



Happy New Year To All!

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Li. Ray H. Chambers Weds Colorado Girl On December 3rd

Li. Ray H. Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Chambers of Rankin, was married to Alice Ingrid Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Dahl of Golden, Colorado, on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Crane Wins Rankin Cage Tournament

Crane High School's undefeated Cranes downed Rankin, 37 to 27, in Rankin Saturday night to win the championship of the 11th annual Rankin Invitation Basketball Tournament.



Rankin OES Postpones Christmas Party

The Christmas party to have been held by the Rankin Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was postponed from Monday night to a later date due to the critical illness of Mrs. J. C. Bredehoff.

Rankin Bank Sets Dividend, Bonus

Directors of the First State Bank of Rankin, Texas, have authorized a 10 per cent dividend and also ordered a bonus of 12.5 per cent to all employees on their 1946 salaries.

RANKIN PERSONALS

Miss Mae Garner will spend the holidays at her home in Mullin. Mr. W. O. Adams will spend Christmas with his father in Tulia.

Rankin High Junior Class Entertained In R. L. Bell Home

The Junior Class of Rankin High School was delightfully entertained in the home of their room mother, Mrs. R. L. Bell, on Monday night at a Christmas party.

Dorothy Ferrell And John D. Hurst Are Wed

A wedding of much local interest was solemnized at eight-thirty Saturday night, Dec. 14, when Mrs. Dorothy Ferrell and John D. Hurst were united in marriage.

Pre-finals results follow:

Table with columns for Round (First Round-Friday, Second Round-Saturday, Semi-Finals, Consolation, Semi-Finals), Location, and Score.

Mansfield Top Calf Roper At Two-Day Ozona Show

The greatest array of cowboy roping talent ever gathered on one field in the Southwest wound up a two-day show Sunday and took home with them \$6,000 in cash, four good quarter horses and fond memories of the Joe Davidsons.



TOOTS MANSFIELD ... has 'win' habit

who has considerable reputation in that state in matched ropings, and Sonny Edwards of Big Spring. The cowboys put up all the prize money in the form of entrance fees, but other expenses were borne by Davidson.

Jackie Teagarden and William L. Clendennen of California were guests in the R. L. Bell home the past week end.

Mr. Howard Schmidt left the past week end for Kingfisher, Okla., to spend the Christmas holidays.

McCamey 4-H Club Entertains Rankin 4-H Club Members

The McCamey Boys' 4-H Club entertained the Rankin Boys' 4-H Club with a Christmas party on Tuesday night, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock at the Hamble Production Rec. Hall, under the supervision of County Agent W. O. Adams.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Bredehoff

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Bredehoff, aged 74 years, 3 months and 19 days, who passed away at her home in Rankin at 1 o'clock Monday morning following a lengthy illness which became critical last week, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the First Methodist Church, with Rev. G. Hardt officiating, assisted by Rev. R. L. Herring.

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fed and barned the cowboy horses for the entire time. Topping the show, which Davidson whipped up for the cowboys themselves, the Crockett County ranchman allowed winners in the calf roping and team tying and steer branding to select a Quarter Horse from a pen of colts he brought up to the ranch house.

WINNERS LISTED Sunday winners and show winners included: Team tying Sunday: Ande Bode and Earl Sellers, Del Rio, 16 seconds; Lanham Riley and Ted Powers, 18.2; Toots Mansfield and Dan Taylor, 16.8; O. C. Glenn and Royce Sewalt, 16.8.

Mansfields Sell Home In Rankin

The C. H. Mansfield home in Rankin has been purchased by Ed Guy Branch, who with his family expect to take possession soon.

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FROM OTHER STATES The cowboy rodeo performers and ropers came from California, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma, as well as Texas and the array included such experts as Royce Sewalt, Brownwood, who is world champion this year, and Troy Forte of Lovington, N. M.

NOTICE I will return to my office, Friday, December 27. Dr. J. C. Bredehoff.

