IT SEEMS TO ME

Just an idea, but I want to pass it along.

I have driven several hundred miles through the ranch country during the last few weeks, and I was constantly reminded of the cost of the fire hazard, to farms Callahanian. and ranches.

The cost piles up whether the fire does get out of control, the cost is tremendous.

Of course the first precaution should be by every human being with a match-never to flip it into extinguish it before turning it loose.

And, equally as of course, human beings have a large sprinkling of DID YOU GET those who never "think", or are just like Mose's old mule, "just don't give a damn."

Then, something must be done about it. It is every person's gain or loss. Without the cattle grazing on the thousands of hills in the West, in Callahan county,, millions of us would be without a livelihood ..

This is my idea: Hundreds of those miles were traveled between two clean-of-grass swept strips just inside of the ranchers' fences,

These strips seem to be approximately five to six feet wide, swept by draggins a grader blade behind a tractor. Multiply the hundreds of miles by five feet, and find how many thousands of acres of land that ought to be growing gras, are bear of grass.

That cost of sweeping the grass clean is paid by the rancher. Then ministered. he is penalized through the loss of grass for his cattle.

Here is a suggested solution; The burning-match flipper, as he streaks merrily on his way, is a guest of the State. His acts are chargeable to the State. It is the State's duty to protect the private citizen from the acts of its guests.

Therefore, the State ought to keep the five feet of earth swept clean of grass along the margin of the up in the fall of 1944!" of grass along the margin of the right of way!

SOLDIERS' PICTURES

I have wanted soldiers' pictures in the Star: it would improve its looks. But the task of getting them in ...all that probably would be sent in...would not only be too great, but too costly, if some restraint were not applied.

So in fairness to all of us, The Baird Star will print the picture of your soldier son, husband or friend, if you will pay the cost of the cut, which will run around \$1.00 single

If you would like to have his picture, run in the Baird Star with story, send in good, clear photographs and \$1.00 (until further notice) and wel will handle it for you. S. W. Adams, Owner-Publisher.

WHAT TO BUY

That's the question; but that is not as simple as deciding, for when you make up your mind, and appear for the purchase you are likely to hear:

"Sorry, but we do not have that item."

And the merchant is just as sorry as you will be to hear that and no more to blame than you are--defense demands have depleted all stocks, and completely exhausted others.

They have done their best to meet the emergencies.

They are suggesting in modest ads this week what you may find at their stores.

Drop in, and look their stock over; you many find just what you want. SAID DICKENS: (Crowded out last week.)

Archie Nichols of Iona com-

munity came in and paid up, and reports his wife is vsiiting homefolks in Marshall, Texas. She was Miss Maurine Ivison.

A CALLAHAN BOY-

Trench-Silo Eudaly, better known as E. C.Eudaly, for many years member of the extension service of A & M college, and who was recently appointed director of extension service of the colege, is an old Cotton Wood

Mr. Mitchell, County Attorney, tells me that Mr. Eudaly has three gets out of control; but when it brothers still living in the county, Ed, John and Wayne Eudaly.

Mr. Eudaly has been prominent for many years in cattle circles, and is popular with ranchmen because he not only knows their prob the wind while blazing; but always lems, but has done much to solve them.

The significance of this statement, appearing in Monday's press: "E. R. Eudaly...has been named director of the extension service of Texas A. & M. College, subject to the approval of the United States

LAW USUALLY HAS ITS WAY

department of agriculture,"

Texas has a striking brand of law in Houston, F. M. Law, prominent banker and president of the A. & M. Colege board of regents.

After Walton and Wiliamson felt his boot heel, a little time was taken to re-polish his boot-now it is assistant director of Extension, George Adams who is given his choice between a gracious walk out, or a kick out: he chose the kick out, which was promptly ad-

Of course, in all such cases bad little boy had done no work! This time Badboy Adams said it was just "cause I am not an A. & M. graduate -I'm just a graduate of that little old State University!"

MEN WILL GUESS:

Oh, ho, hum!

"Many qualified observers think

There are no "qualified" observers because "no man knows the hour. nor the day" when such issues will terminate, because no law of logic or strategy has ever been able to fathom the unpredictableness of man.

THE REAL McCOY

Mrs. Will McCoy holds the check book on Callahan county, and guards well those balances.

She is a lady of "stone", judging by the display of stones gathered from adjacent hills, which are found in her office.

SERGEANT MIKE C. HUGHES

of Class 43-49 has successfully com pleted the Flexible Aerial Gunnery Course at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo, Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas. Upon graduation, he was promoted to his present rank and received the Aerial Gunners Wings.

SLAPPIN' PATTON-

There has been added a third decoration to the two General Patton had earlier won by slapping and otherwise showing the "blood and guts" side of his nature to two soldiers: he has now rebuked a man in action for not wearing his leggings.

As long as he can slap the German divisions around, guess we will have to soft peddal his minor decorations; but we are all ashamed that greatness and littleness can so conveniently dwell in the same tene-

"I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know in the long calendar of the years when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely."

There is Hope

UR OWN community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in-our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth."

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war fords on our normal way of living-we know, that, the peace-loving "little" men of goodwill far outnumber the eyil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same "little" people that Christ came into this world 1943 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness,

Let this true spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you-

A Merry Christmas

T. P. BEARDEN

COMING TO THE PLAZA

Theatre, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 26-27, "Stormy Weather", an all Fats Waller, and Cab Calloway. This ter No. 242. Order of the Eastern him home this week, and he is up Star. Buy your tickets for this show from Eastern Star committee.

General manager, Home Telephone and Electric Company, suffered an negro cast, featuring Lena Horn, attack of pneumonia, last week, having to take hospitalization in Jacksshow is sponsored by Callahan Chap- boro; but fortunate recovere brought

That folks just like the crowd who assembled at the Methodist Church, to over-flowing proportions, Sunday night, to be sweetened by the "Music of Bethlehem", presented by Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., could be at war, where millions are dying by the sword? That thought was mine as I sat and enjoyed the music.

Yes; it is not only possible, but it is a fact: your son and my son are hurling death and suffering death being hurled at them.

The sweetest thought that survives guns were silenced, precaution fingers.

Text by

slackened, and our boys and the boshes exchanged goodies in "no man's land."

about his offical business although

confined to his room at home.

Mrs. Wylie at the Piano and Mrs. Viva Tucker at the organ led the choir beautifuly as they rendered the following program, text by Mattie B. Shannon and Music by Fred B.

To undertake to single out that most exquisit and excellent voice would be like trying to single out the most beautiful snow flake among the millions which you have seen.

