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Help Build Ranger  
By Buying Here!

Buy It In Ranger  
And Help Business!

# U. S. British War Council To Meet Today

## SCHEDULE FOR 9-AA SEASON IS WORKED OUT

The District 9-AA football schedule for 1942, with Weatherford High School as a new member of the district, has been worked out. Admission of Weatherford as a member makes seven teams, with each having six conference games.

The season opens with Stephenville playing at Cisco, with Ranger's conference season opening Oct. 16, with Brownwood playing at Ranger, and ends with a Thanksgiving game with Weatherford. In order to have the schedule worked out evenly in the future Weatherford will play in Ranger again in 1943. The Ranger-Breckenridge game, which has been transferred to Breckenridge each year it was scheduled in Ranger for the past few years, will be played in Ranger in 1942.

The complete schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 2—Stephenville at Cisco.
- Oct. 9—Weatherford at Stephenville; Mineral Wells at Cisco.
- Oct. 16—Brownwood at Ranger; Weatherford at Mineral Wells; Breckenridge at Stephenville.
- Oct. 23—Breckenridge at Ranger; Mineral Wells at Brownwood; Cisco at Weatherford.
- Oct. 30—Ranger at Mineral Wells; Brownwood at Cisco; Weatherford at Breckenridge.
- Nov. 6—Stephenville at Mineral Wells.
- Nov. 11—Cisco at Ranger; Breckenridge at Brownwood.
- Nov. 20—Ranger at Stephenville; Brownwood at Weatherford; Mineral Wells at Breckenridge.
- Nov. 26—Weatherford at Ranger; Stephenville at Brownwood; Cisco at Breckenridge.

All games after Nov. 11 will be played in the afternoon, with games played before that date, with the exception of those played at Cisco, being night games. Weatherford, in being admitted to the district, agreed to increase the seating capacity of its field to 2,500 and to improve the playing field, which has been in bad condition for several years.

## Eleven Couples Are Licensed To Marry

The following couples have been granted marriage licenses by County Clerk R. V. Galloway: Gayland Wright, Gorman, Rt. 2, and Miss Martha Jane Childress, Gorman; Lowell D. Sechrist, Grand Prairie, and Miss Hazel Bruce, Stephenville; James Robert Morrow, Rising Star, and Miss Edith White, Rising Star; George D. Falls, Ranger, and Miss Crystal Katherine Jackson, Strawn; Otto Dupuy, Gorman, and Miss Josephine Fae Harris, Brownwood; John Richard Stephens, Rising Star, and Miss Vivian Ruth Jeter, Mingus.

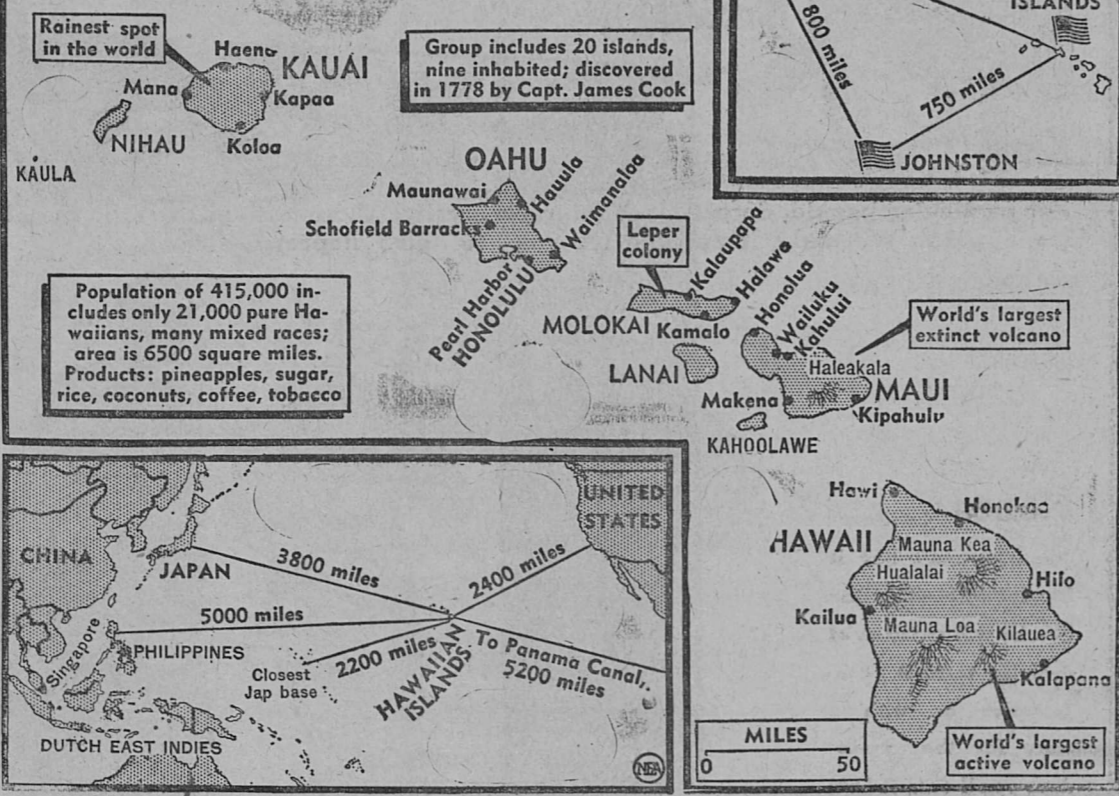
Arthur R. Preslar, Eastland, and Miss Irene Smith, Gladewater; Gene Abbott, Cisco, and Miss Catherine Collins, Cisco; Martin M. Ortez, Millsap, and Miss Erline Gaeta, Eastland; John Combes, Brownwood, and Miss Emma Pauline Tidmore, May.

## Niece Of Mrs. W. C. Campbell Is Killed

Funeral services were conducted at Big Spring Monday for Miss Mary Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Patterson of Big Spring and a niece of Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Eastland.

Miss Patterson, 18, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Big Spring Saturday. She was a student in TSCW, Denton, and was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Caroline Walker, daughter of F. A. Walker of Fort Worth and a dietitian at TSCW, who was also killed in the accident.

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS



Far from Japan but close to danger are America's nearest Pacific outposts, the Hawaiian Islands. Along with Midway and Johnston they have been targets of Jap attacks in mid-Pacific following initial raid on Pearl Harbor.

## Dr. George W. Cox Urges Texans To Aid Defense Plan

AUSTIN, Texas. — In a special message from civilian defense, Director Geo. W. Cox, State Health officer, who was recently named by Governor Stevenson as Chairman of Defense Health and Emergency Medical Care, today urged that every citizen of Texas register immediately for some type of civilian defense activity.

"The urgency of immediate civilian defense training is surely apparent after what has happened to the peaceful civilian population in our Pacific Island possessions. The grim reality of a total war declared against our people by a treacherous enemy changes vague plans for future defense into a present and urgent necessity for immediate action."

