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MEET EVERY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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TO OBSERVE TWO DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS

The business firms whose names appear below will close for two days during Christmas, Wednesday and Thursday. Other stores will be open on Thursday following Christmas:

Higginbotham - Bartlett Co., Marvin J. Martin Mens Store, Fay's Beauty Shop, Joe Bennett Barber Shop, Thornhill and Preston Dry Goods, W. W. Martin Barber Shop, Loraine Cleaners, Loraine Furniture and Hardware, M. C. Carpenter, Spikes & Son, Chamness Garage, A. W. Britton, Fred B. Ison, R. J. Mote Auto Supply, Tartt Auto Supply, Alan's 5c to \$1 Store, J. B. Mahon, First State Bank, The Mitchell County News.

COOP PERSONNEL PARTY

A Christmas party for the directors and employees of the Loraine Cooperative Association was held at the Lions building on Friday night, December 20.

42 was played, after which gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Refreshments of cake, coffee, and oranges were served to 54 guests.

T. A. McGee left Thursday for Dallas to visit his son, Jasper McGee and wife, and his daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Cheery. They will all return here Tuesday and spend Christmas.

Parks Bryant of Toyah is here to spend the holidays with his family.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the nicest parties of the holiday season was featured by the Willing Workers Sunday School class of the Methodist Church for their annual Christmas tree party at the Lions Club building with a turkey dinner last Thursday evening.

The tables were prettily decorated in holly, cedar, mistletoe, and lighted candles. The menu consisted of baked turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, cranberry sauce, fresh beans, fruit salad, celery, pickles, pie topped with whipped cream, and coffee, served cafeteria style.

Mrs. G. W. Parish, president, gave the welcome address. The men who were guests of the party drew names for dinner partners. Rev. Price gave the invocation and couples filed into the dining hall where the feast was enjoyed.

Games were played and Christmas carols were sung underneath a brightly lighted Christmas tree.

The following members and guests were present: Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Price, Messrs. and Mmes. G. W. Parish, K. L. Taylor, Otis Muns, Wiley Walker, Willie Taylor, Jim Stewart, Plez Beaty, Alva Bennett, Clyde Smith, Jack Lnam, Percy Bond, Jim Johnson, J. M. Templeton, Bruce Johnson, J. H. Boone, Roy Wells, Howard Phillips, Floyd Coffee, and Mmes. Drew Givens, W. R. Martin, Lily Bennett, and Anna Belle Long.

Better renew your daily paper before January 1st.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Funeral services were held for Dee V. McGee, 66, at Woodlake, California, on Monday, December 23. Mr. McGee died Thursday night after several years illness.

He was a brother of T. A. McGee and uncle to Mrs. O. I. Griffin, Noble McGee and Varnell and Jim Templeton of Loraine, and Mrs. Edd McGee of Colorado City.

Mr. McGee lived in Loraine several years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Dora Hirston McGee, and three sons, Troy, Thurman and Tom P. McGee of Woodlake; one brother, T. A. McGee of Loraine, and two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Templeton of Dublin, and Mrs. Zora Dean of ElCentro, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gann of Colorado City entertained with a Christmas dinner Monday night. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb and Linton Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nix, Mr. and Mrs. Price Hall and Joretta, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Small and children, all of Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Webb of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ed Elett of Westbrook.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Harris Hamilton and baby of Santa Ana, California, Mrs. Alfred Richey, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Walker of Los Angeles, California, arrived Friday night to spend the holidays here.

BUILDERS S. S. CLASS

The Builders Sunday School class of the Methodist church held its annual Christmas dinner and party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson on Friday, December 20.

A delicious dinner of baked chicken and all the trimmings was served. Individual tables with red and green decorations were placed through the spacious home.

The program consisted of: Prayer, Dr. Dale Johnson; Devotional, Mrs. Edison Wilson; Christmas Carol, Silent Night, led by Rev. J. W. Price; The Christmas Story, told by Mrs. J. M. Templeton, the class teacher; The Christmas Carol, O, Come All Ye Faithful, and prayer, Martin Dobbs. With Mr. J. M. Templeton acting as Santa Claus gifts were exchanged by the members.

Throughout the new and lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, decorations of cedar, mistletoe, fir and red and green tapers were used with the beautiful lighted Christmas tree as the center.

Games, which were enjoyed by the group, were led by Rev. J. W. Price.

Those present to enjoy this gala occasion were Messrs. and Mmes. J. M. Templeton, Edison Wilson, Bruce Johnson, Martin Dobbs, Royce Mahon, and Travis Hallmark, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Price, Edison Taylor, Wayland Bennett, Merilyn Bennett, Leland Hamilton, Darwin Hamilton, Elmer Martin, Forest Meadows, Pauline Morris, Elizabeth McDonald, and the hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson.

READY S. S. CLASS

The Ready Sunday School class entertained their husbands on Thursday night, December 19, with a kid Christmas tree party. Hostesses were Mmes. D. W. Haralson, Ed Small, Bob Horton, and Wright Hock.

Kid games were played and children's gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Later the gifts were given to the Cradle Department of the church and to needy children.

Refreshments of soda pop, suckers and stick candy were served.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. R. T. Barton, Woodrow Pratt, Tommy Horton, Jack Richey, Howard Preston, Price Hall, Butch Swafford, Kenneth Butler, D. W. Haralson, Ed Small, Bob Horton, Wright Hock, and Edward F. Brown. Ten children were also present.

Those who will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and Mrs. Ruby Robertson for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson and daughters Bonnie and LaVena, and Pink Robertson of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall and Nancy of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin will go to Midland early Christmas morning and spend the day with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Battle and son, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burdine.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Taylor, Deverle and Naomi left Wednesday for their new home they recently purchased at Rails.

LANDERS H. D. CLUB

The Landers Home Demonstration Club met December 17, at the home of Mrs. David McKinzie for their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Sidney Compton had charge of the games. One of interest was a Christmas puzzle with Mrs. Willis Boyd being the winner. Mrs. Merket also won a prize for throwing snowballs through a goal.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. Also at this time a gift shower was given Mrs. David McKinzie, who is moving away from our community.

Plans were made for a watch party on New Years Eve at the Landers school house. 42 and other games will be played.

Refreshments of punch, open face sandwiches, candy and nuts were served to Mmes. Willis Boyd, Sidney Compton, J. L. Jones, J. A. Merket, Miss Ethel Adrian, and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Spikes of Dallas came in Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Spikes.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Harris and children of Walnut Springs are due to arrive tonight and spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN
Sallies in Our Alley: Chums hear that war hero Flip Cochran "went through every dime he had" fooling around the zig-zaggy cotton market. . . . Preston Sturges, the film producer, is such a stickler for perfect grammar that he argues with waiters all over town whenever he sees a word used incorrectly on a menu. That's a new way of aggravating yourself! . . . We hear Sally Rand is weary of courtroom scenes and may retire. . . . One of the Zambar employees is such a ham he bought \$500 worth of looking-glasses (to put all over his apt.) so that he can see how small he is from any angle. . . . Gail Barber, Village Corner strip-teaser, was bitten by a dawg recently—and the bowwow died two days later!

The Miami rain fell as it did in the Jeanne Eagles show, "Rain," and the wind howled for two nights (sometimes at 42 miles per hour). But the Florida gazettes referred to the storm as "squalls" . . . Squalls? Midget hurricanes! . . . Floridians with a sensayama call them "Yankee breezes" . . . And just when California's Governor Warren arrived. Haw! . . . Florida's Governor Caldwell handled it adroitly, saying: "We had these storms to make Governor Warren feel at home."

The Late Watch: Tip the feature editors that Howard Hughes has a good story about the people he is rewarding for helping him live after his plane crash. A fire chief out there is among them. . . . Remember Bob Crawford? He composed the famous song, "Off We Go—Into the Wild Blue Yonder, dum-de-dum-de-dum, de-dummmmm!" Well, he's opened a spot called The Blue Yonder in Miami. He says the brass hats never gave him any recognition for it or the 39 months he flew with the air corps! And some guys got army diplomas for week-ending over there! Fine thing.

Washington Sq. Vignette: They tell this story around the square. . . . They add that it may not be true—but two little boys (with the unknowing cruelty of children) were plaguing a friend because he was lame. . . . A woman paused and told them that they shouldn't poke fun at anyone less fortunate than they. . . . Besides, she said, just because he couldn't use his legs didn't mean he wasn't just as strong and brave as they were. . . . The last great President, she said, became paralyzed. "And he," she continued, "was as strong and brave as any man living. I know. You see I was his wife."

His name is Bob Turner . . . Was a Zanuck hireling before the war but never made a film. . . . Understudied in a couple of shows last season but rarely got on stage. . . . He became friendly with a girl working on a movie mag, who put his picture in the July issue. . . . Since then he's received 5,000 fan letters from every state, Hawaii, South Africa and even India. . . . Has 124 fan clubs, a monthly newspaper and a quarterly magazine put out by the clubs. . . . He's been swamped with marriage proposals and has been forced to move because he never got any rest. . . . Because he said his hobby was collecting giraffes, he's received 35 miniature giraffes. . . . He's the most famous unknown person in the business. . . . But despite his great popularity and fame—he can't get a job!