Coxes Have Guests

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holcombe, Walter, Jr., Nora and Patty were guests in the Boyd Cox home in Rankin Saturday night. The Holcombes were on their way to Floresville, Texas, where Mr. Holcombe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holcombe, were to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday, Dec. 16.

Mr. Walter Herral of Rankin has accepted delivery of a new Taylorcraft plane from Ronald Plunk of Midland.

The plane is colored blue and silver and is a very nice addition to Rankin's airport.

Mrs. Walter Clendennen, a former Rankin resident now living in Ozona, was in Rankin over the week end having brought a party of young people to the basketball tournament. She was a guest in the Roy Bell home.

Mr. Jap Edwards of Rankin returned home from a San Angelo hospital last Wednesday and is recuperating at his home here.

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Costs Of Accidents

What do we pay for our traffic accidents?
In Lansing, Michigan, a town of 75,000 population, the total cost to those involved in traffic accidents during the past year was \$414,330.

It means that what happened in Lansing, happens in other cities throughout the country.—it can also happen here!

It means that the current asking price for one medium-sized smashup is enormous. Not only in terms of dollars and cents, but also in terms of man-hours lost from the job.

In terms of cold hard cash the average victim—and this applies everywhere—loses \$170 in salary, pays \$92 doctor and hospital bills \$26 miscellaneous bills, such as attorney fees, fines and settlement of other parties' claims, and is stuck with a \$220 auto repair bill as well if he is a car owner.

That's the average cost of living and walking carelessly according to a study of the costs of traffic accidents made at Lansing by the National Conservation Bureau and the local safety council.

Average costs paid, if you are in an accident, are as follows: Uninjured Drivers pay \$73, Injured Drivers pay \$408, Injured Passengers pay \$206, and Injured Pedestrians pay \$468.

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RALPH H. DAUGHERTY and family



OUT ON A LIMB—Cast members of NBC's "Can You Top This?" branch out with a novel plan for greeting Santa Claus when he comes a-calling. Baubling over with good humor are, top to bottom, Senator Ford, Peter Donald, Ward Wilson, Joe Laurie Jr., and Harry Hershfield. Ford, Laurie and Hershfield seek to top Laughmeter scores of stories submitted by listeners, with Donald as raconteur, on their program. Wilson is the emcee.

On The Feminine Side

by Dorothy Collins
NBC Fashion Editor

New York—Everyone has apartment troubles these days. Even after she found an apartment in crowded Manhattan, NBC's Florence Williams soon discovered that furnishings and accessories were way beyond her pocketbook.

But Florence (she is in the cast of "Front Page Farrell") is a determined young woman, so she got busy and made some practical substitutes for high priced articles.

For instance, she found that mirrors were very expensive, so she bought an old fashioned vanity for \$12 and had the three mirrors cut apart. The two sets of drawers she uses in her bathroom for storing towels.

Florence is like all home-loving women. She wants beautiful table appointments, and one of her most cherished loves was a lace table cloth—but the price was prohibitive. So she bought a couple of yards of lace curtain material and made one very reasonably.

Lamps were another expensive item on Florence's budget, so she had an electrician wire three gallon jugs and then she filled the base of them with water colored with dye and with the addition of shades, she had three amusing lamps for the price of one.

STUDIO NOTES... Fair-haired Ruth Cottingham, one of the Fred Waring vocalists, dresses up her simple dark suits with bright scarves. She wears one tucked in the throat of the suit, and a matching one tied gypsy fashion around her hair...

REGIONAL ROUNDUP BY JAMES CARLL

The Paisano Baptist encampment was chosen as the location for an all-summer encampment to serve the Southwestern states, officers of the encampment were advised Wednesday following a meeting of committees held in Nashville, Tennessee, the first of last week.

Baptists of Texas, at a meeting of the state convention held in Dallas last week, had made an offer of \$50,000 annually, for three years, if the encampment were taken over for developing an all-summer program, to be patterned along the line of the famed Ridgecrest encampment in North Carolina.

