

From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

King George of England is in bed most of the time now and has been since November 23 when his illness was first announced. The King is suffering from an arterial ailment in his legs.

The royal family has been forced to cancel plans for the trip they had planned to Australia and New Zealand early next year on account of the King's condition.

It is said three Presidents of the United States died and one was born on July 4th—Adams, Jefferson and Monroe died on that date and Calvin Coolidge was born.

The United States Army has announced that the body of the famous wartime correspondent, Ernie Pyle, will be removed to the new Honolulu cemetery next June and buried there.

Mr. Pyle was killed in the Pacific area near Okinawa April 18, 1945 while in service there.

If you want to keep your watch in good running condition, advises the American Magazine, wind it at the same time every day and don't leave it on a cold table at night because the special oil used to lubricate the time-piece thickens in extreme cold.

Sir Clarence Henry Marten, 76, tutor to Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose died the past week in Windsor, England.

The State Health Department has reported 511 cases of measles up to December 7. The seven year average up to the same date is said to be 52 cases.

New cases of chicken pox totaled 353 cases which is far above the seven year average of 188 th announcement said.

From Laramie Wyoming, comes a story of a different kind of thief. It seems the newly planted gladioli beds were being stripped of the bulbs and the superintendent of the University grounds was at a loss as to the reason. Finally, he discovered deep, high-heeled female foot prints about the beds and drew his own conclusions.

According to the Texas and Pacific Topics, "Christmas trees are now being trimmed. Dad likewise."

Father — "Well, son, what did you learn in Sunday School today?"

Son — "We learned about the cross-eyed bear."

Father — "About a what?"

Son — "Yes, sir, named Gladly. We learned a song about him; all about 'Gladly the Cross I'd Bear'."

In early days, there was a ferry across a river in East Texas. A man said:

"I want to cross, but I ain't got a nickel for the fare."

The ferryman replied — "A fellow who ain't got five cents is just as well off on one side of the river as the other."

Eula Community Receives Rain

It has been reported from Eula that Eula and the west part of Callahan received good rain Tuesday afternoon. The rain amounted to more than an inch and will benefit the grain crop. There is a large acreage of grain in this community and over the entire country. But the balance of county failed to get rain in sufficient amount to do very much good.

The writer was in Lawn Tuesday afternoon and it appeared there had been more than an inch if rain there since water was standing in the fields where grain had been sown. The rain extended across to Cross Plains where considerable rain fell and water was running and standing in many fields southwest of Cross Plains, and everything was pretty muddy in Cross Plains, especially when getting of the pavement and sand streets, it was very near impossible to drive.

Black and Son Purchase Grocery Store in Baird

Judge J. R. Black of the 42nd District court and son Ray D. Black has recently purchased the Glenn Boyd Grocery in Baird and are now in charge of the business.

The stock inventoried the past week and they are now in possession of the business. The judge formerly had a grocery in Admiral prior to his election to office.

Ray is a graduate of the Baird high school, class of 1937, and served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. Recently he has been employed by the Montgomery Ward store in Abilene.

Boyd has been in the grocery business in Baird for the past 13 years and has not stated his future plans.

Clyde Lady Weds Boston, Mass., Man

Miss Neva Cotton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cotton of Clyde, became the bride of Joe Gonslaves Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gonslaves of Boston, Mass., recently.

Miss Cotton is a graduate of the Clyde high school. For the past year she has been employed by Civil Service, the last three years at Fort Sam Houston.

The bridegroom was discharged from the Air Forces, having served three years in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonslaves will make their home in Boston.

Another new comet of the 12th magnitude, seventh to be discovered this year, has been recently discovered in constellation of Aquarius, according to an announcement.

Soil Group Visits On Atwood Ranch

BY OLIVER F. WERST

Good Grass—

A visit was made to the Atwood Ranch between Rowden and Cross Plains last Friday by members of the Dressy SCS Group, Dr. C. Cox, Soil Conservationist, and the county agent for the purpose of studying pastures and grasses.

Mr. Atwood has one of the best pastures in the county. This is due to the fact that he carries out proper pasture management practices, and mainly to proper rates of stocking and grazing.

Even though there has been a long drought, a great portion of the round is covered with good grass. Mr. Atwood wanted a tank in this pasture but found out the grass was so thick that when it did rain, all the water soaked into the ground and none of it would run off into a tank.

He has just put up a windmill in the north end of this pasture. He has always done this in order to make better use of all his grass. There has always been a windmill and place for stock to water in the south end of the pasture. Since the cattle grazed near the water more than any place the ground was not covered with near as much good grass in the south as in the north end of the pasture. Now the cattle will make use of the grass all over the pasture.

Some of the grasses which were found in abundance on this pasture were: little bluestem, Indian grass, Canada wild rye, side-oats grama, blue grama, hairy grass, buffalo grass, mesquite grass, Texas winter grass, and some needle and dropseed and white triods grasses.

When cattle are grazed on pasture like this, no money is spent on supplementary feed during the winter months.

