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MAYOR STARK ON WATER PROJECT COMMITTEE

Information has been received from E. V. Spence, Canadian River Compact Commissioner for Texas that Gov. Allan Shivers has received a letter from Gov. Thomas Mabry of New Mexico stating that he will immediately confer with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and will name a compact Commissioner for New Mexico in the near future, according to announcements made by A. Meredith of Borger, Congressman Eugene Worley of Texas succeeded in passing a bill during the first session of the 81st Congress authorizing and directing the Governor of Texas to appoint an Interstate Compact Commissioner on the South Canadian, Red and Sabine rivers. The late Governor Jester appointed E. V. Spence of Austin to this position and he has entered upon his duties. It is understood that the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board is authorized to act for that state.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Panhandle Water Users, a State Legislative and Water Compact Committee was appointed, consisting of the following: A. A. Meredith, Borger, chairman, Ray Prichett of Plainview, Lawrence Hagey, of Amarillo, R. O. Stark of O'Donnell, E. O. Wedgworth of Pampa and Preston Smith of Lubbock. The purpose of the Committee is to work with the Compact Commissioners and Representatives in the Legislature in formulation and approval of the tri-state water compact on the South Canadian river.

Bank Deposits Hits 2 Million First Time in History

Last week for the first time in history the total assets of the first National Bank of O'Donnell hit over the 2 million dollar mark according to J. L. Shoemaker, jr., cashier. It is expected that the figure will climb toward the 3 million mark when the harvest is completed and sold in late February.

Everyone takes pride in a record bank deposit as it is probably the best publicity a town can have. The Index is extremely hopeful of the town's bright future.

Mr. Chas. Cabool was called to the bedside of her father, Joe Haidy of Borger Monday; he died the same day and the funeral is to be held Wednesday at Borger at 2 p. m. Mr. Haidy was a merchant at Borger; our sympathy.

The Baptist workers conference will meet at the Baptist church Thursday morning at 10 a. m.

The Dorcas Class will meet for their Christmas party Friday with Mrs. J. T. Middleton sr at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Zhart and children of Vealmore visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Childress and Mike attended the funeral of a friend in Post, J. O. Hays, last Friday.

Set Cotton Pulling Record At Draw

Here are the records made by three Latin cotton pullers Tuesday of last week on the V. O. Caswell place—one mile from Draw: Dave Ramirez of Rock Spring pulled 1852 lbs between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Allegando Hernandez of Pales tine pulled 1653 lbs within the same hours and Jose Capeda of Weslaco pulled 1745 lbs from 8:45 a. m. to 5 p. m. and Irvano Ortega of Sterling City was the trucker who handled the cotton and 11 year old Paul Ortega of Sterling City was the weigher; also pulling were Marvin Ramirez, 1450, and Palmio Mendola, 1478, both of Rock Springs; Salbador Racha and Paulo Ortega, who is 92 and from Sterling City, picked 692 lbs and Miguel Trencino of Weslaco picked 1636 lbs.

Everett Bryant was the water boy and it took plenty of water to keep the steam up.

Mesquite News

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burkett and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Burkett.

Bro. Ray Chester of ACC spent Sunday with Oscar Telchik and family.

The A. B. Telchiks spent Sunday with the Garland Doyles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McWhorter of Olney spent the week end with the J. N. Bradshaws.

Herman King and Ray Johnson of Mt. Vernon visited S. K. Turner and Syble Sunday.

Margaret Bradshaw spent Sunday with Pat Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nance and family spent Sunday with the W. L. Knights of Tahola.

Pat Smith was home Sunday from Lamesa.

A party was given last Thursday night by Margaret Bradshaw. Many guests attended and a good time was reported.

Adolph Telchik is sporting a new car and Bud Smith has a new pick-up; congrats.

QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



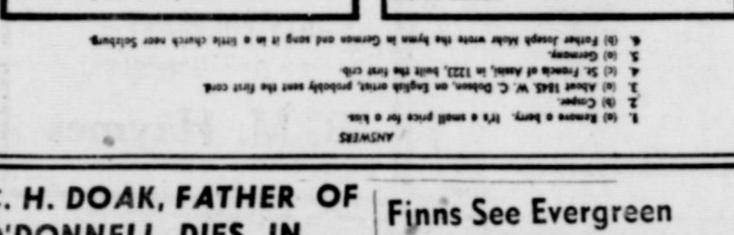
1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.