A pack of stray dogs killed 50 lambs and injured approximately 150 others when they attacked a flock in a trap near the Southern Pacific shipping pens in Alpine, it was reported this week.

The flock of approximately 4000 lambs had been brought in from the Gilmer Morris ranch for delivery to Ray Willoughby, Mr. Morris said. He believes that the canines were all "town dogs."

Mr. Morris said that dogs had been giving considerable trouble for some time, that an extermination campaign was being waged against them to prevent further losses to their flocks and that many have been killed. He warned that poison has been put out in an effort to rid the pastures of the pests.

It will be recalled that a like incident occurred in Alpine a few years ago when a German Police dog attacked a flock of sheep in the Santa Fe pens north of town and killed or injured a hundred or more.

Winkler County Judge J. B. Salmon and other members of the Winkler County Commissioners Court Wednesday returned from Austin where they went to confer with State Health Department officials regarding a possible federal grant of approximately \$165,000 to apply on construction costs of Winkler County's hospital project.

The trip was absolutely fruitless. The Winkler men were advised by Dr. Cox, head of the State Health Department, that, although the last Congress passed a bill providing for financial assistance in construction of hospitals, no appropriation of any kind had been made and hence there were no funds available for use in the program. He said it would be at least July of next year before any funds would be available.

The Winkler men returned, however, with a determination to see that Winkler hospitals are constructed in the near future. They have ordered the architect, Wyatt C. Hedrick, to draw up revised plans, scaling down the size of both Kermit and Wink units and omitting certain facilities so that construction prices may come within the limits of county funds available.

Winkler County voted \$375,000 in bonds early this year to build the hospital units, and only about \$325,000 is left after purchase of sites and other preparatory work expense. The lowest bid last week when bids were opened

was \$491,000, being \$166,000 more than the amount of county funds available. Hopes that this amount could be had from the federal grant were dashed when the state officials made their explanation that NO federal funds were available.

The architect is expected to have the revised construction plans by next Wednesday to present to the Commissioners Court and other interested citizens. The plans will call for smaller buildings, perhaps in both Kermit and Wink. Also the nurses home to have been built in Kermit will be eliminated entirely.

Original plans called for a 41-bed room hospital in Kermit and a 6 room set up in Wink. This is aside from all other rooms such as operating, maternity, X-ray rooms, kitchen, waiting rooms, etc.

Just what the revised plans will call for has not been worked out, but they will be sealed down

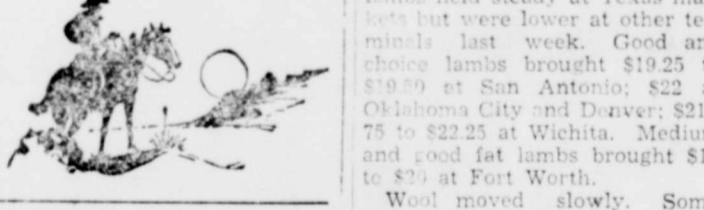
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Every year—at Christmas time—extra thousands of long distance calls crowd the wires. It's much like the deluge of Christmas cards and gifts that flood the mails. Some calls, caught in this jam, are certain to be delayed—perhaps for hours.
In spite of 50,000 miles of new long distance circuits and well over a hundred new sections of long distance switchboard added in the Southwest this year, we know that operators will not be able to put every call through on schedule. We'll have every switchboard position filled... we'll be doing our best... but there'll just be too many calls.
SO HERE'S A TIP... If you can call a few days before or after the holidays, your call will have a better chance of getting through promptly.
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Friday Round-Up



Turkeys weakened after the shippers stopped buying. Best prices stood around 28c per lb. for lightweight toms and 38c for hens. Fryers and chicken hens were steady to strong. Good demand absorbed light egg supplies at firm prices ranging from 45 to 50c per dozen for current receipts, depending on market location.

Cattle advanced 25c to a dollar a hundred at most southwest markets last week. Houston sold common and medium steers and yearlings at \$12.50 to \$16 and canner and cutter cows at \$8 to \$10.

