

The Devil's River News

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NINTH WEEK

\$35,868 Alloted Sutton County For 1946 Conservation Practices

There has been allocated to Sutton County, \$35,868.00 to be used as assistance to producers in carrying out needed conservation practices during the 1946 program year.

The Sutton County ACA Committee, assisted by other agricultural workers have selected the practices considered as most needed in this county, for which assistance will be available. The practices selected are as follows:

1. Construction of Large Ridge Type Terraces
2. Construction of Earthen Dams and Reservoirs
3. Drilling or Digging of Wells
4. Installing of Pipe Lines
5. Contour Listing or Furrowing of Cropland
6. Contour Farming Intertilled Crops
7. Seeding Drilled Crops on the Contour
8. Deferred Grazing
9. Seeding Adapted Pasture Grasses, Pasture Legumes, or Mixture of Grasses and Legumes
10. Establishing a Satisfactory cover of small grains (except wheat) seeded in the fall of 1945 and the growth not harvested for grain or hay.
11. Control of Destructive plants on non-crop pasture and range land.

Since we have been allotted a certain amount of funds, it is necessary that an accurate account be maintained throughout the program year as to the amount being earned, therefore it is necessary for each producer that expects assistance in carrying out one of these selected practices to secure prior approval from the County ACA Committee.

August Meckel Celebrates 91st Birthday Sunday

SAN ANGELO—August Meckel, retired Sonora rancher, celebrated his ninetieth birthday Sunday at his home in San Angelo. Mr. Meckel, father of Ben F. Meckel and Harry Meckel, both of Sonora, is just 11 years younger than the city of Fredericksburg, where he was born.

Meckel retired from ranching in 1916, selling his Sutton County place to Bill Miers. Sale of that ranch property was a mistake, and it was no time at all before Miers had a \$4 profit in venture, Meckel recalls. He is one of the few old timers who can recall West Texas 80 years ago, and it is only because of a mother's wanting a child at home that he is able to recall it.

Only 11 years old and trying to get in some schooling, Meckel was kept at home in Fredericksburg by his mother over the insistence of his father that he help drive a few cattle from Gillespie County to the Mason ranch.

"Mother said I was too young and she wanted me to stay at home. I guess I was pretty lucky I didn't make the trip, for I would be dead." His father never reached Mason County or returned home. He was found shot to death 16 miles out of Fredericksburg and it was blamed on Indians, who were perfectly agreeable to taking a shot at a white man if they felt they had a chance of getting away with it.

"We never found out who the Indians were. There were too many of them around."

The death of his father caused Meckel to quit school and spend full time on the 1,000 acre ranch in Mason County to keep things going. He threw in some of his cattle with the late Fritz Kothmann and Charley Keller of Mason —3,000 head— for the Chisholm drive in 1871.

The Texas longhorns grazed all the way, he recalls, and often the party of three cattlemen and five "hands" didn't make six miles a day. He told of Mr. Kothmann paying off Indians with a fat steer for travel through the Indian territories in Oklahoma.

"If Kothmann hadn't paid, they would have stampeded our horses or caused some other devilment." The cattle sold at Ellsworth at \$12 on steers and \$8 on cows, and that was a fair price in those days. But it wasn't enough to take him back, and he sold at Mason thereafter, on time, taking \$9 on the big steers and \$5 on yearlings.

Fin'ing himself unable to buy any additional land in Mason County at the turn of the century, Meckel sold out there and bought with Henry Leifester around 10,000 acres in Sutton County.

Each producer will have to secure prior approval for each practice for which he expects assistance. In addition to this, each producer will be expected to report to the AAA office, within certain dates, that the practice has been completed and the extent to which the practice has been carried out.

When prior approval is issued, the amount to be earned in charged against this county allotment; therefore, when the county allotment is obligated by prior approvals, no additional practices can be approved.

It is very important that each producer understand the specifications to be met in carrying out each practice, as payment cannot be made for any practice that does not meet the specifications in the program handbook.

4 Sonorans Added To List Of Those With Discharges

Four more Sonora boys who have returned with discharges from the service recently are Herbert Andrews, Motor Machinist's Mate, second class, in the Navy; Private Dayton Swails and Sergeant Daymon Swails of the U. S. Marine Corps; and Durward Swails, a Boatswain's Mate, second class, of the Navy.

Andrews, who landed on the West Coast about two weeks ago, arrived here last week-end. He and his wife and infant daughter are visiting his mother, Mrs. Willie Andrews.

Andrews had been in service since September 1942, and went to Guam in September 1945. He received his boot training at Kingsville Naval Air Base, Texas, and later was sent to a field at St. Louis, Mo., and later to Shoemaker, Calif.

This Christmas is the first in four years that he has been able to spend here with his family.

Dayton Swails, who served in the Pacific with the Marines from January 1944, to November 1945, saw action against the Japanese on Guam and Okinawa. He also had been stationed in New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.

Dayton had been in service since October 1943, and was qualified as a rifle marksman. He was specially qualified as light truck driver in the service.

His decorations include the Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars.

Daymon Swails, in the Marine Corps since March 1941, was attached to the Air Wing of the Corps and was qualified as a marksman and specially trained as a radar operator.

He served overseas from January 1942 until June 1944, and took part in the capture and occupation of the Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.

He received his discharge at Cherry Point, North Carolina, in September. He and Mrs. Swails, the former Lora Dell Ory, and their small daughter, are making their home here.

Durward (Slim) Swails, brother to Dayton and Daymon, had been in the Navy since August 1942. His overseas service included nine months at Midway Island and Pearl Harbor. He served at the latter as a member of the harbor patrol on small craft.

Durward returned to the States this past November and received his honorable discharge at Camp Wallace, Houston, later visiting here with his brothers, Bert and Daymon Swails, and other relatives.

"We gave 70 cents an acre for it. Today, you couldn't buy any land there for less than \$20. Meckel bought out Leifester in a couple of years and took over full operations, stocking the ranch with cattle and goats. In the 16 years he operated the ranch, he never owned a sheep."

"Around there we didn't think so much of sheep, although there were a few in the county, and I made a mistake—sheep is the best stock of all."

