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Merry Christmas

SECTION ONE

The Lynn County News

"I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

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Number 20

Soil Conservation Work Is Started

Force Organized For An Intensive Work Program

The Board of Supervisors of the Lynn County Soil Conservation District and H. E. Mather, Work Unit leader, together with his office force, are planning and preparing to put on a real soil conservation program in this county during the coming year. Already much of the preliminary work has been done.

Two members of the five-man board were appointed by the State Soil Conservation committee soon after the district was created and the work authorized by a vote of the land owners of the county at an election held about a year ago. Three of the members were elected by the land owners. The committee thus constituted consists of R. L. Littlepage of Midway, chairman, Lloyd McCormick of New Home, secretary, R. M. Stewart of Edith, John Sander of Wilson, and P. E. Askew of Wells as the other members.

H. E. Mather was selected and came here in August as Work Unit Leader, and since that time he has been busy doing educational work and organization work, conferring with the various agricultural agencies, the commissioners court, and farmers, and now his office situated over the Wynne Coiler Drug store is becoming a beehive of industry.

J. W. Goodell has just moved here from Memphis as engineer for the soil conservation office. A. E. Ware has been here since October 1 as Junior Engineer Aide. He came from Yukon, Oklahoma. N. E. Wood of this city has also been with the office about a month also as Junior Engineer's Aid. Carey May came from Amarillo two months ago as Junior Conservationist, or contact man. He assists Mr. Mather in contacting the land owners of the county and inducing them to sign up for soil conservation aid. Mrs. Leta Rankin, late of Lubbock, just joined the office force here last week as Junior Clerk Stenographer.

Seven men of the county, some of them very young men, have been selected as helpers in the surveying work. They are: Robert L. Warren and D. R. Adamson of Dixie, Claude S. Wylie, Joe A. White, and Melvin A. Etheridge of Tahoka, Andrew Cooper, near Tahoka, and Joe E. Rudd of Wilson.

Mr. Mather has been busy already signing up farmers in some portions (Cont'd last page section 1)

Frank Willingham Buried Last Week

Frank Willingham, 35, formerly of Tahoka, and Roy Ballard, Brownfield business men, who were killed at 10 o'clock Wednesday night of last week when their pick-up crashed into the rear of a cattle truck near Ackerly, were buried late last week.

Willingham, a service station operator, and Ballard, wholesale oil transporter, were returning home from a business trip to Big Spring when the accident occurred. Willingham was killed instantly, while Ballard lived only 20 minutes.

Willingham moved from Tahoka to Brownfield six years ago. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Jene, Garth, and Gary; a daughter, Leah Lois; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willingham of Union community, and two brothers, R. A. of Taylor, and Hoyt B., who is in the Air Forces, stationed at Kelly Field, all formerly of Tahoka, likewise.



R. L. Littlepage, prominent Lynn county farmer, who has been named chairman of the Lynn county soil conservation district.

Houston Spikes Is Moved To Slaton

The people of Tahoka will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Houston Spikes are planning to leave Tahoka on January 1. Mr. Spikes has been transferred from the Tahoka office of the West Texas Gas Company to the Slaton office.

Mr. Spikes has conducted the business of the Gas company here in a manner most satisfactory to the public, and he and Mrs. Spikes have taken an active interest in civic matters generally, and therefore they will be greatly missed here. Mr. Spikes at the present time is secretary of the Tahoka Rotary Club.

The News does not have the name of Mr. Spikes successor here.

Lynn County Men In Army Air Corps

The News has been furnished a list of Lynn county men who recently enlisted in the Army as Air Corps specialists at Lubbock. Many of these have already been mentioned by The News as having enlisted, but for fear we may have missed some, we publish the list below:

Tahoka: Rayborn Rex Jackson, Willie Edgar Hines, Maxie Saunders, Glynn Nelson Ensor, Lawrence Ray Hulsey, William Homan Fulkerson, Jr., Allen Wayne Luallin, and Claude Wallace Conway.

Wilson: Johnnie Jessie Raindl, Carol Ray Busby, Melvin Carroll Punkoney.

O'Donnell: Bart Allen Anderson, Gaines Ray Pearce, Carl Lee Cockerham, Bobby Lee Shoulders.

The great live oak near Lamar, Aransas county, is frequently referred to as the largest tree in Texas. Its trunk two feet above crown roots has a circumference of 29 feet, six inches. Maximum spread of limbs is 102 feet. It is known as the Lamar Oak and also as the Taylor Oak, from General Zachary Taylor who camped under it during the Mexican War.

Miss Lois Stevens arrived last Friday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stevens, and other relatives. Miss Lois resides in Santa Ana, Calif.

Ray Strickland left Saturday night for Brady to spend the holidays with relatives. He formerly lived here.

Sam Ramsey has been confined to his room several days with the flu

Christmas

(An Editorial)

How can we celebrate Christmas this year, while war is raging throughout the world, and so many of our sons and brothers, and sweethearts, and husbands are far away from home, out somewhere on the seas or on some battle-front fighting for our country?

We people of the United States and the peoples of all democracies have greater reason this year to honor Him whose birthday we are accustomed to celebrate at this season of the year than ever before in the history of the world. It was he who laid down the principles of justice and righteousness upon which our own government and upon which all democratic government is founded.

If there was one thing that the Man of Galilee emphasized in his teachings while on earth above all other things, it was the worth of the individual soul, the responsibility of the individual, and the duty of the individual to his fellow man and to the God of us all.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?" The value of the individual.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The duty of the individual to his fellow man.

He commanded all men to pray to the Father. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Religion, worship, is an individual matter, a matter between every individual and his Maker.

He taught that the humble, hated but penitent publican, when he prayed, was justified rather than the proud pharisee. The widow who gave her mite, her all, was commended rather than the rich and the prominent attendants upon the synagogue worship who made large contributions merely for a show.

He healed the blind, and the sick, and the lame, individual by individual, according as they individually believed, repented, trusted, and obeyed.

Two of the greatest sermons he ever preached were to individuals, one to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, who came to him at night; and (Continued on page six)

Many Trees Are Ruined By Ice

W. M. Lee Buried Friday Afternoon

The funeral services for W. M. Lee, city marshal and long-time citizen of Tahoka, who died suddenly from a heart attack at about two o'clock on Thursday afternoon as he was entering the Keltner Hotel, were conducted in the Methodist Church here on Friday afternoon at four o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Nichols, assisted by two former pastors, Rev. Ben Hardy of this city and Rev. H. C. Smith of Big Spring, and by Rev. George A. Dale, pastor of the Tahoka Baptist Church.

The Rev. Nichols presided and paid a brief tribute to the life of deceased, Rev. Ben Hardy offered the prayer, Rev. Dale read the Scrip- (Cont'd last page section 1)

Smith Is Named County Agent

J. C. Smith, county administration officer of the Lynn County ACA, has been named as county agent of Lynn county to succeed Don Turner, who resigned recently and volunteered for service in the Army.

The appointment was made by District Agent K. J. Edwards subject to approval by the commissioners court of Lynn county. The court met Monday and gave its official approval. Mr. Smith will assume his new duties on January 1.

Formerly residing at Slaton, Smith attended the Texas Technological College and graduated from that institution in June, 1938. He was employed as county administrative officer of the Bailey county ACA from 1938 to October 20, 1942, coming to Tahoka on the latter date to serve in that capacity in Lynn county. He has been here therefore just a little more than two months but already he has made many friends here. He is married.

Hilbert Conrad Is Somewhere In Africa

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Conrad have received word that their son Pfc. Hilbert Conrad, is in Africa with the U. S. Signal Corps.

Another son, Ervin returned Sunday to Camp Carson, Colorado, after a few days visit with his parents. Ervin has received two medals for marksmanship since he has been at Camp Carson, one for work with the 60 MM anti-aircraft gun and the other for accuracy with the machine gun.

Max Minor, student in the University of Texas, was expected home Thursday night to spend the week end with home folks. He will go to Dallas Sunday to resume training with the Texas Longhorns for the Cotton Bowl game New Year's Day with Georgia Tech. Max is halfback on the University of Texas team.

Jerry Noble and Earl Adams, students in John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville, are here for pending near arrival during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Edna Dudgeon, teacher in the Midland school system, is here spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. O. Dudgeon, and other members of the family.

A. J. (Jack) Edwards has been ill with the flu for several days.

Damage From Ice Worst In History On Plains' Tree

South Plains trees this week look as if they had been hit by a Gulf coast storm. But it was not violent winds that did the damage; it was the heavy coat of ice that formed on them as a cold, slow rain fell Sunday afternoon and night.

The rain began falling in fact at about ten o'clock Sunday morning but it did not begin to freeze until after noon. By nightfall, a coat of ice had made of the trees things of beauty. Gently, almost silently, the rain continued to fall and to freeze during the night, and when daylight came Monday morning there was a scene of devastation everywhere one looked that made the heart sick, though the trees were still beautiful in spite of the tragedy that had befallen them.

Some of the trees had been broken off beneath the branches, leaving nothing but a stump standing; others had been stripped of a portion of their limbs; while many of the younger trees had bent their heads, as if in an attitude of humility or reverence, clean over and down to Mother Earth. All were garbed in beautiful white. It was a scene such as one will scarcely ever see except out here on these plains, and it is not often that we see such a sight even out here.

When the clouds broke away and the sun came out soon after noon, the ice quickly melted and most of the trees lifted their heads again, though broken limbs dangled from almost every tree, and in the City Park and around many homes the ground was terribly littered with the wreckage.

The trees, however, were not the only victims of the freeze. In places throughout the South Plains area, telephone poles and electric light poles were broken down, and these utilities were put out of commission.

O'Donnell offered one of the most striking examples of this character of damage. There so many of the poles and wires were broken that the city was completely marooned in so far as telephone communication with the outside world was concerned, and the town for a time had to manage to get along without electric light or power.

The rainfall in Tahoka amounted (Cont'd last page section 1)

News Out Early For Christmas

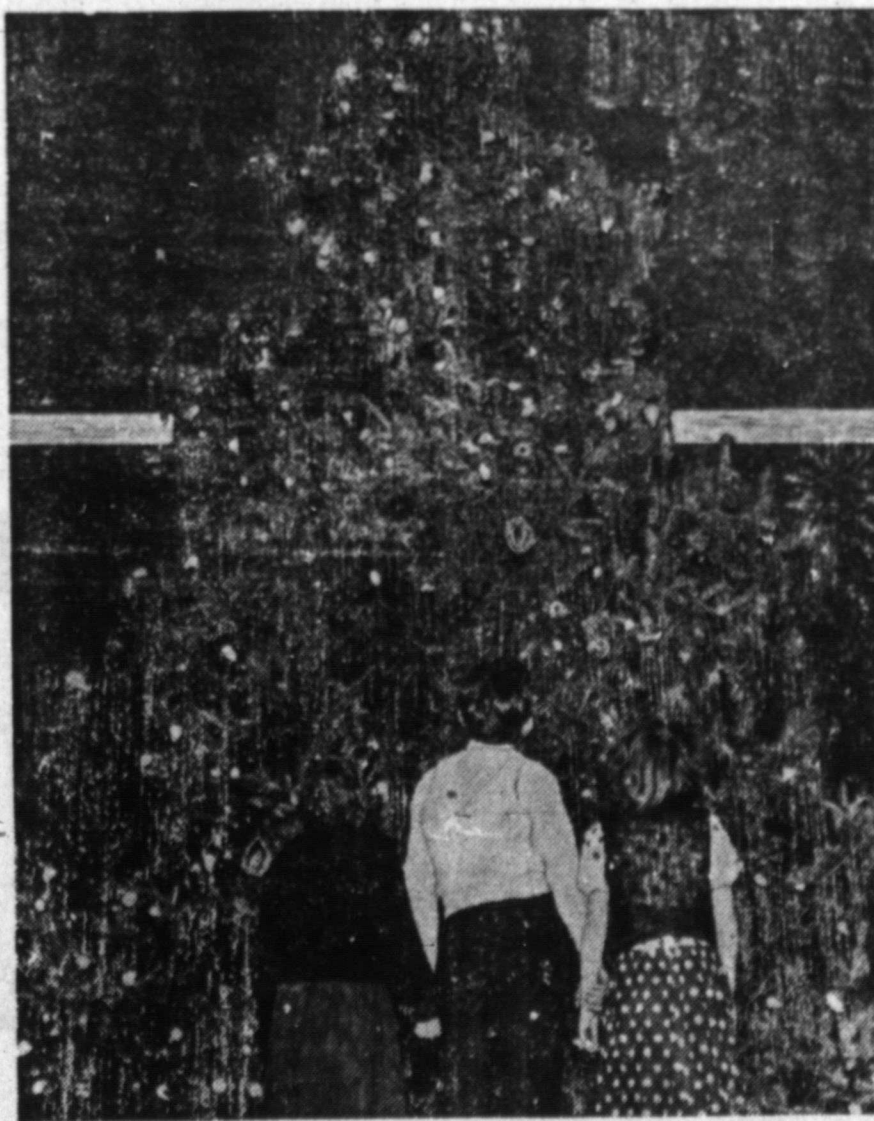
This week's issue, the annual Christmas Greeting Edition, is in the mails early this week in order that a majority of the readers may get their paper before Christmas.

Nearly every business and profession in Tahoka is represented in this big edition, and readers will find much interest in these greetings. The edition is also filled with many Christmas features of unusual interest.

Tahoka's friendly business folk sincerely appreciate the opportunity to do business in such a fine country as the South Plains, peopled by the finest citizens in the world, and their words of greeting at this Christmastime, with the world torn up by war, are truly from the heart.



The Tree of the Christ-Child



The Christmas tree has many legendary origins. One of these legends has it that when St. Boniface was converting the Germanic tribes from their heathen worship of Thor to Christianity, he turned their attention from the fallen Thunder Oak, under which the human sacrifices demanded by their barbarous religion had been made, and singled out a young fir tree.

Here was a new symbol: a tree dedicated to love and good deeds. With no stain of blood upon it, its tip pointing towards the undying stars, it should be a sign of the new faith: the tree of the Christ-child. No longer was the emblem of faith to be a thing of dread, but set up in the halls of the chieftain and surrounding with friendship and feasting.

In the homes of the tribesmen, the new tree of the Christ-Child honored the birthday of the Saviour and children played beneath it. It became the symbol of love and simplicity: for "Unless ye become as little children, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

In America, families gather around the Christmas tree in the home, throughout the land community trees are lighted and the old carols are sung; symbols of the spirit of the Christ-Child—the brotherhood of men.

Friendly Help



ALGERIAN NATIVE ARABS joke with British troops while showing them the way to the M'ison Blanche airdrome. An entire British Army, under General Kenneth Anderson, landed in Algeria and is battling the Nazis in Tunisia.

American Spirit Is Noted In Tots' Homemade Toys

With a typical American wartime spirit, the people of the nation have started to manufacture many of their own Christmas toys.

For instance, in those shops where bits of wood are left from repair work, such lumber remnants can be used for the building of toys. Smoothly sawed off pieces make fine building blocks.

Spools and wooden cigar boxes come in for use as toys, too. The boxes can be made into trains, and spools can be used as wheels for them. Spools can even be strung together for beads, or lined up for imitation trains to be drawn along the floor by the baby.

Texas State College for Women, established by act of the 27th legislature in 1901, now has physical properties valued at \$4,430,000.

NEW ADA THEATRE

FRIDAY—Xmas Day—ONLY
"A HAUNTING WE WILL GO"

Stan Laurel - Oliver Hardy
Sheila Ryan - Don Costello
And Dante The Magician
NEWS and COMEDY

SATURDAY ONLY
"HI NEIGHBOR"

Jean Parker - John Archer
Janet Beecher - Bill Shirley
Lulu Belle and Scotty
Roy Acuff and His Smoky Mountain Boys and Girls
NEWS and COMEDY

SUNDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY
"Orchestra Wives"

George Montgomery
Ann Rutherford
Glenn Miller and His Band
Lynne Bari - Carol Landis
Cesar Romero-Virginia Gilmore
Mary Beth Hughes-Nicholas Bros.
It's hilarious... it's swell...
A must-see picture.
Also NEWS and COMEDY

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
Shirley Temple

"MISS ANNIE ROONEY"

William Gargan - Guy Kibbee
Dixie Moore - Peggy Ryan
A grand picture. See it!
Also COMEDY

ENGLISH THEATRE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
"Thundering Hoofs"

Tim Holt - Ray Whitley
Lee 'Lasses' White-Luana Walters
Starting New Serial—
"VALLEY OF VANISHING MEN"
Bill Elliott - Slim Summerville
Also—FOX NEWS

Preview Saturday 11:30 p. m.
SUNDAY & MONDAY
"DAWN EXPRESS"

Michael Whalen - Anne Nagle
William Bakewell and Constance Worth
Death rides the airways... as Federal Agents battle the skies.
NEWS and COMEDY

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
"Secret Enemies"

Craig Stevens - Faye Emerson
John Ridgely - Charles Lang
They see everything... They hear everything... G-Men crack down and Spy-Rings crack up.
Also "SECRET CODE" No. 9

OH, SANTA! Christmas Stockings Once Feminine Trick

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas to American boys and girls without a visit from St. Nick.

According to history, St. Nicholas in real life was the Archbishop of Myra and lived during the Fourth century. In the Middle Ages, he makes his first traditional appearance in the legends of the Northland.

One legend concerns St. Nicholas eve, which originally was celebrated on the sixth of December. Young ladies, it seems, would hang up their stockings in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with dowries. After a time, St. Nick and the stocking-hanging custom was incorporated into the celebration of Christmas.

Another legend says that on Christmas eve the spirit of St. Nicholas rode across the land on a great white horse followed by the hosts of innocents slain in Bethlehem by the order of Herod. Children of the Northland filled their wooden shoes with oats for the Saint's horse and set them outside of the door; in the morning, providing the children had been good, the oats were gone and the shoes were filled with nuts and apples.



Eventually, the boys and younger children, the wives and husbands, and even the grandparents, decided the girls were getting too much the best of things; so, they all joined the International Society of Stocking-hangers.

Our ancestors brought St. Nick to America, where he has grown round and fat and jovial, traded his great white horse for eight magic reindeer, and his pack bulged bigger and bigger.