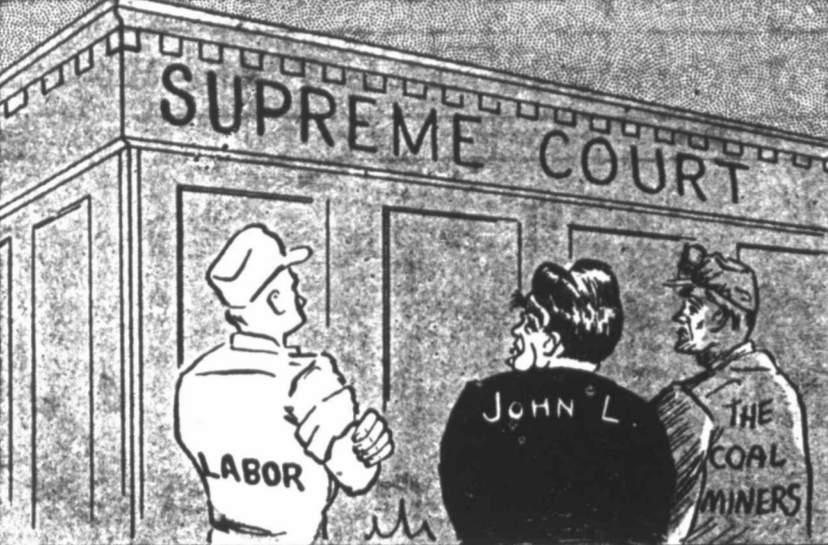
Third Act: (By Don Wahn): I thought the lovely party never ended. . . . I thought the violins would never die. . . . I thought that love was gay and rich and splendid. . . . And that the moon was married to the sky. . . . And then I heard the awesome sound of thunder. . . . The lightning flashed—and I was numb with fear. . . . And, childlike, I could only stare in wonder. . . . And trace the landscape, desolate and drear. . . . I turned to you—and you were white—and shaken. . . . And love was but a gray and misty ghost. . . . And we were trapped, forgotten and forsaken. . . . By all the lures that we had cherished most. . . . And on the lips that once were surely mine. . . . There were no words—no laughter and no wine!

Quotation Marksmanship: Anon: You can't fool all the people all the time—but it isn't necessary. . . . Evelyn Knight: A gal with that fur-away look in her eyes. . . . Thomas Hardy: A lover without indiscretion is no lover at all. . . . Anon: Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables. . . . John Erskine: Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing. . . . De Cassevoix: Hope is the gay painless we wear over yesterday's bruises. . . . A Housley: Her dimpled knees stared right back at me.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
Packers Sign Wage Agreements; Grant Carriers Rate Relief; Labor Awaits High Court Decree

Released by Western Newspaper Union

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LABOR:
Packer Peace
 Meat conditions continued to look rosy for the American housewife when the AFL and CIO packing-house unions coming to terms with the big packers on new contracts without resorting to costly strikes. The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen set the pattern for peace in the industry by agreeing with Swift on a 7 1/2 cent an hour wage increase, higher pay for night work, a better vacation plan, pay for eight holidays and reduction of geographical wage differentials. Including all benefits, the total hourly increase amounts to 12 cents.

Not to be outdone, the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America then signed with Cudahy for an average wage increase of 15 cents, extra night pay, a sick leave plan, compensation for eight holidays and elimination of geographical wage differentials. At the same time, the CIO union also reached agreement with the Tobin Packing company of Fort Dodge, Iowa, on a new contract providing for guaranteed employment of 52 weeks.

Sue for Back Pay
 As a result of a Supreme court decision of last June 10 decreeing that employees of the Mount Clemens Pottery company were entitled to compensation under the fair labor standards act of 1938 for walking to their jobs on plant property, American industry faced the prospect of being forced to shell out hundreds of millions of dollars of back pay.

Wasting no time in taking advantage of the court ruling, the CIO United Steelworkers and CIO Auto Workers filed suits in the Cleveland, Ohio, federal court for back pay for 180,000 union members. The Steelworkers asked 56 million dollars for 30,000 employees of American Steel and Wire. The Auto Workers seek 1 1/2 million dollars for 2,000 employees of Ohio Crankshaft company.

FREIGHT RATES: Grant Boost
 Interstate Commerce commission was unanimous in granting rail and water carriers an average 17.6 per cent freight rate increase and permitting railroads to maintain a 10 per cent passenger fare boost.

Noting that wage costs alone since 1941 have mounted by \$1,382,000,000 annually, ICC declared that the new rates were necessary (1) for maintenance and development of the transport system to meet national needs, and (2) to assure the movement of a high volume of traffic efficiently.

SUPREME COURT: Weighty Decision
 In calling off the costly soft-coal strike, John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers was content to leave determination of the issue to the U. S. Supreme court. Said John L.: "The Supreme court is, and we be-

lieve will ever be, the protector of American liberties and the rightful privileges of individual citizens."

Having agreed to consider the case directly from the federal district court, the high tribunal set January 14 as the date for government and defense arguments. Upon the final decision not only rested whether the heavy fines against the UMW and Lewis would stick but, more importantly, whether government-operated industries could prevent workers from striking.

Legally, the issue boiled down to this: Could government operation of an industry be considered essential to the running of the government? As the ruling power, the government said all its actions were necessary; on the other hand, the UMW said the running of coal mines was not within governmental province.

BRITAIN: Royal Romance
 Great Britain, which takes its royalty seriously, was bubbling all over with the latest royal romance, this one involving Prince Philip of Greece and Princess Elizabeth.

Long rumored, the engagement of the royal couple loomed as more and more of a possibility as the British press continued to build up the handsome, blond prince. Much ado was made of his application for British citizenship. Steamed up over the ballyhoo, bobby-soxers joined otherwise staid Britishers in believing the match was "super."

While the prince and princess made a fitting couple, the rumored romance was not without its political implications. Such a royal marriage would bind Britain more closely to Greece, which occupies a strategic position in the eastern Mediterranean and presently is a diplomatic battleground between Britain and Russia in the fight for control of the Near East.

FOREIGN MINISTERS: Germany Next
 Having cleaned up the Balkan peace pacts, the foreign ministers of the Big Four agreed to undertake the thorny issue of a German treaty in Moscow next March.

The decision came as the U. S. and Britain determined to unify their two occupation zones to speed up the economic recovery of western Germany and trim their relief burdens, and continental Europe, once dependent upon the Reich for essential supplies, continued to lag in reconstruction.

U. S. consent to conduct the parley in Moscow was forthcoming only after Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov promised Secretary of State Byrnes that newsmen would be given both freedom and facilities for reporting the meeting. Byrnes insisted that newsmen had not been afforded suitable accommodations during the last confab in the Soviet capital.

Whooping Cough Takes Surprising Toll
 Whooping cough kills more children each year than infantile paralysis and scarlet fever combined and many hundreds of unnecessary deaths occur annually because of exposure of children to this dangerous disease, according to a health warning from Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

In 1944 the United States Public Health service recorded 1,878 deaths from whooping cough, compared to 1,861 deaths from polio and 422 deaths from scarlet fever. Preliminary figures for 1945 show 1,726 deaths from whooping cough, compared with 1,188 from polio and 349 from scarlet fever.

U. N.: Slap Franco
 Even as 300,000 Spaniards assembled before the national palace in Madrid to hear Generalissimo Franco lash "foreign interference," the United Nations political and security committee, meeting at Lake Success, N. Y., adopted a resolution for the withdrawal of all members' ambassadors from Spain.

Remaining obdurate in its contention that no drastic action should be taken against Spain but the Spanish people should be given every opportunity for holding free elections, the U. S. abstained from voting on the resolution. As it was, the resolution was mild enough, since the countries agreed to leave other diplomatic representatives in Spain to conduct business as usual. Effect of the action was to snub Franco on the direct government level.

Fleary Spaniards plastered fiery placards against "foreign interference" in Madrid in the demonstrations against world condemnation against the Franco regime. In addressing the throngs, Franco declared: The Spanish government was a matter of concern to the Spanish people alone; Spain had demonstrated its peaceful intentions by remaining neutral through World War II; Spain showed its willingness to further prosperity by being willing to deal commercially with other nations.

'Big Train' Passes On
 Another of baseball's greats passed into Valhalla with the death of Walter Johnson, 59, acclaimed by many as the greatest pitcher who ever toed the rubber.

Famed for his blinding speed, Johnson blazed a trail of glory during his 21-year playing career with the Washington Senators. Known as the "Big Train," he won 413 games and lost 280; set the modern strike-out record of 3,497, topping the 300 mark for seven consecutive seasons; hurled 2 no-hitters, and 114 shutouts.

But statistics do not tell the true story of Johnson's greatness. Indicative of his prowess and strength, he blanked the New York Yankees three times in four days in 1910. In 1911, he struck out four men in one inning after his catcher had allowed one batter to reach base when he dropped a third strike. In 1912, he pitched 56 straight scoreless innings.