Thanks, for all who labored hours that I might be fed one of life's the years since World War I, is the sweetest gifts, vocal music mellowed 4-HER'S DO story that on Christmas Day, 1917, by the instruments under skilled

The Music of Bethlehem Directed by

Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr. Music by

Mattie B. Shannon	Fred B. Holton
Organ ReveriesChair Salai	
"Ring on, O Song"Choir, Soloi Scripture and Prayer	
"A King Shall Reign"	
"The Song of Hope"Mesdames I	
"The First Christmas Carol"	
"The Song of the Morning" "To Bethlehem Draw Near"	
Offertory—"Christmas Fantasy"	
"Let Heav'n and Nature Sing"	
"The Lullaby Hymn"Soloist:	
"The Music of the Bells"Choir,	
"The March of the Magi"	
"Hallelujah"" "The Music of Bethlehem"	
Benediction	
Postlude-"Hallelujah Chorus"	
Organ Accompaniment: M	Irs. Viva Tucker

Piano Accompaniment: Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr. CHOIR PERSONEL

Misses Mae Clair Wheeler, Leota Alexander, Lillie Bains, Ivadel Mitchell, Eliska Gilliland, Laura Mae Hughes, Frankie McClendon, Betsy Hickman, Geneva Jo Gibson, Loraine Henry; Mesdames Gilbert Hinds, Glen Boyd, J. A. Brashear, Hugh W. Ross, Olaf South, Ashby White, Cecil West, Bruce Brown, Lena Miller, N. A. Waldrop, Jack Ashlock, W. B. Hicks, Bob Norrell, Tee Baulch, Lee Ivey, Sidney Foy, Helen Miller, T. W. Briscoe, C. B. Snyder, Jr.; Messrs. J. A. Brashear, Roland Dunwody, M. G. Farmer.

YOO, HOO, SONNY!

Glad to find one member of the West Texas faternity of newspapers coming to the Star desk younger than the Star, Merkel Mail. You in your short 54-years pants must be mighty respectful of your oldsters, like Abilene Reporter, 63, Scurry County Times, 56, Rising Star Record, 53; Albany News, 60, Western Enterprise, 60; Santa Anna News, 58, The Baird Star, 57, and the patriarch Palo Pinto County Star, 67.

That's just a summing up of the oldsters on my desk this Monday morning: there may be others, which will be listed in new approach soon.

THOSE REDS

Seem to mean business. Headlines every day give them preeminent place among the win-the-war groups.

Quote:

"A Dallas pullet is doing her part places. to step up war production on the egg front.

A Rhode Island Red, 7 months old, belonging to W. E. Cook, 722 Haines you; but today, in the intricate mazes laid an egg Sunday which had a fully developed egg inside of it. The circumference of the out-side egg was eight inches lengthwise and seven inches around. The cavity between the two eggs was filled with egg white." Our story of a Baird Red, is al-

most identical to the prowess of the Dallas hen. Mrs. Sarah Barcley brought to the Star Office Monday morning an egg measuring over four and one-half in-

ches in length and about two and

one-half inches in diameter. It was laid by one of her industriour Rhode Island Red hens.

In trying to make it ready for exhibit, weighing and the story, its thin shell gaveway, and we lost it; but in the losing, we found a hidden wonder-a perfect normal egg within the larger egg, and around life. it the yolk and white of another egg-two-in-one, so to speak.

MERCY SEEPS THROUGH

Dr. Cox of the state health department announces that wives and their infants, of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixts and seventh grades in army, navy, marine and coast guard will be cared for, during prenatal and postnatal days.

Mother will have medical care for six weeks following birth of child, as well as prenatal days. Infants will be treated for one year.

Have a good time, judging by the those not mentioned before? party at Oplin last week, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Mallie Johnson, with Mrs. Tomie Windham leading. Games, hot chocolate and sand-

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milliorn, Joe Ross, Betty Mae, Wilma, Clarence, and Tommie; Mrs. Tommie Windham and daughter Paula; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher and daughter Juanta Jo; Tommie, Myrtle, Boice, Joan, Bobby and Bill Poindexter; Tommie Sue, Sonny and Billy Stakley; Sue, and Annie Slough Mary Ruth, Maxine, Mary and Lowell Johnson; Vendel Moore, Jackie Straley, C. P. Correll, Randall Shaw, Lawrence and Manton Reid; Johnny and Manuel McBride, all of Oplin.

TOO FAR FROM HOME

Willy. Better watch those Iowans while you rare attending Iowa State College as a naval cadet, at Ames .. And be ready with your tommyhawk, Billy G. Hatchett.

If you Texans there don't hang together you may be shot separately. We have heard that there's a lot of shootin' goin' on in these times about on this small world.

Thank's Iowa State for writing us a piece and underscoring Billy's name | 12-24-1tp.

YOUR NAME IN THE PAPER

Now, don't say you don't like to have your name in the paper!

I do, you do; every one does. But getting your name in the paper grows more difficult and complex year by year.

When "locals" were the warp and long with our lack of far-away-in-When "locals" were the warp and terests, made it a comparatively simple matter; but today there are many almost insurmountable diffi-

You older ones remember when Uncle Bill could stroll down to the depot, squint at the incoming and outgoing crowd, and have the "comings and goings" of the community.

But today, you slip out by night, roll away in broad day light in fast Tuesday's Dallas News carried the cars, and we never know whether following story of another Red Front: you are headed for just a spin; or bent on important business in other

Then, your business seldom involved negotiations, many angles, and publicity would not have embarrased of modern business, premature publicity would do great injury to your interests.

Then a trip to Abilene was a matter of pride to you; today it is not even a matter of notice.

That we may tread that uncertain path between the known and the unknown, we leave you to report your comings and goings.

Don't feel any hesitation in doing this. It is fair to us, it is fair to your friends; for when you make a trip that you feel they would like to know about, they will like to know about it, and the Star can help you there. .

It is not seeking publicity; it is helping to keep the warp and woof of our social intercourse in proper tension as we weave the fabric of

Too, we can't know unless you

SPACE CRIES OUT

"Don't multiply reports of essential war work, for to do so makes it impossible for the papers throughout the United States to give the news at all." I find on the hook report of

workers in the Surgical Dressing rooms here, week 1-7. December and it gives names of ladies day by day, covering five days and one night of the period.

Wouldn't it be better to accept the fact that ladies do work certain days, and only list the names of

I served during the last war in the capacity of county publisher, and however much I yearned to "get their reports in" the length of wiches were served by the 4-H them, the impossibility of my "boil ing them down", made it impossible for me to dot it.

We are wasting vital "war materials" in the long news releases to the press.

WHAT DOES IT ALL

Mean to you? My mails are full of "publicity" all beautiful publicity, and charmingly written, even fascinatingly written in the eyes of the writers—that vast army of stargazers who now "popularize" the various functions of the Government. in its multifarious and multitudinous departments; and should I have the time and space and patience to print it, every line and phrase of it would have at least absorbed reading (by their writers), but the impossibility angle bats them down as fast as the mails stand them up before The Star, and tears pile up in tear ducts in pity for them!

Ah, that all could be heard!

I want to buy a Singer (preferred) sewing machine, Write Mrs. T. A. Robbins, Route 1, Baird, Texas.

MY SON DOES NOT

Plan to vote in coming elections because he keeps watch on the most sought to-kill craft on the seas, an airplane carrier, somewhere where brown meen keep their bivouac.

He says: "When I was a citizen in the ranks of the common people, doing my bit to keep this govern- and he wrote the story of the birth ment on even keel, I had a voice, at Bethlehem, December 25, year and I exercised it.

"Now, I have taken up my stand behind the planes and their guns born in a manger; that Angles led and their matchless boys, and have shepherds to the humble birthplace; no time to devote to domestic mat- that wise men came bearing gifts; ters at home, just as you, dad, cannot devote any time to my job.

know you know that I am going to that your are going to do yours."

ought to be. We at home are per- ping it in the "swaddling" clothes: haps justly scolded for our"armchair strategy," and the soldier who should some house of wealth or royalty! undektake to see civil life's necessities from the shell hole would be the eye of the world; but only the equally as worthy of scolding. Their positions make it impossible for and the wiseman, saw it. them to weigh conflicting domestic issues sanely.