This year Santa's pack may be minus a few luxury products and mechanical gadgets, but that doesn't matter as long as there are mamma dolls, sleds and drums and picture books; toys for the children.

From three to four million trees are planted annually on the prairie farms of Northwest Texas.

DICK BOSWORTH WINS HONORS AT TECH

Lubbock, Dec. 22.—Richard Arnold Bosworth of Tahoka is one of 84 Texas Technological College students chosen for membership in Alpha Chi, national honorary scholarship society. Qualifications for membership include scholastic rating in the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior classes, and outstanding qualities of leadership.

Richard, a senior government student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bosworth, Route 1. He is being re-honored by the organization, having been elected to membership last year.

Wade Ray and family of Pietytown, N. M., are spending several months here while farming operations are practically at a stand-still in their section of the world. Mr. Ray is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ray of Garnolia and Mrs. Ray is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stevens of Tahoka.

"Dub" Fulford, student in Texas Tech, is home for the Christmas holidays.

JOHN HUDMAN VOLUNTEERS FOR PILOT TRAINING

John Riley Hudman of Tahoka has enlisted for service in the Army in the branch of Civil Pilot Training, according to a news item sent to The News by the West Texas Recruiting and Induction District, Lubbock. Mr. Hudman filed his application for enlistment prior to December 5 and was enlisted before the deadline—midnight, Dec. 16.

Hudman is employed in the Deen Nowlin office, while his wife operates a beauty shop here.

Last reports were that Mrs. W. B. Edwards, who is a patient in a Lubbock hospital, was showing steady improvement. All the children have been at her bedside during her illness, including Carlce and his wife, who came from California.

SCRAP THE JAP

"MY FIVE CHILDREN and I use ADLERIKA when needed; have kept it on hand for 20 years." (C. C. Mass.) ADLERIKA with its 3 laxative and 5 carminative ingredients is just right for gas and lazy bowels. Get ADLERIKA today. WYNNE COLLIER, Druggist

First Lieut. and Mrs. Joy Edwin Brown left Monday for Camp Carson, Colorado after a few days' visit here with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Brown, and other relatives.

Approximately 40 per cent of the area of Texas is excellently adapted to natural wildlife preservation because of good natural cover, plentiful water and sparse population.



May your home be wreathed with Christmas cheer and guarded by valor and War Bonds throughout the year!

DOUGLAS FINLEY
ALLIS-CHALMERS DEALER



One of the real joys of Yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine of everyday business and in all sincerity wish our friends a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A Happy New Year

Merry Christmas to All

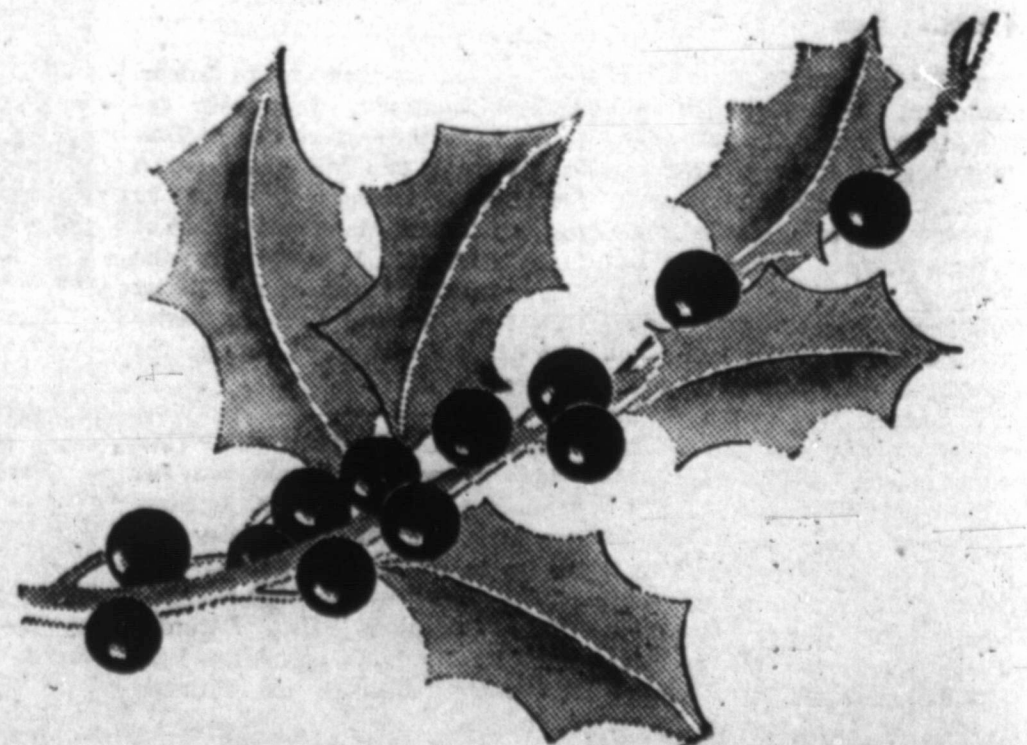


Wishing you all the joys and blessings of this holy Christmas season of 1942

Finch Grocery

LENNIE ROY

COBB'S



DOLLS
They're Almost Human
As Science Steps In

Even in the doll world, science has come through with its help. It has perfected an "almost human" doll whose heart beat can be distinguished by means of the stethoscope that is furnished with the doll's layette. So now little Janey, if she becomes worried about the condition of her "little baby's"



health—even though its cheeks are rosy—need but put the stethoscope to use. The health, of course, all depends on Janey's decision.

There are today, even little doll-babies that eat from a spoon, make use of a nursery bottle like any little veteran of the crib, and even blow bubbles. Why, if Janey wants them to, they'll even walk along with her, provided, of course, she holds at least one hand. You will note, too, when Janey and her little doll do go out for a walk, the doll walks much more gracefully than ever before.

Little Janey will also notice that this year reaches a new high in smart clothing for her doll. The right style wardrobes and even accessories for all occasions have been designed.

Miss Janey is going to have a fine time with her new, modern doll this Christmas.

**It Happened
On Christmas Day**

Ironically enough, several strange and important war activities have taken place on Christmas day.

One which many of the British and German soldiers of the last World war remember is the strange Christmas day that took place on the 1914 front. The World war was definitely on, but for a short time, on Christmas day, there was a period of peace on earth between the fighting soldiers.

In the Flanders sector, German and British soldiers ceased firing by mutual agreement, and went over to each other's trenches and dugouts to spend the day in feasting and celebration.

A very important military event in colonial American history also took place on Christmas day. George Washington, leading his brave, but weather-beaten army of 2,400 men across the Delaware, captured the city of Trenton, N. J., which British and Hessian troops were then occupying. Over 1,500 enemy troops were captured in the surprise march.

Travis Shelton of the U. S. Coast Guard was here last week end visiting his parents. Travis is stationed at Galveston and says his barracks are the Galvez Hotel.

A
SEASON
of
JOY

A
NEW YEAR
of
HAPPINESS
and
PROSPERITY

FORRESTER
Insurance Agency

Spirit of Christmas, 1942



Christmas day, 1942, will see more soldiers than at any time in the history of our country pay homage to Him who died to bring peace on earth. Thousands of American soldiers stationed in the world's outposts of freedom will attend services on Christmas morning. Special services have been arranged in training camps in all parts of the country. This officer, with his wife and young son, kneels before a replica of the manger in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

Sunshine Aids

Mistletoe grows only on the highest branches of the tallest trees because it requires a great deal of sunlight. It is confined to these branches in bottom-land forests of the East. In the brilliant sunshine of the Southwest it spreads over the entire tree.

Gifts for Soldiers

If he is about to spend a year in the army or navy here is a gift suggestion. An official kit made of canvas in khaki or blue, with everything necessary for a shave or a quick cleanup. For an officer, an official musette bag in which to keep his personal belongings.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a house coat and house shoes, a doll and purse. Please bring me a croquet set if you have it. Also nuts, fruits, and candy: Love—Mary B. Walters.

and girls. Love—Metty Jean Johnson.

Brazoria county produces a large percentage of the world's sulphur.

—SCRAP THE JAP—

**Don't Wait Until
Pyorrhea Strikes**

Gums that itch or burn can become mighty trying. Druggists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fail to satisfy.
WYNNE COLLIER, Druggist.

**MISS McWHORTER WEDS
LEROY NETTLES**

Marriage rites for Miss Marjorie McWhorter and Pvt. Leroy Nettles were read at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night of last week at the Baptist parsonage in New Home by Rev. Collins Webb, pastor of the Baptist Church at that place, the double-ring ceremony being used.

Maid of honor was Miss Eloise Nettles of Tahoka, sister of the bridegroom, while, Pfc. Reid Townes also of Tahoka but now stationed in the Lubbock Army Flying School, served as best man.

The bride wore a rose Alpaca ensemble with navy accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations. The bridesmaid wore blue with brown accessories and a corsage of gladioli and pink carnations. A reception was held at the home

of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. McWhorter of New Home, following the ceremony.

The bride was formerly employed in the AAA office in Tahoka but had been employed more recently in Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Nettles of the Lakeview community and was reared in this

county. For the past few months he has been stationed at the Lubbock Army Flying School.

The couple are at home at 1814 Ave. J in Lubbock.

One of Texas' oldest counties is Texas county, which was created in 1836 and organized the following community and was reared in this year.



We're bubbling over with good wishes for a joyous Yuletide season for you and yours at home and abroad.

JACK WELLS

Wishing You a
Joyous Holiday...

May your share of happiness at this glad Christmastime be brightened by the knowledge of our appreciation of your fine and valued friendships.

May you enjoy the associations of those dear to you, and may their companionship continue through the years to come.

Happy Christmas to all!



PLAINS CO-OP., INC.
Frozen Food Locker and Cream Station



... to the People of Lynn County

... And it is pleasant to remember old friends, and to wish them, in a genuine sort of way, all the joys of a Happy Christmas.

May Health, Happiness and Prosperity be yours, not only this day, but every day throughout the years to come.

D. W. GAIGNAT

Furniture Hardware Implements



**GENERAL IN AUSTRALIA
PRAISES SGT. CONNOLLY**

James "Skinner" Connolly has received the following letter from Lieut. General Geo. C. Kenney, in Australia, telling of the recent award to the former's son Sgt. Keith Connolly, now in Tahoka on leave:

War Department
Hdq. 5th Air Force, APO.
November 22, 1942.
American Base Forces

Mr. James Connolly
Tahoka, Texas

Dear Mr. Connolly:
Recently at an operational base of the United States Army Air Forces in Australia, I decorated your son with The Silver Star.

This award was made in recognition of his courageous, fearless service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

Your son was decorated for gallantry in action for his part in a successful bombing mission against a Japanese convoy off New Guinea.

Despite fighter opposition from numerous enemy Zeros, the formation made a determined attack, which resulted in heavy damage to the convoy. Your son repelled every attack on his side of the plane and aided considerably in making this smooth running run.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American fathers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

Theirs is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how gen-

*The SPIRIT of
SANTA CLAUS*



THERE will be many shadows clouding our Christmas Day this year; but—Christmas is important! It comes at the close of the old year binding up the wounds of bitterness, making fast the moorings of friendship, renewing the promise of peace and good will, invoking the magic of memories.

Christmas is the children's feast: has the Master not said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do also unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our bundles, and our prayers.

In America, the children must not lose their faith in Santa Claus. The best explanation regarding Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit I have ever been offered or able to figure out for myself, is the one that was given to me by my mother on that fateful day when I accidentally caught a delivery boy entering the house bearing an ill-concealed rocking horse.

Santa Claus typifies the Christmas Spirit: the mothers and fathers, those be-whiskered gentlemen in the stores (who puzzle lots of boys and girls by being so numerous), the delivery boys, and all of us who support and participate in the campaign of spreading cheer, we are the life blood and sustaining power of the Christmas Spirit.

The children of today must have their toys this Christmas; and we must be extra-careful that no child has occasion to lose his faith in Santa Claus. There are plenty of sleds and drums, dolls and painted carts and Christmas trees to go around; but it is up to Santa's helpers to see that every child in the land is remembered.

And we grown-ups must have our Christmas, too. For when we out-grow our toys we set this day aside to reunite our families and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

*"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."*

uinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mr. Connolly, have every reason to share that pride and gratification. Very sincerely,

George C. Kenney, Lieut. General, Commanding.

Read the Classified Ads.

REMEMBER THIS FACT: A NEWS Want Ad will always help you solve that "problem." Wanted, For Sale, For Rent, To Trade, Lost and Found — under such headings as these YOUR message will be read by thousands—at a cost to you of but a few cents!

Santa's Helpers



These two youngsters, like thousands of others, are doing their part in helping the Red Cross be Santa both here and abroad.

Medieval Rulers Enjoyed

Huge Christmas Dinners
Calculation of the Christian era is usually credited to Dionysius Exiguus in the Sixth century. However, he was somewhat in error, as it is believed Jesus was born before what was January 1, in A. D. 1. The phrase Anno Domini (year of our Lord), of which A. D. is the abbreviation, was believed to have been first used in 1219.

School for Santa
Last year at Buffalo, N. Y., a night school to train raw recruits into a crop of finished Santa Clauses was opened. The time may come when every jovial, red-garbed street corner bell-ringer's whiskers mask a Bachelor of Santa Claus Psychology.

W. H. Fulkerson Jr. of the Lubbock Army Flying School, spent last week end here with his parents. He is detailed to the finance department.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

For a great number of people, a house not decorated with Christmas greens would be dull indeed. One expert has pointed out, though, that there need be no fear that there ever will be a shortage of the greens peculiar to the various sections of this nation if proper care is taken in collecting the greenery.

But as it is today, wanton destruction in the collection of the Yuletide decorations, so thoughtfully placed for our use by Mother Nature, has brought about a danger that we might not have some of the greens we are so accustomed to.

There is a danger that the American holly, in southern Atlantic coast states, and the laurel plants of the mountainous country of the East, will both face extermination unless some organized method of harvesting is brought about.

Three other Christmas decorative plants that are rapidly disappearing because of new, and increased demand, are the winterberry, the ground pine, and the bittersweet.

To a large extent these plants can be saved if the nation turns to the use of evergreen boughs, such as cedar, pine, hemlock and spruce. For a touch of color, artificial red berries could well be used.

The story of our over commercialization is always connected with the background of the dissipation of our native plant life without regard to future stock. Some form of protective law has to be put into effect to protect the quickly disappearing greenery. Restriction or prohibition in certain areas seems to be the coming necessity to save them.



*The
Season's Cheer
to Everybody*

Because we are proud to number you among our friends we send you these Christmas Greetings. May this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to every one of you.

May the coming New Year bring you every happiness, and the fullness of success reward your efforts in all your undertakings.

Luallin Garage



**HAPPIEST
HOLIDAY SEASON**

Once again a Christmas! May its message of peace and happiness abide with you throughout the Yule Season of 1942, and carry its benign influence to you and yours.

Black Cat Cafe

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Long before Pearl Harbor . . .

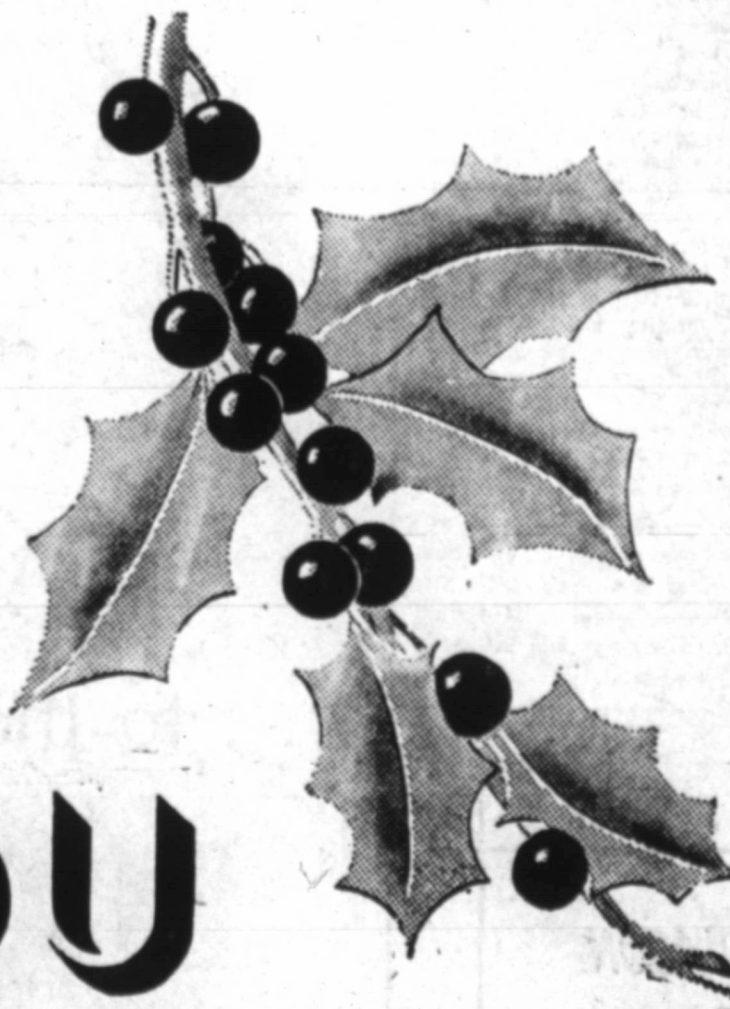
. . . Your Public Service Company began the erection of a modern power plant near Denver City. This plant is now in full operation.

Due to this foresight, there is not now and probably there will not be a power shortage in this territory.

New extensions can not be made, due to shortage of essential materials. Electricity, unlike other items, can not be stored for future use. Therefore, use all you need.

Buy U. S. War Bonds

**Southwestern
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Woman Gives Bad Checks In City

(O'Donnell Press.)
The arrest of a young married woman one day last week in O'Donnell followed as an aftermath of the trail she left of bogus checks, practically all of which carried forged names of local people, and cashed at various local stores.

The checks were for varied amounts, and the forgeries were so cleverly worked, they escaped detection when presented at the bank.

Small robberies were reported by local firms over the week end, but losses this year are far below those of previous years, say officers.

Tons of sugar are sold daily in the market places of Mozambique, where this commodity is considered candy.

