATIONAL AIR SHOW FOR TEXAS
The National Aircraft Show for 1947 is being planned for Grand Prairie, Dallas county, according to national aviation authorities. Plans call for it being held in the North American aviation building, now being used as warehouses by the War Assets Administration. The show was originally scheduled for Los Angeles, but recent reports say that the Southern California city does not have buildings large enough to house the exhibits.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS URGED
A Statewide uniform traffic code has been urged by the Texas Safety Association and other groups interested in building safer State highways, as a means of preventing accidents on the road. Recommendations also included a substantial increase in the number of traffic patrolmen and an increase in the personnel conducting drivers' license tests. George Clarke, managing director of the Association, says the cost of these improvements would be easily offset by reductions in the accident toll. Highway accidents cost Texas \$60,000,000 a year under present conditions. Clarke also pointed out that there are only 243 State traffic policemen in Texas patrolling the biggest highway system in the country.

RICE GETS GIFT
Rice Institute, at Houston, recently received a gift "in excess of \$1,000,000" from Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Weiss. Weiss is president of Humble Oil & Refining Co. and vice-president of the Institute's board of trustees. The gift consists of the income of 30,000 shares of oil stock for 17½ years and will be available for operating expenses.

YOUNG DRIVERS GO TO SCHOOL
The Texas Safety Association reveals that 286 high schools and several junior high schools in the State are now offering driver education and training in their regular curricula. The theory is to teach safe driving habits to the youngsters early before they fall into careless and fatal driving habits on the road.

BUSY MAILMAN
Rudolph A. Sapp, of Marysville, Cooke county, reckons he has traveled 340,000 miles exclusively in his native county while carrying out his duties as rural mail carrier. He operated the 30-mile Delaware Bend route for 20 years and now handles Route 1, Dexter, a 46-mile daily jaunt. "I have traveled a distance equal to 14 times around the world and I have never been out of Cooke county," Sapp says.



O Little Town of Bethlehem

1.
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2.
O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

ENGINEERS SCARCE
A shortage of trained engineers and technicians is slowing down the State's postwar highway construction program. New farm roads will be the hardest hit. Help has been so scarce that engineers have been called from their drafting boards to supervise field work and this has made it impossible to keep up with the \$5,000,000 a month schedule. State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer says that the farm-to-market roads, programmed after V-J Day, will suffer most.

GOLDFISH DOCTOR
James D. King, veteran mail carrier of El Paso, has made a useful hobby of doctoring goldfish. He started the hobby 15 years ago when he ran out of bait one day and decided to raise his own. He now has 10,000 goldfish in his backyard plus 10,000 snails and he says, "several miles of worms." His hobby keeps his telephone busy all day answering calls from keepers of ailing fish, and he prescribes proper diet and treatment to all comers. King keeps giant spear plants, star lilies and umbrella plants in his tanks and supplements the fishes' diet with green flies caught in special traps. He also feeds the fish oatmeal and ground shrimp, while the worms get stale bread crumbs.

THE FLOP FAMILY



INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT DOWN
Employment in manufacturing industries in Texas slumped slightly during September from an August mark of 315,400 to 311,900. This was a decline of 1 per cent and an overall decline of 2.5 per cent from September, 1945.

FIVE GENERATIONS PRESENT
Five generations were present when Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holterman, of San Marcos, Hayes county, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Fifth generation was represented by Mrs. Holterman's great-great-grandson, Robert Eugene Medlar, Jr. The baby, Robert Eugene, has four living great-grandparents, twelve great-aunts and twelve great-uncles.

TEXAS NAVAL CASUALTIES
Texas suffered a casualty toll of 7,258 in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard during World War II, according to figures recently released by the Navy Department. Of the total, 3,023 died in combat, 84 met death as prisoners of war, 3,884 were wounded and 267 are released POW's. The figures bring the total Lone Star State casualty list in all branches to 23,022. As a State, Texas ranks sixth in Naval casualties. California is first with 14,018.

BATTLE FLAG PRESENTED

The battle flag of the U. S. S. Texas was presented to the Texas Memorial Museum of the University of Texas recently by Col. Lewis B. Fuller, Marine Corps hero and director of the Eighth Marine Reserve District. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Fred ("Red") Harris, State Senator-elect from Dallas, accepted the flag on behalf of the State.

A QUESTION OF NAMES

When the War Assets Administration offered Fort Worth citizens "salt water soap" at 12 cents a pound, it found no buyers. Even when the price was cut to 6 cents, the public showed no interest, despite the soap shortage. Then someone in the WAA changed the name to "all-purpose laundry and hard-water soap" (which it is) and raised the price back to 12 cents a pound. The entire supply was sold out in 48 hours.

TO USE CAMP HOOD

Camp Hood, near Temple, Bell county, will soon become one of the major training areas in the nation when the Air Transport Command begins to use it to instruct fliers in the technique of moving entire armies by air. The present landing strips at the camp are inadequate for handling the biggest transports, so strips 7,000 to 8,000 feet long are being constructed. They will be sufficiently wide to handle many planes at one time.

TEXANS LIVE LONG

Texans are remarkably long-lived, according to State Auditor C. H. Cavness. Cavness backed it up by announcing that 1,607 Lone Star State residents are still drawing Confederate pensions. These pensioners were awarded \$83,731 during the month of August alone. Oldest pensioner is a 104-year-old widow and the youngest of the lot is a sprightly 70-year-old widow. Youngest pensioned veteran is 96 years old. Cavness said that the first obligation to veterans came in 1881 when the State Legislature made a grant of 1,280 acres of public domain to each disabled veteran or widow who had not remarried. Almost two million acres were given away before the law was repealed two years later.

NEW EDITOR NAMED
Reverend A. E. Hunter has been named new editor of the Southwest Advocate, a Methodist publication serving Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The appointment was made by Bishop Charles C. Selecman at the 37th annual Northwest Texas Methodist Conference at Pampa, Grey county. Approximately 500 delegates from 225 churches attended the Conference.

WHOOPIING COUGH WARNING
Patients suffering from whooping cough should be rigidly isolated in order to prevent spread of the disease, State Health Officer George W. Coe says. The disease can be contracted only by direct exposure, he added. Coe also recommended approved vaccination and convalescent serum to check the illness during the seasonal increase expected this month.

AUSSIES WANT ALAMO STONE
The Australian government has asked the City of San Antonio to give it a small piece of stone from the Alamo, the shrine of Texas independence. The Australians want the stone to go into a massive war memorial commemorating the mutual war efforts of this country and Australia. Stones from famous sites within each of the 48 States are being sought for the monument.

OIL RESERVE AMPLE
The United States still has more than 20 billion barrels of crude oil reserves and 148 trillion feet of natural gas reserves, despite having supplied fuel for the greatest war in history, according to Manton Nixon, natural resources expert, from Corpus Christi, Nueces county. Nixon added that this country is not in any immediate danger of a petroleum shortage.

RETURN OF THE WILD
Wildlife is returning to the Big Bend National Park after many years' absence, Dr. Ross Maxwell, park superintendent, says. Deer were so plentiful this season that they were almost a nuisance and smaller game abounded. Reason is that cattle and goats were cleared out of the park, giving the grass a chance to grow. The grass holds the water and snow and makes the park less arid, and as this goes on, the park becomes more attractive to wild game. Dr. Maxwell said 2,000 people a month visited the park during the summer.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS DIP
Federal internal revenue collections in Texas fell off 4 per cent in September from the amount collected in September, 1945, according to a report by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Collections in September amounted to \$112,030,497. Income taxes were \$7,000,000 less than in 1945 while the total included under "other" taxes was 18 per cent higher.

BROWNWOOD REBEL FETED
Flags were flown all day at Brownwood, Brown county, when Dr. James Addison Abney, Confederate veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday. Congratulatory telegrams were sent by President Truman, General Wainwright and Admiral Nimitz, and civic rites were organized by City Manager Fred S. Abney, the aged veteran's son. Dr. Abney has lived in Brownwood since 1895 and established the Citizens' National Bank there in 1906.

SCHOOLS TO GET BUILDINGS
Surplus government-owned buildings have been allocated by the Federal Works Agency to four Texas colleges. The buildings are war-constructed and will be transported and re-erected on the various campuses. Texas A. & M. College will get sufficient buildings for classrooms, offices, laboratories, hangars, shops and machine sheds to accommodate 10,084 students, of whom the majority will be veterans. Wharton County Junior College will get buildings to provide for alteration of the gymnasium, together with equipment and classroom furniture to accommodate 400 students. Paris Junior College will receive materials for cafeteria and classrooms, with furniture, to provide for 1,100 students, of whom 850 are veterans. North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, will receive surplus structures to house 400 additional scholars.

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Magic Touch Christmas

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 The huge Christmas stars on South Mountain, send their light for miles around. Behemites begin a series of door-to-door visits. In some sections of the South the holiday season is celebrated by drama. Away back in the 16th century Father Diego de Vitoria came from Spain to the city of a convent near Mexico. He had authority to conduct the Christian festival with an ancient religious ceremony the Aztecs honoring the god Xilopoztli, held in late December.

Today all over Mexico, New Mexico and wherever Mexicans there is re-enactment of the day journey of Mary and Joseph seeking a place for the child to be born. A procession formed in which each person carries a lighted candle. New Mexico an old Nativity play, Los Pastores (The Shepherds) has been given on Christmas Eve since Spanish missionaries transplanted it here in the early 17th century. Celebrations in these places frequently continue many days as they did in old England. There Christmas was not one holiday, but 12, each with dancing and singing. A "Master of Merry Sport" was appointed at every man's house as Lord of the rule. He led the maskers and tried funny pranks. An amazing scene of Nativity in 1223, St. Francis d'Assisi granted permission to dramatize the scene of the Nativity in the village of Greece to help interpret the Biblical story. Men and women portrayed the Holy Family and the drama was made realistic by live animals and a stable. Monks sang the descriptive carols.

This was the origin not only of Christmas plays but of our Christmas carols. Somewhat reminiscent of Christmas in old England is the celebration throughout our own Kentucky mountains. Festivities begin on the holiday eve with hanging of stockings and continue until "Old Christmas" after the custom brought by the Anglo-Saxon pioneers. Each night young and old follow winding mountain paths from home to another for the holiday frolics. There always is the fiddler to play for square dances. But perhaps the most typically American of all our holiday celebrations is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, held almost every Christmas Eve for 59 years in Anson, a small town in the cowboy country of West Texas. Many descendants of cowboys who came from widely scattered ranches to the first ball at the Old Star Hotel in Anson in 1884 to honor rancher Cross P. Charney and his bride never have missed such an occasion.

There the spirit of the old West lives again. Men don the colorful cowboy dress, gay shirts, elaborately decorated boots. "Sage hens" put on full-skirted gingham dresses patterned after those their grandmothers wore. While a cowboy band plays, spirited men and women dance the Varsouvienne, Heel and Toe Polka and other familiar old dances. Then, as the clock strikes 12, they greet Christmas morning with the American Square Dance.

Faith and Brotherhood

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 of faith in the goodness of God. There really is no other choice.

Power of the Good Spirit
 No matter how great an aggregation of military power might be pledged to concerted action, no matter how theoretically fine an organization for international co-operation might be evolved, unless the power of the spirit—which the Christmas season best exemplifies for us—is progressively established on earth, there can be no assurance of permanent peace.

That is the great fact all Americans should now confront. To be sure, programs will be carried forward to provide the maximum of military defense, in case of need. It will be hoped that such defensive strength will act as a powerful deterrent to aggression. But let us not deceive ourselves. There can be no security merely in a collection of atomic bombs or a military force, whatever its size.

It is hardly likely that any informed persons will really attain great trust in such factors. Rather there is more likelihood that the greater any such unilateral programs among the nations, the greater will be the distrust and fear—and therefore the greater the danger.

In their beginnings the powers of men to destroy were very limited. Until the Second World War these limitations still remained such that it could be hoped that a dominance of power could be built up which would provide control and security. But now the powers of men have been so illimitably extended that the threat of colossal destruction might develop anywhere, at any time.

The mutual danger involved in any use of these new powers will certainly tend to produce a certain restraint, but, unless there are mutual control and co-operation, fear might suddenly break through all restraints. The only genuine security lies in a spirit of good will and faith that will keep down any temptations to resort to such weapons—a spirit such as that which already makes violence unthinkable in many human relations.

It should not be difficult to see that the only fundamental security in this new world lies in such a spirit. Perhaps it is the specific intent of the evolutionary process that the ultimate choice between cooperation and peace, on the one hand, and violence and utter destruction, on the other, now should be presented to men.

Spirit of Christmas

It is possible, too, that men are readier to turn to the power of the good spirit—of the Christmas Spirit—than most of us are now able to believe. Surely the vast majority of men want a decent spirit and peace in the world. Surely the overwhelming majority would be ready to put their reliance primarily in that spirit if they felt that enough of the inhabitants of the world would do so at the same time to make it dominant and trustworthy.

How, then, can such a great and controlling concert of the human spirit be established? Certainly not without a great upwelling of that kindly spirit among individual men everywhere. That is the great job of the Common Man in all nations today—to make his contribution to a mighty upsurge of that spirit. This Christmas presents the summons as never before. Answering it, men could find a new faith in each other and in God.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:2.

The Texas Turkey Crop

TEXAS this year regained its position as the leading turkey-producing State of the nation, with a total crop of 4,465,950 birds. That is 5 per cent below the 1945 crop, but it is well ahead of California, which last year was the leading turkey-producing State.

In the last 15 years the turkey business in Texas has jumped from an \$8,000,000 industry to a \$28,000,000 industry—and this despite the fact that the number of birds produced in the State has increased only one and one-half millions.

Quality is the answer to this tremendous increase in value. Behind the jump in dollar sales lies a story of how turkey growers have carried on to improve their flocks and marketing requirements.

Prior to 1933 most producers raised turkeys as a sideline. Few of them bothered to summer-feed their flocks. But in that year the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College succeeded in getting a few growers to adopt the practice of summer-feeding, which proved so profitable that other growers have followed this practice.

In 1937 several turkey growers from the Texas Plains area, accompanied by poultry specialists from the Extension Service, made a trip to the West Coast and came back with new and sound turkey-raising ideas. One of these ideas was raising broad-breasted bronze turkeys. Today some three-fourths of Texas turkeys have broad-breasted bronze bloodlines.

Some years turkey breeders have large flocks, both for breeding and marketing. One of the largest breeders is R. E. Janes, whose farm is near Austin, Travis county. Mr. Janes, an R.O.P. breeder, has some five or six thousand birds on his Bar-Nothing

Ranch. Lee & Smith, of Midlothian, Ellis county, have on their farm about three thousand birds this year. Bill Curtis, of Midland, Midland county, this year produced 7,500 turkeys for the commercial market.

Greater interest has been shown this year in medium-sized turkeys for family use. Most Texas turkeys now coming to market are home-produced and of average farm and ranch size. The heavy broad-breasted type, which aroused much interest a year ago, are sold mostly to hotels and restaurants. Housewives are reluctant to buy birds that have been too heavily fed. Ten to 14 pounds is the favorite family size.