Dudley HD Club Met at Walls Home

The Dudley Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. T. Walls the past week. Poems were read at the meeting by Mrs. Lawson Armour, I. L. Atchley and Hollis Windom. The group sang Christmas Carols. Pals for Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments were served to the visitors. Mrs. Callie Windom, Mrs. Carl Rose, Mrs. Norma O. Wray, Mrs. J. M. Whitley, Mrs. Jack Gibson, and Mrs. Evelyn Allan. Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Mrs. Ola Roberts, Mrs. Atchley, Mrs. Armour, Margaret Armour, Mrs. Hollis Windom, Mrs. C. E. Betcher, Mrs. F. L. Coughran, Mrs. Albert Crawford, Stanley Crawford, Mrs. John McKinzie, Mrs. I. R. Mason, Mrs. Nellie Wilkerson, Mrs. C. T. Barnard, Mrs. Roy Armour, Mrs. Will Robinson, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Lee Crane, Mrs. Troy Crane, Linda Crane, and Mrs. Burleson, members.

Cage Tournament Is Scheduled For January 21-22

The following people are requested to assist us at the basketball tournament, January 21 and 22, 1949. If your name does not appear on the list, will you kindly volunteer to assist us? If your name is on the list and you find you will be unable to work, please notify the person whose name appears at the top of the list.

Each lady is requested to bring at least two dish towels to be used while working.

Committees:

Friday night January 21, "Hot Dog" stand, Mrs. L. A. Williams, Mrs. I. G. Mobley and Mrs. M. H. Sargent.

Sandwich Stand, Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. E. K. Bell and Mrs. J. R. Gunn.

Candy and Drinks: I. G. Mobley, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman, and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford.

Saturday, January 22, noon meal, Mrs. A. B. Hutchison, Mrs. L. A. Williams, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, Mrs. J. O. Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Williams and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

Evening meal, Mrs. Douglas Fry, Mrs. L. A. Williams, Mrs. I. G. Mobley, Mrs. J. M. Simmons and Mrs. M. H. Sargent.

Concessions for Saturday, Jan. 22; Saturday morning, Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. E. K. Bell, Mrs. John D. Isenhower, Mrs. Robert McKinney, and Mrs. H. H. Black.

Saturday afternoon, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman, Mrs. Loren Everett, Mrs. Jack Ramsey, Mrs. E. H. Williams and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Saturday night, Mrs. Charlie Brandon, Mrs. B. E. Rutherford, Mrs. J. R. Gunn, Mrs. Sam Hedrick, Mrs. Fred Heyser and Mrs. R. L. Clinton.

Former Putnam Lady Dies In Brownwood

Mrs. C. F. Coffey, 25, the former Miss Frances Lunsford, passed away at a hospital in Brownwood the past week. She was ill only a short time.

Mrs. Coffey was born and reared in Putnam and attended the public schools here. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church since early girlhood.

The funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Brownwood. Burial was in Zepher.

Mrs. Coffey is survivor by her husband and three small children, two sons and a baby daughter; her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lunsford, several sisters and a brother, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, and a number of other relatives in and near Putnam.

Work Slow On Baird City Lake

In talking with Mayor Betah Freeland in Baird a few days ago, he stated they were getting along with their water supply lake pretty slow. He said they had never called an election and would be some time before calling one from the fact that they were trying to secure federal aid on building the dam.

It will take probably \$500,000 to construct the dam on the site where the engineers have surveyed the ground and quite a few people think that the city could not vote that much bonds. And figure on that they would not be able to sell that many bonds on account of not having sufficient revenue to secure that much.

The City of Putnam has just completed a deal like that. Putnam voted \$27,000 revenue bonds and secured the approval of the bond issue but the attorney general cut the amount down to \$20,000 on account of insufficient revenue to create the sinking fund to retire them. However the proposition was not local capital and the lake only given up but financed through local capital and the lake only has outstanding obligations on the city supply lake of \$900.00, and has some \$200 in the sinking fund to pay off this indebtedness with a good water supply.

HDC Group Meets On December 11

The H. D. C. met in the home of Mrs. Earl Rutherford, Saturday night, December 11 for their Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged, games played, sandwiches, pie and drinks were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Black, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman, Mrs. Weldon Park Lee, Mrs. Sargent and Delores, Mrs. Pete King, Mrs. Earl Jobe, Mrs. E. K. Bell and Charles, Lavern, Betty and Cynt and Mr. Rutherford, and Clint and Mr. Rutherford.

Those attending the council meeting at county court house Christmas tree and lunch were Mrs. Harvey Black, Mrs. Earl Jobe, Mrs. Pete King, Mrs. E. K. Bell and Charles, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

We met in regular meeting Dec. 14 with Mrs. Bill Biggerstaff and Mrs. Lorn Everett, Mrs. Pete King, Mrs. Earl Jobe, Mrs. E. K. Bell, Mrs. Harvey Black, Mrs. Earl Rutherford.

We met Thursday, Jan. 13th, with Mrs. Lorn Everett. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Women's Council of the First Christian church had a social meeting at the home of Mrs. R. N. Adair and Mrs. R. E. Weber on Monday. Mrs. Carl Lummus had charge of Christmas program after a brief business meeting. A delicious plate was served to Mes. B. A. Elliott, R. A. Elliott, Emma Cottle, Mary Anderson, Carl Lummus, Tim Hamilton, Bell Waters, Cora Huskey and Bessie Hammons.

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STAND ON OWN FEET

W. G. Volmer, President of the Texas Pacific Railway Company, recently devoted a speech to sum up the problem of the railroads, and the position of the industry in the matter of regulation and competition.

"The simple truth is," he said, "that the present plight of the railroads has been caused by re-subsidized competition, vastly increased operating costs, all of which casts them in the role of a poor relation.

"The railroads seek no special or preferred treatment. All they ask is that the principle of free competitive enterprise apply to all alike, including the trucks, buses, and planes, and inland water carriers.

