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COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of Jodok

I have frequently heard people say they would like to have the chance to live their lives over again; or, if they could live their lives over again, they would make it a far better life than it had been.

I remember hearing older people make such expressions, even when I was quite young, and such remarks always had an unsavory effect upon my sensibilities. I would find myself wondering just why they wanted to live their lives over. Had they not had enough worry and trouble and pain and poverty already, without going through all of it again?

Fortunately, I suppose, for me, I was never worried by such thoughts as I advanced from childhood to old age, and as I step further into the season of old age, I not only have no desire to live my life over; but the thought of such an opportunity becomes not only undesirable but gradually becomes repulsive to me. I can not see anything in my life as I have lived it to cause me to think it would in any way be worth living over again, either to myself or to the world as a whole. It would thus be that much time thrown away.

I am free to admit my life as a whole has been just one continual succession of errors, with practically no correct acts interspersed among them. Yet as I go over it in retrospect, only a comparative few of these errors have been grave enough to make me blush with shame—probably because, in most of these errors, I have shared only a common lot of my fellow men in their commission. Those that do now cause me to blush, I can see now, were committed under the effect of some sudden impulse or were prompted by a misunderstanding of conditions or positive ignorance, neither of which should excuse me or free me of blame for the results.

Anyway, it occurs to me that living my life over could not have changed conditions any, for should it do so, I would not be living my life over but living another instead and there can be no assurance that it would be any better, and it could be much worse. Again, anything that is made over is really only a shoddy sort of affair or a miserable makeshift for the real article. Made over house is filled with creaks and misfitting joints and corners. A "made-over" garment is usually not what the wearer would like for it to be; it serves a purpose for an unsatisfactory period, and is discarded as useless. A rebuilt or made-over machine, is never as reliable as the new one, and gives less satisfaction and shorter service. Thus I cannot comprehend a made-over or lived-over life could result in peace and satisfaction to the one living it or of any great benefit to the world.

Comparatively speaking, my lot has been cast in pleasant (Continued on Page 8)

Friona Goes Over The Top In Roll Call

Entirely satisfactory was Friona's response to the Red Cross roll call, according to a report made this week by J. R. Roden, roll call chairman in this city.

Roden reports that Friona raised \$11.72 more than its \$300 quota, and points out that the showing here was much better than that made in many larger cities throughout the state.

Mr. Roden expresses his appreciation for the help of the volunteer workers who helped in the roll call canvass and also for the fine co-operation given him by all citizens of Friona.

A complete list of Red Cross donors will be published in the Star next week.

Farmer John Too Busy To Write This Week

Farmer John asks the Star to express his regrets to the readers of the Star for the omission of his column this week. The omission was caused by a rush of business matters and the fact that the children are all home for the holidays. He hopes to be with us again next week.

Mild Weather Stopped By Norther Monday

Mild balmy weather of the past few weeks came to a sudden stop Monday when high winds from the Northwest brought much lower temperatures to the Friona territory.

No moisture fell, and the wind Tuesday was not blowing so hard. Gradually rising temperature was reported throughout the day.

The good weather has been a boon to farmers, who report most row crop work as completed.

Mail Service Slow For Several Weeks

Mail service has been slow within the past few weeks and all train schedules have been very irregular.

Two causes account for the slow service, according to railroad officials; the rush of Christmas mail and the right-of-way given the many troop trains which are heading west.

Garage At Foote Farm Destroyed By Fire

The garage building at the C. R. Foote farm, southeast of Friona, was destroyed by fire Friday morning it was learned this week.

The destructive blaze not only caused the loss of the garage building, but a car, washing machine and several other articles of value were destroyed.

Mayor F. W. Reeve was a business visitor in Farwell Monday.

A Merry, Merry Christmas to You All



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

—Clement C. Moore.

Home Demonstration Clubs Ready To Take War Duties

Why Are Christmas Trees? No Answer To Question From Tree Putter-Upper

Practically everybody in authority, from President Roosevelt on down, is telling us that the soft and easy life is something we've got to forget. O. K., I've already started. Last night I put up my Christmas tree and now I'm ready to get into a nice quiet suicide squad and have it out with those gentle people, the Japanese.

After all, Christmas tree putters are hard to find. The fact that my tree leans like the Tower of Pisa has nothing to do with it; after all I did get it up and I can now go forth with a superior smile for the poor dopes who quit the first time the tree poked into their right eye and a well aimed hammer blow landed on one of their better fingers. Such persons are sissies, the sort of weak characters who decided it was time to quit when one foot froze off at Valley Forge.

Of course, I still can't find my Christmas tree lights, and when I find them I can spend a whole happy day fiddling with the cute little bulbs to see which one of the darned things went bad. But my Christmas tree technique is improving. This year I got a nice, moderate sized tree which didn't have to be cut off to come through the front door. And I only bruised and bent a few of the limbs in getting the tree in-

to its present semi-erect position.

After getting the tree up and the lights connected, it's really a snap to get the Christmas tree ornaments fixed into what the society write-ups laughingly call a tasteful arrangement. That is, it ought to be easy. My Christmas tree ornaments must have come from Japan. They have all the treachery of Hirohito's pals. The little fasteners don't work and I usually have to resort to strings—of various clashing colors—to get the little fellows safely anchored.

Icicles are my favorite tree decorations. I can stand in the middle of the room, give the tree a dirty look and let fly with a handful of icicles—while I make believe they are something more deadly.

Final step in decorating the Christmas tree is to cover up that stand that it took a couple of hours to build. Though I personally contend that it ought to stand out in all its splintery, nail-bedecked glory—a sort of honorary badge of the ancient and unhonored order of Christmas tree decorators. But bowing to convention I always cover the stand with cotton—very unsnowy looking cotton and it doesn't drape for me. Also there's always (Continued on Page 8)

By Mrs. Russell O'Brian Lakeview Home Demonstration Club

Parmer County Home Demonstration Clubs have taken their share of the responsibility of protecting this land of ours in this great emergency.

During the past year their number one goal has been well-planned diets to keep their families in the best of health. Their guide has been the Texas Food Standard.

The idea of using whole wheat flour and eating whole grain cereals has been studied and demonstrated until many women are realizing more and more how essential it is in the every day diet and are making it a "must item" for their family's benefit.

Those who measure results only in dollars and cents will be interested to know that the home work in production and preservation of food by the average home demonstration club woman was valued at \$1035.35 during 1941 and that the average home demonstration club woman canned 403 quarts of food in 1941 according to reports made to the Home Demonstration Agent. Some club women have done much better than average or good.

The following club members have each canned more than 600 quarts: Mrs. B. N. Koelber, Mrs. Giles Cobb, Mrs. E. A. Hromas, Mrs. C. E. Foster, Mrs. C. L. Calaway, Mrs. D. O. Roberson, Mrs. N. E. Bonds, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Joe Jesko, Mrs. Tom Foster and Mrs. Travis Brown. (Continued on Page 8)

Week's War News Highlighted By The Meeting of Churchill And Roosevelt

New Committee Chosen At AAA Election Friday

According to incomplete returns, members elected to the county AAA committee in the election Friday were Olin Schuler, Farwell, chairman; Glen Dunn, Lazbuddy, and Granville McFarland, Friona, members.

The community committeemen K. are Lonnie Baxter, Friona; B. K. Greeson, Black; Pete Hoffman, Rhea and "Hap" Fairchild, Lakeview. Names of other community committeemen were not known here this week.

F. W. Reeve of Friona, member of the county committee for the past two years, was released at his own request.

Soldier Sons Visit In Geo. Baker Home

Sergeant and Mrs. Elmer Baker, who are stationed at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, arrived here Saturday to spend the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Baker.

They left Monday for Colorado, where they are visiting relatives of Mrs. Baker and they plan to spend Sunday in Friona.

Corporal Arthur Baker and family will also visit his parents here on Sunday and a real family reunion is planned.

Auto Owners Are Told Devices To Save Tire Wear

The OPM's rationing order slowed Friona motorists down on curves Thursday and slowed starts and stops as it became apparent that war might make passenger vehicle tires virtually impossible to get.

Hard on the heels of the drastic announcement came a set of rules from OPM dealing with the conserving of tires now in use. It suggested:

Cut out high speeds. Inflate tires often to proper pressure. Don't stop short or make jacking-rabbit starts. Avoid striking curbs, road holes and rocks. Check wheel alignment once a year. Change wheel positions every 5,000 miles. Repair all cuts, leaks and breaks promptly. Don't spend around curves.

In addition government experts asked owners not to use their cars unless necessary. Cut out pleasure trips by auto, they advised, and utilize the public transportation systems wherever possible. In fact, the whole thing boiled down to the terse advice, "don't ride, walk," at least as far as trips to the office, school or store or Sunday driving are concerned.

After Jan. 4, tire sales throughout the country will be limited to individuals and agencies requiring them for the maintenance of industrial efficiency and civilian health, the OPM has announced, and local boards set up by the Civilian Defense Council will determine who falls into this class.