2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?



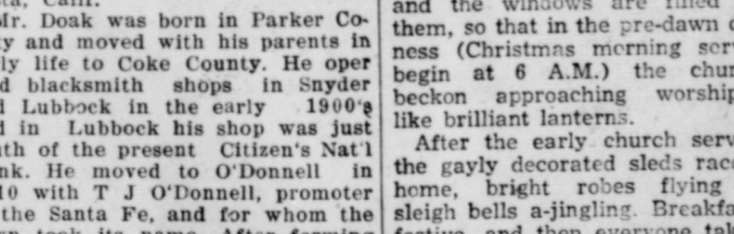
3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

ANSWERS:
1. (a) Remove a berry. It's a Swedish custom to remove a berry for each stolen kiss.
2. (c) Shadrach. The three wise men were Melchior, Balthasar and Shadrach.
3. (b) about 1781. The custom of sending Christmas cards started about 1781.
4. (b) Piers Plowman. Piers Plowman was the first to build a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony.
5. (a) Germany. The Christmas tree is a German custom.
6. (c) Martin Luther. Martin Luther wrote the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night."

C. H. DOAK, FATHER OF O'DONNELL, DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Funeral services for C. H. Doak, 76 year old retired banker of O'Donnell, who died at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Major Rodgers of Vista Calif., after a long illness, was held Saturday in Vista, relatives here were informed.

Mr. Doak, who has been a resident of the area since 1901, was a former resident of Lubbock and he was the first sheriff of Lynn County.

He is survived by his wife, another daughter, Mrs. Morris Sander-son of Seagraves, two brothers, I. S. of Lubbock, and T. S. of Seminole and a sister Mrs. Z. F. Sample of Pharr and Mrs. Rodgers of Vista, Calif.

Mr. Doak was born in Parker County and moved with his parents in early life to Coke County. He operated blacksmith shops in Snyder and Lubbock in the early 1900's and in Lubbock his shop was just south of the present Citizen's Nat'l Bank. He moved to O'Donnell in 1910 with T. J. O'Donnell, promoter of the Santa Fe, and for whom the town took its name. After forming a partnership with H. E. Baldrige, the present town site was laid off and lots sold. He handled lot sales until his death.

By way of public service he was a city alderman from 1923 when the town was incorporated until he resigned because of failing health in 1946 or 47; we believe he was a school trustee at one time. He owned a big block of stock in the local bank and was president until his health failed. In the literal sense he sired the town and loved it with the devotion of a father.

Hundred of folks of West Texas and O'Donnell counted him as the best friend they ever had; he loved and was loyal to his friends.

In the past few years it was the ed.'s happy privilege to visit in his home. He was the most colorful and vigorous man we ever knew. A keen sense of humor, he enjoyed a good belly laugh and had a voice like a lion. His most striking feature was his will power — he never gave up; Charley has some weak kneed friends here but we doubt if he ever realized it; he was that loyal.

Our sincere sympathy to his heart broken widow; we learned to love and admire her along with her husband. May she be comforted at this sad hour.

ONLY 8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

FOR RENT: Business building next door Index; will remodel on a lease; information at Index.

BUSY WEEK END FOR OFFICERS

Deputy Sheriff Cleve Bairrington reported another busy week with 35 drunks being jailed of which 4 were anglo americans. Two negroes were fined for enjoying a cus fight and a mexican bootlegger was hailed before the County Court from here and fined \$250.00 plus cost which may make the price of Christmas cheer go up and up.

Lost: Grain Sledboards; reward; Joe Kirkpatrick. It's your car fully insured? See Moore Ins.

Cotton Election Set For Today

Polling places will be open in communities of Lynn County Thursday Dec. 15th to afford farmers an opportunity to cast ballots on the question of marketing quotas on the 1950 cotton crop. Farmers eligible to vote in the referendum will be those who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1949 as owner operator, cash tenant, standing rent, or fixed rent tenant, landlord or share tenant. The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

It is presumed the voting for O'Donnell will either be at the school or the tax office; Dawson county county folks will vote at the Farmers Co-op station and W. L. Gilliam will be judge.

