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**OUR BOYS  
WITH THE COLORS**

Army Specialized Training Engineering students stationed at Texas Tech, who are to be guests in the W. T. Cherry home from Christmas Eve up to Sunday afternoon are: Private first class Schuyler Kuykendy; Bonham; Al Lobrecht, Alice; Joe Kiker, Turnertown; A. H. Fowler, Ennis; Howard Walker, Providence, Rhode Island; Harold Daugherty, Little Rock, Ark.; Billy Sweeney, Pottaboro; Bill Hardy, Dallas; Bruce McCammon, Dallas; Tom Blankenship, Willis Point; Don Cherry, Slaton; all of whom were students in Texas A. & M. at the time they enlisted in the Army; Bob Wilson, Tyler, from Tyler Junior College, and John Brandon, North Platte, Neb., from the University of Nebraska.

Pvt. Jack B. Clark writes the following, home: "I'm very busy now with the Japs. As it's Thanksgiving Day we are fixing to have turkey for supper, if the Japs don't drop a bomb on it. Everyone write me, please."

Capt. L. M. Garrigues has finished his basic training at an administrative school and has been assigned to Smokey Hill Army Air Base at Salina, Kansas, as an Inspector.

One hundred and sixty-eight Texans are members of the Navy V-12 unit at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Lieutenant Commander Marvin V. Lewis, USN (Ret.), commanding officer, has announced.

NTAC, located midway between Fort Worth and Dallas, is one of the selected colleges where apprentice seamen in the V-12 program are studying curricula designed to train future Navy and Marine Corps officers.

There are three major objectives of the program. First comes education; second, a sound physical training program designed to fit the students for the rigorous demands of war; and third, military training. The latter is subordinated to the former.

Among the students is Malcolm Keith Sanders, 500 W. Garza, Slaton.

First Lieutenant J. H. (Buddy) Brewer arrived home last Friday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer, after having served with the Air Force as a pilot of a Mustang Fighter plane in the Italian Campaign.

Lieutenant Brewer has probably had as much actual fighting experience in the present war as any man who has yet entered the service from this section and he says that the American made planes are superior to any being used in the war to date, but he has supreme respect for the courage and flying ability of the German airmen. He says that the English and American men are getting along wonderfully and that the Englishmen seem very anxious to do everything they can for the American boys who have come to fight with them.

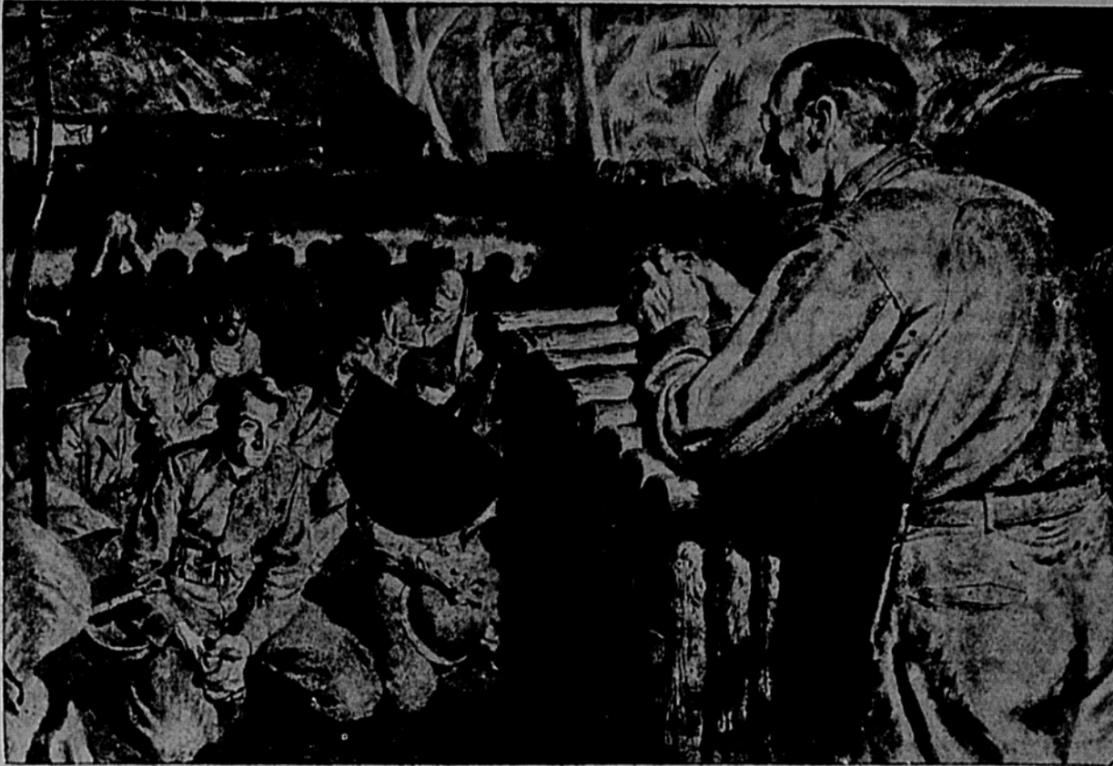
When Germany is knocked out? Lieutenant Brewer makes no prediction, except that he does not believe it will be soon.

Cpl. William Milton Schuette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schuette, now stationed in Sicily, writes that after eating C ration for 14 months, his Thanksgiving dinner was something to write home about. Just think, chicken in real honest-to-goodness form. Cpl. Schuette, recently received a citation for leading his Battalion into enemy gunfire in the Sicilian invasion and since then, he has received the good conduct medal from the company.

Cpl. Schuette has been overseas 14 months and has been in Ireland, England, North Africa, Sicily and hopes his next station will be in the States.

Pfc. Roscoe Mercer, son of T. C. Mercer, is home on a Christmas furlough. He is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he is a member of the M. P.

## 1943 \* CHRISTMAS \* 1943



Tomorrow... Christmas Day 1943, will be observed in many ways wherever Christian people are congregated... gifts will be received and exchanged by our American men who are fighting on the sea, in the air and under the seas. Although many, many of them will observe the day under many and strange conditions and circumstances, it will be an outstanding day for them.

These men are facing dangers on every hand and they will make the best of it... homesick, no doubt, but our boys are the kind whose spirits are high and want us to keep our spirits and morale high, too... our fighting men would say MERRY CHRISTMAS, and would want to hear us say MERRY CHRISTMAS in return... and so as Christmas Day of 1943 arrives let us keep in mind that our fighting men are sending us in spirit their Christmas Greetings and in turn, let us say, "Merry Christmas," too.

### Yuletide Theme Stressed At 1940 Study Club Party Thursday



First Lieutenant J. H. Brewer

### Young Women's Auxiliary

A program which included the traditional Christmas story and carols was enjoyed by the members of the Y. W. A. of the Baptist W. M. U. at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. R. H. Bailey, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Christmas greenery and a colorful lighted Christmas tree decorated the home for this enjoyable occasion.

As a surprise to the hostess, the members, assisted by the co-sponsors, Mrs. M. L. Curry and Mrs. E. B. English, had prepared a most delectable chicken dinner, which they served buffet style.

Members and guests present were Misses Billie Jean Tucker, Leona Burton, Dorothy Faye Lamb, Joan Tefertiller, Fern Weathered, Sarah Ann Shaw, Wynona Peebles, Billie Jean English, Virginia Smith, Charlene Lee, Gwendolyn Hanna, Lillie Burns, Jean Martin, Marilee Crisp, Evelyn Scroggin, and Betty Jean Williamson of Willis.

Verla Cook of Lubbock. Favors were Iapel Santa Claus and Mrs. Bailey presented handkerchiefs to the guests.

Holiday appointments were used throughout decorations and program last Thursday evening when Mrs. G. A. Brown was hostess to members of the 1940 Study Club at her home, 655 South 10th St.

The softly glowing Christmas tree graced the living room, and the centerpiece for the dining table emphasized both the season's and a patriotic motif, being formed of War Bonds flanked by Christmas candles.

With Mrs. Ben Mansker as director, the evening's program opened, with Christmas carols, Mrs. L. B. Hagerman and Bryan Sartain accompanying with piano and violin. Mrs. Mansker read the story of the nativity as told in the Book of Matthew, guests singing carols appropriate to each phase of that version. Mrs. R. L. Smith, Jr., read a collection of Christmas poems written by service men overseas.

At the close of the program, gifts were distributed by matching the words of various holiday greetings.

A dandy salad course was served to Mmes. Bailey, Barton, Berkley, Hagerman, Huckabay, Mansker, Smith, C. E. Smith, Sanner, Short, Anderson, Spitzer, Willis, and Bryan Cartain.