San Antonio moved medium grass steers at \$16 to \$18.75 and common and medium calves at \$10 to \$15. Fort Worth quoted medium and good slaughter steers and heifers at \$16 to \$22 and common and medium calves at \$10.50 to \$15. Most medium and good short fed steers averaged \$17 to \$23 at Oklahoma City where cows were down at \$12 to \$14. Medium and good light steers and yearlings realized mostly \$18 to \$23 at Wichita. Good steers sold at \$20 to \$25.25 at Denver.

Hogs closed at 25c to 75c lower with top butchers quoted at \$22.50 per hundred at San Antonio;

Joyous New Year Season 1947

Letters From Readers

Better friends we could not want... better friends we could not possibly have. Sincere good wishes for a happy and prosperous 1947.

Elizabeth L. Rains and family

Frankfurt, Germany, 23 November, 1946
Editor McCamey News McCamey, Texas
Dear Sir: Enclosed is a poem. Will you kindly put it in the News. It is to my friends in McCamey: It is friends we think about, Altho we are far apart; For those we love are always Very close in thought and heart. And when I wish you Christmas joy That will last the whole year through. You may be sure my special love is there at home with you. Enclosed is my address. I would like to hear from all my friends. I will answer all letters. T-5 Althe A. Hogue, 607890 Co. B 7704 WAC Det. HQS COMD. USFET. APO 757 New York, N. Y.

Hello Everybody
HAPPY NEW YEAR



As 1947 moves in we want to say "hello" to everybody in this section and to wish them a very Happy New Year. At the same time we want to express our deep appreciation of your friendship.

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- Start your holiday trip as soon as possible to avoid the rush during Christmas week.
- Make reservations as soon as possible.
- Be sure to tag your luggage with proper identification.
- Check all surplus luggage for handling via baggage service.

By following these friendly suggestions you will help us accommodate as many travelers as possible this holiday season, and enable us to do our best to serve you with the equipment that is available. Thanks for your cooperation.



SQUIBS

BY JAY

CHRISTMAS SHORTS . . . A local gal told old Jay this morning that she wasn't eating until Christmas so that she could get into a dress she's been wanting to wear for the past year.

"It'd be my luck," she moaned. "For a passel of dress thieves to swipe it before Christmas."

Since our brilliant expose of the hunting trip to Soda Lake, carried in last week's issue of the News and naming such worthies as "Cow for Sale" Jacobsen and J. Cannon Lyles, old Jay is afeared to visit the C & R Confectionery. The grapevine tells him that the above two bipeds are drinking gallons of coffee daily and charging it . . . to old Jay.

Speaking of "Cow for Sale" Jacobsen, you readers will recall that "Cow for Sale" ran a two-bit classified in the News for many, many moons. The classified advertised "a" milch cow for sale. Knowing full well that constant repetition of this advertisement in the classified columns of the News would cause hoary and otherwise brows to raise and encourage little voices to whisper, "Perhaps people don't read classified ads in the News," old Jay repeatedly suggested to "Cow for Sale" that he discontinue running the ad.

"No!" objected Cow for Sale magnificently. "It only costs two-bits a week. Let'er run!"

Then, after months of agony, old Jay received a telephone call. It was Cow for Sale.

"Jay," honeyed Cow for Sale, "I'm going to do you a great big favor. I'm going to let you discontinue running that classified ad."

(Note to Mrs. John Cole: knowing that John can't read . . . and that the only way he can learn about the following sentence will be for you to read it to him, old Jay beseeches you, "Do not read it to him.")

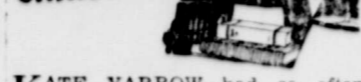
When the full import of Cow for Sale's words penetrated old Jay's skull, he just plain fainted . . . like a woman! Certain witnesses, whose integrity might be questioned at times, claim that he was revived with a glass of . . . cow's milk!

