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It was a nice Christmas, thank you. As nice as the combined efforts of Uncle Sam and the men concerned could make it. The army provided another sumptuous spread like the one ballyhooed so much a month ago. The men, exercising considerable resourcefulness in most cases, provided another welcome ingredient for the festive occasion. All in all, considering egotistical details, scads of presents, and a general glow of friendship, it was a very pleasant day. About as nice as anyone can expect away from home.

By the standards mentioned it was the best of the two GI Christmases yours truly has had so far, though it was not the most impressive. The other, on the desert of Camp Young, is unforgettable. Just the opposite of what all of us think it should be, and probably the reason it was so impressive. There was the midnight mass out in the cold open spaces on a stage that rivaled the Bethlehem stable in plainness. And a few hundred men huddled there shivering as the shepherds must have shivered centuries before. The obvious similarity had a profound, inspiring effect.

Then the storm about 4 A.M. Wind whipped the sides loose on pyramidal tents and blew in sheets of rain. Before a fellow realized it his cot had accumulated a puddle of water. All the while canvas pounded incessantly. The relief was to move the cot as wind directions changed then duck under the covers again — all the way under to escape some of the fury.

Christmas day was cold and damp. Not a comfortable place to be found on the whole area. The special dinner, which was meant to be a feast, was a disappointment. Food served in ice cold mess kits in an open mess hall gets cold in a hurry and offers little gastronomic satisfaction to men already chilled to the bone.

It's rough. A person doesn't enjoy it. But looking back he rather enjoys the thought that he had such a real Christmas.

The contrast this year applies to more than the festive aspects. Christmas was more on the standard we are accustomed to. All the comforts and embellishments of civilization were there. A cozy church, beautiful crib and other decorations, a choir, the solemnity of high mass, a sermon especially appropriate for this year.

The speaker, referring to original Greek scripture, pointed out a popular error in modern references to the passage on peace and good will. Correctly translated, he said, it is "Peace on earth to men of good will" not "Peace on earth, good will to men". An obvious distinction. Peace is intended as a blessing to be merited by good will. The other translation implies that peace and good will are gratis blessings.

Regardless of possible controversy on translations, the first seems to be more reasonable. Besides it is less subject to attacks of cynics who delight in claiming Christ and Christianity have failed, on the grounds that good will and peace are not universal, probably have not been since the beginning of time.

The other passage admits a more comforting interpretation. Men of good will can enjoy peace, a personal feeling of peace, even in a world at war. Conversely, men of ill will can not have personal peace even in a world of peace. Carrying the interpretation farther, when hatred, lust for power, oppression and those other evils that destroy good will among nations are removed wars will also be removed.

From that viewpoint Christmas has a profound significance even in today's turmoil. Despite suffering and sadness individuals all over the world, as long as they live by the golden rule, are feeling the comforts of the feast, whether they are safe and happy at home, or miserable in fox holes, whether they are on our side or the enemy's.

It's a nice thought to carry into this new year, which we fervently hope will restore peace to the

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**OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS**

In New Guinea Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Koessler had a letter from their son, Sgt. Anton Koessler, dated Dec. 12, advising that at that time he was in New Guinea, after being in Hawaii and Australia since leaving the states sometime in October. He is connected with the ground forces of the army air corps.

**Recent Promotion**  
A recent promotion has advanced Walker Huchtons to a technical sergeant, he has written his mother, Mrs. O.J. Huchtons. He is on duty at March Field, Calif.

**Waiting For His Plane**  
Lt. Patrick Stelzer, son of G.A. Stelzer of this city, recently completed his training on a Liberator bomber at the Pueblo Army Air Base, and he and the crew, of which he is co-pilot, are now waiting at the Topeka, Kansas, air base for a plane to "take them places," he wrote his father.

**Christmas Visitor**  
Pfc. Joe Henry Walterscheid spent Christmas day and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walterscheid, returning Sunday evening to Camp Gruber, Okla., where he is stationed.

**Holiday Furlough**  
Pvt. Richard Wimmer, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Virginia, is here on a holiday furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wimmer.

**Completes First Leave**  
Tony Yosten, fireman first class with the Seabees, returned to Camp Peary, Va., Tuesday following a 12-day leave, his first since his entry in the service, Nov. 1st. He was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Yosten, and was honored with a number of dinner parties while in this city.

**Home For Christmas**  
First Sgt. Roman Trachta of Camp Bowie was here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Annie Trachta, on Christmas day. Likewise, S.Sgt. Wilmer Luke, of Sheppard Field, came in to spend the 25th with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luke.

**A Son For The Taylors**  
Lt. and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Independence, Kansas, announce the birth of a son, their first child, on December 23 at 11:59 p.m. The baby weighed 8 pounds and has been named Roger Donald. His mother is the former Miss Lorena Fisher of this city, and he is the grandson of Joe Fisher, Sr.

**Has Pneumonia**  
First Sgt. Gene Lehnertz is confined to the station hospital at Camp Stewart, Ga., on account of pneumonia. He has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lehnertz. He has been in for about two weeks and will spend a few more weeks there, he disclosed, although at the writing he was much improved and his temperature had dropped from 104 to 100 degrees.

**Letters From 4 Sons**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Felderhoff have letters this week from all of their soldier sons. Pfc. Lawrence Felderhoff, in a letter dated Dec. 13, writes that he is no longer in the Solomon Islands group but cannot reveal the name of his present station, which he reports is a fine place with a large city nearby, lots of friendly people and plenty of places for amusement and entertainment. "The folks here drink tea instead of water, and I've grown quite fond of the stuff myself. Besides that, beer is always available at the pub," he wrote. He added that he expects to be at this particular station for only a limited time before pushing off again for some excitement with his company.