The University of Utah, founded in 1850 as the University of Deseret, is the oldest university west of the Mississippi.

Joe Don Minor, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Minor, brought to the News office Tuesday a sample of the turnips he is raising out at his parents' home. They were fine specimens, and the prospects are that the editor will have enough turnips and turnip greens to last through the holidays. Thanks, Joe Don.

News of the shutting off of United States raw silk imports from Japan caused a rush for silk stockings in South Africa.

The Statue of Freedom surmounting the dome of the Capitol at Washington is made entirely of bronze and weighs 14,985 pounds.

At one time, there was no life to be found on the earth except in the sea.

Japan has started a campaign to encourage new inventions.

A whale's skin varies from two inches to two feet in thickness.



"Here is the living tree with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song and rites of love."

This is a statement attributed to St. Boniface, the English-born apostle of Germany who had saved a young child from sacrifice in the early days when Thor was worshipped by the Germanic peoples. The tree the Saint referred to was a young fir, growing nearby.

Such is just one of the many stories connected with the origin of the Christmas tree. The origin of the Christmas tree custom is obscure, notes Dr. Donald Bond, instructor in English at the University of Chicago, for he can quote authorities claiming the Christmas tree's origin in France, Scandinavia, Egypt, England and also Germany.

Only one of all the legends connects the Christ Child with the Christmas tree. This story goes back to the manger at Bethlehem where trees from all over the world had come to do honor to the newborn babe. Very little attention was paid to the diminutive fir by the other more beautiful, stately, and majestic trees. Suddenly, though, star upon star fell upon the little fir until it shone with all the brilliance of heavenly light.

A Scandinavian tale of woe traces the Christmas tree to that land. Two star-crossed, unhappy lovers dramatically died. From the spot where they died, it is related, a tree grew which on Christmas night gleamed with brilliant lights.

German immigrants to the United States in 1843 are said to have introduced the decorated Christmas tree. According to claims of historians, the practice of decorating the tree at Christmas time originated in Alsace in 1605. At that time the natives brought fir trees into their homes and decorated them with homemade decorations and sweets.

Despite the origin of the Yuletide tree, the sale of trees has developed into an extensive, profitable business. Likewise, tree furnishings becoming an enormous business in itself. From records available, it has been learned that over 111,000,000 electric Christmas tree bulbs were sold in America every year. Possibly the amount will not be as large this year as last, but you can be sure that Americans will have their Christmas tree with decorations and lights on them.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The ordinary machine gun is too cumbersome for our Marines, especially for parachute troops. So the Marines have adopted new models of the Reising sub-machine gun, a .45-caliber weapon.



The new gun used by the paratroops is a compact model with a pistol grip and a steel-frame stock which folds out of the way when not in use. You can help buy these for our Boys in the Solomons and elsewhere with your purchase of War Bonds. Join the Payroll Savings Plan and let's "Top that ten percent." U. S. Treasury Department

Your first introduction should tell you WHY

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is a BEST SELLING LAXATIVE all over the South

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Refrigerators are out for the duration. Manufacturers have now tooled their plants for production of war materials. Common-sense folk, however, are saving now, not spending, and building up a fund for purchase of refrigerators and other domestic needs through investment in U. S. War Bonds.



Your Money put into War Bonds today will bring you back \$4 for \$3 at maturity. So start saving for those domestic needs when you will be permitted to buy them. Join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory and let's all "Top that Ten Percent." U. S. Treasury Department

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas County of Lynn.
Notice is Hereby Given that, by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Lynn County, on the 19th day of December, 1942, in favor of The Peck, Wright, Peck Investment Company, as plaintiff, and against N. M. Bray, Mrs. N. M. Bray, Chas. P. Shook and Isobel Shook, as defendants, No. 889 in such court, said judgment rendered on October 8th, 1931, revived in a suit filed by the plaintiff against the same defendants on March 14th, 1935, said judgment for the original amount of \$5075.78, as against the defendant N. M. Bray, and upon which judgment certain payments have been made since its rendition, leaving a balance owing thereon as of January 2nd, 1941, in the amount of \$5205.42, with ten (10) per cent per annum interest thereon from date, together with costs of suit, and placed in my hands for execution, I, B. L. Parker, as Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas, did on the 21st day of December, 1942, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. levy on certain real estate

situated in Lynn County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being known and described as all of the South one-half (S 1/2) of Lot No. 18, and all of Lots Nos. 16 and 17, and s/x (6) feet off of the North side of Lot No. 15, all in Block No. 9, of the North Tahoka Addition to the original town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat of said addition of record in Vol. II, page 515 of the Deed Records of said County, and of Main Street of record in Vol. 13, page 394, of the Deed Records of said County, to which reference is here made for a better description of said lots and blocks, and being described further by metes and bounds in said Records; and

On the 2nd day of February, 1943, same being the First Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 4:00 o'clock P. M. of said day, by virtue of said levy, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder at the Court House door of said county, together with all of the right, title and interest of said N. M. Bray.

Mrs. N. M. Bray, Chas. P. Shook and Isobel Shook, or either of them, in and to said property.

Dated at Tahoka, Texas, this the 19th day of December, 1942.
E. L. PARKER, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. 20-3tc.

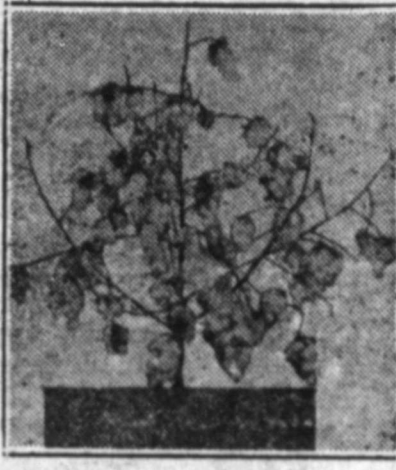
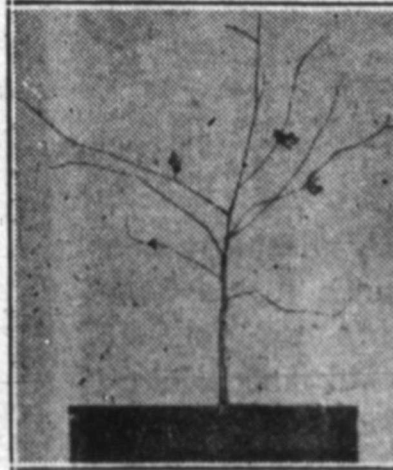
One of Texas' most famous flowers, the Drummond Phlox, now planted in many parts of the world, was discovered in 1833 in Texas by the botanist, Thomas Drummond, who collected Phlox seeds and distributed them widely in other parts of the country.

The tournament method of determining Interscholastic League basketball championships will be used instead of the round-robin method whenever possible, R. J. Kidd, League athletic director, has announced. The Change was made to limit travel.

—SCRAP THE JAP—

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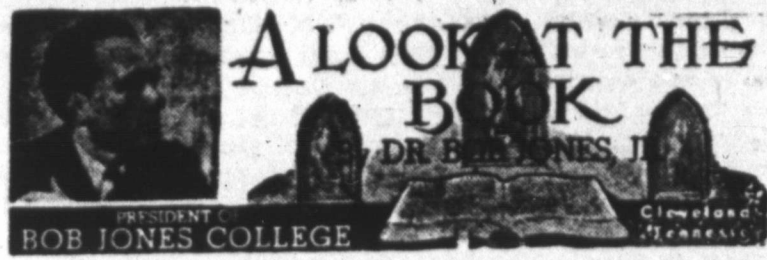


Merry Christmas

We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish for you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

Edwards Implement Co.



A LOOK AT THE BOOK
 DR. B. B. JONES II
 BOB JONES COLLEGE

It is a good thing that God does not always answer our prayers in just the way in which we take for granted that He will. Sometimes we expect Him to say "Yes," but instead He says "No."

We are often like children who are conscious only of the fact that we want something, and because we want it we ask God for it. If a little son should ask his father for a knife, of course, a wise and loving father would not give it to him since he might be injured by it. God, who is not only infinite in His love but who is also infinitely wise, knows that the thing we sometimes desire would not be to our best interest. In His mercy He refuses us the thing, which, while desirable from our standpoint, He knows would be harmful. The trouble is we see only the immediate desire. God sees the eternal result.

Elijah, discouraged, thought he was the only one left alive who loved and honored God, and he prayed to die. Instead of sending

death to the prophet, the Lord made him know there were 7,000 faithful servants of God left, and Elijah's petition was never granted then or later, for he never died. Instead, he was taken up into heaven by a whirlwind and a chariot of fire. Elijah, under the juniper tree, was ready to give up the struggle, but God had further work for him to do. Elijah, depressed and discouraged, made an unwise request. God, who saw rich ministry stretching out ahead, who planned to send a heavenly chariot to take the prophet home when that work was completed, would have been unkind had He answered Elijah's prayer by granting him his request for death.

The trouble with Elijah's prayer was that it was not in the will of God. We should be sure our prayer is always in line with His will. Christ Himself set us the example when he prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39).

—Released by the Gospel Fellowship Association

CHILD GUIDANCE CLUB

The members of Child Guidance Club met in the home of Mrs. Douglas Finley Tuesday, Dec. 15, for their annual Christmas party.

A Christmas pantomime was rendered with Mrs. Ben Hardy as reader, after which carols were sung.

Refreshments were served to the following guests and members: Mesdames Fred Bucy, Draper, Ben Hardy, Howard Payne, P. A. Nowlin, Jack Welch, Truett Smith, W. L. Smith, Emil Prohl, A. L. Pace, Fred McGinty, Calloway Huffaker, Fred Hegi, K. R. Durham, James Clinton and the hostess.

The members will entertain their children with a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 24, at the Legion Hall.

Texas State College for Women at Denton has a larger enrollment than any other state supported women's college in America.

Dear Santa: Bring Present, or Else . . .

Among the thousands of letters addressed to Santa which never get to North Pole, one—showing faith in Santa's kindness—was mailed by a youngster in Brooklyn.

The young one's name was Mike. He definitely didn't want Santa Claus to miss him. From his associations with the neighborhood gang, Mike thought he knew how to get results.

He sat down and with pen and ink wrote a letter to the white-haired old fellow. After listing the toys he wanted, he added: "You better bring all this stuff or I'll beat you to a wood pulp."

Intimidation is not so good. But do you think Mike got what he wanted?

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS.

—SCRAP THE AXIS!

Ev'rybody Ev'ry Pay Day

6,000,000 Women Enrolled in War Savings Payroll Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Women At War Week, opening Nov. 22, during which women will seek to sell the greatest single week's volume of War Bonds and Stamps will serve to put the spotlight on the mighty contribution women generally are making toward financing the war.

Six million women are on War Savings payroll plans. Their monthly deductions total \$70,000,000.

The customers of 300,000 newspaper boys who have sold more than \$50,000,000 in War Bonds and Stamps are mostly women.

Volunteer saleswomen run nearly all the Bond booths in theatres from Maine to California. They also are sparking the War Bond sales in retail stores.

Ralph G. Engelsman, Associate Field Director of the payroll savings section of the War Savings Staff, readily admits that without the support of women the phenomenal record of payroll savings enrollments would not have been achieved. Payroll savings plans are now in operation in 148,000 businesses and factories. Employees of twenty-five thousand of these firms are converting at least 10 percent of gross payrolls into War Bonds every payday.

Associate Field Director Engelsman says that women have contributed directly and indirectly toward this record. When a man devoted 10 or more percent of his pay envelope to War Bonds, the woman at home has had a powerful voice in the decision. Her planning, her economies and her cheerfulness play their part in the success of payroll savings.

The Treasury Department is counting upon this woman influence in its current campaign to "top that 10 percent by New Year's." By the first of the year the Treasury hopes to enroll at least 3,000,000 women workers in a payroll savings plan and 5,000,000 more men with total deductions for War Bonds over the 10 percent mark.

'This Is My Fight Too'

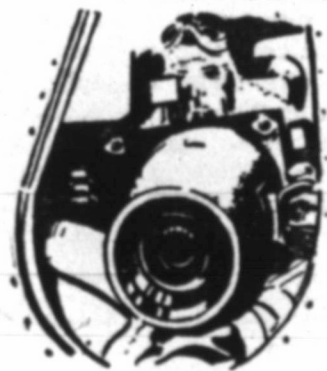


Proud of her investment in the American way of life and equally proud of the grime of war production on her face and arms, the young lady in this "Women At War Week" poster symbolizes two of the chief activities of women at war.

roll savings plan and 5,000,000 more men with total deductions for War Bonds over the 10 percent mark.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Our military forces must depend upon aerial photographs for an accurate mapping of enemy territory. So the aerial camera is a vital necessity for our scout observation planes. These cameras cost up to \$5,000 each and will make excellent pictures from tremendous heights.



A poor map may mean the difference between victory and defeat. So help our Boys towards victory with your purchase of War Bonds. Join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory. Let's "Top that ten percent."

U. S. Treasury Department

Cochran county, located on the High Plains bordering New Mexico had no running streams and is known as the "county without a bridge or culvert."

One of Texas' oldest counties is Bexar county, which was created in 1836 and organized the following year.

All military aircraft are designed to give their best performance at a specific altitude.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:
 I am 8 years old. I would like a doll and a xylophone. And I would like a locket. Please bring "Honey," my little dog, something. I have tried to be a good girl.—Joan Conley.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a big wooden bomber, a "Hit the Crow" set, a good football and some house shoes. Don't forget Mother, Daddy, and our pup, Honey. Lots of love—Jimmy Conley.

Texas State College for Women, established by act of the 27th legislature in 1901, now has physical properties valued at \$4,430,000.

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 the other a woman of Samaria whom he met at the well and to whom he talked about the water of life.

He called out his disciples, individual by individual. In his sight, position and power and ceremonialism and ritualism and mere pretense meant nothing. He evaluated every man according to his character, his attitude, his humbleness, the metal of his soul.

Kings and Princes, Priests and Pilates, Hitlers and Hirohitos, brought no kow-towing from him. He recognized the rights of the humblest individual to be just as sacred and inviolable as the rights of the most powerful and the most wealthy.

Freedom of worship, freedom to think, freedom to decide, freedom to speak, these and other great principles were bound up in his teachings.

It is for these things that our soldiers are fighting today. It is that these principles may survive the attacks of the wicked and mighty dictators of the world that we have drawn the sword. It is that these principles may be established throughout the world that we are sacrificing life and property today on the battlefronts of the world.

We owe more to this Babe of Bethlehem, this Prince of Peace, this Jesus of Nazareth than to any and all other individuals that have gone before us.

We have more reason to observe Christmas this day—in the right spirit—than ever before in our lives.



Holiday Greetings

IN wishing you a Merry Christmas this year we would capture for you as much of the old time holiday spirit as possible. Accept our sincere thanks for your generous patronage, which has been a source of real encouragement to us in 1942.

UNION COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.



We're wishin' you a mighty fine Christmas, a heap of good things comin' your way. You have been liberal with your patronage of this firm in the past; may Lady Luck be just as liberal to you in the months to come. Merry Christmas, everybody!

TAHOKA BAKERY



To all our old friends and acquaintances, and also to the many fine new ones we have made during 1942, we send sincere Christmas greetings and the wish that the holidays will be as happy as possible.

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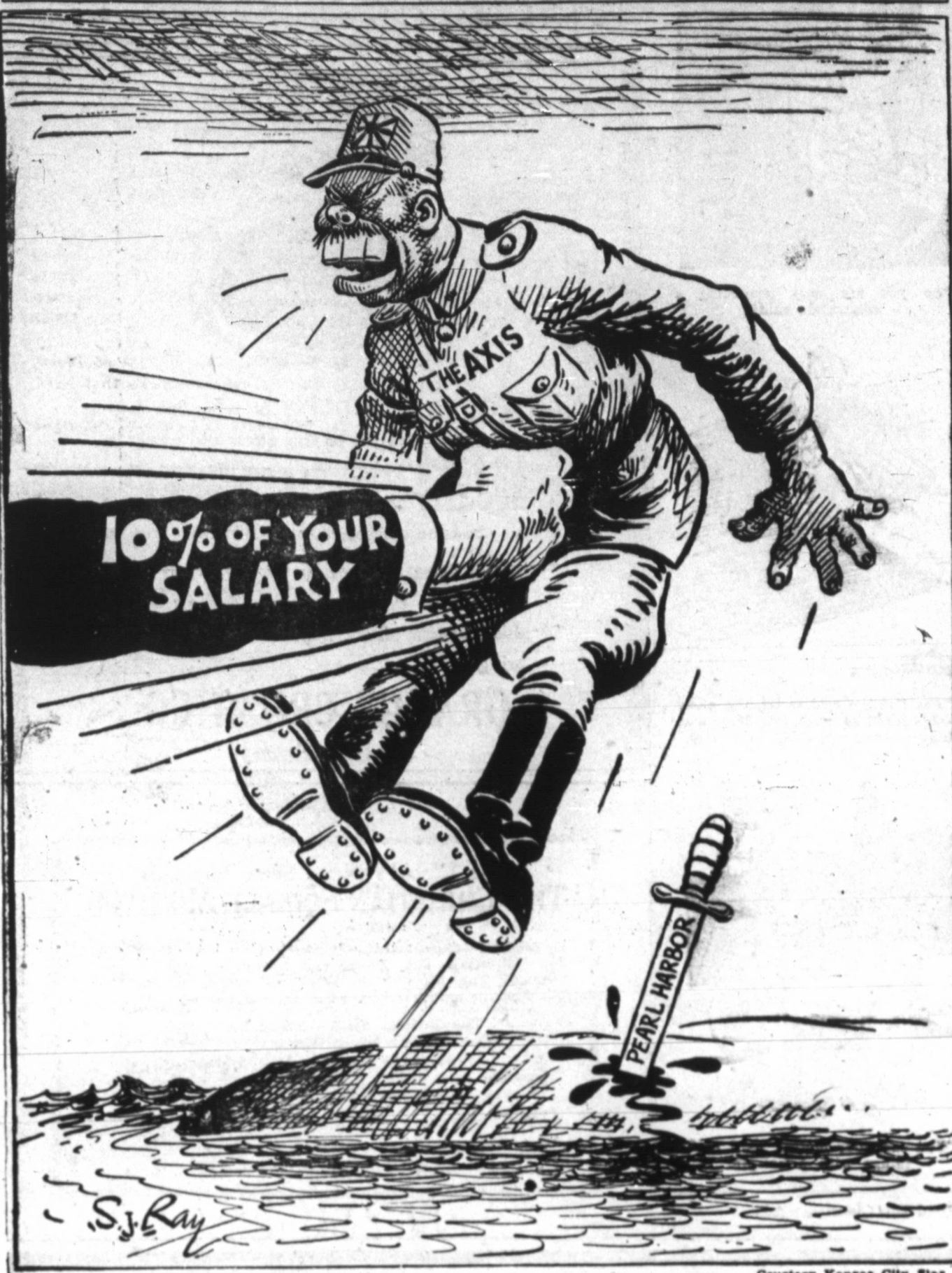
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COP SAYS . . .