Now comes the reason behind the reason for this story: other witnesses, whose integrity may not be questioned, have sworn that Cow for Sale actually sold eighteen cows on the strength of that little two-bit classified ad!

What price cows!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelms at Station 4 Ozona. Jack bagged a deer while there.

HER Quiet CHRISTMAS



KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrow household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.



Bill did not neglect his privilege.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation — and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

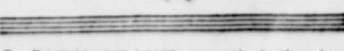
It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. Above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"I sn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been out of my mind for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"

Day Days of



MARY CRANE emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done.

"I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spending it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way."

After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep.

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time."



"All tall and bright and—beautiful."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled her head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cherry tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—beautiful!"

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

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Weekly SURPLUS NEWS WAA

Satisfying more and more merchants, veterans, small town and county governments in their purchases of surplus government property is the prime aim of Karl E. Wallace, Fort Worth regional director of the War Assets Administration. This week he established a new Customer Service Division on the sixth floor in the regional offices in the T. & P. Building, Fort Worth.

Headed by Bill Bishop, the Customer Service Division will aid buyers in filling out orders for all goods now in inventory, as an added service, if the desired goods are not in the 105 counties comprising the Fort Worth region, Bishop will channel orders to the other 32 WAA regions where desired property may be on sale. It will make buying from WAA simpler, faster and more satisfactory in every respect.

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CRANE, TEXAS

Tipton Orphans Home at Tipton, Okla., enabled the Fort Worth WAA office to show how quickly it can act. To alleviate the suffering of 500 children, who were left without housing or schooling facilities, D. D. Myers, chief of the Public Interest Division, slashed red tape and started making deliveries of badly needed surplus property within 72 hours from the first request made by W. I. Yoakum, dean of boys at the home. Kitchen equipment, bedding, furniture and other dormitory needs, school supplies, wood working shop equipment and sewing room equipment were speedily located and shipped to enable the school to resume operations.

If you have the coal—WAA has the stoves. WAA is offering 2800 surplus army barracks stoves at \$5.78 each—in minimum lots of five—to veterans in business and others Dec. 20. Orders from the priority groups and commercial dealers will be filled after Jan. 3 in priority sequence. The sale is being conducted by the Kansas City WAA office.

The VA has received about one and a half million dollars worth of surplus hand tools from WAA for use in its apprentice training and rehabilitation programs.

The tools will be distributed free to GI's in hospitals with pre-vocational training programs requiring tools for skills such as watchmaking or leathercraft, the WAA officials said. They will also be given to veteran apprentices to be machinists, painters, carpenters, metal workers and skilled workers in similar trades.

Sale of \$240,000 worth of Bailey Bridges to the Texas State Highway Department was announced this week by the Fort Worth WAA office. The bridges are to be used in emergencies to keep highways open where temporary crossings over streams where new construction of bridges is under way or in cases where "flash floods" might wash out existing bridges. They are of the portable type and can span as wide as 600 feet.

Fire extinguishers, tool boxes, navigation watches, telescopes and a 35 mm film developing machine are among the items being offered by the Fort Worth WAA office in a sale which closes Dec. 23.

Ethylene and propylene gases, derived from petroleum, shorten the growing season for potatoes, tomatoes, grapefruit and oranges, speed natural coloring, and increase palatability.

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Win Texas 4-H State Honors



Dick Davis Joyce Chambers Harris Hill

TEXAS' 4-H state winners in the 1946 Field Crops, Poultry and Dress Revue award programs who will each receive a trip to the 25th Anniversary National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and brief outlines of their records follow:

Joyce Chambers, 17, of Everman, receives the Chicago trip award provided by the American Viscose Corp. for making and modeling the top rating outfit in the State 1946 4-H Dress Revue. Her winning outfit is a complete costume consisting of a navy blue wool crepe bolero suit with white pure silk blouse, red shoes, red shoulder strap bag, white hat and white gloves. The bolero coat lining was made from an old coat lining after much ripping and salvaging. The white blouse was made from a Japanese parachute. She stencilled a red rose on the left shoulder to live it out. Total cost of her outfit was \$15.97. Some accessories were gifts. Joyce has been a 4-H'er for eight years, during which time she served her club as leader. She made four exhibits and gave nine demonstrations, and received many awards.