Mr. Meckel has one daughter, Erna and another son, Fritz, both residing in Fort Worth. His wife, the former Sofina Leifester of Mason, was 72 years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Fred Simmons and Miss Alice Karnes spent Monday and

District Tourney For Basketball To Be In Mason

SCHOOLS VOTE TO START BASEBALL TEAMS

District 4-B executive committee members, meeting in Sonora Saturday, December 8, chose Mason as site of the 1946 district basketball tournament and voted to put basketball on a district competition basis this spring. Thirteen school men from the district attended the meeting and were entertained by the Sonora schools at a venison luncheon at the noon hour.

The group voted that the district basketball championship will be decided in tournament play. The invitation of the Mason schools to play the tournament there was accepted, and the dates for the tournament were set for February 15 and 16.

A consolation bracket will be added to the tournament this year, whereas before only a championship bracket was played and losing teams were out the first play. Mason school officials will provide ten basketball charms to be awarded first and second string all-tourney teams and suitable trophies for the champion and runner-up teams and for the winner of the consolation bracket.

Five district teams said they would put baseball teams in the field this spring if at all possible. The executive committee voted to leave participation in this sport optional with the different schools, to award no championship at the end of the season and to keep equipment at a minimum.

Sonora, Ozona, Eldorado, Menard and Mason were the five schools whose representatives announced they would participate in baseball. Rocksprings officials indicated that they are interested and will have a team if enough boys are to be had to make up a team.

Date for the district track meet was set for March 22 and 23. The place where the meet will be held is to be announced later.

Trapping Proves Lucrative Work In County

With the prices of furs soaring to about twice their normal prices, every fellow in the county who has the spare time is dragging out old traps and going into the trapping business on the side. The business has proved very lucrative for the trappers and has brought about \$74,000 into the county from out-of-town buyers.

Reports from the five different companies' representatives here showed that over 70 thousand dollars worth of furs had already been bought here since December 1. This amount should be considerably greater before the ending of the season in January.

Highest prices, except those for the very rare and expensive mink, are being paid for ringtail raccoons which are bringing an average of \$8. The ringtails started the season at about \$4, but prices rose until some buyers have paid as high as \$10 for the better skins.

One local buyer said that fur-buying can't make much money this season, as the buyers here are paying more in some cases than are the buyers they will sell to in New York, Saint Louis and other big market centers.

The grey fox is bringing around an average of \$1.25, as are skunks and civets, and possums are bringing only 50 cents. So most of the hunters are concentrating on the ringtails.

They all add up, however; one ranchman last Saturday brought in a small load of furs, with several ringtails in the bunch, and a local buyer paid him an even \$1,000 for the load.

PAUL TURNEY ELECTED TO STATE MASONIC POST

Paul Turney, member of the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge of Sonora, was elected to membership of the committee on "Works" at the 110th Annual Commission of the Grand Lodge of Texas, held in Waco on December 5 and 6. Turney is a past Master of the Dee Ora Lodge and a past District Deputy Grand Master.

Others attending the annual commission with Turney were Dr. W. T. Hardy, Leonard Gibbs, Roy Baker, Carl Peoples, Harold Friess and W. H. Dameron.

Tuesday in San Angelo, where Miss Karnes received medical treatment.

Sutton Back In First Place For "E" Bond Sales

Sutton County, last week forced to cede its first place in E bond purchases on the Victory Loan Drive, were this week back in the saddle in first place, with 179.5 of its quota purchased. The top ten counties in E Bond purchases this week in Texas, in order of their standing, are as follows:

1	Sutton	179.0
2	Denton	174.3
3	Irion	162.7
4	Hudspeth	161.3
5	Clay	135.4
6	Edwards	133.6
7	Hamilton	132.0
8	Dimmitt	129.3
9	Howard	129.1
10	Rains	128.6

Sutton County's total sales this week (on Tuesday) stood at \$414,464.25, and of this amount \$132,168.75 was in E Bonds. The county's quota was \$170,000, and the E Bond quota was only \$70,000.

Other counties in the top twenty in the state, beside those named above, were Winkler, Willacy, Concho, Menard, Lampasas, Reagan, Shackelford, Brooks, Edwards and Ector.

Schools Out For Holidays From Today Until Jan. 2

Almost two weeks of Christmas holidays will be enjoyed by Sonora school students, who will get out this afternoon (Friday) and will not go back until Wednesday, January 2.

The schools held their Christmas assembly program in the High School Auditorium Wednesday morning.

On Friday morning, during their activity period, the high school students will have their Christmas parties, and then will go to classes until their regular time.

The elementary school students will have their Christmas parties in the period right after the noon hour in their class rooms. Most of the classes are working up programs for their Christmas parties, and the sixth, seventh and eighth grades will have their party together.

Parents of all the school students will be welcome, if they wish to attend any of the parties or other programs, Superintendent A. E. Wells said this week.

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL TO BEGIN TRAINING COURSE FOR LEADERS

Members of the Girl Scout Council, in meeting Monday night, voted to begin a training course for leaders of the Girl Scouts soon after January 1, and elected three representatives from the leaders to meet with the council regularly.

Those named to meet with the council are Mrs. Russell Davis, Mrs. Carrie Wyatt and Miss Sweetie Bogard. Miss D. Ray Sifford was named as chairman of the training course committee.

The training course will be open to the parents of the Scouts, as well as to the leaders.

Those attending the Council meeting were Mrs. M. O. Britt, Mrs. G. H. Davis, Mrs. Dante Reiley, Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. Erwin Willman, Miss Sifford, M. G. Alexander and John Eaton.

LEGION GETS 18 GIFTS IN ANNUAL DRIVE FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

Members of the local American Legion Post this week reported that 18 gifts for servicemen and women in hospitals in the United States had been donated by Wednesday of this week. The Legion had placed boxes to receive the gifts in the two local drug stores and had asked that citizens place their gifts there. The drive for gifts, an annual event put on by the Legion all over the United States, is called "Gift for A Yank Who Gave". Donations this year were considerably less than they have been in years past.