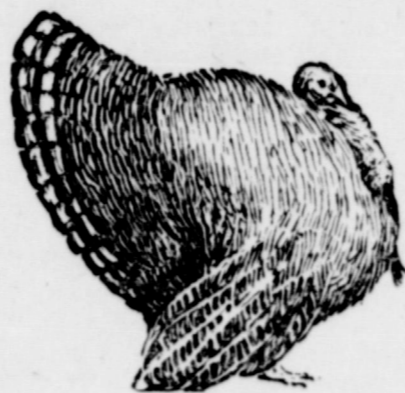
The American Turkey Federation explains, however, that large turkeys provide more meat more economically—that half of a 24-pound tom produces

50 per cent more edible meat than a whole 12-pound bird.

Texas and the rest of the country have become turkey-conscious. More and more Texas turkeys are moving into markets of the North and East.

This State is particularly suited to turkey raising because of its nearness to markets as compared with the West Coast breeders and because of its favorable climatic conditions. Incidentally, the hatching phase of the industry is making excellent progress, especially around Brady, Texas. In the last three or four years Texas turkey eggs and turkey poults have been finding expanding markets in Colorado, Arkansas and Missouri.

The turkey has come a long way from the early 'thirties when its meat was a delicacy placed before the family only once or twice a year. Now turkey meat is served the year round in many homes and public eating places. The turkey remains the traditional bird for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Origin of the Christmas Card

It doesn't look 100 years old. Crisply fresh and brightly colored, the Christmas card of this season appears more as if it were celebrating its first birthday. Only its numbers indicate a century of growth. For this year more than 1,000,000,000 Christmas cards will have been mailed in the United States alone.

The senders will have spent some \$75,000,000 for these cards. They will have spent another \$30,000,000 for the postage stamps that carry them to their destination. Wives will have worried



over forgotten friends or relatives. Husbands will have worried over cards they forgot to mail. And many persons will pause to wonder how the whole thing began.

The honor of originating the first Christmas card goes to an English artist, W. C. Dobson. Just a few days before Christmas in 1845 he was fretting over the problem of writing Yuletide greetings to his close friends. He wasn't a good writer, but he was a good artist, one of Queen Victoria's favorites. As he sat trying to put some appropriate thoughts on paper, he found himself sketching a Christmas scene. Suddenly he paused and smiled. He threw the paper away, took a piece of cardboard about double the size of a postcard and set to work sketching the first Christmas card. It was a picture and a simple greeting, basically the same as cards of today.

The origin of the first Christmas card in the United States is misty. Recently a card lithographed by R. H. Pease of Albany, N. Y., was discovered. Pease was in business in that city from 1834 until 1855. Unfortunately, this early American Yule greeting bears no date.

The first manufacturer of Christmas cards in America was Louis Prang. Having hurriedly left Germany after the Revolution of 1848, this lithographer came to Roxbury, Massachusetts. There in 1874 he made greeting cards for English customers. The following year he turned to the American trade and soon became mildly famous for his production of cards.

Like the English lithographers, Prang invited the best artists of the day to send him drawings for his cards. He offered \$2,000 in prizes and the competition stirred so much interest that the designs were displayed throughout the country.

In America, as in England, the habit of sending Christmas cards grew steadily. By 1906 it had become as much a part of the holiday season as carols and holly. Meanwhile the cards themselves had changed many times and in many ways. Often they reflected trends; sometimes they were gaudy. But gradually, during their century of progress, the Christmas cards have grown more conservative and in better taste.

War was reflected in cards even last year, although hostilities had stopped, the artists had already dipped deeply into the khaki but this year, tranquil scenes depict a Christmas blessed with peace. Stars shine; doves flutter above the bell tower of a church; the Madonna and Child are among the most popular designs. There's a lot of holly and mistletoe, candles and carolers, Santa and snow. And there's a lot of whimsy—a little angel brushing another's wings with a hair brush; two cherubs painting the red stripes on a big candy cane; a boy and girl leaning over the side of a parachute-suspended basket and sprinkling stars below to illustrate the greetings: "Hope Christmas finds you flying high. Your spirit soaring to the sky; And may the days that follow after spill over, too, with joy and laughter." There are cards for friends, for the boss, for grandmother and nephew, from "our house to your house."

SEVEN INVENTIONS OF THE WORLD

Men have listened and argued about the Seven Wonders of the World for more than 21 centuries. Now the Encyclopedia Britannica turns the spotlight on the Seven Inventions of the World. Before you read their choices, take a pencil and list your own to see how they compare. Here are the choices:

Listed as perhaps the most important of all human inventions is the invention-discovery that plants can be grown from seeds. Second in practical importance was the discovery of how to control fire. Third place goes to the invention of pottery which made it possible to cook food.

Fourth on Britannica's list is the invention of writing. Invention of the standards of measurements, weight, time and money is in fifth place. Food canning is sixth and the discovery of the Louis Pasteur germ theory is seventh. We may now add, as No. 8, atomic fission.

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Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent their scorching on the bottom.

HOW LONG IS A FOOT?

If you ever want to read a shoe size from the numbers printed on the inside of your shoe, here's the trick: The width is indicated by the first number, the length by the following two or three numbers. For instance, size 485 is an 8 1/2 D. The first figure "four" stands for the fourth letter in the alphabet, which is "D;" the 85 indicates that the length is 8 1/2. A five as the last figure always denotes a half size; an "0" as the last figure a full size.

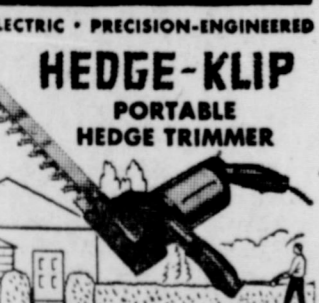
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Texas Farm News

The Texas cedar brakes country with its 3,000,000 acres of mountain cedar is in the midst of a great boom by selling of cedar posts.

Advance Mischief III, owned by R. A. Herbert, of Sonora, Sutton county, was named grand champion bull of the International Polled Hereford Show held at Louisiana State University recently.

W. L. McGinley, of Dallas, recently bought 2,645 acres of ranchland from Carl Kroll, Jr., of Harper, Gillespie county, for \$105,000. This was the largest land deal in the history of the county. Kroll sold McGinley some other land previously and the total topped the \$173,000 mark.

Owners of approximately 800 cows signed up for the artificial breeding course at Denton. They plan to form an artificial insemination association in Denton county under the leadership of W. C. Potter, chairman of the general dairy committee.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture claims that Texas will produce its second largest crop of alfalfa seed in history this year. The crop will be 38,000 bushels. Highest ever was 1945 with 68,000 bushels. Sudan grass seed crop will be lowest in history, however.

On December 2 at Chicago 10-year-old Duane Boenig, of Bexar county, Texas, was one of four first-place winners of the Thomas E. Wilson meat animal contest, which brought the youngster a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress and a \$200 college scholarship. At the Houston Livestock Show in 1945 he was the first exhibitor to win all the Duroc awards. Nineteen of his twenty-four pigs brought him \$2,429 and he took the top five home with him. His younger sister, Evangeline, became the State's 4-H girls' achievement winner, and his mother is well known for her home demonstration work.

Texas dairymen who are cross-breeding their dairy cows with beef sires are killing their chances for improving their herds, G. G. Gibson, dairy husbandman of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, says. A cross-bred calf is worth more for beef than a straight bred calf, but the deal is not so good as it sounds. It takes plenty of feed to make a cross-bred calf weigh 400 pounds at six months, and whole milk makes up a good share of that feed. But, Gibson continues, the real danger is that it cuts out herd replacements. Replacements are hard to find, and the dairyman who cross-breeds to excess ends up milking a herd of scrub cows.

When the treasury of the Kermit Girls' 4-H Club of Winkler county needs funds the members don't solicit money; they earn it. Recently the members organized a "hobo day," and one morning went forth among Kermit's housewives in groups of three and four to offer their services for hire. Some cleaned house while others washed windows, dried dishes or performed whatever type of work was offered. Pooling earnings at noon they counted \$12, says County Home Demonstration Agent Bertha J. Brown.

Texas farming went well into the billion-dollar-business class during the first ten months of 1946, figures announced by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research showed. The bureau reported Texas farmers took in approximately \$1,018,930,000 this year through October, as compared with \$915,047,000 for the corresponding ten months of 1945. The difference represented a gain of 11 per cent or \$8,611,000 a month thus far this year.

Hubam clover seed returns will net Ellis county farmers a quarter of a million dollars this year, W. M. Love, county agent, says. Four major companies have purchased 1,650,414 pounds of the seed and other companies have bought 300,000 pounds in addition.

Young Brady Lee Koon, of Brashear, Hopkins county, was named "outstanding farmer of the South" recently at the convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo.

"Dairy cows will do their part if the dairyman does his," G. G. Gibson, Texas A. & M. College Extension Service dairyman, says. Gibson claims production depends on natural ability and opportunity. The dairyman must keep the right balance of feed nutrients, and if he does so the cow will meet him half way. Gibson added that roughage is still the backbone of any dairy ration and that all rules will fail when the roughage supply is limited and the supply poor. He claims an average Jersey cow producing three gallons of milk a day needs 18 pounds of good hay and nine pounds of suitable concentrates.

The sweet potato acreage goal for Texas next year has been set at 65,000 acres.

Texas hunters are really going to town this autumn, and hunting is bringing money to agricultural landowners. Last year approximately \$875,000 was received by farmers and ranchmen for hunting and fishing leases and there has been an estimated 25 per cent increase this fall. Early autumn rains over the State have improved the range and tempted wildlife to stay around.

Farmers in the United States spent about \$4,300,000 for the operation and maintenance of power and machinery during 1945.

Top of the seventh annual West Texas Hereford Association sale last month was Sweet Sue 12th, sold by Mrs. Day Young Morgan, of Hamlin, Jones-Fisher counties, to Dr. T. D. Young, of Roscoe, Nolan county, for \$1,500. Sweet Sue 12th, a heifer, was top female of the show. Top bull was Molder 1212th, sold for \$765 by Hardy Griscom, of Abilene, Taylor county, to F. W. Moore, of Clifton, Bosque county.

Turkey meat consumption is becoming less seasonal, according to Texas A. & M. statisticians. An increasing amount of gobblers are being consumed during the "off" months, from February to August.

The U. S. Weather Bureau will soon give Rio Grande Valley farmers weather forecasts 72 hours in advance. Four additional thermometer substations are being installed to register moisture content for obtaining data on relative humidity and eight new rain gauges are to be distributed from Eagle Pass, Maverick county, to Brownsville, Cameron county. A daily weather map of the region will also be available.

Sulfonamides show promise of killing the bacteria which cause Bangs disease in cattle and undulant fever in human beings, according to Dr. V. T. Schuhardt, University of Texas bacteriologist. Talking at the International American Congress on Brucellosis at Mexico City, Dr. Schuhardt said that sulfapyridine is the most effective of the eight sulfonamides he has used, but he added that treatment was still in experimental stage.

A plan for increasing Cherokee county's farm income to replace cash lost in the dwindling cotton crop is being arranged by the Cherokee County Agricultural Workers Association. A survey has determined that crops most suitable for production in the county include feed grains, timber and forestry, sweet potatoes, peppers, poultry.

4-H'ers, like other folks, sometimes find themselves in a tough spot. Take for example Betty Jo Guigliardi, member of the Fort Hancock Community 4-H Club of Hudspeth county. She fed a calf to compete at the Texas State Fair, but when the premium list came out there was no class she could enter. Not discouraged, she entered it at the American Royal in Kansas City, but here she met more hard luck. Her calf was one pound overweight for the small class, but, undaunted, she took her chances in the heavy class and placed 12th. Here, however, her fortunes began to mend, for her 941 pound steer sold for \$142 a pound with a gross return of \$1,336.22, or a net profit of \$636.22 after deducting feeding expense, fees and other costs. County Agricultural Agent C. M. Knight says that Betty Jo has been feeding calves for three years and has won "creditable places" at local and regional shows.

Engineers of International Harvester, with assistance of technicians of Texas A. & M. College, are perfecting a mechanical cotton harvester of the stripper type adapted to Texas conditions. Harvesting cotton on the High Plains of the Panhandle, where the labor shortage is usually acute, is likely to depend ultimately on a simple stripper machine which gathers all the bolly cotton on the cotton plant after frost has opened the bolls.

Texans who wish to make experimental plantings of cork oak may obtain acorns free in lots of fifty from the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, D. A. Anderson, chief of forestry research, announced. Plantings should be made about Jan. 15, 1947. The Texas Forest Service, upon receipt of a postcard or letter, will mail the acorns postpaid along with planting instructions in mid-January. More than 60 per cent of the world output of cork is used in the United States. This comes from the Mediterranean Coastal area.

Margaret Filip, of El Campo, Wharton county, recently was awarded a \$35 cash award from the Texas Seedsmen Association for winning the State 4-H Club Home Garden contest. In another 4-H Club garden contest, sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, eight winners were announced. They were Henry Neil Seacht, of Lockney, Floyd county; Margaret Filip and Jack Moreman, of Bruce, Hall county; Josie Slaughter, of Marshall, Harrison county; Lois Wilson, of Levelland, Cochran county; Peggy Jo Irby, of Mt. Enterprise, Rusk county; Martha Gould, of Longview, Gregg county; and Frances Oleta Weaver, of Campbell, Hunt county. All received \$25 bonds.

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The completed work of the 450 members of Cameron County Girls' 4-H Clubs through October adds up to noteworthy totals. According to Assistant Home Demonstrator Agent Ruth F. Smith, the club members made 375 dresses, 70 blouses, 65 skirts, 400 play suits, 67 hat racks, 75 shoe racks, 37 shoe bags, and 25 laundry bags. In addition, the girls canned 2,300 quarts of food; prepared 1,500 containers of frozen food; set out 1,500 shrubs and 250 trees; made 30 lawn chairs and eight walks, and started 25 lawns.

There are more coyotes per square mile in South Texas than anywhere else in the nation, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Of the 117,000 predatory animals killed in all Western States during the last fiscal year, 26,000 were killed in Texas, and 24,000 were coyotes. Coyotes have been driven away from most sheep areas, however. The service adds that wolves in Texas are now showing cannibalistic tendencies and are feeding on cubs caught in traps.

More than 100,000 Texas 4-H Club boys and girls were honored during the recent National 4-H Achievement Week. As part of their achievement this year, the 101,396 members canned over a million and a half quarts of food, served 1,152,000 meals, made more than 150,000 garments, redecorated 7,440 bedrooms, and raised more than 40,000 acres of field crops, 750,000 chickens, 50,000 head of livestock, sold 5,260,000 pounds of beef and pork, and collected 1,500,000 pounds of scrap metal.

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Assistant County Agricultural Agent C. T. Parker, points with pride to a demonstration by one of Guadalupe County 4-H boys. With about 100 laying hens in his flock, Edwina Bading, 13, received a gross income of \$606.60 in the year ending Sept. 30. All of the eggs excepting \$71.18 received for fryers disposed of before the first of the year. According to carefully kept records, expenses in the months totaled \$391.36, leaving a profit of \$215.44. Parker said that "any grown man could be proud" of this record.