"Let the service each renders

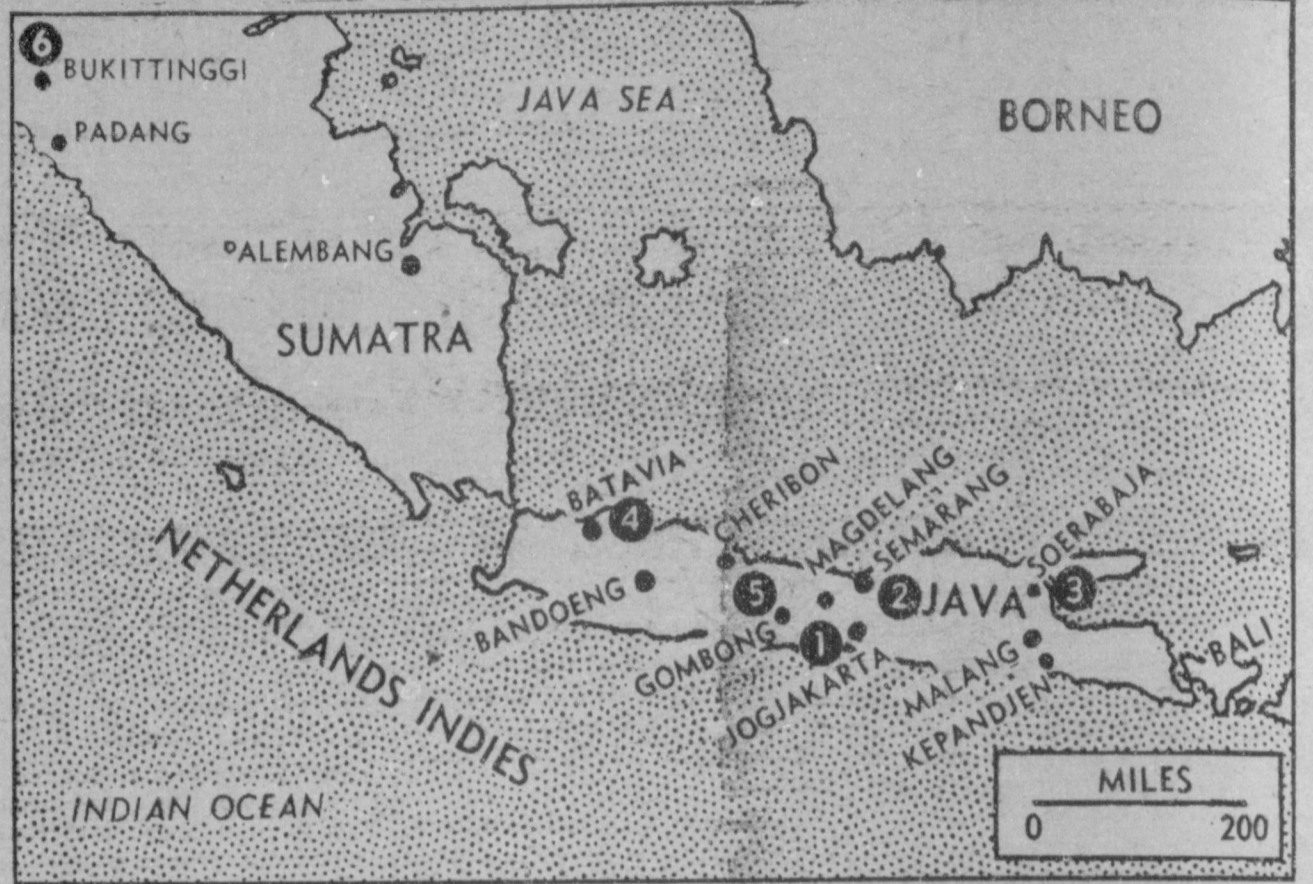
the nation be the measure by which it justifies its existence. Real program comes through opportunity another but through equal pressure on one industry to opportunity for all."

"That is all the railroads seek. They are perfectly willing to stand or fall that basic principle of our free enterprise system."

It is difficult to see how a spokesman for any enterprise

could take a fairer and less prejudiced stand. The railroads have no objection to competition. But they do have legitimate objection to competition which is made possible only by direct or indirect subsidies of government.

DUTCH OVERRUN JAVA



Dutch troops were rapidly over-running Indonesia after capturing the capital of Jogjakarta (1) by paratroop attack. Dutch marines and infantry landed on north coast near Semarang (2) and Soerabaja (3), the latter forces driving south to take Malang and Kepaudjen (3). A Batavia (4) crossed the 11-month-old truce demarcation line at Gombong (5) and drove toward the capital.—(NEA Telephoto).

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Holiday Leaves For Army and Air Force Recruits

Men in this area who are planning to enlist in the Army or Air Force and wish to remain at home over the holiday season may enlist now and be granted a 5 day advance leave, according to S-Sgt. James Hendrick of the Eastland Recruiting Station.

This announcement is made in the interest of men who are contemplating enlistment and assignment to the European Command, as this program closes on December 31, 1948 and also for those 18 year old men who wish to enlist for a period of one year. It is thought that this short term enlistment will be discontinued in the near future.

Men who wish to join and remain at home for Christmas must join before the 24th of December and those wishing to be with their family and friends on New Year's celebrations must join between December 27th and 30th.