"The time for good intentions has passed," Doctor Cox stated. "This emergency makes action imperative. I know the people of Texas are ready and eager to serve, and the time for service has arrived."

Outlining the three phases of civilian defense that he believed should be instituted at once, Doctor Cox included first aid training, the organization and training of nurses' aides, and emergency canyary corps for every community.

"These duties are the personal responsibility of every man and woman," Doctor Cox said. "No one else can shoulder them for you. Communicate immediately with your Mayor or County Judge, both of whom are acting as civilian defense coordinators."

"In order to afford yourself, your family, and your country adequate protection," Doctor Cox asserted, "these activities must be taken now."

## Alameda Club Has A Christmas Tree

The Alameda Home Demonstration Club held a Christmas party this week at the home of Mrs. R. H. Myrick.

Various games were enjoyed by all until time for the Christmas Tree, when gifts were exchanged.

Those present were Mmes. Griffith, John Love, Dick Weekes, Elmer Blackwell, A. H. Dean, Jim Howard, Butler, W. E. Calvert, Logan and the hostess, Mrs. Myrick. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

## In Shanghai



Corp. Kermit E. Craig, who has been in the United States Marines for the past four years, was last heard from at Shanghai, China, assigned to Company E, Second Battalion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Craig, Rt. 2, Eastland. He attend Morton Valley High School.

## MRS. J. T. BERRY DIES

Mrs. J. T. Berry, wife of a Cisco lumber dealer, and a long time resident of Cisco, died there Saturday morning. She died suddenly, of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Cisco First Baptist Church. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery, Cisco.

## Guns Blast His Peace Mission



Li-Yu-Wing, Chinese scientist and president of National Academy of China, was en route to an anti-aggression meeting in New York when Jap bombs ripped into Honolulu while he was there. He's pictured after arrival in San Francisco by Clipper.

## U. S. Opens 21st Objectors' Camp

By United Press

WASHINGTON.—A new Civilian Public Service Camp for conscientious objectors at Cascade Locks, Ore., has brought to 21 the number of camps housing some 1,500 men who object to military service on religious principles.

The new unit, which has been assigned about 100 men from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, is administered cooperatively by the Brethren Service Committee and the Mennonite Central Committee, with Mark Shrock, of Olympia, Wash., as director.

Under an agreement reached last January between religious groups and Clarence A. Dykstra, the then director of the Selective Service System, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, present director who was Dykstra's assistant, the first camp was opened May 15, 1941, in the Patapasco State Forest, near Baltimore, Md.

The agreement provides that the camps be financed by the objectors themselves, and the various religious groups to which they belong, including the Quakers, Brethren and Mennonites. Unused CCC camps, cots, blankets and stoves are provided by the federal government, which also directs the work in which the objectors are engaged. Several agencies, usually the Soil Conservation Service, the Forestry Service, or the National Park Service, supervise the projects.

With men being added to the camps' population at the rate of about 150 a month, almost 90 sects and denominations are now represented in the total, with the Mennonites most numerous, and the Brethren, Quakers, Methodists and Jehovah's Witnesses following in that order.

Camps now in operation: American Friends Service Committee—Petersham, Royalston and Ashburnham, Mass., Patapasco, Md., Cooperstown, N. Y., Buck Creek, N. C., Merom, Ind., Glendora, Calif.

Brethren—Kane, Pa., Magnolia, Ark., Stronach, Mich., and Largo, Ind.

Mennonites—Colorado Springs, Colo., Sideling Hill, Pa., Henry, Ill., Grottoes, Va., Bluffton, Ind., Dennison, Ia.

The Association of Catholic Conscientious Objectors has a camp at Stoddard, N. H., and the Mennonites and Brethren maintain a cooperative unit at Marietta, Ohio.

## ANOTHER SHIP IS ATTACKED BY A JAP SUB

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Twelfth Naval District Headquarters announced today that an unidentified submarine had shelled the Richfield tanker Larry Dohney off Estero Bay at 3 a. m. today.

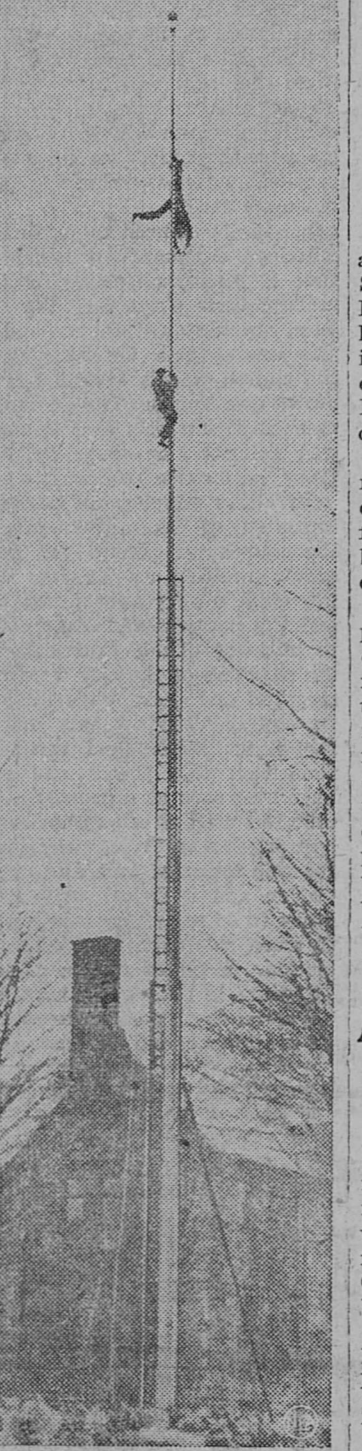
The submarine, presumably Japanese, did not sink the Dohney which was able to dock at Estero Bay.

This was the fifth submarine attack upon United States shipping off the California Coast since Tuesday morning.

The Navy Department communicate, which was issued from Washington, said that two American ships had been attacked by submarines off the Pacific Coast but it did not identify them definitely as Japanese.

Both the recent attacks were unsuccessful, the Navy Department communicate announcing the attacks stated.

## Death in the Sky



Body of Walter Stark, 63, hangs from the top of a 95-foot flagpole in Muskegon, Mich., after a heart attack caused his death as he was fastening a rope to the pole. Steeplejacks tied four ladders around the pole and were able to lower the body.

## TRAP SPRUNG BY BRITISH AT HONG KONG

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23.—Reliable Chinese advisers, reaching Singapore today, stated that the British defenders of Hong Kong had set a trap for the Japanese invading forces on the Southeastern quarter of the island of Hong Kong, and had inflicted heavy casualties.

The report did not specify the nature of the trap, nor how successful it might prove in the defense of the island by the stubborn little band of British soldiers.

Meantime the Chinese were reported to be exerting pressure upon the rear lines of the Japanese forces, in an attempt to relieve the garrison of Hong Kong, and in some places were within 27 miles of the outskirts of the crown colony, with advance units being within 17 miles. It was considered doubtful, however, if the Chinese pressure could be severe enough to stave off the eventual fall of the Hong Kong garrison before the onslaughts of the superior numbers.