Pvt. Vincent Felderhoff is back in a hospital in North Africa, having to fall out of line with the 5th army on account of a recurrence of ankle trouble, he reported. The ankle which he sprained several weeks ago just isn't in condition to keep up with his company, otherwise, he is well, and only temporarily out of the fight.

Word from Sgt. Frank Felderhoff discloses that he is fine and everything is OK in Sardinia where he is on duty. Their fourth letter is from Pvt. Alphonse Felderhoff, a paratrooper, stationed in England. He writes that he is OK and having a bit of a good time occasionally, recently having been to London twice for visits. The boys all include regards to their friends here

WITH 36TH DIVISION



—Pfc. Joseph Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hess of this city, is a veteran of foreign wars. As a member of the famous fighting 36th division of the 5th army he has seen action in Italy since the battle of Salerno when that country was invaded. He has been in the service since September 1942, trained at Camp Wolters, in Michigan, Virginia and at Camp Edwards, Mass., before being called overseas in March, this year. The parents had a letter from him, written the latter part of November, and at that time he reported that he was well and fit.

## MORE THAN 700 FLU CASES REPORTED TO COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

More than 700 cases of influenza have been reported to the office of Dr. H.H. Terry, county health unit director, according to figures released Monday.

Throughout the county nearly every business house is running short-handed and almost every family has a member or more confined to bed on account of this illness.

If the number of cases increases to any marked extent it may be necessary to close public gathering places as a precautionary measure, county physicians said Monday.

Dr. Terry again appealed to people to stay away from crowded places and to stay at home if they feel themselves taking influenza. It is by contact that the disease is spread, and isolation is one of the most effective means of combating it, he pointed out.

He stressed the necessity of proper care of the patient, as pneumonia so often follows on the heels of a severe cold or flu. Rest, warmth and a liquid diet are the chief remedies. Above all, Dr. Terry said, do not go visiting a sick neighbor or friend if he has influenza, for this is misplaced kindness, leading as it usually does to two patients instead of one.

## PAUL NIEBALL, JR. RECEIVES INJURIES IN CAR-BIKE CRASH

Paul Nieball, Jr., is getting around fairly well on crutches and with four clamps in his forehead, the results of a bicycle accident last Thursday evening.

He was riding his bike down the highway, returning to his home, and was struck by a car driven by Johnny Otto, who was blinded by an approaching truck from the opposite direction.

Young Otto stopped and took the child to the local clinic where it was revealed that no bones were broken, though his hip and ankle were hurt and a large gas had been cut in his forehead. The truck driver was unidentified and did not stop after the accident, apparently unaware that anything out of the ordinary had taken place.

## First Letter In 7 Weeks

A letter from their son, Pvt. Bill Eberhart, the first word in seven weeks, was the best Christmas present Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eberhart received this year, they have advised. They knew their son was confined to a hospital in North Africa, suffering from a broken leg, but could not hear from him. The letter they received last week was dated Dec. 4 and informed them that he was well and now stationed in Italy. He had also received his mail, the first in over three months, and it brought him 72 letters and 4 Enterprises, which Bill added "is plenty good enough for any soldier."

## Visiting Father Here

Pfc. Edward Martin of Washington, D.C., is here on Christmas furlough to visit his father, Frank Martin and family.

## Frank Moster Is Casualty In Italy On Dec. 9

Died of Wounds Received In Action As Member Of Fifth's 36th Division

Sgt. Frank Moster, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moster of this city, died on December 9 of wounds received in action, relatives here learned in a message from the War Department last Wednesday afternoon. He was a member of a reconnaissance company with the 5th army and was on duty in Italy.

Memorial services with high mass of requiem were held Monday morning at Saint Mary's church in Gainesville with Pastor Rev. John P. Brady officiating.

Sgt. Moster was born at Mount Kisco, N.Y., on July 12, 1917, and as an infant was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moster, along with a brother, Pfc. Steve Moster, now stationed at Camp Wolters. Two other children of the family, Cpl. Tony Sicking of San Diego, Calif., and Miss Tresa Sicking of Gainesville, were adopted at the same time by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sicking of Gainesville, shortly after the death of the children's parents.

Frank grew up here and attended Sacred Heart School for several years, then moved to Wichita Falls with his foster parents, and since 1933 had made Gainesville his home, most of the time farming, though for one year, 1940, he was employed here by the local refinery and the electric cooperative.

He enlisted in the service in February, 1941, trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Edwards, Mass., and went overseas with the 36th division in March of this year, being stationed in the African sector before seeing action in Italy.

He was well known throughout the county having received nationwide publicity in 1938, when he and his brother, Tony, made two trips across the continent on bicycles. They pedaled 8,480 miles from July 5 to Dec. 9, visiting 21 states and Canada, and after their return gave accounts of their tour at meetings of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Gainesville and the Civic League and Garden Club here.

Survivors are the foster parents the sister and two brothers. Details surrounding his injury and death have not reached relatives although the last letter from him was dated Dec. 4, and at that time he was well and mentioned having received his Christmas presents from the states.

## BILL BIFFLE, MYRA, MISSING TWO YEARS IS JAP PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Biffle of Myra received a wonderful Christmas gift this year, in fact it's such a big one and came so unexpected on December 24 that it is still hard for them to realize it's true.

Their son, Bill Biffle, who was with the "lost battalion" in Java, sent them a card through the Red Cross from a Japanese prison camp in Moulmein, Burma. This is the first word that has been received from him since Java fell. Almost two years have passed since that time.

Pvt. Biffle was with the 131st division of the field artillery. He left for overseas duty on Nov. 21, 1941, after finishing his basic training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

He wrote that he was well and would like to hear from them.

