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WHERE'S Daddy?

By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

KALLY O'NEIL walked slowly up the front steps. Her mother watched her from behind the curtain. Being five years old and having a problem had her near tears. She reached up on tip toes and opened the door.

"Kally, honey. Come in here a minute." Kally pushed the hood of her snow suit back and went into the living room.

"What do you want, Mommie?" She shook her blonde curls free.

"Oh, nothing much," her mother smiled. "I just want to know why my little girl looks so sad?"

"Well, Mommie," she slipped her coat off, "it's that girl down the street."

"Yes, dear, what about her?"

Kally could stand it no longer. She burst into tears and running over laid her head on her mother's lap. "That girl says," she sobbed, "that there isn't any Santa Claus."

"Well, now," her mother leaned down and gently bit the tip of her ear, "who'd ever believe a tale like that?"

"You don't believe her?"

"Of course not," she smiled down into the worried blue eyes. "We know there's a Santa Claus."

"B-but she said Daddy was him."

"Oh, pooh. Sit down there on the floor and I'll help you get your snow pants off."

"We could ask Daddy," Kally suggested.

"Yes, we could," she had an inspiration. "Better still we can wait until tomorrow night and see for ourselves."

"We can?" she sat up in surprise. "Sure, You go to bed just like always, then when he comes I'll wake you up."



"Santa was just coming out."

She got up from the floor all excited. "You mean we can peek?"

"That's just what we'll do."

"George," she turned to her husband that evening after Kally had been put to bed, "our daughter has quite a problem."

"Women always have problems," he smiled over his newspaper.

"What is it this time?"

"She knows about Santa."

"That's too bad," he pursed his lips, "but what can we do?"

"Get someone to put her toys under the tree while she watches."

"Sure," he laid the paper down, "why couldn't I do it?"

"She heard that you are Santa."

He chuckled. "She isn't the only woman in the family thinks that."

"How about Bob Perkins?" she ignored his attempt at humor. "He's the right build."

"Okay," he agreed, "I'll arrange it in the morning."

"Kally," her mother shook her gently, "Santa is downstairs."

"He is?" she sat up rubbing her eyes. "HE IS!"

"Okay," she slipped out of bed and into her slippers. In the early morning light she looked like a tiny blond elf.

"Put on your robe."

SHE got it and took her mother's hand. They crept down the stairs. Mommie held her back while she made sure Santa wasn't smoking a cigar. He was placing gifts around the tree. She motioned her to look.

Kally peeked around the corner with big eyes. Then her head darted back.

"Where's daddy?" she asked in a stage whisper.

They heard footsteps on the stairs. Daddy crept down. Kally peeked around the corner again. Santa was just coming out with an army barracks bag over his shoulder. The three of them ran and hid behind the staircase. As soon as the front door slammed Kally was up the steps like a shot.

"Hey, Sweetheart," Daddy called after her, "he left the toys in the living room." He stopped as he heard his wife's laughter.



EVERY Christmas season brings to us the recurring knowledge that mankind need not be destined for sorrow, dejection and strife. The spirit of Christmas captures us with its glory and teaches us that a lasting peace on earth is our highest goal.

If you will permit the publisher of this newspaper one wish at this Christmas time, let it be this: That the spirit of the Christmas star may be our perpetual guide and that we may meet our fellow men on the level of peace, trust and friendship. Not just until December 26, but for the rest of the year—for the rest of our lives.

It is in that spirit that this newspaper extends to all of you its hope for a truly

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Eligibility for Old Age Insurance Should Be Established at 65

Only 5 per cent of those eligible to retire under social security are wealthy enough not to need social security benefits, Erton S. Tate, manager of the Wichita Falls social security office, said today.

Sixty-five per cent have enough savings at 65 to live comfortably with the aid of their social security payments. The remaining 30 per cent need help in addition to those benefits.

"Age 65 is the time to establish eligibility for this old age insurance that 95 per cent of us need, even if we have no immediate plans to quit work and start drawing benefits," he continued.

Advantages of filing applications prior to actual retirement are:

(1) The applicant will be notified of the amount of his accrued monthly retirement payment.

(2) Insurance benefits can be started simply by sending in a statement that he is no longer working.

(3) Benefits will be paid beginning with the first month he did not work even though he puts off sending in the "quit work" notice.

(4) Making application before retirement no longer fixes or "freezes" the amount of his benefit permanently. Request for recalculation at time of retirement allows addition of all covered wages earned since application was filed.

The Wichita Falls social security office, serving eleven counties in northwest Texas, is located at 112 Post Office Building in Wichita Falls.

Veterans Still Have Chance to Re-Instate Insurance Policies

The deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance under liberal regulations now in effect has been extended through next July, the Veterans Administration announced today.

Veterans can reinstate on this liberal basis providing their health is as good now as it was at the time their insurance lapsed, and pay two monthly premiums to restore their insurance protection. One premium is for the month of lapse and the other is for the month of reinstatement.

After next July, veterans will have to take physical examinations before their policies can be reinstated. Many of them may not be insurable, VA said.

Robert W. Sisson, West Texas Veterans Administration Regional Manager, said the extension probably will accelerate the trend of reinstatements which have been

"What's the matter with her?" glared at her suspiciously. "Don't she like the trike?"

"I'm afraid, dear, that you'll never understand the feminine mind."

"What do you mean . . . where's she going?"

"To get her coat."

"Her coat . . . why?"

"She's going down the street to tell the little girl that she's all wet. Because she has just seen Santa in her front room."

Next Edition of Paper Will Appear on January 8th

The next edition of the Foard County News will be published on Thursday, Jan. 8, in order that the publishers and employees may have a short vacation. A paper will not be published on Jan. 1, the first publication day in the New Year.

The office will be open most of the time to take care of subscriptions and any rush printing that may be needed. The News is an authorized agent for subscriptions to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Wichita Falls Record-News and Daily Times and the Dallas Morning News. If we have been renewing subscriptions to any of these dailies for you, please notify us at once. New subscriptions will be accepted for the Wichita Falls Record-News and Daily Times and it is also possible that the Star-Telegram will accept a few new subscribers.

Anyone wanting this paper will please give us his name and we will send it in. We are also accepting renewals for the News. A large number have already renewed their papers for another year.

Bargain rates on daily papers will be withdrawn after Dec. 31.

At this time we want to thank our friends and customers for their support and goodwill and wish for everyone a most joyous Christmas.

THE NEWS STAFF.

mounting in this area all year. Since last February he reported more than 7,000 West Texas World War veterans have reinstated policies worth more than 45 million dollars. Sisson urged all ex-G. I.'s to take advantage of the liberal terms offered in reinstating their National Service Life Insurance.

President of 7th District TFWC Will Speak at Tea Jan. 3rd

Mrs. R. L. Kincaid, president of the Foard County Federation of Women's Clubs, announces that Mrs. U. D. C. Kinard of Memphis, president of the seventh district of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, will be guest speaker at a Tea to be given at the Adelpian Club House on January 3rd, 1948, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

All members are urged to attend the tea and to meet the district president.

We Invite—

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morris
J. M. Hill Jr. and Friend

to attend any picture advertised for the coming week at the Rialto Theatre in Crowell.

We want you to be our guests.

THE RIALTO THEATRE
The Foard County News

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Observe 40th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garrett. The dinner, served buffet style, was prepared by the daughters and daughters-in-law, Mrs. Willie Garrett, Mrs. Milburn Carroll, Miss Frances Garrett, Mrs. Vernon Garrett and Mrs. Clarence Garrett.

Two beautiful wedding cakes ornamented the table.

Those present for the occasion were all the children: Sidney G. Garrett, Miss Frances Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garrett and sons, Dennis and Aldon Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garrett and daughters, Arcina, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Carroll and daughter, Marcia, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dudley of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dudley of Ivanhoe, brothers of Mrs. Garrett, and Mrs. Vina Lummus, sister of Mrs. Garrett, were also present and the following other relatives: Mrs. Mack Jackson and daughter, Rickie, of Bonham; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Dudley and daughter, Linda, of Otton; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Shortney and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dysart and sons of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greening and children of Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaught of Vernon; also the following friends: Miss Bobbie Akers, Mrs. John Luciana and son, Frankie, of Lodi, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and children, Mrs. Will Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Diggs, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeig of Crowell and Butch Zeig of Lubbock. Many beautiful gifts were received by the honorees.

thinking that if they obey the rules of the road at the time when an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who considers himself blameless in case of accidents, when he is obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of automobile accidents are so disastrous that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of accident.

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only will our traffic accidents be avoided."

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Traffic Accidents Need Prevention to Save Precious Lives

Austin.—"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "and automobile accidents never happen merely because of 'bad luck'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap.

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic.

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of Texas are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations,

Two Foard County F. to M. Roads to Be Re-Surfaced

New surfacing was ordered for two Foard County farm-to-market roads by the State Highway Commission Wednesday, according to a news item released at Austin that date. FM 98 from Crowell to Margaret, a distance of 6.6 miles will receive new surfacing at an estimated cost of \$7,000. At an estimated cost of \$5,300 FM 263 will have new surfacing from State Highway 283 west for a distance of 5 miles, it was announced.

The work will be financed with state funds which the Commission has been holding in reserve since the construction holiday during the war years.

State Highway Commissioner Chairman John S. Redditt explained the County construction was part of a general statewide move to modernize and rehabilitate 1,156 miles of state roads.

"We have ordered jobs estimated to cost \$6,330,500 to protect our investment in present roads and to give greater comfort and convenience to the people using them," Redditt said.

The projects ordered Wednesday cover all areas of the State. They include reshaping and widening many narrow "hazor back" roads, new surfaces for asphalt pavements, widening bridges, building stable shoulders, eliminating sharp curves, and other work to improve a great many of the highway system's bad sections.

The work will be done in the Spring and Summer months of 1948 when the next construction season brings favorable weather conditions.

Observance Made of 78th Birthday of J. N. Bryson

J. N. Bryson was honored by his children on Sunday, Dec. 21st, in observance of his seventy-eighth birthday. The celebration took place in the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Dunagan.

Those present, other than the honoree and his wife, were the hostess and Mr. Dunagan, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bryson of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bryson of Hollis, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bryson and two sons of Vinson, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bryson of Crowell.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and opening packages, birthday and Christmas gifts from the family.

Union Service Will Be Held on Dec. 31 Methodist Church

Representatives from the local churches met Sunday afternoon and completed plans for a union watch night service to be held at the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, December 31st.

The services will be at the vesper hour, 7 p. m., and will be of one hour's duration. A good program has been outlined and it is hoped that everyone, young and old, alike, will attend.

C. H. S. Basketball Team Loses Two Games Last Week

The Crowell High School basketball team dropped two games to the Quannah Indians, class AA team, last week. The Crowell Basketball "B" team and the Crowell girls' volleyball team broke even in their games with Quannah by losing at Quannah on Tuesday night and winning at Crowell on Thursday night.

The first team lost by a 25 to 15 score at Quannah and 32 to 17 at Crowell. The "B" team lost by the score of 20 to 16 at Quannah and won 16 to 12 here. The girls dropped the two sets of volleyball at Quannah 15 to 8 and 15 to 11; and won both sets at Crowell by the score of 15 to 0 and 16 to 14.

Bob Edwards, Captain of the Crowell team, and F. L. Ballard looked the best for Crowell in the basketball games, while Norton and Johnson stood out for Quannah. The entire volleyball team for Crowell played excellent ball here in the victory over the class AA team.

The Wildcats will play one more practice game before January 9th. The practice game will be with the Oklahoma Cardinals here on Tuesday night, January 6th.

HOSPITAL NOTES Foard County Hospital

Patients in:

John Fred Borchardt
F. C. Borchardt
Mrs. O. B. Nelson
and infant son
Miss Ura Rutherford
J. W. Klepper
Mrs. Maggie Killen

Patients Dismissed:

W. H. Moyer
M. C. Adkins
Ronnie Sue Oliphant
Mrs. L. P. Glover
Mrs. F. E. Davidson
Mrs. Charles Diggs
Mrs. Jake Paffish
Miss Edna Jewell Curtis
Mrs. Beadie Joe Evenson
Bob Weathers
Lee Leslie Chappel
Andrew Smith
Johnnie Webba
Mrs. O. E. McGuffin
Lillie Belle Moore
and infant son (Col)
Alestine Gates (Col)
Laura May Hardin
Ida Belle Johnson (Col)

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Death Claims Mrs. W. M. Randolph Thursday, Dec. 18

Funeral Services Were Held Saturday in Christian Church

Mrs. W. M. Randolph of Foard County passed away at the Foard County Hospital on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, at 10:45 o'clock. Mrs. Randolph had been seriously ill for only a short time but had been in failing health for several months.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, with Rev. H. J. Howard, pastor of the Christian Church of Quannah, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. J. V. Patterson, pastor of the Methodist Church of Foard County. Mrs. Woodrow Lemmons played piano accompaniment for the choir songs.

Pall bearers were Marcus Mills, Roy Ferguson, Dick Ballard, Dwight Campbell, Marion Crowell and Clarence Barker. Flower bearers were Mesdames Frank Crews, Tom Bursley, Jim Cook, Roy Steele, F. A. Davis, John Long, Ota Kenner, Dwight Campbell, O. N. Baker and G. G. Mills.

Interment was made in the Crowell cemetery under the direction of the Womack Funeral Home.

Mrs. Randolph was Miss Zulia Alice McKinney before her marriage and she was born at Cherokee, Ala., on Oct. 12, 1869. She was married to W. M. Randolph in Alabama in December, 1899. The family came to Ellis County, Texas, in 1902, and moved to Foard County in June, 1908. Mr. Randolph passed away on June 28, 1925.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph, two of whom preceded their mother in death, Euloug G. Randolph and Mrs. F. C. Bledsoe. Survivors are four children: Mrs. Eunice Jones, Crowell; Buford Randolph, Mrs. Jim Harper and Mrs. Joe Rader of Foard County. The following step-children also survive: Mrs. G. C. Matthews of Waxahachie; George Randolph, Crowell, John, Lucy and Susie Randolph of Foard County; four own grandchildren and a number of step-grandchildren and a son-in-law, F. C. Bledsoe of Brownwood.

Mrs. Randolph was a life-long member of the Christian Church, having become a member at the age of 14. She was an active member as long as she was able. She was a good woman, a consistent Christian and had many friends throughout this section.

Out-of-town relatives and friends present for the funeral services were Mrs. E. L. Leach and Mrs. Ruby Scott of Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, Mrs. H. Jones and Mrs. M. L. Bunch of Electra; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cummins of Wichita Falls; Mrs. G. C. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Matthews of Waxahachie; Mrs. H. E. Gribble, Mrs. Lewis Gribble and Mrs. Laura Giddings of Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harper and daughters of Granbury; Sealy Harper and son of Portales, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Randolph of Vera; Shorty Randolph of Benjamin; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Randolph of Muleshoe; Mrs. John Randolph of Dallas; Mrs. O. A. Bledsoe and Fred Bledsoe of Brownwood; and W. C. Jones and Mrs. Lora Green of Bowie.