NO LULL IN GINNING

A round up of cotton ginning Tuesday morning at 9 showed 35,646 bales being ginned compared with 31,471 at the same time last week. Bad weather over the week end cut into the pulling but gins had such a backlog of work that it did not materially affect their production.

Unusual for Mid-December John

Band Auction Will Be Held Saturday Afternoon

The Band parents Committee wishes to thank all business firms for their donations for the BAND AUCTION SALE which will be held Saturday Dec. 17th at 3 p. m. in the vicinity of the bank building. Besides the different items donated for the sale, a sum of \$108.50 cash was donated.

You are cordially invited to come out and enjoy the auction. The band will be present and will play. Band parents are urged to bring something to the band hall for the auction.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walker of Amarillo visited Mrs. W. C. Oats and family last week.

Earles showed the Index a stem

of cotton with several blooms. Old timers do not recall a similar season as warm since 1922. Many trees here have not lost all the leaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pruitt of Lamesa spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Land.

LYNN COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Commissioner's Court of Lynn County, Texas, hereby makes statement of receipts and expenditures of all funds of Lynn County, Texas, for the quarter beginning July 1st, 1949 and ending September 30th, 1949 as required by recent acts of the Legislature as follows:

EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	GENERAL FUND
Amt. pd. out \$4006.75	Balance on June 30th	\$708.84
	Amt. received this quarter	2450.31
	Total	\$4159.15
	Balance on Oct. 1, 1949	\$152.40
		JURY FUND
Amt. pd. out \$863.95	Balance on June 30th	\$987.34
	Amt. Received this quarter	16.43
	Total	\$1003.77
	Balance on Oct. 1, 1949	\$139.82
		ROAD and BRIDGE FUND
Amt. pd. out \$2930.14	Balance on June 30th	\$717.15
	Amt. received this quarter	2325.57
	Total	\$3045.72
	Balance on October 1, 1949	115.58
		C. and J. FUND
Amt. pd. out \$202.30	Balance on June 30th	\$195.49
	Amt. Received this quarter	27.63
	Total	\$223.12
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$20.52
		(This fund has been discontinued)
		Courthouse and Jail Sinking Fund
Amt. pd. out \$ 0	Balance on June 30th	\$6892.80
	Amt. received this quarter	16.43
	Total	\$6909.23
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$6909.23
		Precinct No. 1
Amt. pd. out \$3178.27	Balance on June 30th	\$363.02
	Amt. received this quarter	\$955.99
	Total	\$8419.01
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$5240.74
		Precinct No. 2
Amt. pd. out \$8377.34	Balance on June 30th	\$4610.10
	Amt. received this quarter	6554.22
	Total	\$11,464.63
	Balance on Oct. 1, 1949	\$3087.29
		Precinct No. 3
Amt. pd. out \$6037.04	Balance on June 30th	\$2315.05
	Amt. Received this quarter	6989.54
	Total	\$9305.19
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$3268.15
		Precinct No. 4
Amt. pd. out \$8496.75	Balance on June 30th	\$3267.45
	Amt. received this quarter	6320.04
	Total	\$10,099.49
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$1602.74
		LATERAL ROAD FUND
Amt. pd. out \$25248.40	Balance on June 30th	\$...
	Amt. received this quarter	\$25,248.40
	Total	\$25,248.40
	Balance on Oct. 1, 1949	\$ 0
		Permanent Improvement Fund
Amt. pd. out \$919.37	Balance on June 30th	\$978.17
	Amt. received this quarter	32.87
	Total	\$1006.64
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$86.67
		Officer's Salary Fund
Amt. pd. out \$8887.47	Balance on June 30th	\$1093.96
	Amt. received this quarter	7904.28
	Total	\$8998.24
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$110.84
		Permanent School Fund
Amt. pd. out \$ 545.00	City of Crowell bonds	\$2,000.00
	Government Bonds on hand	40,000.00
	Cash on hand	117.97
	Interest received on bonds	456.25
	Total	\$42,574.22
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$42,029.22
		1946 Special Road Bond Sinking Fund
Amt. pd. out for interest on bonds \$6251.05	Balance on June 30th	\$42,220.85
	Amt. Received this quarter	330.74
	Total	\$42,551.59
	Balance on Oct. 1, 1949	\$36,300.54
		1948 Special Road Bond Sinking Fund
Amt. pd. out interest \$1330.00	Balance on June 30th	\$7769.78
	Amt. Received this quarter	65.76
	Total	\$7835.54
	Balance on October 1, 1949	\$6,505.54
	Total Balance on Hand July 1st	\$72,233.57
	Total Amount Money Received this Quarter	\$68,609.77
	Total Amount paid out this quarter	\$140,843.34
	Total Cash on Hand at end quarter Oct. 1st	\$7,273.78
	U. S. Government Bonds owned by permanent School Fund at end of quarter, October 1st	\$42,000.00
	Total Cash on Hand and Government Bonds on Oct 1st	\$105,569.58
	Outstanding Warrants Unpaid Oct. 1, 1949	\$ 9,135.89
	Supplement the above quarterly report to October 30, 1949, balances of various funds on November 1, 1949 and Dec. 1, 1949 are as follows	
	November 1, 1949	December 1, 1949
General Fund	\$1912.88	\$2788.16
Jury Fund	498.87	1345.26
Road and Bridge	995.18	1654.63
C. and J. Sinking Fund	6911.24	8404.26
C. and J. (account closed)	576	Closed
Permanent Improvement Fund	1625.98	2737.16
Highway no. 1	2814.41	747.09
Highway no. 2	2615.13	355.04
Highway no. 3	1700.46	1528.57
Highway no. 4	772.06	141.69
Special R and B sinking Fund 1921 Closed		Closed
Bonds paid 2 yrs. before due	7.89	Closed
Officers' salary fund	2120.04	4027.97
1946 Special road bond sinking fund	46,819.08	63,384.95
1948 Special road bond sinking fund	8,735.79	12,402.40
Permanent School	97.97	97.97
Total Cash	\$77,703.35	\$100,045.15
Permanent School Fund Govt. bonds and Crowell Bonds	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
Total Cash and Bonds	\$119,703.35	\$142,045.15
Outstanding Warrants		\$4638.70
Officers Salary Fund		
Commissioners precinct funds come from automobile license, taxes which will begin to come in after First of year, Feb. and March. Respectfully submitted this 6th day of December, 1949		
COMMISSIONER'S COURT, Lynn County; Tom Garrard, County Judge, E. J. Cooper, precinct 1, Willis Pennington, precinct 2; Jno. A. Anderson, precinct 3, G. W. Turner, precinct 4		