ONE OF THE PLEASURES OF CHRISTMAS IS THE JOY OF WISHING HAPPINESS TO FRIENDS LIKE YOU

W. H. FULKERSON
COSDEN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Remember Pearl Harbor—Every Payday



Courtesy Kansas City Star.

Civilian and military authorities of the Eighth Service Command have been assigned to the University of Texas for a special two weeks course in industrial accident prevention. The course is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor, and persons attending were selected by the Eighth Service command.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Where do children receive Christmas gifts from a camel?
2. What famous Christmas character originated in America?
3. If you want a Christmas tree that drops its needles early, what kind would you select?
4. What important event took place on Christmas day almost two thousand years ago?
5. When was Christmas proclaimed a national holiday?
6. Where did the early Christians obtain their Christmas trees?
7. What is the most widely known Christmas story ever written?

ANSWERS
To Christmas Quiz

1. Syria. The youngest of the three camels bearing the Wise Men distributes the gifts.
2. Santa Claus. The Dutch brought St. Nicholas (Sint Niklase) to America where he was gradually transformed into Santa Claus.
3. Spruce. The Fir holds its needles the longest.
4. Christ was born.
5. There are no "national holidays" in the United States. The Federal government proclaims holidays only for federal employees.
6. Early Christians didn't have any. Christmas trees weren't used generally until the 16th century.
7. With the exception of the Bible accounts of the birth of Christ, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is the most widely known Christmas story.

The U. S. Signal Corps has sent 53 civilian employees to the University of Texas for training in pre-radar, bringing to 110 the number of employees assigned to the University by the Signal Corps. Two other groups have previously completed similar training.

The larger part of the deer and wild turkey found in Texas are in the eastern half of the Edwards Plateau of Southwest Texas.

About 4,000 different native flowers thrive in Texas soils, giving the state a reputation as a "wild flower paradise."

Firepower on American planes has been stepped up and "blind spots" eliminated, making our planes the best equipped in the war.

War is opening many doors formerly closed to women lawyers, C. T. McCormick, University of Texas law dean, has asserted. Women have proved especially valuable in the legal departments of many industries where they keep track of the

multitudinous government regulations and military orders issued to plants working under government contract.

The human skeleton in early stages is composed entirely of cartilage.

Before SOS was adopted in 1909, QD was used as a distress call in wireless telegraphy.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

AMONG THE GOOD THINGS BESTOWED BY THE PASSING YEAR, OUR MOST VALUED ONE IS THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL OF THOSE WE SERVE

IT IS A PRIVILEGE, AT THIS HAPPY SEASON, TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND TO WISH YOU ALL THE JOYS OF THE YULETIDE SEASON



MAASEN PRODUCE

COMPLIMENTS

Of The Season

MAY EVERY JOY AND HAPPINESS BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND EACH DAY OF THE COMING YEAR. MAY IT BE GENEROUS IN ITS BENEFITS TO YOU, IS OUR SINCERE WISH.

SERVING YOU IN THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WE HOPE TO CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE IN WAYS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CONVENIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS. WE TRUST WE MAY HAVE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN YOUR WELFARE.

To You

ONE AND ALL

LYNN COUNTY BONDED WAREHOUSE CO.

R. W. FENTON, JR. - INSURANCE



Farmers Co-op No. 1

Claude Donaldson, Manager.

Southland News

(By Mrs. Marvin Truelock)

Wednesday of last week the infant twin daughters, Janyce and Janye, were taken to the Slaton Hospital, Monday morning about 8 o'clock the smaller one died of whooping cough. Funeral arrangements had not been made when this was written.

The mother of S. P. Hoard was found dead in bed early Sunday morning, caused from old age. The funeral of the 89-year-old woman was held Monday afternoon in the home, with Rev. Street Richards, pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church of Rule, officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

The grade school honor roll for the past six weeks includes: Seventh grade, Alice Joy Scott, Betty Jean Edmunds, Durwood Hallman; Third, Glynda Grantham; Second Lee Earl Moore; First, Etta Dee Hagler and James Donald Basinger.



Are you wondering what to send to your friends and members of your family who are serving with the armed forces? A lot depends on where they are stationed. But there are some things all service men want, and here they are:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| House slippers | Tooth brushes |
| Wrist watches | Tooth paste |
| Handkerchiefs | Sewing kits |
| Pocket knives | Clothes brushes |
| Scrap books | Metal polish |
| Tan shoe polish | Fountain pens |
| Nail files | Postage stamps |
| Soap | Lighters |

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

A pelorus, used by the Navy, is a device which fits over the surface of a compass to enable the operator to take bearings on distant objects. It has split hair sights, has been in use for many years . . . and costs approximately \$125.



These instruments are essential equipment to every American ship which comes out of the shipyards. With the scores of ships now being completed each month, we need many of these instruments. Your purchase of War Bonds and Stamps will help pay for them. Invest at least ten percent of your income every payday in these interest bearing Government securities.

U. S. Treasury Department



"So you are only practicing a command raid!"



"The Captain said to let him alone — his pictures were the only ones that showed anything last trip."



"You say your mother used to fix things with a hairpin."

Read the Classified Ads.

Several hundred species of cacti are indigenous to Texas and cover a wide range from the western edge of the East Texas Forest Belt to the western boundaries of the state. Goldfish are merely a domesticated variety of Chinese carp. It took 70 years to complete the Capitol at Washington, D. C.



REGARDLESS of what has happened to this queer old world in 1942, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season.

We want to say now that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide all the happiness it can possibly bring.

ORANGE CRUSH CO.
Happy Smith

JOYOUS SEASON TO ALL



JUST the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmas time and always. Let not the sacrifices of 1942 have been in vain.

Westside Grocery
Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Waldrip

Wednesday afternoon the school is planning a Christmas program for assembly. But the mud prevented school buses from running Monday.

The seven Bruedigam children will have a bond apiece in their socks Christmas morning, thanks to their parent.

The annual Christmas program of the local Lutheran Church will be December 25 at 7:30 p. m. We have not seen the program but it will include recitations, songs, and pantomime.

Congratulations to St. Sgt. and Mrs. Angle. Their six-pound son was born at Lubbock Thursday night and was named William Leonard Angle Jr.

Friday night, Mrs. Angle's sister, Mrs. J. W. Waltrip, and two daughters visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lieske.

O. H. Willis of Carlsbad, New Mexico, left November 6 and is now in Davisville, R. I. His wife, Mrs.

Barber's sister, is known here as Mary Dale Davis.

Pvt. and Mrs. Sid Smallwood of LAFS visited their parents last week.

G. E. Barber has been in Alaska six months. He writes that there is nothing to worry about as we are winning.

The second-year Home Ec. girls, assisted by their teacher, Miss Frances Coffey, last Friday evening gave a dinner honoring the trustees and teachers.

Mrs. Jack Oakley and children spent last week with her parents in Shallowater.

E. T. Parker of Snyder spent Wednesday night with his old friend John Fleming at Pleasant Valley.

Mt. Shasta, Calif., is exceeded in altitude by Mt. Whitney, but its height from its base is two and one-half times that of Mt. Whitney.

Here's a Christmas Gift for You



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Carmack Gin

Not much, to be sure, but with the sincere appreciation in our hearts for the many kindnesses that have been ours to enjoy, we extend this little package of Christmas Greetings to each of you.

The goodwill of our friends we value immeasurably because we well know that without them life in itself would be empty indeed.

As we wish you the Joys of Christmas and every Happiness throughout the New Year, we add our heartfelt thanks for all past favors.

"I was Lucky!"



a healthy bonus of good interest! For every \$3 you lay aside for War Bonds pays back \$4!

So put at least 10%—not 6%, or 7%, or 8%, but 10% of your pay to work killing Japs and Nazis—and making money for you at the same time! Sign up in the Payroll Savings Plan today!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- 1. Already setting aside 10% of your pay in War Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan—boost that 10% if you can.
- 2. Working in a plant where the Plan is installed, but haven't signed up yet—sign up tomorrow.
- 3. Working in a plant where the Payroll Savings Plan hasn't been installed, talk to your union head, foreman, or plant manager—and see if it can't be installed right away. The local bank will be glad to help.
- 4. Unable to get in on the Payroll Savings Plan for any reason, go to your local bank. They will be glad to help you start a Plan of your own.

Lucky because I just stopped one in the leg. But Smith and Weinberg and Farley . . . they're dead. Dead because we didn't have one more grenade to throw!"

That's an American soldier speaking. Speaking your language.

He's asking for more guns to fight with. More tanks, more planes, more grenades to crack down on the enemy with.

Well, let's give them to him!

Let's loan 10% of our pay to the Government. Let's put it in War Bonds. Let's loan Uncle Sam the money to make more tools of war.

It's a loan because the money you put into War Bonds now comes back to you in ten years with

"TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S!"



BUY U. S. WAR BONDS THROUGH THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN

This space is a Contribution to America's All-Out War Program by

TAHOKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christmas Play To Be Repeated In Connecticut

This year marks the 31st free performance of the pageant, "Holy Night"—the first having been in 1912. A family affair, three members of the original cast, besides sons and grandsons of others, are taking part in the 1942 performance. The villagers don't take their acting and the play itself, in a light or casual manner. Even though it takes but one hour, the play is rehearsed over and over again, year after year. The first rehearsals begin just after Thanksgiving when costumes are taken from the attic, and players begin to drop around in the evenings. When the play was first given, it was held at the town hall which had



a leaky roof. When it rained, water came down on the lamps, the cast and the audience. Another disadvantage was the lack of audience space. The play had to be given two or three times a night so that the many villagers from neighboring towns could see it.

Even with a larger and newer home the play still "packs them in." As did their parents many years ago, the audience and members of the cast see the same simple scene of the Annunciation, the Child in the manger at Bethlehem, the Adoration of the Magi, and the presence of the Angels—all played in pantomime.

A piano provides the only music for the various scenes, during which are played the songs "Holy Night," "He Shall Feed His Flock" from the Messiah, and Handel's "Largo." The music, too, like the pageant itself, is the same as it was 30 years ago.



SAN FRANCISCO.—Anything can happen during the Christmas rush in the department stores here. A recent trip by a reporter to the store in search of a story was the cause of him being shunted off to the "Lost and Found Department."

There he found a story. Besides being true, it also was interesting in that it gave a slant on the state of shoppers' minds during the rush when presents have to be purchased for those almost forgotten.

Gloves, said the lady in charge, are objects that shoppers seem to leave most on counters and floors of the store. Each day at least a bagful of gloves, singles most of the time, are turned in to the lost and found department. Considering the number of single gloves lost, the woman suggested that gloves should be sold in three's.

Animals are also turned in to the lost and found. Also such pets as canaries, turtles and goldfish. Parents buy pets for their children at Christmas time and then, because of the difficulty in carrying them, in holding them when making change, set them down somewhere and also forget to pick them up when off in search for another bargain.

False teeth are also forgotten by the harried shoppers. Most of the times the teeth are turned in, from the store's tearoom, the telephone booths, or the restrooms.

Yuletide
This is Christmas! The laughter of millions of children of a hundred racial heritages mingles with the bells that summon the devout to worship in freedom at altars of their choice. Christmas tree lights blaze bravely through unshattered windows. Motor cars move to friendly places. There is food in abundance, and general good will over the land. This is Christmas—in America.

Despite Priorities Yule Gadgets Will Abound For Toy-Minded Youngsters

Despite the war, the kids want toys at Christmas time. And Santa, who has lived through many wars, is going to see to it that his little friends get them.

Because of war priorities, metal and mechanical toys will be practically unobtainable. But wood and plastics will take their place. The type of toys that they are will bring fun and enjoyment to the children getting them.

One of the new games seems, at first glance, to be a jig-saw puzzle. It is not exactly a puzzle, but what you make from it can be puzzling to those who behold it.

This game consists of various pieces of colored and oddly shaped cardboard. By using the various, oddly cut pieces you can make a realistic looking lion, or house, or giraffe or even a zoo house to keep the "an-i-mules" in good condition.

The real fun comes in on this game when you take the head of a baboon and put it on a giraffe's neck which is attached to an elephant's body with dog legs! To solve the milk delivery problem you can put horse legs on the body of a cow.

Another interesting game—a con-

structive, entertaining one—is that which has miniature bricks, decorated in waterproof red paint. With the bricks you can build all sorts of buildings by laying them as a regular bricklayer would. For mortar a trick type of stickum is used. After you have built yourself a house, or a bombshelter, or a garage and then become tired of it, all that you need do is set the whole business in water. The water loosens the stickum-mortar, the bricks fall apart, and you are ready once again to build another type of building.

This year a new toy-gadget for the baby who is beginning to notice that it has some mighty active arms and legs has been fixed up by Santa for distribution on Christmas morning. It is a cradle gym. It has a horizontal bar strapped across the top of the crib or play pen.

From the bar hangs a trapeze, a climbing rope, and flying rings. Even little, before-tot-age creepers, it has been said, can do marvelous things on the "circus" equipment.

Even though the children of U.S.A. 1942 won't be getting the usual type of toys for Christmas, they will be getting some fine substitutes.

Miss Myrna Dean Gagnat, who is now a student in Chevy Chase, near Washington, D. C., came in last Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. D. W. Gagnat. Mrs. Gagnat met her daughter in Amarillo Thursday. Miss Gagnat will not return to Chevy Chase until about January 15.

Pfc. Earl George is here from Camp Polk, Louisiana, visiting his mother, Mrs. E. G. George, and other relatives.

Cherokee is Texas leading tomato growing and shipping county.

A meeting of parents of boys nine to eleven years of age will be held at Grassland school Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Cub Scout Pack. Come, bring the boys, and help organize this Pack for the benefit of your boys.

Fourteen tons of butter are produced weekly in Brooks county.

More than 50 distinct types of soil are found in Brown county.

"PROBLEM?" A News Classified Ad will help you solve it—at a cost of only a few cents—whenever you have something to rent, buy, sell, trade—whenever you have a message to put before the thousands of NEWS readers. It's easy! It's

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There is a tremendous need for a clean, wholesome and educational, yet entertaining boy's publication. That's why, for 30 years, the Boy Scouts of America has published BOYS' LIFE. It's the magazine you will be glad to give your son... or a friend's son.

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The stars and stripes inspire our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year!

JANE'S BEAUTY SHOP

CORDIAL GREETINGS

MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS ABIDE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE YEAR!



The Court House Bunch:

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| HATTIE SERVER District Clerk | LENORE M. TUNNELL County School Superintendent |
| W. S. (Skip) TAYLOR Lynn County Abstract Co. | Farm Security Administration Jack Welch, County R.R. Supervisor |
| CALLOWAY HUFFAKER County Attorney | WALDO McLAURIN Commissioner, Precinct 3 |
| CARL GRIFFING Secretary Tahoka School Board | R. P. WEATHERS Tax Assessor and Collector |
| LOIS DANIEL County Treasurer | B. L. PARKER Sheriff |
| W. M. MATHIS County Clerk | ROLLIN McCORD District Attorney |
| DON BRADLEY Pioneer Abstract Company | MRS. W. O. HENDERSON Commissioner, Precinct 1 |
| CHESTER CONNOLLY County Judge | LONNIE WILLIAMS Commissioner, Precinct 2 |
| MAURINE McNATT Home Demonstration Agent | LEON JENNINGS Commissioner, Precinct 4 |

**Decorate Christmas Tree
1,300 Feet Under Ground**

About ten years ago, in Ishpeming, Mich., timber hauliers were on their way to a mine to put up some trussing, found a small Christmas tree on the side of the road which had probably fallen from a truck.

One of the men picked up the tree and threw it on top of the timber. At the mine the tree was sent down 1,300 feet into the mine. One of the miners picked it up, put it on the side of the passageway. At lunch time some of the miners decorated the tree with bits of paper from their lunch kits.

"Let's do this every year," one of them suggested.

Since then a small Christmas tree is set up in that Michigan mine passageway. And not only the miners, but their guests, gather 'round the tree at 6 a. m., exchange gifts and indulge in small talk for about a half hour before starting their shift.

Besides the Alamo, still standing at San Antonio, are a number of other historic missions, some more than 200 years old.

**Mileage Cases
May Be Appealed**

College Station, Dec. 21.— Texas farmers will not be put out of business by present mileage-saving regulations.

B. F. Vance, chairman, Texas U.S. D.A. War Board, announced this week that farmers who have not received sufficient gasoline for normal operations should ask local war price and rationing boards for temporary transport rations.

At the same time temporary rations are asked for, they also should make formal appeal for additional mileage, he said.

Appeals are made through county farm transportation committees who assist farmers in filling out required forms which later will be considered and approved by the Office of Defense Transportation.

The date for obtaining temporary transport rations has been extended to January 31, 1943. Previous deadline date had been set for December 31, 1942.

Under the temporary rationing phase of the program, farmers may receive sufficient gasoline to tide them over until appeals are approved, he said and explained that all temporary allocations later would be deducted from the final amount of mileage allowed under the Certificate of War Necessity.

If Certificates of War Necessity have been applied for and not received and if obvious errors were made on the Certificates when they were issued are other conditions under which temporary transport rations may be received, he said.

Failure of many truck operators to fill out application blanks properly and promptly has been the principal difficulty in issuing Certificates of War Necessity throughout the state, Vance said.

Cpl. Ronald C. Bean of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, spent most of last week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean, coming Monday and leaving Friday. They had not seen him for two years. Of course they greatly enjoyed his visit.

One of Texas' most fertile counties, Brazos county produces almost 11,000 bales of cotton annually.