Laurenor Duggan, pictured here as he testified before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee in Washington, plunged to his death from his office window in New York City after he had been named as one of the former U. S. Officials who passed information and secret documents of ex-Communist Whitaker Chambers.



Enders M. Voorhees, chairman of U. S. Steel's finance committee, as he testified in Washington before a subcommittee investigating profits. Voorhees said his corporation is making only five per cent profit which is an "exceptionally low" margin on its booming production.

Recent Rains Are Beneficial To Grains and Pasture

Prospects for small grains cov-

er crops and pastures were improved over most of the eastern half of the State as drought conditions were partially relieved by light to moderate rains. Moisture was sufficient in these areas to germinate small grains that were not yet sprouted and crops that were up to a stand were making some growth. More rain is still needed over much

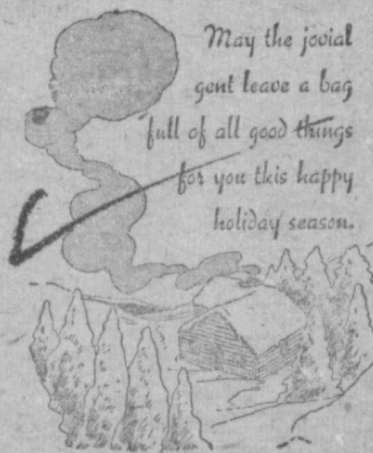
of this area. The wheat crop was holding out well in the northern three tiers of counties in the High Plains, but in the southern High Plains and most of the Low Rolling Plains, the crop was suffering as the dry weather continued.

Winter pasture feed prospects

improved over the eastern half of the State as light rains temporarily relieved the critical drought. Rain was generally too light to be of lasting benefit except in central Blackland and northeastern counties where some run-off partially replenished stock water supplies.



"Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound."



May the joyful gent leave a bag full of all good things for you this happy holiday season.

FERGUSON'S
CISCO, TEXAS



Merry Christmas 1948

++ Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



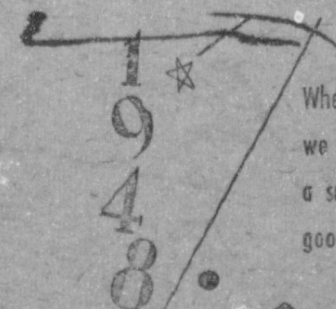
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All students interested in coming out for the night basketball team at Cisco Junior College were asked to meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the high school gym. Authorities expressed the hope that a large group would be present.

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The Man's Store

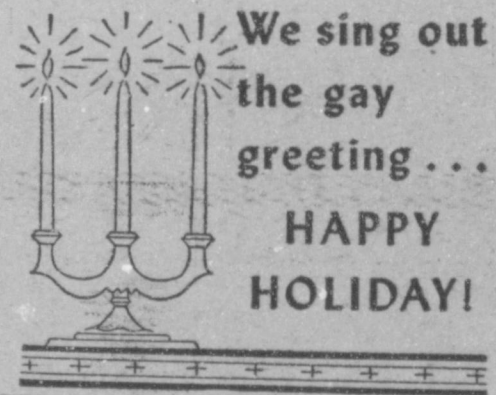


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YOUR HOLIDAY
OVERFLOWS
WITH YULETIDE
JOY AND
HAPPINESS.**

**KING'S DRY
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PUTNAM, TEXAS

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Personals

Mrs. Jack Ramsay was shopping in Cisco Monday morning.

A. McIntosh and son Elmer and Robert Cook or Arlington returned from Rock Port Sunday where they had been fishing the past several days. Elmer said they caught plenty of fish and had a nice vacation.

John Cook made a business trip to Cisco Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Reese left Thursday for Houston to visit with relatives and friends during the Christmas holiday, returning to Putnam about the first of the year.

L. J. Cook left Thursday for Marlin where he will remain for a few days taking treatments of hot baths. He has been in poor health for some time.

The News received a letter from R. L. Munn of Cisco containing a year's subscription to The News. Mr. Munn is one subscriber who never forgets when his time expires. He is now paid up to October, 1950. Thanks!

The News had a letter from our old friend, Doc Trent, who

recently moved to Wink with a years subscription for the Putnam News. Thanks, Doc.

There will be no paper next week. The editor will take a week's rest that should have been taken some time ago. We have been unable to get out a paper like we would like to for some time. However, we hope after taking a week's rest we will be able to get back in the business and give our readers the best weekly paper in the district, by giving our readers more and more news.

Mrs. John Cunningham is expected home this weekend from an extended visit with her children at other points.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon was in the county hospital at Baird a day or two the past week for checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Webb and children Glenda and David of Cisco visited Mrs. Webb's mother and sister Mrs. Claude Franklin through the weekend.

Mrs. Earlene Clarke and daughter Doris shopped in Cisco Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet were shopping in Baird Friday.

Mrs. F. P. Shackelford and

H. A. Pruet attended the show in Eastland Monday evening.

Charles Rutherford and J. H. Culwell, in the service of Uncle Sam and stationed in California, have arrived to spend Christmas in the homes of their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett and son W. P. Everett of San Antonio were guests in the home of his brother W. A. Everett and family Thursday.

Mrs. F. P. Shackelford left Tuesday for Rogers to attend a family reunion in the home of her mother Christmas Day. She will later be joined by her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Shackelford and son.

The Putnam High School football exes will play the Baird exes at 2:30 at Baird Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett visited in Cisco Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. Clark was the guest of her son and wife Mr and Mrs James Clark in Fort Worth from Sunday through Tuesday of the past week.