## Home From Guadalcanal

Noel Jacobs, fireman first class with the Navy Seabees, and husband of Mrs. Cecilia O'Connor Jacobs, arrived last week from Guadalcanal to spend a 30-day leave with his wife here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy O'Connor, and members of his family in other Texas cities. As member of the 14th Seabee Battalion, Jacobs spent the past 15 months doing construction work on Guadalcanal. He is on leave until January 11 when he reports back to the West Coast at Camp Parks, Calif. His wife will accompany him to California and reside near his station as long as he is in that camp.

James Wilde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilde of Hereford, is stationed with the army somewhere in the South Pacific since going overseas recently, his mother advises in a letter this week. He met several boys from this community while he was taking basic training at Camp Roberts and Fort Ord, Calif.

## William Hellman Found Dead In Bed Wednesday Morn

All Efforts In 1944 To Be Concentrated On Soil Conservation Muenster To Have Ample Equipment With Which to Carry On Active Program

Muenster will have ample equipment with which to carry on work of the soil conservation program in this community during 1944, J.W. Hess, supervisor of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation district has announced.

This community is especially privileged in that C.M. Walterscheid has received a priority from Washington, D.C., to purchase an 85 H.P. track type bulldozer tractor and two graders to be used in soil conservation work in this sector. The machinery will arrive here in the near future.

A general meeting will be held in this community within the next few weeks to plan for an actual program and all local land owners and those of surrounding priority districts are urged to watch for the meeting date and to attend it.

Since all efforts in 1944 will be concentrated on Soil and Water Conservation, and since there is much money available to be earned by farmers taking advantage of the many soil building practices, Muenster is very fortunate at this particular time to be able to secure the equipment with which to carry on this activity.

Farmers are reminded that there will be no allowances in effect in 1944 for cotton, wheat or peanuts and there will be no government payments in 1944 for wheat, cotton or peanuts. Government payments in 1944 will be made for soil building practices only, the ACA has announced.

A complete schedule of these allowances will be furnished to every land owner at the special meeting to be held in the near future.

The soil building allowance, 75 cents per acre of cropland, 6 cents per acre of pasture and \$1.50 per acre of commercial orchards, may be earned by carrying out any of the practices listed, which include such activities as drilling, digging wells for livestock, strip cropping on the contour and also not on the contour, contour listing, leaving stalks or stubble on land to protect against erosion, and others, which pay from 35 cents to \$2.50 per acre depending on the work done.

In addition to this allowance, farmers are allowed up to \$300 to build a tank, and an additional unlimited amount by carrying out any of a group of other practices such as terracing, which pays \$1.50 per 100 linear feet for the large ridge type and a dollar per 100 linear feet for the small ridge type, with the same amount for channel type terraces.

Diversion terraces or ditches, channel waterways, pasture mowing, elimination of prickly pear and elimination of underbrush also come in for an unlimited amount of allowance.

Supervisor J. W. Hess has received from M. Cooper Carter, secretary of the Cooke County ACA, sheets summarizing the entire farm program for 1944, and these will be distributed to all those present at the forthcoming meeting.

## \$500 Goes Into Bus Fund By Parochial Students Since Sept.

Members of the Public School board of trustees and the Sacred Heart Church committee met Sunday afternoon to discuss the school transportation situation. During the session it was revealed that parents of parochial school children riding the buses have paid into the maintenance fund slightly more than \$500 since the beginning of the school term. This amount was remitted to Pastor Father Thomas, who at Sunday's meeting turned it over to the Public School board.

Vincent Trachta, who spent the past three years employed with a construction company in the Panama Canal Zone, arrived here during the latter part of last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Annie Trachta and family, before entering the army. He expects to be abroad for about six weeks before being called.

## Was Resident Here 52 Years; Heart Failure Is Cause Of Death

William Hellman, resident of this community for 52 years, was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning. A heart attack is given as the cause of his death. He would have been 67 years old next April.

News of his sudden death spread a pall of sorrow over the entire community and everyone was extremely shocked to hear of his passing. Apparently in good health, he spent the usual portion of Tuesday in town and in the evening, before retiring, around eleven o'clock, he gave no indication of feeling ill and was in his usual jovial mood, conversing with his sister and daughter-in-law, who made their home with him.

On Wednesday morning when the ladies arose, they went about preparing breakfast in the usual manner and called to him when it was finished. Not receiving an answer, Miss Anna Hellman, went to his bed to find that he had passed away. The exact hour of his death was not established but it is said to have occurred sometime during the night.

## Funeral Arrangements Incomplete

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending word from members of the family stationed at great distances away. The probable date is Saturday, although nothing definite had been decided Thursday.

Mr. Hellman was born on April 23, 1877, in Saint Paul, Iowa, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hellman, and came with them to this community a few years after he was first settled. He had resided here since that time. In the early days he operated a saloon here in partnership with his brother, Ben Hellman, retiring when prohibition came into effect, and then for two years engaged in the produce business after which he moved south of the city on a farm. He retired from active work three years ago and came to town to reside.

He married Miss Catherine Trachta here in November, 1905, and they were the parents of six sons. Mrs. Hellman died in April 1927.

Survivors are four sons, Virgil Hellman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cpl. Ralph Hellman, Hawaiian Islands; Master Sgt. Leon Hellman, North Africa; Charles Hellman, Muenster, and four grandchildren.

Also surviving are one sister, Miss Anna Hellman, Muenster, and three brothers, Ben and Gus Hellman, Muenster, and John Hellman, Fort Madison, Iowa. Mr. Hellman was a member of the Knights of Columbus and took part in all local civic and religious enterprises whenever his help was needed and was treasurer of the Muenster Telephone Company at the time of his death. Always of a jovial, goodhumored nature, he had many friends and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

## WEATHER MAN GIVES FOG, RAIN AND COLD NORTHER THIS WEEK

Muenster has had a "heap of weather" during the past week. The light mist, with heavy fog, that prevailed in this community on Dec. 24 and on Christmas day took on the proportions of a small downpour early Monday morning and precipitation here was recorded as 1.70 inches. A fresh norther whipped in Monday afternoon clearing skies and sending thermometers down. Tuesday morning readings were 25 degrees. The mercury rose slowly as the day wore on reaching a high of 38, but dropped again during the night to a lower level and stood at 21 degrees Wednesday morning. Bright sunshine, however, sent thermometers upward during the day.