The American Legion Auxiliary, taking up gifts for veterans at the Legion Hospital, received gifts for their project, taking in 35. The box sent to the Legion Hospital was valued at \$50, according to report made this week by Mrs. O. L. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Babb left Thursday for Virginia, Minn., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Babb's parents.

Memorial Building Committee Begins Soliciting Donations This Week

Raising of funds to build the proposed community center through solicitation, began this week according to plans made by the Sutton County Memorial Building Fund committee which met with the chairman, R. A. Halbert, Wednesday afternoon.

At the meeting Halbert asked members of his finance committee to begin solicitation at once and appointed a committee to serve with him in actual handling of the funds. His committee will be composed of Fred Earwood, George H. Neill, J. M. Vander Stucken, and L. W. Elliott.

The purposes of the erection of the building and how it will be run and managed were clearly defined at the meeting, at Halbert's request, and these points were stated as follows:

Sonorans Guests Of Eldorado Fire Dept. Dec. 14

STATE CHIEF, SPEAKER, PRAISES BOTH GROUPS

Members of the Sonora Fire Department and their wives were guests of the Eldorado Fire Department Friday night, December 14, and attended the annual visit and demonstration of the State Fire Chief, Frank Williams of A. & M. College. Last year the meeting was held at Sonora.

After introductions of each member and wives of the two departments were made by Chief Lee Patrick of Sonora, and Chief Palmer West of Eldorado, a banquet of turkey and dressing was served.

After the banquet, Chief Williams made an address that would have been beneficial for any citizen and taxpayer to hear. He gave the fundamentals and operations schedule of the State Training School held annually at College Station, and he advised that for any City represented by any members of their Fire Department at this school, the key rate on fire insurance would automatically be lowered 3%, due to the extensive training furnished the representative.

Chief Williams said that fire fighting was a profession in itself, and due to the past years of turmoil it had become slack and inefficient in the majority of the Departments. Is the fact they had neglected their duty and equipment, it has made their key rates soar beyond double their minimum, and at the same time, congratulated Sonora and Eldorado on having the best maintained volunteer fire departments in the State.

He stated the duty of the fire departments and their responsibility and how the time has come to really put fire prevention before the public, not only during a fire prevention week, but at all times. The citizens should be reminded of Public Safety and continue to cooperate with the Department of their city to combat this great enemy. He said, further, that any one loss would cause a penalty on all insurance premiums, besides the terrible damage to property. Less than 1/2 of the citizens know the amount of the key rate of fire insurance of their city. In most instances the taxpayers pay more out for fire insurance than they do city taxes and none of the money benefits the city, and there is nothing realized from it.

Chief Williams closed with the promise of revised fire fighting due to new materials and equipment in the near future and warned that a fire department must keep up with the growth and demand of its city and taxpayers, and that the public should heed the requests of their department.

Those attending from Sonora Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Minnick, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Willman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, Mrs. Beamon Speed, T. E. Glasscock, C. W. Taylor, Preston Prater, J. H. Trainer, Thomas B. Thorp and Seth Prater.

GUESTS IN TRAINER HOME

A guest in the R. D. Trainer home is Lloyd Hendricks, who has moved from Georgia to make his home in Sonora. Hendricks and the Trainer's son, Reginald, spent four years in the Army Air Forces together, training in the States, and in action in the ETO.

Another guest in the Trainer home is Virgil Savage, formerly

First, the Sutton County Memorial Building will serve as a living memorial to the Sutton County men in both world wars who gave their lives in service to their country.

Second, the Memorial Building will serve as a meeting place or "home" for the veterans of both wars who have returned to Sutton County to live.

Third, the building will provide a place for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the county to meet and carry on their activities.

Fourth, the Memorial Building will provide a meeting place for the women's and men's recognized civic and service organizations in the county.

Fifth, it will be an appropriate place to hold large entertainments and community functions.

Sixth, it will become the "beauty spot" of Sonora, as well as the hub of all community activities, providing a recreation center for all citizens of this county.

Seventh, the building will be properly cared for by a caretaker, whose residence will be provided for out of the Fund. The residence will be situated on or adjacent to the Memorial Building grounds.

Members of the committee Wednesday also discussed who should be in charge of the building and its policies and management after it is completed, and all seemed in favor of placing a board of trustees, all to be named by appointment, in charge.

Members of the Finance Committee of the Memorial Building Fund, who will work with Halbert in raising donations for the building, are Mrs. Bryan Hunt, Mrs. L. C. Earwood, C. W. Taylor, W. R. Barnes, D. L. Locklin, George D. Chalk, George H. Neill, M. G. Shurley, G. H. Hall, Dan Cauthorn and H. V. Stokes. Each of these members is to appoint two more persons to work with him in getting the donations.

Damage Suit For \$20,000 Filed Against City

A civil action, in the amount of \$20,000 damages as the result of the electrocution of 16-year old Sherrill L. Whitmire on October 29, 1945, has been filed against the City of Sonora. The suit was filed by A. R. Whitmire and Mabel Whitmire of Arkansas, parents of the electrocuted victim. The petition claims he came in contact with an electric light pole located in the downtown business district of Sonora.

Negligence on the part of the City of Sonora, in that the management did not have the light pole properly insulated and through not repairing a light pole which was defective within a reasonable period of time after it became a public hazard, is alleged by the Whitmires.

The parents also claimed that the son materially contributed to their support, that he had been earning \$5 per day at the time of his death, and that the father is ill to the extent that he is unable to work.

The Whitmire boy was killed almost instantly on the night of October 29, around 8 o'clock, when he is said by a companion to have touched the light pole.

Attorney for the plaintiffs is Clarence R. Boatwright of the firm of Morriss and Morriss, San Antonio.

The case is scheduled to come up before the April, 1946, docket of the U. S. District Court, in San Angelo.

RATION BOARD TO BE CLOSED DEC. 22 TO 26

The local Office of Price Administration will be closed Saturday, December 22, through Christmas Day. It will be open all of the week following Christmas Day, including Saturday. This announcement was made this week by Mrs. Carl Barho, chief clerk of the board.