The Whitehouse conferences between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill highlighted a week of war which had seen the recognition of submarine menace almost within sight of U. S. coasts, the continued dogged defense of Hongkong by her British and native defenders, the progress of a Japanese pincers attack on Manila, and the announcement by Adolf Hitler that he is taking over personal command of the Nazi armies.

The Churchill-Roosevelt conferences are expected to develop a grand war strategy for the allies as well as to carry forward ideas for peace. Foremost importance of the conference, according to most commentators, is its recognition of Washington as the allied capital.

Submarine attacks on at least seven vessels plowing the Pacific along the California coast this week, brought the announcement by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that 14 enemy submarines had been sunk by American ships since the war started.

Hongkong still stood and British defense of Singapore was said to be proceeding according to plan, with defense of the fortress itself still intact. Repeated Japanese attempts to get a foothold in the Dutch East Indies had so far been beaten off by the Dutch Air Force.

Some military observers see a slackening of Jap attacks on other far eastern points to make way for an all-out attack on the Philippines, with the capture of Manila as an ultimate goal.

General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the American and Filipino forces reported that a three pronged attack was bearing down on the capitol and fighting continued heavy on all fronts.

In the meantime, Adolf Hitler took over command of the German armies after a wholesale dismissal or resignation of regular army chiefs, and most military experts looked for the Nazi machine to strike suddenly elsewhere in Europe or Africa to make up for what still appears to be a disastrous defeat in Russia.

Soldiers Spend Furloughs With Relatives Here

Dr. Wilbur Meade, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Meade, arrived Friday for a ten day visit with relatives and friends in Friona. Dr. Meade is in the medical corps at Fort Bliss and states that he is enjoying his army life.

Orville Whitefield, who is stationed in Kentucky, will leave Dec. 26 to return to his army duties. He has been visiting his father, E. B. Whitefield for the past ten days.

Ed White Recovering From Rib Injury

Ed White, chief clerk at the T. J. Crawford store, is gradually improving from a fractured rib which he received a few weeks ago.

White was making a delivery for the store and fell, striking his side against the side of a pickup. His injury, though painful, has not caused him to have to miss work.

No News Needed To Tell Us We're At War

The initial surprise and scare of the war settled, Friona people are settling down to a war routine which may call for a good deal of belt tightening before the peace is signed. Even if there were no newspapers and no radio news bulletins, chances are that people in a section even so far removed from the war theatre as Friona, Parmer County, Texas, would know there's a fight in progress because of the changes it has already made in our daily lives.

Shortages In Many Lines
For instance—you can't buy new tires. At present a wholesale prohibition has been clamped on all tire sales to private owners. Later, probably a rationing system will be put in. The reason: raw rubber comes mostly from the Dutch Indies, other Pacific Islands, and Japan. Boxes—those marvels of chromium and rainbow colors—will be practically out of production by January, 1942, which does not mean that you won't be able

to put in a nickel and hear Bing Crosby or the Andrews sisters, but vendors will not be getting any new machines to plug.

Other coin operated machines—one-armed bandits (slot machines) cigaret, food and soft drink dispensing devices will no longer be manufactured.

The octane rating of regular gasoline will be cut from 75 to 70, but the office of price administration states that this will not result in lower gasoline mileage. The idea is to save higher octane gas for aviation fuel.

Office furniture is earmarked for the rapidly expanding government agencies and ordinary office furniture—in addition to steel files, desks, etc., which have been hard to procure for some time—will be almost impossible to get in the next few months.

In the cities, war worried citizens in the first few days of the war, remembered shortages of the first world war and tried to stock up on flour and sugar—only to feel pretty silly when they re-

membered that the United States has on hand nearly a two year supply of flour and that sugar will not be scarce for at least a year.

Blackout Supplies In Demand
A legitimate run on supplies was that on flashlights and candles on the west coast where blackouts create a real demand for such lighting facilities. Friona people, remembering the ice storm of 1940, can understand the consumer demands which come with a blackout.

Car production, already drastically reduced, is due to be cut even further and the manufacture of machine parts will also take a tumble—with higher prices in this as well as most other lines.

No clothing rationing, such as that of Great Britain, is foreseen for the United States. Silk stockings are "out" but the cotton supply is adequate for hosiery needs, and American women won't object to cotton stockings as long as everybody's wearing

them.

Sheep Skin Shortage
An unusual war shortage is that of sheepskin coats. By next winter hunters will have to find something else for accepted duck blind wear, because it seems that the OPM has a corner on the nation's entire supply of shearlings (the skin of the sheep that has been sheared). The material is used for flying suits, jackets and coats needed by the air service.

Four imported food commodities—cocoa, coffee, raw pepper and cocoa butter—have seen a sharp price rise; but emergency action was taken by the office of price administration to stabilize the prices.

Altogether, the old argument about guns versus butter has been settled—and decidedly—for the duration of the war in favor of guns. But for the present, though there may be real shortages in some lines, it looks as though the American people will still be the best clothed and best fed in the world.

Wilson's Visit Son In California

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Wilson and daughter, Billie Jean, left Thursday for San Diego, Calif., where they will spend Christmas with their son and brother, Pvt. Joe Earl Wilson of the U. S. Marines.

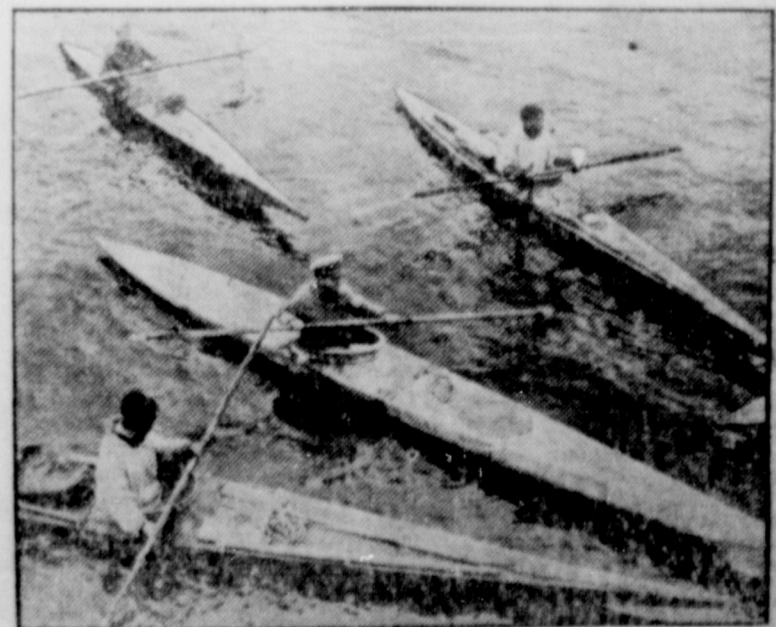
Joe Earl expects to be moved soon from the San Diego marine base and will probably be in active service within the next few months.

Friona Has Visitors For Christmas Vacation

Visiting relatives here during the Christmas holidays are Miss Floyd Goodwine, who arrived Saturday night from Deer Park, near Houston, Miss Mary Reeve of Pampa, Miss Ruth Reeve of Darrouzet and Hadley Reeve of Perryton.

Miss Jacquelyn Wilkinson and Lee Spring, who attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, arrived Saturday to spend their holiday vacation.

Eskimo Navy Races Patrol



During a visit of a U. S. Navy Patrol vessel to Lake Harbor, Badin Land, an Army lieutenant, upper left, and a Navy lieutenant, center, joined in an Eskimo kayak race.

Boy Scouts Out To Equal Mark For Services Set Up In First World War

Boy Scouts of today are just as eager and efficient in serving the nation as the Scouts of 1917-1918. During the World War there were 420,000 Scouts and leaders. Today there are almost 1,500,000 Scouts, Cubs and leaders.

Boys and young men, as members of Boy Scout Troops, Senior Scout groups and Cub Packs are having an important part in present-day national defense activities. Already they have displayed their ability to carry out projects.

The latest is one which Scouts, by many years of experience, are well equipped to tackle. At the request of Leon Henderson, administrator of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, the entire membership has been enlisted in the national defense waste paper campaign.

Waste paper is the principal raw material used in the manufacture of paper board boxes sorely needed in increasing quantities for packing many defense materials. The Scouts are extending the drive beyond the limits of the paper board industry's drive.

For years Scouts have collected and sold waste paper as a means of earning money for camp, Scout uniforms and equipment. One Troop at Flushing, N. Y., has been earning twenty dollars each month to enable its Scouts to go camping.

The Scouts are "knee deep" in waste paper collections now and they will continue their efforts for some time. One Troop alone has collected four and a half tons.

President Invites Help
Last April President Roosevelt asked the Scouts to distribute and place posters announcing the Savings Bonds and Stamps for Defense, saying, "it is most important that these posters be distributed promptly throughout the country."

Here is what actually happened. Within a few weeks the Scouts placed 845,826 small posters in 11,550 communities. Then Secretary Morgenthau had them place 400,000 large easel posters on display and finally the Scouts placed 7,500 posters of the small billboard type at theatres and railroad stations.