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The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had hidden them.

Real Estate

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Leases and Royalties

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Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the Saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

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State and County Tax Notice

1949 State and County Taxes are due payable on October 1, 1949. Last date for payment before penalty January 31, 1950. Special discounts are given for promptness. Payment during month of October, 3 per cent off; November 2 per cent off; December 1 per cent off.

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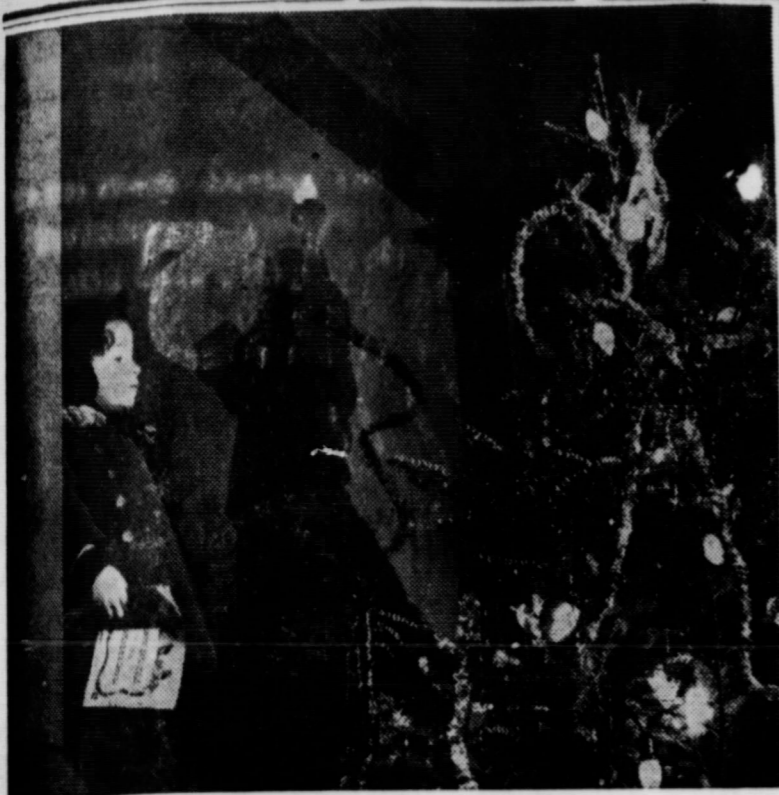
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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of little Ethel Gorman, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

