

From The Editor's Window BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

The Sixth War Loan campaign officially ended on December 16 and the state of Montana led all others in the sale of Series E bonds.

The country, as a whole, has done well in this sixth loan.

Some had given just about all they thought they could possibly do without long before the sixth loan was reached and are now really making sacrifices in order to hasten the end of the war.

Some in authority have criticized the people over and over for not giving more and accused them of indifference concerning the war, but it seems to us that they have done splendidly in every campaign and all are anxious to bring this awful conflict to a speedy close.

On last July 1 the population of the United States, including our armed forces overseas, was 138,100,874 according to the Census Bureau estimate.

The population is said to have increased by more than 6,400,000 since the last census of 1940.

It is said there is danger of another potato shortage during the early spring months.

The statement said that if "the government take" the expected amount of potatoes for military and lend-lease the civilian per capita consumption of potatoes will be about the smallest on record."

The statement added that the price of potatoes will likely be raised as the season advances.

Japan has finally admitted that the recent earthquake in that country was most severe in many places. The report said the quake caused a tidal wave which covered houses with water, started a landslide and damaged larger buildings.

The city of Tokyo and surrounding territory was badly shaken and much damage done.

The report indicated that the tremor had affected the southeastern coastal area extending diagonally across to the west coast of Honshu. It seems that several islands were severely shaken in that area and no report of loss of life or of shipping, so far, has been given out by Japan.

Income Tax Assistant: "I added these figures ten times."

Boss: "Good boy." I. T. A.: "And here are the ten answers."

Wishing to say something good about the departed, the colored minister stood beside the grave at which the crowd had gathered, and gave utterance to this solemn sentiment:

"Lige Johnson, you is gone, and we all hopes you is where we is afraid you ain't."

Wit: What is the difference between a leopard, a tiger and a panfor?

Nit: What's a panfor? Wit: To cook with!

The Imperial Chemical Industries has announced the development of a new synthetic wool fiber from peanuts. The new fiber is said to mix readily with real wool, cotton and rayon for manufacture of inexpensive textiles.

The synthetic fiber, called ardil, was developed after 10 years of experiments and is said to dye readily and is ab-

MR. AND MRS. W. P. LEDBETTER CELEBRATE 45th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at their beautiful country home in the Scranton community Sunday December 24th, with a homecoming of their children.

They were all there except Lt. J. B. Ledbetter, who is in England and his wife, Mrs. J. B. Ledbetter and baby of Ottona, Kansas and a son-in-law, Roy Speegle of Putnam.

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ledbetter and daughter of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Andrews of Stamford, and son, H. G. Andrews Jr., navigator of the Air Corps, stationed at San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ledbetter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ledbetter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ledbetter and girls, and Wilda Ruth Ledbetter of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Roy Speegle and children of Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Rierson of Breckenridge, Cpl. Jack Ledbetter, radio operator stationed at Alamogordo, N. M. and wife, Mrs. Lula Hemmley, J. M. Hemmley and Eunice of Abilene.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at noon. In the afternoon, the guests were entertained with readings, singing of Christmas carols and exchanging gifts which was enjoyed by all.

2572 BALES COTTON GINNED TO DECEMBER 13 AGAINST 2915, 1943

A release from John Shrader, cotton census enumerator for Callahan county, shows that 2572 bales of cotton had been ginned in Callahan county prior to December 13 from the 1944 crop as compared with 2915 bales ginned from the 1943 crop to the same date. The ginnings are running 343 bales below the ginnings for 1943. Cotton is about all out and the total cotton ginned will be below the 1943 figures when the final ginnings are all in.

\$48,358,000 BENEFIT CHECKS PAID FARMERS OF NINETEEN COUNTIES

A report from Washington discloses that the government payments to farmers in 19 counties of Extension Service District 7 during the past eleven years, total \$48,358,186. Jones county farmers received the largest amount, being \$6,409,000, Runnels county next with \$6,227,296, and Dawson county third with \$6,205,347.

This report did not show the amount of War Bonds purchased by the same 19 counties but these counties would have to have purchased \$48,338,186 before they had really purchased any, as they were furnished that amount in benefit payments. Many taxpayers along with the writer would like to know just how many war bonds were purchased by these 19 counties.

solutely moth proof. It has already been used in the manufacture of worsteds, tweeds and knitted fabrics and found to be very satisfactory.

David Trail, scientist for the company, is the man who discovered and developed the new ardil.

It is said an acute shortage of doctors on the civilian front may continue for some time after the war is over, as service men returning home will in all probability have need of medical skill for a long period after hostilities have ceased.

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Mrs. I. B. Roberson And Son Killed by Train Near Snyder

Mrs. I. B. Roberson and two and one-half year old son, James were accidentally killed in an automobile and train wreck near Snyder Wednesday and Garland Jacobs was seriously injured and died later from his injuries, all living a few miles west of Putnam except Jacobs who resides at Snyder. The automobile in which they were riding was caught by the train and dragged for about three quarters of a mile before the train could be stopped.

Surviving are her husband, I. B. Roberson, an employe on the Buster George ranch about seven miles west of Putnam, and son, Billy, 4 years of age.

Mr. Jacobs, wife of Snyder, and parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jacobs living on a ranch north of Putnam, and sister, Mrs. Rena Brooks of Breckenridge.

Funeral services were held at Wylie Funeral Home at Baird Friday and burial followed in the Ross cemetery at Baird.

Frank Sunderman Graduates as Flight Officer

Frank Sunderman of San Angelo was here during the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sunderman.