During the 140 baseball games of the major and minor leagues on August 28 more than 4,000

Scouts distributed 263,939 pieces of defense bond material to those at the games.

Shortly afterward the Office of Production Management and the Office of Civilian Defense invited the Boy Scouts of America to join in the national aluminum collection campaign. Officials of the OPM and the OCD as well as governors and mayors have indicated that in literally hundreds of cases Boy Scout Local Councils were responsible for the organization of community drives. In many instances the Scouts furnished the only available literature used in the drive. Incomplete reports show that nine million pounds of aluminum were collected by Boy Scouts in 9,491 communities.

Canvassed 400,000 Homes
A serious housing shortage in connection with defense projects in fourteen New England communities brought a project to the Scouts from the Office of Emergency Management. With customary thoroughness Boy Scouts called at 400,000 homes, listing them as to availability in solving the defense housing problems.

Scouts also helped the United Service Organization campaign by delivering posters and other promotional material. They also participate creditably in the test blackout demonstrations being held in some cities and towns.

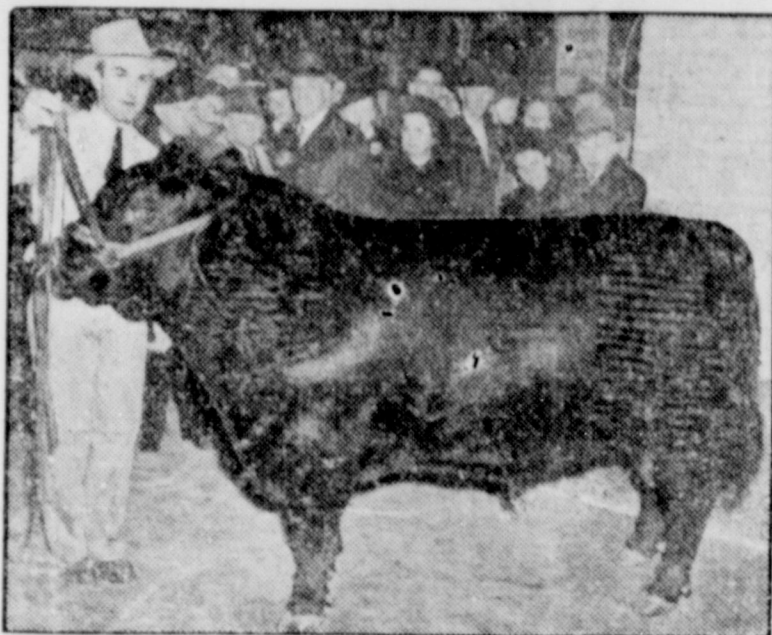
During the World War Scouts demonstrated boy power trained and organized for service. Their effectiveness was immediately recognized by national, state and local public officials. They were given responsible assignments.

Scouts sold 2,350,977 Liberty Loan Bond subscriptions totaling \$354,859,262 and War Savings Stamps at over \$52,000,000. They located over 20,000,000 board feet of sorely-needed walnut, collected a hundred carloads of fruit pits and distributed over 30,000,000 pieces of government literature.

LOST HIS LOAD
A Santa Fe passenger engineer, near Silsbee, thought he was making good time for some reason or another. Then he looked back to discover that he had lost his load. A cow, tumbled under the train, had uncoupled the coaches.

Read The Ads In The Star

Wins Prize at Livestock Show



Tim Pierce proudly displays Biendmere Woodlawn, of Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill., winner of the aged Aberdeen Angus bulls price in the sale division at the International Livestock Show at Chicago.

Sunday Truck Law Will Be Enforced

Austin—The Texas Railroad Commission clamped down this week on licensed motor truck operators alleged to be ignoring the commission order against unnecessary operation of trucks on Sundays and holidays.

The order, first issued in 1939, but amended to permit numerous exceptions, was violated extensively on Thanksgiving Day, officials reported.

One hearing has been held, 17 are set for Wednesday and seven for Dec. 20-21, when operators will be called upon to show why permits should not be cancelled for persistent violations of regulations. It was estimated that between 40 and 50 complaints are to be disposed of in the drive to enforce the order.

The order was issued as a step to reduce traffic hazards on Sundays and holidays, when there is extremely heavy passenger traffic.

Strict enforcement of the truck ban for Christmas is planned.

20,000 CATTLE BRANDS
J. Frank Dobie, who wrote the book, "The Longhorns," is authority for the statement that there are 20,000 cattle brands registered in Texas. These include longhorn and white face cattle.

MINUTE CROSSWORDS

FILL in horizontal blanks with words suggested by the key word AGGRESSORS. Each letter given must appear in its proper place.



SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTE CROSSWORD

- 1 Torpedo.
- 2 Marines.
- 3 Sailors.
- 4 Depth.
- 5 Patrol.
- 6 Convoy.
- 7 Navy.
- 8 Fighter.
- 9 Guard.
- 10 Asca.

About nine months is required for wood to season properly for burning.

CHRISTMAS

THE PLEASURE IS OURS

As another Yuletide Season is ushered in, we enjoy looking backward over our experiences of the past year. We recall many, many instances of your confidence and good will, and we find these thoughts make us extremely proud and happy.

It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the Christmas Season, to tell you we have not forgotten. Your confidence in us will be our incentive to greater efforts, that we may continue to come up to your expectations.

Best wishes to you, your family, your friends—our friends.

GREETINGS

Santa Fe Grain Company

Joys of the Season

You have many friends, we are sure, and we are glad. All of these fine acquaintances no doubt, are extending their good wishes to you at this glad season of the year and we want to include ours. We count ourselves your friends and are grateful for the many associations made possible by these friendships.

Success is measured not entirely in a material sort of way, but rather by friendships maintained, new acquaintances made, and service rendered. We like to feel that we have contributed our share, and that our success, whatever it may be, and however it may be measured, is but a reflection of the success of our friends.

May the coming months bring you Prosperity and Happiness.

Reeve Chevrolet Company

The Friona State Bank
OF FRIONA

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Our Friends and Customers* \$ *365 Days*

Three Hundred Sixty-five DAYS OF HAPPINESS

THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR AND OTHERS TO COME

By *The Entire Organization*

CHRISTMAS VOUCHER

This check is part payment of our appreciation for your goodwill which has contributed so materially to our progress during the past year.

THE FRIONA STATE BANK

"A Home - Owned Institution"
Member F. D. I. C.

Poinsettia Popular Xmas Flower Grown In Texas

In the last 10 or 15 years we have begun to see the crimson poinsettias grown more and more in parts of Texas, and to watch their blooms until the first killing frost. Some of these plants grown in sheltered places, keep their flowers until after the Christmas season, and others in greenhouses bloom until late winter or early spring.

Great bracts of these double varieties often measure as much as ten or twelve inches across and have from 50 to 75 leaves, making a rare and exotic decoration. The plants, we are told, are easily grown from slips, and with a little expense to begin with, and additional care, these

flowers might be grown on a larger scale. A brief history of this flaming and brilliant member of the flower family might be interesting.

The "Poinsettia purcherrins," to give the gorgeous plant or flower its botanical name, has a romantic history. Originally a native of Central America and the West Indies, this tropical foliage in its vividness blooms most lavishly here during late November and December. Because its red and green are the season's colors, and the fact it generally blossoms around Christmastide, makes it intimately associated with the nativity

festival. Perhaps its bid for even greater popularity is the fact that this is America's own floral contribution to the Christmas spirit. Americans borrowed significance of most of their traditional greens from across the Atlantic—gaily bedecked trees from the Teutons, mistletoe from the Norwegians, and holly from England. But the radiant poinsettias are completely an American innovation.

Probably an even greater distinction is the fact that the Valley now boasts of a double poinsettia—a towering cluster of crimson formed bracts, which dot

Heads Fleet



Assigned to duty as commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, Rear Admiral Chester V. Nimitz relieves Admiral Husband E. Kimmel. He had been serving as chief of the U. S. Navy Bureau of Navigation.

the boulevards and bi-ways. The old Druid custom of decorating the interior of dwellings with evergreens and kindred plants, "as a refuge for sylvan spirits from inclement weather" makes the poinsettia a welcome adornment in the homes of the section.

Named poinsettia in honor of Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the plant was first introduced by him to this country when he served as the first American minister to the Republic of Mexico in 1828. Dr. Poinsett brought a cutting from this plant as a gift to his friend Robert Buist, a prominent Philadelphia nurseryman. From this humble beginning shoots have been shipped to all parts of this country, as well as to Europe.

The Mexican people with their gift for grandiloquent nomenclature have likewise honored this plant. The following legend is probably the most popular:

A little girl in tatters stood wistfully in the shadows outside the great softly-lighted cathedral, sorrowfully watching the happy throng as they entered bearing lovely gifts to be laid on the altar of the Virgin Mother and the Child.