J. W. HULLS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hull and son of Monohans spent last week here visiting Mrs. Hull's mother, Mrs. Clyde Gardner, and Mr. Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull. Last Friday they went to Junction to attend the wedding of Miss Freddie Cox to Julian Ashby, both former Sonorans.

of Junction, who has just received his honorable discharge from service and is now employed at E. F. Vander Stucken & Co., Inc.

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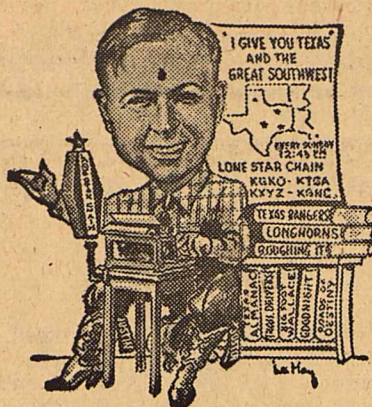
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Truth is stranger than fiction—
to some folks.

It may be though, that they really have a high regard for the value of truth—and that is the reason they are so economical in the use of it.

Like the old soak. Somebody was complaining that the price of whiskey had gone away up. The old soak said, "It's just now bringing it's true worth."

Somebody ought to produce a book, a well-illustrated (in fact, the illustrations would be the best thing about the book)—on spots around Austin that are associated with the world's greatest storyteller, O. Henry.

There is the old Land Office, with his desk, and the winding iron stairway, which he described in one of his early tales, Bexar Scrip 2692."

And there is the old church, a block away, with its sharp spires and, above the portal, the big window with stone columns like spokes of a wheel. And, of course, the Capitol itself—for O. Henry was a member of a military company and took part in the cornerstone ceremonies. In fact, during the program, a pretty girl recited a poem. She was destined to become his wife.

And don't forget the Driskill Hotel, for in the lobby, its old chairs shadowed by big pillars of marble, he used to wait while his wife practiced songs with a choral club on the mezzanine floor.

Too, there are the old black trees in the hollow of the Capitol grounds.

The Millett Mansion, with its atmosphere of the Old South, was there in O. Henry's day.

His home is preserved as a museum. Many of the stately mansions past which the young dreamer strolled still stand. The building that housed the bank in which he worked was torn down a year or two ago, but the old Federal Building is still there, most tragic of all with its O. Henry associations. For it was in a courtroom there that he was tried and sentenced to prison for something of which the world now believes he was innocent.

While in San Antonio once for the South Texas oil men's dinner to make the principal address at the invitation of Col. Ray Leeman, your columnist heard an old-time oil field story.

It used to be that, instead of cable, a Manila rope was used in drilling. One morning, a swarm of bees settled on the rope and stung it so severely that it swelled to 20 times its normal size. In fact, the rope was so swollen that it wouldn't go down the well.

But a driller remembered the bottle of Sloan's liniment that was always kept handy. He poured some on the rope, and, in a little while, the swelling had gone down

and drilling could be resumed!

The prettiest business section in the Magic Valley—mind you, I didn't say the biggest or the busiest but the most beautiful—is that of Weslaco. The Main Street looks like a scene on a stage. Nearly all the buildings are of the same height; nearly all are white; they are of stucco exterior, of a Spanish type of architecture, and the signs harmonize with the setting. The principal street is wide and is dominated by the beautiful Cortez Hotel, which is at one end.

A block away from Main is the city hall, a touch of old Toledo, ornately sculptured, the front and dome of colored tile. Yes, Weslaco is a lovely little city.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hudspeth of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McConnell of Iraan were the Wheat's guests on Sunday and Monday.

Nice 5-room house with bath. Lot 75X100 feet FOR SALE. See or call T. C. Murray cS 12-14

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POSITIVELY NO HUNTING ON OUR PREMISES.
THE GATE BETWEEN OUR RANCHES IS LOCKED.
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Duke Wilson

HOTEL McDONALD

"The Home Away From Home"

Sonora, Texas

WE WISH YOU A MERRY *American* CHRISTMAS

Let our faith in the true significance of the Yuletide give greater strength to our peace loving hearts. Let us renew our efforts toward a lasting peace and from it

enjoy the full benefits of the American way of life. The measure of happiness we can glean from such an attitude is great indeed, and worthy of our every effort.

SMITH'S SERVICE STATION

ANOTHER *American* CHRISTMAS

No American Christmas is complete without the expressions of good fellowship and Christmas greetings from one friend to another. So, here's our message—and may you understand the true feeling of appreciation we have for your kindnesses in the past.

Perhaps the coming year will see a happier time for all and may the heartaches and tribulations of months past be overshadowed by the good fortune of all.

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PIGGLY WIGGLY A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

Fri. Dec. 21 Sat. Dec. 22 Mon. Dec. 24

VEGETABLES		MEATS	
LARGE SIZE		DURKEES	
CELERY, Stalk	19c	Oleomargarine, lb	25c
RED DELICIOUS		RATHS	
APPLES, 2 lb	27c	Luncheon Meat, Can	35c
TOKAY		FROZEN	
GRAPES, lb	18c	Apple Sauce, Box	25c
GREEN BEANS, lb	22c	DRESSED	
DIAMOND		HENS, lb	48c
WALNUTS, lb	43c	CHOICE	
ALMONDS, lb	50c	ROAST, lb	30c
SEEDLESS		SUMMER	
Grape Fruit, 2 lb	15c	SAUSAGE, lb	35c
LARGE		VEAL	
AVOCADOS, Each	25c	Sweet Breads, lb	50c
FRESH		EXTRA SELECT	
SPINACH, 2 lb	25c	OYSTERS, Pint	79c
TEXAS - - NAVELS		Fish Fillets, lb	50c
ORANGES, 2 lb	19c	Please Place Orders NOW For	
		CHRISTMAS TURKEYS	
		Frozen Strawberries -- Oysters	
		Shredded Fresh Frozen	
		COCOANUT	