**Modern Toys
Foster Spirit
Of Fair Play**

Christmas gifts designed to promote greater use of the imagination among children in the five to eight-year-old group have been planned by toy makers throughout the nation.

Encouraging the spirit of independence and fostering group creative play, the new type toys teach the youngsters to think for themselves.

During the five to eight-year-old period when children are making the



transition from babyhood to reality. School days begin for them. The wise, thoughtful parent selects toys for them which stimulate group play. Dull, to those children, are the toys that obviously teach a lesson. But interesting are the toys that teach a lesson under the guise of fun and not in the classroom. Mathematics can be fun if the youngster applies it to counting change for customers in his make-believe store at home.

After being in the classroom all day, children want to release all the nervous energy within them. Toys such as tricycles, small scooters and junior bikes are helpful for the guidance of all such young exuberance.

**Christmas Cards
Are Personalized
Through Pictures**

Photographic Christmas greeting cards have been gaining in popularity during the past few years.

The possibilities are widespread as far as the kind or type you would wish to send. There can be group pictures, individual pictures, humorous ones, big and small types.

Even the greeting itself can be included with the picture of the person or persons through the use of a large printed card. Humor is injected into the cards by having a Santa Claus drawn on a large background, with a hole left in the spot where the face should be. Any young member of the family need but put his head in through the hole for the finished effect.

If you are not a good photographer, or have doubts as to whether you could take such a suitable picture, you should know at least three or four persons who are willing to take the picture for you.

Plenty of Trees



It doesn't take long to grow a suitable size Christmas tree from a seedling. That is one of the reasons why there isn't much possibility that the nation's supply of Christmas trees will reach a point of depletion.

Many farmers, having some acres of soil not suitable for regular farming turn the ground over to producing evergreens for Christmas use. Many have thus undertaken the establishment of Christmas tree plantations where harvesting is conducted on a sustained yield basis.

Most of the balsams, spruce, hemlocks, pines, cedars and firs used for this purpose are the product of northern swamp lands.

Origin of Yule Gifts

The giving of gifts to the poor at Christmas time originated with the belief that the Christ Child sometimes came to the door as a beggar.

**WARNING IS GIVEN ON
CHRISTMAS FIRES**

Fire Chief James Clinton and members of the Tahoka Fire Department have addressed the following open letter to local citizens:

"Several reasons have prompted us to address you at this season, and request your co-operation in giving us certain information.

"Our department, like most others in Texas, has suffered the loss of experienced men during the past year. We are, therefore, operating with a shortage of manpower; wartime living conditions make it imperative that we make every effort to conserve automobile tires and gasoline.

"Based on fire loss records of previous holiday seasons as compiled by Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, it is to be expected that there will be a number of fires in Texas within the next several days. Among these fires will be some loss of life. Such disasters will result from carelessness, neglect, and 'taking chances' with unsafe decorations.

"In order that we of the fire department may schedule our individual activities, and be ready to answer your fire alarm with a minimum loss of time and with as little confusion as possible, kindly give us with the following information:

"1. Have you decided when you want us to make a hurry-up call to see you? If so, please state the day and approximate hour.

"2. At what hour do you plan to expose your combustible decorations to open fires, heavy lights, matches or candles?

"3. Please let us know the hour of day or night you plan to place in use your old, frayed electric cords, lights or appliances.

"4. We can reduce your fire loss if you will let us know when your accumulation of paper, waste, wrappings and boxes will reach a peak, allowing a few minutes time before it is ignited.

"5. By letting us know about five minutes before you allow your Christmas tree to become ignited in the house, your loss can be kept principally to water and smoke damage, or maybe only the use of

a small fire extinguisher will be necessary.

"Seriously, this is a reminder and a request that we diligently try to make this season fire-safe. Our

carefulness can keep it pleasant; our carelessness will make it disastrous.

"Members of the Tahoka Fire Department."



To the army and the navy and the folks that stay right here, happy Yuletide and God Bless you through out the coming year.

**Driver's
Cafe**

**THE HOLIDAY
SEASON**

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.



**ROBINSON
READY-TO-WEAR**

Must Piles be Cut?

If not, Try Easing Pain, Itching, Sworiness, this Palliative Way

If you have a case of piles that need cutting, have it done. But for palliative relief of pain, itching, sworiness of straining, non-surgical piles, fissures, rectal irritations, try a real DOCTOR'S ointment. Use one used adjunctively at noted 81-year-old Thornton & Minor Clinic. Supply was sent us so everyone could get it. Get a tube of Thornton & Minor's Rectal Ointment (with six oint. covers). If not delighted, money back.

WYNNE COLLIER, Druggist

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

A Sincere Greeting
To Our Many Friends
and Members.



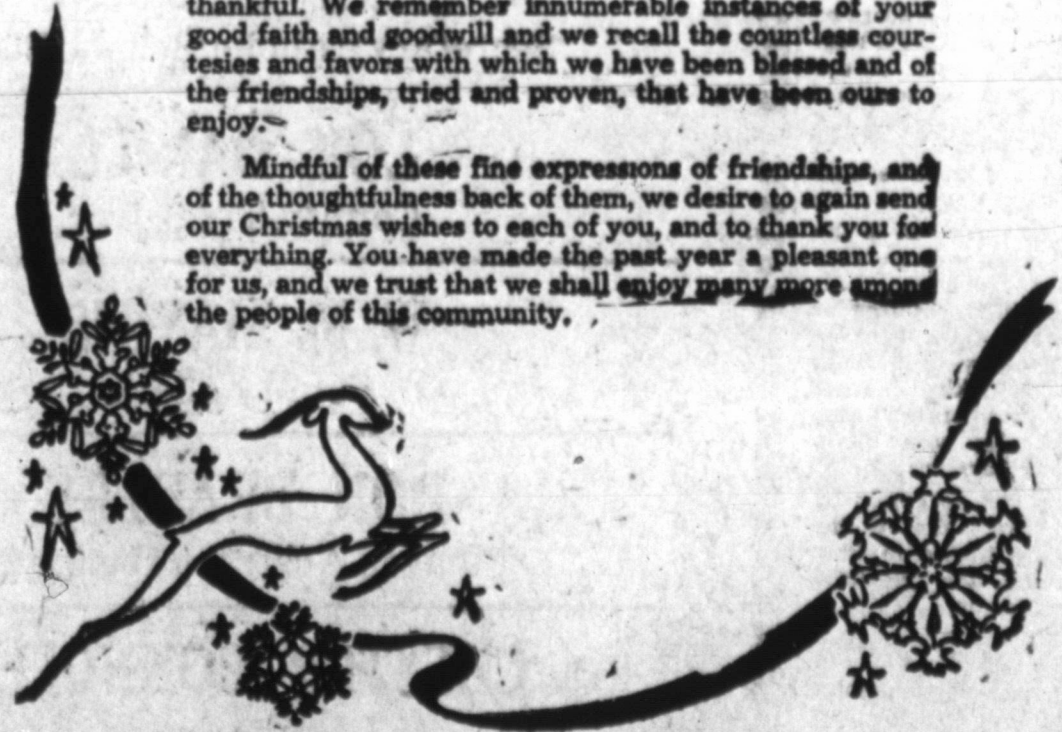
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**CHRISTMAS
MEMORIES**

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.



Pettigrew's Food Market

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll with an evening dress, a book satchel, a Dr. and nurse set, and a white Bible. With love—Peggy Ann Nowlin.

Dear Santa:
I thank you so much for the toys you gave me last year and I want you to come again this year and bring me an electric train, ships, and new clothes for my last year's dollie. With love—Nancy Jane Nowlin.

Dear Saint Nicholas:
Please stop at my house and leave me an airplane, a jeep car, a big doll, a cradle, a doll buggy, and some fruits put in my stocking. Please leave Doyland Ray and my little friend, Jimmie Harter, some toys and things, too. We have all been very nice and are looking forward to seeing you. With all my love—Barbary Jean Lewis.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a buggy, doll and some dishes. And a little horse for my baby sister. Don't forget Mother, Daddy and Wayne. —Jane Hill.

In 1940, more than 11,250,000 acres had been placed under forest fire protection of the Texas Forest Service.

South of Burnet is the state's largest cave, Longhorn Cavern.

WICKARD PRAISES SCRAP ACTIVITY OF U. S. FARMERS

The mounting dependence of Uncle Sam on the farmers of the Nation is seen in the eloquent message of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard addressed to the farmers of America. Mr. Wickard calls attention to the continuing need for farm scrap; praises farmers for their patriotic past efforts in the national salvage program; and asks their further cooperation in the nation-wide scrap hunt, recently launched by War Production Board Chairman Donald Nelson, to round up as much of the remaining farm scrap as possible, during the last few weeks of 1942.

The Government's continuing appeal for scrap iron and steel, in the face of the huge piles of scrap seen on every hand is not hard to understand when the facts are known, said Lesing J. Rosenwald, Director of the Conservation Division in Washington. The steel industry Mr. Rosenwald pointed out, must have a reservoir of scrap materials on which to draw throughout the winter and spring months, when scrap collections are much smaller than they are at other seasons of the year.

As the need arises, the piles of scrap which are now being built up will be drawn into steel production through the regular channels, after being first sorted and processed by government regulated scrap dealers, who are the only agencies equipped to do this work," Mr. Rosenwald said. Scrap dealers, handicapped by labor shortages, report that they are handling more metal scrap than ever before. The importance of their work lies in the fact that there are 75 dif-

ferent grades of iron and steel scrap, each of which must be separated from the others and shipped separately in carload lots. The steel mills cannot use mixed scrap. An old tractor may contain 25 or 30 different grades of metal. This means that it must be completely dismantled (a job requiring considerable time and labor) and all parts must be separated and sorted according to grade.

Steel mills also require scrap dealers to prepare all scrap in accordance with certain specifications. This requires special equipment, such as electric cutting torches, shears, balling presses, cranes, etc. Storage facilities are also a necessary part of the scrap dealer's equipment, since he must store each grade of metal separately until he has enough weight to make a full carload.

The Department of Agriculture stresses the importance of farmers salvaging all usable parts from worn-out machinery to be used in repairing other machines. All old equipment should be repaired if possible, and put to work on the owner's farm, or sold to someone who needs it.

If it can't be repaired, they say, scrap it now. Uncle Sam needs the metal for weapons of war. Farmers are urged not to hold on to worn-out machines because of certain usable parts they contain, but to remove the parts now and scrap the rest of the machine. Secretary Wickard closes his message with a statement that could well be used as a slogan for the entire scrap effort—"If it can't be used on the farm front, turn it in for scrap and it will be used on the battle front."

The East Texas timber belt is today capable of yielding 87,000,000 cords of wood pulp, more than six times the total pulpwood requirement for the entire United States in 1930.

At the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:15 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:05 a. m.
League Meeting 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Women's Society Monday 4:00 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lord's Day Worship:
Bible Study 10:30 a. m.
Preaching 11:30 a. m.
Communion 12:15 a. m.
Evening Service 8:00 p. m.
Ladies Bible Study, Tues. 2:30 p. m.
Mid-Week Service, Wed. 8:30 p. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Henry C. Thomas, pastor.
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service 8:30 p. m.
Women's Missionary Society 3:00 p. m. Monday.
Mid-Week Prayer Service 8:30 p. m. Wednesday.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Arthur E. Brown, Pastor.
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Evangelistic 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 8:00 p. m.
Saturday Family Night Service 8:00 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 27, will be H-C Day, Young People's and Student Recognition Day.

The young people who have been away to school and teachers who are back from their schools for the Christmas holidays—this service is for you. It will be at the morning hour, sponsored by the Young People's Division of the local church. We hope everyone who is back home whose membership is here will be present. Also, friends, too.

We are so grateful to the great number of friends who have sent us Christmas greetings in the community. We appreciate the new friends in and around Tahoka and wish for each one a profitable Christmas and happy reunions of families.


Several hundred species of cacti are indigenous to Texas and cover a wide range from the western edge of the East Texas Forest Belt to the western boundaries of the state.

The museum in the art building of Texas State College for Women at Denton contains the collection of historic gowns of wives of the presidents of the Republic and Governors of Texas. This collection was presented to the college by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The larger part of the deer and wild turkey found in Texas are in the eastern half of the Edwards Plateau of Southwest Texas.

About 4,000 different native flowers thrive in Texas soils, giving the state a reputation as a "wild flower paradise."

May you have good fellowship and cheer as you go your way, and the happiest possible Christmas Day!



C. N. Woods Jeweler

To All Patrons and Citizens of Tahoka Independent School District:

'Tis with gratitude in our hearts that we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

We send special greetings to those of you who have members of your family in the service of our Country somewhere. We want you and them to know that we sincerely appreciate what they are doing.

Our sincerest prayer is that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will hasten the day when Our Boys return home . . . and there comes again—

Peace on Earth and Good-Will Toward ALL Men!

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hanes and Billy

CHRISTMAS BELLS

I heard the bells on Christmas: *hey*
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The bell-ringers of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

One of Texas' most famous flowers, the Drummond Phlox, now planted in many parts of the world, was discovered in 1833 in Texas by the botanist, Thomas Drummond, who collected Phlox seeds and distributed them widely in other parts of the country.

Texas State College for Women at Denton has a larger enrollment than any other state supported women's college in America.



ON CHRISTMAS MORN . . .

Many's the home that will have a son of it's family observing Yuletide in foreign lands or somewhere in camps. To these families in particular and to all generally, we extend every good wish for a joyous Christmas and peace through the coming year.

LEVINE BROS.

Annie

Al

CHRISTMAS



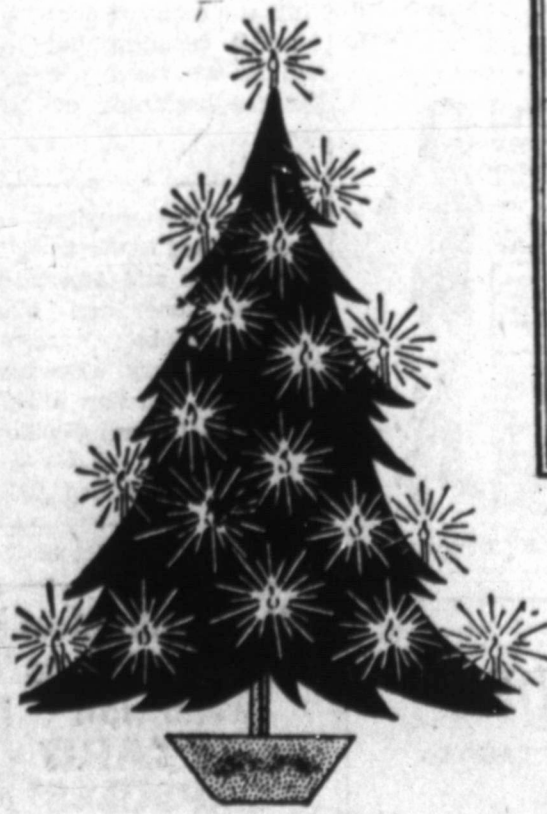
GREETINGS

Once more it is our pleasure to extend the compliments of the Yuletide Season to our host of friends in this community. It is a very pleasant and cheerful custom to renew these as-

sociations—that's why we await Christmas time with eager anticipation. You have been good to us—may old Santa be just as good to you.

TAHOKA DRUG THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
L.C. HANEY PHONE 99

MAY THE LIGHTS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE BURN BRIGHTLY



And sparkle with the joy and happiness that we wish for you and yours at this glad time of the year.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we are at your service in the future. Please call on us at any time as we deem it a distinct privilege to serve in whatever manner we can. We cordially invite your continued patronage.

Merry Christmas

AND A VERY

Happy New Year

A. L. Smith Food Store

Classified Ads

Are Wonderful - Workers

FOR SALE or TRADE

FOR SALE—Bundle feed, a Jersey cow and calf. T. E. Savage, New Home, on Wilson, Rt. 1. 20-3tp

FOR SALE—Several Rhode Island Red cockerels from State accredited flock; price \$1.50 each. See Mrs. C. B. Evans or D. V. Smith. 1tp

FOR SALE—Complete windmill with all piping, tower, etc. See R. A. Jenkins, 5 miles south of Tahoka on highway. 20-2tp

FARM FOR SALE—335 acres good land and improvements, 12 miles north Tahoka, on pavement, at Wayside. Gas and Electric lines. Gin at corner. C. C. Cox, owner, 2223 13th Street, Lubbock. 20-2tc

FOR SALE—3 Chester White young Boars, subject to registration. Ward Eakin. 17-tfc.

MY CAPE FOR SALE—More business than can be taken care of. We are worked down. Will pay for itself in next few months. Might lease to responsible party. Bart Cowan. 17-tfc.

FOR SALE—Good solid cross-ties at 75c each. T. Cowan. 16tfc

FOR SALE—150 to 175 Harmonson White Leghorn hens, 18 months old, at \$1.00 each. Mrs. J. Y. Thompson. 17-tfc.

FOR SALE—30 head quality Hereford steers, now on feed. James Gayden, 3 miles Southeast of Draw. 17-tfc.

FOR SALE—1938 small, good rubber; 2 milk cows, springer heifer, and 2 calves; good brooder. F. E. Maddox, 3 1/2 miles NE New Lynn. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cows, springers, and Jersey heifers.—A. J. Kaddatz, 5 miles north of Tahoka. 19-tfc

FOR SALE—A good piano, first class condition, price \$200.00. — Mrs. Tom Hale. 13tfc.

FOR SALE—Chinese Elm shade trees, 10 to 20 feet high, at 25c each; hedge trees 15 inches to 5 feet tall, priced from 3c to 15c each.—A. A. Walker, on Lubbock Highway. 1-tfc.

FOR SALE—1600 acres land to sell or trade for Lynn County property. Good land for wheat, or feed of any kind, 1 section in cultivation. See me for good buys in Lynn County. — C. T. Oliver, P. O. Box 802. 12-tfc

FOR SALE

- 1 Viking Meat Case, 10 foot
- 1 Hobart Electric Meat Slicer
- 1 Large Electric Pop Box.
- 1 120-Gallon Kerosene Container.
- 1 Electric Air Compressor
- 3 Sets Scales.
- 1 Display Case.
- 1 Bulk Candy Case
- 1 Small Cash Register.
- 1 House in Tahoka Heights Addition.