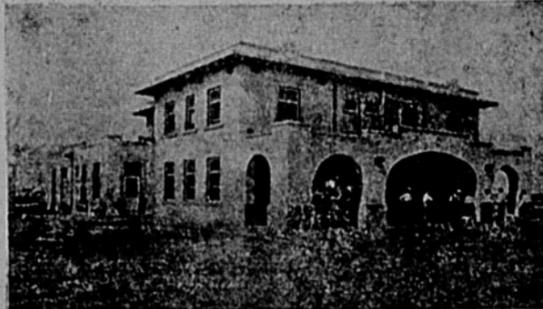
Arrangements have been completed for a three day Independent Basketball Elimination Tournament to be held at the Slaton High School gym Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

The Clubs that will take part are the adult teams of The Slaton Old Man's Club, Grassland, Pleasant Valley, the Lubbock West Base Supply team and the Tahoka team.

Increase your property insurance. See Hickman and Neill Insurance Agency, Cit. State Bank Bldg.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY—FOR SALE—A velour Studio Couch that opens into a bed. Good springs. See Cecil Long at 125 North 3rd St. 1-14

### New Santa Fe Station Now Remodeled And In Use



After many difficulties in securing scarce building materials and equipment for the remodelling of the former Harvey House, the Santa Fe put the building into operation last Tuesday as a new station for the Railroad.

The telegraph offices have been moved and all of the furniture that will be necessary for the comfort and convenience of the public has been installed in the new location.

The old building will gradually be dismantled and the building materials transferred to other places on the system for use in repairing and maintaining buildings.

### Slaton Mother Gets Message From Two Sons In Captivity

Mrs. R. H. Bailey says she has received the best Christmas gift that she could possibly have received and it was a postcard from Moulmein, Burma. It was written by her son, First Lieutenant Eldon W. Schmid, who reported that he is a prisoner of the Japanese and that his brother, Tech Sgt. Ellis Schmid is also a prisoner. The boys are twins and were both captured by the Japanese on Java.

The postcard was sent to Mt. Pleasant, Texas, by mistake, as the boys were evidently of the opinion that their mother had moved back to her former home.

Walker Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services were held last Monday for J. H. Walker, who died at the local hospital Sunday from pneumonia contracted from exposure to gas fumes that leaked into his sleeping quarters at the tourist camp that he and his son operated on North 9th St.

He was born 72 years ago in Pickett County, Tennessee, and came to Texas in 1910. He had been a resident of Slaton since 1923 and was well known among the pioneers of the town.

He is survived by four children, two of whom live in Slaton, Horace and Van Walker; one son lives in Alred, Texas, and one daughter, who resides in Morrisonville, Ill. All of his children were in attendance at the funeral except the daughter. Services were held at the Williams Funeral Home, under the direction of the Church of Christ and interment was at the Englewood Cemetery.

### Removal Of State Guard Company From Slaton Is Threatened

After his inspection of the local unit of the Texas State Guard on December 16th, Major C. T. Edwards, Inspecting Officer from the Adjutant General's Department at Austin, stated that unless the local company could be brought up to full enlisted strength it would be necessary to transfer official designation together with all unit equipment to another city that would be able to maintain the required enlisted strength.

### Miss Gwen Byers Wins Rotary Club Essay Contest

The English instructors of the Slaton High School, who were selected by the Rotary Club to judge an Essay Contest among the students of the High School that the Rotary Club sponsored, on "Why We Should Contribute to the National War Fund," handed down their decisions last Friday. There was an excellent response to the contest and the Judges spent considerable time selecting the winners.

Their decisions were:  
1st, a \$25.00 War Bond—Gwen Byers.  
2nd, \$10.00 in War Stamps—Louise Gentry.  
3rd, \$5.00 in War Stamps—Leon McReynolds.

Honorable Mention—Dorris McCormack.

The First Prize winning essay is as follows:

"December, the seventh a noted date, has just passed; and it marks another anniversary of our entry into the war. Now is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the National War Fund.

"A donation to this drive means a donation to the United Service Organization, a donation to the United Seaman's Service, a donation to the War Prisoner's Aid, a donation to the Belgian War Relief, a donation to the British War Relief, a donation to the French Relief Fund, a donation to the Friends of Luxembourg, a donation to the Greek War Relief Association, a donation to the Norwegian Relief, a donation to the Polish War Relief, not to mention the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, the Russian War Relief, the United China Relief, the United Czechoslovakia Relief, the United Yugoslav Relief Fund, the Refugee Relief Trustees, and the United States Committee Care of European Children.

"Every one of these organizations helps ones who cannot help themselves: the starving millions in Greece, the throng of homeless war orphans, the stricken, war-weary Chinese in need of medical aid, the young American, British, Russian, and other prisoners-of-war, and—closest to all of us—the homesick boys from our home town.

Not only does the War Fund help in foreign lands, but it works on the home front as well. It provides medical attention, prevents illness, cares for orphans, helps cripples, gives chances to the handicapped, and encourages the youth of today and the men of tomorrow by offering guidance, education and purpose.

We will show our soldiers who are training, laboring, working, sacrificing, fighting, and dying that we back them with all we are worth. This anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be celebrated by pushing a blow to the Axis's jaw; by contributing to the National War Fund.

CHARLES E. MITCHELL BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist Church for Charles E. Mitchell, who was a long time resident of Slaton. Mr. Mitchell died Thursday, Dec. 16, in a Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, N. M., where he had been ill for a long time. The funeral was under the direction of the American Legion and interment was in Englewood Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell was 64 years of age at the time of his death. Reverend H. C. Gordon held the services.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thomas, Slaton, Dec. 10, a girl, Dorothy Joe.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lancaster, Post, Rt. 1, Dec. 17, a boy, Carl Travis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louie Melcher, Slaton, Dec. 19, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wicker, Dec. 19, a son.

Major Edwards pointed out that there are now numerous cities in Texas that are without Guard Companies that have already completed organization and are seeking State recognition and the Federal equipment that goes with such recognition. In view of this fact, the Major stated further, the Adjutant General cannot permit equipment to remain with Companies that are not making full use of it.

The local Company was placed on a thirty day probation to allow time in which to determine if the required enlisted personnel of 74 men could be obtained.

Capt. Wm. R. Sewell, Commanding Officer of the local unit, stated that for the past eight months it had been impossible to build up the personnel of the Company to the required number. Numerous recruiting efforts have been made, but, so far, results have been unsatisfactory.

A meeting of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the local Company has been called for December 28th, at 8 p. m., at the Slaton High School building. At this meeting it will be decided whether or not a full Company can be maintained in Slaton or whether the Company equipment should be returned to the Adjutant General's Department for use elsewhere. All local citizens between the ages of 16 and 60, who are interested in maintaining a State Guard Company in Slaton are urged to meet with the local Officers at this time. If a sufficient number are present, and it appears that there are 74 men who have the time to devote to the training, then the Company will remain in Slaton. Otherwise, according to the local Commander, a request will be made for transfer of the equipment.

### Personals

Mrs. Abe Kessel is ill with the flu.

Professor and Mrs. M. S. Kavanaugh will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Shamrock and Bonham, Texas.

Mrs. B. J. Ward's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pace, are visiting all their many relatives here this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward and Claude L., Mrs. B. J. Ward, Mrs. and Mrs. Dewey Pace visited Mrs. C. O. Clifton and Sgt. W. T. Ward in Lubbock Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Jackson is going to Carlsbad, New Mexico, to visit with her parents for Christmas.

Larry Sandy, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Waldrep, and nephew of Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Hodge, is visiting in their home this week. Larry is the son of Pvt. and Mrs. Sandy Waldrep.

Guests in the Chas. Marriott home for the Christmas holidays are Mrs. Wade Thompson from Belen, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marriott and Freddy of Pampa, Texas.

Johnnie Zimmerman, who is attending San Marcos Academy at San Marcos arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Zimmerman.

Guests in the home of Mrs. R. H. Bailey the past week end included Capt. and Mrs. L. M. Boren, Mrs. Huddleston Wright and daughters, Linda and Lanelle, Mrs. G. H. Watkins and Miss Verlin Cook of Lubbock.

Guy Brown, who has been in Vaughn, New Mexico for the last nine months, will spend Christmas with his family in Slaton.

Mrs. H. V. Jarman has returned from Dallas, after visiting her brother, Oscar Stone, who has been seriously ill. Mr. Stone is improving.