He has graduated as a Flight Officer and will be a co-pilot on Liberators. Mr. Sunderman graduated from the Putnam high school in 1941 and attended John Tarleton for a while before entering the service.

Frank is one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sunderman who are now in the United States Armed service.

Wheat Acreage Seeded, Increased By 13 Per Cent

A release from Austin states that farmers of Texas have seeded 5,028,000 acres of winter wheat, or 13 per cent above the same amount seeded in 1943. And ten per cent above the average, the United States Bureau reported last Friday.

They say the fall planting is furnishing good pasturage for livestock. It was also stated that excessive growth had occurred in many places on account of the warm weather during December.

The report said, measurable factors on December 1st indicated a 1945, winter wheat crop of 52,794,000 bushels in Texas, well below last year's record of 74,746,000 bushels, but nearly double the 28,195,000 annual average for the ten years ending in 1942. Of course, the season's conditions will govern the final harvest of the amount of grain the State will produce.

The Shackelford County Leader is the same price—\$1.00 in county, \$1.50 elsewhere.

REPRESENTATIVE L. R. PEARSON IN PUTNAM TUESDAY

Representative-elect L. R. Pearson of Ranger was passing through Putnam Tuesday afternoon and stopped and visited at the News office for a short while. Mr. Pearson succeeds Omar Burkett as representative from the 107th floritorial representative district, composed of Callahan and Eastland counties.

Mr. Pearson stated he was off to Austin the last of the week to attend the regular session of the 49th legislature which convenes next week. He thinks many things will be up for changes, among them being the election laws of Texas, but did not know the exact nature of laws along this line would be.

He did not think that there was any need for much legislation needed at this time. He thinks people who are least governed are best governed, but thought there would be a lot of crack-pot legislation offered as usual, but it should be defeated. He appeared to be favorable to the budget plan that has been offered by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and will be offered again by Representative Umphrey of Taylor county and at others and this session, however, Mr. Pearson did not commit himself on the subject.

State High School Coaching School To be in Abilene

Abilene was selected last week as the place for holding the annual Texas High School Coaching School.

Directors of the association meeting last week, selected Abilene where the clinic was held in 1942. The date will be August 6th through August 10th, with annual all-star game on the night of August 10th.

Pat Gerald of Vernon will head the selection committee for the North all-stars and Eck Curtis of Breckenridge for the South.

Dudley Community Women Organize Demonstration Club

Demonstration women of the Dudley community met Friday, December 28th, and organized a home demonstration club. Mrs. H. S. Baldridge Jr. was elected president. Other officers elected were vice president, Mrs. Lottie Preston; secretary, Mrs. M. E. Hector; council delegate, Mrs. Dolph Hodges; reporter, Mrs. R. E. Lewis; recreation leader, Mrs. Sue Atchley.

Mrs. Atchley was elected home food supply demonstrator, Mrs. J. D. Coffman, living room demonstrator and Mrs. Lottie Preston, clothing demonstrator.

Miss Dorothy Wilkerson, home demonstration agent, met with the club and Mrs. Sam Sherrill of Enterprise club was a visitor.

World War One Prices Compared With World War II

The writer was in the Callahan county ration office Monday morning and attention was called to a nice display of groceries in which the prices paid by consumers in World War I was compared with the prices housewives are paying for the same goods in World War II.

First there was displayed a sack of sugar weighing ten pounds and showing the cost to be \$2.65. And another sack of sugar with a number of other articles that can now be bought combined with the sugar that equals the price of the sugar.

In World War II the following can be purchased for the money that the sugar sold for in World War I.

Ten pounds sugar, one loaf bread, pound of butter, can of tomato soup, can of peas, pound of coffee, pound of lard, box of cereal, pound American cheese, can of tomatoes, and one box of noodles. All of this for \$2.65. Compare the difference in cost.

Miss Wilma Speegle Married to Sgt. Kenneth Moore Dec. 14th

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle have just received a message from their daughter, Miss Wilma Lee of Fort Worth, stating she had been married to Sgt. Kenneth Moore at Montgomery, Alabama, on December 14, 1944. Sgt. Moore's parents live in Duncan, Oklahoma.

The couple will make their home for the present at Montgomery, Alabama where Sgt. Moore is stationed with the Army Air Force at Maxwell Field.

County Official Family Organized Monday Morning

Well, it is Judge Lesley Farmer in Callahan county for the next two years, as Monday was the 1st day of January 1945, and initiation day for all county officials who were elected in the November election in 1944. They were all there making bonds and being sworn. Lesley Farmer was sworn in succeeding Judge B. H. Freeland who had served for the past four years. W. A. Peterson was qualified as sheriff, succeeding Borah Brame who has served one term by appointment. All the balance of the county officers were hold-overs.

The county's official family for the next two years are: Lesley Farmer, judge, Mrs. T. W. Briscoe, tax assessor and collector, W. A. Peterson, sheriff, Lesley Bryant, county clerk, Mrs. Will McCoy, county treasurer, Ray Young, district clerk, Felix Mitchell, county attorney and B. C. Chrisman, county school superintendent, Miss Dorothy Wilkerson, county demonstration agent and W. M. Meador, county farm agent.

Alva Payne Was Not Interfered With by Bullets

Alva Payne, brother of Mrs. Otis and Mrs. Mabry Tatom, could not be bothered from his work in the Pacific zone, even though bullets were flying around him. All the Jap bullets, mortar and artillery could not keep Acting Mess Sergeant Payne of Putnam, Texas from serving hot meals to men of his company in the veteran 24th Division's old 21st. Infantry regiment, right up to the foremost foxhole on the front lines.