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and
HIGH-GRADE 1942 EQUITIES

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W. M. Lee . . .

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ture, and Rev. Smith delivered the funeral discourse.

The numerous beautiful floral offerings and the presence of a vast congregation that filled the main auditorium to its capacity and sent many to the galleries, many of them from rural communities in the county, attested the great esteem in which deceased was held.

Funeral arrangements and the burial that followed in the Tahoka cemetery were under the direction of the Harris Funeral Home of this city. Pall bearers were: A. L. Lockwood, W. B. Slaton, Sam Reid, T. J. Bovell, A. F. McGlaun, E. L. Parker, Jim Dye, and Norvell Redwine.

Mr. Lee had been a resident of this county for more than twenty-seven years and had served nearly all this time in some capacity as a peace officer, serving as city marshal of Tahoka for much of this time. As such, he was so kind and considerate in the performance of his duties that he possibly never made a single enemy during his long tenure in office. All classes, colors, ranks, and ages loved him. His gentle, cheerful, sympathetic disposition marked him as "a friend to man." He was noted as a friend to young people and children, and without exception they loved him.

Having united with the Methodist Church when a small boy, he was a true Christian and a loyal member until death. He was an official in the church, as steward and trustee, for about thirty five years. He had been a trustee of church property here for many years and held that position at the time of his death. He was a regular attendant at the Sunday services and contributed to the music of the Church by being in his place regularly in the choir. Being a good singer himself, he dearly loved sacred music and not only assisted in the music of his church but he was found usually at the county singing conventions held in this county. Loyal to his Church and his pastor, he was always ready to help in whatever capacity he could.

Born on February 2, 1872, in Waynesboro, Tennessee, William Mac Lee was 70 years, 10 months, and 15 days old.

He came with his parents to Erath county, Texas, in 1877, where with the exception of two years, he resided until 1915. He was married to Julia Hatchett 43 years ago at Seldon in Erath county. To this union three children were born: Preston Lee, Sweetwater, and Mrs. C. O. Carmack and Mrs. Jess Gurlley of Tahoka.

He and his family moved to Lynn county in October, 1915, and settled thirteen miles northeast of Tahoka in the New Lynn community. In 1920, the family moved into Tahoka. His wife preceded him in death on February 1, 1935, and his remains were laid to rest beside her grave.

Ice Storm . . .
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to 1.57 inches, according to the rain gage kept by The News, and it is presumed that about the same amount of rain fell throughout this section.

The rain, of course, again delayed cotton picking for a few days, but with the moisture that had come before, it certainly has placed the soil in the finest possible condition for the beginning of next year's crop.

Among the principal species of trees planted in Northwest Texas are the Chinese and American elm, cottonwood, honey and black locust, walnut, soapberry, green ash, bois d'arc, hackberry, alanthus, mulberry, apricot, Russian olive, sycamore, plum, and flowering willow.

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TAHOKA DRUG

Soil Work . . .

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of the county. In the Wilson-Morgan area, thirty farmers have signed up every foot of eighteen sections lying in a body. Quite a number of sections have been signed up in the New Home community, several east of Tahoka, and others scattered over the county.

A joint meeting of the County Board and the commissioners court is to be held soon after January 1, when two new commissioners will take office, to work out a cooperative plan with that body.

Mr. Mather stresses the point that he and his office force are mere servants of the county board and of the land owners of the county in carrying out their program, and they are anxious to serve to the best of their ability.

Soil conservation is certainly a very vital matter in which every land owner should become intensely interested. It is freely predicted that interest in the program will grow until practically every section of land in the county will be receiving the benefits from the program now being launched.

In the National Forests of Texas, the Federal Government has constructed eleven 100-foot lookout towers and 500 miles of telephone line for fire control work; five dams and recreational areas around the resulting lakes; and 800 miles of forest roads.

The Bluebonnet was adopted as the state flower of Texas by legislative action in 1901.

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Sacrifice A Little To Buy War Bonds and Stamps

The Lynn County News

"I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

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Farmers Asked To Start Early

Citing a recent statement by economists that 1943 is expected to bring the greatest demand ever known for farm products, and stating that next year's production difficulties will be tremendous, Wyman J. Welch, rural rehabilitation supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, this week urged farmers to begin planning their program of operations immediately.

"Shortage of manpower already is a critical problem in many farming areas," said Mr. Welch, "and it will be much more critical next year. As the nation increases our army and steps up our industrial output, it is inevitable that great problems will face those in agriculture.

"Farmers in Lynn county and throughout the United States," he continued, "will do well to forestall many hardships and disappointments by developing their basic farm and home plans during the winter months."

The supervisor observed that farm operations often involve credit needs. He suggested that operators who may need to borrow funds for next year make their arrangements during December and January.

"The Farm Security Administration," said Mr. Welch, "expects to farm operators who are unable to achieve their full output through their own efforts or through existing normal channels of assistance.

He reminded farmers that FSA loans are available to eligible borrowers for practically all farming needs, including the purchase of capital goods such as cows, hogs, sheep and so forth, and for operations.

Morgan Completes Special Course In Machinery School

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 21.—T/4 Jackson C. Morgan, stationed at Geiger Field, Washington, and listing Tahoka, Texas, as his home town, has just completed a special training assignment in Peoria, Illinois.

While in Peoria, Sgt. Morgan studied the repair and maintenance of LeTourneau earth-moving equipment in a school conducted by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., for the training of mechanics in the U. S. Engineers. The equipment covered is used by the Combat Engineers for construction work and emergency repairs at the front and in advanced bases. Eighty to 100 specially selected soldiers take this course each month.

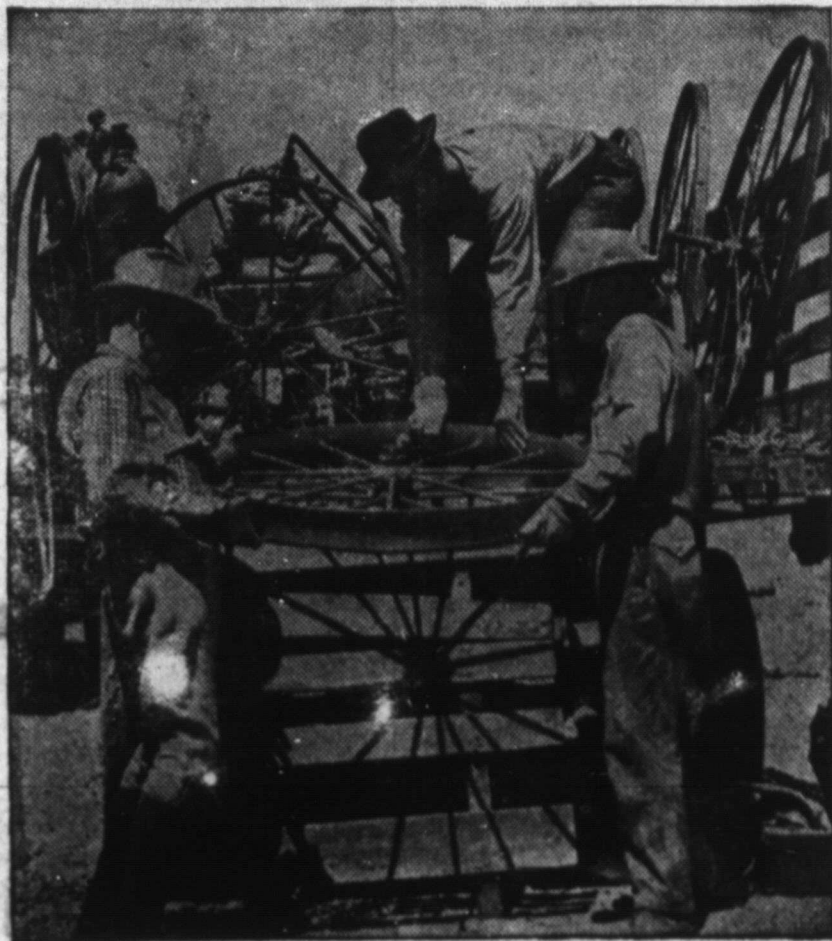
Do your part! Get in the SCRAP!

He said FSA assistance, however, is limited to those operators who cannot get adequate credit from any other source.

"We encourage applicants to first contact the regular credit agencies because FSA is not in competition with any public or private lending agency. Our job," he said, "is to assist those who need help and receive applications for loans during the next two months from many Lynn county farmers. Under a directive of the Secretary of Agriculture this agency has the responsibility for getting into full production the manpower and resources of all cannot get it elsewhere."

Mr. Welch, whose office is in the court house in Tahoka, said he would be glad to discuss any phase of the Farm Security with Lynn county farmers and assist them, if possible, with their problems. He will be in the office each Monday.

RANCHERS DON 'E SCRAP



These iron wagon wheels were part of 34 tons of scrap donated by the Ferretto Brothers to the scrap campaign and shown being loaded into trucks at the Ferretto Ranch on the Carson River, east of Dayton, Nev., for trucking to a collection depot. Note the acetylene tank aboard the truck for cutting up the larger pieces into hunks small enough to drop down Hitler's throat.

FEDERAL OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS TAX RATE REMAINS THE SAME

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 15.—Employers were put on notice today in a statement issued by W. A. Thomas, Collector of Internal Revenue, Second District of Texas, that there will be no change in the tax rate on Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance on January 1 1943, as had been antici-

pated.

Under the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1942 passed by Congress and signed by the President on Oct. 21, the rate remains at one per cent on wages paid to employees which must be deducted by the employer and reported to the collector of Internal Revenue, according to Thomas.

—SCRAP THE AXIS!

New Home FFA Buys Gilt; Gathers 70,000 Pounds Of Salvage

The New Home Future Farmers recently initiated the A. A. I class into the organization. Nine members of the Freshman class were initiated. The Chapter also recently agreed to buy a bred gilt from which to raise pigs. In this way the boys hope to aid the War effort and at the same time to raise funds for the chapter.

On November 14, members of the Chapter pulled bolls in order to buy the registered gilt. Eighteen members of the class pulled 5,000 pounds of cotton.

A registered Berkshire gilt was purchased from A. D. Wenzel of Wilson. The gilt is bred.

The boys plan to raise some pigs for pork and to hold contests in the Chapter. One or two gilts will be given to the winner.

The boys are trying in every way possible to shorten the war, and this is one of the ways.

Members of the Chapter gathered scrap iron and rubber during the last two months and have just recently sold it. The drive netted \$104.56. There were over 4,000 pounds of rubber and 64,000 pounds of scrap iron.

JO LEHMAN HOME

Jo Lehman, pre-med student in the University of Texas, arrived home last Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lehman.

ENTER ARMY

Charles David Sparks and Blanton Lamar McLaurin, both of O'Donnell, were recently inducted into the Army.

Urge Saving Of Natural Gas

Users of gas furnished by West Texas gas company are requested to cooperate in conserving the use of natural gas.

R. F. Hinchey, Vice President and General Manager of West Texas Gas Company said today the company is preparing to mail an important letter to each of the company's customers, suggesting several ways in which a possible temporary gas shortage may be averted during extremely cold weather.

Mr. Hinchey advised that this step is being taken in cooperation with the American Gas Association, in an effort to avert threatened gas shortages in some areas and to minimize hardships resulting from such shortages as do occur.

"We had no shortages of gas during the recent cold spell," said Mr. Hinchey. It is difficult to estimate how much gas will be required to serve everyone during extremely cold weather. We hope to be able to supply sufficient gas to take care of our residential and commercial customers. However, inasmuch as we are not positive that we will be able to do so, we feel that our customers should be advised of the situation, in advance, so that they can learn in what ways they can economize in the use of gas. In the event of a shortage it should be possible, with the help of all customers, for everyone to have some gas. We earnestly hope that our customers will cooperate wholeheartedly.

"There is plenty of natural gas at our source of supply," said Mr. Hinchey, "but our pipe lines are limited as to the amount of gas they can carry. Under present war conditions (Cont'd. on next page)

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all OUR FRIENDS

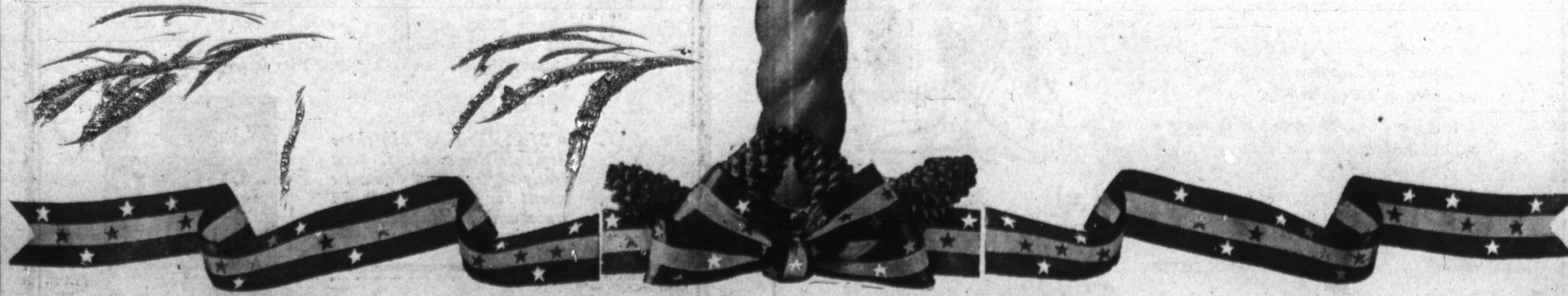
—From—

Deen Nowlin
John Hudman

Aubra Cade
Dorothy Kahl

Christmas like it used to be!
That's the thing would gladden me,
Kith and kin from far and near,
Joining in the Christmas cheer,
Oh, the laughing girls and boys!
Oh, the feasting and the toys!
Wouldn't it be good to see
Christmas like it used to be?
—Nixon Waterman.

But this year there will be
many empty places at the dinner
table in Lynn county homes on
Christmas. May we with pride hold
high the torch for the boys and girls
who are far from home . . . and
BUY BONDS, BONDS, and BONDS.



THE GROWL

Santa Claus Will Appear At School

Santa Claus made his formal appearance Friday afternoon as students of Tahoka High School assembled to hear a one act musical play, "At The Court of Santa Claus" given by the seventh grade. Students also saw the latest version of "Little Red Riding Hood." Miss Laurine Levitt was in charge of the program.

Miss Levitt states that each member of the seventh grade participated on the program, either as a member of the chorus or as one of the characters in the play.

"At The Court of Santa Claus" was a one act musical play, with the plot woven around the thought that poor people have good times as well as the rich.

The characters and students playing the roles were: Court Jester, George Maurice Small; Spirit of Christmas, Nancy Ray Weathers; Santa Claus, Nat Parks; Mrs. Santa Claus, Imogene Hargett; Poor family, George Leslie, Evelyn Mae Mitchell, Thomas Fulkerson, and Eva Joyce Stone.

Those taking part in a second play, a version of Red Riding Hood, were Red Riding Hood, Eloise Boydston; Mother, Joreta Hill; Father, Marvin Haley; Two Hunters, Joe Dean Harvick and Jane Evans; Wolf, James Bairrington; and the little rich girl, Lloyne Edwards.

Two members of the seventh grade sang solos in the operetta. They were: Nancy Weathers, who sang "The Spirit of Christmas," and Maurice Small, who sang "Jolly Jester."

In addition to the operetta, all the students sang Christmas carols, and an all school Christmas tree was decorated on the stage, under which presents were placed for each member of High School.

Texas' largest county is Brewster county, located in West Texas.

Teachers Leaving For Christmas Visits

Many of the Tahoka teachers are taking advantage of the Christmas holidays from December 18 to 28 to make trips to various parts of Texas.

Mr. Tom Seay plans to go to Wichita Falls; Miss Ineva Headrick will spend her holidays in Amarillo; Mrs. Charles Stewart is going to see her husband in Ballinger; and Mrs. John Kirkwood, also plans to go see her husband in Pampa.

Christmas Spirit In Home Ec Clubs

Home Economics chapter clubs got the Christmas spirit Monday of last week as they sponsored a program for Club members.

On the program were two carols by the chorus, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night, Holy Night"; a poem by Jimmie Lou Thomas; a piano solo, "Jingle Bells" by Clara Faye Nurdyke; and a song by Donna Sue Milliken and Laverne Reddell.

Refreshments were served following the program.

Grade School Whine

Paper chains, Santa Clauses, stockings, and Christmas trees made Tahoka Grade School a Yuletide "happy hunting ground," as the pupils prepared for class parties which were held Friday.

The children made all of the decorations themselves, and were very proud of the colorful appearance of their classrooms.

Each child is doing his part in winning the war as well as participating in Christmas celebrations by buying War Stamps and Bonds.

Sgt. Keith Connolly, who is home from the fighting front, honored grade school youngsters and gave more than one potential soldier of the next decade a thrill when he dropped in to say "hello" last Friday.

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SAVE, SERVE, CONSERVE!

(By Peggy Fenton)
 Tahoka High School is participating in the Schools at War program. When a scrapbook furnished by the government, has been filled with written evidence of the defense activities in which the high school has taken a part and is sent to Washington, we will be awarded the Certificate of Service.

Many of us wonder just exactly how we are qualified to receive this award. The activities of the school or the defense effort are grouped under three heads: Save, Serve and Conserve.

Under the heading of Save, Tahoka high school students are buying stamps and bonds in the office. A jeep is being bought, and War Savings posters were made by the seventh grade and Economics class.

Under Serve, Tahoka high school homemakers are taught first aid, the Aggies are taught home and farm accident prevention, a school lunchroom is provided in Grade School, physical education is taught and fire drills are held regularly.

Homemakers are making sweaters for the Red Cross, and Sub-Debs are making surgical dressings.

All students become members of the Junior Red Cross and the Sub-Debs contributed to the U. S. O. Several of the high school boys are members of the Tahoka Defense Guard.

In the division of conservation, Tahoka high school has collected scrap iron, rubber, copper, paper, and other waste materials for war production and has sold it to earn money to buy War Stamps.

America's schools have gone to war—but they have not forsaken their main business: teaching and learning. They realize that the time has come to take action that insures the right of free education to exist.