City Buys New Willys Jeep Pickup

The City of Crowell has bought a new Willys Jeep pickup to be used in the water works department. The new machine was delivered in Crowell last week.

Letter to Santa

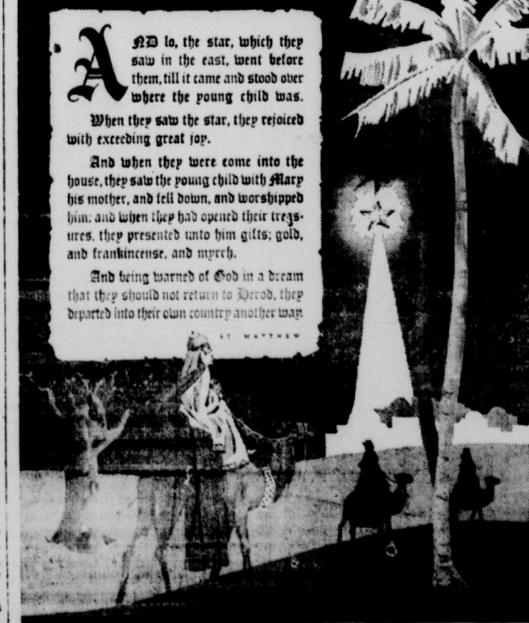
Dear Santa, I want to let you know that I have moved. I would like to have a desk, a pair of over-shoes and a football. I have been pretty good. I will leave you a piece of cake and pie on the table. I love you.

Ronnie Owens.

ROTARY CLUB

J. A. Stovall was in charge of the program of the Crowell Rotary Club last Friday at noon at the DeLuxe Cafe. The excellent program had been arranged by Virgil Smith, who was out of town, and consisted of readings by the following pupils of Mrs. Gaddy Halbert: Ray Thomson, Dannie Callaway, Judy Borchardt and Vance Barker. A quartet composed of Misses Bobbie Abston, Joline Lanier, Betty Barker and Ruth Slovak from the High School choral club rendered several beautiful numbers. The program was highly entertaining and appreciated by the large number of Rotarians and visitors present.

Out-of-town Rotarians present were R. E. Robison and Spencer Marrow of Quannah and R. P. Webb of Vernon.



Items from Neighboring Communities

MARGARET (By Mrs. S. B. Middlebrook)

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Priest spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ewing in Crowell. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cowan of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hysinger Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riethmeyer and family were Quannah visitors Friday. Mrs. J. W. Spotts, who has been here several weeks with her father, J. L. Hunter Sr., and sister, Irene, during their sickness, returned to her home in Hico Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wesley and daughter, Jackie, visited over the week-end with relatives in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sikes and children of San Angelo came Friday and will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Green Sikes, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blevins. Miss Gladys Moore of Vernon spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery and daughter, Bette Fran, of Matador spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Ross, and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Clois Orr and daughter, Betty, and Mrs. R. A. Bell and children, Carol Marie, Lynette and Kenneth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Blake McDaniel of Foard City. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter Jr. and children of Dallas are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter Sr. C. F. Bradford of Plainview spent the week-end with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hunter Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dink Russell, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scott and son and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Vernon went picnicking on the S. O. Jones ranch south of Thalia Sunday evening. H. L. Blevins of Denton is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bell Blevins, and other relatives. Mrs. J. C. Hysinger of Crowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hysinger and attended church services here Sunday. News of a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wright in a Wichita Falls hospital was received here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Priest were Vernon visitors Thursday. Mrs. Lizzie Bradford, who has been here with her mother, Mrs. Sudie Bradford, left Wednesday for her home in Chickasha, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drabek and children and Mrs. Lock Reinhardt visited Mr. and Mrs. Dink Russell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and daughter, Gail, visited his mother, Mrs. J. S. Smith, in Vernon Saturday. Miss Edwina Ross is at home from McMurry College at Abilene to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ross. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gunter in a Vernon hospital Friday. Mrs. Gunter's mother, Mrs. Ralph Bradford, is with her this week. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Champion and family of Camree, Calif., had dinner with her grandmother, Mrs. Sudie Bradford, Friday while en route to Pauls Valley, Okla., to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Murphy and J. W. Bradford spent Sunday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradford. Ben Bradford of Thalia, C. W. Beideman and son, Harry, of Kermit visited Grandmother Bradford Friday. Dick Smith and family were called to Olton Sunday because of the serious illness of his father, W. L. Smith, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Woozencraft.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. Who were the Abolitionists? 2. Who were the Bloody Shirts? 3. Who were the Border Rufians? 4. What was the occasion of the Boston Tea Party? 5. What is a greenback? 6. Where was the Mason-Dixon line? 7. In politics what is meant by the solid South? 8. Who first coined the expression "Unconditional Surrender"? 9. Of what state is Montpelier the capital? 10. In what state is Mount Ranier? (Answers on page 5).

RAYLAND (By Mrs. T. C. Davis)

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Glovna of Quannah visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mansel. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurt spent Sunday with his mother in Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Dervy Harrington and S. T. Raines of Graham visited his mother, Mrs. T. A. Raines Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Edd Johnson of Vernon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tillary and children of Vernon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tillary Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mansel spent Tuesday in Electra visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete Haynes and children. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton and daughter of Vernon visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Davis, Wednesday of last week. Mrs. W. A. Daniel visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Anderson in Vernon last week. Mrs. Buck Clark has returned home after a week's visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Scheiffner, of Petrolia. Mr. and Mrs. Noel Sitz and daughter, Sharron, visited Mrs. T. A. Raines over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lawson and daughter, Barbara, visited in Moran Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hudgens and children moved to Rayland last week.

RIVERSIDE (By Mrs. Cap Adkins)

Pfc. Eldon Wayne Wheeler of Chenault Field, Ill., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler. Mrs. Juanita Huston of El Reno, Okla., spent last Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. Allie Huntley, who was ill. She came by plane to Vernon with Gipson Hemphill. Mrs. Frank Ward visited her son, Louis Ward, and family of Wichita Falls one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins and daughter of Amarillo spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins. Morris Johnson of H. S. U. of Abilene will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cribbs and daughter attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Crisp of Fargo Sunday. Kay, Judith and Frankie Cribbs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Butler of Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cox and girls and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Simmons, left Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jody Simmons of San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Flemeister spent Wednesday in Henrietta. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Butler and daughter of Santo are here to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler. Pfc. Rex Whitten of Mississippi came Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Whitten. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Taylor and children spent Sunday with his mother at Quannah. Douglas Adkins of Phillips is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins. Mrs. Foy McRay and brother, Arthur Ferguson, of Oregon visited Grandie Huntley Thursday afternoon.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Renewing Window Shades.—To renew window shades lay them on a flat surface and paint with flat paint whatever colors are desired. One side may be a light yellow and the other green. After Using Washing Machine.—Sprinkle a half cup of soap chips over the bottom of your washing machine. It will prevent rust and the chips won't be wasted as they will be used for the next wash.

Smoking Can Give You Cold Feet, Physiologist Reports

KANSAS CITY.—Smoking may give you cold feet. And, says Dr. Grace M. Roth, physiologist at Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., that may lead to permanent foot trouble. Dr. Roth passed out that word, backed by three years' research, at a University of Kansas hospitals' clinic for midwest physicians. The physician tempered her lecture on cold feet by reporting that the same three years of research had disclosed a drink of bourbon or Scotch might be beneficial by sending your temperature up all the way down to your toes. The same goes for a good meal as a temporary foot warmer.



for Larry

By LYN CONNELLY

THE sharp wind lashed furiously about Larry's head and shoulders, flitting momentarily with the idea of sending his brown fedora spiraling down the street, but he sensed its capricious tendencies and held the brim of his hat tightly between his forefinger and thumb as he ran toward his car parked on the opposite corner.

It would be the last time he'd beat the particular path, he thought grimly. It was Christmas Eve and everybody was in a gay and anticipatory mood. Everybody, that is, except Larry. He had been reasonably happy until that morning when the whole world seemed to have crashed about him. Opening the door of the car, he slid in behind the wheel and started it toward home.

The face of Silas Henning, until fifteen minutes ago his boss, came to his mind and again he heard the words that he dreaded to repeat to Rosine: "I know you're not happy in your work, Larry, and it's not fair to either one of us when you don't put your best efforts into what you're doing. I think, therefore, that you'd better go elsewhere for a job. Today's as good a day as any to sever connections."

Fired on Christmas Eve! Of course, what Henning had said was true. Larry wasn't happy being a bookkeeper at Morrison's appliance shop. He had always yearned to be a writer, and wrote numerous short stories during his spare time.

When Rosine told him of their expected second child he had taken the job at Morrison's through sheer desperation. No longer could they live on their savings. He considered the job as temporary, but it had



He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

lasted seven months with still no prospects of entering the field he desired. Henning had seemed sympathetic, although he had cooled suddenly the past week. Perhaps in his daydreaming he had been inaccurate in his figures. At least Henning spared him any embarrassment if that were the case, but he could have waited until after the holidays to fire him. "And Bob Cratchit thought he worked for Scrooge," he mumbled, pulling up before his house.

HIS feet dragged as he trudged toward the door. He mustn't tell her tonight, he decided. He hoped he was capable of carrying off an act until the day after Christmas. Opening the door, he let himself in as unobtrusively as possible. Rosine was on a step ladder in the living room, decorating the tree, while Chuckie, aged five, sat on the floor, agog at the proceedings. "Hello, darling," his wife called out gaily. He tried to equal the happiness in her voice as he replied, then kissed Chuckie and started for the kitchen.

"There's a letter for you on the radio," Rosine said. "From whom?" His heart leaped hopefully at her words and he hurried toward the radio. He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

It was from Truth. His hand trembled as he opened it. "Dear Mr. Shannon," he read aloud. "Our mutual friend, Silas Henning, recently submitted one of your articles for our consideration. We believe it shows promise and since we were given a splendid recommendation by Mr. Henning, we are writing to ask if you would be interested in a job in our editorial department. If so, call for an interview this week."

The telephone was ringing, but for a moment, Larry and Rosine merely stood as though mute, staring at each other. Larry became conscious of the bell first and picked up the receiver. It was Mr. Henning, laughing heartily. "Bet I had you worried, eh, Larry?"

"Mr. Henning! I didn't know . . . how did you . . ." Larry was tongue-tied. Rosine walked to his side, putting one arm gently about his shoulder.

"I found that article you wrote on your son and the atomic age and sent it in to Asherton," Henning explained. "He's a good friend of mine and editor of Truth. Well, I won't hold you, Larry. Just wanted to wish you a merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Henning," Larry said as the telephone clicked at the other end. "Merry Christmas—and thanks for the best one I've ever had."

Veterans News

The Veterans Administration receives hundreds of letters, applications and other documents daily without sufficient identification. The failure of veterans, schools, training establishments and others to include the claim number, insurance number or other identifications makes it difficult for VA to give prompt attention to the claim involved.

All VA records are maintained on a claim number or insurance number basis. Before action may be taken, an individual search must be made to obtain the numbers or other identification. This involves time and effort of VA employees who could be doing other necessary work. VA urges every person who contacts VA by letter, or in person, to always use a claim or insurance number. If these numbers are not known, sufficient identification such as service serial number, date of birth, full name and address, service rank and organization, and date of discharge should be included.

Veterans acquiring dependents

after entering training under the GI Bill as single men should notify the Veterans Administration immediately so that an adjustment may be made in their subsistence allowances. VA increases payments on the date that it is notified and not retroactive to the date the veteran actually acquired a dependent. About 369,000 veterans requested changes in their National Service Life Insurance contracts during the third quarter of 1947.

The Homestake at Lead, South Dakota, is the nation's richest single gold mine.

DAVE RHODES, Jobber CROWELL PHILLIPS "66" DEALERS SANDERS & NUNN MORRIS MOTOR CO. CATES & HAYS MOTOR CO. FARRAR SERVICE, Foard City, Texas

Happy Holidays to EVERYBODY

WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL! IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

Marie's Beauty Shop

FRIENDLY Christmas GREETINGS 1947 AT CHRISTMAS TIME more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas. MORRIS & HILL MOTOR CO. KAISER-FRAZER DEALERS

to wish you all A Merry Christmas ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land. While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a Merry Christmas to each and every one. STOVALL - THOMPSON GROCERY

Uncle Sam Says



Why not step on your own personal-security self-starter to make 1948 the best year in your life? When you sign up to buy United States Savings Bonds through automatic payroll savings right where you work, or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank, you're adding money that grows to your income. Those dollars you put aside, before they have the chance to sprout wings and fly away, are sure to come in handy later on—to buy a home for your family, an education for your children, or years of leisure for yourself. And, best of all, you'll be getting back more than you put in—\$100 at maturity for every \$75 invested today. U. S. Treasury Department

Quick believers need broad shoulders.—George Herbert.

CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

CATES PARTS CO.

Winter Solstice Period of Many Ancient Rituals

Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Saviour's nativity, and while there are no records to prove that December 25th is the precise date, historians, astronomers, and research authorities have substantiated the fact that the event must have occurred during the time of the Winter Solstice.

The Winter Solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more, has been celebrated as a festival of some sort by the various peoples of the earth since, and even prior to, the recording of history.

Symbolic Palm Tree. In ancient Egypt, the palm tree, known to put forth one shoot each month, completed its cycle of twelve during this period and was symbolic of the year's fruitful harvests and accomplishments.

The mystic rites of the Druids centered around the cutting of the Mistletoe whose branches, when cut and distributed by the Arch-Druid, traditionally bestowed blessings of nature and divine favor upon the receiver.

In the Scandinavian countries, fires were kindled in defiance of the Frost King, and families, gathered about the warmth, spent the long evenings telling weird tales involving Valkyrie and Werewolves—as well as anticipating to what distant ports their ships would sail when no longer ice-bound. The time was also sacred to Thor, and the Yule logs, great chunks of the Thunder Oak, blazed upon the hearths amid feasting and fellowship.

Honoring Saturnus. Two Roman holidays—Brumalia and Juvenilia—were combined into one great festival in honor of Saturnus—Saturnalia. It was a period of general celebration lasting from what would correspond to our December 18th on through the Calends of January. Processions and gift-giving were in order, the courts were adjourned and no criminals were convicted, while convention was abandoned, equality reigning among slaves and free men.

The earliest Christians solemnized the Mass of Christ, whence the word "Christmas," during Saturnalia, many of the faithful suffering persecution and martyrdom as a result. After Constantine recognized Christianity in the Fourth century, the celebration of Christmas became an established custom.

Indeed, Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Babe born in Bethlehem. And the Lord, in His Wisdom, understands that the traditions preserved from ancient customs and peoples are in keeping with the angelic enunciation of His Birth: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

A new insecticide from 5 to 25 times as powerful as DDT has been developed by the American Cynamid Company. The new insecticide will be available sometime in 1948. It is believed it will be most effective in protecting growing crops.