# The Eighth Wonder of the World

BY A. M. JACKSON

In 1901, while following his lonely occupation as a cowboy, Jim White saw a funnel shaped cloud over the distant foothills of the Guadalupe Mountains and after riding many rough miles through prickly pear, mesquite, soap weed and cactus, found the cloud to be a living column of bats issuing from a large opening in the ground, and not smoke or a New Mexico cyclone as he had first suspected. If the bats had not appeared at that time, and if the young cowboy had not possessed the true spirit of an adventurer, the discovery of Carlsbad Caverns would probably have been postponed for many decades for this was then and still is a desolate and very unfrequented part of a semi-desert area. Jim, however, was curious about the peculiar hole in the ground and descended into the opening by means of his lasso to find that it extended far back into the hills. Later, he returned to the scene and with the aid of a sixteen year-old Mexican boy, made his way several miles into the caverns, using Mark Twain's suggestion, as described in Tom Sawyer, marking his trail by running twine behind him and making smudge marks along the walls. In many unused parts of the Caverns, long stretches of Jim's twine and black smudges on the walls can still be seen.

To one who has visited the Carlsbad Caverns, it is not hard to imagine the difficulties and dangers the young cowboy encountered, for at the best, with plenty of electric light and a com-

petent guide to direct every step, there are enough ghostly shapes and eerie echoes to test the courage and to satisfy the curiosity of the average citizen. But when one stops to consider that Jim White entered these mysterious chambers and gloomy corridors with a timid Mexican boy of sixteen years of age as his only companion and lighted his way with a coal oil lantern I, for one, am willing to place him in the same category with Christopher Columbus, Jack The Giant Killer, and Admiral Byrd.

### Exploration of the Caverns

From the legends and printed material available on the subject, Jim White spent several years exploring the Caverns, taking the few natives who were intrepid enough to go with him on these underground excursions. The small number of early visitors to the Caverns is easily explained by the fact that the only way to descend into the cavity was by sitting in a large bucket tied to a rope and let down by jumps and jerks, according to the disposition of the donkey engine that operated the apparatus. This equipment, when not in use as an elevator for sightseers, was usually being used to dip up guano from the bottom of the Caverns, and was the property of a fertilizer concern. The thrill of this erratic drop through the stygian darkness is graphically described by Dr. W. T. Lee who, with Dr. Robert Holley, visited the Carlsbad Caverns in 1923. They were both employed by the Department of the Interior of the United States Government, and it was be-

cause of their investigations and reports that the Government made these Caverns available to the public.

When Dr. Lee made his first explorations, he made the 35 mile trip from Carlsbad, New Mexico, over a road that was little more than a cow path. A part of the distance was covered in a Ford, but the learned Professor soon found that walking was less painful than riding in the automobile that was compelled to go through so many contortions, and was boiling like a teakettle. Dr. Lee went several miles into the Caverns and found the path littered with debris that had fallen from the walls and ceiling. Following the reports made by Dr. Lee and Dr. Holley, the Government established the Carlsbad Caverns National Park of 750 acres and immediately began improvements that have made the Caverns convenient and safe for visitors. Since that time, the Carlsbad National Park has been enlarged to 9,240 acres, the road has been paved from Carlsbad to the mouth of the Caverns, an indirect lighting system has been installed, and an electric elevator is available to those who do not wish to make the ascent in the regular way.

### The Trip To The Caverns

On the hour's trip from Carlsbad to the Caverns, you will feel that you are in the realm of the damned, or at least paying a short visit to Purgatory. The barren and scorched land is covered with boulders and outcroppings of worn and rounded rocks that look like tomb stones and the weird desert growths, such as the giant cacti which sometimes reach the height of twelve feet with their limbs pointing up like supplicant arms, and the smaller growths bearing sharp thorns or needle-like thistles give the region an infernal appearance. If you are scientifically inclined, you can amuse yourself at the headquarters of the Caverns by inspecting the many different species of cacti that are on display there. The long unpronounceable names, however, are usually enough to discourage the layman from giving these strange growths more than a passing glance.

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## "We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Bernard Rello, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Technician 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Door, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heidemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is in Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.

## AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



"He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country," ends his citation for the Silver Star. During fighting on Tulagi, Marine Private George Alfred Johnson, of Coatesville, Pa., with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed to the mouth of a cave that sheltered Jap snipers and blasted them out with hand grenades until he was killed. He'd want us to buy War Bonds to fulfill that mission! War Bonds—The Ideal Christmas Gift.

### Down to the Lower Regions

You enter the Caverns through the opening discovered by Jim White. A wide path descends on a gradual plane 750 feet to the first level and you travel more than a mile through a long corridor, which holds little interest except for its immense size. The monotony of walking such a long distance on the declining plane grows wearisome, but the effort is repaid a hundred fold when you enter the Green Lake Room where the first stalagmites and stalactites are found. From the Green Lake Room, you pass through an artificial tunnel into the King's Palace, which is considered by many to be the most attractive chamber of any in the entire series. It is circular in form and its walls are of glistening onyx. A natural opening in the shape of a giant keyhole leads from the King's Palace to the Queen's Chamber, a room which is filled with formations like elephant's ears and like draperies that give an appearance of luxury and a fitting abode for a lady of high degree. Next comes the Papoose Chamber, a small but most dainty cavity filled with many translucent growths in shades of pink and tea rose that would make ideal play things for a regal baby. The trail then leads back through the King's Palace to the Lunch Room which is reached at the noon hour. Here you may purchase a good meal at a nominal cost. On leaving the Lunch Room, you enter the Big Room, which is the largest natural underground opening ever discovered. Imagine if you can a room in which a fair

sied village could be established with homes, streets, and business buildings—buildings that could be made as high as 30 stories if desired. This one room is 625 feet wide, 3/4 of a mile long and over 300 feet high. The formations are in keeping with the room, larger by far than in any cove in the world known to man.

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**GRADIE W. BOWNS**  
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## Good Market For Feathers

COLLEGE STATION. — That waterfowl shooters can make a substantial contribution to the war program by saving "down" feathers from ducks and geese, was asserted today by Dr. Walter P. Taylor, head of the Texas Wildlife Research Unit and the Department of Fish and Game of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Such feathers are needed for lining sleeping bags used by our troops in Arctic regions, and for garments worn by high altitude flyers. The supply of eiderdown, imported mostly from Iceland and formerly from Norway, is inadequate to meet increasing demands. The short down feathers of wild and domestic ducks and geese, other than eider ducks, are a satisfactory substitute. It has been found.

Dr. Taylor estimates that 10,000,000 wild ducks are taken annually by sportsmen in the United States. At least 1,000,000 are killed each year by Texas sportsmen. The down from an average wild duck weighs from two to three ounces. Thus the harvest available Texas hunters with full co-

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A Nebraska draft board found subtle humor in one of its cards. Under the listing, "serious physical defects," was this classic: "None, except one arm missing."

Cooperation: the disposition of a person to conduct himself in such a manner that the other fellow can work with him.

**"Merry Merry Christmas"**

From Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sanders at the **TEXAS GROCERY**

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Just To Say

**Merry Christmas**

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Yours truly,  
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Merry Christmas

May Peace and Victory come to our Nation before another Christmas arrives is our sincere hope.

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WAC Members Back Relatives

"Backing the Attack" is more than a patriotic phrase to 25 WACs at Lubbock Army Air Field. Three have husbands fighting in various parts of the world. One third of the women soldiers at LAAF have brothers overseas and, of course, uncles or other close kin in uniform and a large part of the V mail handled through the LAAF post office is addressed to or comes from the WAC Detachment.

That an intense desire to help loved ones who were making a su-

preme effort in this global struggle was the moving factor that caused these young women to give up good homes and good jobs and be among the first to volunteer for service in the Women's Army Corps is an established fact. Lt. Elizabeth Flanagan, whose father is a Lt. Colonel, Infantry, and who herself has one brother overseas and another at Camp Walters, said today, "I've always contended that our WACs come from the most patriotic families in the country." Her statement is borne out by a glance at the records.

Pvt. Norma Downey not only has a sergeant brother in World War II, but her father served in

France during the first World War and her grandfather was a Captain in the Civil War. Pvt. Esther Flanders had both a brother and a cousin taking part in the invasion of Sicily. One is a Major and the other a Captain. Sgt. Lucille Clevenger is an only child, but one cousin has been killed in action and another is missing in action. The father of Pvt. Evelyn Goggin fought in 1917 and her brother is in the South Pacific. Pfc. Helen Pritchard has four brothers, one is crippled, one now in Sardinia has been in the Army over three years, one is in the Coast Guard and the fourth, just 17, is waiting impatiently for his next birthday so that he can sign up. She says, "Naturally, I wanted to be in too."