ROCKET PLANE: Beautiful!
 Stepping out of the Bell XS-1 after taking the rocket plane up to 35,000 feet and running it at 550 miles per hour, test pilot Chalmers Goodlin, 23, exclaimed gleefully: "The plane, the engine—in fact, everything about the flight—was beautiful. It was all very quiet, with absolutely no noise at all in the cockpit, no sensation of the roar of an engine."

Fueled with ethyl alcohol mixed with oxygen, the XS-1 is designed for a speed of 1,700 m.p.h., but Goodlin held it down to 550 m.p.h. in the preliminary test. Built for speedy, high altitude flying, the plane measures only 31 feet in length and has a wing span of 28 feet.

Army acceptance of the craft is conditioned upon its ability to travel at 80 per cent of the speed of sound, which ranges from 680 m.p.h. to 763 m.p.h., depending upon temperature and altitude. In hitting it up at 550 m.p.h., Goodlin achieved a speed of 75 per cent.

NEAR EAST: Bluff Reds
 Russia drew a pass in the diplomatic poker game in the Near East as Iran, Greece and Turkey, backed by the Anglo-American powers, rebuffed leftist jockeying for advantage in Iran and Greece.

In a bold maneuver to test the extent of Russian determination to dominate oil-rich northern Iran, government forces marched into Azerbaijan province ostensibly to guarantee free parliamentary elections. At first, Communist leaders threatened civil war if the government troops continued their march, but suddenly backtracked when the Nationalists called their bluff.

Gerrillas seeking to establish themselves in northeastern Greece also were left holding the bag when Greek regulars routed 1,000 leftists at Corymbos and the remnants were wiped out by Turkish troops when they fled across the nearby border.

MINERS: Carried Back
 As John L. Lewis maneuvered for shorter hours and higher pay for his United Mine Workers an industry spokesman asserted that the miner draws more money than auto, steel and oil workmen.

Washington Digest
Labor Disputants Must Heed Public's Interests

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WASHINGTON. — Regardless of the bitterness engendered by the coal strike many real friends of labor in Washington watched the preliminaries to the opening of congress with far less apprehension than might have been supposed.

But that wasn't true of some of the labor leaders. There were several reasons for the fears of the latter. In the first place, it was no secret that a great many union members were getting decidedly fed up with the autocratic methods of some of the top dogs. Part of this may have been the general feeling that it was time for a change, which the voters registered so emphatically. Many of these voters were, of course, union men. Without labor's support the Republicans would not have made such great gains in many of the cities.

I talked to one union man who expressed this skeptical attitude toward the top leadership. He said there was discontent because of "too many strikes." He didn't mean strikes in his own group, necessarily. He was referring to the fact that when other unions walked out it affected him too. He didn't like the idleness that he had experienced. He resented the raising of his dues. He felt the pressure from the higher cost of living, which he did not blame entirely on big profits. He was not immune to the argument that lack of production due to strikes for which he was not responsible was also partly to blame.

His inability to control the strikes in other unions was not the only cause of his resentment. He felt that his vote in itself had very little effect; that "policy was hampered out by the big fellows." Then, too, the stories of the fine homes and the big cars of some of the high officers didn't help. I found his attitude reflected in similar reports from other sources.

Most of these conditions to which my informant objected, of course, stood out at the very beginning of the coal strike with its powerful one-man-dominance and its crippling effect on other industries.

Another feeling registered by many workers was fear of a depression. They knew that that would weaken the unions because many men would do as my friend said he would have to do—forget the union and take any job he could get if work grew scarce.

Predict Curbs on Autocratic Leaders
 Since many of the men who followed this line of reasoning helped make the Republican victory possible, astute political leaders, with their eyes on 1948, are preparing to stop the "smash-the-union" talk and substitute for it the slogan "smash the autocratic leaders and keep them from smashing the union."

The "friends of labor" that I mentioned realize this. They are freely predicting that this congress will not produce "destructive labor legislation." They feel that such radical moves as compulsory arbitration or rigid government control will not succeed. They do admit they expect many of the advantages labor has enjoyed under the Wagner act will be pared down.

When the President said at a White House press and radio conference that he intended to write as strong a message as possible to the congress, it was not interpreted as meaning that any anti-labor shackles would rise. Harry Truman's whole record in congress is distinctly conservative but not reactionary. On the other hand, he doesn't intend to approach the subject from the New Deal point of view. As I pointed out previously in this column, he considers himself a "free man," bound by no previous obligations, acting under no restraint. He could not escape the tenor of the vote in November nor could he ignore the gauntlet which John Lewis threw down.

Looking around in the senate, the friends of labor feel they see evidence of enough wisdom and discretion to prevent any labor-baiting orgy even if some of the members of the house may lean to extremes. After all, most legislation is written in conference.

Although there was considerable concern expressed by their respective opponents, both Senators Taft and Ball, who naturally would be expected to initiate labor legislation, are considered too wise politically to overstep the bounds of what really amounts to common sense on this question. Neither of them would be likely to do anything they could avoid to prevent the workers or anyone else from voting Republican.



ARMY CANCER CURE

WASHINGTON. — Walter Reed General hospital has made some excellent progress in treating cancer, but it's kept such a hush-hush secret that the doctor in charge of cancer research, Lieut. Col. Milton Freedman, is about to be kicked upstairs because of a news leak.

It so happens that the amount of cancer in the army is high—so high so that the number of cases is kept secret. But one whole wing at Walter Reed hospital is devoted to cancer, and Dr. Freedman made so much progress that various editors got wind of what was happening and tried to print the story.

At this point, Surgeon Gen. Norman Kirk stepped in. It was made clear that medical corps policy did not permit mentioning the name of any hospital specialist. Only the surgeon general's office could be mentioned in connection with cancer research. The cancer specialists didn't particularly mind this policy. But as an aftermath of this, Kirk wants Freedman kicked upstairs to an administrative post, where he would shuffle papers instead of practicing medicine. This Freedman refuses to do.

Meanwhile, doctors criticize Kirk for continuing his wartime policy of wasting money. During the war he corralled 40 per cent of the nation's physicians, then let many of them spend about three months sitting idle for every month they devoted to medical practice. Some had so much free time, they even organized softball teams to keep themselves occupied. Many would have stayed on in the army, but were fed up with the regimentation of the surgeon general's office.

NORTH CAROLINA YANKEE
 When administration friends approached Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, about being U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Gardner replied: "I've been bowin' and scrapin' to North Carolinians all my life, and in my old age I'll be darned if I want to be bowin' to anyone else now."

However, at this difficult period, with British labor kicking over the traces against the British alliance with right-wing, Republican-United States, Gardner will make about the best possible choice for American ambassador—whether he puts on knee breeches or not.

State department officials already have warned Gardner that he will have to hire a valet—which will go against the new ambassador's homespun humility. He also will live in Barbara Hutton's ornate former palace, surrounded by about 25 acres of park, featuring a swimming pool in the basement, gold bathroom fixtures and iron bars, worked by pushbuttons, that slide over the windows at night.

But, despite all the folderol, if the British are wise they will know that this astute but humble North Carolina Yankee at the Court of St. James represents the backbone of the USA from the grass roots up, and can speak simply but wholeheartedly for it.

FRIEND OF VETERANS
 One interesting thing to watch in the new GOP congress is whether the Republicans carry out the La Follette-Monroney congressional reorganization bill.

Already the whisper is going around Capitol clockrooms that the Republicans will take the increased salary and pension benefits derived from the reorganization bill, but throw overboard provisions for increasing congressional efficiency. Already some Republicans are maneuvering to prevent consolidation of overlapping committees in order to preserve for themselves cushy chairmanships and extra money for clerical hire.

In this connection one important backstage battle is aimed at preventing motherly GOP Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts from becoming chairman of the veterans committee. Mrs. Rogers has been a tireless worker for the veteran and, as ranking Republican on the veterans committee, she automatically should become its chairman. However, because of her long running feud with routing "colin" John Rankin of Mississippi, several Republicans and Democrats are conspiring to have her passed over.

Fair-minded Joe Martin, the prospective new speaker, has promised Mrs. Rogers that she will get the job, but despite this, the sub-rosa wire-pulling against her continues. If she is passed over, however, Capitol Hill is sure to witness a veterans' march of protest.