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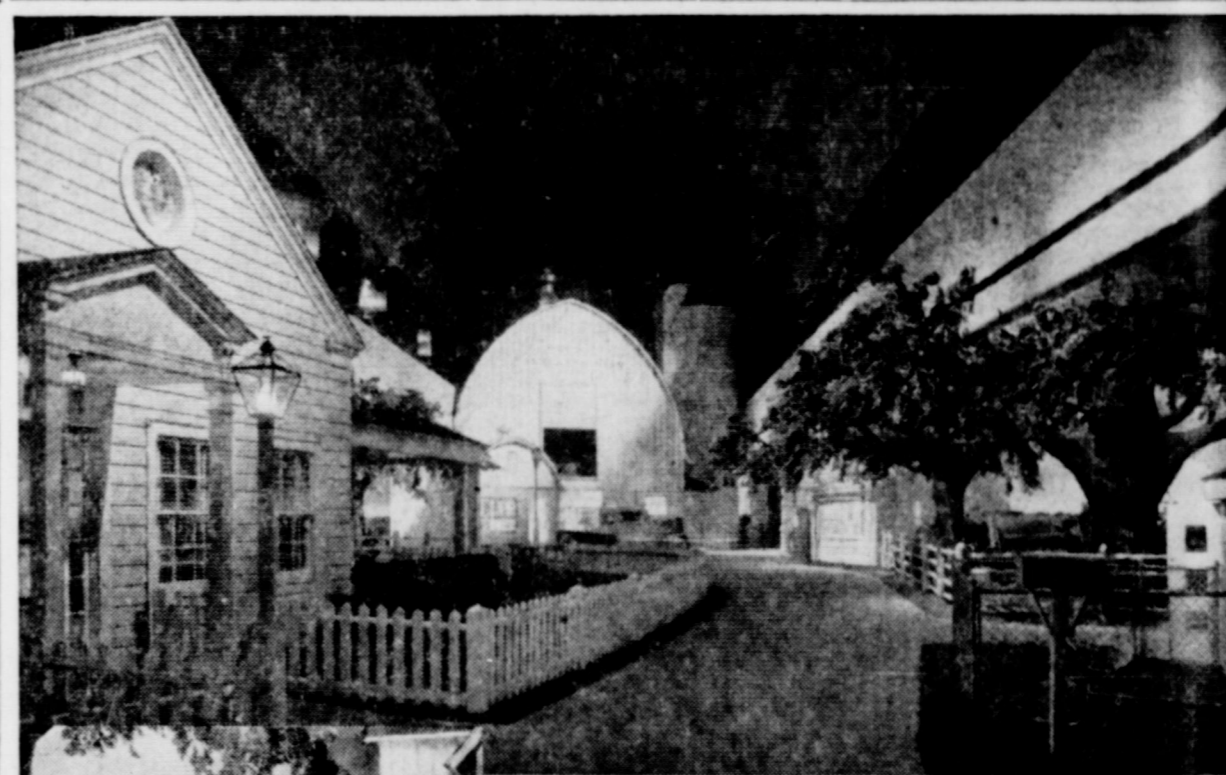
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Household Helps

By MARGARET MOORE



LITTLE TOUCHES WILL ADD TO HOUSE AT HOLIDAY TIME

Here we are again, at holiday time and it's plenty of work we have to do in order to get the house and the household in fine fettle for the great day. If the house is kept in good running order and repaired through the year, the task is comparatively simple.

Then it becomes merely a matter of setting the place to rights, adding brightening touches, getting the extra room ready if there are to be house guests, and adding little extras if necessary, advises Eleanor Ross, well known writer and home decorator.

Usually, though, it's those "little touches" that create the most work and often prove the undoing of an otherwise well-worked-out schedule. At the last moment, so many of us become obsessed with the notion that there must be another lamp or an extra little table or some more sofa cushions, and out we dash in search of same.

Last moment shopping, whether it be for a frock or for furniture, is invariably a failure, and at this time of year, it's positively foolish. And if you've gotten along for some time without that extra lamp, table or chair, well, just make the best of it through the holidays, and postpone the shopping.

Of course, if any special item is really required to make your house guests com-

fortable, then that is another matter. But if you can improvise, do so, even if it means borrowing something from your own room or another room in the house. Before guests arrive, their room should be in good order. Stock up with paper tissues, pins, bobby pins, small jars of cleansing cream, hand mirror, writing paper, hangers in the closet, current magazines, an extra blanket where it can be readily found.

Put fresh bulbs in the lamps, and see that bureau drawers are freshly lined. If there is an attached bathroom, see to it that there is an adequate supply of towels, bath soap and hand soap. See to it that the bed is well made and that there is an extra pillow. In your livingroom, arrange furniture so that there are pleasant groupings complete with lamp, comfy chairs, small tables and plenty of ash trays.

In the kitchen, see that the range is in good working order, and that all the kitchen utensils and equipment that you may need are present, in good order and accounted for. Do as much shopping as possible ahead of time, so that only perishable foods have to be bought the day before. Make out lists after going over your pantry shelves thoroughly, and see that your emergency shelf is well stocked, just in case!

CHRISTMAS IS GLORIFICATION OF FAMILY LIFE

By GLADYS HUNTINGTON BEVANS

Here are some Christmas thoughts I'd like to pass on to you. They're not exactly in a sequence or even logically connected except that they're all strung on the thread of Christmas.

One of the things I like best about Christmas is its eternal unchangingness. Christmas doesn't know that this is a post-war era and that strife and chaos still go on. It isn't affected by the "rapidly changing world" — a world of flux and uncertainty and insecurity. The thing that makes Christmas Christmas can't ever change or die.

In a thousand ways ours is a changing world. But the beauty of Christmas makes you realize how many things there are which are solid and reassuring — things which never will be stamped out, like love. Love of all kinds: love of man and woman for each other, love of mother for child, love of one's fellow man, and love of music and all other forms of beauty.

Another thing I like about Christmas is that it's so genuine and really selfless. Giving is its essence — doing something for someone else. Of course there always are those who use the day for social or other superficial purposes, and who indulge in orgies of shopping. But most Christmas doing, giving, and celebrating is spontaneous, warm, and real.

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TAKE TIME TO PRETTY UP FOR CHRISTMAS

By BETTINA BEDWELL

Many of us at this stage of our Christmas preparations are about dead, and have at least a million more things we think we have to do, gifts to buy, final preparations, and so forth.

Not a few of us, if we don't do it now, are going to meet Christmas in a very sad state of personal unattractiveness. This is a shame, and no woman ought to let it happen. Every one of us ought to have a

Christmas that nobody can have a corner on it. Christmas is for high and low, rich and poor. The sophisticated, the hard-boiled, the unsentimental, the worldly — Christmas lays them all low. People simply do succumb to the Christmas spirit. It is quite a leveler; it is no respecter of persons. While its origin is simple and humble, still it is so big it has pervaded civilization and the world, as symbolized (in a sense) by the adoration of the wise and rich Men of the East, as well as that of the poorest shepherds.

Too, it glorifies the home. The first Christmas is indissolubly associated in our minds with Father, Mother, and Child — the family.

We who are parents and those of us who have the still wider perspective which comes from having the babies of our own children about us worry a lot about the world these little ones and older boys and girls are to inherit. We surely have reason to be concerned and reasons for doing something about it.

But if family life can remain warm, beautiful and truly democratic and if Christmas can continue to be observed in spirit as well as in fact (and it still is), perhaps there is more hope for the survival of the finest and best in America than our misgivings would lead us to look for. Perhaps the world, about which many of us are so disturbed, is not so fundamentally shifting and changing as we fear, in those lands which can continue to give themselves, as they have for so many centuries, so fully to Christmas and the Christmas spirit.

The undyingness which we are witness to, even today, of so many worthwhile aspirations and ideals should give us hope and courage for the years ahead and for the kind of world our children are to inhabit. So let us give Christmas a chance to lift up our spirits.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Cranberries
Cranberries call for sugar just as surely as bread demands butter and vanilla ice cream asks for chocolate sauce. Unfortunately, though the cranberry crop is a bumper one, sugar is as short as it's ever been.

What can the housewife do about it? For one thing, she can employ citrus marmalade or fruit jelly as the sweetening in a completely no-sugar sauce. Like this:

No-Sugar Cranberry Sauce
½ cup citrus marmalade or fruit jelly
½ cup corn syrup
½ cup water
2 cups cranberries.
Boil together marmalade or jelly, corn syrup and water for five minutes. Add berries and boil without stirring till all the skins pop open. (Five minutes are usually sufficient). Remove from fire and allow the sauce to remain in saucepan until cool. Yield: 1 pint.



Then there is a low-sugar, rather than no-sugar, sauce that may be made with honey, which one will probably find more readily at the grocer's than corn syrup.

This is it:
Honey Cranberry Sauce
½ cup sugar
¼ cup honey
1 cup water less one tablespoon
2 cups cranberries.
Boil sugar, honey and water together five minutes, then add cranberries and proceed as in first recipe.

Cranberry and Turkey Sandwiches
2 cups diced cooked turkey
2 cups gravy or white sauce
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon onion juice
12 slices buttered toast
6 slices jellied cranberry sauce
Extra parsley or water cress.
Combine the turkey, gravy, parsley, onion and pimiento. Heat to bubbling. (Continued top next column)

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Yule Salads in Colors Easy to Fix
Your Christmas salad needn't be red and green just because these are the colors of Christmas. But if you like red and green Christmas salads, there are plenty of naturally red and green fruits and vegetables from which to make a selection. Sliced tomatoes on watercress, marinated beet slices on chopped spinach, jellied cranberry molds on watercress, lettuce, or other greens, individual tomato aspic rings on the grassiest of greens, halves of avocado with cranberry fruit salad dressing; there are a few ideas for holiday greens and reds.

Fruit Cake Idea
A forgotten and neglected chunk of fruit cake or plum pudding can be turned into a really special dessert, with no trouble at all. Put the piece in a double boiler, douse it liberally with port, sherry or some other dessert wine. Cover and heat over hot water 40 to 60 minutes or longer, depending on the piece. Serve hot, with hard sauce.

Fruit Puff Pudding
2 tsp. butter or other fat
2 tsp. sugar
1 egg well beaten
½ c. molasses
¼ c. sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
¼ tsp. salt
½ c. bran
½ c. boiling water
½ c. seedless raisins
½ c. currants
Blend butter and sugar thoroughly, add egg and beat well. Stir in molasses. Sift flour, measure and sift again with salt and soda. Mix with bran and add to first mixture alternately with boiling water. Stir in raisins and currants.
Pour batter into greased one-quart mold, cover tightly and steam about 1½ hours. Serve with whipped cream. Serves 6.

Raisin Honey Pound Cake
1 c. raisins
1 c. butter or other fat
1 c. honey
4 eggs
¾ c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon extract
¾ c. chopped walnut meats
Rinse raisins, dry on a towel and slice or chop fine. Cream butter, add honey and cream thoroughly; add beaten eggs and blend. Sift flour, measure and sift again with baking powder and salt, then add and heat. Add flavoring, raisins and nuts and stir to blend.
Pour into wax paper-lined loaf pan (about 5½x10x3 in.) and bake in a slow oven (300 deg. F.) about two hours or until done.

Spicy Fig Pudding Cake
8 to 10 dried figs
¼ cup shortening
¼ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons milk or water

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½ cup chopped walnuts
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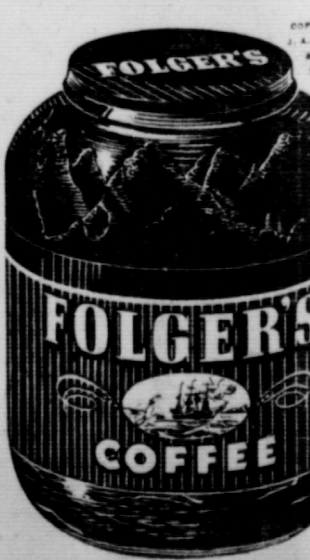
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MARY CRANE emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

"Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done. "I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way." After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!" Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep.

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time.



"All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tiptoed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

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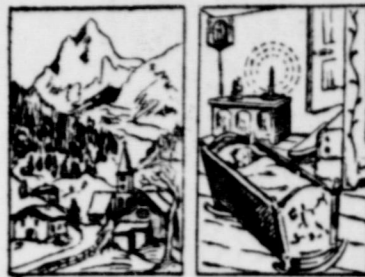
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Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season. Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pagantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

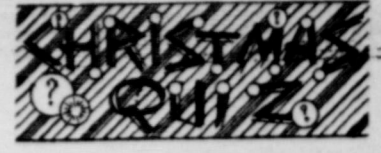
The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

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To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Answers

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—"

"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess."



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney."

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed."

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!"

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

Real St. Nicholas Of 4th Century

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowryless maidens with three purses of gold.

Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicea. In 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.

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HERE'S HOW TO SELECT A TREE

"How can we select a Christmas tree that holds its needles?" is a question fathers and mothers ask year after year.

The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it once you set it up.

All trees tend to drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedars.

Spruce are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

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NEW YEARS AT THE CORNERS POP, Maw Levis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail." Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.



Jed Hafey's openin' a keg. Corners store. Jed Hafey's openin' a keg. "If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, siree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?" "I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'-thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey-jealouser than anything."

Pop snorted disdainfully. "What I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that." "Plenty," Maw said. "I was going to marry him." Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?" "Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got Edda's divorce?" "How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' in from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed root for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I am a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous." "Jed jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously. "Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!" "I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Levis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

Wichita, Kansas, began to be a grain market and milling center as early as 1874.



Merry Christmas A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.



Are you sure that's all you want? then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd. Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window. There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes. Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door. He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none to prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to some one from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan. "On toast or rye bread?" "Rye." "Anything else?" Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else." "Are you sure that's all you want?" "Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich." The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said. "Check?" "Yes, the check," Duncan raised his eyebrows. "But there is no check." "No check? What do you mean—no check?" "There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu Well, merry Christmas," he added. Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

In 1850 only 9.7 people in 100 among the population of the nation were foreign born. In 1900 the proportion was 13.65.

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

Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound. Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and good-will, good-will and peace, Peace and good-will, to all mankind. —Tennyson.

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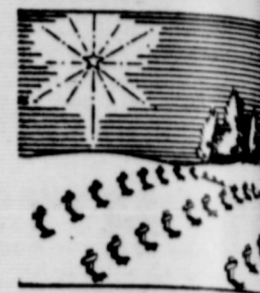
WAITING FOR SANTA . . . They know that Santa will soon be around and are taking a last look before going to bed to see that everything is in order for him.



- It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs, conflicting in many details:
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- If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.
- Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.
- Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.
- At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.
- If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.
- A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.
- A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
- A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.
- A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY
A SONG which made its debut in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its own right and well on its way to recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a song reached its peak when a poll conducted by the favorite carol of the year revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early Christmas carol written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was by accident despite the contrary which at the time of its conception to the war. It was composed in 1940. A studio had an idea for a picture to be called "Holiday Inn" co-starring Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly. The theme of the picture was based on the holiday season and a song was written to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the picture. The picture, released in 1946, was synonymous with wartime Christmas, and the year the song sold over a million copies in four months. Nothing is done on the picture to exploit the picture automatically rings the bell each year as the holiday approaches. Berlin calls "White Christmas" his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" during World War I. "I would like to predict a song's future," Berlin said, "but judging from the success of 'White Christmas' I would say 'White Christmas' is a very good chance of a permanent song along with the other Christmas carols."