## CHURCHILL AND ROOSEVELT TO HEAD COUNCIL

Will Be First of Big Meetings To Plan General Strategy of Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt today called a meeting of the "United States-Great Britain War Council" to be held in the White House cabinet meeting room this afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock, Central Standard Time.

The meeting will mark the first formal gathering of the joint council, so described by White House announcement, and will be under the direction of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain, who arrived late Monday afternoon in Washington with his staff and a corps of 80 technical experts and advisors. He and President Roosevelt conferred at the White House until 1 o'clock Tuesday morning before retiring.

Others at the momentous conference of allied powers, which may later include other countries, including Canada, China, the Dutch East Indies and the refugee governments in Europe.

Those representing the United States will include such leaders as Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for air; Gen. Geo. C. Marshall, army chief of staff; Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations; Admiral Ernest King, commander in chief of the United States Fleet and Harry Hopkins, lend-lease aide to the president.

Those representing Great Britain will include Lord Beaverbrook, minister of supply; Admiral Sir Dudley Pound; Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal; Gen. Sir John Dill, former British chief of staff. The call for the council meeting was announced from the White House by Presidential Secretary Stephen T. Early, who said that the group "might be called the United States-British war council."

## A LABOR PLAN FOR THE WAR NOW OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt's labor-industry conference agreed today upon a three-point program of uninterrupted production for the duration of the war.

The plan, as proposed by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, is as follows:

1. There shall be no strikes nor lockouts during the war emergency.
2. All disputes between industry and labor shall be settled by peaceful means.
3. The president shall set up the proper war labor board to handle all disputes in labor.

## Six Suggestions For Pedestrian Politeness Given

CHICAGO.—Six suggestions for pedestrian politeness were offered today by the National Safety Council.

With the theme of "Give Courtesy for Christmas," the Council is conducting a campaign to reduce the traffic toll during the hazardous holiday season. The pedestrian pointers:

1. You expect the driver to cross streets on the green light only. Show him the same courtesy.
2. Don't taunt the driver by deliberately loafing across the street after the light has changed against you.
3. Cross at intersections only. When you pop out from behind a parked car, you risk your own life and take 10 years off the driver's.
4. Onrural highways walk on the left side, facing traffic, and step off the pavement when a car approaches.
5. Don't load your arms with so many Christmas bundles that you can't see, and then expect the driver to look out for you.
6. Stand on the sidewalk, not in the street, while waiting for a green light.

## THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Fair, colder tonight, temperature near freezing in extreme northwest portion.

## ALLIES GAIN ADVANTAGE IN FAR EAST WAR

American, British and Filipino forces took honors in the Far East combat zones today.

The American and Filipino defenders of the Island of Luzon, upon which Manila is located, had the advantage in heavy fighting against major Japanese expeditionary forces along the Lingayen Gulf, where the Japanese had landed.

Even the outnumbered garrison of Hong Kong reported local successes against the Japanese and were still holding out firmly in the rock-hewn forts and peaks on the little island of Hong Kong. In northern Malaya the British were putting up stubborn resistance against the Japanese, with new defense lines reported to be firmly anchored 350 miles north of the big Singapore naval base, which is one of the prime objectives sought by the Japanese.

The British were said to be holding firmly in these new positions anchored apparently in the west at Kuala Kangsar, 20 miles north of the tin mining center of Ipoh, and extending eastward to a point approximately 45 miles south of Kota Baharu, where the Japanese made their first landing on Dec. 8.

## Eastland Boy In P. I. Sends Wire Saying I Am OK

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tucker of 611 So. Walnut Street, Eastland, have received a message from their son, Lieutenant Walter L. Tucker, who is stationed at Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga, Philippine Islands, that he is OK.

## Alameda Girls Have A Christmas Party

The 4-H Club Girls of Alameda met at the home of Wanda Myrick for a Christmas Party this week, with entertainment being followed by a visit from Santa Claus at 9 o'clock. Santa distributed the gifts from the tree.

Refreshments were served to Ruth Burns, Charlotte Clement, Mrs. John Love, Mr. and Mrs. Swain, the visitors, and LaRue Usery, sponsor of the club, Miss Alice Wheat, assistant county home demonstration agent, Ima Little, Wanda Myrick, Mary Jean Ferrell, Alene Fonville, Ethel Perrin, Doris Bilberry and Louise Moore.

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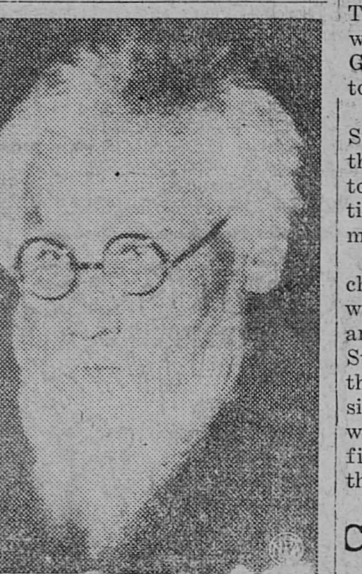
## Pointers On Motor Manners Given

CHICAGO.—Six suggestions for motor manners were offered to drivers today by the National Safety Council.

The traffic tips are part of the Council's "Give Courtesy for Christmas" campaign, designed to cut the peak accident toll during the holiday season.

1. Stay in line. Don't bull your way through traffic by squeezing in and out.
2. Don't sneak through intersections on the yellow light.
3. Dim your lights when meeting cars at night.
4. Give pedestrians a chance to reach the curb when they are marooned in the street by a changing light.
5. Don't block pedestrian crosswalks. And remember—pedestrians have the right of way when you're making a turn.
6. Signal your intentions to the proper lane before turning.

## Fifth Columnist



This ghost-like creature is Mitsu Toyama, at 87 still a master in international intrigue. He heads the notorious Black Dragon Society, through which operates the Japanese fifth column that played a big part in the treachery at Pearl Harbor.

## State Santa Will Bring Cotton Gifts At Unique Event

WACO.—A real "Cotton Christmas" Tree will be placed in the Hall of the House of Representatives in Austin Wednesday morning when Santa Claus visits the State Capitol bearing hundreds of gifts made from cotton, the chief product of Texas, to be distributed to State officials and with a large surplus going to several institutions.

L. T. Murray, Chairman of a Program Committee from the State-Wide Cotton Committee of Texas, has announced that all plans are complete for the official "Cotton Christmas" ceremony at the State's Capitol to be attended by men and women from all parts of Texas. Governor Coke Stevenson will deliver a talk from the Speaker's Dias, where a huge Tree will be placed. Murray said, while old Saint Nick gives the Governor and family gifts of cotton.

The whole event is part of the State-wide campaign to increase the consumption of cotton so vital to the people of Texas at this time due to the loss of export markets, Murray stated.