Sobbing, she knelt and prayed that she too might find some way to offer a gift for the Blessed Maria and the Child. Then a sweet voice whispered:

"Give what thou hast, for in the giving it becomes beautiful."

The child dried her tears and looked about for that which in the giving might become beautiful. There was nothing that she could see but the coarse weeds that rubbed her bare little brown legs. Gathering an armful of these, she entered the vaulted nave.

coast. But by then I will be in France—if only I can learn when the attack upon my own country is to launch itself. In a few days I am to meet Van Hassek at San Antonio—in the meantime, I gather what straws I can from his man Boggio."

"Boggio, you say?" The words drove fiercely from Benning's throat. He felt the bristling of his hair under the surge of feeling aroused by that name, for the instant lost the thread of portentous disclosure that Mlle. Ducos made. Promptly he recovered his composure and attempted to cover his show with a smile.

He said, in an easier voice, "So Boggio is here in Mexico City?" "You should learn, in this business, to conceal your feelings," Mlle. Ducos said with a thin smile, and added: "But I can very well understand just how you feel on the subject of Boggio. Boggio has done nothing but boast of the bombing of the White House, ever since—"

"Mademoiselle, I can't leave Mexico until I've seen Boggio. A minute alone with him will be enough—and I'll promise to be very discreet as far as your interests are concerned."

"If your Government doesn't know already what I've just told you," she countered, "you should waste no time on Boggio now."

"I have no possible means of leaving Mexico until tomorrow night," Benning confessed. "My Government and I will be eternally grateful to you if you will add this last little service. I promise the greatest discretion in handling Boggio."

The French girl pondered his proposal, testing its play against the risks to her own obligations. Presently a smile played at the corners of her mouth and a cold glitter shone in her eyes.

"At four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, monsieur," she decided, "Boggio and I will drive together south from Chapultepec on the highway to Tacubaya. Boggio will be at the wheel and we will be alone." She extended her hand and added, "I will say good-bye to you now, monsieur, and bon voyage."

Some of the throng glanced curiously; some in disapproval at the ragged child bearing her armful of weeds. But little Maria unmindful of anything but her mission, serenely made her way down the taper lighted aisle and placed her offering at the very feet of the Virgin and Child.

Kneeling she prayed an earnest prayer of her very own; and behold, when she arose each coarse, green weed was tipped with a flaming star-shaped flower.

Perceiving the miraculous transformation of the lowly grasses, the great crowd of worshippers knelt in humility, and raised their eyes to the Blessed Virgin and Child in exultant adoration.

Since that time, the flaming star-shaped blossom, born of the Poinsettia, has been known in that country as "Flor de la Noche Buena," (Flower of Christmas or Flower of Good Night).

The poinsettia is a shrub of the genus Euphorbia—a botanical family which has about 750 relatives or species. Tradition links its family name to that of Euphorbus, a physician to King Juba of Numidia, of the central part of Africa. In temperate North America and Great Britain the Euphorbia is represented by the spurge family, (i.e. "spurge-laurel," or "Daphne Laureola").

Although the red poinsettia is the most common type in the United States, there are also white and pink varieties in other countries. The bushy plant, as we know it, grows to a height of from three to six feet. Its red leaves are not the real flowers of the plant but are called the "bracts"—that is leaves from whose center or axil the flower grows. The actual flowers of the poinsettia are small yellow involucres at the center of the plant.

At first poinsettias were grown in "stoves" built and heated for this purpose. Later, with the development of the greenhouse, glass and developed on a large scale the plants were placed under commercial scale.

Selectees Thankful For Conscriptio

Biloxi, Miss., Dec. 17—The following appeared in a recent issue of the Kessler Field News, publication of the Air Corps Technical School at Biloxi. Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, The White House, Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. President:

A lot of us, a year ago, might have done a lot of griping about service in the army. We were slightly confused.

But we want you to know that Dec. 8, 1941, is an important date to us.

Flag-waving, bands playing, the cheering of crowds and the enthusiasm of our friends. It is fine. We appreciate it all.

But we want you to know that we realize there's more to the Service than that.

We are determined, we are down to earth, set for business. We want to do our part. And we will, Mr. President, turn out the best airplane mechanics any field ever did at any time.

We also want to thank you, Sir, to a man for the Selective Service Act. We thank God we have had training.

We know that Private Joe, 1941 variety, has had complete training. He is ready, willing, eager for action to save this country which has opened its heart, its soul, its very life to us.

We are happy that Private Joe has an opportunity to earn a chance to prove his birthright. We KNOW we'll win.

THE MEN OF KESSLER FIELD.

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MIDGET MULE
ington Street, Houston. The mule, as high and weighs 100 pounds, a midget, is 33 years old, 30 inches owned by J. R. Wood, 2708 Wash- The smallest mule in Texas is

Mr. Wood said the diminutive mule has a shetland mare for its mother and a small jack for its father.

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Christmas Greetings

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHOSE LIBERAL PATRONAGE AND FINE FRIENDSHIPS HAVE MADE THE PAST YEAR A SUCCESSFUL ONE FOR US.

Truitt Lumber Co.

A Shining Light

May the stars of Christmas shine brightly over your homes as you look forward to the observance of the greatest day of all.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy. Let us look forward to a New Year of tremendous possibilities.

You have been generous to this organization in the past and for that reason we extend our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness. May the Holiday Season be one of much happiness.

Friona Independent Oil Co.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

CHAPTER XVII—Continued

Benning gave a groan and, as a brooding silence settled back over the night, hurried on. He knew now that the worst must have happened.

On reaching Mendi, Benning got a speeder to take him to Cristobal.

He got a military car to spin him to Col. Cove. Reports were coming in to Naval Intelligence. The damage at Gatun Locks was undetermined. Miraflores Locks had been dynamited by an American steamer that had put in past Balboa from San Francisco. Dynamite had cascaded huge slides of rock and earth into Culebra Cut in the region of Gold Hill. Alhajuela Dam, at the storage lake on the upper Chagres, had been crippled.

When he reached Panama Department headquarters, Benning found Cove feverishly taking reports from half a dozen assistants whose ears were glued to telephones.

"What's the latest information on damage to the Canal, Colonel?" Benning inquired.

Cove tragically shook his head. "Pretty bad from all reports. My men make the guess it will take months to make any kind of repairs."

Benning asked, "May I get a code message through to Washington tonight, Colonel?"

"The wires are swamped," Cove said dubiously. "The War Department is pounding the C.G. for all details of the attack on the Canal. I'll sandwich your dispatch in at the very first chance."

Benning borrowed the Department code book and prepared a brief report of eventualities for Colonel Flagwill. Reports from over the Canal Zone kept pouring in. Suspects were being arrested in growing numbers.

It was after 3 A. M. before Cove was able to put Benning's report on the wires. He offered Benning a cot in a near-by office and sent Grimes to the barracks. Benning fretted himself to sleep at dawn and woke to a hot sun. Cove was standing over him, tense with excitement.

"Did any of our fleet get through from the Pacific yet?" Benning inquired.

The question brought an agonized glance from the G-2 chief. "Part of our Pacific fleet was due through the Canal next week, Benning. Now check this over for yourself. In the Atlantic, four old battleships, a few destroyer divisions, and some submarines. Proud names those battleships—New York—Arkansas—Texas—Wyoming. But they've seen their day for fighting purposes, and it'll take weeks to get some squadrons of our Pacific fleet around the Horn."

"While the matter is in my mind," Benning changed the subject, "I want to know if you'll enlist for me a man named Grimes. He was turned down in New York for flat feet, but otherwise he's really a fine physical specimen. I'm under obligations to him, since there wouldn't be a finger-nail left of me except for Grimes."

"Glad to fix him up," Cove agreed promptly.

The morning summary came in over the wires from the United States. President Tannard was closeted with Army and Navy chiefs. The country was in a fresh panic over destruction of the Canal. Eastern centers of population were in an uproar, demanding naval protection for the Atlantic coast. War census of males of military age was instituted. First draft of a million men was being planned. Volunteer enlistments, after passing the 400,000 mark, had slowed down. Another thirty days needed to fill volunteer quota of 500,000.

On the Texas front the Third Army had finally halted Van Hassek's advance after five days of desperate fighting in which American casualties were estimated at twelve thousand men.

An aide-de-camp came into the room and spoke to Cove. Cove jumped to his feet and went over to Benning.

"The commanding general wishes you to report to him immediately," he said.

Benning followed the aide to a spacious office at one end of which a grave, weary little man sat over a litter of reports and complications. As the aide announced Benning, the

general looked sharply up and delivered himself in a crisp, official voice.

"I have instructions from the War Department, Major, to drop you into Mexico City. Colonel Flagwill wishes you to find out what you can about the enemy's Guaymas troops and the trouble in the Orient. You are to report to Flagwill as quickly as possible. Arrangements will be made for a plane to pick you up at a point designated by you in the vicinity of Mexico City. Your plane will take off from Albright Field in one hour. That is all."