When Juli Richard, disheveled and her face pale, ran after her. . . . She greeted . . . Flying high . . . I can't be . . . ing, when . . . and some . . . a little bew . . . came up, . . . colored chro . . . ing it all go . . . ing to herse . . . marching pa . . . leaving me . . . with the che . . . left-out peo . . . Can't he see? . . . But though . . . band-leader's . . . broke, and a . . . gone home . . . downstairs w . . . slightly cur . . . drink punch . . . lump of ice . . . bowl, thou . . . close whene . . . and said, " . . . one!" there . . . wonderful mo . . . They never . . . was always . . . with some . . . smiled polit . . . who drifted . . . tween her t . . . But at last . . . back throu . . . station-wag . . . ing her. I . . . her and loo . . . saw so many . . . A's at a pa . . . marked. "W . . . chance to try . . . "I know," . . . tiously slid . . . was your fa . . . our boy. All . . . whirl with . . . to stumble . . . different kin . . . hearing a hu . . . same alibi, . . . all wished . . . the big mid . . . ing, and I . . . the best han . . . Let's get so . . . "Swell idea . . . I'll fly the . . . women are . . . darn one g . . . deliver to . . . and there is . . . ever see one . . . they realize . . . thousand me . . . you never h . . . a man who is . . . "They don't . . . the army ex . . . and hear on . . . my mother . . . was leaving . . . ation some . . . cake cake . . . and all she . . . somewhere in . . . Daughter o . . . The Regim . . . "A war wou . . . for the civil . . . They parked . . . wagon and . . . apiece and . . . laughing a . . . "I'm being . . . blously. "I . . . and in a lit . . . ul he'll know . . . he'll be so . . . gusted." . . . Spang would . . . that she knew . . . and fastid . . . that could . . . So she forc . . . alriness, th . . . growing big . . . breast. "It . . . nothing spok . . . monplaces . . . them, a cas . . . she knew w . . . It had to be . . .

LAST LOVER

By Helen Topping Miller

When Julia McFarlane's husband, Richard, disappeared in World War I, she and her father-in-law, John I. McFarlane, raised her two children together. Twenty-five years have elapsed and Ric, now 27, is in the army of World War II, while Jill, 26, has become interested in Lieut. Spang Gordon. Julia is worried about Ric who has shown tendencies of inheriting his father's recklessness and Jill, who she is afraid might marry Spang, thus becoming an army wife, subject to the same grief she has endured. She confides these worries to Dave Patterson, a family friend who secretly loves her. Jill and Spang go to a dance and there Jill discovers she is in love.

CHAPTER IV

She greeted all the people she knew with sparkling brightness. She led Spang round the room, introducing him to all the dowagers, trying not to look too terribly proud, too triumphant.

So they danced. "This is the Army," and "Manhattan Serenade," and then when they passed the band stand the leader caught the glint of Spang's wings, and the music swung into the Air Corps song, and Spang stopped dead, and Jill sang it with him, tilting her head back, tears burning her eyelids because it was so gallant and so beautiful!

"Off we go, into the wild blue yonder—
Flying high into the sun!"

"I can't bear it," Jill was thinking, when the high moment sank and somebody cut in, leaving Spang a little bewildered till some man came up, dragging a girl in dahlia-colored chiffon. "I can't bear having it all go by me," Jill was murmuring to herself. "Like a parade marching past with flags flying, leaving me standing on the curb with the chewing-gum papers and the banana peels and all the stupid left-out people! Oh, can't he see? Can't he see?"

But though they danced till the band-leader's collar was wilted and the trumpet player's weary lip broke, and all the older people had gone home, though they romped downstairs with the rest to eat slightly curling sandwiches and drink punch that tasted flatly of the lump of ice that had melted in the bowl, though Spang gathered her close whenever he had the chance and said, "Now, let's finish this one!" there was no supreme and wonderful moment.

They never did finish one. There was always some man barging up with some girl in tow, and Spang smiled politely and surrendered Jill, who drifted off chewing hate between her teeth.

But at last they were tramping back through the wet grass to the station-wagon, and Spang was helping her in and tucking her skirt around her. He climbed up beside her and loosened his tie. "Never saw so many Four F's and Three A's at a party in my life," he remarked. "We never did get a chance to try a rumba."

"I know," Jill sighed, surreptitiously sliding off a shoe. "But that was your fault. You were the glamor boy. All their dates wanted a whirl with the air corps, so I had to stumble around smelling fourteen different kinds of shaving lotion and hearing a hundred versions of the same alibi, how like the devil they all wished they could get into the big middle of this fight. I'm marking, and I know a Greek who makes the best hamburgers in the world. Let's get some, shall we?"

"Sweet idea. You navigate, and I'll fly the heap. Gosh, all those women are going to hate me. Every darn one gave me some message to deliver to some fellow at camp, and there isn't a chance that I'll ever see one of those men. I don't realize that we've got forty thousand men down there and that you never have any time to look up a man who isn't in your squadron?"

"They don't know a thing about the army except what they read and hear on the radio. I've heard my mother tell that when my father was leaving for the port of embarkation some old lady gave him a spice cake to deliver to her son, and all she knew was that he was somewhere in France."

Daughter of The Regiment

"A war would be a darn sight easier on the army if it wasn't for the civilians," said Spang.

They parked at the little lunch wagon and ate two hamburgers apiece and drank tall bottles of pop, laughing a great deal over nothing.

"I'm being silly," Jill thought dubiously. "I'm pressing the issue, and in a little while if I'm not careful he'll know how I feel, and maybe he'll be sorry for me, or disgusted."

Spang would not take advantage, that she knew. There was a quiet and fastidious reserve about him that could be trusted.

So she forced herself into a cool airiness, though a small ache was growing bigger and tighter in her breast. If Spang went away with nothing spoken, with only the commonplaces of friendship between them, a casual good-by, that pain, she knew, would last forever. It had to be love because nothing

like this had ever happened to her before, nothing so sweet, nothing so urgent. She was so changed within herself. She was not the Jill McFarlane she had been at all, not the girl who had come home from college with no definite objective, only a few half-baked ideas about getting into some kind of service, preferably some branch with a keen uniform. Now she felt dedicated somehow, and everything that had been so trivial and not even worth considering any more.

She said, "If you get ptomaine, I'll make you a mustard plaster. I'm very special on mustard plasters."

She said, "What will you do when they finish this war business, Spang? Keep on flying?"

"I don't know," Spang wiped mustard from his fingers with a very clean handkerchief. "All these kids will be in it then. It will be the world's most crowded profession. Maybe I'll go back to the farm. That place of yours is pretty

at the top of the hill they found John I. McFarlane. He was sitting under the big persimmon tree, cutting little twigs into lengths and piling them in neat piles at his feet. He grumped a greeting, and Jill said, "Sorry about your prize pig, Grandfather." But he only nodded and went on with his whittling.

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He looked at her soberly. "The Russians will bear it. And the Greeks. There won't be much to eat in their towns and no place to get warm, but they'll fight through. So will we."

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"Well, if you'd rather be discovered feeding a calf, the buckets are in the well-house. But it might have a slightly strained look, as Foster and I fed them all long ago. Why not just read the funnies and be natural? Men have been known to admire women who were content to be themselves." Julia's face changed a little, sobered. "Don't go off the deep end on this, please, Jill. You're still young."

"But I'm not! I'm not young. And there's a war."

"I know," Julia was gentle. "I don't want you to be hurt."

"I'm hurt already. It's no good, Dooley," Jill said faintly, "Everything you say is true, and yet it's all no good!"

It was a lovely Sunday, Jill decided, if you liked lovely Sundays.

The August heat was tempered by a cloudy sky, and all the hills leaned lazily against the horizon, with smoky haze masking their drowsy indolence.

She walked up the lane with Spang and through the meadow where the late crop of hay had been cut, where elderberries shook their purple heads over fences and quail scampered through the clover stubble, their bright eyes apprehensive.

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SOARING IN THE SKY . . . Ski enthusiasts flock to the nation's snow fields this winter, with resorts primed for their first big season since the war. Upper left photo shows one of the open slopes of Yosemite National park, a skijoring haven. At the upper right is a fast action shot made at Alta, Utah. Center, an instructor demonstrates for a class at Sun Valley, Idaho. Lower left photo shows a skier doing a "galend-sprung" off a cornice on the side of Mt. Hood, Oregon. At the lower right, Crater Lake National park, also in Oregon, affords the double thrill of excellent skiing and novel scenic effects.

FULL FLIGHT

Winter Sports Areas Primed For Influx of Ski Enthusiasts

WNU Features

Skiing will dominate the American outdoor sports scene this winter as most of the famous ski areas of the West and Middlewest resume operation for the first time since Pearl Harbor.

This winter ski fans will find old favorite lodges and chalets improved and in full operation again after the war, while many new and interesting spots are primed for a mass recreational invasion.

Although most of the ski resorts open their season in December, snow will be in its best dry, powdery state during January, February and March.

This year the "regular run" of sports enthusiasts who head for the snow fields will be supplemented by a new group—former G.I.s who learned the art of skiing during the war as a matter of military necessity and now are converting that knowledge into personal enjoyment.

Major jumping and slalom tournaments have been scheduled at every ski basin from Michigan to famed Sun Valley, Idaho, and the slopes of the Pacific Northwest.

Olympics Scheduled. Major attraction of the season will be the Olympic tryouts in March on Sun Valley's Bald mountain. The nationals are booked at Ishpeming, Mich., February 22-23.

Ski enthusiasts will find the new air age in full flight over the great frozen spaces, most of the ski areas now being linked together for the first time by fast airline service.

The slalom slopes of Banff and the Canadian Rockies with almost startling suddenness have become only 14 flying hours from ski fans in Southern California, seven hours from Salt Lake City, nine hours from Denver.

The luxurious chalet and championship course at Sun Valley are only a seven-hour hop from Los Angeles. Colorado's 30 winter sportslands have been brought within a mere four and a half hours of the Pacific coast.