WHEN Dr. Wade turned away from the telephone his face was grave. Sara, his wife, came into the living-room quickly. She had been standing in the hall, listening.

"Hugh, you can't go! You can't! It's Christmas and the children are all coming home, and oh, it will simply ruin all our plans!" "Now, now," Dr. Wade said. He slipped off his house jacket and moved around the tree that sparkled with gay ornaments and bright tinsel and strings of popcorn. From the closet he brought his overcoat and overshoes and his cap with the fur-lined earflaps. Sara watched him desperately. Once she glanced toward the window. Snow hissed against the glass. Wind howled about the eaves.

Dr. Wade stood by the door and drew on his gloves and picked up his bag. He looked down at his small wife whose hair was streaked



... The young wife lay, her face white and drawn.

with gray, whose eyes were anxious and desperate, but proud and loving. A smile rested lightly on his lips as he waited.

Sara bit her lip and looked away. When she looked back again her eyes held nothing but affectionate reproach. "You—you—" she said, and stood tiptoe and kissed him.

Dr. Wade backed his coupe out of the garage. He was glad that he had taken the precaution to put chains on the night before. With a storm like this the street department would be hours getting the roads clear.

In the village Dr. Wade stopped and went into Cy Anderson's store to make some purchases. An hour later he stopped the coupe at the foot of the logging road that led up to Bald Ridge. Even with chains it would be impossible to go farther with the coupe. So he produced snowshoes from the rear compartment of the coupe, strapped them on, tied a canvas pack on his back, tucked his kit under one arm and started up the road.

The storm had increased rather than lessened in fury. Frequently—more frequently than he liked to admit—Dr. Wade had to pause to rest, turning his back to the wind.

It was two hours later when Dr. Wade saw the blurred outline of the cabin. Ordinarily the trip would have taken him less than thirty minutes. He knocked and the door opened at once. He stepped inside and leaned against the wall, breathing heavily. Slowly he became aware of the warmth. Life came back to his muscles. He looked up and smiled.

Young Brad Jones was watching him, wide-eyed, dumb gratitude in his face. Behind him his young wife lay on the bed near the stove, her face white and drawn, biting her lips to keep from crying out.

Dr. Wade had delivered hundreds of babies, but this one was different. It was different because it was Christmas and a storm raged outside, and his children were coming home and he wasn't going to be there to greet them. It was different because he had stopped in Anderson's store and bought some things that brought tears to Mrs. Jones' eyes, and made it impossible for young Brad to speak.

It was late afternoon when Dr. Wade started for home. The storm had abated, but the wind was colder, sharper. Now that it was over the doctor's thought leaped ahead, to his own home and his own children. He was sorry he hadn't been there to greet them. He and Sara had planned so many surprises.

Sara met him at the door. She helped him off with his coat and brought his slippers from before the fire. Her eyes were shining.

"The children didn't get here. The storm held up the train. They just phoned from the station. They'll be here any minute, and we'll both be on hand to greet them. Oh, it's going to be the best Christmas ever!"

Dr. Wade smiled and thought of the expressions on the faces of young Brad Jones and his wife. "Yes," he said, "the best Christmas ever." And his chin fell forward on his chest and he slept.

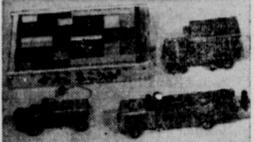
Sara looked at him. "Oh, you—you—" she said lovingly and tiptoed out of the room.

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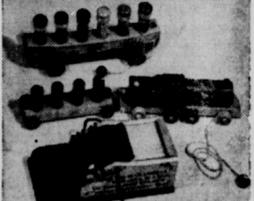
'Educational' Toys Will Teach as They Entertain



ONE-TWO



TWO-FOUR



FOUR-SIX



SIX-TEN

The newest toys are designed to teach your child how to use his hands, his eyes and his intelligence. Just as much fun to play with as any of the beloved objects we treasure as children, these sturdy new toys teach as well as entertain. The toys illustrated above, taken from a group on display at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, show the kinds of toys recommended for various age groups.

Approximately 25 million man days of work were lost in the United States as the result of fires during 1946.

Bing Crosby states that if he makes one movie a year at \$100,000, taxes would leave him about \$40,000.

Formula for Youth: Keep your enthusiasms and forget your birthdays.—Eugene Lyman Fisk, M. D.

The geographic center of the United States is in Smith County, Kansas.

Do not anticipate the happiness of tomorrow but discover it in today.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

There is no greater folly in the world than for a man to despair.—Crevantes.

Many men know how to flatter; few men know how to praise.—Wendell Phillips.

Georgia leads the nation in the production of nuts.

Fire losses in the United States for the first ten months of 1947 exceeded the total for any previous full year in the nation's history, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The estimated ten months total of \$572,928,000 was 24 per cent higher than the loss reported for the same months of the preceding year.

Arizona leads the nation in the production of copper.



May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

Kincheloe Motor Company



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

BARKER IMPLEMENT CO.

FORD TRACTORS .. DEARBORN IMPLEMENTS



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the Merriest Christmas of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

WOMACK'S Furniture and Undertaking



WE WISH YOU AT CHRISTMAS MANY HAPPY HOURS AND TRUST WE MAY SERVE YOU IN THE FUTURE.

TEXAS NATURAL GAS CO.

VETERANS'

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. My brother, a U. S. veteran of World War II who resides in Canada, would like to know if he can claim unemployment allowance while living there?

A. No, he cannot draw readjustment allowance for unemployment or self-employment while living in Canada. Residence in the United States, its territories or possessions is a definite eligibility requirement for readjustment allowance.

Q. Will you please tell me what

kind of insurance is National Service Life Insurance?

A. NSLI is mutual insurance. All premium payments go into a trust fund maintained by the Treasury Department and invested in Government interest-bearing securities. The interest accrues to the NSLI fund.

Q. I had an arm amputated because of injuries received while in the army. Can I select the type of artificial arm I want and the firm I want to buy it from?

A. Yes, you will be permitted to select the artificial arm of your choice, but it must be purchased from an approved prosthetic appliance manufacturer under con-

tract with Veterans Administration.

Q. I am in school under the GI Bill and I would like to know if Veterans Administration will pay expenses of a field trip to gather material for a thesis?

A. Veterans will not pay for occasional field trips, whether to summer camp or for data for research or thesis, where the charge to the student is a separate charge not included in the tuition or laboratory fee customarily paid by all students enrolled in the course.

Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plentiful in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.—Calvin Coolidge.



More PRACTICAL by BARBARA ANN BENEDICT

THE trouble began at Christmas time. Rod Fairfax gave his wife, Esther, a nightgown. She knew he was going to give her a nightgown because the Fairfaxes were a practical family with a limited income and they always talked over such things as Christmas presents before they bought them.

It was black. Black silk crepe. It had doodads here and there to liven it up a bit.

Esther stared at it. "Oh, Rod!" she said, her heart sinking.

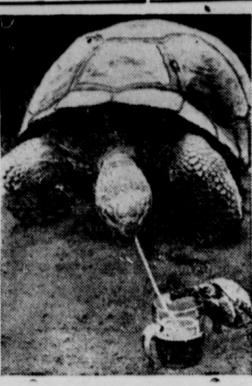
"Isn't it a pip!" Rod cried happily.

"It's a pip, all right. But—but it must have cost an awful lot."

"Well, as a matter of fact, it was a little more than I intended to pay, but you needed it and just this once I thought I'd splurge. After all, you deserve nice things."

"Yes—but—but—all that money for a nightgown and—now I can't have a new evening gown." Esther plopped down on the divan and began to weep.

"Be practical! You telling me to be practical and you go throw away



STOUT FELLOW . . . It took this giant tortoise, "Amelia," at the London zoo most of her 150 years to learn how to drink a pint of stout through a straw. So now she's trying to teach the little turtle how to do it.

Here's Norse Legend: Kiss Under Mistletoe

In Norse mythology, Balder, the god who personified the sun, was hated by Lok, who planned to destroy him. Balder's mother obtained a promise from all living things, except the mistletoe, that they would not harm Balder. Lok made an arrow from the mistletoe and gave it to Balder's blind brother, Hoder, explaining how he could throw it. The arrow struck Balder, killing him, but he was restored to life and the mistletoe was placed under his mother's care so that it would never again bring harm. The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace under the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be an instrument of evil.

'Boxing Day' Observance Has Biblical Background

"Boxing day" is in reality St. Stephen's day and is observed in England and other Old World countries in commemoration of the biblical martyr in recognition of his having been the first to seal with his blood the testimony of fidelity to his Lord. The year in which he was stoned to death, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, is supposed to have been 33 A. D. Due to the custom, established many years ago, of distributing Christmas boxes or gifts of money to employees and public servants, such as postmen, lamp-lighters, and others, on the day after Christmas, it became popularly known as "Boxing day;" and observed as a general holiday by the common people.

Old English Celebrated If Log Burnt at Christmas

Among the many old English Christmas festivities was the ceremony attached to bringing a great log, sometimes the root of a tree, into the household on Christmas Eve, placing it in the fireplace and lighting it with a branch of the previous year's log. While it burned through the night there was great celebration but if it went out it presaged ill luck for the coming year.



TO GREET YOU AT Christmas

If we could—
we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

Crowell Flower Shop
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown

Need Little to Keep Faith With Children at Yule

Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. Madame Schumann-Heink remembered one Christmas all her life. She was perhaps seven or eight when times were very hard and it did not seem as if very much was going to be left for her. But on Christmas morning, the little girl found she had been remembered. Her treasure? It was an orange, round and yellow, and her very own. Just one orange saved that Christmas day for all eternity. Years later, a famous lady realized the love and sacrifice and ideals that orange represented.

'Pin Money'

Until quite recently, pins were made of wire and were very expensive—and highly prized. So, it became customary for men in ordinary circumstances to give their wives and daughters "pin money" on New Year's day.

The United States has perfected an atomic bomb that is 50 times more powerful than the bombs which destroyed Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Uncle Sam Says



United States Savings Bonds have made last minute Christmas shopping worries a thing of the past for wise Americans. In fact even though you thought about what to give members of your family or close friends for a month of Sundays you could not come up with a better idea than Savings Bonds. Think of Savings Bonds in terms of what they will do for the recipient. For example, bonds provide immediate funds in the event of an emergency and help to pay for education, travel, a new home or a dozen and one other things which members of your family dream about. Your gift of a bond makes you a partner in the realization of the fondest hope of someone you love. What more could you ask of a Christmas gift?

U. S. Treasury Department



Holiday Season Christmas 1947

In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

WM. CAMERON & CO., Inc.



carefree holiday season

With all the joys of the season to you!
GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD CHEER,
and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

A. B. CALVIN
Blacksmith and Welding Shop



"It looks great," Rod said of the dress Esther had made over.

money on a thing like that when all I can do is wear it to bed! And I do need a new evening gown. I'm going to make a speech at my college class reunion in February and—oh, I had planned on a new evening gown." She sat up, and became defiant. "And I'm going to have one," she declared.

Esther began weeping again, but it didn't do any more than provide an outlet for her bitterness. A new evening gown, she knew, was now entirely out of the question. Even if they could afford it she could never persuade Rod that she needed one to wear for only one night. Now, a nightgown, you could wear every night. More practical.

Relations between the Fairfaxes were a bit strained during the ensuing weeks. Esther trotted out her two evening gowns, one of which she had bought at a bargain sale a decade ago and the other which had fitted her fine when she was twenty pounds lighter. She ripped them both apart and made a single garment.

"Swell!" Rod approved. "It looks great. It does something for you." "Among other things," Esther replied icily, "it makes me feel like the dickens."

Rod said nothing. He had been reading the papers during the past few days and had learned that this alumni dinner and reunion which his wife was attending was really something. Many of the girls in her class had married men who had prospered and were famous, and it occurred to him that, stacked up against these females, Esther, in her made-over dress, might look a bit dowdy. And if she looked dowdy that would reflect on him, wouldn't it?

Esther departed the day before the reunion and that night Rod read in the papers that, because Mrs. John Cannon, wife of the celebrated piano virtuoso, had agreed to attend, the affair had assumed the proportions of a major social function and would be broadcast over station ABC-XYZ.

So Rod, feeling qualms of guilt, settled himself in his easy chair the next night, tuned in and lent an ear. He got a big bang from hearing his wife's voice come over the air and at the conclusion of her speech he felt pretty proud. In fact, he felt so proud that he wished now that he had bought her the evening gown. He could imagine her standing up to the microphone with the eyes of several hundred fashionably dressed females watching her, feeling like a plugged nickel in her made-over thing. He began to think of something he could do to make up for the humiliation he had caused her.

Rod blinked again. Esther laughed merrily. "Darling, I went up there without my made-over. Imagine! So I did the only thing I could. I wore the lovely black nightgown, and it really looked stunning. Oh, Rod, you were right. A black nightgown is more practical."

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Merry Christmas

TO ALL MY FRIENDS

A Merry Christmas

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy . . . may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you . . . to bring you Yuletide music . . . and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

May your Christmas be a happy one! . . . that's your electric servant's wish for you.

Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities Company



TO YOU
AND
YOU
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MERRY YULETIDE

To you and yours this Yuletide season,
we extend our sincere good wishes
for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment;
of peace, good cheer and happiness—
that is our wish for you
this joyous holiday season.

CATES & HAYS MOTOR CO.



Christmas AND THE SAME OLD WISH TO YOU

● We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Crowell Flower Shop
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown

Beverly Hardware & Furniture Co.

Items from Neighboring Communities

THALIA

(By Mrs. C. H. Wood)

G. W. Scales, Charlie Webb and R. H. Scales, Charlie Webb after a hunting trip near Menard.

Mrs. Ruby Newsome and her brother, Ray Short, were business visitors in Wichita Falls Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray and

children, Norma Grace and Ronnie, of Hereford came Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Matthews.

Milton Adkins was in the Crowell hospital 2 or 3 days last week.

Frank James and G. B. Neill, students in Texax Tech at Lubbock, came Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marian James and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Neill.

Mrs. G. C. Short and daughter, Ruth Ellen, left Saturday morning for a visit with her father in Mississippi. Her sister, who had been visiting them several weeks, accompanied them.

Little Judy Lanham of Temple is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Matthews.

Billy Dean Brown, student at

A. & M., came Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown.

Guests in the H. W. Banister home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and son, Edgar, and Misses Jeanne Lane and Jean Brown of Amarillo, Edward Brown of A. C. C., Abilene, Mr. Brown and son, Mr. Smith and Miss Smith of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Ford of Goodlett visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Short, Sunday afternoon.

Edward Brown, minister of the Church of Christ here, was married to Miss Edna Williams in a beautiful candle light ceremony at the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene Dec. 15. Those attending the wedding from here were Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Hopkins and children, Jimmie and Bennie Lou, Mrs. Clyde Self, Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. H. W. Banister.