Missouri is the leading state west of the river. Its most important products consist of meat products and grist mill products, such as cigars, etc.



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ON Christmas Eve, Nancy hurried breathlessly into her rooming house. Surely the package from home would be there! But Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The mailman went right by this afternoon." Up in her room Nancy spent a lonesome Christmas Eve. She read awhile to forget her hunger, then went to bed. Next morning it was the destitute Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!" she shouted, walking into the room uninvited. Nancy was irritated, momentarily, by this highly painted, shallow creature. But she quickly regained her composure. It was Christmas, after all!

"It was swell of you, dearie, to pay Mrs. Groggins a week's rent in advance last night," Mrs. Wilson said, settling herself into the most comfortable chair. "I don't know what would have happened, because I'm caught a bit short just now and couldn't pay!"



Nancy thought fast.

Nancy said it was all right, that she had been glad to do it, but then she felt hungry and remembered there had been no dinner—and now no breakfast. All because of Mrs. Wilson!

"I was just about to drop out for a bite to eat," her visitor explained, "and seeing you're all alone, I thought you might like to come along."

Nancy remembered the lone 25-cent piece in her purse. "Thank you so kindly, Mrs. Wilson," she answered quickly. "But I'm—I'm not feeling so well this morning. I'll just have a cup of coffee in my room!"

About noon she dressed, for Jim was calling for her at one o'clock. What a ravenous appetite she would have.

But one o'clock passed, and no Jim. Nor, at 2 or 3, and Nancy's spirits began to give way. Had he, too, chosen to punish her on Christmas?

Downstairs she heard Mr. and Mrs. Groggins welcoming their guests for the day, and she took a vicarious pleasure from it. She heard the dinner bell, the clatter of dishes as they dined, and then the shuffling of chairs as the well-fed guests retired to the living room. By that time it was five o'clock and Nancy sat by her window, figuratively biting her fingernails. She was almost hysterical with fear, and she began to worry.

At six o'clock she put on her coat and dashed down the stairs, headed she knew not where. Perhaps to find Jim, perhaps merely to escape her room. She reached the entrance, turned the knob and pulled open the door—and there was Jim, just arriving!

Tearfully she threw herself into his arms, shivering from fright. "Oh, Jim!" she cried. "Where have you been?"

"But didn't you get my message?" he asked. "I had to work in the laboratory this afternoon, and telephoned Mrs. Groggins at 12:30!" His brow was furrowed.

Just then there was a voice behind them. "Miss Bell!" It was Mrs. Groggins. "A message for you. It came just before dinner, but then our guests arrived and I didn't get around to bringing it up."

Nancy took the slip from her hand, wiping away a tear. She heard Jim cursing.

"Let's get out of here, honey," he said, quietly.

A short time later they were dining by candlelight while a string ensemble played soft Christmas music in the background. Jim looked up from his coffee and smiled, then reached into his pocket.

"There was a big package on your desk at the office," he said. "It came today. From your folks, I guess. Too big to carry with me, but maybe this will take its place."

He reached for her left hand, then for the second finger, and at its tip he poised a diamond ring. Then he looked at her, asking assent.

"Yes, darling," she said softly. "It's the merriest Christmas ever!"

Millet is the popular name for many grasses grown in the Old World for cereals.

May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmastime.

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Christmas Abroad Stirs Memories of Yule at Home

By **BAUKHAGE**
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON.—Christmas 1946! The second one in seven years when one could really talk about "peace on earth" without shamed and downcast eyes. While armies struggled, who could think of the message to the shepherds from the angels' chorus promising peace on earth for all men of good will?



Baukhage

My last Christmas word was sent to you from the ruins, where, one year ago, I experienced the saddest holy-day season of my memory. It was in shattered Nuernberg with my thoughts on its rubble and the ruins, ugly symbols of man's inhumanity to man, the negation of our Saviour's teachings. I had plenty of food and drink and shelter and was clothed in the uniform which is a reminder of a career of which I am proud despite its implications. But I was as homesick as any young soldier in a lonely outpost with the threat of battle about him for I could picture my own hearthside and the little group about the happy tree, my own tinselled packages unopened, and my empty hands reaching out vainly over the oceans wide to span. And all about me were the signs of anguish, cramped souls, pinched bodies and the wreckage of the handicraft blossomed in stone and canvas and parchment which has enriched the world through the centuries.

I stood in the desolate little square faced by the wreckage of buildings, thinking of what Rudyard Kipling called "Christmas past." You may know the poem, breathing the nostalgia of an Englishman still clinging to his boyhood memories of England, contrasting them with what he saw about him in India. "Oh the white dust on the highway! Oh the stench in the byway! Oh the clammy fog that hovers over earth! And at home they're making merry 'neath the white and scarlet berry—what part have India's exiles in their mirth."

Nuernberg! In the shadow of her ancient castle grew a tradition which lived on to modern days; a tradition made eternal by the woodcuts and engravings of Albrecht Duerer whose 500-year-old house still stood but only as a fragile ghost which soon must yield to demolition squads, a hollow shell despite the proud persistence of its storied facade; a tradition made by the Meistersinger whose memory was enshrined in the home of Hans Sachs—a house now only a shapeless pile of rubble.

For the second time I had occasion to recall the yearning in those unhappy Kipling verses. The first time was more than two years before. We two lonely Americans looked down from the window of our little room in a pension on the Boulevard Montparnasse in the Latin Quarter on a snowless, aching Christmas in Paris. Below was a deserted convent garden. If only the figure of a single nun had broken the damp stillness curtaining leafless trees and withered flowers! But no, they were all deep in their devotions and not even the faint echo of the evensong or the moan of the organ reached us. Nor was there holly or mistletoe (no white or scarlet berry), for the Latin Christmas bears little resemblance to ours. Long months had stretched to years since I had seen a lighted Christmas tree, evergreen festoon or a bright-ribboned wreath, or listened to the ringing crunch of footfalls in the powdery snow, or sleighbells—no novelty then in our northern clime.

I thought then of Kipling's lament of the exile and understood him when he said, "Faint and forced the laughter, and if sadness follow after, we are richer for one mocking Christmas past."

Today as Yuletide rolls around once more, despite the shadows that fall across many a hearth, and the postwar worries that beset us, we at least can glory in the heritage of an American Christmas in the land which the God of our Fathers has bequeathed us.

Almost a month before Christmas Day, John Lewis had a hint that reassured him, temporarily at least, that he would not spend this year's holiday in jail. Judge T. Alan Goldsborough spoke the comforting word. He said, in discussing the contempt charge against Lewis, that he believed "nobody's comfort would be disturbed whatever the outcome."

How merry this season will be for the man who defied the government and brought down the wrath of half a dozen nations upon his head is a question. It would be interesting indeed to be able to look beneath the brow adorned with the bristling eyebrows and thatched with the thick grey hair that was once so black and bellucose.

This season in the nation's capital isn't as merry a moment as it is in most cities, for this is a city of transplanted folk, most of whose homes are too far distant to be reached on a short leave or via the restricted purse that is the portion of most government workers. As I write, the President expects to journey back to Missouri and his own family circle. Many of the officials will do likewise.

White House a Center of Festivity

In other years there have been more festive Christmases.

The little ceremony which became a custom during the Roosevelt regime when the President was driven out into the crowd about the municipal tree where he touched the button that illuminated it has been discontinued. That event which drew many a lonely inhabitant to the crowded square served to bring a holiday touch to Christmas Eve and the knowledge that the President later on would be surrounded by children and grandchildren while he read the "Christmas Carol" was a rather cheering thought.

There is on record the time when two White House children, Charley and Robert, one of them now a presidential aspirant himself, cut a mammoth Christmas pie given to their father, William Howard Taft, by the International Bakers' Association. It was 32 inches in diameter and weighed 92 pounds.

There was a grand celebration, too, when Theodore Roosevelt, et familia, spent his first Christmas in the White House. The White House police were not the least of the celebrants—the new president distributed no less than 87 fat turkeys among them, the messengers, ushers, gardeners and stablemen. This was credited as being the largest largesse ever distributed by a president. President McKinley always gave turkeys to the married employees, but not as many or as big ones; the Franklin Roosevelts always had some souvenirs for the White House staff. What President Truman's gift will be this year has not been announced at this writing.

Back in 1892 when Benjamin Harrison spent his last Christmas in the White House there was no prejudice against things German and the high point of the celebration around the tree in the library was the recitation of German poems, taught them by their governess, by the Harrison grandchildren, Ben and Mary.

That was a real children's hour and we have a careful account in the Washington Star of that date to authenticate it. (No nylons or mink coats were mentioned.) "There is a complete set," says the Star, "of real baby furniture, the bed quite big enough for little Mary Lodge McKee; a dressing case, with a glass just high enough for her to peep into and arrange her front hair, and the cutest little washstand, with all the toilet appliances, all from Mrs. Harrison, to her tiny granddaughter. A set of lamb's wool muff and tippet for little Mary was lying near, and a steam engine, fitted out with every modern appliance, and which will chase around in the liveliest style for little Benjamin. He has a hook and ladder, a complete outfit, a set of parlor croquet and a doll baby or two."

After all, it is the children who make Christmas, for Christmas was made for them and it is by their grace that we oldsters can relive it over through them.

To Study Use of Atomic Energy

New Laboratories Will Seek Method of Applying Power to Industry.

WASHINGTON.—The war department has announced plans for a 20 million dollar laboratory near Schenectady, N. Y., to study the generation of power from atomic energy. It will be the fourth big government-sponsored laboratory for atomic energy research but the first to be devoted primarily to studying how the new force may be used to provide power for industrial and commercial purposes.

General Electric Co. will build and operate the project adjoining a huge new laboratory of its own where the company's fundamental research in other fields will be concentrated. The two laboratories will be separate but will be operated together.

Study Many Angles

The Clinton laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and the Argonne National Laboratory at Chicago, in which educational institutions and industrial organizations are participating, are carrying out broad research programs on many angles of atomic energy. A third project of this general nature, the Brookhaven National Laboratory to be operated by a corporation formed by nine eastern universities, is under construction on Long Island.

The Schenectady project, named the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory, will have a uranium reactor for the experimental production of atomic power. This will be in charge of Dr. Kenneth H. Kingdon, who was one of the first to work on uranium 235.

"The detailed study of the problems of construction of an atomic power reactor for power production involves major contributions from chemistry, chemical engineering, metallurgy, electrical and mechanical engineering," said a statement by Dr. Kingdon.

Need 2,050 Experts.

"For this reason, scientists specializing in these fields will compose a considerable proportion of the group working on the new program." Dr. C. G. Suits, vice president and director of research for G. E., will have general supervision of the program.

In addition to the uranium reactor, the Knolls laboratory will have powerful atom smashers and a "hot" chemistry laboratory where radioactive materials can be handled and reactions studied.

The Knolls and the adjoining G. E. laboratory will require some 450 scientists and 1,600 technicians when in full operation. A number of scientists from the army's Manhattan project already have joined the staff.

Although announcement of the new project was made by the army, its control will be turned over to the new civilian atomic energy commission headed by David E. Lilienthal when its organization is completed. The commission is to supplant the army entirely in the atomic energy field, but President Truman and other officials have said that the transfer will take some months.

In addition to research work in atomic power development, the Knolls laboratory will conduct research on specific problems in connection with the Hanford, Wash. project.

Wartime Landing Mats Are Sold for Use as Corn Cribs

WASHINGTON.—Airplane landing mats which saw wartime service in Europe and the Pacific are now being sold for use as corn cribs in the Midwest.

War Assets administration announced it had sold 4,196,282 square feet of surplus landing mats stored at Kankakee, Ill., to 40 bidders who certified they will convert them into corn storage cribs for farm use.

The cribs will go up on farms in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. The mats were set aside by WAA on request of the agriculture department which declared they were needed to prevent impairment to food production. The mats were sold for a total of \$125,887, WAA said.

Letters Written by Goering Are Suppressed by Council

BERLIN.—The Allied control council announced its unanimous decision that the three suicide letters written by Herman Goering should not be made public.

It was understood from a reliable source that the four military governors felt Goering had written them with the idea that he "could make propaganda and try some legend-building with them."

Disillusioned Brides of G.I.s Return to England

NEW YORK.—Twelve disillusioned British war brides of former G.I.s left for their homeland aboard the American liner John Ericsson. All said they would seek legal separations from their husbands.

Mrs. Winifred Baxter Stussy, 22, wife of Henry W. Stussy of Joplin, Mo., was accompanied by her 10-month-old daughter, Pauline.

New Type Shotshell Cuts Game Losses

Load Provides a Uniformity of Pattern and String.

EAST ALTON, ILL.—A radically new type shotshell with an expanding cup wad that completely seals the entire force of the powder behind the shot pellets has been introduced for limited use by hunters for the first time this year.

The new wad, shaped like an umbrella, expands as it is forced up the barrel and seals the expanding powder gas behind it like the leather washer of a pump. The nose of the new shell has a folding waxed crimp which eliminates the old style top wad that deflected pellets as they left the gun muzzle.

The new load, climaxing 50 years of research and development, was announced by John M. Olin, president of Olin Industries, Inc., who said it has been adopted as standard in both Winchester and Western game, skeet and trap loads, and would be furnished by both companies in all shotshells as soon as sufficient new loading machines are available.

The cup wad prevents leakage of powder gas ahead of the shot pellets and propels them with minimum deformation from the gun muzzle in what are described as remarkably uniform shot patterns and shot strings. A "pattern" is the side-to-side distribution of the oncoming pellets as they strike a target and a "string" is their lengthwise distribution.

With its greater uniformity of shot pattern and shot string, the new shot shell eliminates to a greater extent than ever before the faulty patterns which previously crippled game, a sizable percentage of which got away and was wasted.

The new type wadless folded crimp on the nose of the new shell opens when fired, eliminating the old style "top wad" which previously deflected shot in flight. A water-proof non-sticking wax lubricating compound is used to seal the wadless crimp against moisture.

Want to Live Long? Don't Be President

WASHINGTON.—Does the job of President of the United States shorten life?

It seldom did when America was essentially an agricultural economy of a few million population, a Metropolitan Life Insurance analysis disclosed.

But since 1900, only one—William Howard Taft—lived the number of years he could expect to under normal circumstances.

Franklin D. Roosevelt had a life expectancy of 71. He died at 63. Calvin Coolidge fell 12 years short; Harding, 16; Wilson, 5; Theodore Roosevelt, 8; McKinley, 12; Harrison, 5; and Cleveland, 1.

Herbert Hoover, the only living ex-president, has a life expectancy of 72 and has almost reached that mark.

President Truman, now 60, has a normal life expectancy of 15.05 more years.

Was Lucky for This Man He Didn't Roll Over in Sleep

PHILADELPHIA.—Sailor William Long, 19, had a refreshing sleep one night, but he and police still shudder at the recollection of self-appointed accommodations.