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Dorothy & James Bowlin

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Real Roses in the Cheeks — You Call That a Handicap?

By BILLY ROSE

When Eleanor and I first moved up to Mt. Kisco, some of our neighbors "dropped by" to pay their respects, but I didn't encourage these visits. The landed gentry of Westchester are nice enough folk, but they don't talk my lingo. Besides, I see no point in cultivating people who think it's smart to chase a fox.

But a little down the road from us live a couple I cultivate as often as they'll have me. Their names are Fred and Jane Newell. I met them through Eleanor two years ago, and I'll never forget the first night we had dinner at their house.

Jane answered the doorbell. She was pretty all over, and I liked her right away. "Excuse the peasant skirt," she said. "I have a baby penciled in for the fall."

Fred was in the living room listening to the radio. He had the tweedy look of the good guy in the women's magazine stories. We talked for a couple of minutes before I realized he was blind. He told me he was a writer, and answered my unspoken question by explaining he dictated his stuff to his wife.

It was a fine dinner and a fine evening. Jane carried her child as if baby-having were some kind of party. Around eleven o'clock, Fred said to Jane, "Maybe the Roses would like ice cream."

"Maybe they would," said Jane, "but we haven't any. I'll drive down to the village and get some." "I'll go with you," I said, "just to make sure you don't forget chocolate."

ON THE WAY to the ice-cream parlor I said, "Tell me something. What makes you kids act as if you had a gold mine in the cellar?"

Jane smiled. "I don't know. I guess we've been pretty lucky." "Lucky?" I said, and then stopped, embarrassed.

"It's all right," said Jane. "Of course, it would be nicer if Fred could see, but neither of us thinks that's very important."

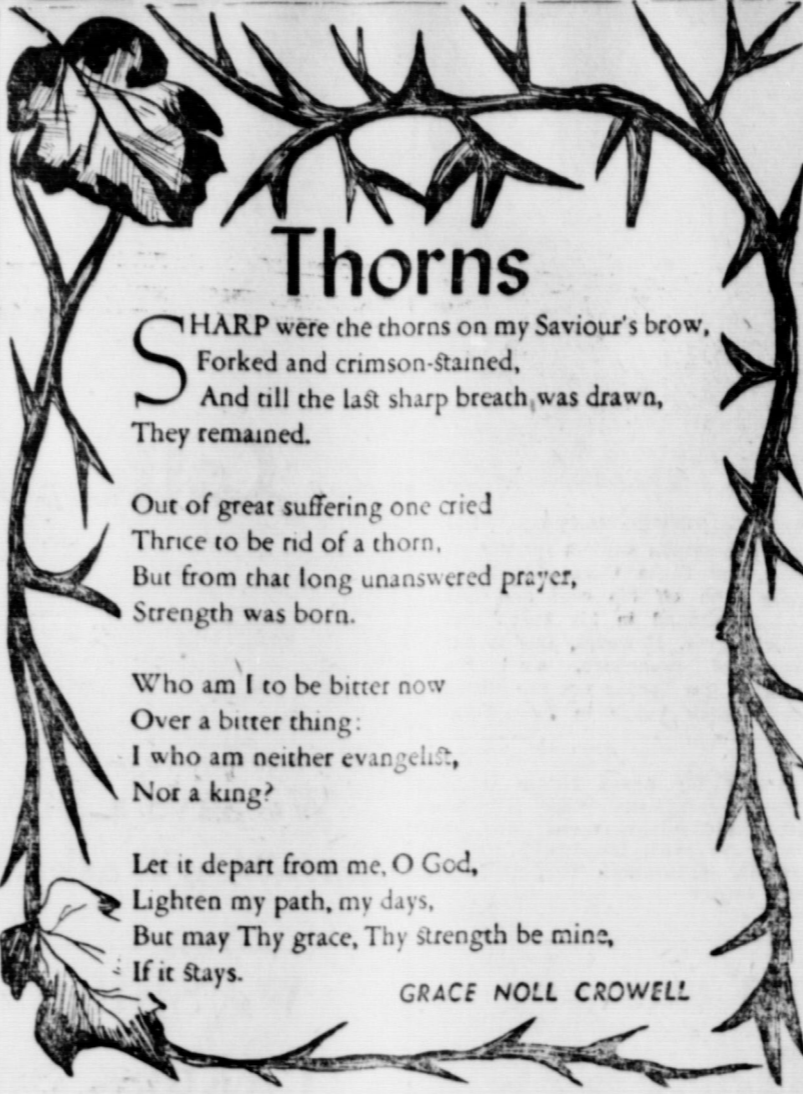
"How'd it happen?" "War stuff," said Jane. "Fragments of a land mine on Okinawa. We weren't married then. Fred was moved to a hospital in San Francisco. The first letters he sent me weren't in his own handwriting. He explained that he was dictating to a nurse because he'd been wounded in the right hand.