And 1944 elections will be almost our army and navy, which have al- or now! ways been held out of politics will carry on regardless of what changes THAT TOWER OF BABEL may or may not be made in the personnel of our official families.

GERALD MANN

Is my friend, and it helped my feelings wonderfully when he clarified the first impression his resig- ATTORNEY GENERAL MANN nation created. He says emphatically he will not be a candidate next year

I said to Gerald, two years ago: "Gerald, you can brake the presedent creeps in there. So long as the party and hold the Attorney Generalship functions, as did the Democratic six years; but what ever you do, drop party before passage of the Terrell out between heavy official responsi- Election Law, without the sphere of bilities, and get the feel of private legislative enactments, the Courts had duties and responsibilities again ... it no control, because there was no law

"office seeker perpetual."

Therefore, I could be only happy that he is odnig that ... without, of course, every recalling that I wished it for him.

IMAGINATION RAN

Away with a West Coats editor, 1, A. D.

The story goes that the child was but that story was written years later, and I am prone to think that "Both of us have a job. Just as I editors then would have been just like editors now, forgetful to walk do my job the best I can, I know down in the "manger" areas, and pick up stories of infant born without And, my readers that is as it garments to cover, its parents wrapwe seldom miss the "prince" born in

I don't think that star shone for intensley spiritual, like the Angels

No newspaper man heralded the birth of Abe Loncoln!

I just don't know, brother; I 100 per cent domestic problems, for doubt your covering that beat then

IS now out-babeled. Parts of the bible are found in 1,058 languages, and daughter Juanita Jo; Tommie according to the prolix President of the University of Texas.

May find himself trapped on his opinion, stated before the United for Governor, nor any other political Supreme Court, which says:"Courts have no control over parties."

There is a nice distinction which will keep you from becoming an involved:but when the state undertook

> DLEAK DECEMBER! Tis passing strange that this month which fur-

> nishes the least light

out of doors, should fur-

nish the most light with-

in. It's the Spirit of Christ-

mas, and the Merriest

of Christmases to you!

to protect parties in their rights to use "staturtory provisions" in their conduct, they laid the predicate for the courts reviews from the district ington University, D. C., to the United States Supreme Court.

The remedy for the South is to repeal all of its election laws, except II WAS THE JUDGE'S the general laws, which frown upon dishonesty, and manage their affairs as do other private groups, viz: the churches, the lodges, and the various civic groups.

When a party or state seeks to set up special privileges for themselves, by law, they become creatures of the State, and the State must have control over its crea-

STAFF SERGEANT

V. M. Johnson won an important battle: he led Miss Florence Greenfield to the alter, Dec. 7th, in the Chapel of the Army Air Field,

Shamrock, and he is a graduate of Baird High. She attended Shamrock High, Texas Tech, and George Wash-

Congratulations, young people.

Mistake in naming me Chairman of the Publicity for the January Bond Sale Drive. I'm too new; Jack, or E. F., or J. S. should have been named; but, it may be that it can't do harm, knowing that the other three boys are going to do their bit and carry me comradly, too.

Thanks, felows.

BOYS IN SERVICE-

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson received a telegram Sunday night from their son, Glynn R. Gibons- G. M. 3-c, U. S. N. R.

He was well and doing fine. Had been at sea for several days, and Miss Greenfield's mother lives at hadn't been able to write so often.

PERSONALS

S. S. Harville of Oplin, was in Baird Tuesday and called at The Star office to renew his subscription.

Al Young ranching on the Bayou was in Tuesday and renewed his subscription, also that of his brother Jack Young of Dallas.

Jim Cornnell of Denton in company with E. B. Mullican visited The Star office Tuesday, Mr. Mullican called to renew his subscription.

Mrs. E. H. Kehrer of Big Spring is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. H. Kehrer and her brother, Silas Dunlap at Belle Plain. Mrs. Dunlap called at The Star ofice to renew her subscription.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Olan Cannel left the hospital Friday after undergoing major surgery some ten days ago.

Mrs. Tot's Wristen entered the hospital Thursday as a medical patient. broken shoulder is improving.

Virginia Ann, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Corn, came to

hospital Friday with pneumonia. Leona Durham left the hospital Thursday after a medical check-up.

Mr. Bill Paulson entered hospital Monday suffering from pneumonia. Mrs. O. E. Kendrick of Clyde, is a medical patient.

Mrs. M. D. McElroy entered hospital Sunday suffering from pneu-

Mrs. Frank Carpenter of Eula, entered hospital Monday suffering with pneumonia and nervous disorder.

Mike Hughes, Sr., 85, years old fell and broke his shoulder. He entered hospital Wednesday morning. Mr. J. Mc Gaughlin retired rail road conductor for the T and P is still in a critical condition suf-

fering from heart trouble. Ev Hughes is doing fine and will be going home in two or three days. Grandma McGee who entered the hospital several days ago with a



More than a half a century ago Robert Barry Coffin wrote:

"I have ships that went to sea "More than fifty years ago;

"None have yet come back to me, "But keep sailing to and fro."

We don't want that to happen to you, kind friend. This year A.D. 1944 is the year we want your ship to come in.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOME TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC **COMPANY**

BAIRD, TEXAS



"OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"

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

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

HOLMES DRUG COMPANY

BAIRD, TEXAS

ATTENTION!

LITTLE ONION CAFE

BAIRD, TEXAS

Where Will You Be At 11:30 p. m. New Years Eve?

Why not attend our Gala NEW YEARS EVE Midnite Show, Friday, December 31st. 11:30 p. m.

You'll see an Entirely New Programme at this great midnite show.

Moonlight In Havana—with Marjorie Lord Don Terry-William Frawley! Grace and Nicco Horton, dance group and the Jivin' Jacks and Jills; Also Short Subjects.

There will be Given Away From the Stage at This Show One Basket Groceries; One Bottle of Cologne to the Lucky Lady; One Box of Cigars to the Lucky Gent; and Several Other Articles—Courtesy of the Merchants of Baird.

So COME EARLY and Join the fun: WE PROMISE YOU A GREAT SHOW-Barrels of Fun-and a HAPPY JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

THE TIME 11:30 p. m. THE PLACE—YOUR PLAZA THEATRE, BAIRD, TEXAS.

... The Date—New Years Eve, Dec. 31st.



★ The first Union Flag of 13 stripes was unfurled by George Washington on New Year's Day, 1776. This is another good reason for rejoicing at this time, for Old Glory is a symbol of freedom wherever it waves.

So, Happiest New Year to you, and God bless you, one and all!



A. AND P. TEA COMPANY

BAIRD, TEXAS





OD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once

At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

ROCKHOUSE ROOMING HOUSE

MRS. C. J. REDWINE, Prop.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Sitting in the Methodist pew Sunday morning, the Sunday School record kept stricking its tongue out at me; and these figures stuck:

Attendance last Sunday, 92; this Sunday, 102! Contributions last Sunday, \$26.25;

this Sunday, \$10.16.