Burriss C. Jackson, general chairman of the sponsoring group, will serve as master of ceremony, and besides Stevenson, several State Officials will participate in the program. A Negro Choir will sing Christmas Carols from the well of the House. All State offices in Austin will turn out for the ceremony.

## County Permanent School Fund Buys U. S. Defense Bonds

Eastland county commissioners' court has purchased \$3,000 of United States defense bonds, series G, for the Eastland county permanent school fund.



It is doubtful if any will laugh at the problem of Jennie Giraffe. She got caught in the crush of the last minute rush. And is giftless—she can't stand the gaff.

2 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

By PETER EDSON

Jap Economy Not Geared for New Strain  
Faces Ultimate Ruin as Result of Unprovoked War

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Service Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON.—The wonder of it is how the Japanese statesmen figure they can afford to take on a war against both the United States and Great Britain, considering only Japan's unquestionably lousy economic position. Four years of war weariness are just a beginning. On top of that is a general business recession that points only to ultimate economic ruin.

Department of Commerce information on Japan's internal economy and her foreign trade present the real picture. Here is a country which is only half self-sufficient in normal and piping times of peace. More than 70 per cent of these imports have come from the countries on which Japan now wages war—the United States, Great Britain, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. All this trade it now kisses goodbye. And it is only from those countries that Japan can obtain the metals, chemicals, petroleum and machinery which are vital to its heavy industries.

With the door now slammed on these natural sources of supply, Japan has been set back on her own heels and the resources of what are known as the yen bloc countries, Manchuria, Kwantung and these countries, while they are valuable customers for the materials which Japan manufactured from raw materials imported from other countries, are no good as sources of raw materials. Japan itself therefore must become the source of whatever it can scrape together to keep going.

THE result has been a series of salvage campaigns that make our aluminum and wastepaper collections look like the picnic affairs they really were. Scrap iron has become almost as precious as Japanese pearls. Manhole covers, sheet iron roofing and the ornamental iron fences around government buildings have disappeared. Salvaging of ships wrecked and sunk off Japan's rocky coasts has become a leading industry.

Transportation has been cut drastically. There is a shortage of coal, further cut by the necessity of using more coal to reduce such low-grade iron ores as can be obtained from the yen bloc countries. Motor vehicles are at a premium and such as there are in bad repair. Gasoline and oil must go almost entirely to the military uses. Buses and taxis can no longer use gasoline and oil, and even the substitute fuels like charcoal gas are under government regulation.

SILK trade, long the backbone of Japan's world-wide export business, once accounted for a third of the country's sales abroad. Raw silk has been the one raw material of which Japan had a sufficient quantity, and now it is an unconsumable surplus because the United States and Great Britain have stopped buying.

Limitation of the silk industry has meant that much of the acreage of mulberry trees is being converted to food crops, and this tells the story of Japan's food shortage. Originally, only rice and wheat were raised, but early in 1941 fish, eggs, meat, rice wine, bread and other foods were restricted. In October the government added to the list cow peas and buckwheat.

Price control measures have been applied with a vengeance in an effort to curb an increase in the cost of foodstuffs and commodities. In the 1940 retail level, have been 66 per cent above the average of 1936 when the China campaign began. Compared with 1914, a living cost in 1940 was 266 per cent higher.

Edson

Christian Pastor  
And Wife Given A  
"Pounding" Mon.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson were given an old-fashioned "pounding" at the First Christian Church Monday evening, when a large number of friends, not only members of their church, but from every church in the city, brought large quantities of food to the church. The entire affair was a complete surprise to Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, as the pastor had been called to the church to preside at a wedding.

Tuesday morning the couple issued the following note of appreciation to their many friends who contributed to the pounding:

"We take this method to express our very deep appreciation to our many friends, who on last evening gave us one of the greatest poundings that we have ever received. After the pounding came down we received a phone call to come to the church to perform a marriage ceremony. It being the time of year when young folk are making their plans for the future, we hastened to respond to this urgent call. On arriving at the church we discovered a great crowd awaiting us. The pastor remarked to his wife that it surely was going to be some wedding, from the looks of the guests.

"Well, it was a gross misrepresentation of facts. On entering the church we found a great crowd awaiting us. Brother Phillips made a very appropriate talk and the pastor made some effort to talk but didn't. Practically all the churches of the city were represented and there were folks of no church. Well, it was one of the finest spirits and the most food that this pastor and wife have ever seen at a pounding. We take this method of expressing our appreciation to these, our friends, for this token of love and appreciation and it makes us want to strive to do something worth while to merit this expression of appreciation. In all of our more than 19 years in Ranger, we have never received such an expression of confidence, and we crave to al-

Open House Held at  
Housekeeping Aide  
Project On Friday

The Housekeeping Aide Project held open house for the colored people of Ranger Friday, Dec. 19, at the project center, on North Austin Street.

Delia Johnson, Hattie Pinkston and Mary Morris, colored aides, were the hostesses. Approximately 40 people attended, including the colored students from the Claudia Slaughter School. They presented a program of Christmas Carols under the direction of Claudia Slaughter, teacher of the school.

A display of home-made from boxes and tin cans was prepared by the visitors and Christmas cookies was served. There were many comments made on the Christmas decorations made on the project.

Ethel Wiley, district supervisor of the Housekeeping Aide; Edna E. Hardwick, district supervisor of the Community Service Project and Juanita M. Hutcheson, area supervisor of Lunch Room projects, were out-of-town visitors during the day.

Fire Department To  
Sell Set of Dishes

A change in the manner of disposing of the set of dishes donated by the Ranger Jewelry Company to be sold for the Ranger Red Cross drive, has been made, it was stated today.

Instead of a progressive auction the Ranger Fire Department is to dispose of the dishes, and the proceeds from the sale will go to the Red Cross fund.

ways live among our fellows in such a way that we may be of service to them.

"We wish for every one a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

"Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson."

Freckles and His Friends

By Blosser

THIS IS OUR BIGGEST PROJECT SO FAR, JUNE THE BLUE ROOM IS DEFINITELY FIRST CABIN!

I WON'T EVER FORGET IT... BEGINNING RIGHT THIS MINUTE!

12-22

I GUESS LARD AND HILDA ARE SORT OF CARRIED AWAY TOO! I HAVEN'T HEARD A PEEP OUT OF THEM!

THEY'RE PROBABLY TOO EXCITED TO TALK!

LET'S SEE NOW... DINNER FOR TWO, \$5—PLUS TEN PER-CENT OF THE CHECK FOR THE WAITER!

12-22

THAT'S 50¢! FIVE BUCKS PLUS FIFTY CENTS EQUALS \$5.50--- LEAVING ME SEVEN CENTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

JABBERWACKY

D.D. DAVENPORT DUTY  
BIG DYNAMO—BOY FRIEND  
THUMB FUN—BOWLING  
by CHUCK RAYMOND  
DE KALB, ILLINOIS.

"COLLISION MATS"—PANCAKES  
MUD ON A SHINGLE—HASH ON TOAST  
by DAVID S. RUBIN  
BRONX, NEW YORK.