CHAPTER XVIII

Behind him, as Benning took off from the Guatemala terminal airport on the last leg of his flight into Mexico City, reposed the camouflaged observation plane that was to pick him up on the second night thereafter at a secret rendezvous south of Chapultepec. These final plans, as he checked them over, seemed coldly academic in detail, like the laying of a field gun for indirect fire upon an unseen human target. But Benning did not minimize the dangerous complications that lay ahead.

Midnight brought the lights of Mexico City into view. From the observer's cockpit Benning caught the toss of the pilot's arm in signal and bon voyage. His heart was pumping as he lifted himself erect and climbed out of the cockpit.

Into the starlit void he plunged, falling in a backward arc and toiling off three seconds before his hand tore at the ripcord handle of his



"It was Bromlitz."

parachute. Shortly the straps gripped at armpits and legs to tell him the parachute had fed safely out. Above the rush of air he could hear the plane roaring on its way. There came to him a moment's envy of the pilot who would flash back along the friendly route to a safe landing at Albright Field.

The moon had not yet risen, but the capital's masses were outlined in myriad light clusters, which told Benning the American air service was still too busy at home to strike at Mexico City. Through the starlight he presently caught the black earth toward which he was rushing.

He freed himself of straps, and rolled and secreted the silken chute. Half an hour's brisk walk brought him to the dark little Calle del Nogal, which told him he had landed to the north of Chapultepec. He found a sleepy cabman to drive him direct to Jesus Maria.

Benning's plan was set as he reached the street on which he had lived with Mlle. Ducos.

There was a light in the little Ducos apartment when he reached there shortly after one o'clock. He walked resolutely up to the door and knocked. The immutable law of averages, he argued hopefully as he waited, dictated an occasional bit of luck in his operations.

In a moment the door opened and

Benning saw the French girl's diminutive figure framed against the lighted room. But at recognizing Benning, terror flashed into her eyes and she stepped quickly back.

"But no, senor!" she exclaimed. "No such person as you mentioned lives here."

Before she could close the door, a figure strode up from behind her, a gaunt man with shaggy, unkempt beard and bloodshot, haunted eyes in which there was now the gleam of mingled terror and jealous suspicion.

The man's disheveled aspect and wasted face did not rob Benning of instant recognition. It was Bromlitz, the American renegade and murderer, the man in whose shoes Benning had masqueraded in Mexico.

A snarl told Benning that Bromlitz had recognized him. Benning sprang past the French girl to the attack, reaching Bromlitz before the man from Luxembourg could extricate himself from the shock of surprise. Benning drove his fist against the Bromlitz jaw, but did not floor him. A knife flashed from Bromlitz's belt. Benning dove in and pinned his antagonist's arms to his sides.

Bromlitz shook himself with a frenzied strength. Benning clung through one spasm of resistance after another until he felt that his own endurance could not last much longer. With a carefully co-ordinated movement he released his hold and caught Bromlitz' knife hand, twisted it suddenly, and tripped the fellow to the floor.

There was a howl of pain from Bromlitz' throat as the sharp blade crept through his shirt into the flesh of his breast. Benning cast the weight of his body into the lunge. There followed the rasping cry of a mortal wound. Bromlitz' strength relaxed.

Benning stood up. The French operative's face was chalky white, but her blue eyes were cold and unmoved as she observed Bromlitz in the convulsions of his last breath.

"I'm sorry this had to happen here, mademoiselle," Benning told her.

She said with calm indifference: "You've only done me a service, monsieur. Bromlitz has been very difficult of late and I did not dare let him show himself at the palace. Of course, you'll dispose of his body as soon as he is dead."

"Is Eravot now in Mexico City?" Benning interrupted.

"That needn't matter to you. You are leaving Mexico City immediately."

"Of course, as soon as I get the information I came here to get."

"Impossible! I can't play the danger of having you here now. In a few days I hope to be ready to leave for France. Nothing must interfere with my success now."

"I'll make a bargain with you, mademoiselle. I'll leave at once if you can find out when Van Hassek attacks from Guaymas. Also anything you can learn about what is going to happen in the Orient."

Her face lighted up and she gave a gasp of relief. "If that is what you want to know, I can tell you, monsieur. Van Hassek's Guaymas force will move up the Gulf within the present week to attack north with his mechanized and motorized regiments through California. Their objective is to freeze your fleet out of its great bases on the Pacific coast."

Benning's brows knotted. "But such an attack doesn't make sense unless Van Hassek is to have prompt reinforcements."

"To be sure, monsieur. But Van Hassek's whole plan is working out right close to pattern. Denied its bases, a heavy part of your Navy will have to sail at once around the Horn to protect your Atlantic coast from the Mediterranean fleet. At the same time with Van Hassek's attack will come the invasion from the Orient, which is already moving east."

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Texas Schools Per Pupil Pass U. S. Average

Austin, Dec. 15.—Official statistics, state and United States, make it plain that the demand of the public school teachers for an increase in salaries is justified, as to a large part of them at least. Also they make it manifest that Texas has both more schools and teachers than it need have. Some of the evidence, found in the reports of the United States Office of Education and the state board and the State Department of Education, is presented in what follows:

For the school year 1937-38 there were 11,887 public elementary and 1,724 public high schools in Texas. Of the other states only Illinois with 12,912 had more elementary schools. None had more high schools. Ohio was next to Texas with 1,268.

The elementary schools of Texas were as one to every 114 pupils enrolled, as against one to every 117 throughout the country. It may be that sparsity of population in West Texas explains the slight excess, though it is unlikely that the population of Texas is much more sparse than is that of the country as a whole.

High School for 143 Pupils
As to the public high schools, the 1,724 Texas had that year were equivalent to one for every

143 of the high school enrollment in all public schools. For the country the ratios were 248 and 1,019, respectively. In other words, high schools were 42 per cent more plentiful in Texas relatively to their total enrollment, and 31 per cent, relatively to the enrollment of all public schools.

There is other evidence of the redundancy of public high schools in Texas. Standards and Activities, a bulletin of the division of supervision of the Department of Education says that "the minimum enrollment allowed in the high school department of any newly organized four-year and two-year public high school is sixty and thirty, respectively. Yet the same report shows that of the eighty-nine white accredited two-year high schools listed, twenty-nine had enrollments of less than thirty, and that of the 1,230 four-year ones, eighty-one were short of the requisite minimum number.

It is also stated in that publication that high school classes "should be limited to thirty-five, preferably thirty." Yet there are numerous high schools whose total enrollments are fewer than thirty.

The report of the State Board of Education for 1936-38 shows that in the second of those years the pupil-teacher ratio of white high schools in independent districts was 1 to 22 of average daily attendance, 1 to 14 in common school districts, and 1 to 21 in all districts throughout the state.

Teacher for 27 Pupils
In the elementary schools, there was one teacher for every twenty-seven pupils in average daily attendance in independent districts, 1 to 18 in common school districts and 1 to 24 for the state as a whole. This last is comparable with 254 for the country as a whole.

Opinions of educators as to the most desirable ratio range from 1 to 30 to 1 to 35. It will be seen that, by the more liberal of those criteria, there is a redundancy of teachers, even in the elementary schools, though much less than in the high schools.

It is due partly to sparsity of population in some sections of the state, and to the extent that it is, it is partly or wholly defensible. The inordinate expense caused is in some degree unavoidable. But mostly it is due to the existence of schools which do not serve a sufficient number of pupils to justify their existence, and to the employment of more teachers than is necessary in others. Rural aid laws, parenthetically, have for many years

Shelter Belts of Trees Prove Worth In Protecting Farms in Prairie States

BY RALPH HERBERT

SOME seven years ago, when vast areas of the prairie states were being converted into dust bowls, the government planned to save other areas from a similar fate by planting shelter belts of trees. The scheme embraced the states of North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and northwest Texas. It was estimated that planting 2½ million acres of trees would give protection to 50,000,000 acres of farm lands.

The work was started by executive order of the President in 1934. Actual tree planting began the following year. To date, one-tenth the original plan has been effected. If the rate in the past is maintained, it will be 54 years before the whole scheme is consummated. An average of 40,000 acres of trees has been planted since the plan was started. Twenty-seven thousand farms have been provided with tree shelter belts. Sixteen thousand miles of trees have been planted. This means about 190,000,000 trees.

They came from nurseries operated by the U. S. Forest Service. The government plants the trees, the farmers guaranteeing for some years to look after them by hoeing the ground, getting rid of weeds and killing rodents. The total cost to the government so far has been about \$9,000,000.

TREES selected are those which it has been found thrive best in the prairie states. Those most favored are cottonwood, green ash, Chinese and American elms, Osage orange, hackberry, black locust, Russian olive, catalpa, tamarisk, willow, chokecherry, ponderosa pine, blue spruce and wild plum.

The trees are planted in from five to ten rows. The center rows have the trees which grow tall. The back and front rows are planted with trees which are more on the bushy type.