Cpl. Stephanie Malysko followed four brothers into service. Three are in the AAF and one is a Corporal in the ground forces. With her husband in the New Hebrides, Pvt. Sharpan found that writing him letters was not enough. She feels closer to him by being in uniform also. Pvt. Juanita Slenker is backing up her husband who was with the AAF in North Africa and is now in Italy. Pfc. Elizabeth Waddicar joined the WACs because she has two fighting brothers, one in Africa and one in the Navy.

Two LAAF WACs, Cpl. Eudora Culley and Pvt. June Pearson became soldiers for a slightly different reason, because they had no brothers to serve. They felt that some member of the family should be in the fight and they were the only ones that could go.

Corp. Tressie Allen gave three sons to the service of her country, one of whom is missing in action, and her husband is a veteran of World War I, but she felt that still wasn't enough so she gave up managing a dress shop and donned the uniform.

We Pay Tribute To The Mothers And Wives Of Men In The Service

To the brave mothers and wives of the men in the services of our armed forces we wish to pay tribute this Christmas. These women are among our American heroes. They are fighting our war in a way that requires more stamina than a brave heart and more courage than it does to face an enemy in a jungle, in the skies or on the seas. These women are our heroes on the home front.

We wish we could publish a picture of every mother and wife of every man in the service, but time and facilities do not permit us to do so, but those whose likenesses are shown below are typical mothers and wives of men in the Armed Forces who have gone from this community and we do honor to them all and these are only a symbol of the spirit of all the mothers whose hearts are under the great strain of war.



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MRS. E. McCLANAHAN



MRS. J. H. TEAGUE, II



MRS. J. B. HUCKABAY



MRS. H. G. SANDERS



MRS. KIRBY SCUDDER



MRS. E. L. TODD

Knox City for the holidays to visit with her father, A. B. Dozier, her grandfather, Tom Cummings and great grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Haws of Post and Miss Phyllis McReynolds are leaving Friday for Junction City, Kansas to spend Christmas.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank W. Giannobule are spending a fourteen day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Coston. Sgt. Giannobule is a Clider Pilot stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas. They plan to return there after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Workman and Ann have as their guests, Mr. Workman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Workman of Winnsboro, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Workman were well known here up until about six years ago when they moved to Winnsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tanner left Tuesday for their new home in Clovis, New Mexico. The Tanners lived in Slaton 22 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokes and son, Gerald, are spending Christmas in Lamesa.

Little Miss Joan Pember, who fell out of a swing and broke both arms, is improving and able to be out again.

Visitors in the W. B. Hestand

home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Van Stokes and daughter, Joan, of Dallas, and Miss Joe Hestand from San Angelo.

Mrs. P. G. Stokes of Abilene is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sargent.

CARD OF THANKS

For the help, kindness and many beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our father and grandfather, we are sincerely thankful.

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FOR A GAY CHRISTMAS

We are hoping that your Christmas will be gay and delightful as were the childhood Merry Christmases spent at grandmother's farm. Today, as then, may the gladness of Christmas force all other thoughts from your mind, and may the coming years of peace bring you happiness that is complete.

Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company

# Society

## Win One Class Holds Annual Christmas Party Friday

The home of Mrs. L. W. Smith was the scene of the annual Christmas party of the Win One class of the Methodist Church last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Assisting Mrs. Smith was Mrs. J. T. Pinkston, Mrs. Eva Hord and Mrs. J. D. Barry.

Mrs. M. A. Pember gave the Christmas story, "Plum Pudding and Mince Pie" by Alice Deur Miller. Mrs. Smith played Christmas music and Mrs. Pinkston gave the devotional and prayer.

After the program, there was a Christmas tree and gift exchange. The class presented a gift to their teacher, Mrs. Pinkston.

The hostesses served cranberry salad, checkerboard sandwiches,

fruit cake and coffee to twenty-five members and three visitors, Mrs. Pember, Mrs. R. L. Smith, Jr., and Mrs. R. G. Shankle.

### S. S. CLASS MEETS IN STOTTMIRE HOME

Mrs. Fred Stottmire's Sunday School class met for a Christmas party at the home of Evelyn Brown, Wednesday, Dec. 15.

They were entertained by Joe Neal Sparkman, who gave the Christmas story; Evelyn Brown, who said "Jest 'Fore Christmas"; Billie Ruth Pate, who gave "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and a duet sung by Billie Ann Hoover and Billie Pate, accompanied by Norma Jean Bickers with her accordion. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Attending were: Peggy Jean Abernathy, Norma Jean Bickers, Peggy Jean Allard, Billie Ann Hoover, Maxine Allred, Billie Ruth Pate, Mrs. Stottmire and her grandson, Joe Neal Sparkman, and Evelyn Brown.

## Homemakers Have Yuletide Party

The Homemaker's Class of the First Baptist Church met Dec. 16 at the church for their regular meeting. The social hour was enjoyed with an elaborate Christmas luncheon. Everyone present seemed to be extremely happy, under present conditions. The happiest of all was Mrs. J. H. Teague, who had a smile that wouldn't come off because she had a message early that morning from her son (Little Joe), who was on his way home for Christmas.

The following members were present: Messrs. C. E. Jarman, C. W. Wilks, J. F. Ewing, I. E. Madden, J. W. Scott, Geo. A. Payne, W. P. Florence, W. L. Jobe, A. J. Baker, J. G. Harper, Joe Teague, Jr., W. T. Driver, J. W. Ward, R. L. Kirksey, J. R. Robertson, A. P. Wilson, C. B. Martin, L. S. Jefcoat; visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Fred Stottmire, Mrs. Guy Brown and Mrs. A. C. Strickland.

A liberal donation was given to the War Relief Fund instead of personal gifts. The Service flag is practically paid for, by this class, as Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Driver donated so generously for this cause.

### MARY MARTHA CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mesdames J. P. Nicholson, G. W. Privett and Charles Roberts entertained the Mary Martha class of the First Baptist Church with a Christmas dinner at the Nicholson home Thursday evening of last week. The tables were decorated in blue and white candles, carrying out the class colors. Gifts were exchanged among the following members: Mesdames Leon Walston, Roy Osborn, Burl Brown, Cullen Brown, L. M. Howell, R. L. Henry, Travis Hendrix, Charles Felty, Clarence Wells, Floyd Boyd, C. E. McCoy, George Harlan, M. R. Curry, Johnnie Norris, Dave Draper, J. D. Plumlee, Mrs. T. K. Martin, teacher, and Mrs. Carl Gryder, assistant teacher, and the hostesses.

### OUR WEEKLY SERMON.

The Sucker Never Wins  
By the Rev. Warren Filkin, Ph. D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

"Never give the sucker a break." That, says Mickey MacDougal, is the slogan of the professional gambler, and he says you can't win.

It has just occurred to me that if this is true with one's dealings with the professional gambler, it is true even more with one's dealing with the devil.

The devil also says, "Never give the sucker a break"; never let him win; make him lose every time; have no conscience whatsoever; the sucker ought to have more sense than to play with me.

That is the way the devil does, and that is the way the devil talks, and the proof of it is seen in the

human wreckage that one may see almost anywhere in this old world.

Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death." Number 32:23 says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Galatians 6:7 says, "Let not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Billy Sunday used to say, "Chickens come home to roost." It was true in Billy Sunday's day; it is true today. The devil still says, "Never give the sucker a break," and he knows that "the wages of sin is death."

But the devil knows something else that he will not tell, and it is the last half of Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ Our Lord."

To the wandering Westerners of the old days their abode was the great out-of-doors, the roof over their heads the sky's blue canopy.

When the gathering around the campfire at night broke up, and each man repaired to his own wagon, Pete would take his blanket and spread it upon the open plain, and there take his rest.

"Why don't you sleep under your wagon?" one of the men asked.

"Too confining," drawled Pete, staring up at the twinkling stars.

A scientist claims to have discovered why the stars rotate. Now if he'd just do something about those pink elephants.