"SHE HEELS"—BRIDE'S FIRST BISCUITS  
by HARMON GIBSON  
EMILLE, TENNESSEE.

"CONCENTRATION CAMP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
by EMILY GITZLAFF  
WAWATOSA, WIS.

12-22

Remember THE BOY AT CAMP WITH JEWELRY

GIFTS FROM RANGER JEWELRY CO.

"Gifts For Every Occasion"

Main St. Ranger

A Choice Selection of PARTICULAR Gifts

For particular people, deserving of your generosity, there is no gift to take the place of high quality wearing apparel. We make it possible for you to give impressively.

Robes—he'll need one but won't buy it for himself—it's the gift he will enjoy most—if his taste is conservative or with a flare for the up-to-date you'll find it here

\$5.95 to \$15

Pajamas If he values his comfort (and what man doesn't?) he'll be always grateful for these luxurious, soft silk and rayon pajamas. Plain colors or patterns, stripes or dots. All sizes—\$3.95 to \$7.50

Gloves by Hansen and Wilson Bros. — a gift that is not only warming to the HEART but also to the hands — many leathers and all sizes to select from — \$1.50 to \$4

Neckwear—it is no joke to give beautiful neckwear—see our large selection of WEMBLEY, NOR EAST and \$1 and \$1.50 SILKS.... \$2

House Slippers—as masculine as his pipe are these handsome leather slippers by Evans — \$3.50 to \$5

Casual Coats—that are warm and comfortable—just what he wants—something he is sure to like—complete range of sizes—\$5 to \$10.95

NEWEST DRESS SHIRTS BY ARROW  
Plenty of new ideas in dress patterns among these smart Arrow shirts—neat stripes and all-over patterns—every size and sleeve length. \$2

Field, Stream & Knopf Leather Jackets  
Short leather jackets of cape or goat skin, so popular with West Texans.

GLOBE  
CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN  
220 MAIN STREET

Hunt the bright side! If you're money out of the hole you didn't broke at least you can't lose any know was in your pocket.

WARDS SAVE YOU UP TO 20% Broadloom OAKCREST AXMINSTER NEW WANTED PATTERNS

FLORALS TONE ON TONE 298 Sq. Yd. Available for any size room. See the most complete line in town. Montgomery Ward 407 Main — Phone 447

Goodbye, Honey, have a good time-- the car is insured by C. E. MAY INSURANCE

Listen, Mister! There is a difference in hair cuts. A good one is a cut that suits the shape of your head and helps the hair lie neatly in place. Get your next one here and note the difference. GHOLSON BARBER SHOP

FOR FRESHER BREAD TOMORROW BUY TAYSTEE TODAY At Your Local Grocery BUD POWELL Distributor For Taystee Bread and Grennan Cakes

WALKER SERVICE STATION FOR TEXACO PRODUCTS BRUNSWICK TIRES WASHING - GREASING AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES W. O. Walker, Jr. Owner Highway 80 East Try Our Want Ads!

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

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SAMUEL H. PULLEN, AN EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA, BANKER, WHO SHOT HIMSELF WITH A PISTOL, WAS FOUND GUILTY BY THE CORONER'S JURY OF HAVING COMMITTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER UPON HIMSELF AT THE INVESTIGATION OF "THE DEVIL" ... 1928...

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, KNOWN AS THE SOY BEAN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, HAS A RADIO STATION WITH THE CALL LETTERS WSOY!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNS ARE NEVER ON THE LEVEL, SAYS JOHN O'DONNELL, HOLYOKE, MASS.

QUOTING ODDS LET US QUOTE YOUR "ODDS!"

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A HUARIZO IS A SOUTH AMERICAN FLEECE-PRODUCING ANIMAL, BORN OF A LLAMA FATHER AND AN ALPACA MOTHER.

TELEGRAPH PLANT, OF INDIA, HAS THREE LEAFLETS FORMING EACH LEAF, AND TWO OF THESE KEEP UP A CONSTANT WIG-WAGGING AS THOUGH THEY WERE FLASHING SIGNALS.

WHY DO WE SPEAK OF THE MOTHER TONGUE AND THE FATHERLAND? SAYS W. R. GWILLIAMS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

QUOTING ODDS

TRY A WANT AD—IT ALWAYS PAYS!

SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specify that the five employees who have longest served his firm, together with his secretary Carol, shall judge whether or not playboy son Andy is running the store according to the old policy of "service to the people." If Andy has failed by the first inventory date after his father's death, store is to be sold for charity. This makes Carol's role difficult. Loved by faithful employe Bill Reece, she has loved Andy since girlhood, remembers a time when his "dad" was the store was put off by his father. Carol denies to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, assistant manager, any knowledge of the will's terms. Andy returns from a yachting trip bringing stock Linda Julian with him, makes friends with newsboy Nicky who had brought papers to his late father's home.

She said more calmly, "I'm sure he expected you to run the store." His boyish mouth formed a half-wistful smile. "When do I start?"

SHE called Herrick first because he had the most responsible position in the store. His big bulk filled the doorway as he entered, complaining, "Couldn't get an elevator. The crowd's over-running us." He went to the inner office and held a hand to Andy.

THE WILL IS MISSING

CHAPTER IV

ANDY came late to the office the next morning. "I've been to Mr. Benson's. I hadn't heard that he was dead. They don't know much about the will, though I understand my father made one four months ago. A new one."

"You know what to do and how to do it," he complimented her. "You don't really need me around here, do you?"

Dear Santa: Please send me a doll, a set of dishes, tablet, bed, chairs, ball dresses and a pair of shoes, and some kind of toys. Oh, yes bring me some apples, oranges, nuts and some kind of fruit. I am 12 years old, I am a good girl. So when you come, you will bring me some toys and candy, nuts and some fruit. Good by Santa.

"No. It was opened yesterday. The will wasn't there." "Could it be with his personal papers?" Andy asked. "I doubt it. I go through them pretty regularly. But I'll get them from the vault and will see."

"Of course we do," she denied. "The store needs you. To carry on as your father wished." "My father gave his life to it. He didn't have much fun."

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl I go to school every day. I want a doll and a drum and a little piano for Christmas. You will find them at Perry's 5, 10 and 25¢ store, and I want some candy and nuts. My name is Betty Mae and my age is 6 years old.

The inventory records reminded Carol of the shelf of old City directories in her office. They didn't go back to 1891 but she had a dozen years, with all of them except the current year entirely worthless. Mr. Dearborn had wanted her to save them. As long as she had been with the store no one had ever used old ones.

"You didn't forget your luncheon date, did you, darling?" she said sweetly. "Too sweetly, Carol thought. "I want to try the Hotel Reville."

Dear Santa: I want the little band girl. It is in the D. L. Houle Shop. I would like to have the doll with the red hat and red dress. It is in the D. L. Houle shop. I want some fruit and candy and nuts for Christmas. My name is June Taya. I have been a good little girl.