Larry Wood, student at N. T. S. C., Denton, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood.

R. E. Johnson from Baylor University at Waco, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson.

Junior Swan of Borger spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swan.

Members of the W. S. C. S. enjoyed a Christmas party in the basement of the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon. A short program and the singing of Christmas carols preceded the presentation of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Mrs. Robert Long, the hostess, served a lovely refreshment plate to about 12 members.

The Idle Hour Club met in the home of Mrs. C. W. Wood in Vernon last Thursday. The house was beautifully decorated with electric candles and poinsettias and holly. Secret friends revealed their names with lovely gifts from the brightly lighted tree. A delicious refreshment plate was served and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Fay Whitman Jan. 8.

Pfc. Weldon M. James of Keesler Field, Miss., is at home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marian James.

Jack Neill of Monrovia, Calif., is visiting relatives here through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsey entertained their Sunday School class with a Christmas party Friday night. Exchange of gifts were enjoyed from a lovely tree and games of 42. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller of Vernon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKinley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Quillan and son, Bryan, of Vernon, went to Abilene Sunday and Doris Jones returned home with them for the holidays.

Mrs. Edward Brock, teacher of the Young People's class, entertained her class with a party Monday night.

Clyde Sellers of Crowell was here on business Wednesday.

Roy and L. D. Fox Sr. of Crow-

ANSWERS

(Questions on page 2).

1. They were a group of Northerners who during the period from 1836 to 1850 advocated the immediate freeing of the slaves without compensation to their owners.

2. It was a name given the Northerners who after the Civil War persisted in referring to the Southerners as traitors.

3. It was a name applied by Kansas before the Civil War to the lawless element coming largely from Missouri which menaced the settlers from the North to prevent the establishment of a free state government.

4. It was a protest against the levying a duty on tea imposed by the English Parliament.

5. It is a term at one time commonly applied to paper money.

6. It was a boundary line between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1767. It later became to be regarded as the boundary line between free states and slave states.

7. It refers to the consistency with which the southern states vote the Democratic ticket.

8. General Grant.

9. Vermont.

10. Washington.

ell were here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Johnson and Georgie Doty of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Doty of Sudan spent the week-end with Mrs. George Doty and Irene.

Mrs. Reed of Vernon visited her daughter, Mrs. Roland Taylor, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shultz of Vernon visited relatives here Sunday.

The young married people's class of the Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the basement of the church Friday night. They surprised the pastor with a Christmas pounding. Hobo stew was served.

Caesar Practical; First to Hint of Gifts He Wanted

As soon as man became sufficiently civilized to devise himself some sort of a calendar, the festival of the New Year assumed importance and was designated as the proper time for gaiety, hospitality, and gift-giving.

This spirit of gift-giving presumably continued upon a haphazard path until Julius Caesar hit upon the brilliant idea of "hinting" as to the amount of money or specific "gift" he expected to receive from such and such a person.

The conquering Romans carried the custom of "ordering" precise gifts with them when they invaded the British Isles. Centuries later the kings and queens of England, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom of Caesar's day. On one New Year's day, the money and value of presents received by Henry VIII amounted to nearly 800 pounds—or about \$4,000.

Queen Elizabeth used the same method upon her favorites and courtiers, thereby replenishing her wardrobe with petticoats, mantles, gowns, and silk stockings, to say nothing of the bracelets, necklaces, and caskets of precious stones commanded in like manner.

In modern America, Christmas is the gift-givingest day of all, but every child who writes a letter to Santa Claus and every fair lady who conspicuously mentions the name of her favorite perfume is perpetuating a New Year's custom invented by Julius Caesar and effectively used by medieval royalty.

anyone here," she defended herself. Then added curtly, "And anyway, I wouldn't dream of going out in such ghastly weather."

Ruby shrugged. "Oh, well, if you feel that way about it . . . happy new year, Penny." She hurried away before the wretched girl could make any response. "Now why did I act so nasty?" she asked under her breath. Ruby hadn't meant any offense—she was simply so wrapped up in her own little world that she felt sorry for anyone who had no Beanie to which to cling. She was essentially a generous person and now Penny had deliberately hurt her.

AS SHE stood in the middle of the sidewalk, angry and discouraged, she saw her bus speeding recklessly down the street and without another thought to anything else she hurried toward the corner. "Wait, oh, wait!" she called, running breathlessly. No one else was waiting, however, and he careened sharply off the curb, hurrying on his way. "Oh, dear!" She burst into tears at this new disappointment and reached blindly for the curb.

But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice sending her into an astonished heap in the street. For a moment she was too stunned to move. She heard footsteps hurrying toward her and managed to sit up dazedly. A man knelt down beside her but his face was a blur of features. "Take it easy," he admonished, placing an arm across her back. She tried to focus her eyes upon him and hadn't quite succeeded when he cried, "Penny! Why, Penny Lindsay! What in the world are you doing out here?"

And then everything cleared and she saw the handsome, blond features of a former school friend. "Oh, Alan!" Tears tumbled over each other in hasty exit. He helped her to her feet. "Gee, it's good to see someone from the old home town. I've been so doggone lonely," he told her, manipulating the handkerchief skillfully around her nose and eyes.

"I'm lonely, too," she gasped. "I've only been here a month."

"Say! What are you doing tonight? Anything?"

"Nothing." Her heart skipped a beat in anticipation.

"Then why don't we go somewhere and talk over old times? Gee, I'm dying to hear some gossip about the Turners and the Mitchells and all the rest. Will you, Penny?"

And Penny smiled happily this time. "Yes, Alan. Even this ghastly weather couldn't stop me from talking over old times with you."



By MARY NELSON

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

The cry echoed and re-echoed down the street as Penny made her way toward the bus stop. Everywhere about her people were light-hearted and gay and busily wishing their friends good fortune for the coming year. She buttoned her coat at the neck and turned up the collar. It was a bitterly cold day and she told herself she would be happy to reach home and stay in for the night. Let those with pioneer blood go out and stand in the raw wind down at Dayton Circle just to blow a silly horn at midnight ostensibly to usher in the new year.

Penny had always been known at home as a sensible girl with good common sense. She was proud of that reputation and now that she lived in the city alone she was more determined than ever to live up to it. She didn't want to become a sophisticated, worldly wise city girl. Thus, she summed up mentally, it was just as well she didn't.

"Going out tonight, Penny?" The words interrupted her thoughts and she turned to greet Ruby, a fellow worker who was always going out with someone she called "Beanie." You could always tell the status of Ruby's romance by her mood: if she was exuberant to the point of being giddy, she was going to see Beanie that night; if she was quiet and petulant, she hadn't heard from him, and if she was downright rude with a sarcastic twist to every remark she made, then they had quarreled.

Penny smiled. "No, I'm not, Ruby," she replied. Odd that she should feel such emptiness within her as she said the words. She noted Ruby's quick glance of sympathy and it irritated her. "I don't know

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TRUSCOTT

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Turner and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodard and son of Knox City.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson and daughter, Melisia Ann, left Monday for Abilene and Merkel here they will visit relatives.

Charlie Guyann Hickman is in from Texas Tech at Lubbock to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guyann Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Westbrook left Wednesday for Abilene to visit relatives.

Earl DeWolf of Barstow, Calif., arrived Thursday to join his wife and a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Browning, and adolyn.

The Christmas party at the Methodist annex Friday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blevins of Quanah spent the day Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Levins.

Mrs. C. M. Guyann, Mrs. Oscar Blomom and Mrs. George Solomon were in Quanah Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haynie and sister, Miss Jewell, were in Vernon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guyann Hickman were in Quanah Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeter Jr. of Big Lake are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith of Ft. Worth are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stone and family are visiting relatives at Weatherford.

Leslie Acker of Alpine is visiting his mother, Mrs. Callie Acker.

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What did the Secretary of the State of Wyoming say to the Banking Commissioner when they met in Cheyenne in 1937? "I'd like to find a plan to assure a comfortable retirement for myself and my family," said the Secretary of State. "Why don't you do what I am doing, buy Savings Bonds regularly out of income?" his friend replied. Today they have begun the second 10 years of their retirement plan. The then Secretary of State is now Governor Lester C. Hunt, and the former Banking Commissioner is the present director of Savings Bonds sales. You, too, can emulate their example. If you invest \$18.75 each month in a Series E Savings Bond of 25 maturity value over a period of 20 years and hold ALL the bonds to maturity you will receive an average yearly income of \$700 for the ten years following. U. S. Treasury Department

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Crowell, Texas, Dec. 25, 1947

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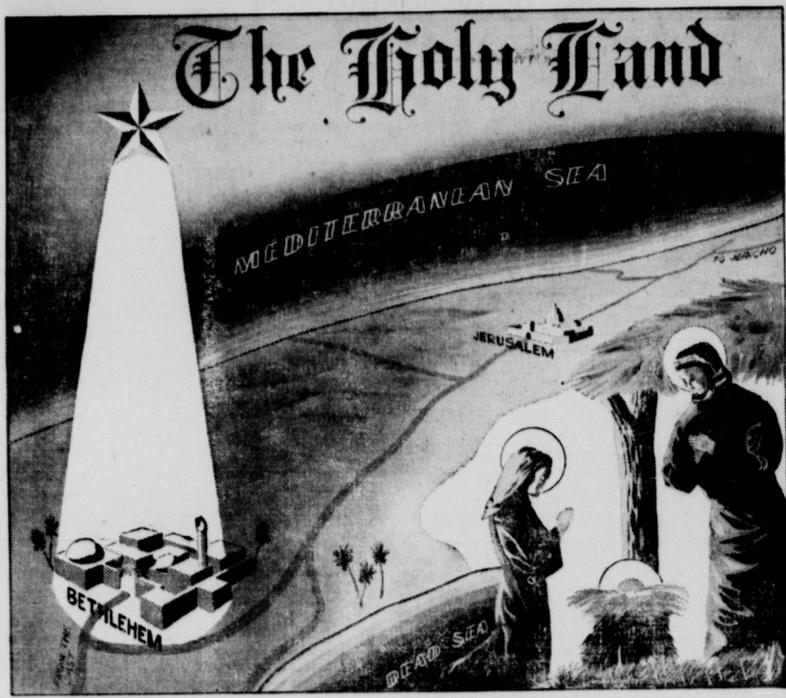
The whole country, and in fact, the whole world, is looking forward to the time when the famous 200 inch telescope on Mount Palomar, California, will be ready for use. Over ten years of work

has already been spent on building the big mirror and the frame work that will support it. The first man who looks through the big telescope will see a world that no human being has ever before looked upon. It will indeed be a thrilling experience.

The sale of Christmas Seals should go over in every community in this land. Never has so much been done for so many people by contributions so small as those asked in the sale of Christmas seals. The sale of Christmas seals brings in a splendid total each year that is used to help stamp out tuberculosis. The record of accomplishment made possible through the contributions received from the sale of seals is so remarkable that it should inspire the prompt and liberal aid of everyone in this land.

Higher prices are predicted on practically all of the items entering into every day living costs. The tide of inflation is still on the upswing, with no one attempting to guess where it will stop or when. Of this only we can be sure. One of these days the tide of inflation and higher prices will stop and the trend back toward normal prices will begin. We do not have to depend on the experts for this. Common sense shouts it every day.

The railroads of the country should not be overlooked when it comes to handing out the praise for the contributions to the Friendship Train. The railroads made no charge for the use of valuable equipment or the expense of hauling the trains across the continent. It was a sizable contribution and made it possible that all the money collected could go into food.



What We Think

(By Frank Dixon)

In my opinion the program set up by the Roosevelt administration by which wage earners can lay aside with the government a portion of every pay check to accumulate a fund for their old age was the best thing that the administration did.

At the time, I think it was wise not to take in too much territory until the plan could be given a trial and the mechanics of it worked out, and sufficient experience accumulated to furnish a guide for the further extension of the program.

This experience has been accumulated and it is time, I think, that some new trimmings be added to the plan.

Among these I believe, there should be given an opportunity for farmers, professional men and small business men, who, though not classed as wage earners, never the less have incomes not more than, and oftentimes less, than most wage earners, to come under the plan.

Since this class receives no regular wage payments on which such contributions might be based, some other plan would have to be worked out.

A plan that appeals to me is one in which small business men, professional men and farmers could go to their bank or post-office and buy their old age pension or security in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100 in the same manner that bonds are now bought with this difference, that the So-

cial Security bonds would be sold at face value and could not be cashed in. The money paid for them would remain on deposit with the government until such time as they chose to retire after which it would be paid out in monthly installments on the basis of mortality tables now used.

Two things would result from such a plan, farmers and small business men and professional men could provide old age protection in whatever amount they were able. They could buy it in large or small amounts, whenever they had the money and the desire. There would be no regular program which might be difficult to keep up in hard times and when crop failures and depressions cut the income. The assurance that one was laying aside a definite sum to be paid back in payments as long as he might live would bring a feeling of comfort and security and satisfaction to millions, who, under the present plan, do not and cannot have it. It would result in more men retiring earlier and leaving the field to the younger generation seeking a chance in a world in which competition is growing keener.

This would make for content and security and happiness of the older group and give to the younger generation a chance to get into something and build their own homes and families.

The second reason why I believe this would be a good plan is that it would bring to the federal treasury a vast sum of money. After setting up the necessary reserves the Treasury could use the money to pay off the national debt. By so doing an interest requirement that runs over a million dollars a day could be reduced and in a short time wiped out altogether.

It appeals to me as a thoroughly sound business proposition, good both for the little fellow who participated and for the government that conducted it. I would not restrict the purchase of these Social Security bonds to any class. Any one could buy them at any time and in any amount. They could be used to supplement other Social Security or income provided through insurance contracts.

We catch ourselves wondering what this country had to worry about before the days of inflation, world peace, the Russian problem, the feeding of the hungry of Europe and a great big national debt. Life must have been one sweet dreamy song those days. The trouble was we didn't know it. Could it be possible that fifty years hence we will be looking back on today as the day when life was a sweet dreamy song?

Some one suggests that it would be a good plan to try all of the war profiteers who gyped the government while the country had its back to the wall fighting with all its resources, before a jury of GI's who left their homes, their schools or their small businesses and went across the world to fight a common enemy. The verdicts rendered, we feel sure, would go a long ways to reduce the number of this type of traitor.

Inflation has reached a point in China where a one thousand dollar bill in Chinese money is worth two cents in American money. China it seems is ahead of us in the matter of inflation, but if the trend continues we will one day catch up with her. The danger lies in the fact that no one today in this country seems to want to stop inflation. They are all doing the things that contribute to it.

The destruction by fire of 32 million dollars worth of property in Maine is a disaster of major proportions. The palatial summer homes of the wealthy may be rebuilt but it will require many years before nature can restore the forests that contributed so materially to the beauty of the countryside.