Dick V. Davis, 15, of Lubbock, wins the Chicago trip award provided by Swift & Co. for his record in the National 4-H Poultry Achievement Activity. He has been

in club work five years. Dick has carried the 4-H poultry project for three years and raised 800 fowl. His estimated income from all 4-H projects is \$1,709.64. Four state co-winners who received \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bonds are: D. B. Camp, Houston; Thomas Morgan, Eastland; Thurman Farris, Olton, and Arthur Duncan, Moore.

Harris Hill, 17, of Garland, won highest rating in the state 4-H Field Crops Activity, in which International Harvester provides the awards. During seven years of club work, Harris produced 41 acres of cotton, 20 of corn, 46 of wheat, 17 of barley, and 101 of clover for seed. He harvested 14 tons of cane from four acres of cane. Fifty bushels of his Red May wheat will be certified and sold as planting seed. His total income from his field crop projects in the last three years was \$9,961.03, including almost all his 1946 crops, which have a value of \$5,815.84. He won many placings on exhibits, including \$414.75 in cash prizes.

All of these activities were conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

OIL NEWS

UPTON COUNTY

Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co. No. 4 Cody Bell, 440 from the north, 2,200 feet from the west line of section 4, John H. Gibson survey; 3,200 feet, McElroy field.

PECOS COUNTY

Gibson & Barrett and Schneider Bros. No. 2 Ira G. Yates estate, 330 feet from the north and west lines of the east half of section 59-1-I&GN; 1,500 feet, Yates field.

CRANE COUNTY

Gulf No. 119-T W. N. Waddell and others, 555 from the south,

2,083 feet from the east line of section 17-B26-psl; 4,825 feet, Sand Hills Tubbs field.

Kewanee Oil Co. No. 3 Russell-University, 990 from the north, 1,650 feet from the west line of section 40-30-U; 3,150 feet, McElroy field (formerly Russell and Beckham lease).

The San Angelo Standard Times said Monday that on the basis of Saturday returns Judge H. H. Butz of Pecos County predicted that a complete tabulation would show approval for a bond issue to finance road construction.

The bond issue will finance road building in Precincts 1, 3 and 4.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How many offices does the Veterans Administration have and where are they located?

A. The Veterans Administration has a central office in Washington, D. C., and 13 branch offices located in strategic centers of population. In addition, it has one or more regional office field stations and sub-regional offices in each state. Some of these are larger and have wider activities than others but all are charged with the duty of assisting veterans and their dependents.

Q. Are persons who assist in the presentation of pension or compensation claims to Veterans Administration permitted to charge for their services?

A. It is unlawful for any person, whether he is an attorney or agent admitted to practice before the Veterans Administration or not to charge or collect any fee for services in respect to a claim. However, the law provides that the Administration of Veterans Affairs may by regulation authorize payment of fees in an allowed case to an admitted attorney or agent who has filed a valid power of attorney in that case. Such fees are deducted from the monetary benefits allowed.

Q. What identification data should I give in writing about my claim or benefits administered by the Veterans Administration?

A. If you are making application, you should give your full name, grade, organization, serial number, date of entrance into the service, date of discharge, and date and place of birth. After the claim is filed, it will be assigned a claim number which should be mentioned in all subsequent communications.

Q. Does the name "United States Government Life (converted) Insurance" include "National Service Life Insurance?"

A. No. "United States Government Life Insurance" is insurance issued to World War I veterans or to persons who applied for same while in active service before Oct. 8, 1946. "National Service Life Insurance" is insurance provided for World War II veterans. Each is sometimes referred to as "Government Insurance" and each is administered by Veterans Administration under authority granted by Congress.

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and small—
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Merry Christmas, all!

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