Mrs. S. W. Jobe and daughter Mrs. Laren Everett, were in Abilene

visiting their son and brother, Frank Jobe, at Hendricks hospital during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandon, former residents of Putnam, have recently moved to Snyder.

Frank Jobe was operated on at Hendricks Hospital Monday of the past week. He expects to return to putnam in a few days to recuperate in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jobe

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. C. F. Coffey at Brownwood included the following Putnam

area residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wood Mr. and Mrs. Burette Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burnam, Mrs. W. R. Francisco and Mrs. Jack Everett and baby of Cisco.

Lee Parks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Park, had his tonsils removed Thursday at the county hospital at Baird. He is reported getting along nicely.

Mrs. O. W. Culwell was assisting in Odom's store Saturday afternoon.



A Cheery
Christmas
Season
To All...

DEAN DRUG CO.
The REXALL Store. Cisco, Texas.

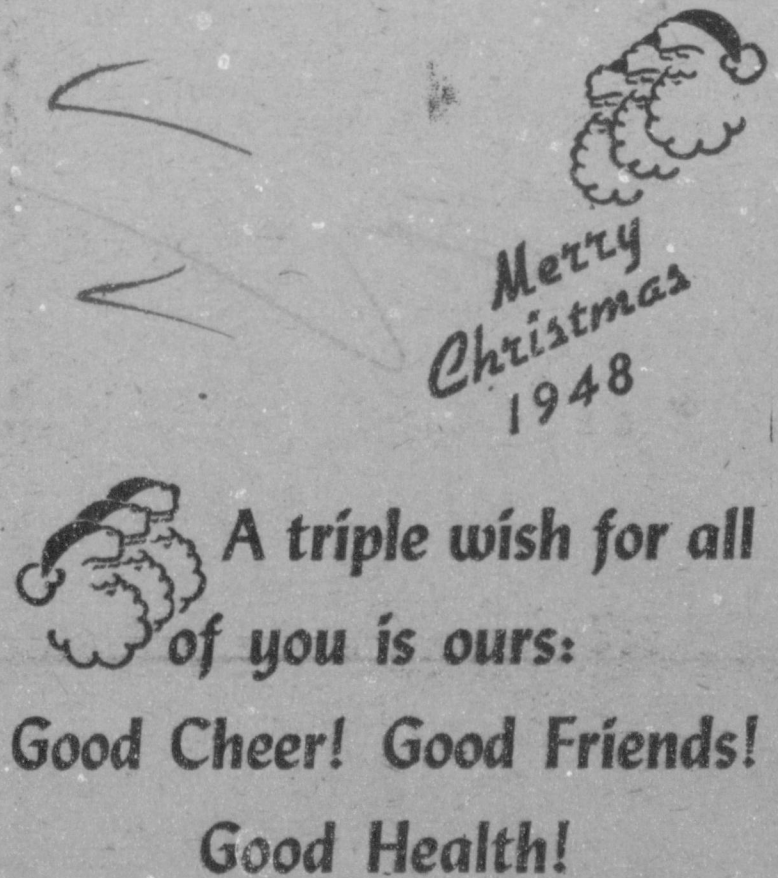


Just for a minute, we relive all the joys and raptures of childhood as we behold the bright tinsel and the gay wrappings of the boxes stacked high under the Christmas tree.



May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized--that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

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Interscholastic League Basketball Tournament to be Held Here in Feb.

Plans for a county wide Interscholastic League Basketball Tournament were discussed and arranged before a joint panel of school districts held in Eastland County Monday night. Carlos J. Turner of Cisco, County Chairman presided over the meeting. Superintendent, and Miss Fern Arlin Bint, Public School Gurney one of Cisco High School girls' basketball coaches composed the delegation that represented Cisco in the recent meeting.

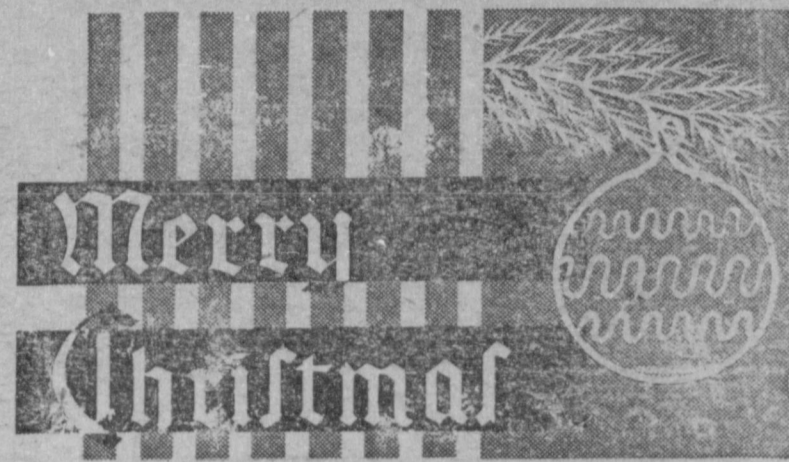
The committee, through a joint resolution, approved a proposal by Cisco to conduct a girls' basketball tournament at the newly completed community cen-

ter, building here. The tournament will get underway here February 17. Championship finals

will be played Saturday night on the 19th of that month.

Gold basketballs will awarded to members of the winning team and judges will select players from the various contingents for the all-tournament team.

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May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
Peace on Earth
Good Will Toward Men.