One of the greatest perils facing the future of this country is the growing willingness of too many people to let the government, city, county, state and federal support them in idleness rather than rustle their own living. It is the energetic, industrious, thrifty, willing to work persons who have made this country what it is.

HISTORY

League of Nations Day—January 10: As a result of the provisions of the treaty of Versailles the League of Nations came into being on January 10, 1920, the date of the ratification of the treaty by Germany. The insertion of provisions for the establishment of the League of Nations was proposed by President Wilson. He took his proposals to Paris on the occasion of the Peace Conference and pressed their acceptance. There was some objection but finally a commission was appointed composed of two delegates each from the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan with representatives of five smaller powers added later. After a number of conferences a final draft was agreed upon, which was inserted in the treaty. The provisions sought to prevent war and bring about peace by a gradual reduction of armaments with penalty for any power which began a war. When the matter was presented to the United States Senate it was defeated. The question of whether or not the United States should join the League of Nations became an issue in the following presidential campaign. The Republican candidate opposed the entrance of this country into the World League of Nations and the Democratic candidate favored this country's participation in the plan to preserve world peace. The Republicans won by a large majority.

People are divided into two classes, those who believe that it is possible to provide parking space in front of every store for all the customers who may desire to trade at the store, and those who believe that no town will ever solve, to the satisfaction of everyone, its parking problems.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS to One and All



... from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

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A representative of the Hardeeman-Foard National Farm Loan Association will spend each Saturday in Crowell for the purpose of taking applications for loans and for the transaction of any other business incident to its operations.

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MAC'S FOOD MARKET

LOCALS

Mrs. C. B. Graham has returned on a visit to her parents in County, Tenn.

Mrs. Pet Billings is here visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. White, and family and her brother, J. H. McKown.

Wayne Cobb, student in A. & C. College, and his wife are here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Erwin of Denton are here to spend the holidays in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Erwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Thompson Jr. of Austin arrived here Saturday to spend the holidays in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Greerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and children left last week for Houston to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Anne Rettig of Wichita Falls is here spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig.

Alton Reeder Griffin, student in Texas Tech, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

J. L. Brock, student in Texas Tech, is at home to spend the holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. L. Brock, and family.

Joe Harris Scales and Larry Campbell, students in Texas Tech, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Scales and Mrs. Evelyn Campbell.

Bobby and Bill Cooper, both of whom are students in Texas Tech in Lubbock, are spending the Christmas vacation in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper, and family.

Mrs. G. C. Walker of Dallas is here visiting her sister, Mrs. S. S. Bell.

Emmett Lankford of Morenci, Ariz., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. H. G. Lankford, and family.

Howard Bell, student in Baylor University, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Frances Cook has returned home from Tyler where she has been for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Sloan, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rettig and three children of Montana are here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig.

Burl Cavin, Howard-Payne College student of Brownwood, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cavin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace Beverly of Austin are spending the holidays in the home of Mr. Beverly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Beverly.

Riley Griffin, a senior in A. & M. College at College Station, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Naomi Teal, a student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her father, Jim Teal.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and son, Frank Ray, of Tipton, Okla., visited in the home of Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. J. L. Gobin, and family.

Jim A. Hart of Stephenville is here to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Hart, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Reba Bartley, student in McMurry College, Abilene, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bartley.

Richard Bird and Albert Bird, who attend the University of Texas in Austin, are here to spend Christmas with their brother, Mike Bird, and family.

Mrs. Wallace King of Hereford is visiting during the holidays in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Lankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teague and children of Roaring Springs are here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wishon and son, John Wishon the 3rd, of Rio Nida, Calif., are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Ina Mae Hardin, student in Mary Hardin Baylor of Belton, is at home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hardin.

A. T. Johnson of Animas, N. M., was in Crowell a short time this week visiting his brother, Joe D. Johnson, and other relatives and old friends. He went on to Denison, accompanied by his brother, where they will visit another brother. Mr. Johnson is a former resident of Crowell and Foard County, but this was his first visit here in 35 years.

A HOLIDAY THOUGHT

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendly associations in the past. It reminds us of the splendid patronage that has been ours to enjoy and the confidence shown in our organization manifest most forcibly by the continuance of your goodwill.



We sincerely trust that we may continue to enjoy the same amicable associations throughout the years to come.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

WELCH SERVICE STATION

M. M. WELCH C. S. STEWART

Mrs. Cone Green and daughter and son, Patsy Grace and Dan, of Levelland are here visiting in the home of Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Russell.

Cleo Lankford of Levelland came in Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Lankford, and family.

C. D. Campbell is at home from Austin where he is a student in the University of Texas to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Campbell.

Mrs. E. W. Kidd and baby son, have returned from a two-weeks trip to Fayetteville, Ark., Huntsville, Ala., and other places where they visited Mr. Kidd's mother and other relatives.

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Miss Betty Seale came home from Waco, where she attends Baylor University, last Friday and will spend the Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seale.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nicholson in a Fort Worth hospital on Dec. 14. Mrs. Nicholson, the former Miss Vertie Jean Bailey, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bailey of Fort Worth and lived in Crowell before going to Fort Worth four years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beverly of Denver, Colo., visited here Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Beverly and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson and baby daughter of Fort Worth are here to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. R. J. Thomas, and family.

Hardy Sanders, student in John Tarleton College at Stephenville, is here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roark are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roark. Alton is a student in A. & M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and daughter, Kathy, of Hobbs, N. M., are spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook, and with her parents in Quanah.

Misses Marian and Marilyn Hays, students in McMurry College, Abilene, are spending the Christmas vacation in the home of their mother, Mrs. H. E. Hays, and family.

Miss Ada Jane Magee is at home from Lubbock where she attends Texas Tech, to spend the Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Magee.

Miss Ruby Adams of San Antonio and Mrs. F. J. Burion of Chicago, Ill., are spending the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Herrall and two sons, Gary and James, of Hobbs, N. M., have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Herrall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook, for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Fox of Dallas will arrive today to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Fox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, and with Mr. Fox's mother, Mrs. C. C. Fox, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Cunningham and son, Harold, and Miss Cynthia Wimberly of Las Cruces, N. M., visited over the week-end in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sloan.

Misses Sharon Haney and Ruth Barker, students in T. C. U., Ft. Worth, arrived at home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Haney and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker.

Appearances Deceptive in Purchasing Citrus Fruits

Don't buy citrus fruits by appearance alone, since what looks like a full, juicy orange may be surprisingly void of juice and full of pulp. Rather, weigh the fruit in your hand. Heavy citrus fruits are richer than lightweights. Next look for a firm, smooth, thin skin of fine texture, and don't worry if there are a few surface blemishes and slight discolorations. However, avoid fruit with badly creased skin, and a puffy spongy appearance, which is light in weight. Color or lack of color has nothing to do with the degree of ripeness. The color of citrus fruits depends on several factors: Variety, season of the year, and area of production. Florida and Texas oranges often have areas of green, especially at the stem end, but this color does not indicate under-ripeness of the fruit. As a matter of fact, all citrus producing states have maturity laws which growers are required to observe. After passing the maturity test, the ripe fruit which is not an attractive orange color often is treated with ethylene gas. This treatment takes out the green color and brings forth the familiar natural yellow or orange shade.

Produce Tung-Oil

Tung-oil culture was started in the United States by Dr. David Fairchild, agricultural explorer for the department of agriculture. The principal tung growing land lies a few miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, extending eastward from Baton Rouge, La., into northwestern Florida. These groves total 12 million trees and cover 250 square miles of land. Because of the concentration of groves in Pearl River county, Mississippi leads the six producing states with 20,000 tons of nuts—nearly half the 1946 crop. Louisiana, producing 14,000 tons, is second. Florida, with 10,500 tons, is third.

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Leo Spencer Nelson E. Oliphant

The state of Virginia produces hams famous the world over. It is a misrepresentation of fact for a restaurant to advertise on its menu baked Virginia ham unless the ham actually came from Virginia.

Miss Mary Ragland Thompson, who is a Librarian in East Texas State College in Commerce, is here visiting over the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson.

Kansas has an all negro town by the name of Nicodemus. Every business and every resident in the town is negro.

The city of Birmingham, Ala., known as the Pittsburgh of the South with a population of 270,000, did not exist in 1870.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



It is with true appreciation of the fine patronage that you have extended us in the past year that we pause at this glad time of the year to express our sincere good wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a successful New Year.

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Marion Crowell

Ernest Broodlove of Amarillo was here Sunday visiting relatives and friends. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Joe Mark Magee, who, with her husband returned to Amarillo with Mr. Broodlove Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lucinano and baby son of New Jersey are here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston White. A family reunion was held at the White home Sunday, it being the first time all of the family had been together at the same time in five years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ribble and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ribble of Vernon spent Wednesday of last week, Dec. 17, in Crowell visiting in the home of their son and brother, Curtis Ribble, and family. It was Curtis' birthday and his wife prepared a birthday dinner for him and the visiting relatives.

Captain and Mrs. Thomas B. Johnson and small daughter, Kay, are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brown. Captain Johnson is being transferred from Randolph Field, San Antonio, to Monterey, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burks arrived here Monday night from Covina, Calif., to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Burks are former residents of Crowell. Mr. Burks probably being the first automobile mechanic in Crowell. Thirty-five years ago he and E. Swaim of Crowell were operating the Burks & Swaim Garage and built the large brick building where the Barker Implement Co. is now located.

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Merry Christmas to one and all



One man — one of many — created a character who in child-like faith and all-embracing love will live through the centuries as the symbol of Christmas.

The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"

Foard County Hospital Staff

A Sincere 'Thank You'

For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

A Cordial Wish...

For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous New Year, to each of those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

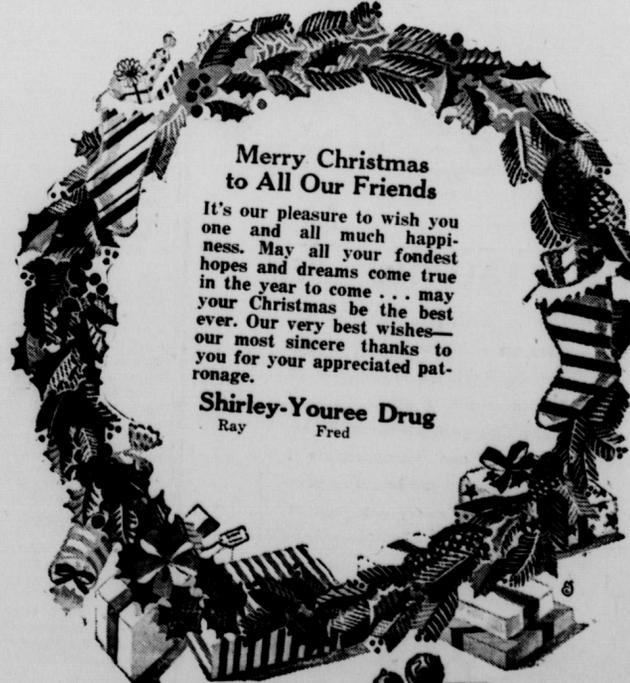
FISCH'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Merry Christmas to All Our Friends

It's our pleasure to wish you one and all much happiness. May all your fondest hopes and dreams come true in the year to come... may your Christmas be the best ever. Our very best wishes—our most sincere thanks—to you for your appreciated patronage.

Shirley-Youree Drug

Ray Fred



Weekly SURPLUS NEWS WAA

Three days, January 7, 8 and 9, have been set by War Assets Administration for a public clearance sale at the Dal 6 warehouse in the North American plant at Grand Prairie. War surplus originally costing \$300,000 and including lots of aircraft parts, aluminum, bicycles, cable, chemicals, clothing, heaters, lumber, furniture, paint and other miscellaneous items will be marketed through informal bidding. Bid opening for the clearance is scheduled for 1 p. m., January 9.

During the first twelve location sales on surplus government buildings conducted by War Assets Administration better than 99 per cent of the structures offered found buyers. Additional building sales are being held from time to time. Out of 13,368 buildings put on the market in the first dozen sales, 13,253 were disposed of through the usual WAA procedures. A total of 3,452 persons registered in these twelve sales of whom 841 were successful buyers. The total selling time on the more than 13,000 buildings amounted to only 97 hours.

Component tank parts, consisting of floors and rings, all unused,

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are offered by War Assets Administration on competitive sealed bids until January 5 through the Customer Service Center of WAA at Grand Prairie. The materials are located at the Red River Arsenal at Texarkana and the bidding is open both to priority claimants and commercial channels.

R. A. Dittich of the Utilities Service Company of Dallas was awarded the installed lighting system of the Longhorn Ordnance Works at Karnack, it was announced by War Assets Administration.

A quantity of surplus structural steel, at the Camden, Ark. Naval Ammunition Depot, will be sold on a sealed bid basis Monday, December 29, through the Customer Service Center of the Grand Prairie office of War Assets Administration. Commercial channels and priority groups are eligible to buy.

Fifty-seven buildings at the Amarillo Army Air Field have been awarded to various school districts, cities and counties, it has been announced by War Assets Administration. Structures awarded included barracks, recreation, latrines, administration, mess halls, hospital wards and similar types.

Uncle Sam's surplus cranberry pile amounts to more than 100,000 pounds in the whole, sliced and powdered forms. Bids on this merchandise will be opened January 15. Priority groups and others may submit bids to War Assets Administration, Sales Planning and Analysis Division, Office of General Disposal, Washington 25, D. C., where further information can be furnished. The cranberries are to be bid upon in entire lots and these lots are located in New Jersey, California and Washington.

The real burden is not the high cost of living, but the high cost of pride.—Robert Quillen.

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.—Benjamin Franklin.



CORP. BILL TRAVERS had tried not to remember that it was the day before Christmas. He'd played a game with himself, pretending not to notice the heightened spirit around camp. But he couldn't keep kidding himself when he saw the giant spruce being set up in front of the barracks. Today was December twenty-fourth, tomorrow would be Christmas and Norma hadn't written.

They'd first come to grips on their honeymoon. They had planned to take a short motor trip up north but, when they'd reached the point where they were supposed to turn back, Norma had insisted they go to Canada for a few days. Bill had tried to put his foot down, but Norma had argued and cried. When Bill saw her pouting, young face, so pale and set, his determination crumbled like a house of sand. They went to Canada; Bill returned to work five days late and had to look for a new job.

Despite that, he continued to give in, no matter how far off the beam she was. At first he backed down



Those had been the perfect moments.

because he loved her and wanted her to be happy. Later it was because he was afraid that if he didn't yield she never would and their wonderful marriage would end.

Seeing the boys on a ladder, hanging bright red and silver balls on the evergreen boughs, made him remember how much fun his three Christmas eves with Norma had been. The way she always laughed when he insisted on putting up the high ornaments with their rusty ice pick. She'd hold her breath while he teetered on a chair, reaching up to the tip of the tree to put on the silver star. Then he'd hop down.