She looked now at the safe in one end of the vault. Mr. Dearborn might have put the will

there. She went to it and peered inside. The interior was bare of anything but black money boxes and bags of change.

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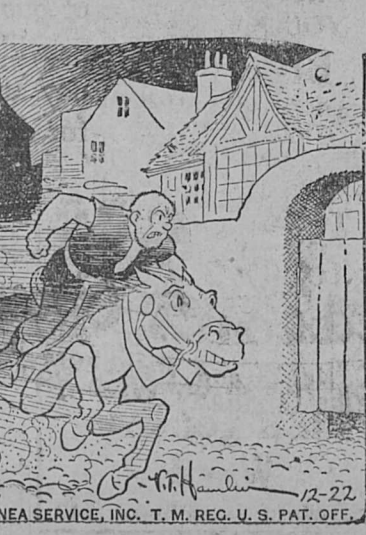
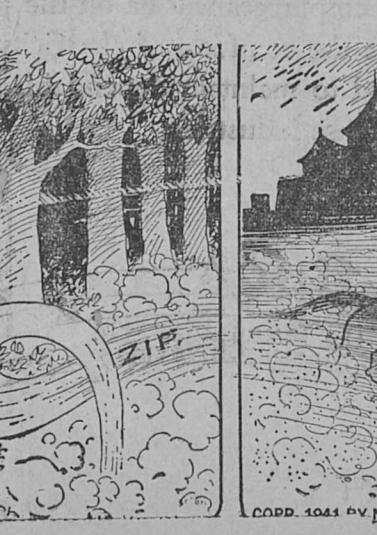
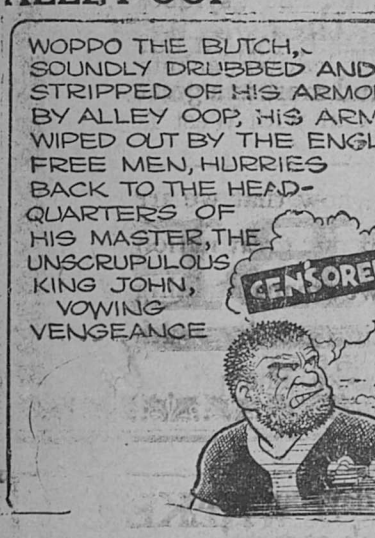
Kids Are Warned About Fireworks In Business Area

Christmas Mass To Start At 12:01 a. m. Christmas Morning

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin

By Hamlin



LETTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS

Eastland, Texas Dear Santa: Please send me a little car a little gun, truck and other little toys. Oh, yes bring me some apples, nuts, oranges, candy and some other kind of fruit. I am four years and I am a good little boy so when you come you will bring me some toys and candy and fruit. Good by Santa. Your friend, Ray Guajardo

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## Lock Forward to Victory, Not Back!

The frank report of Navy-Secretary Knox, and the appointment of an investigatory board of unquestioned integrity to probe the Pearl Harbor disaster are assurance that nothing is to be covered up. Everything will be learned that it is serviceable to know. The officers in responsible posts at the time have been replaced. But let us remember this:

Pearl Harbor is the responsibility of Army, Navy and civilian officials. But it was not something detached from the rest of American life. These men were Americans. They thought and acted as Americans, even though they were professional American soldiers; their every move was conditioned by the whole climate of American thought, feeling and habit, the habit of thinking that "it can't REALLY happen here." Every American shares responsibility for the disaster. It is also your fault, and mine.

The only investigation of Pearl Harbor that will do the slightest bit of good now is to expose pitilessly the elements of failure in such a way that those elements will never again contribute to another failure. Scapegoats for past defeats win no future victories.

Our task in the Pacific is not to rake through the ashes of past defeats. It is not merely to avoid future defeats. It is positive, offensive; our task is to destroy every vestige of Japanese military, naval, and air power once and for all. It will not be done by weeping over Pearl Harbor, nor by reducing some admiral 30 files.

We must look forward, not back. The sneak attack on Hawaii put the United States unexpectedly on the defensive at the outset. But we cannot remain there.

The Navy clearly was not at the peak of alertness on Sunday morning, Dec. 7. But it is alert now. Its task is to destroy the Japanese fleet. Forward with the task!

To defend the Philippines is good. They must be defended, reinforced if possible. So must Singapore. Never forget that the loss of Singapore is no mere British loss. It is a crucial point of American defense in the Pacific. We have only to ask ourselves: what if Singapore is lost and the United States deprived of the only far Pacific naval base available to it? What of the Philippines then? What of the chance of the offensive in the future?

For the present, perhaps defense is all that is open to us. That is a purely military problem. But in the long run defense wins no wars, and especially this one.

Every American eye, every American thought must be fixed on the time when it will be possible to carry the war to Japan, to drop on Japan 20 bombs for every one that fell on Pearl Harbor, to crush once and for all this military power whose mere existence makes impossible any future peace in the Pacific.

### FAMOUS ACTOR

**HORIZONTAL**

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11 Sheep's fleece.

12 Prescribed regimen.

14 Evasiveness.

16 2000 pounds.

18 Township (abbr.).

19 Doctor (abbr.).

20 Vegetable.

22 Above.

24 Deserves.

25 Titled.

26 Tone D (music).

27 Sick.

29 Father.

30 French article.

31 Northeast (abbr.).

32 Rhode Island (abbr.).

33 Compass point.

34 African animal.

36 Bone.

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13 Acting platform.

14 Point of the compass.

15 Health resort.

17 Overindulge.

21 Enrolls.

23 Circles.

25 Lift.

28 Slowly (music).

29 College dances.

33 Row of cut grass.

35 Beneficial.

38 Asiatic.

40 Suffix.

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47 Bird of cuckoo family.

49 Individual.

50 Beverage.

51 Affirmative.

52 Collection of facts.

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37 Symbol for samarium.

39 Blouses.

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48 Raid.

52 Near.

53 Part of speech.

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5 Yale.

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## Hawaiian Palms



**COUNSELLORS NOW "MISS"**  
TRENTON, N. J.—Married women lawyers in New Jersey have gained the right to practice before the law as "Miss Counselor." The recently passed Pasco bill gave them the right to use their maiden names. The old law

made them use their husband's name or hyphenated combination.

## RED RYDER BY HARM



### LETTERS FOR SANTA CLAUSE

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl almost four years of age, and have been a good little girl. I want an ironing board, a doll, candy, fruit, or anything else you want to bring.  
Your Little Friend,  
Doris Marie Bradfield,  
Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl two years of age, and have been a good little girl. I want a doll, a set of dishes, a color book, candy, apples, and oranges.  
Your little friend,  
Elsie Fay Bradfield,  
Ranger, Texas.

**SETS EXAMPLE**  
By United Press  
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And now that things are not as usual—now that we are facing the gravest crisis in the history of our great nation—it is more appropriate than ever that we are maintaining the tradition of Christmas by broadcasting greetings with light to everyone—friend and stranger alike. The spirit of Christmas must not—cannot—die.