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MAYOR OF SLATON

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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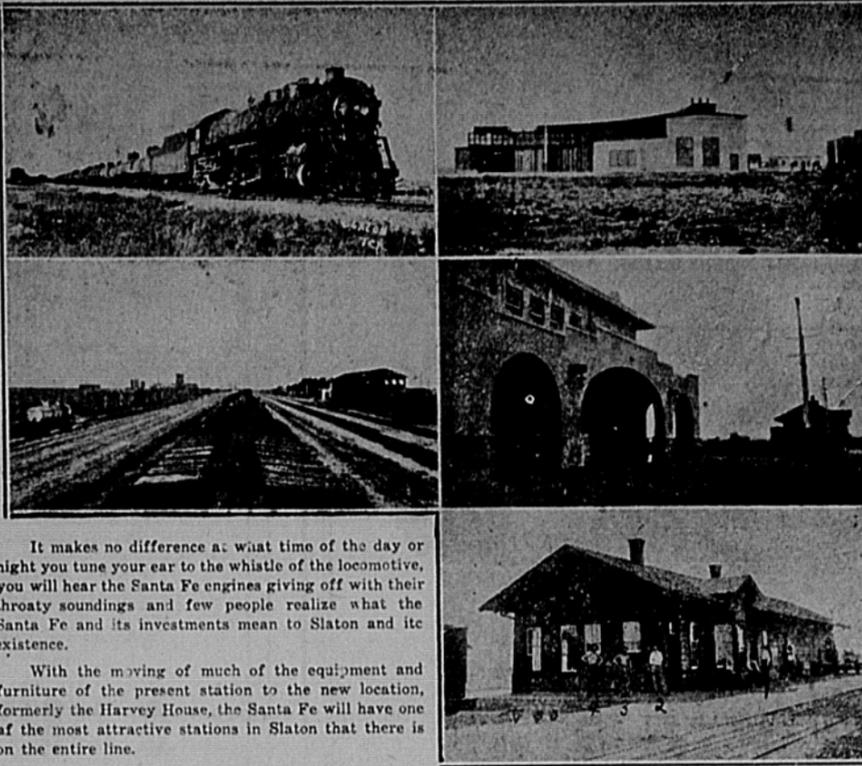
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Wishing You a Merry CHRISTMAS

We feel most grateful to the people of this community for the greatest volume of business this store has ever enjoyed --- We will exert every effort to supply you with the best the market affords in 1944 --- and may our nation be Victorious soon is our sincere wish.

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It makes no difference at what time of the day or night you tune your ear to the whistle of the locomotive, you will hear the Santa Fe engines giving off with their throaty soundings and few people realize what the Santa Fe and its investments mean to Slaton and its existence.

With the moving of much of the equipment and furniture of the present station to the new location, formerly the Harvey House, the Santa Fe will have one of the most attractive stations in Slaton that there is on the entire line.

Above we show several scenes of the Santa Fe yards and buildings that were taken when Slaton was in its swaddling clothes.

THE EIGHT WONDER  
OF THE WORLD

(Continued from Page 2).

Nature The Master Artist

You will be entertained while in the Big Room by a lecture given by an official of the Carlsbad Na-

tional Park. You will learn that it has taken from 55 to 60 million years for nature to form the Carlsbad Caverns after the sea had spent 320 million years building up the limestone formation in which the caverns are located. While this may seem like nature spent a con-

siderable time excavating these openings, it is doubtful that even a New York contractor could have done the job much sooner with the most modern machinery available. Scientists say that nature accomplished the work by sending rain water to percolate through the fissures in the limestone which dissolved and ate away the lower strata. Many of the larger rooms were caused by the solution of large bodies of gypsum or salt that was present in the limestone. The second period of the development was after the area became arid. Then it was that nature turned her hand to sculpturing the ornaments that beautify the interior of one of her greatest masterpieces. The walls and ceiling of every room and corridor are frescoed with stalagmites and dainty helictites and the floors are adorned with stalactites. All are fashioned in translucent compositions that make them look like icicles and icy formations. The stalagmites hang from the ceiling and walls and the stalactites grow up from the floors and the two often grow together to make pillars of symmetrical Grecian beauty. The helictites are less frequent than the other formations and are shaped into irregular spirals. They are often of beautiful shades of tan, rose, green, and purple. The colors are due to the presence of iron and other minerals in the limestone. Obstructions and the whims of nature have caused many of the stalagmites and stalactites to grow into peculiar shapes. Some resemble ships and other familiar objects such as strips of bacon, human figures and Indian totem poles.

All of these wonders are now displayed to their best advantage by hidden electric reflectors that play upon the walls, ceiling and floors

and bring out the gem-like shimmer of each object.

At one point in the big room known as the "Jump Off," there is a view of the second level several hundred feet below. Into this cavity, the Capitol in Washington could be dumped and leave room to spare. There is also a pit in the Big Room that goes down into the earth to depths unknown. So far, there have been over 32 miles of corridors and rooms surveyed and three levels, one at 750 feet, one at 900 feet, and the third at 1320 feet, but no one knows how much farther these labyrinths may go under the Guadalupe Mountains.

That these wonders remained unknown as long as they did, is unusual, for early pioneer trails passed near the opening in the Caverns and the old Butterfield Express trail, over which thousands of the "Forty Niners" traveled on their way to the California gold fields, passed within a short distance of the entrance, and numerous cattlemen know of the large opening, but the real discovery of Carlsbad Caverns was left for Jim White to make. That there are other openings to the surface is almost certain for there is a constant flow of fresh air in all parts of the Carlsbad Caverns even to the lower levels.

Although Jim White was the first white man known to have entered the Carlsbad Caverns, he was not the first human being who visited them, for near the entrance, when it was first explored, was found an Indian sandal which is estimated to be centuries old and belonged to a member of the Basket Weavers, a race that is now extinct. There was also a skeleton of an Indian found on one of the ledges near the entrance as well as many evidences of Indian habitation such as flint weapons and

utensils. One of the most interesting features of the Carlsbad Caverns is however, its bats.

The Bats of Carlsbad Caverns

Before the Bat Spectacle starts, another lecture is given by a Park Official on the Lats of Carlsbad Caverns, and many interesting facts are told concerning their habits and their home. The bat roost is miles distant from the main entrance to the Caverns and the visitor does not see them at all except when they are in flight late in the afternoon. In fact, there is no other animal or even insect life in the Carlsbad Caverns except an occasional cricket or a cave mouse near the surface.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 bats make their home in the part of the Caverns that is reserved for their uses. They sleep in their stygian abode all day during the summer months, but come out at night to forage for insects and have been known to travel as much as 200 miles in one night. While the temperature of Carlsbad Caverns remains at 56 degrees Fahrenheit, the year round, the bats hibernate during the fall and winter months and by some law of nature known only to themselves, come out from their death-like sleep in late spring. They hang head down from the ceiling and walls during hibernation and while sleeping. They give birth to their young which always come in twos. The young bats cling to the mother's furry hide and are carried by her wherever she goes until they are weaned. According to scientific investigation, the bats have occupied Carlsbad Caverns for over 1500 years, and before the Government ownership of the property over 100,000 tons of Guano was taken from the bat apartments.

Most visitors remain until dusk to see the bats emerge for their night's foray, a sight that is well worth the time required. The bats begin emerging just as the sun goes down and continue coming out for over three hours. There are five different species of bats in the Caverns, but by far the greater part of them are the Mexican free tail bats.

After the swirling spiral of bats has dwindled to a faint shadow in the twilight, then you will realize that you have seen the "Eighth Wonder of the World," and have had an experience that will always remain brilliant in your memory; you will take one last look deep into the yawning mouth of the Cavern from which you emerged

only a few hours before and, with quaking knees and weary body, you will crawl into your automobile and drive away into the night.

... - V ... -  
A women's page writer declares there's only one thing to be said about a man who stays out late at night. But wifey knows 2,000 ways to say it.

It used to be that when the starting on a man's car wouldn't work, he got out and cranked. Nowadays, he just sits and waits until somebody comes along to give him a push.

... - V ... -  
The only way to protect yourself against a fast-talker is calm thinking and slow action.

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Cheerful  
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### Mrs. Kenneth Kimbro Is Honoree For Tea Friday Afternoon

As a courtesy to Mrs. Kenneth Kimbro, who is leaving soon to join her husband, Mrs. Gus Robertson and Mrs. Sug Robertson entertained with an informal tea last Friday afternoon at the ranch home of Mrs. Cus Robertson.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. H. Brewer, who presented them to Mrs. Kimbro and Mrs. Robertson.

Included in the living room decorations was an artistic arrangement of lovely red roses in a low crystal bowl.

Mrs. Howard Swanner presided at the silver coffee service. The dining table was covered with an embroidered organdie cloth and centered with an arrangement of holly and candles designed by Mrs. Sug Robertson. Colorful sandwiches, fruit cake and nuts were served, with Mrs. W. R. Sewell assisting in the dining room.

It all provided a realistic Christmas atmosphere and about seventy guests enjoyed the traditional hospitality of the Robertson Ranch.

### Christmas Party

The Yuletide theme was carried out in the "42" party given by Mrs. C. F. Anderson last Friday evening. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of Christmas salad, cake and tea were served to Mesdames Clifford Simmons, Bill Layne, R. H. Todd, J. M. Hannah, W. R. Lovett, Frank Merrill and Miss Claudia Anderson.