"See, I made it," he'd say, handing her the old pick. "Now put this carefully away so I can use it next year." And they'd look at each other very seriously, kiss very gently and say very quietly, "Merry Christmas, darling." Yes, those had been the perfect moments.

One of the boys, a friendly chap from the Midwest, passed by and called, "Hi, Bill! All ready for Christmas?"

"Yeah," Bill said drily, "all ready."

All ready and no place to go! But that wasn't quite true. He did have some place to go, a lovely place. His own little home, only a five-hour bus trip from camp. But he couldn't go because of a foolish quarrel they'd had during his last furlough. And because Bill, for once, had refused to give in.

"Well, I'm goin' now," he said. Then after a moment of tortured silence: "Good-by, Norma. I'll have a few days leave for Christmas. Let me know if you—if you—"

She cut in, her voice sounding high and queer. "Good-by, Bill." The Midwestern boy came along again.

"Come on, the mail's in. Maybe we've got something." He took Bill's arm, pulled him along.

At the camp post office men were waiting eagerly for their names to be called. Bill was only half listening. He vaguely heard several "Thompsons" and suddenly he jerked his head in surprise, for "Bill Travers" had been called, and a slim package was traveling from hand to hand until it reached him. The neat, printed letters told him it was a gift from Norma.

Bill ran all the way back to his barracks and there, oblivious of the other fellows around him, began to open his present. Under the brown paper, there was white tissue and red ribbon, but no card. Then he burst into laughter. Then tossed the wrappings high up into the air and whooped, "Yippee! She wants me back!"

"What's up?" One of his companions came over grinning.

Bill grabbed his cap. "I've got to get a bus ticket in a hurry. My wife sent me a beautiful gift, and I'm going home for Christmas!"

After his hasty exit his bunkmate peered cautiously into the cardboard case and called to the other fellows "Come over here and take a look Travers must be nuts, getting so excited over a present like this. Why, it's nothing but a rusty old ice pick!"



By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old brier gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven, "tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."

need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas... that boy is still mad."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes... he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners, "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice. "I c'n understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.

"You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy, "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa."

"I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight." His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.

"Snowin', Pa?"

He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped." She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.

"Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.

"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttered, "I know it."

"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked. She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use of...," he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a hap-

Poisonous Weed

Prickly lettuce is a range weed which is poisonous to cattle when pastured green but which ceases to be poisonous when cured in hay was reported by the Wyoming experiment station. Pulmonary poisoning which prickly lettuce produces in range cattle is completely unlike any other ever described, station workers found. There is a complete destruction of Alveolar, or air cell, tissue in the lung, and various other symptoms of lung breakdown occur. Salt hungry cattle on dry summer range are more likely to graze the toxic prickly lettuce, the research study showed. Three to seven days are required to produce visible symptoms from the poisoning. Cattle should be watched carefully when moved onto pasture where prickly lettuce is suspected. If signs of poisoning develop, the animals should be turned back to dry pasture at once.

Natural-Appearing Gloves

Made for Artificial Hands
WASHINGTON.—A seamless plastic glove that makes artificial hands look natural has been developed, Veterans' administration stated. Establishment of clinics for the fitting or repair of plastic eyes, and later for fittings for plastic noses, ears and hands, also was announced.

Eight clinics are now in operation in Boston, New York, Atlanta, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore and Chicago.

Similar clinics will be opened soon at Memphis, Dallas, Minneapolis, Denver and Portland, Ore., and at the army's Valley Forge hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., when it is transferred to Veterans' administration.

The state of Washington has led the country in lumber production every year since 1905 with one exception.

Relief At Last For Your Cough

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Uncle Sam Says



This is the time of year when the "shop early for Christmas" signs begin to take on meaning which will grow day by day until the happy day actually is here. You could do no better than to put savings bonds at the top of your gift list for someone in your own family circle or a dear friend. U. S. Savings Bonds are truly the gift that is thrice blessed—when it is given, when it is received and when it matures 10 years hence at the rate of \$4 for every \$3 invested.

U. S. Treasury Department

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Monroe's Grocery and Market

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

ALL HAIL TO THE NEW YEAR 1948

"Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true."

—Alfred Tennyson

As the glad bells peal out at the stroke of midnight to mark the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new, we pause for a moment to express our appreciation for the confidence, friendship and good will which have been extended to us during the past year and to extend our best wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

Welcome — 1948!

Self Motor Co. Self Implement Co.

Howard Left Forgettable Songs

At the age of eighty, Joe E. Howard is now enjoying the top of his career as America's most famous minstrel—seeing his life story immortalized on screen by Twentieth Century-Fox under the title of his most popular ballad, "I Wonder Who's Singing Her Now." The Technicolor musical extravaganza, produced by George Jessel, who at the age of ten appeared on a Louisville bill in which Howard was the headliner, opens at the Theatre Dec. 28. Howard has only a single regret—that he isn't at least fifty-five years younger so that he, instead of the Stevens, could be playing opposite June Haver in the picture.

Nylon hose manufacturers state there will be no shortage of hose this Christmas if purchasers are willing to buy a few more of the slightly heavier weights. The nylon production for the year exceeds that of last year 20 per cent. Last year 21 million pairs were produced. This year the output will exceed 35 million dozen pairs. The reason for the shortage of the finer and more sheer hose is that plants were not set up to make the more sheer hose. The sheer type of hose is much more difficult to produce and some manufacturers have to reject 40 per cent of the hose produced in sheer weight, whereas in the heavier weight the rejects only amount to 10 per cent.

Uncle Sam Says



Are you counting the days to Christmas? There's nothing comparable to the warmth of Christmas feeling. Second best perhaps is the feeling when you have the money to make dreams come true for you and your family. The most efficient and sure way to build up a healthy backlog of savings is through your company's Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds or your bank's Bond-A-Month Plan. Every extra savings bond you add to your bond holdings is one more powerful stride toward security. The best Christmas gift you can give your family is to start a 10-year plan of automatic monthly bond buying. For example, your investment of \$18.75 a month in a savings bond every month until Christmas, 1957, will result in a nest egg of \$2,498.94. U. S. Treasury Department

Pessimism leads to weakness; optimism leads to power.—William James.

Fire Hazards Beset Homes At Christmas

Your Christmas tree and the decorations on it are fire hazards which you will want to watch most carefully this Christmas. Remember when you bring a tree into your house it is going to dry up. A fresh cut tree will not take fire any more easily during the first day or two than would the evergreen shrubs growing outside but it becomes a more serious fire hazard every hour. At the end of a week, it will be highly flammable.

It is best to bring in a fresh tree as short a time before Christmas as possible, and to remove it as soon afterwards as you can. If you do this, ordinary precautions should prevent it from taking fire. Families, clubs, churches and business men who want to keep their trees from a week or more before Christmas until after New Year's day need observe special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

Place in Pan of Water. The tree can be kept fresh if you set it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period that the tree is in the house, adding water to the jar or tub in which the tree stands at intervals to keep the water level always above the cut. This method when used with fresh trees reduces the flammability as effectively as any fireproofing chemicals. Chemicals may cause the tree to turn brown or yellow or to lose its needles.

The place you select for your tree should be well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. The tree should be well secured against falling by inconspicuous wires holding it against the wall. The tree should be so placed that standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

Candle Still Takes Toll. The candle for Christmas is still taking its yearly toll of lives and property. It is found on Christmas trees more rarely every year, but none the less, it is used unwisely in many places during the Christmas season. Open flame lighting is entirely out of place unless you set up your candles and lamps well away from Christmas trees, window curtains, and burnable decorations, have a fire extinguisher handy and then keep constant watch over them.

But it is important that your Christmas lights be in good condition. A short circuit in worn wiring might be sufficient to start the tree burning. Sets bearing the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., have been tested for fire hazard and pronounced safe by experts.

We all speak different languages. Most words mean one thing to the speaker and something else to the listener.—Robert Quillen.

The friends who are most stimulating to us are those who disagree with us.—Cornelia James Cannon.

Santa gets a Gift

THE minute Tommy woke he remembered that it was the day before Christmas. And that meant—his breath escaped in a quick, white plume across his bed—Santa would soon arrive! The thought shot sudden warmth through his small body as he climbed out of bed and reached for a stocking. After supper he would hang one up . . . and, if it should have a hole in the toe like this one, that wouldn't matter. Santa, of course, understood why he had not had anything new for a long time.

"Tommy!" his mother's voice called. "Dress quickly, dear. It's very cold. That's why I let you sleep late."

Tommy turned and saw her watching him from the doorway. Her blue eyes looked tired, as if she had been up a long time.

"Mommy, will it be long before Santa comes?"

"I'll tell you about that later," she said. "Let's bring your things into the kitchen by the stove."

"I'm sorry there's no milk, dearest," Mommy said. "Maybe I shall hear from the agency today and get a job and—"

He didn't want to talk about milk, or Mommy getting a defense job, or even ask why his Dad did not come home any more. "Mommy, what about Santa Claus?" he asked.

So then she told him. He listened quietly, hot little tears burning his eyelids. She had told him the most dreadful thing he had ever heard in all his life. No wonder she cried, too.

"But, darling," Mommy said, wiping his eyes with her apron. "I have something nice for you. I was saving it for tomorrow but I'll let you have it now because it will make you healthy and strong enough to be a soldier like Daddy."

She gave him a luscious, bright red apple.

Yes, he thought, if Santa had only had a mother who knew everything that was good for him, he wouldn't be so sick now that he couldn't go out with his presents tonight. And he would not be in the hospital.

Then a bright thought came to Tommy and he began to run. When he reached his destination he was out of breath. He hurried into the wide corridor, his small feet making silent steps on the heavily piled carpet which led to the reception desk. The white-uniformed nurse didn't see him as he stood there.

Tommy found his voice then.

"Look," he said. "I've brought a present for Santa Claus. Will you please give it to him?"

"Oh—er—is Santa Claus here?" the nurse asked.

"Yes," said Tommy, nodding. "My mother told me. He's awfully sick with a cold and can't come out tonight."

Then the doctor spoke up.

"Yes, darling, Santa is here and he's very ill." He leaned over and covered her hand with his. Looking straight at Tommy he said, "Sonny, you bet we'll give him your apple. I'll see that the rascal eats every bite of it!"

"And tell him to eat it slowly and chew up the skin. Then he'll get big and strong like my Dad."

The nurse put her arm around Tommy then. "Just wait here a minute, little boy. Sit here in my chair and we'll be right back and tell you what goes on in Santa's room when he gets your gift."

He was looking at the tree when he saw the nurse and doctor appear from behind it. Their arms were loaded with Christmas packages and they were smiling and hurrying over to him. There was even a huge stocking, running over with toys and sweets.

"Santa ate your apple, sonny," the doctor said. "Thanks a lot," he said to tell you it made him feel so strong that he got right out of bed and went over to his closet where he had all these presents."

"He asked us to give them to you for him," the nurse said, "because he has a lot of business to do tonight at the soldiers' camps. He said you'd understand."

"Oh!" cried Tommy. "Geel!" All those wonderful presents when he hadn't expected anything. Wouldn't Mommy be surprised!

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

SCRIPTURE: Jude 24, 25; Revelation 16:22; Matthew 2:145:1-12. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 145:1-13.

God's Eternal Rule

Lesson for December 28, 1947

THE last Sunday of another year brings us to a very fitting lesson, based on passages of Scripture found in Jude 24, 25, Revelation 16:22, and Matthew 2:145:1-13.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

With this benediction, let us pause at the rapidly ebbing shoreline of the departing year, asking the meaning of God's goodness and mercy as reflected in the Christmas season and through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

As the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Divine Babe in Bethlehem, let us today wisely appraise his gifts to us during the past year, and examine our hearts to see if we are duly grateful.

Rich Gifts for Jesus

Read again the second chapter of Matthew, particularly the section which describes how the Wise Men brought their gifts—rare and precious gifts—to the Son of God. They were rich gifts, meaning that they were costly. We dare not bring anything to Jesus that does not represent a measure of sacrifice.

Contemplating the days ahead, what shall be the test of our gifts to Jesus? Shall we give him our left-over time? Shall we be satisfied to bring him a pittance of material gifts? Or shall our gifts, like the gifts of the Wise Men, be the first fruits of all his increase? He asks for our love, our loyalty, our glad and sincere devotion.

The Long Look

Now we come to the heart of Sunday's lesson in Revelation 21:3: "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples." God's eternal rule will be gladly acknowledged and received if all place their hands in his hand at the gate of another year.

Nineteen forty-eight holds many question marks. People are afraid. They are confused. And here comes the message of Sunday's lesson—"He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples."

The world is passing away, the lust thereof, but they that put their trust in God shall abide forever and ever. God's eternal rule has been vindicated in history. It will be vindicated again and again in the coming year wherever his people cast themselves in unwavering faith into his care and keeping.

We shall do well to read again and again the chapters in Revelation, 16:22, and see how all who walked with God were victorious, and how all who forgot him and forsook his ways, were destroyed. Do we not see the clean application for our day and generation? The nations that forget God do die.

God's Eternal Rule

Let us turn now to the verse in Psalm 145, which reads: "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

Every thoughtful person is today wistfully searching for certitude—for the assurance that behind these dark clouds that lower over our frightened world the sun still shines. Better, that the sun shall break through these clouds.

Our lesson gives that very assurance. This is our Father's world. He lives! He reigns! And he waits to reveal himself to us in wisdom and power. He will not force himself upon us. We must open the door to him. He stands and knocks.

Is that not enough to bring us to our knees in the fervent prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

Beginning in the home, and spreading into every area of life, may the truth of Sunday's lesson become the watchword of America and of all lands as we enter upon the New Year. Thus panicked, we shall be strong and prepared to meet and master every

As little Sharron Irene Rothrock of Seattle, Wash., was walking happily along one of the city streets one evening recently she stepped into an open sewer manhole and disappeared from sight. Her lifeless body was found in the bay the next day after a tragic all night search, eleven miles from the place where the little girl disappeared into the open sewer. She was holding to her father's hand when the tragic accident occurred. It was thought that the flood waters from a torrential rain, which had just fallen, had lifted the sewer manhole cover making of it a terrible death trap for the little girl.

Defenders of the alley cat have another bit of evidence on their side to support the theory that the alley cat is more than a match for the perfumed pampered Persians and their kind. Recently during a cat show by the Saint Louis Cat Club, an alley cat wandered into the hotel. Marceline Duffy, hostess at the hotel, discovered the maltese tom cat and forthwith named him Mr. Silver and entered him in the show along side the aristocrats from the other side of the tracks. Mr. Silver won the ribbons in the best for color, kittens class and in the nonchampion class.

problem at hand and ahead.

"Our God our help in ages past. Our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home."



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit of the First Christmas gladden your hearts this Christmas season

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Fun for All the Family Dec. 31

Junior, sis, mom and dad will find "Junior Prom," Monogram's Teen-Agers comedy which will open midnight preview, Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Rialto Theatre, film fare that will whet the entertainment appetites of the entire family. There's jive music to make the younger folks jump, sweet music to satisfy the oldsters and lots of fun to absorb the interest of everyone.