Long, minus his shoes, was found sleeping soundly on an eight-inch ledge outside the seventh floor of city hall early one morning. The slightest move would have sent him crashing to the roof of the base-line boiler house.

Long does not know how he got there.

Hero, 16, Helps Win Three Battles; Fired, Too Young

NEW YORK.—Army Pvt. Robert E. Kelso, 16, who since he enlisted at 13 has served two hitches and won three battle stars and a Purple Heart with one cluster, arrived here from Europe aboard the army hospital ship Charles A. Stafford with 669 other soldiers.

He was headed home to Houston, Tex., because the army has decided he is too young.

Nazi Literature Is Being Repurposed for Better Use

FRANKFURT, GERMANY.—There will be no book burnings in the United States zone of Germany despite the intention of eliminating Nazi literature, American military government officials said.

The books are destroyed by repurposing so the paper will be available for printing school texts and other books critically needed.

Hunter Gets License; Bags Mallard Without Hunting

MOUNT CARMEL, ILL.—C. W. Follis of nearby Keensburg bought his duck hunter's stamp at the post office just in time.

En route home after making the purchase, an object smashed through his automobile windshield. He stopped, switched on the car light and there in the seat beside him was a mallard duck—bagged legally, or was it?



CONTINUED FOOD SHORTAGES

WASHINGTON.—Speaking of holiday food, here is a prediction on various items on the housewife's shopping list and how long they will remain difficult to buy.

CANNED TOMATOES—Will continue to be short at least until next July. In the crop year ended with July, 1946, supplies were so short that we consumed 16 million cases of canned tomatoes, about half the normal demand. In the current crop year, ending July, 1947, there will be a slight increase to approximately 21 million cases, but this will still be far short of demands.

CHOCOLATE—Slight shortages of chocolate will continue for the next two or three years, due chiefly to shipping difficulties in trade lanes from Brazil and West Africa.

SALMON—The very unpredictable salmon continues to run late and short in the waterways of Alaska and our northwestern states. Normal salmon production in prewar years ranged between five million and eight million cases, but in the season which ended in September of this year, less than four million cases were packed for the American market.

TUNA—Fanciers of tuna fish salad will get all they want, due to a record-breaking production this year of over four million cases, 35 per cent above the 1945 tuna pack.

BANANAS—Shipments of bananas from Guatemala, Costa Rica and other Latin American sources will continue below normal for at least another year.

ATOMIC ENERGY VS. COAL

One thing the striking miners don't realize is that they are working for an industry which soon will be as out of date as the old stern-wheeler of Mark Twain's Mississippi river days. Unfortunately, what they especially don't seem to realize is that their present strike is hastening the end of the coal industry.

A brief news item from the little town of Louisville, N. Y., tells part of the story. Its 150 families have converted to oil, making it the first completely oil-heated town in the USA. Others are bound to follow. Some industries had started converting to oil even before the strike. Natural gas piped east will further cut down consumption—especially as coal becomes more expensive and more uncertain.

However, this only tells part of the story. The rest of the story began on August 5, 1945, when a bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Scientists have been working ever since on the problem of harnessing atomic energy. Already Poland is constructing an atomic energy power plant. In the United States the first atomic power plants should be completed in two years.

Naturally the coal, steel and oil interests are not anxious to encourage this. Nor are the big power companies, whose water power installations would be scrapped. These incidentally are the same interests which have blocked the use of natural gas in the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines.

Science, however, can be retarded, but not stopped. And when atomic energy is used on a wide scale, scientists estimate it will be much cheaper than coal or oil. When that happens, coal mining will be just as obsolete as the journeymen wagon builders of 1880. And unfortunately for the coal miners, the more uncertain they make the supply of coal, the more they spur the development of atomic energy.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS FIGHT

Despite all the talk you hear about a "dog fight" in house Democratic ranks over the election of minority leader, you can write it down that John McCormack of Massachusetts, majority leader since 1940, will win out.

Inside fact is that Sam Rayburn of Texas, outgoing speaker, not only has informed McCormack by telegram that he intends to stick to his decision against running for the minority leadership, but also has assured McCormack he will back him to the limit for the post.

However, don't be surprised if Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania is put in the field as a candidate against McCormack—even though Walter made the unpopular move of opposing use of natural gas in the government-owned pipelines. Some southern congressmen have been proposing Walter as a "compromise" choice to avoid a party "split."

Another minority leader prospect is statesmanlike Ewing Thomason of El Paso, Tex.

FROM THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

U.S.-British military officials in Rome, learning of a plan to scuttle the Italian fleet, have tried to decommission it—without success. Intelligence reports are that Italian officers are awaiting the British and French attempt to take over the fleet—then will sink it. . . . The Portuguese government has vetoed a new American proposal for permanent military bases in the Azores. The U. S. government considers the Azores even more important than Iceland.

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Sun tan itself does not fade away, either in skin that tans or skin that first reddens and gradually tans, says Collier's. In both cases, the brownness is imparted by the permanent pigment melanin which is produced by the exposure, and the coloration disappears only as the permeated layers of the skin are shed.

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BARBS . . . by Baukhage

"I would rather be right than president" is an old saw. Try to be president these days if you are left.

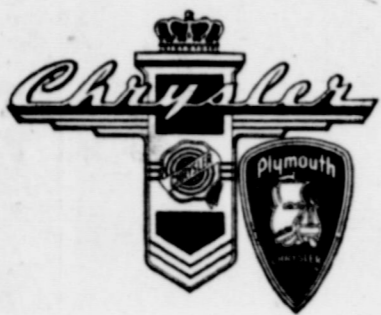
When the animal kingdom replaces the human race, the science of superspeeds will have to be revised. When your canary sings, any pup can tell you you haven't heard the half of it.

The Russians, who hate the bitter taste of quinine, says McGraw Hill (my ever potent source of important information), have developed a new industry employing thousands of honey bees to make honey mixed with the medicament. The Soviets know how to pass out the bitter coated with the sweet, this development would tend to prove.



NEW YEAR'S AGAIN!

■ With its noisy celebrations, laughter and light-heartedness, its moments of thoughtful retrospect and purpose.
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 ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

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**LETTER
 &
 Christmas**

"WONDERFUL weather for Christmas!" Timothy Rowan thought as he tramped home through the snow with an armful of mail from the post office.

But he was apprehensive, for in the bundle was a letter from Caroline, his daughter. Why, he kept asking, would Caroline be writing now, the day before Christmas, unless to tell her parents that she wouldn't be home for the holidays? Noisily he stamped the snow from his overshoes on the back porch, then walked into the kitchen which was savory with the odor of his wife Rachel's Christmas cooking. Then, as Rachel approached the bundle of letters he had placed on the table, Timothy found himself shrinking from the room, fearful of how Rachel would take the news.

No Caroline for Christmas! Why, never once in her 24 years had Caroline been away. But, then, she was building her own life in the city, now — new friends, new interests. And spending the holidays with two old parents was probably pretty dull.

But how would Rachel take it? If only someone, anyone, would spend Christmas with them to relieve the loneliness! Well, how about young Tom Wakefield, with whom Caroline had once been in love, a fine young chap who didn't have a home, and who probably would miss Caroline this Christmas as much as she and Rachel would? A few minutes later Timothy was tramping downtown through the snow again, and into Tom Wakefield's garage.

"Merry Christmas, Tom!" he shouted, walking into the small office.

"Same to you, Mr. Stone!" cried Tom. "What can I do for you?" "Well, Tom," Timothy began, "you can make a couple of old people pretty happy if you'll come to dinner with us tomorrow. You see, I don't expect Caroline will be coming and, well, it would be nice if you'd join us."

"Gosh, thanks Mr. Stone!" Tom answered. He turned red, then pale. "I'll be there!"

Back home, Timothy was reprimanded. "Well, Mr. Stone, where have you been, leaving me all alone with this news about Caroline?" Rachel's eyes sparkled.

"I know, darling," Timothy said, "it's too bad she can't be here for Christmas, but I've asked Tom Wakefield to join us. It'll be kind of nice having him; remembering how he and Caroline used to be so close. You know, I think that boy is still in love with her—"



Timothy found himself shrinking from the room.

Mrs. Stone smiled. "Well, we'd better get busy, since company's coming. Fix a fire in the hearth, will you?" And as Timothy went off on his errand, her eyes followed him, smiling.

The Stone household was a busy place Christmas morning. While Timothy tended his stock and poultry, Rachel fixed the turkey, set the table and then went upstairs to dress. And shortly after noon Tom Wakefield arrived, handsome young Tom, and the three of them sat down in the living room before the fire for a short visit before dinner.

Then an automobile horn blared out front, and Timothy ran to the window.

"It's Caroline!" he shouted, beside himself. "Rachel, come quick! She must have come in on the noon train!"

Then she burst into the room, lovely Caroline, laughing merrily, tossing her bags on the floor and running to her parents.

Suddenly she saw Tom, standing white and tense beside the fireplace, and momentarily her mouth fell open with surprise.

"Oh, Tom!" she cried. "You here, too? This makes it perfect!" And she ran to his arms, while Rachel drew her puzzled husband into the kitchen.

"You may be a pretty smart man, Timothy," she explained quietly as she lifted the turkey from the oven, "but we fooled you that time! You just assumed, because Caroline wrote the day before Christmas, that she wasn't coming home. What she said in the letter was that she was tired of the city and was coming back to stay."

"Of course," she smiled, "I'll give you credit. Poor Caroline's heart was breaking for Tom, so your inviting him here today makes everything perfect!"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Whitsett Drug Store



THREE YULE 'FIRSTS'



Claims to being "firsts" among Christmas cards are held by these early designs.

"Which came first?" and "who thought of it first?" are the two questions asked since time immemorial. These questions have baffled historians, challenged detectives, caused law students to burn the midnight oil — but most of all—have intrigued the public. For the last few years there's been a big to-do about the "first" Christmas card and the subject has fascinated many greeting card collectors, art dealers, museum curators and a sizable portion of the American and British public.

The earliest Christmas card on record, in the light of recent findings, appears to be that of W. M. Egley, dated 1842. Discovered in a mass of skating prints by the British museum, it is indisputably a Christmas card, and seems to have been produced for general use. It resembles the early New Year's cards of German origin with its various scenes enclosed in a half-gothic, half-rustic trelliswork and it depicts the Christmas pantomime "Harlequin and Columbine," a puppet booth, skaters and other scenes relating to the holiday season. Its sentiment reads "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to You."

Until the Egley card was discovered, the first known Christmas card was, for years, thought to have been the one designed by J. C. Horsley RA for Sir Henry Cole in London in 1846 who wanted a card to send to his friends at Christmas. Horsley's card was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick court and a thousand copies struck off. These were colored by hand and featured among other scenes a merry family group holding filled wine glasses aloft.

An eminent American authority on greeting cards and a relentless collector of early creations, E. D. Chase of Boston claims that he has found what he believes to be the "first" Christmas card — but until some scientific corroboration is forthcoming we must consider his discovery a "dark horse" in the running. That it is a very "early" card — there can be no question. Our collector traced R. H. Pease, the lithographer whose name appears at the bottom of the card, down to the year 1839 where the latter was listed in the Albany, N. Y., directory as an engraver. The thing, however, that stumps the experts is the fact that there is no date on the card itself.



SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES . . . It's zero hour as children everywhere get their Christmas scout cars and tanks for an all-out assault. It is the first time for several years that rubber tires have been included with toys of these types.

The Holy Thorn Of Glastonbury

In honor of the Hawthorn, legendarily shielded Christmas tree, he rested in the woods of the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he set out on his long journey. Shortly after the death of Jesus, arriving at last at his home in Glastonbury, Joseph of Arimathea walking stick into the ground. The staff began to grow and he acquired the habit of planting flowers each Christmas.



The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Henry's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury published in 1722. In this work Eyston states: "Whether the thorn from St. Joseph of Arimathea's staff, I cannot find, but he disputes it sprang up spontaneously."

When Britain adopted the Julian calendar in 1753, 2,000 assembled at Glastonbury on December 25—new style—to witness the Holy Thorn would bloom in agreement with the new calendar. It did not, many refused to believe in the usual observance of Christmas. The evil of Christmas was proven when the thorn blossomed on January 1, Christmas Eve—old style—and ministers in the vicinity of Glastonbury appeared their concern by announcing that the thorn would be observed according to the old calendar.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1842 near St. Alban's in Washington, D. C., by the Right Rev. Henry Gates. The cutting grew into a tree and blossomed for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it blossomed each year at Christmas and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

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LAURETTE was dining alone in her apartment, while outside the tempo of a New Year's Eve celebration grew in intensity.

It was quiet, sitting there by candlelight, a beautiful moment to reflect back over the 12 months just ending—except that tonight was so crucial! Tonight the vigil would end, the problem would resolve itself. But which way?

It was a strange thing they had done. Just a year ago tonight, while all New York was going mad welcoming the New Year with raucous gaiety, they had been sitting in this very room—yes, Harry over there in the big arm chair and she, Laurette, in the very chair she occupied at this moment. "Laurie," he used to call her; not "Laurette," the name everyone else used, but "Laurie," the convenient abbreviation he had invented.

"I'm a failure, Laurie," he had said. "Five years on the same job with nothing to show save a thinning head of hair and an almost empty bank account."

Laurette remembered how she had tried to comfort him, and then the bombshell:

"No, honey," he had said flatly. "It's no use. We can't be married, for I'd merely be fastening a millstone around your neck. I'm leaving—leaving you right now!"

She had cried, protested, and then he had agreed to make a game of it. His parting words, still vivid, were:

"If you'll wait a year, Laurie, dear—a year from tonight. If I've succeeded, if I've made something of myself by then, I'll be back. A year from tonight. If not, well, probably you'll never see me again."

She still remembered the firm set of his shoulders as he walked out the door that night, bound he knew not where.

She remembered the questions their friends had asked. Where was Harry? Away on a long trip she had replied, at first. Then she had ceased to offer excuses, and of course the friends stopped asking questions.

Only once had there been word of him, and then only very indefinite news.

"I saw him getting into a cab on Market street!" Bill Collins had told her upon returning from a trip to San Francisco. "At least I think it was Harry. Saw him only an instant, though, and I couldn't be sure!"



Midnight came, and the noise reached a mighty crescendo.

So tonight she was waiting. Only God and she and Harry knew how important was this New Year's Eve. Bill Collins had asked her out for the evening but she said, no, she wasn't feeling well and would stay home. Then he asked if he might drop around to her apartment and she begged off. Bill had given her a puzzled look, but only God and she and Harry knew.

Laurette washed the dinner dishes, brushed her hair and straightened up the living room, because Harry used to enjoy sitting in front of the hearth with his pipe.

At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door, and Laurette's heart jumped. But it was only the lady next door, pausing long enough to extend the inevitable "Happy New Year!"

"What's happy about it?" Laurette wanted to ask her.

She picked up a book and tried to read, but it was no use. Midnight came, and outside the noise reached a mighty crescendo. At that moment Laurette suddenly realized that Harry had failed her; New Year's Eve was over, and he hadn't kept the rendezvous!

Then the telephone jangled and Laurette leaped to answer.