It was our first Sunday! Don't hurl bricks at me too quickly-I might not have been the Jonah aboard

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But, an excellent choir and meaty sermon did a lot to make up for the

THE PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

difference.

he approaching holiday season

makes us appreciate more than

ever before the priceless value

of our friends and customers,

like yourself. It reminds us, too,

of the sacrifices being made by

many of our friends now in the

service of Uncle Sam. To you,

and to all these go our thanks

for your patronage in 1943, and

our wishes for a joyous holiday.

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ASHLOCK INSURANCE AGENCY

BAIRD, TEXAS

Met in the home of Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Monday at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. E. B. Mullican and Mrs. Lee

Estes were co-hostesses. Mrs. Virgil Hughes led in prayer George led the closing prayer. Mrs. Eastham, President, announced gifts for the Pastor would be sent to Mrs. R. L. Alexander's home.

bers and guests.

THERE FOREGATHERS

It is the round-table approach to

following "Joy to The World". Devotionel was led by Mrs. James Asbury. Mrs. Alexander gave a Christmas story, and Mrs. N. M.

Social hour closed the meeting, during which Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged, around a Christmas tree. Members of the Trojan class were present, and presented Miss Edmunson with a gift Refreshments were served to 28 mem-

So I am told, each Sunday morning, a dozen or two men of the Methodist Church, in the basement of the church, in an unusual Sunday School effort: a leader but no teacher!

the lesson, with the men holding up to the class each's opinion and interpretation of the lesson.

Am thinking seriously of going back.

which makes you ten and a half years older than us. paper heavens with Star Dust, may I pick up a few of the "fallen" stars, and humbly try to "fix" them in the firmament?

Thank you, Mary!

HI, AUNT MARY;

I thought the Star's age was

something to brag about, but here

you come along to the old desk (new

to me) carrying Vol. 67, No. 26-

While you are spraying the news-

THANK GOODNESS

I can't live on the wrong side of the tracks here: there is only one side! Step beyond the lines of bit. cars usually massed on the division

the past; mellows our outlook, and makes us know that man is still willing to work with God in maintaining himself and felows.

THANK GOD, I HAVEN'T

Complained at any boy for going, volunteering, or not going, not volunteering for services with the armed forces of the world

I have been too busy wondering what my record will be when it is

I never question another's citizenattitude. Underneath the forbidden a praying, yearning heart to do his

-point sidings here, south, and you ing up on others' forget something the war, your private business, befind the ranch in its same pristine very fine in themselves-the will and come the hibernated bear without garb it wore when the First T. P. the power to give 100 per cent of a care in the world, and you will train came screaching into Baird. their whole being to what they think have done more to escape the dangers

INFLUENZIA

Says Dr. Adams, is demonstrably based upon extreme nervous reactions, and when you find a whole nation taxed beyond human endurance (in nervous strains), as now and during other world war, colds, grippe, influenza, children of the same progenitors, thrive.

Therefore, continues the chineycorner non-medic, you can save the practicing medicos many unnecessary ship, his loyalty, his devotion, his trips, if you will, on first symtoms, go to bed, keep even temperature, habiliments of the fellow may be take laxatives making sure that your bowels move normally, grab the trashiest non-mental-demanding book I have found that those busy check- you can get, read them and forget That ties us to the strength of is their place in this terrible holo- of these attacks than all doctors could do for you.

> We querried, "Doc, you gonna do that?" And he smiled: "Men don't take advice; not even their own.'

Lots of fellows, if you track the same trail back to the same table, day in and day out.

It is first a soldier leaving after a visit with his sweetheart; then it is one making it through; then over the cup of coffee you find that the boy in uniform is in pain-his car crashed the night before, and he is seeking a way out...we offer help, we suggest a story; he hesitates, and says, "It might indicate that I was out of bounds...you see?"

And I did! Again we had to be judge of "what is news for the Star," and we agreed with the boy caught up in this terrible thing cursing the world, war.

And tears acros the counter: Mrs. Barney Stockton had letter from her husband, reporting him awaiting operation in San Diego base hospital.



As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you ... thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 d of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you

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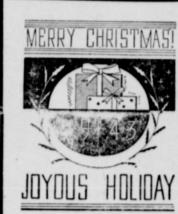
a very Merry Christmas.

William's Cleaners BAIRD, TEXAS



* White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Morry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours es 1943 draws to a

> City Cafe BAIRD, TEXAS



LIGHTS ON THE FIR TREE.

... MAY IT BE A VERY HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

Hays BAIRD, TEXAS



SNOW ON THE WINDOW LEDGE . . . THE JOYOUS FACES OF CHILDREN . . .

Service Station



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

ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1944 IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENVISION A BETTER WORLD . . . "A WORLD WHICH SHALL AFFORD TO ALL NATIONS THE MEANS OF DWELLING IN SAFETY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH WILL AFFORD ASSURANCE THAT ALL MEN IN ALL LANDS MAY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT." MAY GOD SPEED THAT DAY, WE PRAY, AS WE SEND YOU OUR NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

C. W. SUTPHEN, OCTANE PRODUCTS

BAIRD, TEXAS



War or peace, a brave new world is

in the making - a world in which

better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully

to the future. At this time it is fitting

that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest bless-

ings that Christmastime can bestow.

McELROY'S

BAIRD, TEXAS

Season's Greetings...

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

NORVELL BOYD GROCERIES

The Baird Star

Established by W. E. Gilliland December 8, 1887

S. W. ADAMS, Owner and Publisher Entered as Second Class Matter,

THE ABILENE REPORTER SAYS:

Today those who tout General Mac-Arthur as a GOP standard bearer ignore one rather obvious fact: that didn't phase them. They just kept his services are needed where he is, right on sending them, and wherethe mass of people pin their faith and Industry Can Co-operate,""Noth-Jap that hich the Jap so richly de- I'll be switched if I'm going to serves-extinction. It is an odd quirk | print them! Nowsuh! of circumstances that most of the ballyhoo for MacArthur comes from THERE CAME the Amberica First and isolationist camp, a circumstance that must be acutely embarrassing to the man who saw trouble coming years ago, who moved heaven and earth to prepare a message from Miss Ollie E. Clark, for it, and who has fought valiantly Albany, Texas. and effectively to stem the Jap tide of conquest.

"A great many Americans would following mesage: rather see Douglas MacArthur parade through Manila at the head of conquering American and Filipino troops have a cinch on the former, not much | Star. of a chance on the latter."

Houston. Thought age might weaken It may be too dry at times; it may that incisive reasoner you carry in have too many winds, and it may not your wooden head; but that edi- have the fine crops of "garden truck," torial indicates the West has kept but, after all, it will give you the Come over to see us-S. W. Adams, the Spirit of the West. public worrier with the Baird Star -its Star reporter!

TEXAS MAY BECOME

Focal point for the rallying of a return-to-the-democracy-of-our- fa-

It's govenor was measuring up to every requirement of a leader in that return, so the reporters of Houston, who, a few days ago, quoted him as saying that he would accept nomination for Vice-President on a ticket with Mr. Roosevelt, did him and the cause of this return great injury.

Governor Stevenson has been my personal friend for many years, and I know that that woud be the last thing that he would want to do. He must have tried to reply faceiously in the language of Henry Clay who said "No man can afford to refuse such a signal honor at the hands of his friends."

Governor Stevenson rings true to all of the traditions of Texas, its wide-open spaces, and the South; and he is among the forward-looking conservatives.

We hope he may clarify that press report.