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"... and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.'"

WHETHER there will ever come in our lifetime a reign of peace and good will toward men all over the world, man can neither foresee nor foretell. But he can trust; he can have faith that a Divine Providence in His great wisdom, and in His own good time, will bring that condition about.

But despite the uncertainties of life, and despite the turmoil, the terror and the sufferings which beset such a vast proportion of the world's people, those who are fortunate enough to live in America have been richly blessed.

In this beloved land of ours we have been blessed with the greatest volume and variety of the good things of life mankind has ever known; here the dignity and worth of every individual soul is recognized; here we enjoy the great blessings of personal freedom.

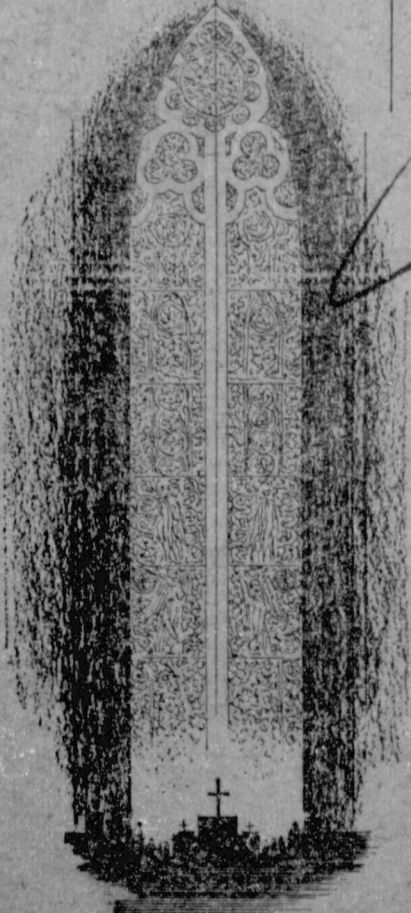
Let us give thanks this Christmas season for these precious privileges; let us try to understand better the system of government which has nurtured these privileges and blessings; and then let each of us do our individual part to help preserve and protect that government from those who would destroy it.

It is my earnest and sincere wish that you will have a joyous Christmas holiday and that, in the years to come, you and yours will be blessed with good health and happiness.

W. G. Volmer
PRESIDENT

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Committeemen Named to Head AAA Activities in Eastland County For 1949

At a recent election County and Community Committeemen were elected to head the various activities of the AAA for Eastland County. These men play a vital part in the administration and the policies of the AAA

program for 1949.

E. E. Blackwell of Ranger was elected chairman of the County Committee. Named to serve with Blackwell were A. Z. Myrick of Cisco, vice-chairman and D. J. Perkins, regular member of Rising Star.

Community Committeemen elected for the 1949 term were: Desdemona — Cecil Stephens, Chairman; F. T. Caudle, Vice-Chairman; A. L. Underwood

Regular member; A. J. Rogers, 1st Alternate; Doyl Johnson, 2nd Alternate.

Ranger — J. F. Donley, Chairman; Ben Patterson, Vice Chairman; E. C. Ward, Regular Member; Herman Taylor, 1st Alternate; Thornton Cooper, 2nd Alternate.

Staff-Alameda — John W. Love, Chairman; George F. Bennett, Vice Chairman; Milton Underwood, Regular Member;

Cecil Nelson, 1st Alternate, Joe H. Hudson, 2nd Alternate.

Gorman — N. B. Laminack, Chairman; John J. Brown, Vice-Chairman; Floyd Eismo, Regular Member; Bill Simpson, 1st Alternate; Odus Rodgers, 2nd Alternate.

Morton Valley — Kenneth Kirk, Chairman; A. F. Beck, Vice Chairman; Jesse Carter, Regular Member; O. C. Bowman, 1st Alternate; Homer White, 2nd Alternate.

Flatwood — Henry Wilson, Chairman; Homer F. Duncan, Vice Chairman; J. B. Caudle, Regular Member; Ray Norris, 1st Alternate; Lue B. Horn, 2nd Alternate.

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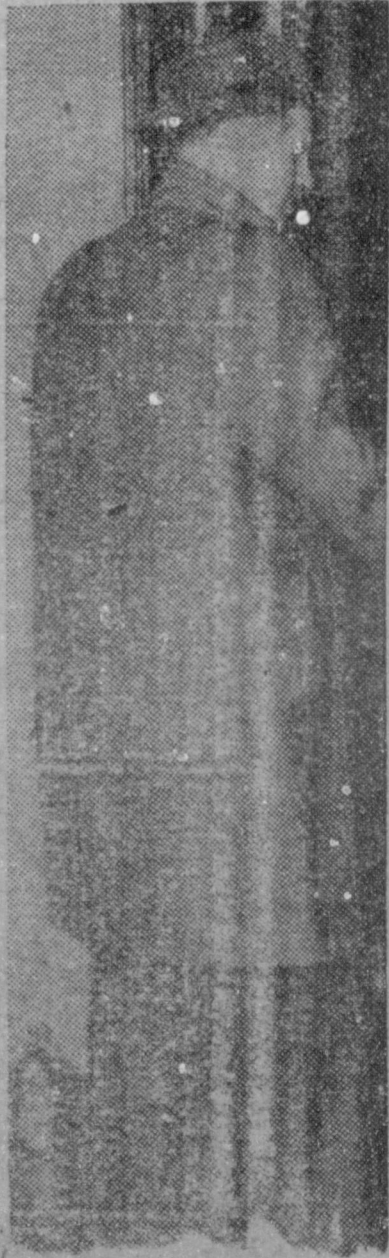
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Alger Hiss, former State Department official, enters his apartment at 24 East 8th St. in New York City after a Federal Grand Jury had indicted him on charges of perjury. He was named by an admitted ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers as one of the men who turned secret government documents over to him.—(NEA Telephoto).