The Sergeant and his kitchen crew prepared the meals behind the lines and then carried them either by hand or vehicle to the front, frequently encountering heavy sniper and artillery fire enroute, and machine bullets as they neared the front.

Payne's company was in some of the toughest fighting on the Island, battling the Japs at close range for one ridge in a series after the other. The ridges provided the Japs with their strongest and best defensive positions on the island. Payne is a son of D. B. Payne of the Atwell community and a former resident of Putnam.

Callahan County Fruit Growers Pruning Trees Early

Fruit growers in the county are now pruning young trees for shape and old trees so that spraying can be easily done.

Young peach, apple, pecan, and pear trees on the Frank Browning farm are pruned to three main limbs, spaced so that no weak crotches are present.

By following this method of pruning, young trees can be easily shaped and later sprayed for insect control. Trees having too many limbs make successful spraying impossible. Old trees will be pruned by removing those limbs which are dead and branches that come in contact. Where two limbs touch, a scar always occurs which affords ideal conditions for disease and insect hibernation.

Miss June Simmons And Douglas Parks Married Dec. 9th.

A surprise wedding was announced last week when it was announced that Douglas Park had been married to Miss June Simmons of Cisco at Eastland December 9th.

Douglas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Park and has been reared in Putnam and is a graduate of the Putnam high school and had been working with his father most of the time since his graduation, until he entered the service.

Miss Simmons lives in Cisco and is an employe of the glove factory in Cisco and will return to her work when Pvt. Park returns to camp.

OPA Announces A Tightening on Shoe Rationing

OPA announces there will be drastic tightening of the shoe rationing for 1945, and purchases may be limited to one pair of shoes every eight months. The present ration is one pair for each six months, and the validation date for a new ration stamp was scheduled to be next May 1st.

The officials stated however, that they did not anticipate invalidation of current shoe stamps. Another shoe ration stamp may not be validated before mid-summer or later.

PUTNAM PEOPLE ATTEND DINNER AT CISCO XMAS

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jones, Cisco, were hosts with a dinner Christmas day which was attended by twenty-three relatives and friends, including the immediate family. An old time spend the day was enjoyed by the group.

Those present included Mrs. Lillian Jones, mother of the host; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Butler and Mrs. Stanley Butler of Putnam; Mrs. Mattie Mayes of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tunnell of Placid; Rev. Fred Mike of Eastland; Mrs. Ruby Sharp, J. L. Kelley and other members of the immediate family.—Cisco Daily.

COTTONWOOD DESTROYED BY WEEVIL CONTROL

The following was taken from the Reporter-News of January 29th: "Cottonwood was once the boom town of Callahan county. The glory that was Cottonwood's miniature Callahan county town, is related by John H. Cochran.

"The town was founded in 1880, had as postmaster W. J. (Julius) Norton, quartered in a log building, later occupied by Dr. Brodnax, only physician in the community. Cochran says most settlers were squatters. The town was platted and a boom set in with a flour mill, hotel and cotton gin. During the winter season the town had many holidays. Cowboys from far away Pecos county came, over-imbibed, and shot up the town. During the melee the merchants closed their doors. The town had a Center street only, one side being occupied with a saloon across the street. After a disastrous fire occurred, the town was rebuilt but soon dwindled.

"Yes, Cottonwood was one of the best inland towns in the district as late as about 1910. They had a number of merchandise establishments, dry goods, groceries, etc. A post office and at one time a bank. A cotton gin that had ginned as high as 3000 bales of cotton in a single season. But along about that time the "New Deal" boll weevil started a crop control program on cotton and completely destroyed the cotton industry and the town along with it. The gin was moved away and most of the stores closed out their business. And all of the small towns in the country were destroyed when the cotton industry was destroyed and some of the larger ones were badly damaged when this idiotic scarcity program was inaugurated."

ALABAMA MAKES LAW CURBING FEES BY UNIONS

The State of Alabama has taken the lead and have passed a law making it a criminal offense for any individual or organization to collect a fee off of any worker that he might be employed on any job where the state or federal government participated in the construction. This law prohibits labor from collecting money for a work permit as a condition for the privilege to work.

The unions are contesting the law and it has reached the United States Supreme Court and that court has agreed to review the constitutionality of the Alabama law prohibiting labor unions from collecting such fees. Under the laws they are permitted to collect maintenance dues and initiation and expenses of the local lodges.

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**FIFTEEN NAMES
SELECTED FOR
C. C. DIRECTORS**

According to a release there has been names of 15 nominees from among whom five new members of the board of directors will be chosen, have been sent all members of the Abilene chamber of commerce.

Nominees are T. C. Campbell Jr., A. B. Barrow, Barrow Furniture Company, Malcolm M. Meek, Citizens National Bank, S. M. Jay, Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Ellis A. Hall, Condon Petroleum Company, G. C. McDonald, Wooten Grocery Company, Wendell Bedichek, Abilene Reporter-News, H. G. Haynie, Western Compress and Storage Company, R. M. Fielder, West Texas Utilities Company, George Foster, Compere and Compere, C. A. McGaughey, Sears, Roebuck and Company, H. M. Harrison, J. M. Radford Grocery Company, Arch Batjer, T. S. Langford and Sons, John Ray, McLemore-Bass Drug Company, and George Barron, Service Parts Company.

The ballots are to be returned to the chamber of commerce by January 8th. Re-

tiring directors are V. E. Behrens, P. W. Campbell, W. E. Jarrett, E. P. Mead, Homer Scott and Frank Grimes.