The rain was beneficial for small grain and pastures.

## MORE WAR CHEST GIFTS

Additional gifts to the War Chest have been received by Chairman Weinzapfel in the amount of \$16.00 from the following donors: Ray Evans, \$5.00; Edlen, \$2.00; Orlen Edelen, \$5.00; Dewey Pendleton, \$2.00; J. W. Fisher, \$2.00.

# LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Short Items of Interest About Folks You Know

Grandmother Fisch is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M.J. Endres, this week.

Andrew Schilling of Wichita Falls was here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carter and daughter, Peggy, of Seymour, visited here Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cier of Valley View spent the 25th with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cier and daughter of Garland were guests of their parents for Christmas and Sunday.

Lt. and Mrs. Bob Steinhauer had as dinner guests Sunday Captain and Mrs. J.C. Cofer of Camp Howze.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Yosten returned to Azle Monday after spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents.

Thomas Weinzapfel, a student at St. John's Seminary, San Antonio, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stelzer of Fort Worth were guests of relatives here for Christmas and the weekend.

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Miss Mary Alice Bernauer of Bridgeport spent the holidays here with her brother, Buddy Bernauer and other relatives.

Pfc. Steve Moster returned to Camp Wolters Monday following a five-day visit in this city with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Horn returned to Dallas Monday after being in this city and at Lindsay with relatives since last Friday.

Since last week Mrs. Frank Kathman is on duty at Jimmy's Cafe as chief cook. She replaces Mrs. Joe Swinger.

Miss Minnie Genz of Houston is here to spend the current holidays with her sister, Mrs. Leon Hellman.

Leo Appel of Houston was here to spend Christmas and the weekend with his wife and children. He is employed in a shipyard.

Miss Dorothy Nell Fletcher spent last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Denison with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Fletcher.

Miss Catherine Seyler of Dallas was here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Frank Seyler.

Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Grammar and son spent the Christmas holiday weekend in Houston with their daughter and sister.

John Schilling left Sunday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Westphalia and Lot. He expects to be gone about a week.

Lt. and Mrs. John P. Janicki of Tyler and Miss Anselma Pagel of Gainesville spent Christmas and Sunday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pagel.

John Bourland of Fort Worth, who is tax assessor-collector for Tarrant County, visited in this city Thursday with his nephew, Ray Bourland and with friends.

Joe Hellman was here for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hellman. Formerly of Illinois he was enroute to Abilene, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller are the parents of a daughter, Patricia born at the local clinic last week. The baby is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Mrs. Ruth Fielder of Wichita Falls spent Christmas and the weekend here with her children and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Edna Fielder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Wall of Jacksboro were here for the holiday weekend as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Schumacher.

Mrs. Henry Pick and little daughter left last week for Independence, Kansas to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Charles Taylor and Lt. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Hellman and children of Tulsa, Okla., spent Christmas and the weekend with their parents, Messrs. and Mmes. J.M. Weinzapfel and Gus Hellman.

Herbert Fette, Frank Hennigan and Tony Hess, students at Subiaco Academy, Ark., are here for the current holiday season. They will return to classes on Jan. 10.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Fuhrmann were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gimple of Valley View and Mrs. Harvey Mitchell and little son of Gainesville.

William Fuhrmann is recovering rapidly at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Fuhrmann, from an appendicitis operation performed at Gainesville on Dec. 16.

Mrs. J.S. Myrick arrived from Houston to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Dr. T.S. Myrick and family and will remain until after New Year's Day.

Home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents were Misses Florene Endres, Evelyn Wiesman and Armella Yosten, all of Fort Worth.

Ben Seyler was sufficiently recovered by Christmas to enjoy a big dinner. For almost a week he was suffering considerable discomfort following the extraction of several teeth.

Christmas day guests of Joseph Burkhardt and daughter, Miss Gertrude were Mrs. Clara Bryant and children of Fort Worth and John Burkhardt of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and daughters of Dallas were here to spend Christmas and the weekend with her father, Gregor Stelzer and other relatives.

Mrs. T.P. Frost returned to Pauline, Kansas Monday after spending the holiday weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hellman.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Endres and sons of Fort Worth were here for Christmas and the weekend as guests of his mother, Mrs. M.J. Endres.

Miss Pauline Schoech and a girl friend, both of Dallas, were here on the 25th, 26th and 27th as guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.A. Schoech.

Mr. and Mrs. F.E. McLeod and daughters and Mrs. Ray Swirczynski and children drove to Ardmore, Okla., to have Christmas dinner with Mr. McLeod's grandmother.

Johnny Bayer is going about on crutches for more than a week since he broke a bone in his right foot. The accident occurred in a tangle-up with a pig under a fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Derichsweller and son, Eugene, of McAllister, Okla., are here this week as the guests of relatives, members of the Henscheid and Derichsweller families.

Mrs. Herbert Meurer and children and Misses Mary and Margie Seyler left Monday morning for Lubbock to spend four or five days with Mrs. Meurer's sister, Mrs. C. W. Ratliff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friske and two daughters of Dallas spent from Friday to Sunday evening here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Friske, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.P. Mosman at Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Blodgett have returned home after spending the holidays in Bowie with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hahn, in whose home a reunion of the family was held on Christmas.

Rev. Bonaventure Koelzer spent two days of last week here with his sisters and brothers and then went to Hereford for a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. John Koelzer. He is from Graymoor, New York.