It has been found in the prairie states that the greatest enemy of the farmer is the wind. The



In 1933, Ed Casey's South Dakota farm looked like this. Sand had drifted onto his land three days after tree planting started (top photo). Mr. and Mrs. Casey and the children are now happy and contented on the farm they were going to leave (lower photo). Their field windbreak planting of trees gets the credit for the change. Note watermelons grown on their farm in 1940.

shelter belts are designed to protect farms from those winds.

It is claimed that the belts shield growing plants from being burned by hot winds; prevent wind from blowing the fertile top soil of the land; keep high winds from actually blowing seeds and young plants right out of the ground; prevent rapid evaporation of the water in the ground after a rain fall; slow up

transpiration of moisture from the growing crops; and give shelter to wild bird life, the latter in turn helping the farmer by beating insects which otherwise would be free to attack the crops.

In addition, it is claimed that these shelter belts that give the farmer something which is very precious in the prairie region—wood for fences and post-and fuel.

Bellview News

MRS. R. H. JOHNSTON

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. Hughes Wednesday afternoon. A short worship service and business session was held. Officers were elected for another year, after which gifts were exchanged and a surprise shower was given in honor of Mrs. Hughes. Refreshments of pumpkin pie, whipped cream, coffee, and pop corn balls were served to twenty-five ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin and children went to Colorado City, Texas, Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Tom Hudson and the Ag boys of the Rosedale School were at the cattle sale at Hereford Monday of last week.

Mrs. C. Glasscock of Amarillo visited in the R. H. Johnston home last Thursday.

Mrs. Jennette Wagoner of Sudan visited her mother, Mrs. Roy Shuck, and Mr. Shuck here Saturday. Mrs. Shuck and Bobbie Ray returned with her for a visit over the holidays.

Lonnie Overton of Dalhart is visiting friends here.

Mike King and family of Clovis were visitors in this community Sunday.

Jim Tuggle of Broadview visited S. L. Trapp Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and children visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Claudie Potts and Mr. Potts, near Friona, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockton of Tatum visited his brother, Coach Stockton, here Sunday.

Visiting in the Tom Hudson home over the week end were his brother from the New Mexico State College and mother from Estancia, N. M.

Mrs. Seals, mother of Mrs. Lee Spurlock, is in serious condition, due to high blood pressure, at this writing.

B. L. Green was brought home from a hospital in Clovis Sunday. He has been undergoing treatment for blood poison in his hand.

Douglas Williams is home from the College at Portales to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams.

PERSONALS

George McLean, who has been ill for the past few weeks was able to be in town again Saturday afternoon. His many friends were greatly pleased to see him in town again.

Fred White made a business trip to Clovis Monday afternoon.

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Bagwell Sunday.

Mrs. Bryan Sinclair, Albert and Ivan Earl were business visitors in Hereford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Sinclair, Houston and Earline Lust, and Glenn Williams visited in Hereford Sunday afternoon.

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Smiley's Cafe

WHAT-Christmas So Soon?

It seems only yesterday that we sent you our last Christmas Greetings. Another year has rolled by, and a pleasant one. Many new friends have been added and many happy experiences have been ours to enjoy.

We're glad it's Christmas again. We greet the occasion with thankfulness in our hearts for our friends. May your Christmas be a joyous one.

The Friona Gin
R. H. BELEW, Mgr.

Bethel Items

By MRS. FATE SHANNON

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell, Carolyn and Sue, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Cruise visited them during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith and family were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Rev. C. W. Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday with a good crowd attending at both morning and evening services.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Fate Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Sinclair, Houston Lust, Misses Mack Waide and Earline Lust.

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May all your wishes be fulfilled!

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SOCIETY

Help Your Neighbor Club Meets With Mrs. Walker

The club met in regular session, Thursday, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Walker.

A comfort was tacked for the hostess and a lovely shower was presented for Mrs. Kenneth Wise. Refreshments of cake and co-

coa were served to several loyal members.

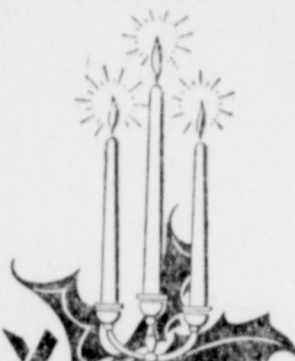
The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. C. R. Hurst, January 1. Everybody come.

Club met with Mrs. J. D. Stevens, in her home, Dec. 4, when a quilt was quilted for the hostess, and a really nice shower was given to Mrs. J. B. Daniel, as she was leaving for her home in Missouri. The club truly will miss her, as she was a true member. All wish her lots of happiness in her new home.

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Sincere good wishes to all!

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Where Japs Attack in Far East



Widespread attacks by Japanese troops, in the first two weeks of the war against the United States and her allies are graphically illustrated here. The ABCD powers have been striking back vigorously.

Mrs. Genevieve Knight, A. D. Smith Married In Quiet Home Ceremony

Mrs. Genevieve Knight of Clovis, N. M., and A. D. Smith of Farwell, were married Thursday evening in a quiet ceremony performed at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride. A few relatives and intimate friends attended the service.

Christmas decorations were used, with tall red and white candles among the poinsettias and Christmas greenery. Rev. E. J. Sloan, pastor of the Texico-Farwell Methodist Church read the marriage service.

Mrs. Smith, who is well known in Clovis, being active in church and club circles, was attired in a floor length dress of silver blue

crepe with sequins forming the girdle, and a corsage of white gardenias.

Mr. Smith is the county attorney of Farmer County and is a former resident of Friona, where he has many friends.

The couple will be at home in Farwell after January 1.

Black Study Club Meets With Mrs. Smith

The Black Social and Study Club met with Mrs. Bill Smith for the Christmas party on Thursday afternoon.

There was a beautifully decorated tree in one corner of the

Cool Duchess



Duchess beats the torrid heat with a bit of water and a watering can. You can tell by the satisfied smile that this pup likes the way Leah Chonky of Kansas City, Mo., cools off.

room under which were gifts for each member of the club.

After a short business session conducted by one president, Mrs. Bill Smith, the following program was given.

A Christmas story by Mrs. Jim Black, "How the Pine Became the Christmas Tree," by Mrs. Ralph Price.

Roll Call—Christmas Greeting.

Exchange of gifts. A delightful red and green salad plate was served to Mesdames W. H. Price, Ralph Price,

H. H. Elmore, Roy Price, Tom Presley, Clyde Hays, Jim Black and the hostess.

Miss Beene Marries Mr. Foster of Clovis

Miss June Beene of Friona, and Mr. Joe Brummett of Holene, N. M., were quietly married about 5:45 o'clock Dec. 20, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster of Clovis.

Mrs. Brummett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Beene of Friona, and a graduate of the 1941 class of the Friona High School. She recently attended business school in Lubbock.

Mr. Brummett is the son of Mr. Lee Brummett of Broadview, N. M. He graduated from the Holene High School in 1938, and has since been employed with the Fosters of Clovis and Holene. Mr. Brummett will report for duty in the U. S. Army, Jan. 6,

and Mrs. Brummett will continue to live with her parents until further arrangements can be completed.

Miss Ruth Helmke Marries Illinois Man

Miss Ruth Helmke daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helmke of Friona, and Delman L. Longmire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Longmire of Sibley, Ill., were married in Friona, Dec. 12.

Rev. L. L. Hill read the single ring ceremony at the Friona Methodist parsonage.

The bride wore a soldier blue dress with black accessories. She is a 1941 graduate of Friona High School.

The bridegroom is a radio technician in the U. S. Army. The couple plan to make their home in El Paso, where he is stationed.

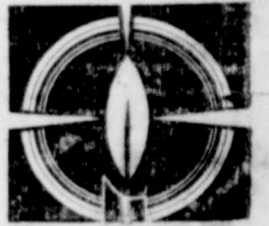
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On this glorious Yuletide we are truly grateful for your friendship and for the many acts and words of kindness you have accorded us in the year just closing. May you enjoy to the fullest the contentment of lasting friendships, health and happiness.



Dr. and Mrs. R. J. McReynolds

MERRY CHRISTMAS



WE SEND TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, A HEARTY WISH FOR A JOYOUS YULETIDE. MAY IT BE THE HAPPIEST OF YOUR EXPERIENCE... AND MAY THE NEW YEAR HOLD AN ABUNDANCE OF PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS.



B. T. Galloway

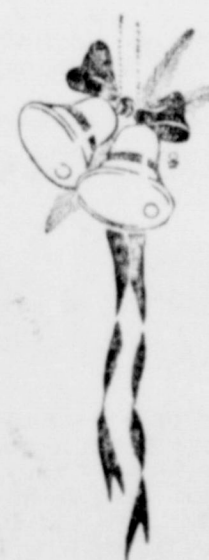
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good will toward men..."



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New Year A Clean House

the new year with a house! Spring is not the season for a general house-cleaning. When the new 1942 calendar has been hung on the wall, it is time to take down holiday decorations and put the house in its usual order.