EDITORIAL

In all Christian countries, Christmas is celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, "the Prince of Peace," "the King of Kings." This day, December 25, is marked by special religious services in various churches, by charitable deeds, the exchange of gifts, and by merry making and rejoicing.

The time when the Christmas festival was first observed is not definitely known, but the giving of presents and use of holly, mistletoe, yule logs, and the wassail bowl have all descended from the days of paganism, but they were things which set the day distinctly apart from all other holidays. With out the Christmas tree and Santa Claus for the little folks, the day would be incomplete and lose much of its deeper meaning to families.

This year, due to the war, Christmas tree and Santa Claus for little usual because the people are buying War Bonds and Stamps instead of presents. However, the American people should do everything in their

power to preserve the spirit of Christmas.

Personality . . .

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." This description might easily describe Christmas Eve, just before a man with a very pleasant smile appears in the fireplace, carrying a large sack on his back with a

train sticking out here and a doll's arm there.

This old man, if anyone should accidentally get a glimpse of him, is dressed in a red suit trimmed in white, snow boots, and has a white beard. He rides in a red toboggan with twelve reindeer, and he scatters snow and gifts all the way from the North Pole over everywhere. He always makes his appearance in the home of poor children so everyone may have a merry Christmas.

From this description, can you guess who it is? No joke—it's Santa Claus.

Carsos county is underlaid by the largest natural gas field in the world, which supplies such northern industrial centers as St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Denver and Chicago.

A sweet potato crop of 500,000 bushels, worth \$350,000, is produced annually in Camp county.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And may we add our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses that you have shown us in the past.

Because of your consideration the past year has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have had the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. We only hope that we may continue to merit your good will and patronage, so that our policy of friendly, helpful service to all may be maintained.

G. & R. FOOD STORE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With a friendly wish for your happiness throughout the New Year.
 And a genuine "thank you" for your courtesies of the past year.

WINSTON C. WHARTON
 CONOCO REPRESENTATIVE

May All Happiness Be Yours

As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

Let these friendships that bind our associates to be of the utmost service to all

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Please Put Off Your Holiday Rail Trip until after January 12th

Please do not make a trip by rail, unless it is urgently necessary, between now and January 12th.

The Santa Fe, in cooperation with other western railroads and the Office of Defense Transportation, makes this direct appeal to the general traveling public, for these reasons:

Christmas Furloughs

Between December 12 and January 12, hundreds of thousands of our men in service will have holiday leaves.

We all want them to be able to travel without delay on these brief and precious furloughs.

In this same period the railroads must transport a million men of the armed forces moving on duty; handle the heavy seasonal flow of students; and care for the ever-growing number of persons who must make trips by rail on urgent government business or private emergency.

Not Enough Cars for All

If, on top of all this, civilian America "travels as usual" during the Christmas-New Year holidays, there just will not be enough passenger coaches and sleeping cars to go around.

So, if you possibly can, postpone your trip at least until after January 12—and thus do your share to ensure seats or berths for our men in service on their all-too-brief Christmas-New Year furloughs.

• More than ever, in these difficult times, please turn freely to your local Santa Fe agent for friendly help on travel and shipping problems.

Disillusioned Santa Reveals Everything In Last Appearance

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—"I'm tired now. In fact, every year around this time I'm very tired." That is what Santa Claus (a professional one though, for the real one doesn't ever get tired) had to say recently as he was taking off his red and white suit, preparatory to going home.

As he pulled off his white whiskers wearily, he continued: "Besides, this business of being a jolly old fellow is highly seasonal work. Just a couple of weeks' work in Decem-



ber, then something over 11 months' vacation. It is a good thing I am an electrician. I'd possibly starve to death." (The kids should have heard such heresy!)

A few seconds followed while he put on his dark green knit tie before he continued his slightly weary talk: "It was all right at first and the pay was good—\$4 for a party appearance or a club or a lodge. Or \$2 for a private home call. But I guess I can't take it anymore. Anyhow, the kids won't miss me. (Imagine that, the kids not missing Santa Claus!)

Comes next year there will be one ex-Santa who isn't filling stockings, and putting presents under trees, or telling pop to take it easy with son's electric train. That retired Santa will be just sitting in his own home—not, definitely not, at the North Pole—listening to the Christmas carols on the radio, and wiggling his toes. For his shoes will be off.

Christmas Stories Revealed by History

Fortunately, the "idea" in the minds of some to tell the truth to the kiddies—that there isn't a Santa Claus—isn't catching on as well as they hoped.

Everybody—and this includes the kids—enjoys a good story, especially around the Christmas season.

Down through the years have come many beautiful stories, jammed with the kindness of the best in humanity. It is from such stories that many of our Christmas customs have come. For the observance of such customs the United States is indebted to many lands. Palestine, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, Germany, England and Holland all have done their bit to contribute to our added enjoyment of Christmas customs and traditions. To the Holy Land, more than any other, all civilization is indebted for the matchless history of the Christ child.

One writer who has investigated the observance of the birth of the Christ Child has noticed one curious fact. That is, Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church. Irenaeus and Tertullian, early church fathers, omitted it from the list of feasts. According to what Origen noticed in the Bible, only sinners, not saints, celebrated their birthday.

It was in the year 200 A. D. that evidence of the feast of Christmas was first noted. This was in Egypt. And it wasn't until years afterwards that December 25 was decided upon as being the date for the celebration of Christ's birthday. During that time Christmas was celebrated on various days, one of the dates being as late as May 20. Eight hundred years after the first feast of Christmas, church authorities used the term *Christes Maessis*, from which comes the English word Christmas. This was in 1038.

Ancient Yule Customs Still Live in England

Many ancient customs prevail in England at Christmas, according to present day records. One custom that goes back to Saxon times is still observed at Okehampton, Devon. Here a "market" is held the Sunday after Christmas at which a man may speak to or kiss any girl who takes his fancy. Mistakes definitely is not necessary.

In the village of Cam on the day after Christmas the poor are again remembered. For, according to the will of Margaret Trotman, one of Cam's former citizens, any parishioner is entitled to the gift of a loaf of bread. Also, the first 50 widows who apply are given money.

Chinese Copy Custom
Chinese children start Christmas day by folding their hands on arising and wishing each other a good day before opening a single gift. The Chinese have adopted American Christmas customs.

Community Christmas Tree



This striking night photograph typifies the true Christmas spirit as hundreds of small lights glisten from the community Yule tree. The glistening, ice-coated pavement gives an added touch of beauty to a setting familiar throughout America.

Extension News

By MISS MAURINE McNATT
County Home Demonstration Agent
Extension Service, A. & M. College.

Potatoes in Low Cost Diets:

Potatoes are a good neighbor food. Starting from their native soil in the Americas to the south of us, potatoes have traveled far, picking up nicknames as they went. Spuds, murphies, taters, by whatever name you call them, like good neighbors, you can count on them through thick and thin.

Potatoes prevented soldiers from dying of scurvy back in the days of long voyages on sailing ships, and helped pave the way to the discovery of vitamin C.

Failure of a potato crop once caused a famine in Ireland.

With potato flowers pinned to his coat, a French king made potatoes fashionable, so the story goes, and soon all his people were eating these "apples of the earth".

Spuds Up To Date:

Wherever the potato, sweet or white, grows today it is the outstanding breakfast, dinner, supper vegetable. There are more food values

under its brown jacket than once we dreamed of. Vitamin C, vitamin B (Thiamine) iron, protein, starch, are the food values present in all potatoes. Sweet potatoes score on two more counts. They are a good source of carotene, which the body can change into vitamin A, and they have some sugar.

Get the Most From Potatoes:

To get the most from your potatoes, cook them in their jackets. When you must peel, peel peelings thin, for prized minerals lie close beneath the surface.

Peel potatoes just before you cook them, don't let them soak, or you lose minerals and vitamins. Store white potatoes in a cool, dark, airy place where they won't freeze. Store sweet potatoes in a dry place where they won't chill. The Texas food standard says that one should eat potatoes every day. Try them baked, candied, scalloped, boiled, fried, mashed, puffed, creamed, in soup, chowder, puddings, pies, pancake, hash, cakes, or salads.

Rev. Tyne Smith left Saturday for Corinta, Miss., to visit two brothers and other relatives.

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Midst neighbors and friends and the homespun sincere greetings of those you know will be found renewed faith in the true spirit of Christmas . . . and the belief that "peace on earth . . . good will toward men" shall once more live in the hearts of all men everywhere. To the countless wishes that come your way we should like to add ours to wish you a truly, Merry Christmas, and Victorious New Year.



The Star of Peace
Shall Shine Again . . .



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In Burnet county are found unusually varied mineral deposits, including granite (from which Texas' State Capitol and Galveston's seawall were built), graphite, copper, lead, lithograph stone, and traces of gold, silver and other metals.

In Briscoe county, which lies partly on high level plains and partly on the Cap Rock escarpment, the elevation drops 1,000 feet within the distance of a few miles.

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ODDS and ENDS

by Eec Eye, the Elder

Christmas is here again. Is the midst of turmoil and trouble and war, Christmas, the time for cheer and joy, the time when we celebrate the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, has come again.

Bible scholars generally agree that December 25 was not the real date of the birth of this child whose birth and life and death have influenced the history of the world far more than that of any other personage that ever lived upon this earth. They generally agree that this event really occurred two or three months later, probably in April, but centuries ago the Christian world began to celebrate his birth on December 25, and the custom then established has been perpetuated.

The story of the birth of the Christ child as recorded by Matthew and Luke in the New Testament is one of the most marvelous and beautiful stories ever written. In view of the circumstances of his birth and of the divine nature and mission of the child as proclaimed to the world at the time, it is one of the strangest things in all history that a generation later his own countrymen, who should have been glad to honor and acclaim his as their greatest prophet and leader, could wildly cry out in wrath and hatred, to their Roman governor, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" We are wondering if they had forgotten entirely the circumstances of his birth.

The New Testament record tells us that when he was born in Bethlehem, the "angel of the Lord" appeared to shepherds out on the hills near by and announced to them the birth of the child, in the city of David, "a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," and that they should find the child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Then suddenly appeared a multitude of the heavenly host saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

When the angelic band vanished, the shepherds hastened into Bethlehem; where they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Whereupon, they proceeded to broadcast all over town and doubtless throughout all the surrounding country the wonderful visitation and announcement made to them by the angels and the finding of the child in the manger as had been told them, finally returning to their homes "glorifying and praising God." And all the people marvelled at these wonderful events. "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

But that is not all. Matthew tells us further that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the east to Jerusalem, inquiring "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

"When Herod the king heard of it, he was greatly troubled. What was this he was hearing about a 'King of the Jews' being born? Was it possible that he was going to have a rival for his seat? All Jerusalem likewise was disturbed, we are told, though most of the inhabitants, no doubt, would have welcomed a new king in the place of that cruel old monster, Herod.

Alarmed, Herod gathered together all the chief priests and scribes "and demanded of them where Christ should be born." And they replied that according to one of their prophets he should be born in Bethlehem, quoting the prophecy.

The crafty old Herod called the wise men to come before him, and he inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. He then directed them to go to Bethlehem and

search diligently for the child and to report to him when they should find him. Thereupon they went to Bethlehem, following the star which went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was."

After worshipping the child and presenting their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, the wise men, being warned of God in a dream, went not back to Jerusalem to report their findings to Herod but departed into their own country by another route.

Old Herod, deciding that he had been "mocked" and that all his plans were about to be frustrated, became furious, and to make sure that the Christ child, his possible future rival, should be destroyed, he "sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under." If he were living in the present day, he would make a pretty good Hitler; that is, if he had Hitler's ability and daring. These babies were not the only persons murdered. No. He murdered one of his wives. He had plenty left, however, for there were ten of them. He also murdered her mother, her brother, and her grandfather—didn't seem to like her kinfolks. But he didn't stop there. He murdered three of his own sons. And just before he died, this monstrous old baby-killer gathered a number of wealthy and distinguished people about him and gave orders secretly that they should be murdered immediately after his death. He was indeed one of the world's monsters.

Fortunately for the world, Herod's wholesale murder campaign directed against the babies in Bethlehem did not include the object of his envy and hatred after all. For the "angel of the Lord" also warned Joseph in a dream to flee with Mary and the babe into Egypt, and they were gone when old Herod gathered his Gestapo together and sent them over to Bethlehem to butcher the babes.

But it does seem that after all these marvelous, startling, and horrible events that attended the birth of Jesus, after all this excitement in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the priests and the scribes and the entire population of Judea would have been impressed with the evident divine nature of the child and would have watched his career with the deepest and keenest devotion and reverence. It does seem that, like Mary, they would have pondered all these things in their hearts. It does seem that when he came thirty years later, teaching and preaching and healing, curing the halt and the lame and the blind, even raising the dead, they would have listened and heeded, would have bowed to him in reverence and worship.

The trouble was that though professing to be pious the leaders as a rule were wicked men. His teachings and his injunctions and his conduct were a continuous rebuke to them, and his program was calculated to wreck all their plans for power and leadership. So, they came to hate him. Short-sighted as they were.



But even if Christmas came once a month, we would hardly find words with which to thank you for your generous support.

And now let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas in 1942.

Woodworth's
BARBER SHOP

they thought that they could destroy him, forgetting that in trying to do so they were fighting against God. They did finally succeed in putting him to death, but they did not destroy him. He lives on and on, and we have faith to believe that he will live evermore. His teachings are gradually spreading, spreading, in spite of the wickedness that still prevails throughout the world. Not only are the principles of righteousness and justice and human kindness which he expounded being im-calcated in the hearts of men, but they have been written into the fundamental law of every democracy on earth today. Ambitious dictators still murder children, even as Herod did when he sought the life of the Christ child, but strong and brave men are rising up everywhere in resistance of these campaigns of aggression and pillage and murder, with the determination to destroy totalitarianism and despotism and tyranny throughout the world.

This nation today, as it joins in the battle, is fighting not only under the flag of the United States but also under the banner of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, the Friend of All children everywhere.

PLEASE COME!

This space is taken just to remind each of you that the Hackberry ladies still meet each Thursday and to urgently beg you to attend these meetings.

The soldier boy is doing all he can possibly do to win this war for us. Are we? Maybe we say, I'm buying all the stamps and bonds I can. That's fine. But there is something else we should do.

Can you imagine the surprise and delight of the boys when they receive a sweater, helmet, or something from home knitted by a friend or loved one? It takes just a little time each day and three or four hours on Thursday to gladden some one's heart. Let us save just enough gasoline to come.

If we really do our part, when the dark hours have passed and the victory comes then truly we can say with a clear mind, "We have won!" —Unsigned.

Kenneth Bozeman
AUCTIONEER
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Cameron county in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is one of the most intensively cultivated areas in the United States, producing citrus fruits in great quantities, beans, peas, tomatoes, broccoli, lettuce, beets,

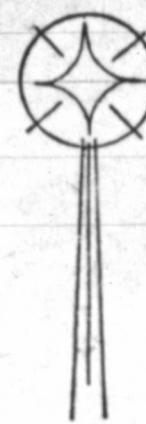
sweet corn, cabbage, spinach, and numerous other vegetables, the heavy shipping season extending from October until April.

Do your part! Get in the SCRAP!



At this time, when common tasks begin to glimmer with new glory, we pause to wish you all the Christmas joys this joyous season can bring.

TRUETT SMITH



Rising above the turmoil and cares of the world is the majestic story of Bethlehem. May the star that shone then still cast its light for you and all of us, revealing new pathways to happiness and achievement. Our entire organization joins with us in thanking you for your good will and patronage during 1942, and in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

WEST & NOWLIN
D. K. RUBBER WELDERS

Merry Christmas



"For Christmas comes But Once a Year"

THIS YEAR OF 1942 has been one of world tribulation, but nevertheless, many good things have come our way. Chief among them is your continued patronage, for which we thank you very earnestly now, and wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

holiday Season



"Reign of Christmas" is truly a reign of joy and happiness. We extend our cordial wish that happiness may "reign" in your home this Christmas and throughout the holiday season.

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Tahoka, Texas

PVT. LLOYD PRESTON WRITES FROM WISCONSIN

The News has received the following letter from Lloyd Preston, who enlisted in the Air Forces of the Army several weeks ago.

"There were 27 Lynn county boys, I think, who left with me on October 1. I know where only one of the boys is now. He is Pvt. William Mason, who is going to airplane mechanic school at Sheppard Field, 318 T. S. S., 630 Barracks.

"Bill and I left Fort Sill at Lawton, on October 7. We were close together down there; our barracks were right next to each other. He qualified for airplane mechanic and I qualified for radio mechanic. We had our basic training together. I don't know which was the sorriest at first, he or I.

"On November 3, I went to the hospital to get my eye operated on, and on November 5 I had the operation. . . . It was a muscle operation to straighten out my eye. It was very successful, as my eye, which was 45 degrees turned out—not crossed—is almost straight now. A muscle operation doesn't affect the eyesight any—doesn't make the eye weaker or stronger.

"We 29 Sheppard Field boys were

two days and two nights coming up here. We crossed the Mississippi River at St. Louis. It was over a quarter of a mile wide, and the bridge was about 100 feet high. I saw a lot of large boats, some of them three or four stories above the water and were maybe 100 yards long.

"The weather is sure cold here, almost down to zero, but the wind doesn't blow, and you can get on enough clothes so as not to feel the cold much. We use coal to heat our barracks, and we eat four times a day, three times in the day and one time at night.

"We have three school periods in 24 hours, and I don't know which shift I will attend school. I will be here three or four months going to school, and if my grades are good enough after I finish the mechanics school, I might then go eight weeks to radio operators' school afterwards. I hope I can learn enough about a radio to be able, with experience, to really fix a radio.

"I am feeling fine and weigh 175 with summer clothes on. So you see I have gained some in weight.

"Hoping to get a copy of The News soon, I am, yours truly—Pvt. Ira L. Preston, 917-T. S. S., 932 Barracks, Traux Field, Madison Wisconsin."

Gay Christmas Plants Will Appeal to Mother

Here is a suggestion for the young men and ladies, around 10 or 15, who have been saving their money for mother's Christmas present, yet don't know what to get for her: Get her a Christmas plant!

She'll enjoy it as much as any of the many others. Of all the Christmas plants, the one which truly reflects the season of the year (almost as much as the Christmas tree) is the poinsettia. This red-leaved plant has a soft, yet forceful, beauty to it that has, as yet, failed to attract the eye of those who are susceptible to any form of color.