**HEALTH PROGRAM
PENDING BEFORE
NEW CONGRESS**

Senator Claud Pepper of Florida, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education, in discussing the formalities of a national health program says: "I've been trying to find a co-operative method of solving our medical care problem."

This is a far cry from the belligerent, to hell with doctors attitude that has motivated much of the controversy surrounding the issue of medical care. It indicates an awakening to the fact that the doctors are not opposing change through fear of how it might affect their pocket-books.

Their greatest interest, as they have been trying to make clear, is in maintaining high medical standards, the pursuit of independent research and the steady extension of medical service. They know from experience that these things cannot be attained unless medicine is preserved as a free institution, unless the doctors themselves are saved from becoming mere pawns in a compulsory, politically controlled medical system.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCollum entertained Christmas day with a turkey dinner. In the afternoon all gathered around the Christmas tree where gifts were exchanged.

Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dunn, Janet and Carol Ann of Lake Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Willis and Betty of Strawn; John McCollum of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum, Clovis and Maurine, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCollum and Mrs. Ottus Jones all of Moran.

The same group spent Sunday, December 24, in the E. W. McCollum home where a turkey dinner was served as the highlight of the day.

MORAN

Personal Mention

Mrs. Velma Grisham and family of San Marcos spent the holiday season in the home of her mother, Mrs. John Pritchard, and sister, Mrs. A. L. Leverage.

Mrs. Pearl Smart and daughters, Mrs. Ina Hamilton and family and Mrs. Fern Holder of Tennessee, had Christmas dinner in Lueders. Enroute home they visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas in Albany.

Visitors at the Oscar Wise home Sunday and Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson of Abilene, Mrs. Ruby Pliner and Roy Copeland, Lone Wolf, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grace Jr. spent Christmas day with Mrs. Grace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Huskey in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hager entertained in their home in Moran, their son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hager, and grandson, Pvt. Floyd Hager, home for a 7 day furlough, with a Christmas dinner. Floyd reported to Dallas New Year's day for reassignment.

Cpl. T. H. Sherman and wife of Lubbock spent the holidays in Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raymond of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays in Moran.

Leroy Williams and Donald Hudman, students at A. & M. College spent the Christmas holidays with their parents in Moran.

Mrs. Joyce Kirkpatrick and children of Oklahoma City spent three days with Mrs. J. C. Chambers, returning home on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Culwell and Billie Jack spent Christmas day with Mrs. Culwell's mother, Mrs. R. Dunlap in Lueders.

F. R. "Johnny" King of Ranger, made a business trip to Moran last Saturday. Mr. King is a cattleman and has his herd on pasture at the E. A. and Ray Elliott ranch. He was a guest at the E. A. Elliott home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reed of Dallas and Mrs. Gladys Mohan and Barbara, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mohan, returning next day to their homes and business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Terry spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Haynes and Mr. Haynes at Eunice, N. M. They report traveling trouble on both trains and buses.

Mrs. Katherine Chapman of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Bell Huskey.

Miss Carolyn Choate of Baird spent the week-end with her mother, returning Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brewster had as guests in their home during Christmas, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Churchill of Midland, and granddaughter, Mrs. Merle Sargent and children of Albany.

Mrs. T. G. Hull and Mrs. Emmett Coppock visited in the home of Mrs. Hull's sister, Mrs. Merle Sargent at Albany Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dunn and children, Janet and Carol Ann, of Lake Jackson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCollum. They left Wednesday for Mabank where they were to visit Mr. Dunn's family before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCollum carried Mrs. Bruce Willis and Betty to Strawn Sunday after they had spent the past week in Moran.

Mrs. R. H. Durett of Weatherford is critically ill in Cook hospital, Fort Worth. A. J. Pritchard of Moran, a brother of Mrs. Durett, has been at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Randolph had Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Garrett and Fern, of Sterling City, and Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Sherrod and sons, Wayne and Roy Gene of Tahoka, at their home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Garrett on their way home that evening, turned their car over on the icy pavement. No one was hurt but the car was badly damaged.

J. W. Elliott of Tahoka visited his sisters, Mrs. M. J. Snyder and Mrs. J. V. Randolph over the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunham have returned to Moran and will make their home here. Their children will enter school here.

Miss Katherine Freeman spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeman.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Bell Waters over the holidays were her son, Warren, her daughter, Miss Avis, Misses Barbara Zinn and Ann Lewis, all of Fort Worth.

Major Claude C. Wild of Fort Sam Houston, wife and son of Austin, spent Christmas in Moran with his mother, Mrs. Laura T. Wild. Major Wild is a home town boy, was born in Moran and graduated from our schools here. It has been one year since Major Wild could visit his mother. He is commanding officer of the prison camp at Fort Sam Houston.

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. Maggie Dyer were Rufus Tidwell of Avoca, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowne and daughter, Jimmie Ruth of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McDonald and daughter, Margaret Ann of Austin, Mrs. J. H. Mayes and sons, Bob and Billy of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dyer and son, Johnny Culwell. Visitors in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Harper from Albany.

Mayor and Mrs. Sherman had as their guests for Christmas dinner their children, Corp. T. H. Sherman of Lubbock, Howard and Mrs. Sherman and family of Eastland. The family tree was enjoyed by the children.

Mayor and Mrs. Sherman had Christmas Eve dinner with Mrs. Lulu Fleming and family of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Pippin of Corsicana spent the holidays in Moran with Mrs. Pippin's parents and other relatives.