SPUDS		YAMS	
NO. 1 WASH		NO. 1	
IDAH0		KILN DRIED	
10 LB.	49c	3 LB.	23c
PECAN VALLEY		PACKEL IN CIDER	
Mince Meat, 2 Pkg.	35c	Mince Meat, lb Jar	25c
Apple Cider, 1/2 Gal. Jug	59c	Apple Cider, Qt. Jar	33c
NO. 2 1/2 CAN		HEARTS DELIGHT	
Fruit Cocktail, Can	39c	Peaches, No. 2 1/2 Can	31c
FANCY CALIFORNIA		WHITE SEEDLESS	
FIGS, 8 Oz. Pkg.	30c	RAISINS, lb Pkg.	29c
SUN MAID		BAKERS	
Currants, 10 Oz. Pkg.	23c	Chocolate, Large Box	23c
ASSORTED		EXTRA FANCY	
Candied Fruits, 1/2 lb Pkg.	63c	Candied Fruits, 2 lb Box	\$1.87

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE 1 LB. PKG. 33c

STUFFED		CHOCOLATE	
DATES, lb Box	\$1.35	Nut Crunch, lb Box	\$1.25
PRINE ALBERT & SIR WALTER RALEIGH		ALL POPULAR BRANDS	
TOBACCO, lb	\$1.15	Cigarettes, Carton	\$1.63
CREAM STYLE		WHOLE - FANCY	
CORN, 2 No. 2 Cans	29c	GREEN BEANS, No. 2 Can	20c
CUT - - ALL GREEN		EMPSONS GARDEN GATHERED	
Asparagus, No. 2 Can	41c	PEAS, No. 2 Can	19c
LARGE - - RIPE		GREEN - - LARGE	
OLIVES, Pint Jar	35c	OLIVES, Large Jar	65c
CORN, 2 No. 2 Cans	33c	FANCY - - CALIFORNIA	
		SPINACH, No. 2 1/2 Can	23c

Cake Flour SWANS DOWN BOX 29c - LIGHT CRUST 5 LB. BOX 32c

FRESH - - LARGE		SHELLED - - SHELLED	
COCOANUTS, Each	29c	PECANS, lb	\$1.05

MERRY XMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM

PIGGLY WIGGLY

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FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR

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MRS. O. C. OGDEN URGES VETERANS' FAMILIES TO JOIN LEGION AUXILIARY

Support for the activities of The American Legion by women of veterans' families was urged by Mrs. O. C. Ogden, Membership Chairman of 309 Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, in a call for enrollment of Auxiliary members issued today.

"The Legion is fighting the battles of the veterans and is exerting a tremendous influence for the good of America," said Mrs. Ogden. "The American Legion

Auxiliary is going forward shoulder to shoulder with the Legion in these endeavors. A part in almost all Legion activities is assigned to the Auxiliary and we need increased membership strength to carry this responsibility.

"At this time the Auxiliary is offering the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of all Legionnaires an opportunity to share their Legion interests and activities with them during the coming year," Mrs. Ogden continued. "The year of 1946 will be one of the most active in Legion history, with many important issues at

stake and big events scheduled. Women of the Auxiliary will be working side by side with the men of the Legion to make the year a complete success.

"Auxiliary members share in Legion social events, as well as in the work of its serious program. A membership in the Auxiliary strengthens family ties by providing common interests, friends and activities."

Invitations are being extended others as rapidly as they become eligible through enrollment of veterans of their families in the Legion.

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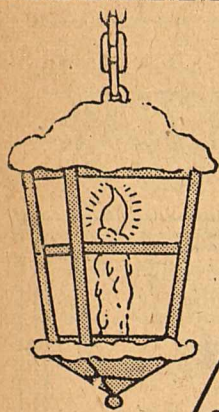
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CHRISTMAS
AT ITS BEST

From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.

THE SONORA TAVERN



With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say,

"Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

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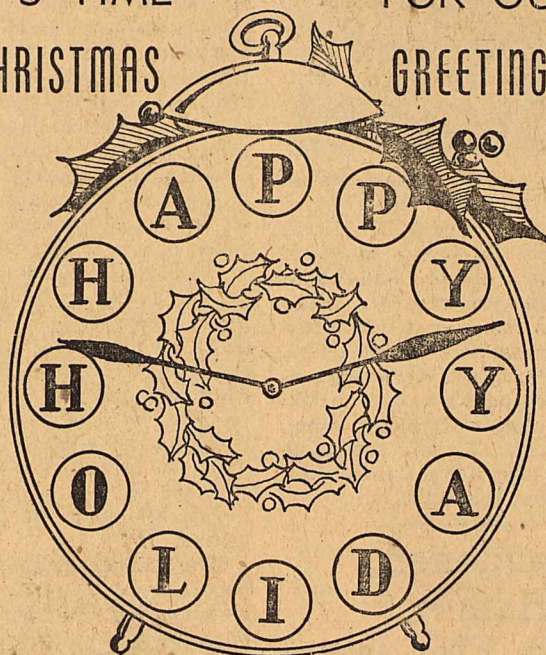
A JOYOUS

With this Greeting we wish to include our sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation we have had from our customers the past months. It has been difficult, at times, for us to maintain our usual standard of service, yet you have been most understanding and liberal with your patronage.

It has been a privilege to have these associations and we will strive with our every effort to merit a continuation of your patronage.

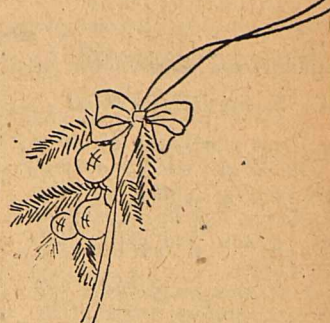
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IT'S TIME FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



THE CLUB CAFE

ANOTHER
CHRISTMAS



Once again we welcome the Christmas season. This year, however, the occasion takes on added importance because of the trying times each of us have experienced since last Christmastime.