Western Air Lines even is inaugurating a "ski special" from Los Angeles to popular resorts.

After serving as a naval rehabilitation center during the war, Sun Valley was reopened as a resort December 21. All types of winter sports are available, including skijoring, ice skating, sleighing, dog-sledding and swimming in natural hot springs water.

Install Ski Lifts. Four electric ski lifts serve four skiing areas on Dollar, Ruud, Proctor and Baldy mountains. The lift on Baldy is 11,500 feet long and is divided into three sections to carry skiers to the 9,200-foot summit in 20 minutes.

In Oregon 15 areas will be in operation in national forests. At Timberline, 63 miles from Portland, is found one of the nation's longest ski seasons, offering ski slopes until mid-July. The race starts at 10-

Casper mountain, nine miles from Casper, and Tepee lodge in the remote Big Horns near Sheridan also are being recognized by sport fans because of their great natural advantages.

Montana boasts of Red Lodge, elevation 12,610 feet, where there are 30 acres of practice slopes, ski lifts, downhill, cross country and slalom runs.

Unique Nevada Site. With a typical western setting above the desert, Mount Charleston, Nev., only an hour's drive from Las Vegas, provides a unique site for winter sports.

More than 60 winter sports areas are found in the High Sierras of California, a state where winter sports fans abound. Among the state's best known resorts are Lake Arrowhead, Big Bear and Big Pine, all in Southern California; Yosemite National park, and the Donner Pass region.

Winter sports, however, are not confined to the Far West. Nature has endowed Minnesota, Wisconsin and upper Michigan with the topography and weather necessary to make them among the best winter sports areas in the nation.

The "regular run" of sports enthusiasts from the Midwest will head for Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula, which offers all winter sports, including long ski runs, toboggan slides, towering ski jumps, ice skating and ice boating.

Plan Annual Carnival. For spectator pleasure, one of the best winter sports programs is presented every February at the Winter Carnival in St. Paul, Minn., when the entire city takes on the air of a northern Mardi Gras.

In the New England states, too, there is a revival of interest in winter sports. Special ski trails to White Mountain resorts are being resumed this winter.

With expanded airline schedules and increasing use of air transportation to winter sports areas, many fans will invade the Canadian Rockies area this winter. Most popular sites there are in the Banff area and Jasper National park.

Skiers may drive by automobile up the Teton Pass road and ski down numerous runs six to seven miles long with drops ranging from 1,000 to 3,200 feet.

Oyster Blast Tops Freak Mishaps

WASHINGTON.—Home accidents took a new turn here when an oyster exploded. The housewife, who was cooking the oyster in deep fat, suffered second degree burns on the hands and face in the freak accident, a Red Cross survey reveals.

In another unusual mishap, a man suffered throat injuries when he fell with a pipe in his mouth. Doctors removed a small hatpin from the lung of a 3-year-old boy, another child swallowed a pencil clip and a 3-month-old baby suffered a fractured skull when its carriage rolled off a porch.

The superstitiously inclined claimed new impetus for their beliefs after a hammer, hanging on the rung of a ladder, fell and struck a man on the head.

In another home accident, a woman was burned when she poured melted fat into a furnace.

Statistics compiled by the Red Cross home accident survey show an increase in accidents and deaths this year over 1945.

Harvard Observatory Sets Centennial

BOSTON.—Long known as the western hemisphere's "Patrolman of the Skies," the Harvard college observatory will note the 100th anniversary of its founding at a four-day celebration December 27-30. In connection with the event, two science conventions are scheduled here.

First planetarium in the world to photograph the stellar activities of the sky, the observatory was completed in 1846. Since then it has become the central clearing house for all astronomical information on this continent.

Beginning in 1880, the observatory has photographed huge sections of the sky each night. As a result it has a collection of photograph plates numbering more than 500,000, which enables astronomers to check the stellar activities which have occurred during any clear evening of the past 86 years.

Aged Woman Relies On Old Fire Recipe

VIROQUA, WIS.—When a chimney fire broke out at the home of Viroqua's oldest resident, the coolest person on the scene was the occupant, Mrs. Lucy Grubb, who will be 101 next February 15. "All you need to do is put a little salt on the fire," she told the bustling firemen. But the firemen, who were of another generation, insisted on resorting to chemicals.

Color Custom

An age-old custom of Oriental peoples is to associate colors with the cardinal points of the compass, white with the North, yellow with the East, red with the South and black with the West. In some parts of China, this color custom is still followed in the painting of city gates which face in these directions.

Henry's Widow Was As Out for Forced Labor!

"Do you wish to have the body cremated or buried?" the undertaker inquired, when the widow called to arrange for the interment of her late husband, Henry.

"If it's up to me, I want you to cremate the lazy rascal and put his ashes into an hour glass," the long-suffering woman replied.

"But, my good woman!" objected the undertaker, "I couldn't do that. Why that's unthinkable!"

"Unthinkable, my eye!" rejoined the widow. "That good-for-nothing loafer never worked a lick in his life, but now that he has no say in the matter, I'm going to make him to be useful at last!"

Octobass, 13 Feet High, Failure Because of Size

The octobass, a three-stringed musical instrument invented in Paris in 1849, was 13 feet in height and thus required its player to stand on a box to bow it and press its strings with artificial fingers which he moved by levers, says Collier's.

Owing to its unwieldiness, this giant instrument was a failure and only four were made, three of which are preserved today in museums in Vienna, Paris and London.

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Veterans' News

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Can a disabled veteran taking a course under Public Law 16 continue his training for more than four years?
A. Training in excess of four years may be approved when the veteran's disability is such that no course of training which

does not exceed four years will restore him to employability, or circumstances beyond the control of the veteran necessitates the extension beyond the prescribed four year period.

Q. Can an amputee veteran select the type of artificial limb he wants and the firm he wants to buy it from?
A. Yes, the veteran will be permitted to select the artificial limb of his choice but it must be purchased from an approved prosthetic appliance manufacturer under contract with VA.

Q. Am I entitled to field trip expenses in gathering material for a thesis while I am in

school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act?

A. Veterans Administration 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.

Q. How may application be made for domiciliary or hospital care of a veteran?

A. Veterans Administration Form—10, "Application for Hospital Treatment or Domiciliary Care", should be executed by the veteran or nearest relative, guardian, or representative and forwarded to the nearest VA hospital, regional office, or contact office. If found to be eligible for admission, the veteran will promptly be notified and if admission cannot be authorized, the veteran will be informed and the reason stated.

In order to afford veterans all possible protection against over-priced properties in the current high market, the Veterans Administration announced that effective January 2, 1947, VA, and not the lender, will pick the appraiser to evaluate "reasonable value" for purposes of G. I. loans.

Under the revised procedure, VA will designate by name the person to appraise each piece of property offered for sale to veterans under the guaranty loan provisions of the G. I. Bill.

This contrasts with the system in effect for the past 15 months, under which the lender was permitted to select any appraiser he desired from a panel of local appraisers whose general qualifications had been reviewed and approved by VA.

The revised procedure, VA said, will eliminate the tendency on the part of some lenders to use exclusively the services of "obliging" appraisers who are most amenable to turning in a high appraisal where necessary to meet the asking price.

As of November 30, more than 31,000 G. I. loans had been approved in VA's Dallas Branch Area of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. These loans amounted to \$164,900,315, of which VA guaranteed \$78,072,915.

Methodist Church



John W. Price, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 o'clock, Marshall Bruce, Superintendent. A welcome awaits you.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. This service will include a Student Recognition program. We are anxious for all young people who attend any school to be our guests. What lies ahead in another year?
Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

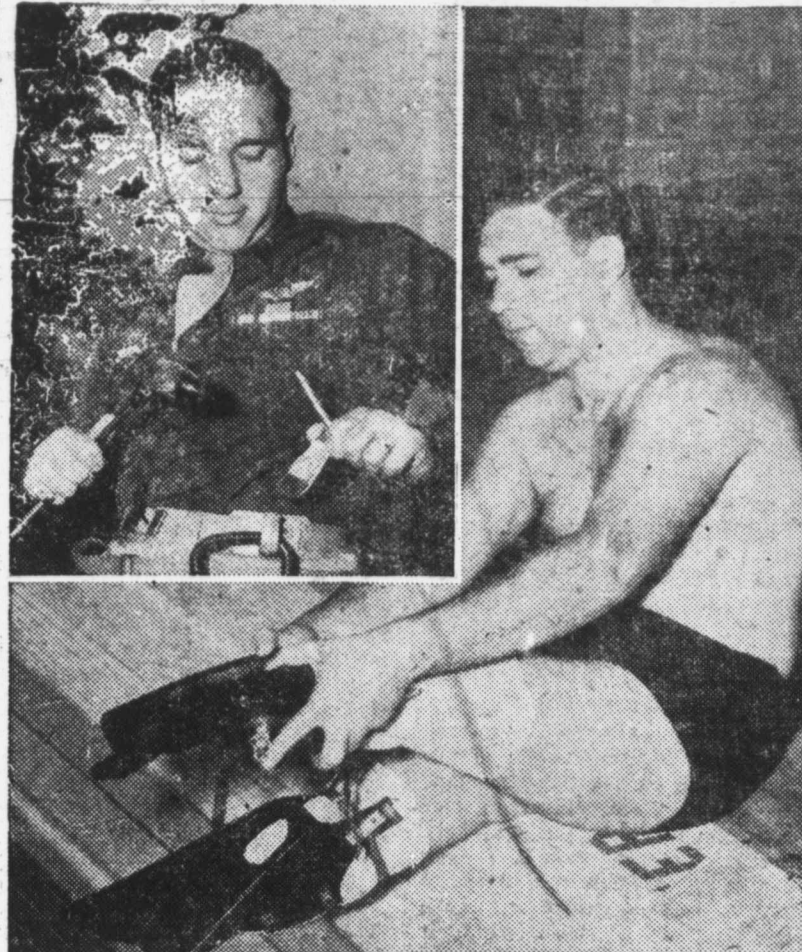
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LORAIN DRUG

Double Amputee Devises Sports Aids



Wilfred G. Holsberg, contact representative in the Boston V.A. Regional Office, refuses to permit his double leg amputation to interfere with his love for sports. He is shown above on the golf course completing a change over on the adjustable golf club he devised. On the right Holsberg exhibits the swimming aids he perfected to provide buoyancy and propulsion.