"At the time, he still had some hope that a special operation might restore his sight. He didn't want to tell me about his eyes until he knew for sure."

"WELL, THE OPERATION was a complete miss-out. When Fred knew he'd never see again, the darn fool wrote me that I was free to marry anybody I liked. Of course, I hopped a plane to San Francisco and got my fella."

"Atta girl," I said. "Now tell me to shut my face if I'm out of line, but doesn't it ever bother you—I mean, making this sacrifice?"

"Sacrifice, my foot," said Jane softly. "Look at it this way, I'm two years away from 30. In 10



Thorns

SHARP were the thorns on my Saviour's brow,
Forked and crimson-stained,
And till the last sharp breath was drawn,
They remained.

Out of great suffering one cried
Thrice to be rid of a thorn,
But from that long unanswered prayer,
Strength was born.

Who am I to be bitter now
Over a bitter thing:
I who am neither evangelist,
Nor a king?

Let it depart from me, O God,
Lighten my path, my days,
But may Thy grace, Thy strength be mine,
If it stays.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

years, I'll be two away from 40. When Fred went off to war, I was 23. Real roses in cheeks. Probably the best I ever looked in my life.

"From here in, no matter what happens to me—wrinkles, dry skin, gray hairs, babies—Fred will always see me as the fresh-faced kid he kissed goodbye at Penn station

in '42. For the guy I'm crazy about, I'll be 23 the rest of my life. Is that bad?"

"No," I said. "That isn't bad at all."



HEDY LAMARR has never been more beautiful and seductive than in Cecil B. DeMille's "Samson and Delilah", with magnificent costumes designed by Edith Head largely responsible. A good deal of credit should be given, too, to the sets and to the excellent



HEDY LAMARR

color effects. In fact, this is a picture in which art directors, photographers and others who never appear are among the stars. The scenes actually photographed in the Holy Land, Algiers and Morocco are beautiful and memorable.

Film star Van Johnson and band-leader Elliot Lawrence are dead ringers for each other. Their resemblance is so remarkable that sometime's it's difficult for them to convince autograph seekers they're not each other.

Dan Seymour never visits Hollywood, doesn't have to go to see movie stars; he sees as many in a year as a head-waiter at Ciro's. During the past 12 months, on "We the People", Dan has interviewed such celebrities as Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Glenn Ford, Dick Haymes, Kirk Douglas, Janet Blair, John Payne, Marie Wilson, Linda Christian, Tyrone Power, among others.