Miss Louise Womack of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ronhove of Mineral Wells, spent Christmas with Mrs. Fannie Womack and Mrs. Ray Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McWilliams and daughter, Mrs. T. C. Jones of Kernit, visited in the home of J. V. Roberts during the holidays. Their son, Paul Roberts of Dallas was a guest Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pratt and sons, John and Tom of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fenington of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Terry.

Don't forget the high school next Monday night, another show from the Dallas troupe, this time a fine magician. Everyone of these entertainments have been of high grade.

James A. Jackson and daughter, Christine, of Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Moran, returning to Fort Worth New Year's day.

Miss Mildred Montgomery and Miss Maria English returned to Austin after a 10 day Christmas vacation.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Callaway in Comanche were Lt. and Mrs. Hubert Brewster of Orange; Mrs. Sammie Brewster of Fort Worth; Mrs. Edward Brewster and Wanda of Albany; and Mrs. Ida Leftwich of Moran. The visitors attended church services in Comanche Sunday and main attraction for Christmas day was a turkey dinner and plenty of country ham.

Rev. Will Culwell and Bill visited in the home of his daughter at Ralls New Year's Day.

Mrs. R. Dunlap has returned to her home in Lueders after spending the Christmas holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Culwell in Moran.

Miss Helen Dunlap, sister of Mrs. Will Culwell, has returned to Big Lake where she is a teacher in the schools.

Mrs. S. H. Sherman and Mrs. Olin Elliott transacted business in Cisco last Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Snider had as guests for Christmas Eve and Christmas day her son, Bart Snider of Pyote, J. W. Elliott of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gurney of Colorado City and Frank Hudman of Lubbock.

Guests in the E. E. Hudman home for Christmas were their daughter and granddaughter, Corp. and Mrs. Charlie Sullivan of Camp Barkeley, Misses Doris Hudman and LaDelle Marchbanks of Abilene. Doris is employed in the West Texas Utilities office and LaDelle is a surgical dental assistant at Camp Barkeley. Mrs. Wilton Hudman of Brownwood was also a guest.

Mrs. Tommy Holden of Hattiesburg, Miss., is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Pearl Smart. Other visitors in the Smart home were Mr. and Mrs. Cy Smart of Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander spent Christmas in Fort Worth and Dallas. They stated that it rained all the time they were there.

Mrs. K. L. Martin returned from Austin, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. F. W. Jennings, who will visit in Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Foster and children from Slaton, spent Saturday to Sunday night with Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grace. They spent Sunday in Cross Plains at his great grandfather's home, who was celebrating his 100 year anniversary.

Holiday guests in the R. N. Adair home were: Guy Steen and family of Austin, Earnest Cain and family of Freepert, I. Griffith and family of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Britt Thomas of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hardwick of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phippen of Cisco, Mrs. G. J. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allen of Moran, and Miss Irmadine Allen of Fort Worth.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 7.

The Golden Text is: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psalm 9:10).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (page 465).

SCHOOL NOTES

Our public schools resumed work after the holidays on Tuesday, January 2. Our enrollment is gradually increasing. We now show 274 on our rolls.

Mrs. Perry left us and Bro. Atkinson is helping until the new teacher arrives. He is teaching history and speech, as well as keeping study hall. Miss Clyde Parmely of Abilene will report for duty January 22nd. She is a graduate of Texas Tech and holds the Smith-Hughes certificate in home economics.

The gym floor is now clean and covered with a new coat of floor dressing.

The lunch room has been covered by the school board members doing the work. The interior of the building has been painted.

Would like to stress the importance of regular attendance in our school work. We do not expect students to come to school when ill, but poor attendance is the primary cause of failures.

Monday night, January 8th we have another show from the Dallas troupe. Come out and enjoy a fine magician.

HAS ANNUAL PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the employees of the Cisco district of the West Texas Utilities Company was held Friday night, December 22, on the roof garden of the Laguna Hotel in Cisco. The meeting was opened with a singing by the entire assembly.

A delicious repast of turkey and all the accessories was enjoyed. After this, bingo was played and a considerable amount of war savings stamps was awarded to the winners. About this time, Santa Claus appeared, and distributed gifts to all children. Finally, the furniture was stacked, and a very pleasant evening was spent in dancing to

the music of Ray Judia and his orchestra.

Those attending from Moran were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker, Ruth and Patsy, Misses Marion Ballard and Roberta Brooks, Mrs. Emma Jean Oyler and Mr. and Mrs. George McCargo.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

TIME

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet can waste years.—Montgomery.

Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. And the time that remains is time enough, if we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting.—Arthur Brisbane.

Time past and time present, both, may pain us, but time improved is eloquent in God's praise.—Mary Baker Eddy.

In time there is no present, In eternity no future.

In eternity no past.—Tennyson, Dear Land to which Desire for ever flees;

Time doth no present to our grasp allow;

Say in the fix'd Eternal shall we seize

At last the fleeting Now?

—Bulwer-Lytton. Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.—II Peter 3:8.

Mrs. Emma Jean Oyler spent Sunday and New Year's day with her daughter Carolyn, in Baird.