Each room needs a thorough cleaning to eliminate traces of the holiday season. Tapping activities and decorations should be removed from the tree. Increased food buying and preparing activity during the holidays, kitchen cupboards will be disarranged. They should be entirely cleared, washed thoroughly and rearranged neatly. Be sure nothing that could be of value is taking up valuable space in the kitchen. Empty cans should be thrown out. Clean up the attic and the basement to get rid of the kitchen, either. We now get glassed foods every time we market, and there is no reason to let empties clutter the best place for them is the ash can.

Attics and cellars should not be neglected after the holidays. Though they get their most thorough treatment during the fall and fall house-cleaning, a frequent check-up of these spots will make perishing easier.

To prevent the accumulation of trash and you will have a disposal problem during cleaning. It is easy to place boxes and cartons—old materials, magazines, papers—in one of these temporarily. You intend to use these things soon—so why not do it now? Waste paper is one of the greatest fire hazards in the home—yet it has taken on a new value in the defense program and should be collected regularly for that purpose.

Space must be found to put away the new things received for Christmas and a general clean-out of closets is in order. Again, waste materials that have been stored indefinitely should be added to the pile to be discarded. Old magazines that have never been looked at again are more good if salvaged for use than if left on that top to take up needed space.

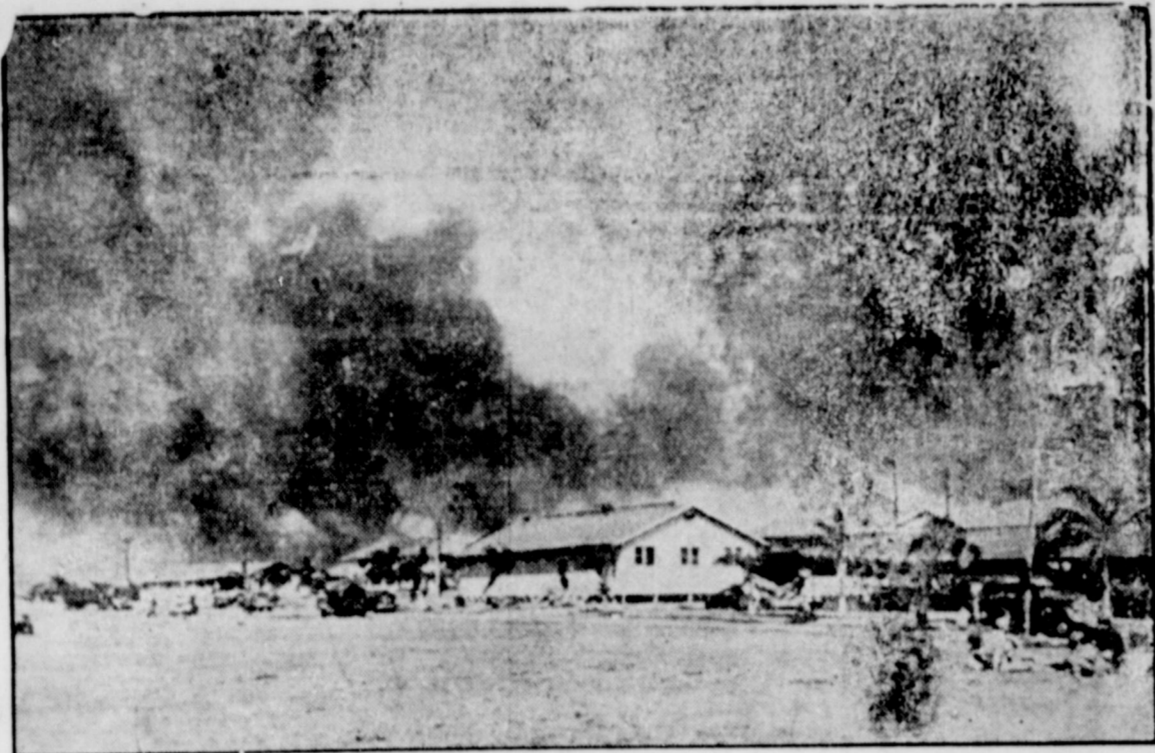
UNNOTICED

A car parked four days in front of the municipal airport administration building, Dallas, was the body of George, a salesman. He had shot himself to death and was sitting in the auto. For four days pedestrians passed near the car but did not suspect that it was dead.

WANTED PREFERRED TO MONEY

A burglar broke into a Dallas home and took four dozen eggs and the money in a cash register.

Clouds of Smoke Rise Over Pearl Harbor



Countless fires set by bombs of invading Japanese aircraft send clouds of smoke over Pearl Harbor and the Hickam Field officers' quarters. "Remember Pearl Harbor" is the rallying cry of American forces determined to avenge the treacherous attack which caused heavy casualties on the first day of the war.

How Are You On Geography Of The Pacific?

The new theatre of war is opening whole pages of geography that the United States has hardly scanned before.

So vast is it that simply outlining its borders strains the imagination. There's nearly 10,000 miles of ocean between San Francisco and Singapore. Its southern limits include New Zealand which is as far south of the equator as Seattle, Wash., is north of it. Northern limits include the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

In between are countless islands and the shores of four continents. Strange names and strange places will come into the news constantly and only those who are informed can understand the significance of events as they develop.

There's hardly a school boy that doesn't know that Manila is the capital of the Philippine Islands, but few persons realize that there are 7,083 of those islands; that 2,441 of them are large enough to have names; that 466 of them are more than a square mile in area.

Only a tiny fraction of Manila's 623,000 people are Americans, but it is probably more American than any other city in the Orient. Only its old carabao carts, its two-wheeled, horse-drawn carromatas, and its mixture of races keep it from looking like any other neon-lighted, billboarded, auto-filled, movie-cluttered city in the United States.

Its defenses form a triangle: with Nichols Field, the great U. S. Army airbase at Manila, in one corner; the big naval stations of Cavite and Olongapo, to the west, forming a second point; and heavily bastioned island of Corregidor at the mouth of Manila Bay holding down the third.

One may be shocked to hear that the Japanese have landed on the Malay peninsula, but it is well to take into consideration that three-fourths of Malay is steaming, trackless jungle and 7,000-foot mountain peaks. Through these jungles and over those peaks the Japanese will have to go before they can get the the

rail line that runs north from Singapore and to the great rubber plantations and vast open dredge mines that supply a third of the world's tin.

When bombs rain on Japan, the names of Tokyo and Yokohama will be in the news, but likely you will find there more often the cities of Kobe and Osaka. These cities, only 20 miles apart, form one of Japan's greatest industrial and shipping centers. Osaka, 20 miles inland, has the great industries.

Kobe, on the Inland Sea, is second only to Yokohama in foreign shipping and probably second to none in shipbuilding. Its vast shipyards line the shores at the head of Osaka bay and down their ways go the cargo ships and ships of war with which Japan expects to wage its war against us. Its population runs close to a million.

Almost any day now, you are likely to hear of Ocean Island and Nauru. These two little pin-pricks in the Pacific (you could walk around either one in a couple of hours) were third only to the United States and French Morocco in the world production of phosphates when the war broke out. More than 1,250,000 tons of high-quality phosphate rock was shipped from there in 1939.

The little islands are about half-way from Australia to Hawaii, but only 400 miles from the nearest of the Japanese Marshall Islands. They would be an easy prey to attack from there and most certainly are a prize in Japan's search for raw materials.

All this isn't a drop in the Pacific of what one should know

Woman Herdsman



Only woman "herdsman" in the country. Lorraine Williams, Clarks, Neb., exhibits a newborn Aberdeen Angus calf among prize stock at the Great Western Livestock Show, Los Angeles.

if he is going to follow the war there.

BABY DROWNS IN CHURN

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grey of Carlisle, Trinity County, died of accidental drowning when he tumbled head downward into a 10-gallon crockery churn. The churn was partially filled with water.

set with 20,000 gems of which 15,000 are pearls. The tree stands four feet high and is three feet in diameter.

LEAD IN AIR WARNING POSTS

With 924 posts organized, Texas continues to lead the South in number of aircraft warning service observation posts. Next highest state is Georgia with 618 posts. The air force will use these posts in army maneuvers.

EXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

About the most expensive tree in Texas this year will be the one made of gold and silver by a Dallas jewelry firm. It is

THROWS AWAY WORKERS UNEARTH \$300

State highway workmen unearthed near Houston an old sack containing \$300 in gold and silver coins, all bearing dates earlier than 1900.

AUTO TAGS BLACK AND GOLD

Texas automobile license plates for 1942 will bear black letters and numerals on gold backgrounds, it has been announced.



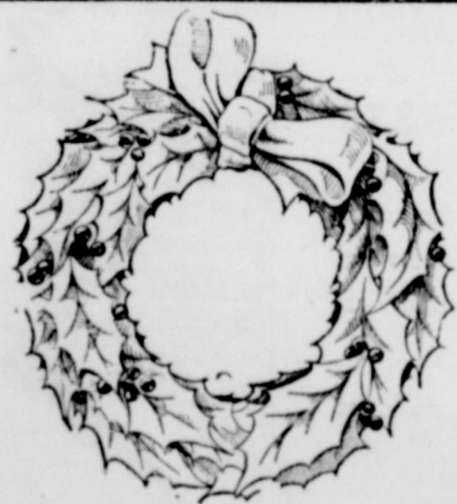
The long awaited occasion is here and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships... of saying to our acquaintances that all our good wishes go to each of them and our heartfelt thanks for the patronage that we have had during the time we have served the people of this community.