YUM, YUM, Y-U-U-M-M-M!

If it were not plain unsightly I would begin right now to lick my chops, anticipating all those good things coming to us just as soon as our good farmer friends come to know us.

Our salivary activities were greatly stimulated by the following, lifted from the Clyde Enterprise.

Two weeks ago I told a gloomy story in this column-The Hardships of a Country Editor. This week I have a diferent story to tell. One day last week a prominent Clyde farmer came in and wanted to trade fresh backbone for a year's subscription to the Enterprise. The deal was closed immediately, and from the amount of backbone delivered, I feel like the editor and the Missus re- from Pasadena, Calif. reived the better part of the bargain.

The next day some good friends out Oplin way sent in a box filled with a generous supply of backbone, spareribs, sausage and side meat. The editor and Missus were made happy to realize again that they were remembered by friends in a substantial way. But there is still more to my story. The very next morning before breakfast, as good a neighbor as anyone ever had, brought over a nice roast of venison, bless her heart. Adding all of these together reminds me again that "Every cloud has a silver lining." (-and the stomach can be filled-Star Ed.)

CARTER SMITH

Of Rockwall, brother of Sam I. Smith, died last Wednesday, and was buried there. Mrs. Sam I. Smith attended the funeral from Baird. Mr. paid up for one year, and had the Smith had visited here often, and paper sent to Corporal Eldon M. many friends in Baird will regret to Johnson, in England, and Frank hear that he has passed away.

DRAT THEM HOFERS!

Folks, just 29 years, 8 months, five days, 13 hours, 22 minutes an t 16 seconds ago, I stuck my feet Issued Every Friday, at Baird, Texas to "bile" out copy for a country weekly; and, believe it or not, Hof-December 8, 1887, at the Post Office er & Sons, Portland, Oregan, laid on in Baird, Texas, under the Act of 1879 my desk in Port Lavaca, Texas, several newsprint sheets, 8.5 by 14 inches, neatly multigraphed with the best tasting editorials one could want and I was too dumb or pig-headed

or something to use them. But, would you believe me? That and he should not be distracted from ever I turned up in my geographical the business in hand. They are inter- exploration, using paper ofices as ested only in his vote getting poten- outposts, there turned up the tialities, here as most of us are in- Hofers; and one of the first letters terested in his ability to kill Japs in to reach me here was the Hofer's large numbers. They are hopeful that with such attractive themes as he can save their party at the polls; "Home Sweet Home," Government and hope on him to render unto the ing to Brag About" and so on; but

Tuesday morning a Christmas Greeting which pleased me more than one is entitled to be pleased: it was

In the same bold, unwavering, beautiful hand, her pen indited the

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Adams: As you can see from the enclosed card, I had written you at Tyler, and just as than riding down Pennsylvania ave- it came back I was informed that nue in a peresidential parade. They you are now the Editor of the Baird

"Welcome back to West Texas. Hello, Max, you old hossthief from | There is no grander place on earth. the brain fibers working smoothly. benefit of the wide-open spaces, and

> "Be sure to call on my old friend, Judge B. L. Russell, Sr. He has been one of my main allies in the ten years fight we have waged to get U. S. Highway 183 completed. You will be the first to benefit by it.

"Best wishes to all of you." "Signed. Ollie E. Clark.

That message bridges the thirty-odd years gap which slipped in between my first meeting Miss Clarke, as my High School Principal at Spur, Texas, back in 1911-1912.

Remember, Miss Clarke:

"Makes no difference if he is a hound.

You gotta quit kicking my dawg around?"

After the strenious holidays, if you don't come down in that limousine of yours, Mrs. Adams and I may just hitchike up to Albany-we must talk over those and intervening years. She is in Austin, where I join her Xmas.

Don't butcher lumber-there are some butchering the paper business; putting out nice juicy reams of extellent paper.

That looks like it ought to satisfy an ordinary mortal, but not the Carpenters-they sit down and labor ously (I imagine), tounge in cheek, write "fillers", "squibs", and "Linagestretchers" for us spoilers of white paper.

Sample? Well a Squib says, "A man who starts out to show the wife who's boss, often learns soon enough."

Fillers says, "Over the telephone. your voice will travel around the world in less than one-third second," and I had been wondering how the man in next town could speak up so quick.

SATURDAY ON SUBSCRPTION WAY.

Mrs. Frank Burt's \$2.00 reached us

Mrs. D. L. Blair's from Angeles.

Mrs. R. L. __lliott, Mrs. __ssie Smith, Mrs. Mammie Johnson, of Oplin, (and for each of two sons), Mrs. Joe McGowen, Baird, J. R. Breeding, Oplin, and W. O. Maltby, Baird, left their Star money.

The paper went to W. J. Dawkins of San Angelo; and the following took the Star and Reporter (Abilene): Essie Smith, Mrs. H. J. Gibbs, and Archie Nichols.

Nice Saturday, thank you.

TWO SONS IN

The service is Mrs. Fay Alexander's lot: one John C. Alexander at Camp Ellis, Illinois, and the other James Marshall, at San Diego, Calif. She renewed the Star for another

Mrs. Minnie Johnson came in and with the forces of the United States.

THE OCTANE PLANT

Is impresive from the highway, but when you reach the shadows of its smoke stacks, you find that it is a under a newspaper desk, and began | really important plant; and then we find its personnel have domicile in Baird, it makes us feel that maybe we have a right to call it "Our Refinery."

FALLACIES ON INFLATION

Keep pace with inflation, and no one seems to be willing to face the realities of it. It is discouraging. The whole effort is comparable to the sanitary commission that cyphones poluted waters out of the system at one point, only to return it to the system at another.

Inflation simply means too much money in the whole country...not too much in certain pockets. The cry that we must buy war bonds and not consume goods if we would avoid inflation, is ridiculous; because the money you check over to Uncle Sam flows right back into your own or others' pockets.

The cry that "subsidies" is the cure for inflation, is equally as absured; because the price is that price the seller gets for the consumer goods, regardless of who pays for them. When Uncle Sam pays part of it...it is your money, and to pay it directly to the seller by you would be no different from its being paid by you and the government; except, when your money is routed out of your pocket via the U.S. Treasury. to the sellers' pockets, there is a heavy most taken out of it to pay expenses of the Government's actions in collecting your money, accounting for it, and then paying it to your merchant for you.

Nothing will cure inflation but the draining off "permanently" of the excess money which has crept in; then refuse to put more new money into the money supply of the nation.

Mr. Holly came in and subscribed for the Star to go to W. J. Dawkins, Route 2, San Angelo.



AS one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a . . . Merry Christmas.

We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BE-HOOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.

CITY PHARMACY

BAIRD, TEXAS



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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

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

- REDDY KILOWATT.

West Texas Utilities Company



Our entire business has been built upon friendship. We look upon all our customers as our friends, and are determined to give them the friendliest service possible. It is our aim to wrap up a little friendliness in each transaction.