Cpl. and Mrs. John Durbin and her brother, Henry Yosten, will return home this weekend after spending two weeks in Louisiana with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durbin, Sr., at New Orleans.

Pvt. and Mrs. Leonard Childs announce the birth of a son, Larry Gene at the local clinic on Dec. 18. They make their home with Mrs. Maggie Schumacher since he is stationed at Camp Howze.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. O'Neal on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Monroe and family and Miss Nita Lou Monroe of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Ala Monroe and family of Saint Jo, and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Monroe and son.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards from Thursday until Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bentley and daughter, Sue, of Duncan, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Hooper of Plainview. Additional guests for Xmas day dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Richards, Paul Ackley and Mrs. E.F. Ackley of Gainesville.

Mrs. William Wieler continues ill at her home here. She has been confined to bed for the past two weeks and no improvement in her condition is evident. One day last week her daughter, Mrs. H.C. Billingsley and family of Ardmore, Okla., visited at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pembroke and children returned to Muenster last week after living in Dallas since August during which time he was employed in a war plant in that city. The draft board called Harold to Dallas for his final army examination this Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luebbert and two daughters and her mother, Mrs. Anna Havis of Fort Worth spent Christmas and the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stelzer and also visited at Gainesville with Mr. Luebbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luebbert.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Stelzer entertained with a dinner party at their home on the 25th for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Pittman of Illinois Bend, Edna and Donald Pittman of Grand Prairie, Henry Bernard of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hart and son of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Tuggle and son of Pilot Point.

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## It Happened 5 Years Ago

Wildcat gusher at Voth's shoots 80 feet, regarded as best in local field. — Miss Marie Hoening, bride elect of Theo Vogel, is honored with parties. — Out of town students and former residents flock to Muenster for the holidays. — Mr. and Mrs. Tony Felderhoff are parents of a son, born Dec. 16. — Mrs. Alphonse Reiter recovers from appendicitis operation. — Both schools give Christmas programs. — Mission Circle ships toys and clothing to orphans. — Preliminary work along REA lines receives attention. — Rush for poll tax precedes school consolidation vote.

—Bomb the Japs With Junk!—

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## Additional Moves Take Place Here During Week

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haverkamp and little daughters, Tresa Ann and Pauline, moved to Valley View Monday to live on a farm he bought there some time ago. The place they vacated has been purchased by Martin Bayer who will move there with his family as soon as minor remodeling is completed. Norbert Koesler will take over on the farm the Bayers are moving from.

John Wimmer moved from south of town to reside north of the city on the farm Henry Krebs vacated when he moved to the place formerly occupied by Joe Fleitman, Jr., near Myra.

Joe Vogel and his brother, Ray Vogel, changed farms last week. Joe moved here with his family to reside southwest of the city and Ray and family took over the place he vacated near Myra.

## FAMILY REUNION AT RICHTER HOME CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Richter were hosts for a family reunion party at their home on Christmas day and at noon dinner was served to all members of the family.

Personnel included Mr. and Mrs. Cris Jensen of Wichita Falls, Set. and Mrs. Amber Estes, Misses Clara and Kathleen Richter of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richter and son, Billy Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lutkenhaus and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walterscheid and family.

Sgt. Estes returned to Will Rogers Field, Okla., Monday after spending five days here with his wife.

**DR. A. A. DAVENPORT**  
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 And By Appointment  
 201 Pyhian Building  
 Telephone — 100

## Butane Gas

SALES and SERVICE

Stoves — Heaters — Tanks — Brooders

## BUTANE GAS SALES

110 N. Dixon Gainesville



WIN THE WAR IN '44

To keep this great, wonderful land of ours free is our wish for this New Year. Save, fight and buy War Bonds so we'll all realize that wish more quickly.

Get in gear now for the Fourth War Loan Drive to begin January 18.

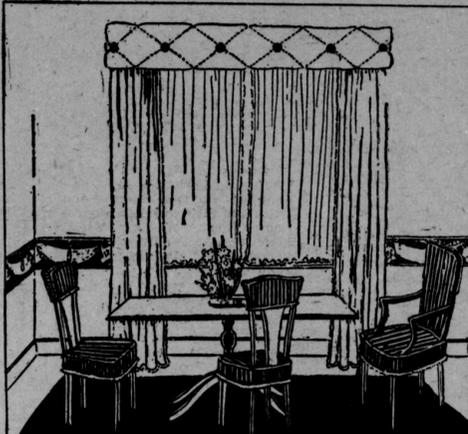
Please accept our sincerest gratitude for every consideration during 1943.

## The Muenster State Bank

"A Good Bank to be With"  
 Muenster, Texas



## BRIGHTEN YOUR DINING ROOM BY MAKING GAY SLIP COVERS AND DRAPERIES



THE dining room is often neglected so that it is the dulllest room in the house—but this need not be so. Because your family is in it for short periods, you can use brighter color here than in any other room. Use your imagination, and create unusual color combinations—using light tones if the room is on the shaded side of the house, darker ones if it has a sunny exposure.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Trubebach are the parents of a daughter, Geraldine Ann, born at the local clinic on Christmas eve. The baby was baptized by Father Thomas Sunday afternoon assisted by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmitz of Lindsay, as sponsors.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of thanking all my former customers for many pleasant dealings during the past year and I extend to them, as well as all my friends, best wishes for the New Year.  
 Signed: Mrs. Al Bayer