### JOLLY QUILTING CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirteen members and five visitors enjoyed the Christmas party of the Jolly Quilting Club held in the home of Mrs. P. M. Wheatley Tuesday.

The club presented Mrs. E. E. Wilson, retiring president, with a silver thimble, and held a gift exchange.

Leon Austin and his wife and little daughter, Jane, are spending the holidays with Leon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Austin. Leon has been stationed in the army at Harlingen, but will go from here to a new camp at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Florence Cross of Los Angeles is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Cal Doherty.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the friends of the late Mary Annie Splawn, W. P. Splawn, Mrs. Jestin Derry Berry and son, Charlie, Otis, Carlton and their wives and children: Your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.



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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Not at all a new wish.  
Old and true, but still,  
We've never found a better - -  
Nobody ever will - -

### MERRY

# CHRISTMAS

AND

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your's truly  
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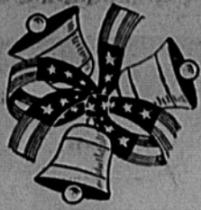
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### PLEASANT

# Christmas

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To all of my good friends in Slaton - - And hoping for a  
Victory for us all in 1944

**TOM ABEL**  
Lubbock County Sheriff

**Christmas Dinner  
Enjoyed By Club**

Traditional holiday observance by members of the Junior Civic and Culture Club was in the form of a chicken dinner served family style Tuesday evening at the Slaton Club House.

The table was centered with tall red tapers and greenery. The menu served was baked chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, fresh string beans, candied yams, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fresh apple pie and coffee.

Mrs. Chas. Walton, president of the Club, was mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Clarence Heaton, a guest speaker, reviewed "Bird's Christmas Carol." After the Christmas story the club and their guests exchanged gifts.

The guest list included: Messrs. F. L. Barton, Roy Boyd, Vasker Browning, Otis Neill, Jo Bob Stevens, Jack Shepard, Chas. Walton, J. A. Wright, Clarence Heaton; Mesdames Clark Self, G. A. Talbot, Jr., J. B. Caldwell, R. L. Smith, Dean Gilliland, Geo. Privett, and Little Miss Suzanne Neill. Members present were Misses Elizabeth Bostick, Lucille Doherty, Gertrude King, Lilac Yeats, Mesdames F. L. Barton, Roy Boyd, Vasker Browning, W. D. Cooper, Yates Key, E. B. Morgan, Otis Neil, Tom Settle, J. B. Stevens, Jack Shepard, Chas. Walton and J. A. Wright.

**Bride Is Shower  
Honoree Tuesday**

Mmes. C. H. Lester, Claud Cooper, John Taylor and Earl Lancaster entertained Tuesday afternoon at the Hackberry Club House, with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. W. E. Kidd of Slaton.

Sleigh bells were heard outside soon after the arrival of the bride, and Santa Claus came in with his pack and presented the gifts, which were concealed in a drift of snow.

A refreshment plate with appropriate favors was served the following guests: Mmes. W. A. Hamilton, Peyton Crawford, Hubert

Taylor, Earl Morris, Chalon Corson, Edd Denton, C. L. Roper, J. O. Reed, J. B. Rackler, Herman Dabbs, Roy Kelly, R. W. Barton, W. E. Edmunds, H. D. Hallman, R. W. Saunders, C. A. Haire, Clarence Church, and B. N. Billingsley. Misses Ora Mining, Maurine Lester and Mattie Dabbs.

Those sending gifts were Mmes. J. F. Rackler, Claud Roper, Lewis Manly, L. L. Corbell, Edith West, Everett Bloxom, Mrs. Olin Shelton, Buford Jones, Robert Hagler, Zella Wilkins, Marvin West and Miss Velma Hagler, Mrs. Clarence Taylor of Lubbock, Mrs. Bertha Clements, Nora, Mildred and

Claudia Clements, Ravenden, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Haynes, Mrs. Roland Craig and Mrs. John Hollis, Leachville, Ark., and H. W. and Corienne Clemens, Rector, Ark. . . . V . . . .  
Sgt. James H. Travis, Jr., of

Rapids City, S. D., visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts, the past week end.  
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Lubbock County

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DISTRICT COURT

For your confidence in me and co-operation with this office, I am most grateful and I join with you in hoping for Victory in 1944.



and now

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Our Sincere Wish  
for a very

**PLEASANT  
CHRISTMAS**

with the hope that we may all enjoy the pleasant security of peace before another year is as old as 1943.

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**CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS to all  
OUR FRIENDS**

From  
Yours truly

**HUSER  
HATCHERY**

### Texas 4H Clubs Break Records

COLLEGE STATION.—It was pretty nearly unanimous for Texas when the National Blue Ribbon scholarship awards were announced during the National 4-H Club Congress, November 28—December 1, at Chicago. Texas 4-H boys took five of the seven coveted honors, the largest number ever won by club boys of any state in one year. Of the two remaining, a Kansas club boy captured the scholarship award for leadership, and that for meat animal went to an Alabama boy. The scholarships are sponsored by individuals and business concerns in various parts

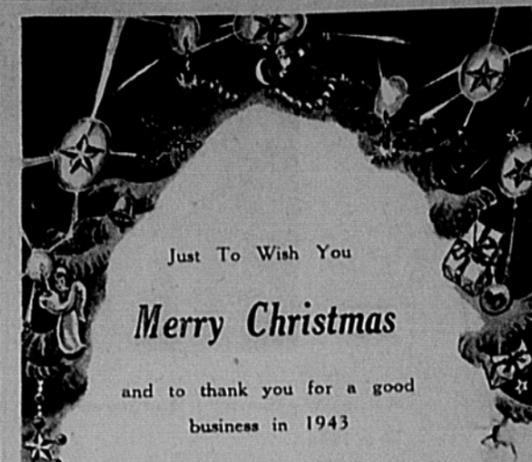
of the country. The Texas winners are: Achievement: Billie Sol Estes, 17, of Callahan County. Farm Safety: James Neal Hutchins, 19, of Hiall County. Rural Electrification: Leon Bernsen, 18, of Nueces County. Victory Garden: E. J. Harrison, 19, of Johnson County. Dairy Production: R. C. Vest, Jr., 18, of Midland County. It was the first year for Farm Safety and Dairy Production awards, and the second year for Victory Garden. None of those captured this year had been won heretofore by a contestant from Texas. Each award carries a \$200 college scholarship, and each winner was given an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress.

One-half of the scholarship money will be paid to the winners upon entering the college of their choice and the remainder at the start of the second semester. In event an award cannot be used next year, it will be held until the recipient is ready for college. Competition for the awards was nationwide. Selections were made after a committee which met at Chicago November 8 to 14, had examined more than 400 records of achievements. The committee comprised five 4-H club state leaders from as many states, and a representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington. Several members of the Texas 4-H Clubs competed in addition to the five winners. But according to J. W. Potts, assistant state boys' club agent of the A. and M. College Extension Service, no Texas contestant graded lower than third.

### WHICHEVER WINS, WE ALL LOSE!



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### How To Iron A Shirt Properly

COLLEGE STATION.—Ironing a shirt is a tedious business for most people, but recent studies of ironing methods have enabled some homemakers to reduce the time required per shirt from 17 to 7 minutes. Not only was time saved for other war-time activities, but the shirts ironed in the shorter period looked much better than the others.

Louise Bryant, specialist in home management for the A. and M. College Extension Service, says the average woman who irons shirts for the men-folks in her family can profit by following the principles applied in these time and motion studies. The first step is to analyze the way a shirt is ironed. Many women twist and turn the shirt on the board until it looks bedraggled, even after it is ironed. Some keep lifting and putting down the iron for little dabs of ironing. One woman, for example, found she lifted her six pound iron and put it down about 32 times in the course of ironing each shirt.

Specialists who have studied this every-day chore say it is best to roll the shirt so when it is unrolled on the board it is in the right position for ironing without any re-arranging. Begin with the collar end of the shirt on the board right side up. That way the right sleeve and the collar can be ironed before the shirt is moved. In the whole process the shirt need be turned only twice—one to iron the other sleeve and again to do the body.

To iron the body of the shirt, put the entire shirt right side up on the board, open it at the front, and iron the back from the inside. Then bring the front sections into place over the back and iron them.

### RESTRICTIONS RAISED ON SALE OF FARM PORK

COLLEGE STATION.—Any Texas farmer who has some hogs he would like to butcher and sell the meat may do so freely until next February 17. He doesn't need a permit or license to dress as many hogs as he may wish to sell, and he may sell as much of the meat as he wishes.