Thanks, friends, one and all, for the privilege of serving you. And we want to say right now, as fervently as we can say it

HAPPY NEW YEAR

RAY MOTOR COMPANY

BAIRD, TEXAS

SEHRIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas,

County of Callahan. By Virture Of An Order Of Sale issued by order of a judgment decree of the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court, on the 19 day of November A. D., 1943, in a certain suit No. 106, wherein the State of Texas for itself, and in behalf of Callahan County, and for the use and benefit of all political subdivisions whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector of said County, as Plaintiff and the City of Baird, a municipal corporation, as Intervener, and M. L. Vaughn as Defendant in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of Four hundred forty and 25-100 (\$440.25) Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from November 19, 1943, and in favor of said Intervener, for the sum of Two hundred twenty-five and 14-100 (\$225.14) Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from November 19 1943, for delinquent state and county ad valorem, and city taxes together with the legal and total amount of penalties, interest, and costs of suit computed thereon, and the foreclosure of Plaintiff's delinquent tax liens upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendant because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon, within the time and in the manner provided for by law, same being the amounts of said judgment rendered in favor of said Plaintiff, State of Texas, for itself, and in the capacity herein set out and said Intervener, City of Baird, by the said 42nd District Court of Callahan County, on the 19 day of November, A. D. 1943, and to me directed and delivered as sheriff of said Callahan County, I have seized levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1944, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the City of Baird between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of said defendant,

the same lying and being situated

of Texas, and within the metes and City of Baird, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT:

Being Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 8, Railroad Addition to the town of Baird, Callahan County Texas, and being the same property described in a deed recorded in Volume 153, page 549, Deed Records of Calalhan County, Texas dated September 14, 1937, to which reference is here made for any and all purposes. That the above described lots were rendered as one tract of land by the said Defendant. SECOND TRACT:

Being the South 1-3 of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, Block 67, Railroad Addition to the Town of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, and being the same property described in a deed

in the County of Callahan, and State | to M. L. Vaughn from Moline Vaughn dated September 14, 1937, and rebounds and territorial limits of said corded in Volume 153, page 549, Deed Records of Callahan County, Texas, to which reference is here made for any and all purposes.

Subject, however to the rights of the Defendant, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law; subject to the further rights of the Defendant to have said property divided and sold in loss divisions than the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said State of Texas, for itself, and in the capacity herein set out, and in trust for the City of Baird.

B. O. Brame, Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas.



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

DOROTHY WILKERSON COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

> W. M. MEADOR COUNTY AGENT



* Another year, another page ... time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year-to serve our customers still better than the year before

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY HAVE A GOOD TIME AND DROP IN TO SEE US REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME HERE



RUSSELL-SURLES ABSTRACT CO.

BAIRD, TEXAS





"At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a year"

LITTERING more fantastically than the jewdels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this town and adjoining farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christmas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1944 IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENVISION A BETTER WORLD . . . "A WORLD WHICH SHALL AFFORD TO ALL NATIONS THE MEANS OF DWELLING IN SAFETY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH WILL AFFORD ASSURANCE THAT ALL MEN IN ALL LANDS MAY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT." MAY GOD SPEED THAT DAY, WE PRAY, AS WE SEND YOU OUR NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

OFFICIALS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

B. H. Freeland, County Judge B. O. Brame, Sheriff Leslie Bryant, County Clerk Mrs. Will McCoy, County Treasurer Mrs. T. W. Briscoe, Tax Assessor-Col. F. E. Mitchell, County Attorney B. C. Chrisman, County Supt. Raymond Young, District Clerk

GOSH, THERE'S

Lots to say. Somebody over at the County Agent's office grabbed a typewriter and wrote an excellent article on "grubs", and only space forbids its entire reproduction. So we are going to just "tech" it lightly.

Heel flys parents grubs; grub injure cattle: so get the heel fly.

To do that, several things are mentioned: Wash, or dust cattle with THE EASTERN STARS Derris; equal parts wettable sulphur and deris; scrub animals back vigorously (may be not the Brah- 14; at the T. P. Lunch Room, after man bull) with a stiff brush as you she had paid her official call upon sprinkle dope on;

Or a dipping vat or power spray may be used.

I would advise you to get a phamlet from the county agent, and follow it carefully.

CARRELL CALVIN

Wiliams was born 16 years ago, October 6, 1927, at Denton, Callahan county. He passed away at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, at 1:05 a. m., Dec. 8, 1943, of injuries re-

ceived in a car wreck. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams of the Denton community. He attended Denton High School and would have been graduated

at the end of this term. Calvin had never united with the Church, but had placed his faith in Jesus at an early age.

Besides his parents, he is survived by thee brothers: Corporal Olin E. Wiliams of Oklohoma City; Seaman 1st Class Dalton W. Williams of Miami, Fla., his paternal grandmotheIr, Mrs. S. E. Springer of

He was the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Lofton, a pioneer Callahan couple.

We wish to expres our sincere thanks to all for their kindness and sympathy in the death of our beloved son and brother, Calvin. Also, to thank every one for the beautiful



Holiday Cheer

It's about time for us to wake up and thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your kindness. May your Chrismas be very, very happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Montgomery and William BAIRD, TEXAS



GENTLE WORDS, OPEN HEARTS, WILLING HANDS, SOFT MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE ... THIS IS CHRIST-MASI MAY IT BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY BEYOND EXPRESSION ...

Home Lumber Co.

BAIRD, TEXAS

floral tokens. Your kindness and words of sympathy make our burden of sorrow easier to bear, and will be cherished always.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wiliams, and family.

G. F. Lofton, and family W. B. Lofton, Mrs. Ollie Lofton and Mrs. S. E. Springer.

Banqueted their District Grand Deputy, Mrs. Laura Brewer, December the Chapter.

It was as usual an affair pleasingly commemorative of the Stars' activi-

SYBIL ANN ELDER

days with her Grandmother, Mrs. n-u-m-b-e-r e-i-g-h-t-! Cora Work and family.

SAD ANXIOUS DAYS

Come to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear and family. Their son, Lieut. Beal Brashear with the fighting forces on the Pacific, is in a Vancouver hospital to have surgery done on his shoulder to corect an injury sustained while in training for a pilot. New muscle must be grafted, and this means long weeks in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brashear drove to Memphis Sunday, and put Lieut. Brashear's wife aboard train for his bedside, and left the little one with a sister there.

THANKS.

The spirit of christmas,

dominating the world stage, once more has

incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war.

There is still beauty in common things, still

good in the world, and we are all grateful

As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend

for the glowing interval of Yuletide.

GRAY'S STYLE SHOP

BAIRD, TEXAS

the season's best wishes to all.

Mr. Telephone, for the early in-Of Barcelona, Venezuela, who is stallation of the Phone; and, gosh, attending school at Gulf Park College | what a fine thing that was to give Gulfport, Miss., is spending the Holi- | me the OLD Star Number-No. 8;

You folks don't forget now; when you have visitors, you go somewhere (I mean s-o-m-e-where) just Call No. 8, and we will jot the news down; if old Betsy presents you with 11 pigs, that is even better news than your going to Abilene-in fact, if you don't quit going to Abilene, that old badman's gonna get you---trade at home!

And, you business men. When you have just an impresion that you ought to have some printing done, grab the phone and call us over: that is the grease that makes community agon, well-loaded roll noislessly.

You are just as close to The Baird Star office as your telephone. Visit with us without trouble of driving to the office.

SWEETER WORDS

Never an editor read than: "Dec. 20, 1943. I like your first issue of the Baird Star, Mr. Adams.



★ Uncle Sam is to be congratulated, for he has done and is doing a magnificent job. This is, indeed, occasion for Christmas cheer.