So, for Christmas we say,

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- ★ WISDOM FOR YOUR WORK
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By F. O. Alexander



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By Boughner



Farmers To Use More Short Term Credit In 1941

College Station—Rising production and living costs, and expanded crop and livestock production will make necessary the use of more short term credit by Texas farmers and ranchmen in 1942, says Tyrus R. Timm, economist in farm management of the A. and M. College Extension Service.

Credit institutions, especially commercial banks and Production Credit Associations, have ample funds to meet the increased demands for loans, and little or no change in interest rates is expected.

Cost of credit generally takes between five and 10 per cent of the total cash receipts to Texas farmers and ranchmen, and a larger portion of the income of farmers who are heavily in debt, Timm says. Best estimates indicate that more than three-fourths of the farmers use the facilities of either commercial banks or the Farm Credit Administration.

"All this means just one thing—the supply of credit, demand for credit, kinds of credit available, conditions of credit institutions and the like is of great importance, or should be, to rural people."

Timm believes that the need for emergency relief credit and rehabilitation financing will be no greater in 1942, perhaps smaller. Continuation of improvement in gross farm income over costs, and greater opportunity for farmers to find part or full time non-farm employment fortify this conclusion.

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places. I have had as my best and most intimate friends some of the best people that have ever blessed the earth with their presence upon it, and I have always enjoyed the opportunity of associating with GOOD People and of profiting by such associations. I have some handicaps, it is true; but to my discredit I can not assert that I have overcome very many, if any of them. I have also had to bear with very trying and puzzling situations or conditions and I owe it to some power or influence other than my own, that they have been removed from my pathway.

In addition to good friends, I have also enjoyed good health almost exclusively, have always

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had sufficient food to keep body and soul together and have had sufficient clothing (such as it was) to protect my body. And above and far beyond all these, I was allotted as good a wife as any man was ever blessed with, and we were permitted to fight life's battles and enjoy life's blessings side by side for more than two fifths of a century. And should I complain that she is with me no more? I think not.

And that brings to my mind another failing or misconception with which many people abuse themselves; and that is that when calamity or severe sorrow or other affliction assails them they very humbly and contritely lay the whole pitiful mess upon the Heavenly Father, saying "It is God's will, and must be meekly borne"; when, as I see it, God has had nothing whatever to do with it. I do not believe that our Heavenly Father ever willed that any one of his creatures should suffer pain, affliction or sorrow, but that man has brought all these unpleasant things upon himself, and it must be through his own efforts that he becomes free of them. Thus far man has been content to grope along in baleful ignorance and continue to suffer from his own errors.

If I believed for an instant that my Heavenly Father, willfully and purposely, and with malice aforethought, deprived me of the companionship of my dear wife, I most surely could not entertain any great degree of respect, and no affection for Him; so I am thankful that I cannot look upon it in that way.

Do I blame God for her going? Not in the least. Would I call her back here, even if I could? She has paid her part of the debt for Humanity's errors, and the Great God has allowed her to pass from it without either physical, mental or spiritual pain. She has earned her reward, and I would not have her repeat it for my sake. As I sit here this Sunday night in my lonely room I can almost feel her smile as her picture looks down on me from the wall, and although I hear no voice nor see any presence, I feel, rather than see or hear her say "It's all right, Dad just go on, you'll get through."

Now, I feel constrained to beg the pardon of my readers for having made this story so much of a personal affair, but it is the only example of which I know, and I feel sure that there are hundreds of others that have experienced the same affliction that has been mine, and may look upon such things in the same manner as I have learned to see them, and will realize what I am trying to tell. Especially am I telling this for the benefit of men who have lost their companions.

I do not know, but it may be different for the women who are left alone. Judging by some husbands that I have seen and known, it occurs to me that the loss of them would be more of a lonely affair than otherwise. But I well know that all husbands are not so.

I used to say that sorrow for the loss of a loved one was partly self pity. I have changed my opinion regarding that. It is not partly self pity; it is wholly self pity.

How about the war by this time? I said last week, that I am opposed to war, I am also opposed to national subjugation or annihilation of one nation by another; but when we are confronted by two evils at the same time, I approve of taking the lesser of the two, which in this case, since we have been forced into it, seems to be war. Therefore I see no other alternative but to fight it out, and to do this will require the united effort of the entire nation.

Some are already saying in a most sanctified manner that there is bound to be some good come of all this evil, otherwise God would not have willed it. I just want to take issue with such a statement. God does not need to, and never has, created or tolerated an evil in order to pro-

FICKLERS

By Moyer



"Hummm—Now let's see. What ' ' Goldilocks do?"

duce a good. He will however, allow good to ensue in spite of man's wickedness. It is just another way we have of piling our dirty work on God; but it is not God's way of doing things.

Some, by their words, intimate that Japan may become a Christian nation as a result of this war. Yes, verily, but at what a price and such a Christianity as it will be. The Good Lord, while he will pity Japan and the other nations, will surely blush at the manner in which they have been converted. Japan would have been a Christian nation long, long ago, if every professed Christian had lived a truly sanctified Christian life. So far as that is concerned, we may all be surprised when we get to heaven (if we ever do) to find just about as many Japs as there are of the Caucasian Race. Two wrongs never make a right; and might never makes right. It may sometimes be right, but it never makes it.

I hope my readers will not consider this a "sob story." I have written it partly to lighten my own mind of some of its livid notions, while I wonder if there are any others who have such ideas. I may next week, if I have the time and think to do so, give some comparisons as to how I believe Japan will be converted to Christianity.

I forgot to mention last week, that while on our 1000 mile journey, the mayor and I stopped at Arnett, Okla., and visited for a few minutes with our friend and former neighbor, O. E. Enfield. We truly enjoyed our short visit, and the three of us renewed acquaintance with the memory of times when we were neighbors here at Friona. Mr. Enfield is making quite a reputation for

Friona Merchants Have Good Xmas Business

Friona merchants report a satisfactory Christmas business this week with the season marked down as one of the best-holiday buying periods in several years. General tendency has been toward the buying of useful gifts to make up for looked for scarcity of such items by next year.

himself as a poet, and the Star may be favored, from time to time, with some of his work.

And here is a story told to me by my good friend, J. R. Roden, which he heard on the radio. A minister had, with great stress and feeling, told what he thought of use of intoxicating liquors, and severely reprimanded all those who enjoyed an overindulgence in imbibing of the "juice of the forbidden fruit," and finally finished his discourse by saying that all such liquor should be poured into the river. The choir then arose and sang—"Shall We Gather At The River?" Naughty choir.

Why Are Xmas

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the happy chance you can knock down the precariously standing shrub while winding cotton around the stump.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever . . ." Keats said that, but Keats was a very impractical guy and he had probably never put up a Christmas tree. The boy scouts are already making plans for a giant bonfire of all the trees in town. That shows how much poets know.

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Friona Consumers, Inc.

Lange Has Attractive Xmas Greeting Stationery

O. F. Lange, manager of the Rockwell Bros. and Co. lumber yard, is this year sending his Christmas greetings on some very attractive lithographed stationery.

The decoration depicts the nativity scene, and Mr. Lange's greetings are attracting much favorable comment.

The local lumber dealer purchased the stationery through the Star office.

Home Demon-

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Home Demonstration Club efforts have not been entirely self-fish. They have done canning, shared food, loaned their pressure cookers to the neighbors and in time of misfortune have been on hand to give assistance.

Even though their hands were busy with home tasks and many have gone to the field to help with the harvest they have found time to do Red Cross Sewing and knitting. Many club women have done their share in the Red Cross membership and budget drive. They contributed to the home demonstration association fund for purchase of canning equipment for rural England.

As a result of community cooperation directed by home demonstration women, 370 cotton mattresses were made in Farmer County last year. The Home Demonstration Club members helped in the nation-wide aluminum drive by stressing the urgent need of the valuable product and by searching in attic, cellar and junk heaps to contribute their share of the 750 pounds collected in Farmer County.

Home Demonstration Club activities bring to the community facts that will help them to solve many current problems and give them understanding of how to gain a happy home and a more satisfying community life. Information on frozen food, landscaping, food production, preservation and preparation, new facts in nutrition are only a few things that were studied in 1941.

They have planned their study program for 1942 for programs that will strengthen the morale of themselves and their communities. Home Demonstration club work is open to all women in the County who wish to take part.

Read The Ads In The Star

Merry Christmas

May you have the best of every thing on this glorious occasion . . . with an abundance of prosperity in the New Year.

Friona Wheat Co.

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TO YOU

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
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Fred White



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Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

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