Jane Wyatt was puzzled when crowds of visitors arrived at the Samuel Goldwyn studio to see her work in "Our Very Own". She discovered that her 12-year-old son, Christopher, was responsible. He had been promising a trip to see his famous mother with every new subscription to a local paper he delivers. Ann Blyth, Farley Granger and Joan Evans co-star.

The power of radio has never been better demonstrated than in the success of the fund raising project to aid the fight against polio which is being conducted on Horace Heidt's "Youth Opportunity" and Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" shows. Helen Hayes' appearance as one of the guest speakers on the former was touching, since her daughter died of polio.

No matter how he switched plane and train schedules, Don Ameche couldn't figure a way to get his whole family together for Christmas. So he will have an early celebration with his two boys in school in Iowa, then spend Christmas Day in New York with his wife, who accompanied him East for the Manhattan broadcasts of the Jimmie Durante show.

The Fiction LIKE A FOX

By Richard H. Wilkinson

IT IS ELECTION TIME in our town of Dexter. Al Slater is determined to be elected state representative from the 31st Belknap district. Al has tried for three consecutive terms to win out over Tyler Jenkins. At every election he had the vote sewed up. But Tyler, who is one of the shrewdest politicians a man would want to meet, always contrived to pull a fast one, two or three days before voting day, and succeeded in swinging the vote his way.

"Folks think I'm dumb," Al confided to his wife. "It's got to be a joke, me running for office against Jenkins."

Al began his campaign 10 months before election. He knew that folks in Dexter were eager to have the contemplated new state highway run through town, instead of swinging off to the northward toward Bartlett. And he knew that if he could persuade the highway commissioner to chart the course of the proposed road through Dexter, it would mean a big thing; it would probably mean Al's election.

And so Al went to the capitol, looked up the highway commissioner, whose name was Higgins, and talked the thing over. At first Higgins was obstinate. The highway, he told Al, was scheduled to run through Bartlett.

Well, Al didn't get discouraged. He called on Mr. Higgins a month later and talked things over again. This time he took Mr. Higgins to lunch and bought tickets for the theater afterward. Higgins began to weaken. Al talked himself blue in



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the face, and finally went away with a promise that Mr. Higgins would think the matter over.

Al was mighty satisfied with himself. A month before election a story came out in the papers that, through the efforts of Albert T. Slater, the new state highway would run through Dexter.

AL RECEIVED a lot of credit for his work, and a lot of promises of votes.

Tyler disappeared shortly after that. He didn't show up until two weeks before election, and then it was to announce a piece of news that overshadowed Al's great work. Tyler, it seemed, had made a trip to the capitol himself. He had consulted the proper authorities and received a promise that the state would employ local labor in constructing that section of the road.

The news was something to cheer about. It began to look as if Tyler had pulled another fast one.

Well, Tyler might have been elected if news hadn't drifted back into town that the state, because of adverse business conditions, had decided to abandon the idea of building the road that year.

Al made a hurried trip to the capitol. He didn't return during the next week, and folks began to forget he was even a candidate.

And then on the day before election one of the newspapers from the capitol that claims a fair-sized circulation in Dexter came out with

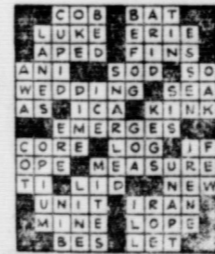
the announcement that the road would definitely be put through. The words were a direct quotation from Commissioner Higgins, whose picture appeared on the front page alongside a picture of Al Slater. It was through Al's efforts, the article read, that the course of the road would pass through Dexter.

Dexter was jubilant. At the polls on the day following, Al was unanimously elected to fill the expired term of Tyler Jenkins.