Freddie Stewart makes his first singing appearance on the screen in his top featured role with June Preisser and Judy Clark. The young vocalist has a high tenor voice which registers "Teen Canteen," "It's Me Oh Lawd," and "My Heart Sings" in a pleasing manner that should garner attention. Sprightly little June Preisser offers some of her dancing steps that have made her prominent among Hollywood's younger starlets. Her screen sisters, Judy Clark and Noel Neill, join with June in an entertaining number, backed by a school band and Freddie Stewart, called "Trimball for President," which is the latter's campaign song in a school election.

Uncle Sam Says



How about shopping today for Christmas 1947? There's one gift on the market everywhere in America which not only will warm the heart of the recipient this Christmas, but 10 years hence when it will mature at the rate of \$4 for every \$3 you pay for it now. That's United States Savings Bonds. Santa will be glad to say to your loved ones and friends, "Merry Christmas 1947," and leave the present with a great future. Include your bank or post office savings bond window on your Christmas shopping tour.

U. S. Treasury Department

He who never made a mistake never made a discovery.—Samuel Smiles.

TOYS AROUSED BOYS' GENIUS



Robert Louis Stevenson's preoccupation with toy theaters in his youth, much of which was spent in ill-fused led to the flowering of his dramatic prose in adulthood. The Wright brothers' first interest in flying is traced to youthful experiments with kites and toy airships.

The Teddy bear is the most popular doll of all time. The first Teddy bear was designed by Margarette Steiff from a cartoonist's version of the late President Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt's bear hunt in the Rockies, and thus the toy was named.

Year in and year out the Teddy bear and his stuffed cousins, from Uncle Remus in 1909 to the Pandi in 1937, have topped all others in popularity, the authors say. They estimate that there are some 10 million Teddy bears in American homes today.

The ball is one of the closest rivals of the doll among children and its antiquity can be traced to ancient Egypt. Pottery, wood, and papyrus balls were common in the land of Cleopatra and a manuscript of the 15th century mentions "the yellow glass used for the little balls with which school boys play, and which are very cheap."

Soldiers Find Chinese

Pay Bills at Christmas

Although their usually elaborate holiday feasts are somewhat simpler these days, the Chinese still exchange gifts. In fact, the soldiers' therabouts found gift-giving is a national weakness. And every Chinese tries to pay all his bills at Christmas time, so he may begin the New Year debtless, if penniless.

Christmas celebrations are particularly widespread in Chungking, the capital, for Gen'l Chiang Kai-shek is a Methodist and a large percent age of the Chinese are Christians.

Soldiers in India will have an English Christmas in semi-tropical surroundings. Most of the Christian population is English and there are Christmas trees, church services, nativity pageants and huge Christmas dinners—just like home.

Tomb of St. Nicholas

Scene of Pilgrimage

St. Nicholas, who rules over the festival of Christmas, was born in Myra, Asia Minor, where he was bishop for 17 years. When he died in A. D. 352 his tomb became the scene of an annual pilgrimage, which continued until his remains were removed to Bari, in Italy, in 1087, where they are still venerated. He must have been a versatile person, for he is also the patron saint and protector of sailors, pawnbrokers, spinsters and thieves! His festival is really on the sixth of December.

'... And a Doll'



Not even Santa Claus, who has heard all the stories, could resist the blandishments of this young charmer. If she doesn't get her way, Santa's reputation for generosity is pretty well exploded.

Christmas Thanks
We thank Thee, Lord, for the world so sweet—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the food we eat—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the birds that sing—
We thank Thee, Lord, for everything.



... AND moreover, this is New Year's eve," said Wallace, as if that ought to settle the matter. "Cheer up. Let's go to the Officers' Club and join in the fun."

George Martin shook his head. Before he could welcome the approach of another year he had a troublesome decision to make. The crowded streets, the milling people, the babbling groups headed for Times Square—none of these signs of the coming of 1944 had power to lift him from his depression. His voice was solemn.

"Look at my problem from the personal angle," he said. "Tell me, Wallace, how would you feel if you had been told you couldn't return to the school ship after the holidays?"

"I'd feel bad, naturally. But not as if the world had come to an end." "You're not a sailor," returned Martin. "You don't understand what the school ship gets to mean to a fellow. It gets in the blood . . . under a man's skin."

He listened carefully as Martin continued: "You should have seen Doyle's face when the Cadet Council told him he was through. It went white. It's not only the way a fellow feels about it himself, it's a fellow's family . . ."

Wallace was saying: "The school ship's not the only place of its kind in the world. A fellow can still work his way up from the fo'c'sle, you know, and become just as good an officer."

They were walking along a waterfront street, now, past seamen's lodging houses. A row of men stood in line before the doorway of a Sailors' Mission.

"Shipping's bad," volunteered one of the men. "No more ships. Can't get a job for love nor money. Got a cigarette?"

Martin pulled a package of them from his pocket, offered it. The



"You're to report back to the school ship January 3."

sailor took a cigarette eagerly, waited for a light. "Thanks, buddy."

"See what a fellow's up against?" Martin said. "Even old-timers can't get ships. A youngster would have no chance at all."

At the next stand he purchased a newspaper. He stood under a neon sign and opened it to the Want ads.

"Look. Here are your shore jobs. Wanted: an office boy. Must run elevator. Wanted: boy to distribute handbills. Wanted: soda clerk. Are these anything for a fellow who really wants a sea career—a merchant officer's career, the whole world ahead of him, and a captain's berth at the end?" He threw down the newspaper. "I've made up my mind. Come with me," he said.

At a small hotel for sailors, he turned in and inquired: "Doyle stopping here? Thomas Doyle?"

The clerk thumbed through the register. "Number 1215."

As George Martin entered the room, Doyle sprang to his feet. He had been stretched out on the narrow bunk, his face buried in the pillow.

"I heard you hadn't gone home, Doyle," said Martin.

Doyle's eyes were swollen and red. "I thought I'd rather stay here, sir . . . until after the holidays. Then I thought I'd get a ship—or a shore job. I couldn't face them at home, sir . . . I just couldn't."

Martin took out his watch. "If you can get out to the airport by one o'clock, you'll catch a night plane to Bangor. That's where you live, isn't it? Got enough money?"

"Yes, I have. But . . ."

"Do as you're told," said Martin. "Your case has been up for consideration since the holidays started last week. I've been thinking it over carefully, and will veto the action of the Cadet Council. You're to report back to the school ship on January third, with the others. It'll be up to you to make good. Those are orders."

The boy's face was radiant. "Happy New Year, sir! That's all I needed, sir, to change the whole world for me—another chance at the school ship!"

"Funny old world," said George Martin, superintendent of the Nautical Training School, as he rejoined his friend in the lobby. "Another chance at the school ship . . . that's all Doyle needed to face New Year." McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

1948 Farm Prices Are Expected to Be About the Same As in 1947

On the basis of present information, Texas farmers and ranchmen now planning their 1948 operations can look forward to their farm prices averaging about the same as 1947, but, with farm operating costs a little higher, the resulting net income will be moderately lower.

That's the word that Tyrus R. Timm, extension economist for Texas A. & M. College, brought back from the Outlook conference in Washington, D. C., where economists from the U. S. Department of Agriculture as well as representatives from the states met recently to discuss the agricultural situation and outlook, according to Joe Burkett, County Agent.

Contributing to the lower income will be the likelihood of smaller crop production in some areas and a slight reduction in livestock numbers. But price-wise on the things farmers sell, it looks pretty good.

Two major Texas farm groups will do well to exercise a little caution in their activities. The first is the fruit and vegetable growers. No sharp declines are expected for fruits and vegetables as a whole; however the foundation for the price structure in these commodities does not seem nearly as steady as it is in the livestock, grain and cotton enterprises. The second group is composed of those livestock and poultry producers who operate largely "out of the bag." Some of them may get caught by rising feed prices.

Of course, Timm says, uncertainty about prices of farm products is greater for the second half of 1948 than for the first. The size and condition of 1948 crops, not only in the United States, but abroad as well, will affect prices later in the year.

Expenditures abroad under the Marshall Plan or its equivalent, plus full employment in this country constitutes the more important elements in the economic picture for next year and for several years to come. These two activities mean strong consumer demand.

The economist suggests that farmers and ranchmen not only observe supply and demand factors, but particularly watch the hearings and actions of Congress as it goes back into session in January. It will also pay them to keep up with the developments on State Department policies in carrying out assistance programs to foreign countries.

Timm says the agricultural outlook is not just guess work. The fact that U. S. Department of Agriculture statisticians and economists worry with a lot of facts and figures seems to have paid off for the farmers. Since 1923, the USDA has published an agricul-

tural outlook each year, largely so farmers would have an even break on knowing current conditions. A ten-year check before the war showed that the predictions made by the outlook averaged about 81 per cent correct. The peak year on predictions was 1929, when the average was 87 per cent.

Timm would like to give a word of warning. When prices do begin to settle, it is very likely that agricultural prices will settle first. When that happens, farmers will realize more than they do now that taxes and many other fixed costs have gone up. These costs, he says, will come down more slowly than prices. Fixed expenses, including the interest and repayment charges of indebtedness, will constitute a heavy burden when the income is not as high as it is now. Texas farmers

Russia has asked to compete next year in the Olympic games according to Robert J. H. Kephart, Yale's director of athletics. U. S. Olympic swimming coach "certain conditions." All Russia asks is that Russia be made official language of the Olympic governing board and that the representatives of all nations be excluded from games. To date Russia has demanded that Russian contestants only should be permitted win. This is one proposition which if proposed will not be vetoed by Russia.

The Great Salt Lake of Utah covers an area of 2,360 square miles.

and ranchmen will do well to remember that American farmers have yet to come out winning from an inflationary period.



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J. V. Patterson, Pastor.

First Baptist Church Sunday School

Sunday School, 9:45. Morning Worship, 11:00. Training Union, 6 to 7 p. m. Evening worship, 7 to 8 p. m.

N. B. MOON, Pastor.

Good Creek Freewill Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. each Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. on each first Sunday.

Prayer meeting each Thursday night.

C. C. LAMB, Pastor.

Assembly of God Church

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Sunday Evening, 7:45. Prayer service Wednesday night, 7:45.

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WARREN EVERSON, Pastor.

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We invite you to attend the Men's Bible Class at the Assembly of God Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

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Foard City Church

Sunday School every Sunday. Preaching every first and third Sunday by Rev. George Smith, Baptist pastor.

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Dallas D. Denison, Pastor.

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BEN K. BARKER, Secretary.

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H. E. Hilburn, Chief Patriarch.

R. L. Ballard, Senior Warden.

Clyde Langford, Scribe.

Thalia Lodge No. 666

A. F. & A. M. STATED MEETING Saturdays Night, December 27, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors always welcome.

C. D. HANEY, W. M.

LOYD FOX, Secretary.

STATED MEETING OF Crowell Lodge No. 840, A. F. & A. M.

Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m. 2nd Mon. each month. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

LEE BLACK, W. M.

J. A. STOVALL, Sec.

CROWELL CHAPTER, U. D. O. E. S.

Regular meeting, second Tuesday night, 8 p. m.

Study and practice meeting, 4th Tuesday night, 8 p. m.

MABEL STOVALL, W. M.

ELLA RUCKER, Secretary.

CROWELL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Regular meeting, Friday night after 2nd Monday, Jan. 16

WM. M. WISDOM, High Priest.

J. A. STOVALL, Secretary.

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Meets first Monday in each month at American Legion hall, 7:30 p. m.

GLENDON HAYS, Commander

CLYDE COBB, Adjutant

Two Minute Sermon (By Thomas, Hastings)

Good Yields From Good Soil: I was visiting with a farmer friend of mine the other day. He showed me his fields of corn. I noted in one of them the stalks were little and spindly and the yield poor, while in the other the corn was good. The stalks were sturdy and the yield was excellent. Both fields, my friend told me, were of the same type of corn. The seed for both had come out of the same lot. The difference, my friend said, was in the soil. In one of the fields the soil was poor and the corn growing in it did not have a chance to develop. In the other

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er the soil was suitable and a splendid yield resulted. It reminded me, as I looked at it, of people I have known. Though living in the same communities, eating the same food, attending the same schools, the children of some families seem to be superior in every way to the children of other families. They are more courteous and better mannered and seem to have finer and more wholesome social concepts. The difference is in the home life, the soil in which they grew up, and in which the formative years of their lives were spent. True many a child because of something in its background and ancestry raises above or sinks below its environment, but the rule, as with field corn, is that its life reflects the home soil in which it grew up.

Weather Favors Russ

Russia's upsurge in world affairs seems to coincide with the present rise in earth temperatures. Dr. Clarence A. Mills of the University of Cincinnati says. Since 1850, temperatures have been increasing. With the upturn in warmer winters, we have seen the awakening of a new giant among the northern nations of the earth, one exceeded only by China and India in its population numbers. Dr. Mills explained. Long winters of numbing cold had always held Russia back, he said. Now more nearly optimal coolness allows her energies freer flow. Few of us realize that Stalingrad, one of Russia's southern cities, lies at about the latitude of Winnipeg, and that Russia has the largest human mass to be benefited by the present prolonged upthrust of earth temperatures.

Icy Winds

Few of Spitzbergen's mountains are more than a mile high, but their sharp spires or cones, glittering with snow and ice, make the islands scenically beautiful. Many fjords indent the shores, and glaciers fill valleys and often run down into the fjords themselves. Two-thirds of West Spitzbergen, largest of the five islands and a number of barren, rocky islets that make up the group, is covered with ice all year. There are no trees, but hardy flowers blossom quickly in midsummer. A warm current from the North Atlantic washes the western shores and moderates the climate.

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House Flies Given Formal Execution; Seemed to Like It

DETROIT.—Seven common house flies were executed formally in Detroit and seemed to like it, at the start.

The flies—there were 10 of them but 3 got away—were flown in from Chicago, and spent the night in a downtown hotel. After a last breakfast of warm milk they were ready for the death chamber—a little paint-coated box.

The paint was impregnated with DDT and this was its official test. It worked. For nearly 30 minutes the flies frisked about, but at the end of an hour they were flat on their backs, feebly kicking their legs.

The new paint is designed primarily for creamery and dairy barn use.

Elephants Paralyzed By Mystery Ailment

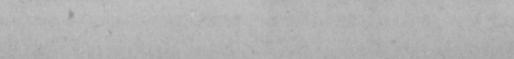
LONDON.—Bertram Mills, who owns a circus, said that a mysterious ailment had paralyzed the trunks of his six elephants. They can't feed themselves or curl their trunks up and outward in the elephant salute when the circus band plays "God Save the King."

The ailment was first observed two months ago in Kaphol, an 18-year-old star performer. She showed some improvement after six radiotherapy treatments, but still could not eat without help.