"San Francisco calling Miss Windsor," said the operator. Then a long silence, while Laurette held her breath. Hadn't Bill thought he'd seen Harry in San Francisco? Finally the operator came back: "I'm sorry, Miss Windsor, but our lines have apparently gone out somewhere. I'll have to call you back."

Then Laurette had an idea. "Operator," she asked, "was that call addressed just to Miss Windsor? Wasn't there a first name?"

"Why, I guess so," came the reply. "Yes, here it is—to Miss Laurie, L-a-u-r-i-e Windsor. That's you, isn't it?"

"I'll say it is!" Laurette shouted gleefully. "But only one person in the world ever called me that!"

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Millet is the popular name for many grasses grown in the Old World for cereals.

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bring true joy
to
you and yours
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Christmastime.



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May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.



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Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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Christmas Day

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Merry Christmas—to the littlest ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth . . . who lend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want . . . who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together . . . who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax . . . for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holiday cheer and friendship . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourself, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.



*Ho! Ho!
for Christmas*

Merrily, merrily,
jolly good friends,
and a grand and
glorious holiday
to you all!

**Calvin Pugh,
Plumbing**



MAY THE TREASURE OF
ACCUMULATED MEMORIES
of Christmases past and gone
gladden your Christmas celebration
this year. We wish for
you all the good things for
which Christmas has always
stood.

Van's Laundry

Old Fashioned Yuletide
Greetings
1946



CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

★ ★ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU ★ ★

J. B. Terrell



Sales and Service





●THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME. FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN. IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ray Willingham
Lumber and Building Supplies

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and thanks



As 1946 limps meekly out the back door and the advent of a bright new year is upon us, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your many courtesies during this past year. May you encounter only joy and happiness in the coming months, and may each day bring you closer to the fulfillment of your every dream for the future.

Harvie Jordan Gin

**Miracle Play In
Modern Texas Town**

LOS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish-Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene; various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pincushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.



A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spoils, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white-winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

**Faith and Peace
Are Eternal...**

TWENTY centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew is remembered chief-



ly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

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May
CHRISTMAS
Bring You
**JOY
AND GLADNESS**



The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

Vernon Cook
Your Radio Repair Shop



TO
WISH FOR YOU
LOADS OF
GOOD CHEER
AND
HAPPINESS
AT
CHRISTMAS TIME

Pryor Produce



Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

Gulf Oil Co.

Mr. & Mrs Alton Hobby



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★ Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full sack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.
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Quick Service Station
HARGIS & HOLCOMB



MAY TRUE
HAPPINESS
IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS
BE YOURS THIS
CHRISTMASTIME

Roberts' Flowers

"For All Occasions"

LAMESA



Those who give themselves grow richer.

The kindly word, the spontaneous smile, the thoughtful deed — those are outward expressions of the goodness inside the hearts and minds of men.

Those of us in the newspaper business must record the little things that make news day by day. Often we wish there were less of pettiness in the world and more of the spirit of Christmas scattered throughout the year. But the day that marks the birth of Jesus brings with it a rebirth of faith and hope and a realization that deep down inside each person there are Christ-like qualities of unselfishness, loyalty and devotion to the highest principles of God and man. It is those qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly, there is "joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

And so we again join in the gladness of the season to wish all our friends and subscribers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**"Be Thou Well"
On Christmas Day**

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."

The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "waes hael," meaning "be thou well."

Wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.

Here is a recipe for wassail today:

1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

IS your Subscription due ??

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

GIVE YOU TEXAS
I'm getting tired of looking at half-page ads in the Sunday papers advertising new automobiles. I'd just like to see some new automobiles. And, by the way, since the so-called manufacturers don't seem to be manufacturing any automobiles, where do they get the money from to pay for those ads?

A young man was sitting in the T and P station in Fort Worth holding a baby in his arms. The baby began to cry, attracting a lot of attention. A man walked over with a smile of pity on his face and asked, "A woman gave you that baby to hold while she went to see about her baggage, didn't she?"

"Yes."
The man began to laugh and then remarked, "I tumbled to the fact as soon as I saw you. You expect her, I suppose?"

"Of course."
Again the other laughed. "This is rich! Looking for her, any minute?"

"That's right."
Once more the man laughed and then said, "I had a woman play that same trick on me once. Young man, you've been played for a hick. I would advise you to turn that baby over to a policeman and get out of here before some newspaper reporter gets hold of you."

The man holding the baby insisted, "She'll be back."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because she's my wife and this is our baby."

The crowd roared and the man slunk away.

And wouldn't you like to live long enough to read a newspaper interview with just one railroad man who, on retiring from work, doesn't say, "I'm going to catch upon my fishing."

The old-time writers, in sketching the life of some great man, would write, "He was born of poor but honest parents." Why "poor BUT honest"? Most folks are poor and honest, too. The fact that a man is poor is a pretty good sign he's honest—because if he was dishonest and stole very much, he wouldn't be poor, would he?

A note from Frank Baldwin, colorful Waco editor: "If you ever get in trouble, call me collect. Get in trouble, too. My experience has been that it's lots of fun."

There is a secret laughter—that often comes to me—and though I go about my work—as humble as can be—I just can't help but wonder—if those who glory so—in all their higher places—ever think of those below—if 'er a thought is given—to help their fellowman—without a lot of fanfare and banners cross the land—the joy of wealth is very nice—but a joy that is better still—is God's good earth with rising sun—o'er a cottage on a hill.

SINCERE
GOOD WISHES
for a delightful
holiday season
from the store
that friendship
built.



H. & W. STUDIOS

Lamesa

May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
at
Christmastime.



**SPECIALTY
Shop**

LAMESA



**Cheerio
FRIENDS**

CHRISTMAS WISHES

by the
THOUSAND

we send to all our friends
this Yule Season of 1946.
May yours be indeed a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Higginbotham
Security Burial
Association**

LAMESA

**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

and
thanks



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYAL-
TIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED
BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO
KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR
CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY
WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Baldwin's
Lamesa's Leading Store

SANTA
CLAUS
OFFICE



ALL OF OUR
FOLKS ARE HOPING
THAT ALL OF
YOUR FOLKS WILL
SPEND A MIGHTY
Merry Christmas

Lamesa Floral Co.

LAMESA

Lifted

the El Paso Herald-Post of Elgin, Texas Courier. C. W. (Spider) Webb of (Texas) Courier, which from the Elizabeth (N. D.) Public Schools, who got it the Bladen Journal, which it was first published by Beville (Kansas) Telescope. you herewith a little esch explains why editors die and pure, and are sure-shots ren said to have been written oy. If so, he was truly a Solomon.

is his piece: on't know how newspapers to the world and I don't God does, for He never ed them in the Bible, the editor was one of the Angels, for he seems to fall out everything that people m. If the editor makes a folks say he ought to be If a lawyer makes a mis- appeals the case; when a makes a mistake they say 'cause they don't know to read Latin, and they read his writing if they

ditor makes a mistake and a lot of hollering cussing libel suit, while when a makes one there's a funeral lowers and perfect silence. A can use a word a mile long doesn't make any difference knows what he means for will think he's educated an editor has to spell any he uses. If a doctor goes to other man's wife he charges a visit, while if the editor gets shot.

pple that call the doctor and ell think he's a great man. y don't get well they're dead an't say anything. Two-thirds e folks in town are sore at ditor all the time, either be- the paper said something them they don't like or said hing nice about somebody

know folks prayer is one that you don't have to buy fee of charge for one and as free as God's blue sky— whether you're a banker—or boy on the plains—you need- wait for trouble—or 'till you're eat pain—to breathe a little to Him—the One who you so—the One who really His all—for we on earth you —so whether you're a sales- or a guy in overalls—just him for His blessings—t cost a cent at all.

and Mrs. C. D. Pickens and Charles David are visiting relatives in Kalb.

Mr. J. P. Bowlin was called to El Paso on account of the serious of a brother-in-law.

Carroll-Wall

Miss Billie Jo Wall of Tahoka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wall of Grassland, and Mr. R. C. Carroll Jr. of Tahoka, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carroll of this city were married at eight o'clock Saturday night in the Methodist church parsonage, with Rev. J. W. Rosenberg, officiating for the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a winter white wool dress with black accessories, and a corsage of American Beauty roses. Her only ornament was a string of Frinch pearls.

Miss Valarie Bartley, Mrs. Odell King, both of Tahoka, and Miss Polly Barzil of Sweetwater attend- ed the bride, Miss Bartley, maid of honor, wore a rose wool dress with black accessories and a cor- sage of white carnations. Miss Brazil, bridesmaid, wore a tan wool dress with brown accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. King, matron of honor wore a pastel green wool dress with black accessories and she too wore a corsage of white carnations.

The best man was Joe Carroll, of Lamesa, brother of the groom. A reception was held following the ceremony at Lubbock.

Guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carroll, Charles Townes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver all of Tahoka; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll of Lamesa and Jimmie Green of Muleshoe.

After a wedding trip to Dallas the couple will be at home in Tahoka.

Doc Cox Says "Don't" - Period

AUSTIN. — "Dispite the fact that America has her share of post war troubles, this nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of happiness and good will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of health- fully living during the Christmas season. As a result, their health is jeopardized and sometimes serious damage is done," he said.

He pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Excess eating, crowded home conditions, lack of exercise, and over-heated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, and he warned parents against too much excitement and too late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas week, whether in food or holiday activities is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice, and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."



Meat Control

Collapse and failure recently of government control over an important commodity, required in the daily lives of the people, points up an important moral for Americans. In lettering bold and poster-size, amounting to handwriting on the wall, this moral shows that we are not ready for this kind of regimentation in peacetime. We may re-enact the plot again with new characters at some future time, but the result will surely be the same.

This we must know before more harm is done: A controlled economy is not compatible with American democracy. The real reason for complete failure of meat control lies in the fact that Americans have been brought up on a free market. They have found the greatest sort of freedom in this kind of economy. They desire no substitute.

Few Old Cows

Prices the government allowed for hogs and cattle on foot were not high enough to induce farmers to sell their animals. Early in October the New York Times sent a reporter into the heart of the Texas cattle country. Trailing buyers at Fort Worth for both major and independent packers, the Times reporter saw them bid OPA ceilings and come away with only a "few old cows" out of 5,700 head of beefs listed that day. Choice animals were "grabbed off" by traders at prices in excess of ceilings, while 7,000,000 beef cattle continued to roam the southwest Texas range.

Like any man who successfully invests capital and puts hard work into an enterprise, the cattle raiser is well taught about markets. But a controlled economy puzzles him first, muzzles him later. The farmer, like the manufacturer, has learned to watch markets: to buy and sell advantageously in an honest, competitive market. And in our land we have found that the consumer, who buys the food and manufactured goods at lower prices, is best protected by this same free market.

Failure Recognized

Why could a black market exist? The public wanted meat badly enough to pay more for it than the ceiling price. I am not condoning black markets, but it needs to be said that this one was a general revolt against price controls on meat during peacetime, when the public knew the country had more livestock than usual. The failure of controls was dismal, and the entire population recognized it.

Some folks, prompted by Communist thinking and desiring to destroy freedom of opportunity, blamed the failure on the packing houses. People who know nothing of the facts may believe that accusation. The facts are that prices packers could legally pay did not bring livestock to market. Neither did a few men in Congress cause the farmers to withhold hogs and cattle. It was not the "feebleness" of the law, but the law itself, that turned a free market into a black market.

Dynamic is the word for our American economy. It cannot be trammled down at one point and bludgeoned at another, at the whim of some far-away controller. Neither can you expect it to by-pass the bottlenecks of government control, using the laws of honest economics with which it is familiar—without disastrous results to the American way of life.

It was a winter's evening — so many years ago—the fire in the hearth was bright — and cast a warming glow — outside the snow- flakes fluttered down—to blanket pure and white—and Mother Nature looked so grand — on that moonlit winter's night—the spell-bound beauty of the scene—made ermine of the snow—God's handi- work was everywhere — no artist'er could show—there was a calm and quiet peace—which made you breathe a prayer — to Him above



Carefree
HOLIDAY SEASON

E. Miller
Body and Fender Shop



1946
Merry
Christmas

Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

W. H. Fulkerson
Cosden Agent
Ervin Jones, Mgr.



Tidings of Great Joy
Christmas
1946

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy... an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

The O'Donnell Postoffice

- Mrs. Lora Ellis
- Ernest C. Harris
- Corbin E Sumner; Rt. 1
- Walter Minton, Rt 3
- Charles D Pickens, Rt 2
- J. Mac Noble, Postmaster



May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
at
Christmastime.

Ben Moore

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Each year we greet the Christmas season with greater gladness, because it is then we take time to tell our friends how much we cherish their friendship.

Because I am proud to call the people of O'Donnell my friends, I send this greeting and with it my sincere wish that your Christmas will be a joyous one and your New Year bring happiness.

O'Donnell Telephone Co.

Mrs. Bill W. Davis



MAN ABOUT TOWN

Sallies in Our Alley: Chums hear that war hero Flip Cochran "went through every dime he had" fooling around the zig-zaggy cotton market.

The Miami rain fell as it did in the Jeanne Eagles show. "Rain," and the wind howled for two nights (sometimes at 42 miles per hour).

The Late Watch: Tip the feature editors that Howard Hughes has a good story about the people he is rewarding for helping him live after his plane crash.

Washington Sq. Vignette: They tell this story around the square. . . . They add that it may not be true—but then again—it may. . . .

His name is Bob Turner . . . Was a Zanuck hireling before the war but never made a film. . . . Understudied in a couple of shows last season but rarely got on stage.

Third Act: (By Don Wahn): I thought the lovely party never ended. . . . I thought the violins would never die. . . .

Quotation Marksmanship: Anon: You can't fool all the people all the time—but it isn't necessary. . . .

Washington Digest Labor Disputants Must Heed Public's Interests

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

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WASHINGTON. — Regardless of the bitterness engendered by the coal strike many real friends of the preliminaries to the opening of congress with far less apprehension than might have been supposed.

But that wasn't true of some of the labor leaders.

There were several reasons for the fears of the latter. In the first place, it was no secret that a great many union members were getting decidedly fed up with the autocratic methods of some of the top dogs.

I talked to one union man who expressed this skeptical attitude toward the top leadership. He said there was discontent because of "too many strikes."

His inability to control the strikes in other unions was not the only cause of his resentment. He felt that his vote in itself had very little effect; that "policy was hammered out by the big fellows."

Then, too, the stories of the fine homes and the big cars of some of the high officers didn't help. I found his attitude reflected in similar reports from other sources.

Most of these conditions to which my informant objected, of course, stood out at the very beginning of the coal strike with its powerful one-man-domination and its crippling effect on other industries.

Another feeling registered by many workers was fear of a depression. They know that that would weaken the unions because many men would do as my friend said he would have to do—forget the union and take any job he could get if work grew scarce.

Predict Curbs on Autocratic Leaders

Since many of the men who followed this line of reasoning helped make the Republican victory possible, astute political leaders, with their eyes on 1948, are preparing to stop the "smash-the-union" talk and substitute for it the slogan "smash the autocratic leaders and keep them from smashing the union."

The "friends of labor" that I mentioned realize this. They are freely predicting that this congress will not produce "destructive labor legislation."