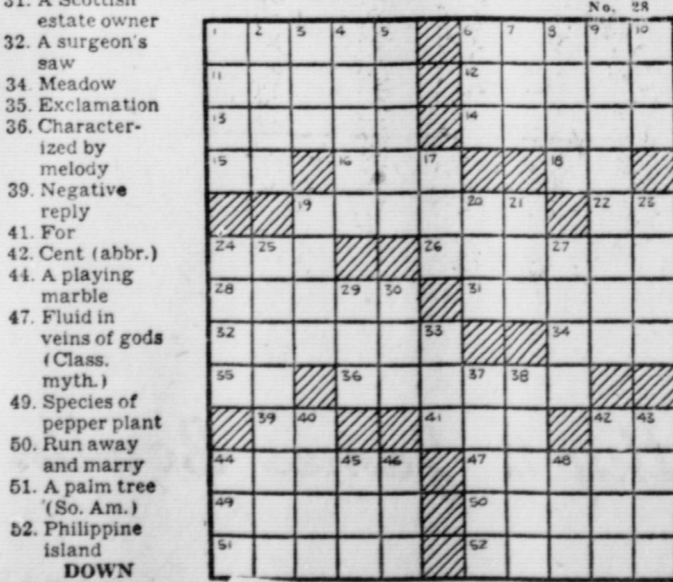
"Dumb, am I?" Al said to his wife after it was over. "Well, this is one Tyler pulled his fast one too early in the game. He thought the psychological moment was two weeks ago, instead of yesterday. I wonder," he went on, "what Tyler would say if he knew I started that rumor about abandoning the road idea. I wonder if the folks would say I was dumb if they knew I just did it so's I could make it appear like I persuaded the state to change its mind on the day before election. Dumb, am I? Dumb—like a fox."

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- ACROSS
- 1. Scorched
- 6. Calm
- 11. One who fails to win
- 12. Odorless, inert, gaseous element
- 13. A sphere of action
- 14. Sewers
- 15. Railway (abbr.)
- 16. A small drink
- 18. From
- 19. Legislative body
- 22. Music note
- 24. Buddy
- 26. Withered
- 28. Ascended
- 31. A Scottish estate owner
- 32. A surgeon's saw
- 34. Meadow
- 35. Exclamation
- 36. Characterized by melody
- 39. Negative reply
- 41. For
- 42. Cent (abbr.)
- 44. A playing marble
- 47. Fluid in veins of gods (Class. myth.)
- 49. Species of pepper plant
- 50. Run away and marry
- 51. A palm tree (So. Am.)
- 52. Philippine island



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Miss Guidry



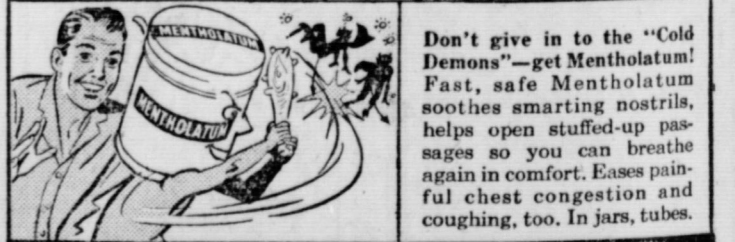
Mrs. Thompson

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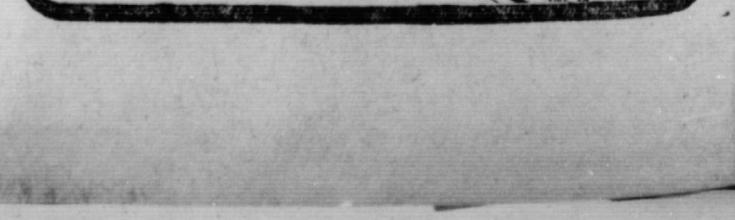


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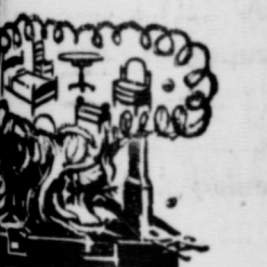
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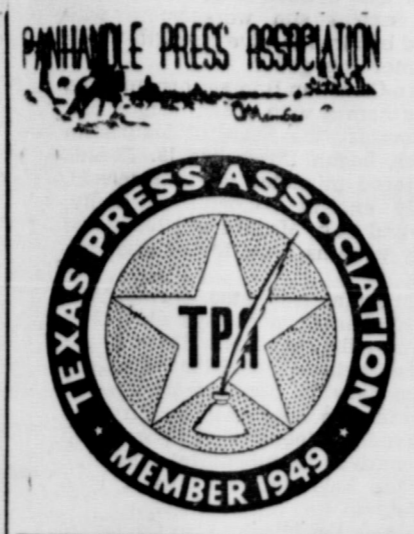
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Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

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