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Added Compensation Given A&P Employees

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — Addi-

tional compensation totaling more than \$2,100,000 has been distributed to employees of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea

Company before Christmas, it was announced today by John A. Hartford, president.

All A & P employees throughout the country, with six months' or more service with the company, participate in the cash distribution. The company's employees were voted \$1,978,000 compensation last year.

Indonesian President Interned



President Soekarno, left, and Premier Mohammed Haatta of Indonesian Republic have been interned after Dutch airborne troops seized the Republic's capital of Jogktarta. (—NEA Telephoto).

President Urges Tuberculosis Aid

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.— Citing tuberculosis as a grave health problem throughout the world, President Harry S. Truman today declared that the American people are in a strategic position to speed the day when this disease can be eradicated.

In a message to the National Tuberculosis Association, President Truman said the American people, through their official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the NTA, can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis and urged the use of Christmas Seals to support the work of the voluntary associations.

The sale of Christmas Seals is being conducted now throughout the country and will continue until Christmas to raise funds for the tuberculosis control work of the NTA and its affiliates.

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MORAN NEWS

BY MRS. C. C. CADY

Miss Avis Waters of Fort Worth spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother in Moran. She drove from Fort Worth to the Abilene airport to meet her sister Mrs. Steve Terry from San Francisco, Calif., who arrived by plane on Saturday at 8 p.m. Mrs. Terry will visit her mother and brothers Warren and C. A. Waters of the Waters Construction Co. of Cisco for Christmas holidays and return by plane to San Francisco next Monday, Dec. 27.

E. B. Isham of Sun Ray, Texas was shaking hands with old friends on the streets of Moran Saturday. It's been 10 years, Mr. Isham states, since he left here. He is visiting his son Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Isham in Cisco before returning to Sun Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin will spend Christmas holidays with their son Bob and wife in Marshall, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones will leave Friday night for Seminole to be with her son and family over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allen will have their children, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Benda and twin daughters from Kingfisher, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Allen and children from Lubbock to spend Christmas holidays with them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ricks and little Kathryn Ann of Aremicus, Georgia, arrived in Moran Sunday afternoon to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeman. Mr. Ricks stated he would like to exchange their rainy weather for Texas sunshine.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Allen and Jo Lynn moved their household goods to Merkel on Monday. All friends wish them God speed in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and W. O. Jr. all of Kermit; R. E. Burns, Mrs. E. J. Freeman and Tot of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarfo last Sunday.

Mrs. S. H. Sherman left Wednesday for Southeast Texas to visit relatives and friends during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Connally will have a family dinner on Sunday. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Byers of Breckenridge and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Byers, Jr. of Odessa will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wise had as dinner guests, Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bates of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson of Abilene. Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Wise and guests attended a presentation of The Messiah by a 65-voice choir of Breckenridge, accompanied by Billy Muth of Fort Worth on the organ, at the high school auditorium in Cisco.

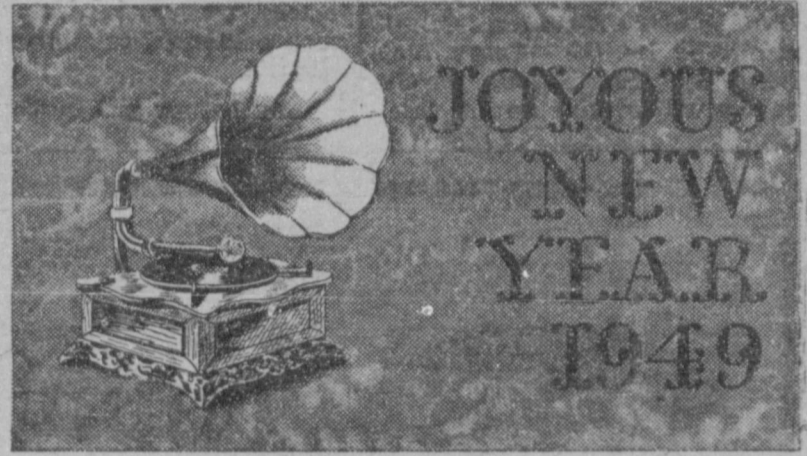


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Prizes Offered In History Contest

A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve papers will receive awards total-

ing \$345. Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Suggested for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas un-

der 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131 University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

C. of C. Leaders Are Given Reports

Regular committee reports were given to directors of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce at their regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Director E. P. Crawford reported that his committee had com-

pleted the sale of lots 1 and 2 of Block 6, Belmont addition, the City of Cisco, to John Dun. A bid on two adjoining lots owned by the Chamber of Commerce has been rejected, Mr. Crawford reported.

The chamber acquired the property in helping with the routing of Highway 80 west and now is selling the remainder.

Another Witness Won't Answer Questions



Mrs. Marion Bachrach, a writer attached to the national office of the Communist Party, as she refused to answer a long series of questions, asked by the House Un-American Activities subcommittee in Washington. She refused to answer on grounds of self incrimination. The only figure in the spy hearings she would admit known to her was John Abt, a one-time government official, whom she said was her brother.