They feel that such radical moves as compulsory arbitration or rigid government control will not succeed. They do admit they expect many of the advantages labor has enjoyed under the Wagner act will be pared down.

When the President said at a White House press and radio conference that he intended to write as strong a message as possible to the congress, it was not interpreted as meaning that any anti-labor shackles would rise.

Harry Truman's whole record in congress is distinctly conservative but not reactionary. On the other hand, he doesn't intend to approach the subject from the New Deal point of view.

Looking around in the senate, the friends of labor feel they see evidence of enough wisdom and discretion to prevent any labor-baiting orgy even if some of the members of the house may lean to extremes.

Although there was considerable concern expressed by their respective opponents, both Senators Taft and Ball, who naturally would be expected to initiate labor legislation, are considered too wise politically to overstep the bounds of what really amounts to common sense on this question.

Another thing which the optimistic middle-of-the-roaders feel sure will happen is that there will be a careful study by congress of any measure which is proposed—unless, of course, some crisis develops which demands speed.

In emergencies emotions run high and it is necessary to shift the ballast so rapidly merely to avoid capsizing, that legislators may swamp the boat trying to reach an even keel.

Labor suffers most in an unstable economy. Therefore, it must have a "multiple objective," as Thurman Arnold and Walter Hamilton, contributing their "Thoughts on Labor Day" to the New Republic, last September, pointed out in these words:

"It must work for a stable economy with permanent high prosperity; it must hold and advance wage rates for the sake of that permanent prosperity; it must stand firm and even take the offensive against limitation of production and the degradation of the dollar."

Therefore, to succeed, "the labor movement must be a consumer's movement as well." The consumer's vested interest in labor legislation will not be overlooked by thoughtful members of congress.

It was very plain that the will of the voter in the last election was expressed in the voice of the consumer.

Must Consider Consumer In Any Negotiations

One of the most searching surveys of the whole question of collective bargaining which undoubtedly has impressed our more studious legislators is a report, made two years ago by a special committee of the 20th Century fund.

This is a subject of which you will hear more before long. I imagine. The 20th Century fund study also sounded a warning which might well have shown a foreknowledge of some of the big strikes which followed, including the coal strike.

It concluded with the admonition: "Unless spokesmen for Big Ownership, Big Unionism and Big Government acquire a sharper awareness of their separate and joint obligations to society all three will become like the dinosaurs which grew too big and stupid to survive."

The representatives of each, sitting around the collective bargaining table, must become—more consciously than ever before—trustees of other people's money, skills and aspirations. It is the committee's earnest belief that this change in moral and psychological climate of collective bargaining is vital, necessary and long overdue.

That admonition, which went unheeded, was responsible in part for the temper of the people last November. No labor legislation offered by the present congress will stand long if it "includes the consumer out."

And if the consumer is protected both management and labor are safe.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS OF A COLUMNIST-COMMENTATOR.

I will try to write and talk as much like a human being as possible.

I won't use any words on paper or on the air I don't use on the street car and I will be sure I know what the words I do use mean.

I will not talk or write down to my audience or up to my news sources.

I will swallow my snorts and coughs and wheezes until I can signal the engineer to cut off the mike.

I will read all my mail and answer it in person if a stamp is enclosed, or on the air or, if there is no other way, in spirit.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

Political note: There are a lot of new prospective presidents in this country—more babies per thousand population than our first war-baby record month of March, 1918.

All the people exposed to schooling aren't educated. You can lead a man to college, but you can't make him drink of the Pierian spring.

Don't think you know all about the turkey. Spanish colonists shipped wild turkeys to Europe before 1550. They were domesticated and later their offspring were shipped back to the western world and mixed with our wild product. Gracias, senores.

Chiang Kai-shek can't be a dictator. He wants to resign. Real ones seldom get the chance.

Kathleen Norris Says: Worry Versus Planning



"I was thinking, dear, that if things go on this way at the office, it'd be rather fun to move to Dad's old place. We could fix it up."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

STOP worrying about that 12-year-old girl of yours who doesn't seem to be like the other pretty girls, who doesn't make friends, who has grown too tall, who has such abrupt manners.

Stop worrying about little Jerry's eyes. They may indeed be troublesome; it may be that he won't ever have quite normal sight. But in that he'll only be like some seven per cent of the world's men and women who have gone straight ahead, not bothering themselves or anyone else about it.

Stop worrying about darling Marjorie, who is going to have a third baby, when she and Rod really can't afford one. Help her all you can of course. Go into her house and seize upon the nearest job, dampening clothes and ironing them, straightening the playroom, taking the baby for his diphtheria shots and so on.

Stop criticizing her and don't criticize Rod. Ten years go swiftly, and when you see her in 1957 with her trio or quartette of sons and daughters about her, you'll know why she isn't worrying now.

Stop worrying about Henry's business and stop asking him worrying questions about it. That anxious attitude is infinitely distressful to a tired man. Instead of fluttering about him with "But if Joe Coates gets your job, Henry, what will you do? Can't you go to Mr. Potter? Why don't you just frankly talk to Phil Miller, darling? We simply can't take a cut now. Don't tell Nancy, poor darling, counting on coming out this winter—"

Be Cheerful, Helpful.

Instead of that sort of thing, give Henry a cup of hot consommé, lead him to his big chair, tell him a piece of good news, and while you are leisurely sipping your own consommé say dreamily, "I was thinking dear, that if things go on this way at the office it'd be rather fun to move to Dad's old place. We could fix it up. Do you realize how that would cut down our expenses? Nancy? Why, there are a thousand fascinating jobs that child could take in a book store, or with the radio people, or in Miss Johnson's kindergarten, and it'd be a lot better for her than all this keeping up with the Babcock girls."

This would show that you're not worrying, and you would have the supreme pleasure of seeing the worry drop from Henry's tired eyes, too. Stop worrying about germs. You are running chances with germs every time you step out of your door, and often when you don't, and so are the children. Sometimes they skip unhealthy anemic bodies and light on the strong and well. Millions of times we get them and cast them off. Tiredness invites them, so does fear. To gargle the surface off your throat membranes, hold soaked cotton over your nose, slam windows shut, remove your shoes before entering the house is to put yourself into great shape for infections. I saw quite a young mother in a Pullman dining car the other day, carefully wiping the knives, forks, and spoons the darlings were going to use at lunch, and I saw

INTELLIGENT ACTION

Everyone has problems and difficulties. There is always a vague fear of the future, even in the best of circumstances. The threat of sickness, accident, financial ruin hangs over everyone, all the time. For most people there are more imminent problems. Some can't be solved. There is nothing to do then but to make the best adjustments possible and to bear the ills of this life with grace and dignity. Other difficulties will yield to intelligent action, such as a burden of debt, or some ailment that can be corrected by surgery.

In any case, worry does no good, solves nothing. It can do much harm, as Miss Norris points out in today's article. The children's social awkwardness and physical defects tend to clear up with time. Business and professional uncertainties settle into a smooth pattern. There is nearly always some way out and the new course may be better than the old, in the long run.

So, Miss Norris admonishes, always be hopeful, cheerful and sensible. If you don't lose your head and succumb to despair, there is some solution. It just requires intelligent thought and resourceful action. Courage, work and determination will win through the blackest clouds.

the darlings' uneasy eyes as she did so. But she couldn't wipe all the doorknobs, windows, blankets, seats, she couldn't wipe the cook's hands and the waiter's coat and those might have been hostilities for seven septillions of germs on every inch. Possibly her own protected trio were merrily spreading measles or scarlet fever among the other passengers. What she needed to do was stop worrying.

Find a Way Out.

For worrying, substitute planning. If things are really at such a pitch that you can't do anything but rock your head in your frantic hands and say "This can't go on! I won't stand it. It's too much!" then substitute planning.

Think the thing out coolly. Say to yourself, "I am a human being and life is short. Why am I wasting it worrying?" You will immediately see that you are fretting over something that is not your business, or something that concerns the opinion or criticism of your neighbors and is merely a matter of your own silly pride, or that you can change it.

"The solution to my own despair and anxiety was right over my head, but it took me months to find it," writes a once-wealthy Los Angeles woman. "It consisted of putting a few bathrooms and partitions in our 18-room house, on a government loan. Dad and I moved up to four glorious attic rooms, long the possession of servants. Rents from five downstairs apartments total \$340 a month. Doctors and nurses bills are paid. Dad is a young man again, and I feel like a young woman, children married, no more big house troubles, and no worries!"

Whatever it is, worry doesn't help. Planning does.

RAILROAD WALKIE TALKIE

The "Carryphone," a sort of walkie-talkie device by which trainmen report unusual circumstances and carry on conversations with control towers, is now in use on the Pennsylvania railroad on 1,056 miles of track.

It has proved valuable to crews in making train and track inspections and in enabling trainmen to keep in touch with enginemen and control towers.

Carried by means of a shoulder sling, the unit weighs 29 pounds.



Worry never solved anything.



ARMY CANCER CURE

WASHINGTON. — Walter Reed General hospital has made some excellent progress in treating cancer, but it's kept such a hush-hush secret that the doctor in charge of cancer research, Lieut. Col. Milton Freedman, is about to be kicked upstairs because of a news leak.

It so happens that the amount of cancer in the army is high—so much so that the number of cases is kept secret. But one whole wing at Walter Reed hospital is devoted to cancer, and Dr. Freedman made so much progress that various editors got wind of what was happening and tried to print the story.

At this point, Surgeon Gen. Norman Kirk stepped in. It was made clear that medical corps policy did not permit mentioning the name of any hospital specialist. Only the surgeon general's office could be mentioned in connection with cancer research.

The cancer specialists didn't particularly mind this policy. But as an aftermath of this, Kirk wants Freedman kicked upstairs to an administrative post, where he would shuffle papers instead of practicing medicine. This Freedman refuses to do.

Meanwhile, doctors criticize Kirk for continuing his wartime policy of wasting medics. During the war he corralled 40 per cent of the nation's physicians, then let many of them spend about three months sitting idle for every month they devoted to medical practice. Some had so much free time, they even organized softball teams to keep themselves occupied. Many would have stayed on in the army, but were fed up with the regimentation of the surgeon general's office.

NORTH CAROLINA YANKEE

When administration friends approached Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, about being U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Gardner replied:

"I've been bowin' and scrapin' to North Carolinians all my life, and in my old age I'll be darned if I want to be bowin' to anyone else now."

However, at this difficult period, with British labor kicking over the traces against the British alliance with right-winging, Republican-USA, Gardner will make about the best possible choice for American ambassador—whether he puts on knee breeches or not.

State department officials already have warned Gardner that he will have to hire a valet—which will go against the new ambassador's homespun humility. He also will live in Barbara Hutton's ornate former palace, surrounded by about 25 acres of park, featuring a swimming pool in the basement, gold bathroom fixtures and iron bars, worked by pushbuttons, that slide over the windows at night.

But, despite all the folderol, if the British are wise they will know that this astute but humble North Carolina Yankee at the Court of St. James represents the backbone of the USA from the grass roots up, and can speak simply but, wholeheartedly for it.

FRIEND OF VETERANS

One interesting thing to watch in the new GOP congress is whether the Republicans carry out the La Follette-Monroe congressional reorganization bill.

Already the whisper is going around capitol cloakrooms that the Republicans will take the increased salary and pension benefits derived from the reorganization bill, but throw overboard provisions for increasing congressional efficiency. Already some Republicans are maneuvering to prevent consolidation of overlapping committees in order to preserve for themselves cushy chairmanships and extra money for clerical hire.

In this connection one important backstage battle is aimed at preventing motherly GOP Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts from becoming chairman of the veterans committee. Mrs. Rogers has been a tireless worker for the veteran and, as ranking Republican on the veterans committee, she automatically should become its chairman. However, because of her long running feud with roo-tin' tootin' John Rankin of Mississippi, several Republicans and Democrats are conspiring to have her passed over.

Fair-minded Joe Martin, the prospective new speaker, has promised Mrs. Rogers that she will get the job, but despite this, the sub-rosa wire-pulling against her continues. If she is passed over, however, Capitol Hill is sure to witness a veterans' march of protest.

CAPITAL CHAFF

So much surplus American war materiel has been sent to the Chinese Nationalists—in clearing off our Pacific islands—that the Chinese are looking for American businessmen to serve as brokers to resell to South America. . . . President Truman has authorized Secretary Byrnes to ask the Republican congress to appropriate 400 million dollars for relief work in Austria, Greece and Italy during 1947. There will be no American money available for relief in Soviet-dominated countries.



Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN
W.N.U. FEATURES



Duke McCale, private detective, is investigating the murder of Curt Vallaincourt, who was about to marry Veronica Bigelow, heiress to thirty million dollars. She is the principal suspect. McCale questions members of the family and obtains important clues, uncovering a deep plot to keep control of the great fortune in the family. McCale decides that Shari Lynn, Vallaincourt's former wife, holds the key to the puzzle. He hurries to her apartment, only to find that she has been shot dead. On looking around, he notices that a picture is missing from the wall of her apartment. He later talks to Veronica about her love for Vallaincourt.

CHAPTER XIV

But how can I be sure it's the emptiness of lost love? It's more like—oh— She broke off, burying her head in her arms. "I don't know."

"I think I understand," he said quickly. "It hits you sort of in the stomach instead of in the heart."

"Yes, yes. That's it." But she grimaced as though the thought so stated was a trifle vulgar. She brushed a tear from the corner of her eye.

"About the scrap of letter you found—a letter to Curt."

"Yes, that. I was sure it was from Vicky. She's always been so funny about Curt. Her attitude seemed to be that because she had known him first, she had priority rights over him. Something like that. I was shattered by that note and what it implied. And when I accused her, she was so hard in spite of her denial. In a foolish moment I gave it to Aunt Addy. I was so upset."

"I know that," he said. He hesitated, not sure whether to go on; then decided to risk her shock at what he had to say. "It is cruel, perhaps, to tell you now," he began, "but necessary. We haven't much time. The inquest is the day after tomorrow and—"

"Oh, but do. I'm able to stand anything after—" she shuddered—"after this afternoon."

"You see," he said bluntly, "the thing you suspected, the plot to gain control of your inheritance, was real. It was a diabolical plot—all were in it."

He expected her to cry out or to huddle away from him. He was nearly bowled over himself when she almost laughed, saying, "But no—no. You're wrong, Mr. McCale. Oh, I don't mean about the plot. You're wrong in thinking I didn't know about it. I was so horrified . . . Well, I went first to Chris—and . . ."

"You went to Chris Storm?" A signal flashed through his mind. He clamped his teeth together hard.

"Yes. He was furious, of course. He wanted to have it out with Curt then and there, but I persuaded him not to. I said it was my job and that I would do it."

"And did you?"

"Yes. I went right to Curt before the rehearsal, the day before he died. But you see, I was wrong in one thing. Curt confessed to the original plot. That was true enough, but—"

"But what?" McCale's mind was working furiously, conjuring up all kinds of absurd visions. He pulled himself up abruptly.

"You see," she said carefully, a tremor in her voice, "Curt loved me. He really did. Oh, I know. He'd been a hellion all right. He told me a great deal about himself that day—about his past—about Shari Lynn. But for once, it was the real thing with him. He could hardly understand it himself, but there it was. He was truly in love for the first time in his life. He was going to turn his back on them all. We were going to be happy together. There wasn't anything they could have done after we were married."