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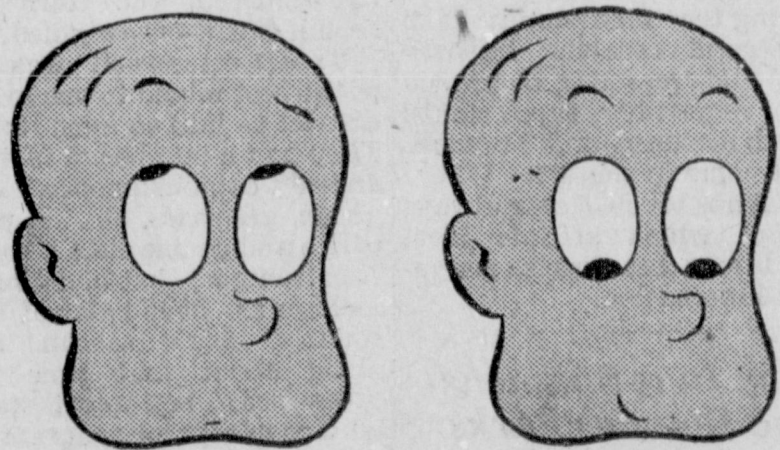
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Stephen L. Drake C. S. F. left Tuesday for San Francisco to report for reassignment, after a furlough of 25 days with his wife and Mrs. John S. Dennis.

Jim Tom Brooks U. S. N., San Diego, spent the Christmas holidays with his wife and parents, leaving January 4th.

NOTICE

As in prior years, interest on consumer's deposit at the rate required by law has been accrued and set aside for payment.

Customers, who so desire, may secure payment of such interest upon presenting their deposit receipt at our local office, or if this is not convenient, by mailing their receipt to the Company. Receipt will be returned with remittance for the interest.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

Cpl. Jack Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steen of Moran and Austin, and grandson of Mrs. G. J. Steen has been slightly wounded in action on the German front in Belgium sector. He was wounded December 14, the word reaching his parents December 25th.

S/Sgt. Randall D. Bills and T/Sgt. Spencer L. Halverson of McKinney, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. M. E. Bills and Floyd Bills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bailey of San Antonio visited Mrs. Bailey's mother, Mrs. M. E. Bills Christmas day. Mrs. Bailey is the former Oneta (Skeet) Bills.

Mrs. M. E. Bills and son, Randall and T/Sgt. Spencer L. Halverson spent Christmas day in Rising Star with Mr. and Mrs. David Perkins.

Moran boys, all native sons, just poured in for the holidays, all coming in as a happy surprise to their families. Pvt. Johnny J. Nolan, Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, was among those coming home. Pvt. A. J. Thomas, Ft. Bliss, Texas and his brother, G. C. Thomas, U. S. N., San Diego, also E. C. Collinsworth U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collinsworth, all were home on short furloughs.



New Years Conspiracy

AS THEY drove up the icy gravel drive between the snow-laden evergreens, Margot asked, "Who are the guests?"

"There'll probably be a mob for dinner," Johnny explained as he opened the car door. "Sis always has a gang in on New Year's day."

Shouts of laughter and singing in the huge living room greeted them as the butler opened the door. Through the archway Margot caught a glimpse of Peg, Johnny's sister.

"Only the young could look forward to another year with such gaiety," she observed with amusement. "I'm afraid," Margot said, "I couldn't keep up with the general enthusiasm before dinner. Isn't there some place we can observe without being observed?"

Johnny nodded toward a small conservatory opening on the living room. "There's a side door to that, through the butler's pantry." He led the way.

Seating her on a love seat screened by a magnificent fern, he left to return with cocktails.

Margot took the glass absently, her eyes on the group around the piano. "Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

He followed her gaze. A raven-haired, vivacious young girl was accompanying his sister in a duet. His secretary!

He nodded. "She seems a little different away from the office."

"She probably doesn't know you're here," Margot said.

"And just what do you mean by that?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, Johnny!" her voice was faintly malicious. "Don't tell me you haven't guessed. Why, the girl is simply delirious about you."

His laugh was spontaneous. "Now who's being romantic?"

"She told me," Margot answered evenly.

Johnny stared, open-mouthed. "Honestly?"

His mind searched back over his three years' association with Miss Leslie. Incident after incident propped up to bolster Margot's assertion.

"Men are stupid, aren't they?" Margot shook her head slowly. "Only blind."

Johnny looked at his watch. "It's about time for my weekly proposal," he said, grinning.

Margot lighted a cigarette. Through the smoke she said, "And our weekly rejection."

"Well," his voice seemed strangely carefree, "in that case I won't propose."

The couples in the other room were dancing now. Johnny's eyes were following his secretary, moving lithely about the polished floor in perfect accord with the intricate pattern of her partner's steps.

"Graceful, isn't she?" "And beautiful," Margot said. Johnny nodded.

"And young."

He looked over at the words, faintly flushed, aware for the second time that day of the disparity between his age and Margot's.

"But not nearly so beautiful nor so graceful as you." His voice lacked conviction.

Margot bowed primly. "But younger."

Just before dinner, Johnny said, "We really should go in and say hello to Miss Leslie. If she knows we're here she must think us rude."

Margot yawned. "I'm too comfortable. You'd better, though. You now, keep up the old office morale."

Margot watched him as he sauntered a shade too casually over to the group once again around the piano. Even at a distance the eagerness with which the girl greeted him was apparent.

Dinner was announced. Someone suggested, "Just one more song. A song for the new year."

Peg struck an opening chord, the group joined hands and voices lifted in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Johnny, his hand incasing his secretary's, was by no means the quietest.



Gifts Of Gold

"Even today, as is days of old, We are sometimes blessed with gifts of gold."

MISS LETTY read the inscription over a life-size picture of the manger scene.

The sight of bright tinsel decorations, the sound of carols, and the smell of holly and fir on the crisp air between stores filled her with a nostalgia that almost unnerved her.

She had intended to shed twenty years of her life like a worn cloak, forgetting that she had spent her best days making a heaven on earth for her crippled mother so that her knight had wearied of waiting. Now she was going shopping for a family that had never been hers except in her thoughts, a plain little girl with pigtailed and freckles, and a sturdy small boy with pudgy hands and round expectant eyes.