Young people invited to be present.

Evening worship at 7 o'clock, the pastor preaching.

We take this means of extending to everyone of you the hopes for a greatest Christmas ever. Around the firesides are many members of the family we did not have with us last year or the several previous years. How thankful we are to Him who gave on Christmas the greatest gift. He knew what it was to have a son away from home. "Give Him your heart's adoration, give Him the best that you have."

Remember, that on New Year's eve, next Tuesday night, we have a Watch Night Service for all who will join us to be in prayer at the stroke of midnight that God would help this old world. Join us.

Blind VA Therapist



Blinded by a premature dynamite blast while in training with the Army Corps of Engineers, Raymond T. Frey, 29-year-old Pennsylvanian, recently climaxed three years of successful adjustment to social and occupational pursuits. Aided by the Veterans Administration's rehabilitation program, Frey was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Therapy as a physical therapy technician. He is shown above applying pads for treatment for vascular obstruction to a patient's knee in a VA hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hock plan to have all of their children and families with them for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Egell of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Paris Yarbrough spent Saturday and Sunday near Mason hunting.



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Mildred Coffee, teacher in the Mercedes High School, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Coffee.

IDENTICAL NAMES, WOUNDS, JOBS, CARS



Veterans Administration Photo.

Rudy M. Hernandez (left) and Eugene C. Hernandez are not relatives, but their war and post-war lives run a remarkable parallel. Both enlisted in Army from Texas, each lost a leg in ETO, both were hospitalized at Bigham City, Utah, both married Ogden girls while recuperating, both were discharged late last year, both work as forklift operators at Clearfield naval supply depot and both recently obtained identical new cars from the Veterans Administration-administered program.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith of Midland spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. Callie Clement and Mrs. G. K. Baker.

Charles Finley arrived home with his discharge after spending three years in the service. His wife has made her home in Happy, Texas, with her parents while Charles has been overseas.

Miss Mary Kent of Crane arrived Saturday and spent the week end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Leach and Keith. They accompanied her to Petersburg Monday where they will spend the holidays with their sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Martin, Mrs. Mae Martin and Elmer Martin visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Loyd Morrell, in the Shannon Hospital at San Angelo Sunday. Mrs. Mae Martin remained to spend this week there.

CARPENTER-CHAMNESS

Mildred Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter, and Raymond Chamness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chamness, were married in a ceremony performed at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the Methodist parsonage with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Price, reading the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue gaberdine suit with black accessories and a red rosebud corsage. Reba Merket and Myrl Carpenter were the couples attendants. Miss Merket wore a green suit with a shoulder corsage of white carnations.

The bride is a graduate of Loraine High School, class of 1945. The groom has been associated with his father in the garage business since his return from service, where he spent three years.

Others present for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wilson. The couple will make their home in Loraine.

Miss Pauline Burk, teacher in the Melrose, New Mexico, high school, will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Mathis and family, and with her parents in Roscoe.

Mrs. G. K. Baker and Mrs. Sallie Clement will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Faulkner in Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Finley and family will spend Christmas with their son, Charles Finley and wife, at Happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Scribner and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Cheek of McMurry will spend Christmas here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nix of McMurry are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Walter Nix and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Swafford and son Danny of Kermit are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Hendrick left Monday for Miles to spend the holidays with her son, Robert Hendrick and family.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas returned Sunday night after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Al Simmons and son at Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Taylor attended the wedding of Mary Sue Thompson at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Chlumsky of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimsey and daughter Eileen of Big Spring will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Lois Caswell.

Mrs. Bill Dubois and son Carl of Kermit came in Saturday night and will be here until Thursday with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Neill and family.

Jack McAnally, Bill Cook and C. H. Mosley of Odessa spent the week end with Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McAnally.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hardin and children of Andrews are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mearse.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Porter will have for their guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Morgan of Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Long and daughters of McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marshall and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mayes and son of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Festus Elrod of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine Porter of New Mexico.

Major N. I. Reiter, Jr. arrived in Big Spring by plane from Washington, D. C., Monday, where he has been in Personnel school. Mrs. Reiter has visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riden, the past two weeks. They will spend the holidays here and then go to El Paso to visit his mother.

Jerry Walker of Silver City, New Mexico, spent Monday night with his brother, E. O. Walker and Mrs. Walker. He was enroute to Rising Star to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Goodwin of Oklahoma City, and Miss Very Hays of Fort Worth are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hays.

OLD GANG REUNION
The second reunion of the Old Gang was held at the Blue Bonnett Hotel in Sweetwater on December 22.

Tables were arranged in T shape and held holiday decorations. A turkey dinner was served.

Eldon Mahon was master of ceremonies for the occasion and all recounted their experiences of the past five years and what they are now doing. Ruth Ann Hall gave a reading and the group sang Christmas carols and old love songs.

There were 42 present. Those from out of town were Messrs. and Mmes. Jiggs Allbright of Grand Prairie, Jabus Hall of Snyder, M. Sgt. Harris Hamilton of Santa Ana, California, Johnnie Walker of Los Angeles, California, Hubert Hall of San Antonio, Miss Doris Mahoney of Austin, Mrs. N. I. Reiter, Jr. of Illinois, Misses Reta Beights and Wanda Smith of Midland, and Mr. Edwin Hallmark of Beaumont, and Mr. Maurice Bartley of San Antonio.

Doris Mahoney of Austin is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mahoney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Taylor, Deverie and Naomi of Rails spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor.

Galleries Display Work



Veterans Administration Photo.

Confined to his bed in the San Francisco Veterans Administration Hospital and bound by a cast that leaves only his arms free, 22-year-old Samuel Franks of Palo Alto, Calif., shows how he paints pictures good enough to hang in the San Francisco and Denver art galleries. He is recovering from tuberculosis of the spine, which he contracted while an Army Air Cadet three years ago.



Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

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FAMILY DINNER

The family of Mrs. J. H. Preston was together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson on Sunday, December 22, for their Christmas dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Hill of Big Spring, Mrs. J. H. Preston, Messrs. and Mmes. Wade Preston, Ed Preston, Howard Preston, Howard Bynum, Carol Preston, Austin Fuller, Ray Preston and Henry Brame.

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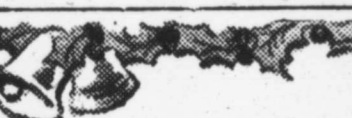
SPEECH CLASS PARTY
The Speech class of the high school held their annual Christmas party in the gymnasium on Wednesday, December 18. Margaret Rich read "The Angels and the Shepherds" by Lew Wallace. Jane Coffee directed the singing of Christmas carols. Jackie Walker, president of the class, was assisted by La Rue May and Martha Herm in planning the program. Gifts were exchanged. The class presented their teacher, Mrs. Hines, with a gift. Refreshments of nuts, candy and fruit were served to Isla Jean Bruce, Merlyn Bruce, Eula Mae Cheek, Jane Coffee, May Belle Cornutt, Raymond Hackfeld, Janell Henderson, Martha Herm, Jimmie Honea, Norma Lee Jean, Talmadge Linan, Nathan Mearse, Troy Moore, Pat Maynard, LaRue May, Doris Peterson, Margaret Rich, Jackie Walker, Elaine James, Carl Latham, Glenn Hall, and Mrs. Witt Hines.
SOPHOMORE PARTY
Members of the sophomore class were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 17, in the school lunch room. The room mothers, Mrs. Woodrow Pratt and Mrs. Paris Yarbrough were co-hostesses. Various games played by the group were directed by Edward F. Brown and Mrs. Witt Hines, class sponsors. Refreshments of popcorn balls and drinks were served by the hostesses to the following students: Willard Pratt, Ira Miles, Joyce Saling, Lila Lipser, Jane Hopper, Willie Ross, Nelda Jo Yarbrough, Laverne Clifton, Mirl Cheek, Jack Carroll, Delmas Bowlin, Truman Boyd, Don Mathis, Weldon McCollum, Edith Oliver, James Stewart, Reagan Martin, Zoda Hughes, Bonnie Rankin, Virginia Patterson, Lora Bell Jean, and James Carol Wilson.
Mrs. L. G. Baker left Monday to spend Christmas with her parents in Ranger.
Lyon Bennett left Thursday by plane for Seattle, Washington to spend Christmas with friends.