Our compliments to you, friends, our thanks, and our most hearty wishes for an enjoyable and truly happy 1943 Christmas season.

> Mayfield's BAIRD, TEXAS

Keep the Star coming. Yours Truly, I. N. Walls, Route 2, Clyde, Texas." And we shall, Mr. Walls. Thank you.

SAM I SMITH

We are told by Mrs. Smith, is improving nicely at the County Hospital, where he has been suffering from a broken leg since Sunday, December 12. He fell in the house, breaking the leg.

PFC. WILLIAM (BILL)

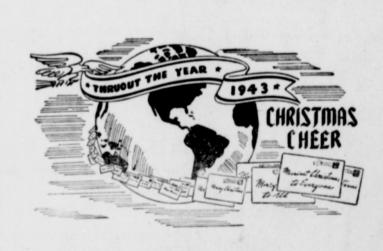
Bennett, who with two other men from Coleman county, as missing in action, is a cousin of Mrs. J. S. Nixon of Sweetwater. Bill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett.

They have been since notified that he is a German prinoner. He was a member of Company "C", 142nd. Inf. 36th Division, Fifth Army. Bill lived here with his family, later moving to Coleman.



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

Mylie Funeral Home



TE can hardly wish you 366 SUNNY days during 1944, but we can and do wish you 366 HAPPY days. We hope that the coming year brings you more true happiness, true friendships, and more opportunities than any year that has gone before.

BRASHEAR'S GROCERY STORE

BAIRD, TEXAS



SPONGE OFF THE SLATE · · · LET'S START A SPOTLESS PAGE

PYTHAGORAS, when asked what time was, replied that it was the soul of the world. And so it is. Time--precious, priceless--is the span during which we build up enduring friendship, and in our business friendship counts for a great deal. We thank you cordially for yours.

May the sands of the hour glass, draining away during 1944, bring to you many golden hours of happiness and joy.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD

WASTE PAPER MUST

Be collected to meet the grave paper shortage. Mrs. Ace Hickman, local chairman, urges every person to tie every scrap of waste paper into bundles, and that persons will call for these bundles.

This drive must be accomplished immediately. Private business, government departments must have millions of tons, and it is up to the American people to get this ernormous demand.

Be careful, keep in separate, newspapers, magazines, brown corrugated boxes (knocked down and bundle) and rest in miscellaneous bundles.

The paper must be thoroughly dry and securely tied.

Do this, and help meet this demand

JUNIOR WEDNEESDAY CLUB

Assisted by the ladies of Baird, prepared 65 boxes for the boys at Camp Barkeley who "might" be over- little corner of the paper you may

looked by Santa. These were taken to Abilene Tuesday, and turned over to the Chaplains there, who will

have a Christmas Tree for these boys The Juniors' had their Christmas tree last week at the Home of Mrs. Louis Marion Watson.

WE HAVE NO

Column that standsout "ourn." Every column in The Baird Star is mine, carrying with it the responsibility of guarding and filling with epinions, impresions, facts, stories, which I sincerely believe will harm no living human being.

You will find my opinions, like the chaff in the wheat, mixed through every column; and it is thrown in that the kernels of news may stand out the more beautifully as you read it.

If you fail to read the remotest

BEST WISHES

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth

peace, good will toward men

Who can estimate the value of good will,

that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously

mentioned in that first glorious Christmas

message? Be assured that we highly ap-

preciate your good will. It has been and

will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

This is the 52nd Xmas. I have spent in Baird, and the public

Just a few of our Merchants are left that were here when I came

WILL D. BOYDSTUN

BAIRD, TEXAS

Again I say-THANK YOU by wishing You A Merry Xmas.

has been good to me-for which I thank one and all.

and A Happy New Year.

miss the very quintesence of it..there is not a mean nor a shallow spot in it...every spot is dripping with the common touch, and over it all we hope to keep the protecting canopies of intelligence and intergity.

Alone I would make a mess of the Star; with your -ooperation, nothing I could do would make it a mess; thank goodness.

FOLLOWING NEW BOOKS

Have arrived at the Library: Late and Soon-Delafield Texas, The Land of The Tejas

-Johnson. I Give You Texas-Boyce House None But The Lonely Heart, -Luellyn.

But You'll Be Back-Steedman Pennhallow-Booth Targington So Little Time-Marquand Thunderhead-O'Hara Hillbilly Doctor-Seifert Thus Dr. Mallory-Seifert Surgeon in Charge-Seifert Profesional Lover-Greig Love, Honor and Obey-Greig When Women Love-Delafield Man Slaughter-Meller

-Christie.



MERRY **CHRISTMAS** TO ALL AND

YOU

EVERY ONE

Swinson and Tankersley Barber Shop

there.

swallow it.

—J. E. FITZGERALD.

Not Just to Remember-Clover Yesteday's Daughter-Lambert Never Another Moon-Miller

The Flaming Forest-Curwood The Library Board acknowledge the Murrell H. Medley gift of a number of books from Billy Bob and Stan Johnson, and from Mrs. W. L. Neal.

Librarian.

Adrian Hernandez

Clarence George Hodges

Clyde Reynolds Eager

Marion Monroe Sprouse

Robert Joseph Armstrong

Harvey Clayton McKinley

James Orval Taylor

Oscar Wilson Jones

Marvin Chester Weed

William Gordon Bell.

Melvin Ben Payne

Leonard Weldon Lovell

Harry Thomas Carlile

Leonard Leroy Gray

Roy Spencer McBride

Walter Lee Corley

Henry Loyd Bilbrey

Francis Leo Dugan

Merwin Lynn Eager

Charles Mathias Eller

-At-

Mayfield's

Closing Out

All

Ladies' Hats

Choice

\$1.00

Mrs. Hamlett

Santa may have new

modes of transporta-

tion in his bag of tricks,

but our wish is that his 1943 pack include a

great big package of old-time Christmas

cheer, addressed to you, dear friend-to

Modern

Beauty Shop BAIRD, TEXAS

YOU.

Riley Lee Wood

Alza Lee Price

Floyd Elton Ross

Guillermo Ramirez

McClung Kniffen.

Frank Tabor Bearden

Hubert Pryce Nunnallee

Ralph Vernon Emmerson

Joseph Livingston Francis

Army:

Walter Clarence Lane

Frank Robinson

Alex Bowers Shocklee

The following boys registered in November 1943. The law requiring

boys as they reach their 18th birthday to register: Marvin Paul Rister Thomas Rondal Young Wesley Turner Richardson

James Wilford Maness Raymond Chester Tennison Clarence Oen Smedley Eldon Billie Bowen Gerald Dugan Wiliam Travis Henry Everett Neil Strahan Eryle Claude Ferguson.

The following men from Callahan

County have been received into the various branches of the Armed For-Marines:

James Foy Tarver Melvin Poindexter William Gerald Cutbirth

Coast Guard: John Herman Abel William Cummings. Navy:

Vollie Victor Monsey Finish Ewing Neel Barney D. Stockton Archie Zedock Martin

FITZGERALD'S DICTIONARY

Or words as one man sees them. NURSERYMAN: A fellow who is often accused of selling dogwood switches for Elberta peach trees. FAT PERSON: A puddle of grease with legs and arms on the

PRESCRIPTION: A doctors' guess. OUTSPOKEN PREACHER: preacher who always has a flat pocketbook.