Holiday Joy 1948

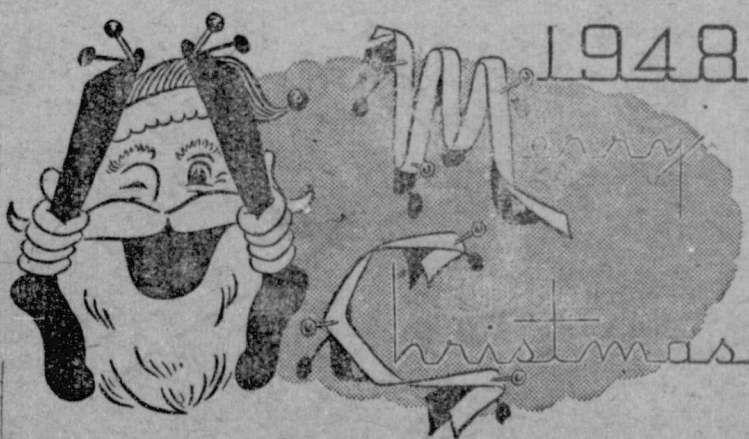
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SUICIDE



Patricia Styles, 23, daughter of Hal Styles, radio school owner and defeated candidate for congress in 1924, who, according to Los Angeles police, shot and wounded wealthy broker Nathan Sugarman and then committed suicide. —NEA.

Young Doctors And Dentists Needed By Army

AUSTIN, Dec. 21. — Reserve commissions are now available for young doctors and dentists, subject to the draft, if they volunteer and are placed on active duty before being inducted under the Selective Service act. Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Senior Army Instructor for the Organized Reserve Corps, has announced.

Under congressional provisions these young doctors and dentists will receive \$100 per month compensation in addition to regular pay and allowances. The extra compensation will not be given to those who enter the services through the Selective Service, even though they are subsequently commissioned.

These reserve commissions are available to qualified doctors of medicine and dentistry who have completed a four-year course physically able and now are serving an internship. Once they are accepted and commissioned in the reserve, they may be called for a period of active duty after they have finished their current year of internship. Such commission can be used to support a request for deferment in the draft.

At the present time there is a dire shortage of doctors and

dentists, it is stated, and young doctors and dentists, who are subject to the draft, the urged by the armed services to give serious consideration to accepting commissions. They may get detailed information from Waco Organized Reserve Corps Instructor's office, Fed. Bldg., at Waco, Texas.

Texans Appointed To Marine Corps League Office

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Appointment of two Texans to national offices of the Marine Corps League was announced here today by National Commandant Theus J. MacQueen, first World War II veteran to head this all-Leatherneck veterans organization.

Judge Robert A. Hall of Dallas was selected to serve as a member of the League's national supreme judicial commission chairman is Ralph R. Thombs of Youngstown, Ohio.

Hasten L. McCune Jr., of El Paso has been named a member of the League's national housing committee. The chairman of the committee is Bernard J. Curtin,

Jr., of Lynn, Mass.

Part of the League's program for the ensuing year includes doubling of its units, local teen age programs, a \$3,000,000 Marine memorial, and community programs that will include athletics, youth activities, Americanism and assistance to all veterans, particularly Marines.

Maritime Service Accepting Applicants For 1949 Classes

The United States Maritime service has announced it will start accepting applications for the 1949 classes in its specialized six months training course which prepares men for a career in the United States Merchant Marines.

The number of men per class each month are limited. All interested applicants must meet the following pre-requisites: be an American citizen, be between the ages 17½ and 35 years have obtained at least a ninth grade education, satisfactory complete physical and aptitude examination, and submit three letters of character reference.

Enrollees while in training will receive \$75 per month plus subsistence and quarters, uniforms and texts. Upon satisfactory completion of this training, enrollees will be certificated as

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All of Mr. South's 12 children were present except two sons, Youngest present was his grandson, six months old Gregory South, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe South.

HD Council Met In Baird, Dec. 15th

The Callahan County Demonstration Council met at Blair in the Callahan County Court-house with Mrs. Henry Bailey of the Union Hart Demonstration club, county chairman presiding.

Mrs. Henry Bailey, president, directed the meeting. Mrs. L. L. Atchley led in the singing of the Christmas carols. Mrs. P. H. Patton, of the Enterprise club was

introduced as new chairman for 1949.

Scrap book prizes were awarded. First, an electric percolator to the Enterprise Club, second, a cake and cake box went to the Union Hart Club; third prize, a one year subscription to the Frontier Times was awarded to the Eula Club.

Judges were Marvin Henter Jr., editor of the Baird Star and A. D. West, county agent. Lunch

was served to approximately 100 club women and visitors. Mrs. L. A. Groene, District Seven Vice President gave the closing address.

475 Bales Cotton To December 1st.

J. H. Shrader, cotton Census

reporter, for the Federal government makes the following report on amount of cotton ginned in Callahan county prior to Dec. 1. Report shows that 475 bales had been ginned prior to Dec. 1, in Callahan county as compared

with 658 bales being ginned for the same period in 1947. This is about 35 per cent less cotton ginned than 1947. The final report will be made in the following March.



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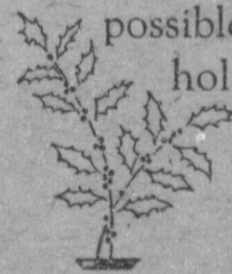
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