She wondered what Larry Haines was doing. Poor Larry! She wished she might have said "yes" to his persistent wooing. The girl with whom he had run off had not bothered to make a decent home for him. Finally they had moved from town and Miss Letty had quite lost track of them.

Recalling that she had come to town to pretend, she made a fren-



Christmas Masquerade

MICHAEL PARKER slid into his Santa Claus suit with a groan. It had been a long, hard day and the stretch from seven o'clock to nine remained before the big department store would close.

Seated on his throne, he glanced resignedly down the long line approaching him. It was then that he saw her. The sight made him choke with emotion and his voice trembled when he spoke to the youngsters. Her turn came at last and he took her on his knee as he had done the others. "What's your name, little girl?" he asked in his gruffest voice.

"Marianne Parker," she answered softly.

"What would you like for Christmas?"

The answer was given instantly. "A doll and a carriage and . . . uh . . ."

Marianne hesitated and poked a finger in Santa's padded stomach. " . . . is it real?" she asked.

Michael Parker had no answer to this and she looked up into his face. Suddenly she burst into tears. He longed to tear off his false whiskers and tell her that everything would be all right now. But instead he said, "What's the matter, Marianne?"

"I want my daddy to come home," she sobbed. "I want that more than a doll or anything."

"Well, that's a pretty large order," said Santa, "but I'll see what I can do."

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But no one would take him without a release. As the days passed he longed intensely to be with his family again but pride would not let him return a failure. Finally, funds running low, he took the job as Santa Claus for the Christmas holidays.

Snow was beginning to fall. Last minute shoppers were thinning out. He walked aimlessly among them, wondering where he could go, knowing that home, tonight of all nights, was out of the question.

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"Well, not a complete fool," she countered with a smile. "Wilson telegraphed. He wants to know if you can be in Monday morning to supervise the setting up of your new system."

"But how did you know that I'd be here?"

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"No."

"Well, that's strange. That's exactly what happened."

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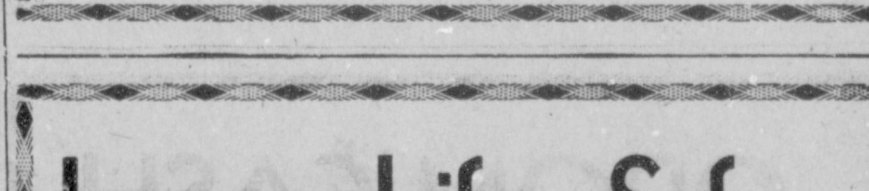
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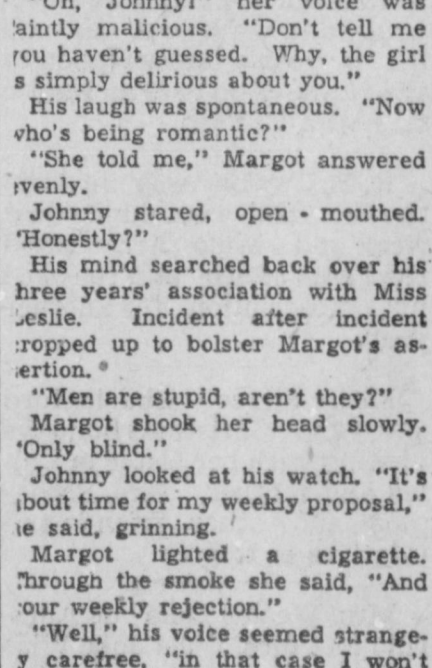
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Mr. and Mrs. E. V. White of Cincinnati, Ohio, were visiting in the home of Supt. and Mrs. R. Lee Snider this week. Mrs. White is a daughter of Mrs. Snider and she and husband were called to Denton to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dean White, dean of the College for Women at Denton and while down here they came on to Putnam and made Mr. and Mrs. Snider a short visit. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tedley of Stephenville were visiting in the Snider home. Mr. Tedley is a son of Mrs. Snider and president of the Stephenville bank. They returned to their home Thursday morning.

Cpl. Edward and Mrs. Sunderman visited with Edward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman during the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard had as guests during Christmas holidays the following: Their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maynard and children, Maranna and Patsy Jean, from Tatum, New Mexico; their daughter, Lois, husband and son, Jimmie from Rotan and Miss Glyn who is employed in Abilene.

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Lid off of one Maytag washing machine between Putnam and Cross Plains. Finder please notify Miss Nila Jones, Cross Plains or Putnam News. —Miss Nila Jones, Pioneer Route, Cross Plains, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hurst and baby and Mrs. Cotton Stewart of Electra, spent the holidays visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks and with Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. A. J. Hurst who is visiting with friends and relatives here and at Cottonwood and Baird.

Miss Mamie Ruth Weeks visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks during the holidays. She has employment in Beaumont.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Baird, Texas

A change in banking hours. To all concerned: Please take notice that beginning December 26, 1944, The First National Bank of Baird will open at 9:30 a. m. and will close at 3:00 p. m.

Sgt. R. D. Weeks who has been in training at Augusta, Georgia, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks. He left Friday for Maine where he will re-enter the service.

Miss Velma Eubank of Abilene, Mrs. Woods of New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Pruet of Arkansas, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon spent Christmas Day visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon.

Seaman George Weeks Jr., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents after being in the Pacific zone for about 24 months. He returned to the service January 4th.

ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS FOR \$6.95
The bargain rate on the Reporter-News is now on—only \$6.95 for a full year. New subscribers will be taken at this office as long as news print is sufficient. Better get in your order as early as possible since this offer may be rescinded any time on new subscribers. A number of subscribers were without a daily paper in 1944 on account of not turning in subscription orders early.

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FOR RENT
About seven acres of land and three-room house, five miles south of Putnam. First six months rent can be used for repairs on the place.—Mary Guyton, Mission Hotel, Putnam, Texas.

Miss Marian Pearl Damon returned from Oklamo where she had been visiting with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morrison, the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jeter have sold their home in Putnam to George Weeks and have moved to Moran. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of the Union community have moved to Putnam and are at home in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jeter.

Lee Park of Knox City spent the Christmas holidays visiting his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Isenhower and family of Cisco spent Christmas Day visiting in the home of Mrs. Isenhower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brandon visited in the home of W. I. Agnew and Paul Huestis in Cisco Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Gunnell were shopping and looking after business in Cisco Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Autry, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wills and Mrs. L. C. Overton, all of Albany, spent Christmas Day visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Clampett.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frye were in Putnam Wednesday afternoon and stated they had spent Christmas Day in Brownwood visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frye visited with relatives in Brownwood during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Overton were here during the Christmas holidays visiting with Mrs. Overton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Butler. Both teach in the Sweetwater high school.

Miss Bettie and David Gilmore spent the Christmas holidays visiting in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook Sr. had as their guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruyle of Dallas, Miss Lillian Cook of Dallas, O. G. Cook and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook, Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Hays of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring, Abilene, Miss Lera Fleming, Abilene, M. H. Cook and Tommy of New Mexico, Mrs. C. A. Stone and daughter, Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Odom visited with Mrs. Odom's sister in Abilene Sunday, the day before Christmas.

Miss Nelda Leigh Lowry, student of Hardin-Simmons University, spent the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Mr. and Mrs. Borden Heslep of Abilene spent Christmas Day visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. Heslep's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denny of Baird visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mary Alice Brown was home Christmas for the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

E. H. Gilmore spent Christmas visiting with Mrs. Gilmore while the children were visiting in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett had as their guests during the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Neil Moore of Cisco, Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children of Cottonwood, and Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and children of Brownwood, all of their children except their son, W. P. Everett who is some place in England.

Mrs. J. M. Simmons of the Dittmore ranch and Mrs. Mary Guyton were shopping in Cisco last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks of Austin spent the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. Park's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton.

Mrs. R. L. Clinton was in town from the ranch last Saturday and while here she paid for a year's subscription to the News to go to Miss Louise Lambley, El Paso.

R. B. Taylor was in from the Zion Hill community last week and while here visited the News office and renewed his subscription for another year.

Mrs. Pierce Shackelford spent the Christmas holidays visiting with her sister in Dallas and mother, Mrs. Scroggins and other friends and relatives in Rogers.

Mrs. Wesley Hale of Amarillo and Mrs. Della Jobe Wise of San Francisco, spent the Christmas holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jobe.

Mrs. L. A. Sublett returned recently from Oakland, California where she had been with her husband who was confined in a hospital from illness. She is a sister to Mrs. Vernon Dunaway.

Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Balde-ree had as guests during the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Steadman Strickland of Truscott and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Eppler and family of Cisco.

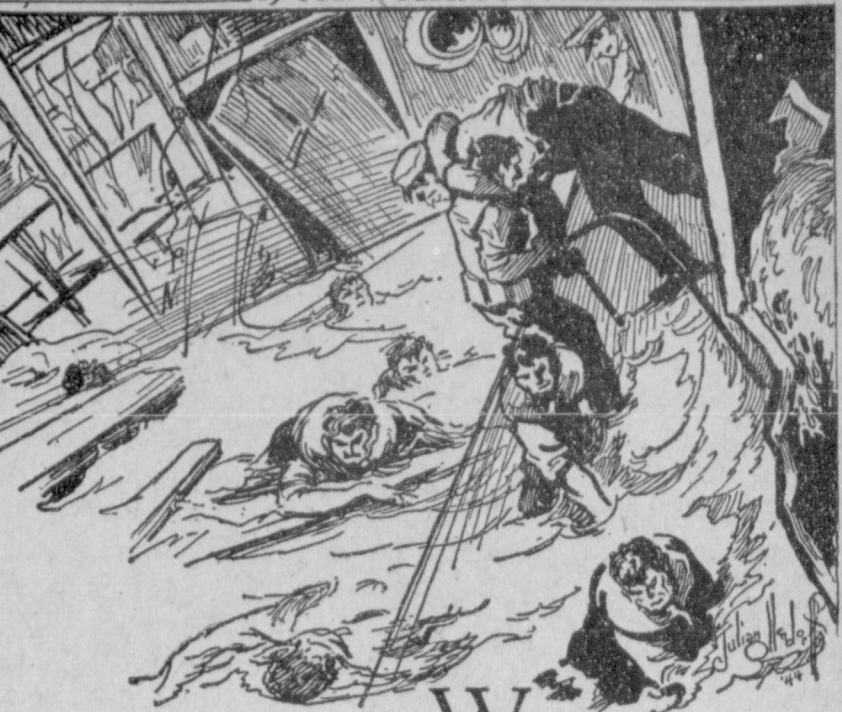
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dunaway spent Christmas Day visiting with Mr. Dunaway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dunaway at Dothan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Clampett of Baird spent the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. Clampett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Clampett.

Alva Gunnell spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Gunnell who was ill at the Mission hotel.

Walter Holley of Spur was in Putnam during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Holley was a former resident of Putnam.

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