Mills' five other elephants—Manjuli, Hunguli, Batho, Lechne and Jennie—subsequently suffered trunk paralysis. They also were given radiotherapy treatments and showed only slight improvement.

Puzzled circus veterinarians named the disease "fibrositis," and said they hadn't the slightest idea what caused it. They said the idea of radiotherapy treatments first occurred to Mills after it had helped his sciatica.

MY WIFE WAS CRANKY AS A BEAR, A CASE OF NERVES SHE SAID, SO I SUGGESTED MILES NERVINE AND SENT HER OFF TO BED.



THE BIBLE SPEAKS

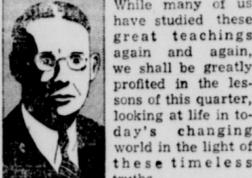
By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11-15; I Timothy 4:16; I John 5:1-5. DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 2:14.

Beliefs That Matter

Lesson for January 4, 1948

THE first three months of 1948 will reintroduce us to some of the great Christian teachings in regard to God, Man, Salvation and Christian Living.



Dr. Newton

While many of us have studied these great teachings again and again, we shall be greatly profited in the lessons of this quarter, looking at life in today's changing world in the light of these timeless truths.

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this Book; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

John 20:31. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." I Timothy 4:16.

The Story of Lydia

See how the above truths are borne out in the story of Lydia, Acts 16:11-15. Here was a prosperous business woman, making an honorable living, "whose heart the Lord opened." Paul taught her the way of salvation. She and her household were baptized, she took Paul and his helpers into her home and became a tower of strength as the Gospel was being spread throughout Europe.

Lydia was not attracted to Paul by his eloquent preaching, but by the story of God's love which Paul faithfully gave. And when she had been saved, she began immediately to translate her faith into works.

Proving Our Beliefs

Junior boys and girls will like this story about Lydia because it is practical. We can see a woman opening her home to the preachers of God. We can see her in her place of business, inviting her customers to come and hear Paul preach. She was a living sermon.

Every junior boy and girl in every Sunday school in the United States can render the same vital service during 1948. There are literally millions of boys and girls in this country who have never been to Sunday school. They do not know anything about a Sunday school, but they would like to know.

Belief Makes a Difference

You are what you believe. Ask the football or basketball coach. Ask the man who teaches people to fly planes in your community. You are what you believe. "Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God." I John 5:1.

And it matters greatly what you believe. You can go wrong very easily by believing what is false about God, just as you can go wrong very easily in flying a plane by failing to believe the right thing about the laws of physics.

Beliefs That Matter.

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. That is the number one belief that matters. It was so on the day when Jesus announced, "On this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18. It is absolutely basic in every relationship of life.

I meet with business and professional men every day, in widely varying walks of life, who tell me that they are sustained by this belief. During the recent war, men lived in this basic relief. In these trying days at hand and ahead, belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the norm. We cannot face these difficult days without this anchor. And all this quarter we shall be studying, Sunday after Sunday, this great truth and those that grow out of this fundamental concept.

What a privilege to teach this great truth! The Sunday school teachers of our country are the most important single group we have. By their voluntary service, they are pointing our people to the one sure road that leads to the City of God. My prayer is that they shall daily seek to qualify under the formula of I Timothy 4:16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

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Weekly Sermon

By B. J. Prah, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

A Health in The Desert

"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like a heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit" (Jer. 17:5-8).

Drought of soul always comes with the imperceptible shift of our attention from God to man. The strength of the wicked man, the success of the unjust and the seemingly unreasonable suffering of God's faithful servants raise doubts and questions in the heart. Perhaps the worst cause of drought is introspection. When a man looks continually into his own heart, the wickedness that he finds leads only to despair. His perspective is destroyed so that he can neither enjoy the daily blessings of salvation that surround him, nor see afar God's patient working that will turn even the wrath of men to his ultimate praise.

But when man looks at the face of Christ, the river of God's grace flows through the salty desert of his doubt and self-condemnation. As he turns to the faithful promises of the Bible, his vision is corrected and he sees his life as God has planned it. When this spiritual astigmatism so subtly induced by Satan has been corrected, his eyes will no longer see a parched wilderness, but a garden watered by the wells of salvation and the

"Cold flowing waters that come from another place." (Jer. 18:14).

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Miss Betty Jo Zeibig Becomes Bride of Clark O. Hitt Jr. in Candlelight Marriage Friday P. M.

Miss Betty Jo Zeibig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Zeibig, became the bride of Clark O. Hitt Jr., son of Chaplain and Mrs. C. O. Hitt of Little Rock, Ark., at the First Baptist Church Friday at 5 o'clock in an impressive twilight ceremony.

Chaplain Hitt was the officiating minister for the recitation of

the double ring marriage vows as the couple stood before an altar decorated with white gladioli and fern. White tapers burned in wrought iron candelabra.

Miss Martha St. Clair of Fort Worth sang "Oh, Promise Me" and "Because." She was accompanied by Miss Bobby Abston who also played the processional and recessional selections of tradition. She also gave a muted interpretation of "Clair de Lune" during the ceremony.

The candles were lighted by Benny Hitt and the ushers were John and Bill Hitt, all brothers of the groom.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an aqua blue suit with maroon accessories and a winter white hat. She carried a white Bible topped with a deep purple orchid. She wore tiny pearl ear screws, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. W. F. Statter, her sister's matron of honor, wore a maroon suit with grey accessories. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Bowling Hitt, brother of the groom, was best man.

The wedding was followed with a reception in the banquet room of the church. The table was laid with a white lace cloth and was lighted by white tapers. The centerpiece was a beautiful arrangement of white mums and fern. The three-tiered white cake was topped by a miniature bride and groom.

Duties of serving the cake were assumed by Mrs. Cliff Hogue, sister of the groom, and Miss Martha St. Clair. Presiding at the punch bowl was Mrs. W. F. Statter who was assisted by Miss Marjorie Brock. Miss Faye Griffin presided at the guest register.

The couple left after the reception for a short honeymoon. For going away the bride wore

brown accessories with her suit and an orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitt will reside at Brownwood.

Miss Cogdell and Tom W. Neal Jr. Are Wed Monday

Miss Mildred Cogdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cogdell, became the bride of Tom W. Neal Jr., son of Mrs. Tom W. Neal and late Judge Neal of Carlsbad, N. M., in the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, Dec. 22.

After a prelude of organ music played by Mrs. D. D. Denison, she sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Paul Shirley. Mrs. Denison also played the wedding recessional.

Rev. D. D. Denison read the single ring wedding ceremony before an altar made attractive with baskets of white gladioli. White tapers burned in wrought iron candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a navy blue suit of wool gabardine fashioned with a ballerina skirt and basque waist line. Her hat was of white beaver and her accessories were of black. She wore, for something old, a pin which has belonged to her mother for more than fifty years; for something borrowed, some car clips belonging to the mother of the groom; for something blue, a pair of blue garters, a gift of Mrs. Denison. For good luck, she carried a piece of foreign money brought from Europe by her brother, John Cogdell. She carried a white Bible and white lace handkerchief. Her corsage was a beautiful white orchid.

The bride was attended as maid of honor and matron of honor, by her two sisters, Miss Nancy Cogdell of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. James Brothers of Shamrock. Miss Cogdell wore a dressmaker suit of brown wool and Mrs. Brothers wore a suit of black gabardine. Both wore identical corsages of red rosebuds.

Melvin Neal of Hobbs, N. M., attended his brother as best man. The candles were lighted by J. W. Neal, the son of the groom, a student in the University of Texas.

Mrs. Cogdell, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Neal, mother of the groom, wore identical corsages of white gardenias.

Only the immediate families of both bride and groom and a few close friends attended the wedding.

Immediately following the ceremony, an informal reception was held in the basement of the church. The table was laid with a lace cloth and lighted by white tapers in crystal candelabra. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom. The cake, first cut by the bride and groom, was served by Mrs. Allen Cogdell of Paducah. Punch was poured by Mrs. Ralph Cogdell of Floydada, who was assisted by Miss Lillian Buytaert of Wichita, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal left immediately after the reception for a trip to San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Upon their return, they will make their home in Carlsbad, N. M., where Mrs. Neal is librarian in the High School and Mr. Neal is an electrician for the U. S. Potash Mines.

Co-Laborers' Class Has Christmas Meet

The Christmas meeting of the Co-Laborers' Class of the Methodist Sunday School was held in the home of Mrs. Fred Wehba on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, with Mrs. Henry Earl Thomson, Mrs. Lewis Ballard, Mrs. Sam Mills and Mrs. Tom Russell as joint hostesses with Mrs. Wehba.

The home was decorated gaily with Christmas suggestions and Mrs. D. D. Denison was leader of the Christmas program. The highlight of the program was the reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol by Lionel Barrymore, by means of a recording. Christmas carols were sung and Mrs. Denison gave the scriptural story of the birth of Jesus. Several Christmas games were enjoyed by the group.

The hostesses served a pretty refreshment plate also carrying out the seasonal colors to the more than twenty members present.

An exchange of remembrances was made from the pretty Christmas tree as the concluding part of the evening's entertainment.

The three states that lead in the production of peaches in this country are in order, California, Georgia and South Carolina.

Bridal Shower Given in Honor of Miss Mildred Cogdell

Miss Mildred Cogdell was complimented with a lovely bridal shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lewis Sloan with Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Sam Bell, Mrs. Hubert Brown, Mrs. Earl Manard, Mrs. Jim Cates, Mrs. Henry Borchardt and Miss Florence Black sharing hostess duties.

Mrs. Bell received at the door and presented the guests to Miss Cogdell, whose marriage took place on Monday, and to her mother, Mrs. W. A. Cogdell.

Mrs. Brown invited the guests to register in the pretty bride's book. She also directed them in to the dining room where the table was beautifully decorated with the bridal motif and also the Christmas motif. Laid with a lovely lace cloth, the table had a gorgeous Christmas arrangement in silver and red. An improvised Yule log was used as a candelabra with the miniature bride and groom standing between red candles. Silver pine boughs with red cones and berries interspersed completed the lovely arrangement.

The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Mike Rasberry while Mrs. Jack Sauls and Mrs. Bert Ekern served dainty cookies, nuts and mints. The napkins accorded with the table appointments, being lettered in silver, "Mildred-Tom."

The Christmas motif was evident in other decorations of the home, the buffet and the piano holding pine boughs with red and silver complements. A pretty Christmas tree further carried out the seasonal idea.

Mrs. Sloan directed guests into the gift room where Mrs. Borchardt, Mrs. Cates and Miss Black displayed the lovely wedding gifts.

Mrs. Pat McDaniel provided incidental piano music during the reception hours. Sixty-three guests called in the course of the afternoon.

Formal Christmas Party for B&PW Club Thursday Evening

The annual formal Christmas party of the Business and Professional Women's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Irene O'Connell Thursday evening, Dec. 18, with Mesdames Jim Lois Bursey, Louise Fisch, Bessie Fields and Thelma Hunt as hostesses.

Santa, with a well-filled sleigh, centered the T-shaped table which was further decorated with red cellophane, greenery and shiny Christmas balls extending the length of the table. Each place was marked with a Christmas box of toasted nuts.

Following a delicious turkey dinner, Christmas carols were sung. Miss Mayme Lee Collins told a story, entitled, "The Worst Christmas Story." Mrs. Frances Davis showed a film of the birth of the Christ Child.

Gifts revealing secret pals were given from a gay tree. Secret pals for another period were drawn. Twenty-one members attended.

Engagement of Miss Doris Jones Announced by Parents

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones of Thalia announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris Jones, to Mitchell F. Jackson of Abilene.

The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Thalia on February 28, 1948.

Miss Jones is a student at Draughan's Business College in Abilene. Mr. Jackson is employed as bookkeeper for Mackey and Co. in Abilene.

SEW-N-SEW CLUB

Mrs. Glenn Shook was hostess to the members of the Sew-N-Sew Club at its last meeting in December on Thursday, the 18th.

The home was decorated in the Christmas colors and the timely salad plate was also in the holiday theme. Tiny sandwiches in the shape of a Christmas bell, steaming cups of hot chocolate and a slice of fruit cake were served. A marshmallow centered with a tiny lighted candle was the plate favor.

The ladies engaged in sewing during the afternoon were Mrs. Jack Welch, Mrs. Howard Ferguson, Mrs. Kenneth Halbert, Mrs. Houston McLain and the hostess.

The next regular meeting will be on January 1, 1948. Names will be drawn at the meeting for "unknown friends."

Betty Jean Smith and Marion Hord Wed in Truscott

The Truscott Baptist parsonage was the scene of the wedding of Miss Betty Jean Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, and Marion Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hord, all of Truscott. The service was read by Rev. Claude Harris, pastor of the Baptist Church, at 1 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 6th.

The bride was attended by Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, who was attired in a black crepe cocktail suit trimmed with sequins. Her corsage was of white carnations.

For her wedding, the bride chose a soft suit of grey wool gabardine fashioned with a straight skirt and a jacket featuring a pleated back. With this, she wore a rose crepe blouse and black accessories. Her groom was of white carnations. The groom was attended by J. H. Gillespie as best man.

The bride is a member of the Junior class of Crowell High School. The groom is a graduate of Crowell High.

After a brief wedding trip, the couple will be at home near Truscott where the groom is engaged in farming.

Wayne Cobb Weds Miss Dolores Stentz on December 12

Wayne Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cobb, and Miss Dolores Stentz of Shreveport, La., were married on December 12, in College Station at the parsonage of Minister J. F. Fowler of the Church of Christ of that place, with the minister officiating with the single ring ceremony.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pressler of College Station. The wedding took place before the fireplace of the living room of the parsonage home. Christmas decorations prevailed throughout.

The bride wore a gray suit and her corsage was a purple orchid. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb are here to spend the Christmas season in the home of the groom's parents.

Mrs. Cobb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stentz of Shreveport, La. She is a graduate of Byrd High School and attended Texas State College for Women at Denton. Mr. Cobb is a graduate of Crowell High School. He served in the U. S. Army for three years, most of which time was spent in the South Pacific. He is now attending A. & M. College and majoring in Agronomy.

The couple will reside in College Station.

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Laundering Tests

Laundering tests made at the Montana experiment station show that in general soap and detergents do an equally good job in washing all-wool and all-silk fabrics, but that soap is superior for cotton, linen, rayon, or mixtures of cotton and wool. Fibers differ in chemical nature, silk and wool being protein from animal sources, and cotton, linen and rayon cellulose from plant sources. Soap, because of its alkaline content, cleans plant fibers better. For washing all-wool blankets, detergents proved better, but blankets of 75 per cent wool and 25 per cent cotton washed better with soap. Detergents were not successful with woolen baby clothes because although they removed soil they did not remove food stains. Silk stockings washed successfully with either soap or detergents. Although colors did not fade as quickly with detergents, cotton and rayon dresses, and table linens developed a soiled, grimy appearance when washed with non-soap compounds in the Montana experiments.



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