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1947
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Happy New Year to all CHAMNESS Garage

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Gilabend, Arizona, arrived Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smith and family of Garden City, Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson of Midland, and Bertram Smith of Flatonia, arrived today to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. A. B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hart will have as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Ewel Coles and daughter of Grand Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Caswell and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nance of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Hart of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hart and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hart and sons of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Butler of Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helt of Trinidad, Colorado, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett. They were enroute to San Antonio to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Uncle Sam Says



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus but his bag of gifts this year is as up to the minute as a jet plane. Santa is nobody's fool. He knows Virginia's little heart will beat faster when she sees her new tree. Santa also knows Virginia's Christmas tree will be a wisely dressed tree, because it will have tucked onto its branches crisp new United States Savings Bonds. Long after Virginia's dolly has hobbled down the sentimental road of yesterday, Virginia's Savings Bonds will be with her to make her future Christmases brighter and happier. U. S. Treasury Department

Baptist Church Notes

Calendar for the week: Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Evening Worship 7:00 p. m. W. M. U. will meet at the church at 3 o'clock on Monday, December 30.

Regular Prayer Meeting will be held at the church on Wednesday night, January 1. The R. A.'s will meet at the church at 4 o'clock on Monday, December 30.

The G. A.'s will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 31, at 4 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to come out and take part in the Christmas song service to be held at the church on Christmas night at 7 o'clock. There will be a short devotional, after which the evening will be devoted to the singing of Christmas carols and favorite songs.

Remember whose birthday we celebrate and let's not fail to give thanks to God for His wonderful gift to the world.

A large crowd was present at the program and Christmas tree at the church Friday night. The program was brought by pupils of the Primary and Junior Departments with Mrs. Edward F. Brown and Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr., directing. The Nativity scene was shown on the Flanngraph board.

After the program old Santa arrived and distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook will have their son and daughter at home for the holidays for the first time in four years. They are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, Jr. and son David of Maryneal, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt has recently been discharged from the army.

Here they spend Christmas with their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Walker of Los Angeles, California, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hallmark of New Braunfels, and Edwin Hallmark of Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie D. Scott and daughter of Menard arrived the first of this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. York.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ewing of Sweetwater visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson Sunday afternoon.

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- LETTERHEADS ENVELOPES CARDS BUSINESS FORMS WEDDING STATIONERY BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mitchell County News

Mike Looby of Waureka, Oklahoma, and Richard Looby of Midland are here to spend the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Fairbairn.

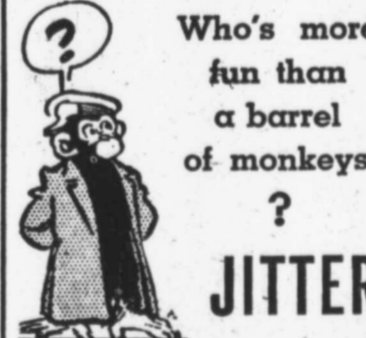
Wayland Bennett and Elvis Lee of Texas Tech are home for the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Faulkenberry of Bryan arrived Saturday and will be here through the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown.



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Just in time to wish all of our friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Many pleasant memories of the past year come marching in review on this Eve of 1947. Outstanding among them is the cordial association we have had with you. We look forward hopefully to a continuance of these pleasant relations.

PRODUCERS GIN CO. Ben Bowlin, Manager

Armond Shultz arrived Wednesday from Greensboro, N. C., where he received his discharge from the Army Air Forces after serving three years. He will spend the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shultz.

Joyce Furlow and Dr. and Mrs. June Yates and son Richard of Corpus Christi, arrived Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Furlow of Corpus Christi arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Furlow, Sr.

Mrs. H. B. Wilson and her family will have their Christmas dinner at the Lions building on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Marth, Jr. came in Friday night and will spend the holidays with their parents.

Hello Neighbor



By Mack A. Wilson

Are you in the Christmas spirit? If you are not something is definitely wrong. These are the days when we are all in a hurry to get home, for there's no place like home when the Christmas wreath is hanging in the window and there are presents under the Christmas tree. But wait, I guess this is a good time for me to say my piece—an old refrain it is true, but one you always welcome: Merry Christmas Neighbor, and all the joy and happiness that could possibly be had.

How well we remember those old fashioned Christmas dinners—dad at one end of the table, mom on the other, and the kids fighting for the in-between, wondering if dad would ever get through returning the Thanks. I've missed Christmases like that; how about you? The war spoiled a lot of things for lots of us, but there is a saying, "Things may go wrong, but it won't keep a good man down. Let's all see if we can't make this an old fashioned Christmas. If we can have an old fashioned Christmas maybe we can keep up a good spirit all year. Those beautiful Christmas lights would shine the whole year if you'll just keep the Christmas spirit. The day after Christmas all the beauties of Christmas has lost its charm. It could be like the day before Christmas the whole year around if people wanted it that way. What a different world it would be if we could make every day like Christmas day.

I really hope that everyone gets just the very thing that he wants for Christmas. All over the country there will be lots of people that won't get anything for Christmas, so we should really be more than thankful and satisfied if we get anything.

So long, Neighbor, and a Merry Christmas.



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Varnell Templeton, Manager



The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

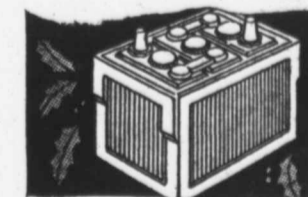
That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

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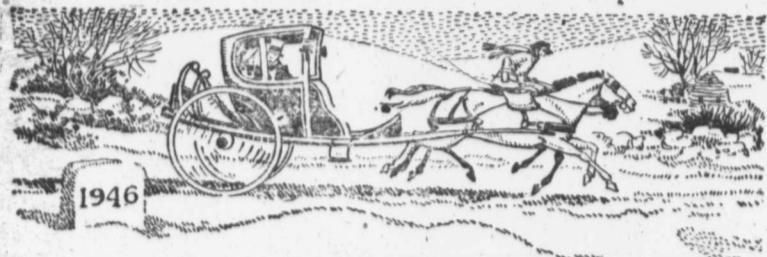
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- Our suggestions to help you through this critical period.
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 2. Inspect battery cables.
 3. Have generator and regulator checked for full charging ability.
 4. Use light engine oil, depress clutch when starting.
 5. Keep battery water at proper level.
 6. Have battery tested and kept fully charged.
- Just received shipment of TIRES
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Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Combs Drug Store



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS



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by the THOUSAND

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May yours be indeed a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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DECEMBER 26 1946



CROSS TOWN By Roland Coe

"This guy is always givin' me hot stock market tips. Last week I could have lost about 5,000 bucks!"



BOBBY SOX By Mary Links

"But you weren't engaged BEFORE lunch!"



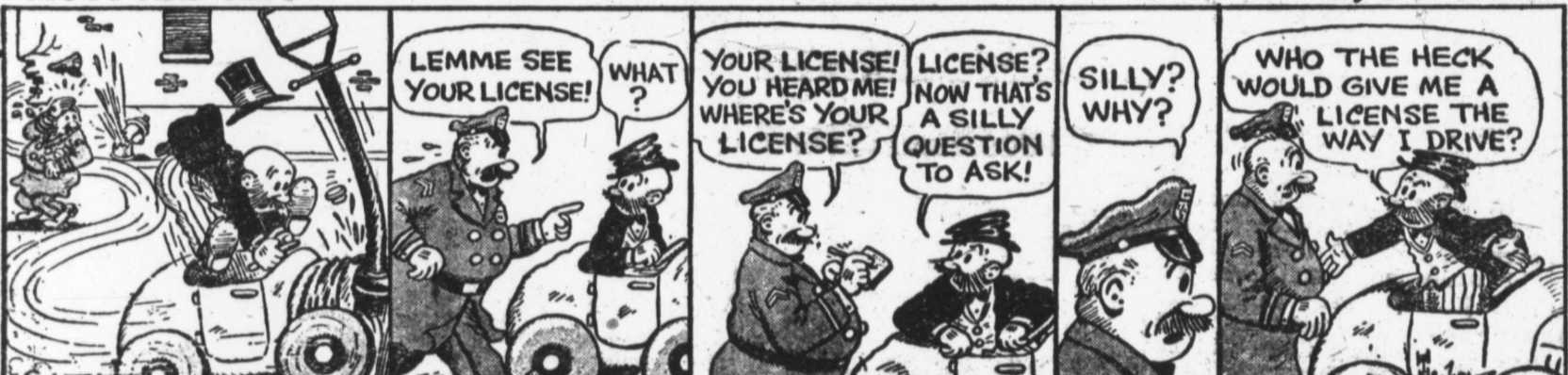
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By Jeff Hayes



Lobbyists Numerous, Highly Paid, Registrations Show

OUT OF some hundreds of known lobbyists operating in Washington, as this is written, 189 already have registered as provided by the new congressional reorganization act. More will have registered by the time the new congress convenes, January 3.