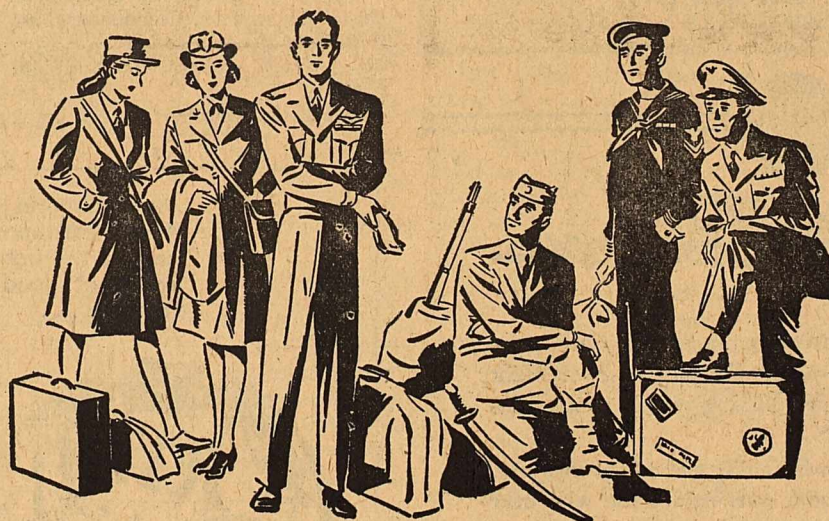
Gratefully we acknowledge the courtesies you have extended us these past twelve months, and we know of no better time to express our appreciation than on this, the happiest occasion of them all.

May Christmas hold for you and yours all the good things possible.

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Help them get home for Christmas

Make only essential trips during the holidays



528,000 home-bound members of our victorious forces will reach West Coast ports this month

The biggest gift that thousands and thousands of the men and women in our fighting forces could get is a chance to spend the Christmas holidays with the folks at home.

But getting them home is far more than a matter of discharge papers or a holiday leave—there's the problem of getting them to wherever home is.

Tens of thousands are now in California ports waiting to get home.

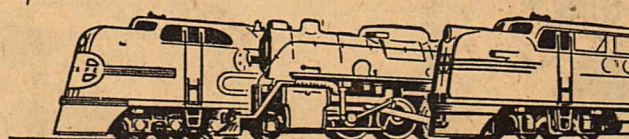
The Army and Navy tell us that better than a half million service personnel will be returning in December. That means 17,000, on the average, must be taken care of each day.

Our trains are already overcrowded. We don't want to disappoint a single soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, Wac, Wave or Spar we can possibly find space for.

So won't you help us to do our share in playing Santa Claus to them by postponing your trip until after the holidays—unless it has to be made.

You'll get—we'll bet—a little glow out of knowing that you're making it possible for somebody in the service to be home. So again we ask, in all friendliness, won't you postpone your trip until we can serve you in the traditional Santa Fe manner.

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Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

By C. R. Brewster, Pastor

"What Does Christmas Mean to You?" will be our sermon subject for 10:50 o'clock Sunday morning services. There will be singing of Christmas hymns and carols and special numbers.

At 7:15 Sunday night there will be a special musical program by our Youth Choir under the direction of Mr. W. W. Wendt, with Mrs. James Wilson at the piano. Do not fail to hear this program.

There will be a Watch-Night service at this church on Monday night, December 31, at 7:15 o'clock until 12:05 o'clock New Year's morning, January 1, 1946. You may attend part or all of this program. There will be a candlelight service from 7:15 o'clock to 8 or 8:15 o'clock, which will be worshipful and impressive. After that there will be games in the basement until 11 o'clock. After refreshments, we will return to the auditorium where we will worship as the old year dies and the new one is born. You are invited: "The Friendly Church for Friendly Folk".

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TO HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICES SUNDAY

Christmas services at St. John's Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, December 23, with Reverend H. E. Moreland of Brady conducting the services.

Sunday night the Sunday School Christmas tree will be held at the Church at 7 o'clock, for the children of the parish.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School _____ 10:00
Morning Service _____ 11:00
Evening Service _____ 8:00
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday _____ 7:30
W. M. U., each Wednesday _____ 3:00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday School _____ 10:00
Evening Services _____ 8:00
Held every second Sunday in the month.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Sunday Masses _____ 8:00
_____ 10:00
Weekday Mass _____ 7:30

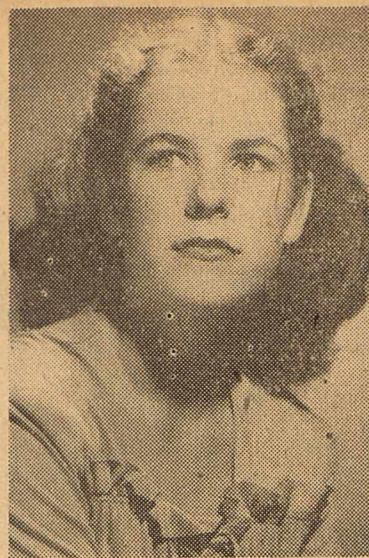
WMU MEETS WEDNESDAY FOR ROYAL SERVICES

The WMU of the Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the Church to observe Royal Services and for a regular business meeting. "Facing Tomorrow With God" was the topic of the month. Prayers were given by Mrs. Lawrence Nichols and Mrs. G. G. Stephenson.

"Ending a Great Century and Beginning a New Century" was the topic given by Mrs. Robert Odom. Mrs. Fern McGhee talked on "On To Greater Future," and "Crowning the Century for Christ" was the subject of Mrs. Alfred Cooper's talk. Mrs. McGhee dismissed the group.

Tea and muffins were served to Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Fred Rounfeld, Mrs. E. M. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Jack Drennan, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Pearl Martin, Mrs. McGhee, Mrs. J. E. Eldridge and Mrs. Odom.

ALICE DeBERRY VISITING FATHER DURING HOLIDAYS



Miss Alice deBerry, daughter of Dr. E. M. deBerry, will return home December 20 from The Hockaday School in Dallas to spend the holidays with her family. Miss deBerry is a member of the Music Club and is chairman of the entertainment committee of her class, the Fifth Form. She will be a guest at Miss Hockaday's annual formal Christmas dinner Monday evening, December 17. She will return to Dallas January 10, to resume her studies after the holidays.

Lt. Clendenen, Miss Hamilton Wed In Florida

Miss Shirlee Theresa Hamilton and Lt. Roger Benton Clendenen son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clendenen of Sonora were married Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Air Base Chapel in Orlando, Florida. Father Murphy performed the ceremony.

The chapel was decorated with white gladioli, chrysanthemums and palms. Sgt. Walker Acton played the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a short wedding gown of orchid satin and matching tiara with shoulder-length veil. Her bouquet was of white carnations centered with an orchid. She wore a string of pearls which was a gift from the groom.