Other red flowers are popular, too, but not as easily obtainable as the pleasant poinsettia. There is the Jerusalem cherry, the red cyclamen.

If you do purchase mother a poinsettia set it in an attractive colored pot (wrap it in colored Christmas paper) and tie a little red ribbon with a bow on it. That will put the "finishing touch" to a Christmas gift that is different.

Here Is a Festive Hard Sauce to Go With Yule Pudding

Even the tasty hard sauce now comes to the table in a gala dress. For instance here are these holiday hard sauce pinwheels to serve with your favorite steamed pudding.

Hard Sauce Pinwheels
 ¼ cup butter.
 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
 ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
 ½ tablespoon cream
 2 teaspoons orange juice
 ½ teaspoon grated orange rind
 Orange food coloring
 Cream butter until soft and gradually beat in sugar. Divide mixture in half and add cream and grated lemon rind to one portion and the orange juice and rind to the other portion. Add food coloring to orange flavored portion to tint a delicate orange. Spread lemon flavored portion on a cold damp cloth and spread orange mixture over it. Roll as for jelly roll and place in refrigerator. When hard, cut in slices and serve with steamed puddings or mince pie.

Not Santa, but 'Nisson' Visits Danish Children

The Danish children do not have a Santa Claus, but instead a Christmas brownie, called "Nisson," a little old man with a long, gray beard who supposedly lives under the ground.

The chief features of a Danish Christmas dinner are roast goose, rice and apple fritters.

When the storks have left their nests in autumn, boatloads of coarse brown crockery in the shape of little pigs, with a slit in the back, are brought to Denmark and bought by the children. They are savings banks into which the children drop their pennies. The image is not broken until Christmas time.

Since "Chisos" means ghosts or spirits, Texas Chisos Mountains are believed to have been so named because of their changing colors under the morning and evening sunlight.

Grassland News

(By Mrs. V. V. Laws)

The little folks have their Christmas trees all trimmed and waiting for Santa. Some are wondering if he will have enough gas to get around. But I think from his merry wink and wise smile that he has a trick or two up his sleeve yet. Don't you imagine he's thinking "Whoever heard of reindeer needing gas to run?" And their hoofs are not made out of rubber.

Misses Billie and Ruby Greer, Jimmie Lou Thomas, and Beth Shepherd are playing basketball again this year on the Tahoka team. They have proven themselves to be star players.

Mr. Noby McAmis, cousin of Mrs. Claud James, who has been visiting Mrs. James and family for some time, has returned home.

Elder and Mrs. Jackson of Cisco have been visiting Mrs. Jackson's sister here, Mrs. A. A. Lawson.

We certainly sympathize with the Inklebarger family in their great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Duckett and little son Royce Jean are now living with Mr. J. D. Smith. Mrs. Duckett is employed in the Smith Grocery.

Mrs. J. D. Smith is visiting her sons in Oregon. She will be away for some time.

Mrs. Tew spent Thanksgiving with her son Carvie I. Tew, who is still at Camp Carson, Colorado. Mrs. Tew states that she hasn't heard from her other son in Army for over two months. She feels like he has gone across.

W. T. Mitchell is visiting at Graham—thinks he will stay throughout the school term.

Preacher Roberts and little Miss Janice Thomas, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas, and Mrs. M. C. Thomas are on the sick list this week but they are reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Carlice Edwards is spending a few days here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Opal Bosworth was given a household shower in the home of Mrs. Odell Brown Tuesday night of last week. She received a large variety of useful gifts. Their home was destroyed by fire some time ago.

The Grassland school had its Christmas program Friday morning. The school has suspended for ten days for the holidays.

Do your part! Get in the SCRAP!

HAT PRESENTED COACH

Coach Volney Hill of Tahoka High School is the proud possessor of a new \$25 Stetson hat, presented him as a Christmas present by the members of the 1942 District 6-A championship Bulldog football team.

"I wish you would express my appreciation through The News," Mr. Hill stated. "I never appreciated

anything any more. The Tahoka boys are the finest group of youngsters I ever knew. It is a pleasure to work with them."

Cochran county, located on the High Plains bordering New Mexico had no running streams and is known as the "county without a bridge or ulvert."

Greeting You at Christmas and Wishing You Every Happiness.



FRAZIER PRODUCE

Merry Christmas



Being the fine friends and acquaintances you are we would not want to miss this 1942 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings.

A Happy Christmas to You and Yours

CITY OF TAHOKA



Christmas Cheer to All

'Twas but yesterday that all was common-places. But now, what a change! 'Tis the Christmas spirit of 1942!

Carried away on this magic carpet of Yuletide, we enter every home to say Merry Christmas to our friends.


LEE'S DRIVE-IN CAFE



Hang up the Old Sock

—And we'll take great delight in filling it full of good wishes for you and yours. As we do so, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will in the years to come.

Bennett's Variety Store



Christmas 1942 A Season Joyous

JUST A LINE to extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us during 1942, and to wish you and yours the merriest Christmas of them all.

BOYD SMITH SERVICE STATION



SINCERE WISHES

for a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS and a very Happy New Year

It is with all the earnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter into the spirit of this occasion with your loved ones and friends.

We appreciate your patronage and pledge anew to improve our service in every way possible to merit its continuance.

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**Roving Reporter
Checks Oldest
• Christmas Gifts**

In Chicago, a roving reporter for a daily newspaper was given the assignment to go out and ask various persons what were the oldest presents they had saved from past Christmas holidays.

What he learned from a young musician was that when he was 12 years old his parents gave him a red, white and blue decorated snare drum. That very drum started him on his professional music career. The musician said it was more than "just a gift" for it had influenced his whole life.

Then the roving reporter asked a housewife what gift she had saved from her early days. She replied that it was a doll given by her mother. Since her mother is dead, she keeps it in her memory for it has great sentimental value.

Another woman, a "collection correspondent," told the reporter that when she was eight years old an aunt gave her a doll. She, too, as a fitting remembrance of her aunt, has kept the doll even though little of the original remains, having had to replace its head and clothes. It still retains its charm, she said.

Another young man, a cutter by trade, was stopped and asked what he had saved. He said that the Christmas following the death of his mother, his father gave him her ring. He had it made over to fit his finger and has worn it ever since. He has hopes of passing it on to a child of his own.

ELDER DRENNON WRITES

I want to express my deep appreciation for the many kind words of sympathy I received about my mother's death. I feel I have lost my best earthly friend but am happy to know I have so many friends to

**How Happy Pierre Paid
For His Special Yule Gift**

Many touching, and very human stories about Christmas and the Christ Child are being told and read at this time of the year.

One of them, related recently by a movie producer in Hollywood who stated he heard it at a little French church in his West coast town, fits in very well with the spirit of Christmas.

According to the story repeated, a member of a sectarian order was erecting a little vignette of the Nativity scene. A short time after the scene was erected, the tiny figure of the Christ Child was missing.

The loss was reported immediately to the rector of the parish who came hurrying to the scene of what looked like a theft. On the way back, feeling very sad because of the loss, he was almost struck by a boy in a little red wagon, rushing down the street. The rector knew the happy little boy very well. He was Pierre, the local Baker's son.

Just as he was about to speak to him he suddenly noticed the missing figure in the boy's wagon.

"It was you, Pierre," he cried, "who stole the Christ Child."

Pierre, silent, said nothing and hung his head.

After being scolded and asked why he took the figure, the tot began to stammer: "I wanted a red wagon, this wagon, for Christmas. I prayed for it in His name, telling



Him that if I did get it I would give him a ride in it. For it is His birthday, you know."

The kind rector, tears in his eyes, had not words of reproof, but kindness for thoughtful little Pierre.

"I'm sorry, son, that I didn't understand. You are quite right. It is His birthday. You have given Him more than any Magi ever gave to Him on the day of his birth, many, many years ago.

share my sorrows. I received cards of sympathy from six Texas towns from readers of the News, which shows The News gets around.

I appreciate what Editor Hill had to say in his column about bell ringing. I also like to hear bells rung, especially church bells. But I got

too much bell-ringing last night. I went to the janitor of the Methodist Church some time back and told him to ring loud and long each Sunday. Last night the Church of Christ moved up our services thirty minutes and the Methodist Church bell drowned out the first part of my sermon.

Some of my friends asked me to write more often for the News, which I will try to do if Editor Hill cares to print it. Was also asked what I thought about Brother Lee O'Daniel. Will say I am happy he is to represent us in the Senate for the next six years. I think we need Christian men to represent us in these perilous times. I wish we had men of his type to represent New Mexico. Politics seems to be awful corrupt in this state.

I will close with this thought: Christians, be loyal to our Government, but be more loyal to King Jesus.—R. P. Drennon.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:
I go to school and am in the fourth grade. Mother says that I have been a good boy this year, and she tells me that that is the kind of boy you will visit. Will you please bring me a red wagon, a gun and a

farm set? I would like a little station wagon. Bring lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend—Jackie Dulin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old, and I've been good this year. Will you please bring me a big doll, with real hair. Bring my little brother a little horse on rockers. Do not forget the nuts, fruit and candy. Bring the other little girls and boys what they want, too. Love—Maudie and Jerry Ray.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy almost five years old. Please bring me a double-barrel pop gun, a football and a pair of gloves. I also want some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend—Robert Hensley.

Dear Santa:
I have enjoyed playing with the toys you brought me last year very much and I thank you lots for them. Will you please bring me a bicycle, a mochine gun, and a big station wagon? If you can get it, I would like some candy, too. Your pal—Ronald Dulin.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old and try to be good. Please, Santa, bring me a gas stove and some good warm gloves. And, Santa, don't forget my soldier brother, and remember the good little girls and boys everywhere. I love you, Santa, and thanks for all the nice things. Your little friend—Nettie Faye Yandell, Wilson.

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New Year**

This firm extends to its friends and patrons its best wishes for a Happy Christmas and trusts that our services will merit the continuance of your good will.

The loyalty of our friends has been of material benefit in bringing us a little closer to our goal of achievement.

We are glad that this particular world in which we live, has friends... and CHRISTMAS!



H. B. McCORD
Phillips 66 Agent

**Merry
Christmas**

May this old fashioned Greeting convey our

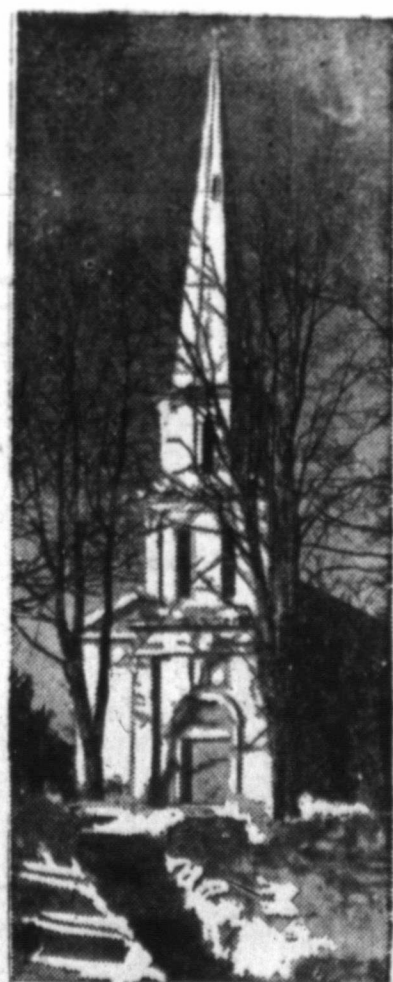
-SINCERE APPRECIATION-

Of your good will and patronage and our every wish for a most happy and prosperous New Year

ROY'S GARAGE
PHONE 242

"These Are Times That Try Men's Souls"

Especially now, when Christmas and all it stands for means so very much more



**On
Christmas
Morn**

... many's the home that will have a member of its family observing Yuletide rites in distant lands and in remote camps. To those homes ... as to the families that are happily intact... we extend every good wish for a joyous Christmas, and peace through devotion.

West Texas Gas Company

**THE SEASON OF
GOOD CHEER**

' Finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly GREETING to our hosts of friends in the community which it is our privilege to serve.

It is our sincere wish that we may continue those fine relationships that have come our way.

Sincere good wishes for a Joyful Christmas and ...

**A HAPPY NEW
YEAR**



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of TAHOKA, TEXAS

THE GROWL continued

Posters Boost Sale Of Bonds, Stamps

(By Winnell Meeks)
Buy War Bonds and Stamps! These are words of encouragement around every corner and in almost every room of Tahoka high school. The words seen are to be found on posters sponsored by the War Saving Staff of the U. S. Treasury Department, the U. S. Office of Education and its wartime commission. One poster is a picture of the army tramping over ground with smoke clouds arising in the air behind them. Up through the smoke clouds is Uncle Sam holding the United States flag. Over the clouds comes the Air Force, going to the scene of action.

Another poster is a Join the School at War Program poster. It is a picture of a girl selling war bonds; following the girl is a boy carrying scrap iron. Trailing along behind, is a little boy with a model airplane.

These posters have done much to arouse the patriotic spirit of the students in their drive to buy a Jeep as a Christmas present for the Armed Forces.

HOME EC CLUBS MEET

At their regular class periods Monday of last week, all units of the Home Economics classes held meetings, and members of the group exchanged gifts at a Christmas tree.

The girls played games and sang carols, after which they finished packing Christmas boxes which they will give away.

SCRAP THE JAP



WITH FRIENDLY MEMORIES AND ALL BEST WISHES

FOR CHRISTMAS

AND THE NEW YEAR

JACK CORLEY GARAGE

Homemakers Raise \$351.60 Of 'Jeep' Fund

The Homemaking Chapter is not to be accused of shirking its duty. Credit for \$351.60 of the \$900 used to purchase the Christmas Jeep goes to the Home Economics department. As a result of the combined efforts of the girls of the four classes this amount was raised through the sale of stamps and bonds. A bond speaker was appointed for each home room, and the duties of these speakers were to boost sales and to collect money for the stamps. These speakers are: senior, Mary Ruth Edwards; junior, Rae Fern Pennington, sophomore, Billy Wayne Pennington and Joy Carter; and freshmen, Dorothy Nell Johnson and Ruby Lou Coughran.

Girls Serve Faculty Members Dinner

The sound of silverware against china! tinkling of glass! snatches of conversation!

These were some of the sounds to be heard coming from the dining room of the homemaking department Thursday.

Supt. W. T. Hanes, Miss Mary Eleanor King, Mr. Volney Hill, and Miss Laurine Leabitt were guests at a luncheon cooked and served by the girls of the second year class.

The decorations were carried out by a patriotic motif with a large V and three dots and a dash over the triple windows, other red, white and blue decorations were at various points about the room.

The menu consisted of English peas, greens, meat loaf, bread, jello, and coffee.

"Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers"

"Finders keepers, losers weepers." For a long time this old adage has been popular among students. However, it does not apply to Tahoka high school as they have a Lost and Found department in the office.

Among the lost articles which have been collected in the office, are: 4 combs, 2 hair nets, 8 fountain pens, 4 eversharp pencils, a necklace, can opener, and coin purse. Even part of a dollar bill has been turned in.

"If any of the students have lost or found any articles, they should consult the office about it," stated Mr. Hope Haynes.

MODEL DRESSES

First year Home Economics girls turned Georgia Carroll Thursday as they modeled the print dresses which they made during class periods this fall.

"According to Miss Lucille Wright the girls have worked faithfully to finish their garments and have done excellent jobs."

Members of the class judged the appearance of each girl, her dress and the accessories which she chose to wear with it.

Students Raise Enough For 'Jeep'

(By Mary Ruth Edwards)
"One 'Jeep' may save an American soldier's life and that soldier may be one of our boys from Tahoka." This statement made by Supt. Hanes in assembly Wednesday has been traveling through the minds of 700 Tahoka students as they began their campaign to buy enough War Bonds and Stamps in order to purchase for the boys in service a "Jeep" car as a Christmas present.

The government is asking us not only to buy bonds as Christmas presents, but to buy an extra stamp for our own benefit," stated Supt. Hanes Wednesday when he presented the suggestion of buying the "Jeep" to the high school students.

In voting on the suggestion the students pledged themselves one hundred percent to support the idea.

The price of a "Jeep" is \$900, and \$200 already collected, the students that day started out with a maximum of \$700 to be collected, but before the dismissal of school for the holidays a total of \$1049.35 had been raised.

Each class in high school appointed "Jeep" committees and speakers to preside at each daily meeting held during the regular home room period after lunch, which has extended fifteen minutes each day.

A round table discussion, led by Noble Rumbo, president took the place of speakers and committees in the senior class.

Current events were quoted to the junior class by a speaker who was appointed by the "Jeep" committee each day. Those serving on the committee were: Dorothy Jean Applewhite, who appointed the daily speaker; Patricia Hill, who had charge of the stamps and bonds; and Sina Barrington.

The sophomores had a speaker each day to talk on different war subjects. The "Jeep" committee in this class consisted of Billie Jo Cowan, chairman, Geraldine Connolly, and Clovis Leverett. Their duties were to plan the programs for each day. To speed up the buying of bonds and stamps the sophomores gave a Christmas party Wednesday charging each student a War stamp as admission.

Collecting money for bonds and stamps and encouraging the students to join in the contribution are the duties for the "Jeep" committee for the freshman class. Those serving on the committee were: Bobby Ray Scott, chairman, Dorothy Nell Johnson and Nancy Nell Wyatt, representatives from each of the two freshman home rooms. The program committee was: Geraldine Frazier, chairman, Jeanine Smith and Erwin Lehman.

Charles Stephens, president of the seventh grade, appointed a speaker each day for that class. The "Jeep" committee in charge consisted of Charles Stephens, chairman, George Maurice Small and Dolores Nowlin.

The Sub-Debs did their part by

giving a dance and charging admission. The money collected was used to help buy the "Jeep"; however, the stamps bought will be in the name of the club.

Not only do the high school students have a part in the "Jeep" drive, but also the grade school students, who are striving to buy more and more bonds and stamps, took an interest in seeing that they met their part.

In the hall just inside the door to the high school, a desk was located for students to buy stamps. The teachers in high school sold them in their off periods to students who wanted to make bond and stamp purchases.

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