Our office will be closed Christmas day, but many of our employees will be on the job as usual to provide the comforts of electricity on your holiday and to maintain dependable electric power for defense industries.

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### Putter Around The Country Club

By A Poor Putter

War, winter and wet weather has put a damper on activities out around the country club. Hardly enough players have been out lately to make news worth talking about. — But MANAGER WATTS really got up nerve enough to put on a blind hole tournament Saturday and Sunday, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Some of the entrances played Saturday afternoon — But the business men players had to brave the rain Sunday afternoon to do their bit for the Red Cross. MANAGER WATTS reports \$5.00 was made on the affair which will be turned over to help the quota as set for Ranger Red Cross fund. Had the weather been good there is little doubt but what this amount would have been larger.

Low score was made by ROY TROWE who played Saturday. — High prize went to MRS. EUGENE BAKER who also played Saturday afternoon.

Those entered in this Blind Hole Match were: MR. MCGOWAN, MRS. MCGOWAN, MRS. EUGENE BAKER, MRS. WATTS, MRS. WALTER DAVIS, E. L. NORRIS, W. R. COLLIER, GLEN WEST, MRS. GLEN WEST, CHIEF WILLIAMS, GENE YOFFER, RAY TROWER, T. J. POWELL, HAPPY HARRISON, FELTON BRASHIER, P. F. EARLEST and R. H. SNYDER.

Saturday afternoon, 20 played the course with no visitors registered whatever.

Then Sunday, even with the Blind Hole Tournament only 14 registered for play — This was because of the rain! — The boys were down from Caddo — D. C. HAMMOCK, C. F. HARTSFIELD, JAMES CORLEY and JOE ROGERS, but got rained out and were given rain checks.

DR. POE, JUDGE FUNDERBURK and RIP GALLOWAY were over from Eastland and braved the rain Sunday.

No special activities for Christmas day have been announced, but if the day is nice the players will no doubt take advantage of the holiday to get in their golf.

#### WOMAN DRIVES CAB 25 YEARS

CHEHALIS, Wash.—Veteran taxi driver Lizzie Keller is going to take a vacation after 25 years behind the wheel. Mrs. Keller in that time has driven 90,000 miles and worn out 16 automobiles. She has never had an accident but has been held up and robbed five times.

#### IDENTICAL TWINS NEAR 81

By United Press  
DOUGLAS, Ga.—Folks around these parts all know the Burch twins, Spencer and Archilles. They are identical twins, and they will celebrate their 81st birthday soon. Neighbors say they can't tell one from the other.

#### Pearl Harbor Investigators



Justice Roberts



Standley

Reeves



McCoy

McNarney

Five-man board named by President Roosevelt to investigate surprise Jap attack at Pearl Harbor includes Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts, chairman, Admirals J. M. Reeves and W. H. Standley, Generals Frank R. McCoy and J. P. McNarney.



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## Society Notes

### Bible Class Meets

Ladies Bible Class of the Church met at the home of Mrs. M. Phillips on Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock for a continued study of the book of First Corinthians.

The meeting was opened with song, after which the lesson was taught by Wesley E. Phillips, minister of the church and Sunday school teacher of the class. The group attending participated in a round-table discussion and study was dismissed by prayer led by W. L. Mason of Guthrie, Okla., father of Mrs. O. G. Lanier, a member of the class.

After the close of the meeting members packed a basket of linen to be given to a needy family.

**M. U. Has Royal Service Program**  
A Royal Service program under the leadership of Mrs. L. W. Meador was presented Monday afternoon when the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church met at the church at 3 o'clock.

"An Urgent Gospel" was the subject of the study and the devotionals was given by Mrs. David M. Phillips. Parts on the program were taken by Mrs. Chester Rogers, Mrs. Glenn West, Mrs. J. B. Houghton and Miss Avis McKelvin.

Members of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick's Spanish class sang Christmas carols, one being sung in Spanish with Mrs. Hamrick accompanying at the piano.

In a short business meeting presided over by Mrs. Rogers, members made plans to contribute to the Christmas cheer baskets.

**50-50 Class Has Christmas Party**  
Members of the 50-50 Class of the First Methodist church were entertained with a Christmas party Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, where the teacher, Mrs. Leslie Hagaman, was hostess to the group.

Various games were played during the evening and the guests joined in singing Christmas carols, after which gifts were distributed from the gaily decorated tree. At the close of the evening refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. and Meses. Roscoe Hopper, Ross Staton, Ernest Latham, Brann Garner, Arthur Deffenbach, and Mrs. Bruce Madocks and Mrs. Hagaman.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
To thank my neighbors and members of the First Baptist Church for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.  
Mrs. R. P. Disney,  
Mrs. Harold Ashley,  
Otto E. Key,  
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## BASKET FUND STILL SHORT ON \$250 GOAL

The Christmas Basket Fund was still short of its goal Tuesday afternoon, it was reported by Lee Dockery, general chairman, with but \$141.05 collected at that time. It is planned to distribute 125 baskets, with \$2 in groceries in each, on Christmas Eve, leaving approximately \$120 that must be obtained this afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Previously acknowledged donations totaled \$60.50 as listed Saturday afternoon, with donations Monday bringing this total to \$141.05. New donations included: Young School PT, \$2; Carl Page, \$1; Street and Fire Dept., \$4.50; Mrs. Baird's Bakery, \$5; Lester Crossley, \$1; B. H. Powell, \$1.50; Hall Walker, \$2.50; J. L. Haney, \$1.50; Catherine Allison, \$1; W. F. Creager, \$2; Commercial State Bank, \$12.50; Wilson Guest, \$1; Paul R. Farrow, \$1; Preston Burks, \$1; Robert Riggs, \$1; David M. Phillips, \$2; Gleamers Class, Baptist Church, \$2.50. C. E. May, \$1; J. C. Penney Co., \$4; Goodyear Tire Co., \$1; Ranger Times Employees, \$2.55; Frank Deaton, \$1; Dr. Ross Hodges, \$1; Lone Star Gas Co. Car Shop, \$8; A. J. Ratliff, \$6; Dr. A. K. Wier, \$1; First Baptist Church, \$10.00; 1920 Club, \$2; total, \$141.05.

**State Finals Will Be Broadcast On Network Saturday**  
The game between Temple and Wichita Falls will decide the High School Football Championship of Texas.

All of Texas is interested in this all-important game. Many thousands are already planning to attend the game, and the rest of the football fans throughout the state will listen to the broadcast over one of the largest radio networks ever to broadcast a single football game in Texas.

**Christmas Party For Nursery School Is Held Monday**  
The children who attend the WPA Nursery School were made very happy Monday when they received their gifts from their pretty lighted tree at the school. Seventy children received gifts from a tree program of songs and readings was presented to the large crowd of parents present.

At the conclusion of the program each child received a warm wool cap, a well filled Christmas stocking of candy, oranges, apples bananas and raisins. Each girl received a doll; each boy a wheelbarrow and each child an attractively stuffed animal which had been made by the mothers of the children who attend the school.