## CARD OF THANKS

The Benedictine Sisters wish to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation for the many favors and kindnesses shown them during the past year by friends and benefactors and wish a blessed and prosperous New Year to the entire community of Muenster.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaiser were hosts in their home on Xmas for dinner for which her nephew, Cpl. Leo Franck of Camp Maxie, formerly of Marcus, Iowa, was an honor guest. She had not seen her nephew since he was a tiny tot, some 25 years ago. Other guests for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Kaiser and son, Melvin, and J.T. Vance, Cpl. Franck spent the 25th and Sunday here.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude and thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement. We appreciate, so much, the many thoughtful deeds, the flowers and the spiritual bouquets. We wish to offer a special word of thanks to Father Thomas the Benedictine Sisters and pupils of Sacred Heart School, particularly those of the Fifth Grade, for their consideration.  
 The Joe Hesse Family

Lt. and Mrs. Nathan Waters spent the Christmas holidays here

## WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Polled two-year old bull. Wm. Fleitman, Lindsay. 6-2

LOST: Fountain Pen. Return to Enterprise office and receive reward. 6-2

LOST: 17 inch wheel and tire complete, Monday, between Muenster and Lindsay. Reward. Joe Bengfort, Rt. 5, Gainesville, phone 9008-F5. 6-1p

FOR SALE: Large Cole's Hot Blast Heater, for wood or coal, with pipes, etc. Good as new. See J.C. Trachta, Muenster. 6-2

FOR SALE AT AUCTION at Gus Stelzer's Friday afternoon following John Bayer's cattle sale: 3 iron beds complete with spring and mattress, gas range, all steel ironing board, electric iron, 8 tables and chairs, other household items. To the highest bidder. Right across the street from the cattle sale. 5-1

CALL ME to saw your wood. Go anywhere. F.J. Yosten, Muenster 4-4.

FOR GOOD USED CARS see your old reliable Chrysler and Plymouth dealer and save money. Ben Seyler, Muenster. 51-tf.

WANTED: Used Cars without tires. Need more Junk. Have used parts for sale. J.P. Flusche, Muenster. 50-tf.

TRACTOR OILS & GREASES. Gainesville's most complete parts and Accessory store. A lot of things you can't find anywhere else. Kenyon Auto Store, Gainesville, Texas. Don Kenyon, Mgr. Walter Schmitz, Asst. Mgr. 45-tf

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Your  
 ESTIMATED INCOME  
 TAX DECLARATIONS  
 And  
 ACCOUNTING  
 National  
 Accounting Co.  
 Next Door to Western Union  
 Gainesville, Texas

We hereby serve you notice of our very good intentions for the New Year. We will do our share toward speeding Victory, and help you do yours by keeping your car on the road.



## Magnolia Service Station

Ervin Hamric, Prop.

Muenster

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR

## Pressure Cookers

We also have plenty of cans for canning, Butcher Knives, Steels, Hog Scrapers and Lard Cans.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

## Sincerest Wishes For A Grand New Year

A year that is rich in Health, happiness and good fortunes. When it is our turn to serve you, we'll make every effort to do it well.

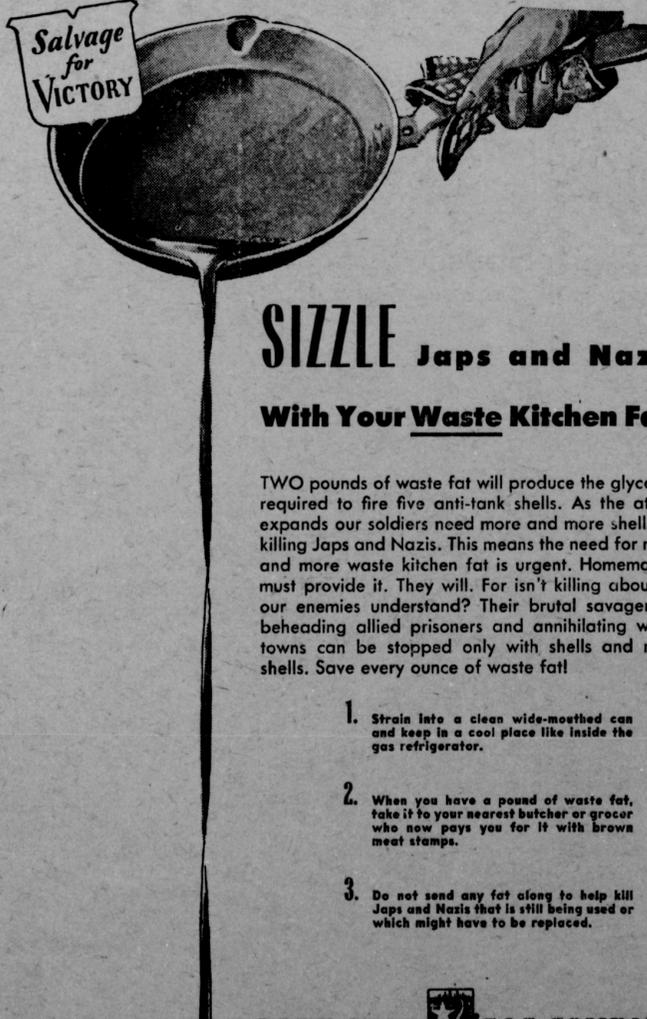
Thank you for past courtesies

The Old Reliable

## Waples Painter Co.

Leo N. Henscheid, Mgr.

Muenster



## SIZZLE Japs and Nazis

### With Your Waste Kitchen Fats

TWO pounds of waste fat will produce the glycerine required to fire five anti-tank shells. As the attack expands our soldiers need more and more shells for killing Japs and Nazis. This means the need for more and more waste kitchen fat is urgent. Homemakers must provide it. They will. For isn't killing about all our enemies understand? Their brutal savagery in beheading allied prisoners and annihilating whole towns can be stopped only with shells and more shells. Save every ounce of waste fat!