To date there are 44 labor lobbyists registered, representing the CIO, AFL and other independent unions and the railroad brotherhoods. Peculiarly enough, there also are 44 lobbyists registered in behalf of business firms and business organizations.

Top Salary is \$65,000 The United States Chamber of Commerce pays its two lobbyists, Donald A. Young and Clarence E. Miles, \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

But the man who tops the list thus far as a paid lobbyist is Purcell L. Smith, representing National Association of Electric Companies at an annual salary of \$65,000 with an unlimited expense account.

Smith is well known in utility circles. He is a former president of Mid-west corporation, a former Samuel Insull holding, an official of Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago.

Unions Well Represented Pennsylvania railroad has a staff of three lobbyists headed by Frank J. McCarthy of Indianapolis, who receives \$14,700 annually plus expenses.

Some of these registered lobbyists, according to their registration, receive no salary. Others are on a contingent basis, the salary "to be allocated when actual lobbying is done."



Book Review: "The World Kierance."

Here, at last, is a book that, while it may not win the award of the books of the month clubs, because of the intensive study required for complete comprehension, will be fairly certain to find itself among the best sellers.

It is not a tome of action and indeed lacks dramatic sweep, but has substance and lasting appeal. Obviously, here is a book in which every family can find at least one page and exclaim: "Here is what I have been looking for," adding perhaps: "If this doesn't settle the bet, I'll sue Information Please."

The story is baffling and suffers from too much detail but the reader will be stirred as the writer carries him with compelling power from the opening chapter, in which he meets the heroine Wanna Fact in a breathless interlude with the colorful J. Fuller Data, to the concluding struggle in which he encounters those rich characters "Lookitt" Upp, "Settler" Bett, "Grammy" Rice, Harold Stassen, the population of Ansonia, Conn., the highest peak in Colorado and the assembled presidents of the United States.

Balzac was more imaginative, Dostoevsky more profound and Proust a subtler analyst of emotions; Dickens and Cooper were better story tellers. But they were not hot on facts. Ernest Hemingway probably could have carried out the idea with more gusto, but we feel he would not have done as well by the unforgettable interlude where the man who has lost his spectacles, fumbles through the house where a fuse has blown out and searches through 345 pages for the winner of the second Kentucky Derby, the first name of President Garfield and the second time of the October full moon.

U. N., it appears, will reject New York as a permanent home site and choose between Philadelphia and Frisco. For one thing it has been found that diplomats cannot make Page One in New York merely by getting into a clinic.

Philadelphia is said to welcome U. N. It evidently is ready to give up its title as the "City of Brotherly Love."

MY YOUTH

I found one day I knew him not His boyish face I'd quite forgot. I tried but could not recognize These eager, laughing, childish eyes

I thought, "Could I have known this kid?" He seemed to say, "Perhaps you did."

His carefree, naive, awkward ways A memoir of my yesterdays.

I passed him on the street and smiled Because I liked this stranger child. But he so quickly hurried by I didn't know that it was I.

—Richard E. Hallett.

The Florida racing season has opened and it's amazing how many steeds have gone there for a break-down.

"The 'whalburger' has made its appearance on London menus. Anything would be better than having it yell: "One leviathan on toast!"

It is getting so in this country that anybody can become a newspaper columnist or a resident.

U. N. definitely has abandoned Connecticut as the site for a permanent home, and our advocacy of a meeting place on Amity road, Woodbridge, just off the main highway to Bethany is thereby scuttled.

\$6,000,000 Film

The most expensive motion picture ever made was "Wilson," released in 1944, whose production and advertising amounted to more than \$6,000,000, says Collier's.

A Point to That

"Doctor," said the wild-eyed patient, as he rose from the steps of his farm homestead and rushed down in a deuce of a pickie. Car, "I'm in a deuce of a pickle. Don't know where to turn for relief. You've got to help me."

"What's the trouble?" asked the doctor.

"The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence posts all round the orchard," replied the patient.

"Every night it's the same old round—they just sit there, waiting, waiting, waiting. What can I do to get rid of them?"

"Why, that's simple. Just sharpen the tops of the posts," the doctor prescribed, as he drove off.

MOTO-SCOOT advertisement with image of a scooter and descriptive text.

RELIEF OF PAIN advertisement for St. Joseph's Aspirin.

Kidneys Must Work Well advertisement for Doan's Pills.

DOANS PILLS advertisement.

Gas on Stomach advertisement.

STRONG HUSKY YOUNGSTERS advertisement for High Energy Tonic.

SCOTT'S EMULSION advertisement.

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LOREX Theatre Loraine, Texas

THURSDAY-FRIDAY
DECEMBER 26-27

Lover Come Back

George Brent, Lucille Ball

His coat of arms was a wolf and a chisel—and on her it looked good!

SUNDAY-MONDAY
DECEMBER 29-30

Centennial Summer

In Technicolor
Jeanne Crain, Cornel Wilde, Linda Darnell

The beloved best-seller bursts into Jerome Kern songs!

FOX NEWS

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28

Moon Over Montana

Jimmie Wakley

Meet the Cowboy King of the Juke Boxes! His songs have thrilled millions on radio and records!

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 31-JAN. 1

Down Missouri Way

Martha O'Driscoll, Eddie Dean

Seven Song Hits!

FOX NEWS

Each

SUNDAY & MONDAY



THURSDAY-FRIDAY
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Rebecca

Joan Fontaine, Lawrence Olivier, George Sanders
A Great Drama

Always Comfortable
And the Best In Entertainment

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Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

It's in the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds.

Time for us to send you our best wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

James Jarratt Market



1947

Heartfelt good wishes
for a
glorious holiday
and the
happiest New Year
you have ever
known

Martin's Men Store



Classified Ads

For Sale—My home here in Loraine, 7 rooms and bath, and a good garage, with 3 lots. Good barns and fences. Tom Ray 29tf

For Sale—2 Frigidaires; 36 Chevrolet; 2 batteries; 1 gallon Prestone; car heater. Hubert May. 30-2p

For Sale—Nearly new five-burner kerosene cook stove, excellent condition. See Jake Swafford. 30-2p

For Sale—New egg cases at 50 cents each. Craghead Hatchery. 31-3c

For Sale—About 1500 bundles of hegar. Mrs. Annie Taylor 2p

For Sale—Indoor and outdoor chicken brooders; 400 started chicks; 100 feed sacks. L. G. Baker Hatchery. 32-2p

For Sale—10 seven weeks old pigs \$7.50 each; 8 feeder pigs \$10 each; 1 meat hog. G. B. Tartt. 1tc

For Rent—3 room house on farm 6 1/2 miles Southeast of Loraine. B. W. Tartt. 1tc

For all kinds of upholstering see Mrs. Howard Cain, first house on the right West of the Methodist Church. 29-3p

Strayed from my farm near Champion, brown motley faced heifer. Want to buy some bundle feed. Lester Jarratt 31-2p



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
at
Christmastime.

WET WASH
HELP-YOUR-SELF WASH
PLENTY SOFT HOT WATER
WASH IN COMFORT
PLENTY ROOM FOR PARKING
WE PICK UP AND DELIVER EVERY DAY

Leggotts Laundry
PHONE 72



Christmas is here!

Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

Pratt Service Station

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The girls of the City National Bank in Colorado City had their annual Christmas party in the home of Elizabeth McDonald, with Louella Bruce assisting, on Wednesday, December 18.

Individual talent was displayed with the girls playing the piano and singing. Two violin numbers were given by Miss McDonald. Various card games were enjoyed by the girls.

The highlight of the evening was Santa's visit leaving many beautiful gifts under the brightly lighted tree. Red berries, cedar, mistletoe, mums and red and green tapers were used for decorations.

Refreshments of vanilla custard, topped with whipped cream and cherries, and fruit cake were served.

Those present were Midge Marshall, Lena Strange, Donna Rogers, Glynn Barnes, Clea Rogers, Mary Womack, Dimple Sue Bolton, Frances Hardison, and the hostesses Louella Bruce and Elizabeth McDonald.

J. W. King, Jr. of Texas Tech and Melvin King of State University are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King.



Merry Christmas Folks

The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

William Martin Barber Shop



Merry Merry Christmas

MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS

Fred B. Ison Dry Goods

Edward Leatherwood of Dublin is visiting in the J. F. Nunn home. John and Josephine Nunn of Stephenville arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.

LETTER TO SANTA:
Dear Santa: Please bring me a scooter, a football, a gun, a knife, a book or two and anything else you want to bring.
Your friend, Tommy Linam

Tires

We have a complete stock of Passenger Car, Truck and Tractor Tires and Tubes.

Get our prices before you buy.

TARTT AUTO SUPPLY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and thanks



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Loraine Furniture and Hardware Company



THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS-GIVING OF TODAY. A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS. LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

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PHONE 60