EDITOR: A man who acts like a dog with a bunch of firecrackers tied to his tail. He is always sputtering.

STATESMAN: A soft? poiled egg in the hands of a pretty woman. TIGHTWAD: A fellow who has an intense belief in a future life; he wants to have his money over

SUCKER: A kind of fish that is found all over the world but is extremely abundant in America. A pecularity of this fish: the bigger the bait the quicker he will

CYNIC: The opposit of sucker. Suckers go in droves and believe anything. Cynics are becoming more plentiful. The suckers always want to punch the cynics' eyes out so the cynics can see like the sucker do.



GOD BLESS

BAIRD, TEXAS



One of the best ways to thin the Victory Garden row is not to plant seeds too thickly! Sounds like a paradox, but it comes from experienced seedsmen in the largest seed firm in the world.

Carrot seeds are very small, and it is sometimes difficult to sow thinly enough so that the young plants do not crowd each other. In that case, according to Ferry-Morse Seed Co. specialists, it is best to thin them to stand about one inch apart when they are quite small. Grasp each plant near the base and pull gently so that the tops will not break off.

Unless they come up extremely thick, young radishes and green onions can be thinned by using them. The shape of the roots will be better, however, if the plants stand about an inch apart while still very small.

Each lumpy little pellet known as a "beet seed" is often two to four seeds, usually producing more than one plant. They should be sown at least 11/2 to 2 inches apart. When the plants are four to five inches tall, every other one can be pulled for greens. If this is done at intervals while tops and roots are small, space will gradually be left for some of the roots to reach good size.

Sowing leaf lettuce seed sparsely helps to avoid the extra work of thinning the plants later. Even when fairly thick, some gardeners prefer to cut the larger, outer leaves instead of thinning, leaving the inner ones to grow. If you like to use each lettuce plant intact, thin to about two inches apart when small. Then, as they become big enough to use, pull up alternate plants leaving the others to grow.

Bush beans should be planted two to four inches apart, and just enough seedlings removed from the row so that the remaining ones stand four to five inches apart. Beans usually produce more prolifically when the plants do not crowd each other.

Early turnips do better and grow more speedily to table size if they are given three or four inches in which to spread. It is important to help turnips grow to eating size quickly. Of course the thinnings make delicious greens when young and tender.

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BAIRD, TEXAS

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Happy New Year To You and Yours



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SALESMAN

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JACKSON ABSTRACT COMPANY

WERE YOU KILT

In 1943? Well, you had a mighty good chance to be, according to the sheet sent out by that "safety gang" at Austin. They say that 408 got hurt, 95 fatally, 189 not so bad, and the other 124 were property, which is above folks some places!

Triffling pedestrians just stayed in the way of cars; 243 vehicles swore the other 243 vehicles were to blame; six trains had the nerve to contest the right-of-way with cars, and 8 bicycles stuck out their tongues at cars; 12 animals disputed the emerious swish of the car, and 12 telephone poles or other such dum objects wouldn't budge for them; while 11 cars got to feeling their oats so much that they just kicked up their heels an dturned "over", and 56 of them just took to the woods, the road way was too smooth going-and ten got so frisky that the doctors L. Co. Lands, Survey No. 2273 in of safety couldn't tell what they Callahan County, Texas, and desdid, they just non-collissioned, or something.

GIMME A PEACH

ing an "Orchard Demonstration" on your farm early in December.

those fellows, with high-sounding titles from A. & M. College, some may pass it on to novices.

like my East Texas dad.

That here-and-there-always-so-the- January, 1944. go-fellow Meadows says it was thrashed out at this meeting that you ought to stick by "tried-andfound good varities" of fruit. He named a lot of them, but you would 12-20-1tc. forget them if you read them in the Star; so before you plant, ask Mr. Browning, or Mr. Meadow, anybody but the editor: his ignorance of what "is best" is ... well, let's not talk about the weak.

HI, FOLKS!

Hi's Northern States Envelope if we couldn't wish all our friends a Happy one!"

May have something there, Sandy and Joe, so Hi back at you.

PUTNAM PROJECTERS

Are lining up for the 1944 show: David Park Clinton with calves, Dale Ellis with a beef calf, Billy Brock of Eula is going the registered Jersey dairy calf board walk, Lowell Johnson of Oplin says, "Go on, Billy; my heifer won at Abilene and is going good."

Barney Rasberger is staking his success on poultry and Don Phillips keeps a weather eye on his Poland

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In the County Court of Callahan

(ounty, Texas. Notice is hereby given that I, W. M. Isenhower, Jr., guardian of the estates of Isabelle Isenhower and Otis Isenhower, persons of unsound mind, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said wards to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said wards, to-wit: Being 80 acres more or less out of T. E. &cribed by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in the South boundary line of said Survey No. 2273, said point being 1100 feet Please, Mr. Browning, for you west of the Southeast corner of said have been spotted by that gang hold- Survey No. 2273; THENCE West with the South boundary line of said Survey No. 2273; THENCE West I hope you were able to give with the South boundary line of said Survey, 1866.5 feet for corner; THENCE North 1866.5 feet for cortips on growing fruit, so that they ner; THENCE East 1866.5 feet for corner; THENCE South 1866.5 feet to They talked about "codlin" moths, the place of beginning; said appliwe understand. I bet you don't cod- cation will be heard by the County dle them. You swat 'em, if you are Judge at the courthouse in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 4th day of

> W. M. Isenhower, Jr., Guardian of the Estate of Isabelle and Otis Isenhower.

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Being a part of T. E. & L. Co. Survey No. 2978, in Callahan County Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Begining at the North-east corner of said T. E. & L. Co., Survey No. 2978; THENCE West 1062 varas; THENCE South 532 varas: THENCE East 1062 varas; THENCE North 532 varas to the place of beginning; said application Become 'Repulsive' will be heard by the County Judge at the courthouse in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 4th day of January, 1944.

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be on the safe side."

THAT OPA

As much as we might want to, we can't undertake the "informing" of the citizens of "orders" which are nudging "laws" into the chimney corner-in high school we read about that decadent begining of Rome, when laws were posted so rapidly and fulsomely on the walls of the Senate that no man could keep posted.

So, reader, if you are in doubt, just don't do it; and forgive our

O YOU RAMBOULETES!

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FOLKS AT HOME

Bachelor R. W. Gibbs came in Saturday and extended his mother's Star, and told us that his brother Buddy and sister Mrs. Carrilou Darby were home from San Diego, Calif., where they have been working; and that they expected Bob Darby home from the South Pacific where he has been with the Seabees.

LOTS OF HOG

R. W. Gibbs reported that he helped neighbor, R. L. McLain out at Rowden kill a hog which was guessed off at 650 to 750. It was so long that a man had to stand on a box to disembowel the critter.

S-Sgt. Barnet A. Gracy with the being unable to print these orders, U. S. Marines at San Diego, Calif., parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gracy of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins of Baird.



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

RAMSEY'S VARIETY STORE

BAIRD, TEXAS



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

Gulf Station,

Tom Fom French, Mgr.



TO EACH AND ALL

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



IMES HAVE CHANGED,

but Christmas remains unchangedthe year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

> E pause to extend our sincere holiday greetings to our customers and friends. It has been a pleasure to have served you in 1943. We hope for a continuance of your friendship in 1944.



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