According to information to the A. and M. College Extension Service from the War Food Administration all of the regulations restraining this freedom of action heretofore have been lifted, for a 90 day period ending February 17, next. The WFA emphasized, however, that this relaxing of regulations applies only to hogs. Accordingly, the number of pounds of meat and lard produced from home slaughtered hogs which a farmer can sell or give to people not living on his farm during this period will be limited only to his processing capacity.

The temporary suspension of a permit for farm slaughter of hogs does not mean that regulations of the Office of Price Administration have been lifted. Ration points must be collected for pork sold at the farm according to rate set up by OPA, and sales must be made at or below the established ceiling price. Ration stamps collected, along with the report form, must be sent each month to the local war price and rationing board on all pork and other rationed food sold.

Reminding that lifting the restrictions applies only to hogs, WFA officials point out that the limit on the number of cattle, calves, sheep or lambs which a farmer may slaughter, or the amount of meat from these animals which he may sell still is in force. He may sell only the amount of beef, veal, mutton or lamb which his permits allow him.

It is explained that the reason behind relaxing restrictions upon farm slaughtering facilities available—on farms, in towns or in cities—to take care of the record crop of hogs produced this year.

With a board 20 inches wide, the entire body of the shirt can be ironed without shifting it around.

Miss Bryant says these same principles may be applied to shorten other household tasks.

### NO RESTRICTIONS ON FARM MACHINERY PARTS

COLLEGE STATION.—Manufacture of repair parts for farm machinery in 1944 will not be restricted, and production of needed types of equipment will be about double the output of 1943. This outlook is based upon the total overall materials authorized by the War Production Board for making, planting, tillage and harvesting equipment during the year. Comparably, it is about 80 per cent of the 1940 production, a year in which manufacture was relatively large.

One free spirit was old Pete Mason, one of the drivers of a freight wagon train. Most of the men slept at night beneath their wagons, but not Pete.

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by  
A.M.J.

the average number of cases and it has not been renamed the la grippe or anything else and I'm disappointed.

If all the boys in the South Pacific who have gotten or will get the long, vicious looking knives that have been sent to them and they get to use them on the Japanese, then the Japanese war is going to be the bloodiest that has ever been fought and when those boys get back, I am going to be very polite to them.

The young dopes who used to stand on the street corners and goggle at the girls are certainly being missed and I'm not the only one who is missing them either, for I have not heard a silly giggle in nearly two years.

Bill Sewell, who has spent a great deal of time with the Slaton Unit of the Texas State Guard and on many other patriotic and civic activities, says that he doubts very much that the Slaton Unit can be brought up to full strength in time to meet the demand of the Adjutant General.

While Slaton has considerable more population than a number of towns in this section of the State where Guard Units are in operation, there are many conditions that exist here that tend to make it difficult for this Unit to operate.

Slaton is primarily a railroad town with approximately one third of the population made up of railroad men and these men must be on hand at all times of the day or night, at places where they can be called to work, which eliminates them as good members of the Guard Unit. Many other men are employed in work that does not allow them time to devote to the guard, but even under these conditions, our Unit should be kept alive if it is possible, for the Texas State Guard is the only organization that can now be called upon for emergencies, and under strenuous times like we are going through, an organization of this kind is vital to the public safety.

Mr. Sewell and others who are interested in the Guard work will hold a meeting at the High School building Tuesday, Dec. 28th, at which time the fate of the local Unit will be decided. If you are a man between the ages of 16 to 60 and are in fair physical condition and can devote two hours each week to the light training being

given, you will be doing one of the most patriotic duties you can perform by joining the Slaton Unit.

Those who are now devoting their time and work to the organization feel that they have done their part and that if the men of Slaton wish to keep this more than worth while work going on, then there will be more than enough at the meeting next Tuesday night at 8 p. m., to bring it up to the required membership.

In rummaging around in the Slatonite office I came across a paper published here December 24, 1925. It was filled with Christmas greetings from such firms as the P. O. Drug, Texas Dry Goods Store, Cates Dry Goods Co., and we have a faint suspicion that this one should have been the Gates Dry Goods Store, Catching Drug Store, Taylor The Tailor, Acorn Stores, Miller Variety Store, Slaton Supply Co., Whitaker and

White, McKirahan Furniture Company, Abbe's Cash Store, Scoggin & Ferguson, Slaton Candy Kitchen, Speck's Jewelry, and Elrod's Furniture. There were many ads from firms that are still in business here too, many who are extending their best wishes to you in this issue of the Slatonite. We wish to pay tribute today to the pioneer business firms that helped Slaton in the days gone by, some of the men who have come and gone to other fields, did help construct the foundation of our town, their efforts, even though some of them may have felt that they failed, helped build our town and they are hereby given at least one admission of their contribution in the past for helping pay for many of the things we are enjoying today.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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soon ring out over the world again and may you enjoy a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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### FARMS and RANCHES 4

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### WANTED TO SELL 12

**FOR SALE**—Modern 6-room house on S. 12th Street. See **John Berkley.** 1t

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**WANTED** to Sell—50 Black Australorp Pullets. Also Hatching Eggs wanted. **Dickson Hatchery & Produce.** 12-31

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### LOST and FOUND 5

**LOST**—Gas Ration "T" Book. If found, return to **L. M. Pierce** or **Slaton Slatonite.** 12-24

**LOST**—Ration Book 3, made out to **Effie Phipps.** If found return to **Effie Phipps,** General Delivery, Slaton or to **Smith's Grocery,** Slaton. 12-31

**LOST**—Ration Book No. 3. Find please return to **Otho L. Doyle,** Slaton, Route 1, or **Slatonite.** 12-31

**LOST**—Ration Book 3, made out to **Robert T. Rhodes.** Please return to 205 S. 2nd St., or to **Alford's Grocery.** 1-7

**LOST**—A bunch of keys on a black belt hook. Finder return to **Palace Cafe** and receive reward of \$1. **Ike Madden.** 1-7

### BUSINESS SERVICES 1

**NOTICE**  
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**A. M. JACKSON,** Editor-Publisher

### POSEY ITEMS

**MRS. F. SAGER**

**Pfc. Reinhard Luckhadr** of Camp Adair, Oregon, and **Miss Anna Brandt** and **Miss Selma Ganzer** of Littlefield, Texas, visited in the home of **Rev. and Mrs. F. Sager** Monday morning. **Pfc. Luckhadr** is spending his Christmas furlough with friends at Littlefield.

**Sgt. Linus Moeller** of **MacDill Field,** Tampa, Florida, spent a sixteen day furlough with relatives and friends in Posey community. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moeller.** A farewell dinner was given in his honor at the home of his grandmother, **Mrs. J. C. Stahl,** last week. The following guests were present for the dinner: **Mrs. Julius Stahl,** **Fabian Stahl,** **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moeller** and son, **Bennie,** **Pfc. and Mrs. Wm. Kempen** and son of **Lubbock,** **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maeker** and family, and **Mr. and Mrs. Roland Schuette** and family. **Sgt. Moeller** left here for his station last week end.

**Mr. Will Keldorf** of **Taylor,** Texas is visiting in the home of **Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Sager** and family this week. **Mr. Keldorf** is the father of **Mrs. Sager.**

A Christmas program entitled, "Lo, A Savior," was presented at the Lutheran Church on Thursday night. The Christmas story was retold in the form of Christmas songs, recitations, dialogs, Scripture lessons and prayers; all being presented by the Sunday School children.

Regular Christmas Day Sunday School and Communion Services will be conducted at **Posey Lutheran Church** on Dec. 25 from 10:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. he sermon text will be **John 3:16-21,** with the theme, "Salvation Came When God Gave Us His Son. It was a gift of love, a gift of light, and a gift of life."

The children of the **Posey School** presented a brief Christmas Program at the school house Wednesday afternoon, consisting of songs and recitations. Gifts were also distributed to the children. **Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robertson** and **Mrs. Craig** are rendering our community a real service as progressive school teachers.

Our community suffered a real loss during the early hours of Monday morning when the **Posey Gin** caught fire, and burned to the ground. All the machinery, the truck, and quite a few bales of cotton were destroyed. It has not yet been definitely determined how the fire got started. It will mean much toward the prosperity of this community if the gin can be rebuilt.

### UNION NEWS

**MRS. M. D. GAMBLE**

Church service was held Sunday morning with **Rev. J. E. Stephens** preaching. Service was not held Sunday night, due to **Rev. Stephens** being ill with influenza. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

**Lt. and Mrs. Billie Johnson** were home on a 13 day furlough. This was his first furlough for several months.

**Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Stephenson** received word from their son, **Cpl. I. B. Stephenson,** who was in combat duty on the **Gilbert Islands.** **Cpl. Stephenson** has been on foreign soil for over a year. He has been in the Marine Corps for one and a half years.