"Had he told them?" His voice was soft, insistent.

"Oh, no. I think he realized the danger, because someone was watching him."

"You mean—"

"Yes. He told me we'd have to be careful right up to the hour of the wedding. He joked about it a lot because he considered it funny. He said, 'Set a thief to catch a thief,' or 'When thieves fall out,' things like that. He supposed they were suspicious because he'd been seen with Shari Lynn. The papers had got hold of it, you know."

"Didn't he know who was following him about? Did he say whether it was a man or woman?"

"An Attempt on McCale's Life"

"No. He said I wasn't to worry about it. That was all." She began to cry softly. He helped her out and paid the driver. He didn't speak until the taxi had driven off.

"That afternoon—the one before yesterday—when you and Curt came into the living room, he flashed you a signal with his eyes."

"You noticed that?"

"Yes. What did it mean?"

"It meant that everything was all right, that he'd destroyed everything—his letters, his associations, everything that had tied him to the past. It was as if he said, 'her voice broke—'as if he said, 'Look, darling, the past is all finished. I'm clean.'"

McCale blinked his eyes, cleared

his throat. "All right," he said. Then, "I'm not going in with you. Things to do. Lots of them. Chin up, now. I'll see you tomorrow. Good-night."

"Good-night." She made an attempt at a smile. "And thank you."

Of one thing he was sure. Curt Vallaincourt had really loved Veronica Bigelow. Start with that fact. He had burned his bridges, carefully and conscientiously. Including Shari Lynn? He thought so. Funny what love will do for a guy. But he must have been aware of his antagonists—of their viciousness if what he intended doing became known. He was certain that he knew of his danger. He had woven his spell with the blackest of arts and had been caught at it. That was his undoing. He must have been conscious of playing a long chance those last few days. But he went to his death blithely all the same, even welcoming it in the knowledge that something fine had happened to him that had never happened before. He had been betrayed, however, by hope.

McCale was silently deriding the philosophizing he had been indulging in when he came abreast of his own doorway. Just when it was that the first warning came, he



He didn't hear Ann scream.

couldn't afterwards recall. He had just looked up to see the lights of his office gleaming faintly. He was only a few feet from the doorstep when it came—that intuitive message from his nerves, his glands. Call it what you will, it reaches up out of the vastness of our primeval beginnings to warn us. It gripped him now, thrusting icy claws down into his diaphragm. He started to turn; then thought better of it. Then he began to run.

The report came like a firecracker, hard by on his right. He heard the sound of running feet. He felt a ghastly blow near his heart. He reeled, stopped in his tracks. A low whisper escaped his lips. His knees buckled as a pain shot through his side. He climbed up the steps somehow. He thought, "Oh, God, this is how Curt Vallaincourt died. I wonder what went through his mind—crawling up those endless stairs?"

After a thousand years, the door swung open. Ann stood there. She seemed far away in the dark. He forced a smile.

"Hello," he said, conscious of slobbering.

"You're tight," she said.

A Narrow Escape From Death

"No." His own voice sounded different and from way back somewhere. "I don't drink. You know that. I've been held up."

"Yeah—all the way home, I'll bet. What have you done with Veronica Bigelow?"

"Don't tell me you're jealous of her." He swayed, hardly aware of this insane stalling.

It must have been then that she saw pain glaze his eyes, bare his teeth. She moved forward, sudden terror striking her.

"Duke!" she gasped.

His legs gave way again. Slowly he slid to his knees, crouching there. His face twitched a moment and he made a mumbled noise before he pitched forward.

He didn't hear Ann's scream.

Once during the night, he became conscious. It was like being dragged up into the light from the depth and darkness of a great well. He felt a breath of cool air and opened his eyes. He realized his throat was parched. He asked for water and a phantom floated into view. It was Ann. She held a glass of water for him. Her eyes, he noticed, were big and filled with love for him and fear for him, too.

"That's Ann," he thought. "I'm sick and she's worried about me. She loves me and she's worried. That's great. That's fine."

When the black curtain of morphia lifted again, it was another day. The room was light. The first thing he saw was big black letters.

They formed slowly out of the mist that still clouded his vision somewhat. They read: DETECTIVE SHOT. His mind struggled with this and he made a slight motion with his head. A golden blonde angel leaned over and kissed him lightly on the brow.

"Where am I?" He mouthed confused thoughts.

"Why, darling, this is Ann. You know where you are."

"Uh huh." Fuzziness began to leave the edges of his brain. "This is heaven. Do that again angel."

He started to put an arm about her. Pain seared his shoulder. He groaned a bit coming wide awake.

"Behave yourself," Ann said. "You're in no condition to become amorous. Good lord, did you see that?" She flung the morning paper on the floor. "The papers have you at death's door. Here, let me lift you up a little."

She propped a pillow behind him and sat down. There were deep shadows under her eyes.

"Have you been here all night?" he asked.

"Sure, why not?"

"Why didn't Rocky make you go home?"

"Do you think I'd leave you to the tender mercies of that behemoth? Every time you asked for a drink, he reached for the bottle of Scotch." She scowled.

Just then the door opened and Rocky stuck his head in. He grinned broadly on seeing McCale awake and sitting up.

"Doc Preble is here, nurse." He dropped a curtsey to Ann.

"Preble!" McCale howled. "The coroner! What is this? I'm not dead—or am I?"

Ann chuckled. She did not look too tired or harassed now that she smiled.

"When you fell in the doorway last night, you looked pretty dead to me. I fainted. Rocky had the two of us in his hands. Of course, he simply let me lie there. With the door wide open, I wasn't unconscious long. I came to and stumbled up the stairs to find he had stretched you out on the office desk, too much like a corpse for me to think of anything else. What with Rocky beating his own brains out and cursing that someone had bumped off the boss, I dialed headquarters. The homicide squad, down to the last legman, were here in three minutes flat."

Preble was short and thin and past middle age and sported a goatee. He had the typical medical man's all-seeing eye.

He looked McCale over shrewdly, examined the wound, and re-bandaged it in short order.

"You'll do," he said. "Stay in bed for twenty-four hours. Don't want you running a temperature. You're a lucky guy. The bullet was deflected by the cigarette case you carried in your upper vest pocket."

"Was it a forty-five?"

"Undoubtedly, from the nature of the wound. If it hadn't been for that cigarette case, it would have ripped you wide open. Well, mind what I say now. This girl needs some sleep." He turned to Ann, harumphed, and went off, giving Rocky the stare of an anthropologist ignoring an interesting but inferior specimen.

Donlevy Calls And Talks

A half hour later, McCale was interrupted in the middle of exasperated resentment at the "light" diet ordered by the doctor and carried out to the letter by Ann. The telephone rang. Ann, provokingly placing the bedside telephone out of his reach, and with a smug expression on her face went into the outer office to take the call.

"That was Veronica Bigelow," she said matter-of-factly. "I had the devil of a time before she'd trust me with the message. She's upset no end. It seems that Donlevy has arrested Christopher Storm."

"When?"

"Last night or early this morning. She's been trying to get the office ever since, I suppose."

"You suppose?"

"Well, I— I stuffed blotting paper in the telephone bell last night. I thought the ringing might disturb your rest—the doctor said—"

"God Almighty. Between you and the doctor, I might as well be a corpse. I was all hopped up with morphine, wasn't I?" He turned himself around with a painful effort.

"Now, Duke, you're not to excite yourself. You'll raise a temperature."

"To hell with my temperature. Get Donlevy on the wire."

Obediently she called police headquarters, only to learn that the homicide man was on his way there at that very moment.

McCale patted her hand, feeling ashamed of his irascibility. He resigned himself to waiting for Donlevy.

In less than twenty minutes, the lieutenant strode in, in the wake of Rocky. The two of them so big, but so different, bulked hugely in the doorway. Donlevy, with a muttered greeting to McCale, flung himself into a chair. Crevices of fatigue and worry lined his face.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Woman's World

Start Out the New Year Right By Making Yourself Attractive

By Erta Haley

Princess Fashion

WHEN YOU catch yourself looking in the mirror and saying, "I'm not as good-looking as I was at 20," look out lady and take yourself in hand. Or, if you shrug off doing something about your clothes with the flimsy excuse, "The fashions are for me this season," be truthful to yourself at least and admit that you're just being lazy.

No woman, with all the modern aids to make her attractive, need feel that she has lost her youth and charm. True, she may have added a few years, but with those years she gains a new kind of beauty, a poise and maturity that is even more attractive than her beauty of the early 20s. And as for fashions, isn't it a bit silly to think that designers would neglect any type of woman?

No, let's face the facts. Somehow or other, you've just let yourself slip, and what you really need is to attire yourself in the latest, and I defy you to find at least half a dozen styles that you can't wear. Sometimes it does take a bit of looking to find just what we're after, but when you do find it, wear it, and you'll enjoy the compliments.

No longer can women ask, "Which is better, to be dressed becomingly, or to be dressed in the height of fashion?" There may once have been a reason for this sad plea but now we have so many editions of each trend that if you try, you can find one which will be flattering especially for you. And don't shy away from adding a few imaginative touches which will enhance the style for you.

Hoods Are Pretty as Well as Practical

For instance, take the hood. According to Chicago Fashion Industries, it is extremely popular, especially with the young crowd. It makes a lot of sense to wear it on cold days, and chances are you've been tempted to have one. If your features are tiny and you have a good profile, or if you have a long, lean face with high cheekbones, the tailored version of the hood will do the most for you.

But don't discard the hood idea if you don't fit in the above category. Let's say that your features aren't quite as perfect as you've wished. You're the kind who likes to wear soft hats with perhaps a fluff of hair to break the severity of the hat.

In its usual form the hood is not for you, but suppose you try a knitted, loose snood that gives you the covered-up look and provides the necessary softness. You might even try bangs or a soft fluff of curls to decorate the forehead. Or, if you don't wear bangs, you might arrange a wave or push down the pompadour for a similar look.

Follow the Fashions, Find Own Version

A good way to illustrate this is to watch women who are buying their clothes. I've seen many a tall, bony-chested woman turn down a "V" necked dress which was otherwise perfect for her. Had she spent a little time thinking about it, she could have used a froth of attractive ruffles at the neck, or even a clever dickey effect which could have done a neat job of concealing, and made a lovely garment for her.



Very often you haven't the time to change your make-up. But you can refresh your skin and get a fresh glow! Wrap an ice cube in a bit of damp cotton. Sprinkle this with skin freshener or toilet water. Rub over throat and face. Press the perfumed ice cube over the closed eyelids. Press cosmetic tissue over throat and face, then pat on face powder. Brush off excess. A little accent with your lipstick—and there you are!

Fashion Forecast

The front button, princess style variation is still nice fashion for the dressy coat. You can be clever with accessories with this basic coat.

Trimming takes a back seat on evening clothes. They're glamorous, perhaps even more so than before, but the interest is in material and lines rather than "things added" to the costume.



The princess silhouette as Triger introduces it in sheer black woolen has a flanged seaming for skirt and neckline. Tiny gold buttons, the signature of the designer, are linked.

If you tend to run large in the hips, don't consistently avoid dresses which have some hip interest. Look for dresses with a side draping or other such interest that breaks the hip line and actually gives you a nicer look than the absolutely straight skirt.

Don't ever discard or, for that matter, buy a dress without investigating the hemline and what it does, or can do for you. Letting the hem down, or perhaps lifting it as little as a half an inch can improve your appearance a hundred per cent. It all depends upon your height and the size of your legs.

What about sleeves? Well, here you have all kinds to choose from. For thin or heavy arms, you'd do best to avoid extremes. Follow natural lines and skip the too-full types or the bare arm look.

If you have a tall, slim figure, look for dramatic pleums to cut your height. You are the girls, too, who can wear wide belts with interesting decorative detail. Double-breasted suits are very flattering.

On the other hand, if you are slim, but short, look to the short boleros with high cut waistlines, princess lines or pinafore effects.

Imaginative Tricks

Scarves are a happy pick-up for many an old dress. Wear them as interest underneath the dress to add a touch of gay print or color to the costume, or simply sling them over skirt or dress neckline and tie in back.

Don't stop there, though, for a scarf can add hip interest if it is wrapped around you and tied in a perky bow. Or, wear it around your head, but experiment with effects first.

There's a variety of ways to wear the peplum. Use it in dramatic and contrasting colors if you want to point up interest at a tiny waistline. Tie them like aprons, pleat them dramatically or use an all-around effect. If you want to subtract inches, use peplum colors that match the basic dress and use smooth-fitted effects.

Dickies have innumerable potentialities. Since the area which the dicky covers is small, the color can be intense but it should be chosen for extreme compliment to you.

If you're slender and of an athletic nature, use hug-me-tight vestees. If you're more the fluffy type, use short boleros that button, have sleeve interest and have a perky starchy look about them.

Fashions to keep you warm have style, too. Notice the smart lines of fur-lined coats that avoid a baggy appearance, and watch for color interest, particularly the contrast treatment being used quite extensively.

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The most expensive motion picture ever made was "Wilson," released in 1944, whose production and advertising amounted to more than \$6,000,000, says Collier's. The cost was due largely to many spectacular scenes, one being the 1912 Democratic convention in which the lighting consumed enough power to service a city the size of Lansing, Mich.

A Point to That

"Doctor," said the wild-eyed patient, as he rose from the steps of his farm homestead and rushed down to meet the doctor's car, "I'm in a deuce of a pickle. Don't know where to turn for relief. You've got to help me."

"What's the trouble?" asked the doctor.

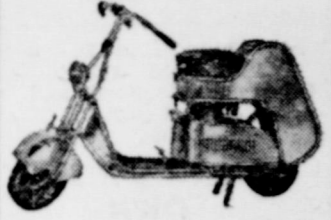
"The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence posts all round the orchard," replied the patient.

"Every night it's the same old round—they just sit there, waiting, waiting, waiting. What can I do to get rid of them?"

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of O'Donnell will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, January 14th, 1947 at 2 p. m. for the election of directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. J. L. Shoemaker, Cashier xx

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Arthur L. Golden, Minister
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Sunday school: 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship: 11:00 a. m.
Junior service 6:45
NYPS 6:45
Preaching 7:30
Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30

VETERAN OF USS. FRANKLIN IS HOME

Sgt. Barney Bradshaw arrived home last week end after a tour of duty in the Pacific. He will receive his discharge soon. Barney was injured when the Japs bombed the troopship USS Franklin several months before the end of the war. He had been in the hospital for some months recovering from the injuries. Barney is the son of the Will Bradshaw and son in law of the H Y Conrads. Welcome, Home!

LOCAL YOUTHS IN CAR MISHAP

One nite last week a car in which were riding J. L. Proctor, Wanda Proctor, James Ray Blair, Buddy Webb, Jack Webb, Sonny Rogers and Shirley Schooler hit a car belonging to A. L. Everette. The Everette car was stalled on the highway near the O'Donnell Implement Co., and was not seen by the approaching car. The youths were returning from a ball game at Tahoka. None were injured except for bruises. Cars were moderately damaged.

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