Miss Jane Hamilton, sister of the bride, was her only attendant, and wore a dress of lime green satin with matching head-dress and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Albert J. Hamilton, brother of the bride, was Lt. Clendenen's best man. The ushers were Major Gordon Sowers and Lt. Maximilian Hadley.

The bride's mother wore a black

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

CLUBS . PARTIES . FEATURES

LUNETTA MORGAN, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 21, 1945 The Devil's River News

Former Sonoran Marries Sunday In Ballinger

Miss Evelyn Catherine Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Anderson of Miles and formerly of Sonora, became the bride of Charles Emil Speck Jr. of Sterling City, son of Charles Emil Speck of Ballinger, at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Gray Hoffius, pastor of the Ballinger Presbyterian Church, officiated at the double-ring ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Longenette of Ballinger, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a white wool dress fashioned with sweetheart neckline, long fitted sleeves and gold sequin trim. She wore a white hat and veil and other accessories were of navy blue. Mrs. Speck carried a white Bible topped with an orchid. For "something old" she wore a 67 year-old gold brooch belonging to her grandmother.

Mrs. Longenette, matron of honor, wore a pink dress with matching hat and other accessories of brown and an orchid corsage.

Mr. Speck was attended by Hamp Anderson Jr. of Miles as best man.

The wedding party stood before an improvised archway flanked by tall candelabra and baskets of mums. Other decorations were mistletoe, holly and red berries.

The couple went on a short wedding trip to San Antonio and Austin. For traveling the bride wore a navy blue suit with a light blue blouse and navy accessories. They will reside at a ranch southwest of Sterling City, where Mr. Speck is employed by Pat Jackson of San Angelo.

suit of needlepoint wool and a corsage of orchids.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Orange Court Hotel.

Lt. and Mrs. Clendenen left on a wedding trip to Miami. The bride's going away suit was of gold gabardine with brown accessories. Her corsage was an orchid from the wedding bouquet.

Mrs. Clendenen is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hamilton of Orlando, Florida. The couple will reside in Orlando.

Woman's Club Holds Open House Tues. Afternoon

The officers of the Sonora Woman's Club were hostesses when the club entertained at open house Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Rip Ward told a Christmas story entitled "The Son of David". Miss Helen Boyd played two piano selections, "Snowfall" and "Blue Phantasy".

The president's table was centered with an arrangement of miniature red cattails and rubber plant leaves. The lace-covered tea table was centered with a miniature Santa Claus placed on a reflector. On either side of the centerpiece were lighted red candles in crystal holders.

Mrs. Ratliff presided at the tea and coffee service. Other hostesses were Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, vice-president; Mrs. Edwin Sawyer, recording secretary; Mrs. Lea Allison, corresponding secretary;

WOMANS CLUB TO GIVE 2 HOLIDAY DANCES

Two holiday dances will be given at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. warehouse by the Sonora Women's Club, one on Christmas night and the other on New Year's eve. Music will be furnished by Allen's Orchestra of San Angelo.

The dances will be held between 9 P. M. and 1 A. M., and admission for dancers will be \$2.00.

LEROY WHITWORTH HERE AFTER ARMY DISCHARGE

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whitworth returned Saturday from San Antonio, where Whitworth received his discharge from the Air Corps. He had just returned from Europe where he had served for the past 13 months. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Hale.

Mrs. C. G. Davis, treasurer, and Mrs. Earl Duncan, auditor.

About 25 members and guests called.

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Light after Darkness

This is our brightest Christmas in a long, dark time. Every light on every tree—every window that greets night with cheerful challenge—is a shining symbol of the passing of war's shadow.

There is radiant happiness in family gatherings this year. Men are coming home from war. And those who hear their Christmas carols under strange skies are closer, nearer to home than they have been in a great while.

For many, this will be a wistful Christmas—but a Christmas brave and strong in the knowledge that those who bought victory so dearly will make tomorrow's world a brighter place for us all.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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EDITORIALS

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE

For the first time in four years we can celebrate Christmas in time of peace. The boys who have been fighting for us can enjoy the comforts of home, a big turkey dinner, and give and receive gifts from their friends and families. Last Christmas and maybe the one before that the boys have been dreaming about the Christmas when they could be home with their loved one. This year the dream came true for most of the boys, but not for all of them.

Some of the boys have been left overseas to clear up the confusion over there. Others were killed fighting for this Christmas, so that the rest of their buddies and friends could enjoy it. We at home should be proud of and thankful for these boys who fought and perhaps died for us. These boys that died on the field of battle did not die in vain because as long as there is the American spirit left, no evil shall rule over us. The spirits of these gallant lads and girls shall live as long as there is an American left on this earth.

Most all of us will enjoy this Christmas better than any previous one. Some of us will have our boys and girls home from the war to help put away the eats and goodies. Don't forget the ones who are still over there. Pray for them. We hope that you enjoy this Christmas as well as we are going to. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

'46 CLOTHING DRIVE

Again this year we have been asked to gather old clothes for the unfortunate people in Europe and other nations that have been wrecked by war. We all know how much they need this clothing, so when you are notified to give all your old clothing, give till it hurts. Every year the Boy Scouts have had to do all the work so this year we plan for other organizations to help.

When you are asked for old clothing please give and you will help some unfortunate people who lost their possessions in this war. Just a little bit will help. So Give Till it Hurts.

As We See It

by "Gooch" and "Strut"

We pride ourselves in picking four out of five winners in the last edition. We wish to express our deepest regrets to those who lost money on the Baylor-Rice game.

If you will stick with us we believe we can win you money on the Bowl games.

In the Rose Bowl we pick the Crimson Tide from way down south to roll over U. S. C. by 14 points or more.

The Sugar Bowl game promises to be a thriller. St. Marys is good, but the coin says Oklahoma A&M. So we pick Oklahoma A&M over St. Marys in a close one.

The Orange Bowl will be a landslide for Holy Cross. Miami "ain't got" what it takes.

Texas with the help of Hubert Bechtel, Inc. will stop Missouri in the Cotton Bowl.