**Pvt. Charlie Meyers** has received his discharge from the Army. **Charlie** had been across and during combat service received a hand injury. **Pvt. Meyers** was in service almost two years.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Doyle** and **Mrs. R. A. Martin** visited in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Otho Doyle** Sunday.

Visiting in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cade, Sr.,** over the week-end were their son, **Pfs. H. M. Cade, Jr.,** and **S/Sgt. John G. Meadows.** Both are from **Sheppard Field, Texas.**

Attending a recital at **Abernathy** Friday night were, **John Griffin,** **Lula Mae Peterson,** **Barbara Jean Evans** and her sister.

A farewell dinner was given in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Payne, Sr.,** for their son, **Tom Payne,** who has joined the **Army Air Corps.** Those attending were: **Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Payne, Jr.,** and family, and **Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Usery** and son. **Tom** was to report to **Fort Bliss** soon.

Visiting in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Meyers** Sunday were **Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Meyers** and family of **Lubbock,** **Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitehead** and daughter of **Lamesa,** **Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White** and son, and **Charlie Meyers.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Qualin** and children of **Hale Center** visited in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Stephenson** Sunday.

Spending Monday afternoon in

### Southland News

**MRS. FLOY KING**

The Christmas program put on by the four churches of Southland at the Nigh Schol auditorium Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd and was well played.

**Rev. O. J. Narmonson** went to **Olney** Wednesday to visit his son and family through the holidays. **Mrs. Harmonson** and daughter and family expect to leave on the 25th or 26th for **Olney** also.

**Mrs. Leonard** of **Haskell** visited in the **R. R. Arthur** home last week. **Mrs. M. Truelock** had as her week end guests, her mother and father, **Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher** of **Plainview.**

**Mrs. W. W. Gilliland** and **Mrs. Harry King** were Christmas shopping in **Slaton** Monday.

**Mrs. William's** sister is here visiting **Mrs. Williams** and **Charlene,** who is staying with the **Williams** and going to school in **Southland.**

**Supt. J. P. Hewlett** went to **Fort Worth** to see his brother who was to come through that town.

**Mrs. A. F. Davies** is in **Lubbock** hospital, following a minor operation. She is doing nicely so far and we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Also in **St. Mary's Hospital** at **Lubbock** is **Grandmother Pennell.** We are very sorry to know of so much sickness.

**Mary Frances King** missed all of last week on account of a bad cold and cough.

**Manuel Seyes** is spending a few days with his parents, the **Juan Reyes.** **Manuel** is stationed at **Lubbock Air Base.**

**Virginia Barbee** is spending the holidays with her parents, the **H. A. Kings.**

**Mr. Lewis Mathis** was taken to the hospital early Tuesday morning. There is one house being added to **Southland,** where the **Hollie White** house once stood, but two others have sold and are going to be moved away, so after all, we are losing more houses than we are gaining.

**Mrs. Nettie Kellum's** son from **Pennsylvania** is spending a few days with her. **Mrs. Kellum** is at home again after a stay with her son, **Walter,** and wife.

### COMMERCIAL TIRES TO BE DOUBLE-CHECKED

Truck tire inspections will be double-checked to see that every tire in services gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before being replaced, **OPA** stated recently. Central truck tire inspection stations will be provided in about 200 cities in areas where truck registrations are heavy. These privately owned and operated stations will re-examine all tires recommended for replacement by official **OPA** tire inspectors, and will return to service tires still good for more miles. Fixed fees to cover operating expenses will be charged by the stations. Tubes to be replaced need not be inspected.

### FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD GOODS 7

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**WANTED** To Buy—Used Furniture. If we don't buy it, we'll make someone else pay plenty. **Self Furniture Co.** 12-31

the home of **Mrs. M. D. Gamble** were, **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton** and son, **Wayland,** of **Cloviss,** **New Mexico.**

**George Gamble** visited **Charlse Leeroy Cade** Sunday.

**Mrs. Orbin Houchin** and **Garry** spent the week end with **Mr. and Mrs. Houchin** in **Lamesa.**

**Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stacy** and **Linda Jane,** and **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble** visited in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Stephenson** Sunday.

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### A LETTER TO SANTA

I am a little boy 7 yrs. old. This is my second year in school. I love my teacher. I am a very good boy for my age. Will you please bring me a toy farm or animal set, a pair of house shoes, writing desk, some candy and nuts. Please Santa don't forget other little children whose dear daddy is in the Army. With lots of love. **Clay Jeter,** 805 S. 12th St., Slaton, Texas.

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### Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl two years old. In my prayers every night I asked you to bring me a doll that cries Mama and Daddy, a doll bed, dishes and blackboard, also candy, fruit and nuts, and Santa please remember my little cousins and friends. **Thanks,** **Linda Louise McCarver.**

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to everyone in this section and to every member of our Armed Forces - - May Victory Soon Be Ours.

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We extend

The Season's GREETINGS

To the folks of this community - - - -

May your troubles be little ones and your pleasures be numerous is our hope.

## SLATON GRAIN & COAL

**TO EVERYONE WHO READS THIS**

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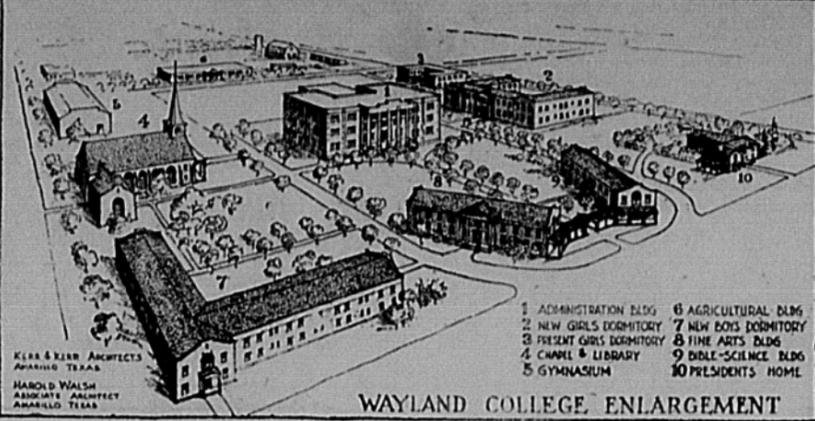
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**THE PROPOSED** expansion program of Plainview, Tex., is clearly portrayed in the architect's drawing. The over-all project calls for an expenditure of approximately \$750,000. This will provide adequate housing and equipment to accommodate more than twice the present enrollment. The new dormitories are to be modern in every detail and each will care for about 125 students. The present dormitory for girls will be remodeled throughout to provide light housekeeping facilities.

The college anticipates extensive courses in agriculture to provide a long felt need. Facilities are being provided to make this possible. The library will be built in connection with the chapel building. The present administration building will be reconditioned and used for English, Language, Social Science and other departments. The Enlargement Movement is headed by Dr. John W. Cobb, dean of the college.

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**GOOD MARKET—**  
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 operation could be 125,000 pounds of feathers. This is enough to line 25,000 sleeping bags or 6,250 garments for members of the Air Force.  
 The market for feathers varies with their quality as determined by uniformity of color, size and other factors, Dr. Taylor said. A fair price for first quality all white feathers from domestic ducks might be \$1.00 per pound. Goose feathers will bring about 25 percent more than duck feathers. Wild duck or goose feathers which require more processing, resulting in greater shrinkage, brings an average price of perhaps 50 cents a pound, depending on their freedom from fat, dirt, dampness, mildew and other undesirable conditions. Small lots of feathers should be combined in one shipment, Dr. Taylor recommends.

If desired, feathers may be shipped to Isaac Walton League. In such cases feathers may be shipped to the Burton Dixie Corporation, 2024 South Ristine St., Chicago, Ill. Consignments to this address should be by parcel post or by express prepaid. Payment will be made at prevailing rates.  
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 Dr. Taylor gives the following directions for handling feathers:  
 (1) Ducks and geese should be picked dry.  
 (2) Only feathers up to 2½ inches in length should be saved. Wing and tail feathers cannot be used.  
 (3) Duck feathers should be kept separate from goose feathers.  
 (4) All feather should be kept

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 Rev. H. C. Gordon, Pastor  
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dry. About seven per cent of the total number of plant species in Texas are poisonous or injurious, biologists meeting at the University of Texas this fall were told. There are about 56 plant families containing 316 poisonous species, as compared with a total of 150 plant families with 4,500 species. Science tells us that the human brain is capable of holding three billion ideas. We sometimes think the government is trying to carry all of them out.

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