1. Strain into a clean wide-mouthed can and keep in a cool place like inside the gas refrigerator.
2. When you have a pound of waste fat, take it to your nearest butcher or grocer who now pays you for it with brown meat stamps.
3. Do not send any fat along to help kill Japs and Nazis that is still being used or which might have to be replaced.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

**Lindsay News**

Bill, Jr., little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flusche, lost the middle finger of his right hand on Tuesday of last week when a door at the family home slammed shut

**Relax Theatre**  
Muenster

Sat. Jan. 1

**DOUBLE FEATURE**  
"Good Luck Mr. Yates"

Claire TREVOR  
Jess BARKER  
Edgar BUCHANAN  
ALSO

"Frontier Law"

Tex RITTER  
Serial "SECRET CODE"

Sun.-Mon. Jan. 2-3

A "MUST SEE" PICTURE

The Most HOWL-arious  
Picture in Years!



ABBOTT & COSTELLO  
say:  
"We wish it were ours... it's that funny!"



ROBERT PAIGE  
LOUISE ALLBRITTON  
Riotous! Romantic! you'll be  
roving about this new star team!

**Fired Wife**

with  
DIANA BARRYMORE  
WALTER ABEL  
WALTER CATLETT ERNEST TRUOX  
ALAN DINEHART  
GEORGE DOLENZ  
RICHARD LANE  
REX INGRAM

Tues.-Wed. Jan. 4-5

"Sleepy Lagoon"

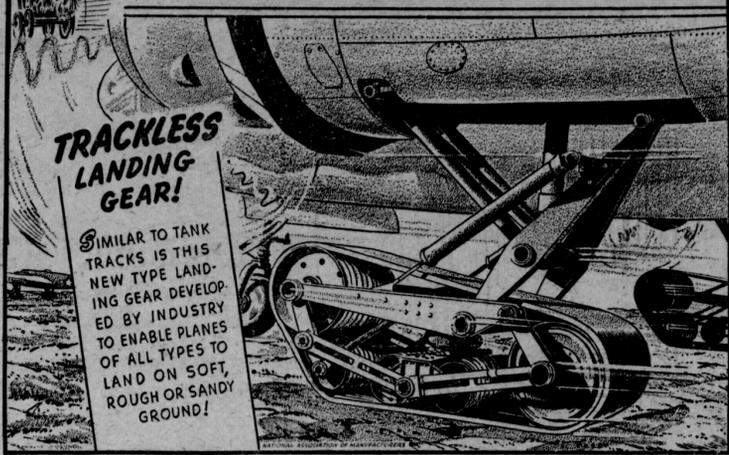
Judy CANOVA  
Dennis DAY  
March of Time

Thurs.-Fri. Jan. 6-7

WALTER WANGER'S  
SPECTACULAR TRIUMPH  
**We've Never  
Been Licked**  
INSPIRED BY THE FIGHTING  
SONS OF TEXAS A. & M.  
with  
RICHARD QUINE  
ANNE OWYNE  
NOAH BEERY, JR.  
Merrilee O'DRISCOLL  
HARRY DAVENPORT  
WILLIAM FRAWLEY  
EDGAR BARRIER  
BOB MITCHUM  
and  
BILL STERN  
OF RADIO'S TRILINGUAL ARMY HOUR

Screen Play, Norman Ralby Ralby - Nick Grinde  
Original Story, Norman Ralby Ralby  
Directed by JOHN RAWLINS  
Produced by WALTER WANGER  
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

**MAKING AMERICA STRONG**



**TRACKLESS  
LANDING  
GEAR!**

SIMILAR TO TANK  
TRACKS IS THIS  
NEW TYPE LAND-  
ING GEAR DEVELOP-  
ED BY INDUSTRY  
TO ENABLE PLANES  
OF ALL TYPES TO  
LAND ON SOFT,  
ROUGH OR SANDY  
GROUND!

on his hand. He is doing just fine and didn't let a bandaged hand interfere with his Christmas fun. The youngster is two years old.

Miss Ann Schmitt of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Otto Schmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Fuhrmann and children visited in Muenster on Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Walterscheid.

Harold Gruber of Fort Worth spent the holiday weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Gruber.

Mrs. J.H. Fuhrmann and daughter, Miss Elsie, of Muenster visited here on Christmas day with Mrs. Anna Wiese and with Mrs. John Bezner and family.

Theo Schmitz, son Harold, and Miss Theresa Loerwald were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Walterscheid at Muenster.

Linus and Bernard Fuhrmann, students at Subiaco Academy, are here visiting their parents since

last Thursday. They will return to classes on Jan. 10.

A letter this week from Mrs. Joe Loerwald, who underwent a major operation in Dallas recently, reveals that she has recovered sufficiently to be moved to her home in that city.

Pfc. Paul Arendt, Jr., of Camp Pine Dale, Fresno, Calif., arrived last Wednesday to spend a furlough with his parents, and other relatives. He will return to his duties next Sunday.

Cadet Hubert Bezner will return to his training for an air cadet at Ardmore next Sunday after spending a holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bezner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Horn of Dallas returned to their home Monday after being in this city and at Muenster with relatives since Friday. They were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmitz were in Muenster Sunday to be battle-angel sponsors for their granddaughters, infant Geraldine Ann Trubenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Trubenbach, born at the Muenster clinic on Christmas eve. The baby's mother is the former Miss Lena Mae Schmitz of this city.

Cpl. Leonard Schmitz, tank driver in the 10th tank battalion, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in ceremonies conducted by his company at Pine Camp, N.Y., recently, the Public Relations Office of the Headquarters 5th Armored Division, has announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmitz of this city.

Mrs. Fred Mosman and Mrs. H.N. Fuhrmann left Sunday to visit in San Antonio. The former is to be a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Laux and family and the latter will visit her daughter, Novice Clara Marie, at Our Lady of the Lake Convent. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Metzler drove the two ladies to Dallas where they boarded the train after having visited relatives in that city the previous night. The Metzlers returned home Sunday evening.