**Church Of Christ Will Have Program**  
A special Christmas program will be held at the prayer service at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. All members and the public are invited.

**Trades Day Money Goes To Red Cross On Saturday, Jan 3**  
A. J. Ratliff, president of the Ranger Retail Merchants Association, announced today that the regular Trades Day event, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3, would not be held, and that all money usually used on Trades Day would be donated to the Red Cross, instead.

All other scheduled Trades Days will be held, as planned, Ratliff stated, only the money usually spent on the one event being given to the Red Cross.

**Christmas Spirit Is Upset By A Child**  
By United Press  
CUSHING, Okla.—There is a little Cushing girl who isn't choosy about her Christmas gifts. The girl was standing before a toy counter when her mother asked: "All right now, just what do you want for Christmas—a doll or a Slack Suit?"

The clerk, standing nearby seized the opportunity.  
"And what do you want, my dear, a doll?" the clerk asked.  
"Oh, just anything you want to give me," the little Miss replied, much to the clerk's confusion.

**TRAILER BABY**  
By United Press  
ARCADIA, Fla.—A baby girl was born in a trailer just as it crossed the DeSoto county line near here recently. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Breton who were driving from Utah in a truck and trailer, considered "Arcadia DeSoto" an appropriate name for their new daughter. The Bretons have been living in the trailer for the past four years and although this is their eighth child, she is the first to be born in their rolling home.

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## Duncan Coffee Company Announces Bonuses To Employees Totalling \$97,000 This Christmas



A few employees of the Duncan Coffee Company are shown above receiving Christmas bonus checks from owners and officials of the company. Left to right: Delilah Mae Black, Anna Mae Duncan and Lena Palermo, company employees, receiving checks from H. M. Duncan, president of the company; C. W. Duncan, vice president, and L. J. Bland, general sales manager.

Plant and office employees of the Duncan Coffee Company from its three Texas plants, gathered Saturday, December 13, for their annual Christmas party at the home plant at Houston, to exchange gifts and receive a bonus amounting to 10 per cent of their annual earnings.

Salesmen throughout the territory were unable to attend but will participate in this bonus, company officials said.

For twenty three years, the Duncan Coffee Company has presented bonuses to its employees at Christmas time. This year the bonuses, including those to salesmen, will amount to approximately \$97,000.00.

"Every worker shares in it's profits," Mr. Duncan declared, "I believe that is one reason for the success of our company."

**Urge To Buy Bonds**  
"This year we thought of another kind of Christmas present for our employees and considered them Defense Bonds and Stamps instead of cash," said Mr. Duncan. "This was seriously considered but inasmuch as I did not know the personal circumstances of each employee, I thought it better to give them cash and request that they invest as much as possible in these Defense Bonds and Stamps."

He said further that he had plans for the organization of a club within the company which will enable each employee to invest in Defense Bonds and Stamps each month. It is expected that this club will be formed after the first of the year.

Mr. Duncan, as usual, presided at the gathering which has been held every year at the plant where the company was started twenty three years ago. He was assisted by Mr. C. W. Duncan, Vice-President and Mr. L. J. Bland, Sales Manager. In his annual message written to each employee, Mr. Duncan said:

"The departing year proved to be a reasonably profitable one for us and so again we are happy to share with you in the form of a bonus, representing 10 per cent of your earnings."

"We are hesitant to predict what the ensuing year will hold for us; this depends largely on the way in which we handle our business. It is up to the organization as a whole to meet any situation which may present itself. Surely the indispensable duty of each of us is to apply ourselves to the very best of our ability . . . to conserve . . . to keep in a sound state 'so that we may be prepared for any eventuality."

Government Needs  
"You will have many uses for the enclosed bonus check; you will want to take care of obligations . . . this is all well and good. But remember; in these times the government needs money with

which to protect our country so that we may continue to enjoy the privileges of a free America. Let me encourage you to invest every cent you possibly can spare in defense stamps and bonds . . . this is the investment that will reap for you the greatest reward."

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

## U. S. Treasury Bulges With Bars of Gold and Silver As Lawmakers Attempt to Decide What to Do About It

BY MILTON BRONNER  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON.—Despite the fact Adolf Hitler's economists say the barter method of trade has come to stay and the gold standard and money are out for good, the United States government goes on accumulating bars of gold and, what is more, heaps of silver.

Fact is Uncle Sam has two mounds of pure metal stored away in underground vaults that are so big they make all the famed tales of the "Arabian Nights" and all the recorded facts about the Comstock Lode look cheap. Buried in vaults at Fort Knox, Ky., last September 30 were 650,300,304 ounces of gold valued at \$22,799,500,000. Buried in vaults at West Point, N. Y., were 2,250,000,000 ounces of silver valued at \$4,201,600,000.

Presumably, if despite Hitler's theories, the world went back to the gold standard some day, that buried gold would be O. K. It is doubtful whether the silver will ever be as good as it was some 50 years ago. The whole tendency in the world was to demonize silver. Nevertheless, although U. S. Treasury officials hate it, they have to go on buying silver. The government takes the American mine supply. It has recently made an agreement to buy 6,000,000 ounces per month from Mexico. It also buys from other countries.

ON June 19, 1934, a silver purchase act became law and this statute settled the silver policy of the country—unless it is repealed or amended. The law declared it to be the policy of the country that the proportion of silver to gold in the American monetary stock should be increased with the ultimate object of maintaining one-fourth of the monetary value of all stocks in silver.

Until this goal was attained, the Secretary of the Treasury was directed to purchase silver at home and abroad. American producers of silver were guaranteed a market for their entire production at a premium well above the world market price.

Silver from abroad was at one time bought at as high a price as 51 cents an ounce. By proclamation the home silver was bought at prices varying from 64.64 to 77.57 cents an ounce. The world price which the treasury is now buying foreign silver is 35 cents an ounce, but the home producers are getting the neat figure of 71.11, by an act passed in 1939.

The whole silver business is one of those things largely put over by the powerful silver lobby and by the congressional delegations from the seven silver states, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico. The spokesmen for the silver interests said the bounty price on silver would enable the mining companies in their states profitably to work their copper and zinc mines. The price for silver would give just the margin that would mean profit.

Recently, when an unsuccessful attempt was made to amend the existing law, it was said by opponents of big silver purchases that the importance of silver mining to the seven silver states was exaggerated. In fact, in 1937 farming in those states was more than 21 times as important a source of income as silver.

And, though humiliating to silver lobbyists, it was asserted that in the national economy of the United States in 1935 silver was less important than leather gloves, or strawberries, or lemons, or linoleum, or nuts or noodles or that humble product—mere glue. And chewing gum was twice as important.

These facts were considered quite a blow for the metal of which Uncle Sam has bought so much that his store would make over two dozen sterling silver teaspoons for every man, woman and child in the country. That is not all. The government has so much gold that if the law about one-fourth value in silver is to be attained, the Treasury will have to buy over three billion dollars worth of the latter metal.

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