**DANCE**

LINDSAY HALL

Tuesday Jan. 4, 1944

Everybody Welcome

Sponsored By  
Lindsay Gun Club

50c Person



We join with you in a sincere wish that '44 will succeed in removing the troubles that afflict the world today.

To you personally — our best wishes for health and happiness.

We are grateful for your past year's business and look forward to seeing you often during '44.

**Hoelker Grocery**

LINDSAY, TEXAS

**MINIATURE TOOL MAKER**



CHICAGO, ILL. — Young Bill Meyers, 4 years old, models and appears at Mills Industries, Incorporated, here, as a miniature tool maker. His father Bill is an expert at the trade and also a champion War Bond seller.

Bill, Jr. is one of the few children ever to appear in a war plant and observe dad at work. He hopes to follow the same career when he comes of age. Co-workers of Bill senior fashioned the tool-maker's apron which the young man is wearing.

nothing but military superiority can be counted on to restore peace, nothing but good will can preserve it.

As regards this lasting peace, it is interesting to note the many theories proposed for enforcing it. One is mentioned in the current issue of Readers Digest. Ration Germany's production of oil and nitrogen to keep her out of future wars. Without them she can not fight. That's fine. It solves one problem. But what will we do to choke down all the other nations? And assuming we could maintain superiority over each one individually, what's to keep them from fighting one another on a smaller scale or all ganging against us?

As a temporary expedient while Germany outgrows her resentment such action may be all right. After that, however, the simplest, most pleasant and most dependable system is good will. An attitude of friendship and fair dealings among all nations. Keep everybody happy and nobody will want to fight.

True, such great laxity offers dire possibilities. At the same time it offers the most encouraging possibilities. Anyway it seems to be worth a trial after so many centuries of failure in the more forceful methods.

**OLETA ROSSON AND  
LT. RAY BEZNER WED  
IN DALLAS SERVICE**

Miss Oleta Rosson, daughter of Mrs. Lee Livingston of Myra, and Lt. Ray W. Bezner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bezner of Lindsay were united in marriage Monday morning in Dallas. The ceremony was performed at the rectory of Sacred Heart Cathedral with one of the resident Fathers officiating at the ring ceremony.

Immediately after the rites the couple left for Fresno, Calif., where he is to report for active duty at Hammer Field, following a leave spent in Cooke County with relatives and friends.

Lt. Bezner recently returned from foreign service with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific. He attended Lindsay school and St. Mary's High School in Gainesville and received his wings and commission in the Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot in March, 1942, at Ellington Field.

Mrs. Bezner is a graduate of Gainesville high school and had been employed with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in that city.

**BROTHER AND SISTER  
MEET HERE FOR FIRST  
TIME IN 15 YEARS**

A brother and sister met here for the first time in 15 years on Christmas day. Mrs. J.W. Patrick had as her guest for the holidays her brother, Pvt. Chester H. Samuels of Jacksonville, Miss.

While the two had corresponded regularly they had not been together in 15 years. Being widely separated during this period of time they hadn't had an opportunity to visit each other. Then Pvt. Samuels was granted a 12-day furlough and decided to spend it here.

**NATIVITY PAGEANT  
PRESENTED BY P-T A  
ON DECEMBER 23RD**

A pleasing program was presented by the Parent-Teachers Association in the parochial school auditorium on the evening of December 23. The auditorium was decorated with evergreens, and predominating, to one side, a huge decorated tree from which gifts were presented by Santa Claus after the program. A large assemblage of children, parent and friends attended the affair.

The program opened with a pageant, "The Nativity." Millie Yeakley and Dewey Branch took the rolls of Mary and Joseph, while the cherub choir was composed of children of the first, second, third and fourth grades. The angel choir was made up of older

**Confetti---**

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world. More especially it's a nice thought to carry into the new era following the war. For, while

girls, and the setting was very pretty with all characters in traditional robes and the angels bearing lighted tapers.

Raymond Branch, Harold Reeves and Maynard Williams were the shepherds and Carl O'Banion, Russel Lynn and Sam Harrison portrayed the Wise Men with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mrs. Loyd Burchfiel read the story of the nativity and Miss Elfreda Luke furnished the background music on the piano.

Misses Joan Roberg, La Vetta Martin and Billie Jean Pierce offered a trio of vocal selections, and the program closed with the group singing of "Joy to the World" and "Jingle Bells", after which the gift distribution took place.

Tom Gallery came in from California to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and little daughter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fette. On Tuesday the Galleries left for Los Angeles to make their home. Mrs. Gallery and Gretchen had spent the past two weeks with relatives in this city. For the past year the Galleries had been residing in Florida.

**When In  
Gainesville Eat  
at the  
Coffee Pot**  
Gene and Milton Tutt  
Props.  
1 Block North of State

**Texas Theatre**  
Saint Jo, Texas

Dec. 31 thru Jan 7.

FRIDAY

'Petticoat  
Larceny'

Joan CARROLL  
New Years Eve Prevue  
Friday Night

'O, My Darling  
Clementine'

Frank ALBERTSON  
Roy ACUFF

SATURDAY

'Doomed Caravan'

William BOYD  
PREVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT  
SUNDAY - MONDAY

'First Comes  
Courage'

Merle OBERON  
Brian AHERNE  
Tues. — Wed. — Thurs.

'So This Is  
Washington'

LUM & ABNER  
FRIDAY

'Good Fellows'  
Cecil KELLAWAY  
Helen WALKER



We don't need to have the little fellow tell us, or have it put in writing — Our common wishes for the New Year are Health, Happiness and Victory.

We appreciate your patronage during 1943 and hope to merit your continued friendship during 1944.

**C. D. Shamburger Lumber Co.**

Jerome Pagel, Mgr.

Muenster