In the Oil Bowl it will be Trippi and Georgia all the way over Tulsa.

The Sun Bowl decision will go to Denver University over University of New Mexico.

In the Shrine Bowl it will be the Gray over the Blue.

We believe we have picked the right team but we will not be responsible for bad bets. Thanks.

Mr. Bishop: I bought a swell car the other day for \$45.

Norris (a few minutes later): My, my, I just can't get over it.

Mr. Bishop: Neither can I. I'm under it most of the time.

Jr. Class Gives
All-School Dance
Sat. Night Dec. 8

The Junior Class gave an all-school dance Saturday night, December 8, in the music room of the gym, and had a Christmas tree.

Names had been drawn in assembly and small but nice gifts were given. The music room was decorated for the Christmas season. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and cold drinks were served.

Mr. Wendt had a flash camera and took several pictures for the annual.

The dancers danced until eleven thirty.

The

UpperCrust

MR. & MRS. AUTRY BRIDGES
GIVE DANCE & PARTY FOR
BRONCOS AND PEP SQUAD

A dance was given December 7 for the pep squad girls and football boys by Mr. and Mrs. Autry Bridges, the parents of the Bronco mascot of '45.

Games were played and dancing was enjoyed by all who attended the party. Frankie Bond won the galloping prize in "Bunko" and Jane Neill and Don Robinson won the prize in dominoes. A jitterbug contest was held during the dance. Several entered in this contest but after hard and final judging the prize was given to Bitsy Chalk and Charles Lee Cusenbary. The dance music was furnished by the town's leading orchestra, a juke box.

For refreshments Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. H. L. Taylor served punch, sandwiches and cookies.

Some of those who attended the dance were Jo McClelland, John Allen Ward, Al Boughton, Tina Taylor, Carolyn Johnson, Sonny Shurley, Dickie Street, Derrell Alley, Ethel Mae Alley, Charlene Hull, Billie Dee Drennan, Alice Adkins, Jane Neill, Don Robinson, Clayton Hamilton, Joan Frenzel, Jimmy Cusenbary, Helen Martin, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Bitsy Chalk, Leroy White, Frances Drennan, Sue Frenzel, James Hunt, Johnny Smith, Betty Spoon, Geo. Hamilton, Frankie Bond, John W. Joy, Wayne Ogden, Robert Lovelace, and Frank L. Moore.

Also Coach and Mrs. Alexander and son, Miss Annie Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bolin, J. V. Bishop, Miss Nellie Ruth Folley, Miss Evelyn Folley, Mrs. Margie Evans, and Miss Jewel Farmer.

Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. H. L. Taylor.

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GOSSIP

Phillip, I think you and Roberta make a perfect couple in dancing.

Royce, whose bracelet are you wearing?

Mildred, what did Mr. Price mean when he called you a sweater girl?

Norris, who is your gal now? I hear you're still hanging on to the old one.

Who's that yonder dressed in green? Looks like Francis and Helen Jean!

Mildred, why don't you give up? Okay! Norva keep on trying.

Norris, don't give up yet! Patsy, I just love that dress! Joe Neil, who's that old new flame?

Ella P.—Sure are mushy letters you write to Laverne.

Peggy Sue R., you write and receive sweet notes from Charles Lee H. and swoon over Earl J. Why don't you make up your mind???

17 SHS Students
Make Honor Roll
Second Six Weeks

We still have some smart students in dear old S. H. S. The A students are Johnny Ward, Senior, Billie Drennan, Junior, Jane Neill, freshman. We are sorry we have no sophomores on that list, but maybe we will have some next six-weeks.

The seniors who are A-B students are Al Boughton, Pauline Allen, Clayton Hamilton and Dickie Street.

The junior A-B students are Colleen Aderholt, Hazel Caldwell, Kathryn Ross, Sonny Shurley, and Tina Ann Taylor.

Sophomores making the A-B are Sue Frenzel, Melton Jackson and Jewell McGhee.

There was only one freshman A-B student. This was Mary Jim Caldwell.

Next six-weeks we hope to have many more on our Honor Roll.

Freda Hickcock
Is New Secretary
For Sonora School

A new face is being seen in the halls of Sonora High School. It is that of Freda Hickcock, the new secretary of Superintendent A. E. Wells. She has been employed here about two weeks.

The attractive Mrs. Hickcock is from Chattanooga, Tenn. She attended Central High School in Chattanooga. Before coming here she was employed in a law office.

Mrs. Hickcock says she likes Sonora very well. She likes all the sports, but best of all she likes baseball and boxing. She says she would like to get acquainted with all the students—therefore drop around and say "hello."

Why I Love
That School

by Melton Jackson

You may look and laugh or you may pause and sigh, But you don't know what you're missing as you go by, It may not seem so much to you, just what you see, But that little old school house means all the world to me.

That little building is an inspiration to all those who attend, And its good laws teach us to become fine and valiant men, Within that beloved old school we abide with that good old rule, For we have everything that's good. That's why I love that little school.

In that school you can have the best of all good times, And even have fun in our speech while acting out pantomimes, English, that's so easy to understand and filled with pure delight, It's not even hard and doesn't disturb sweet dreams at night.

Yes, I'll admit we have some who have tempers easy to rile, But when they meet you they greet you with a smile.

And all instructors will teach you that you're not a fool, If you abide by the rule, that's why I love that little school.

There's Helen, Carolyn, Joan, Frances and Sue, And they always find time to say "How-do-you-do?"

And there's Frankie, Charlie and Gerald—they all know that rule, They help make life a pleasure—That's why I love that little school.

When all schools are running the race and on the last long mile, You can always look in front and our school will be in there with a smile.

Working, learning and playing in that building beside the gold-fish pool, Pulling and pushing for our goal—that's why I love that little school.

Whoa! Sophomore

You can tell a senior by his knowing frown,

You can tell a junior by the way he struts around,

You can tell a freshman by his timid looks and such,

You can tell a sophomore but you can't tell him much.

Mildred: What kind of husband should I look for?

Jill: Better leave the husbands alone and look for a single man.

Football Banquet
Given Sat., Dec. 15BANQUET FOLLOWED
BY DANCE IN GYM

The annual Football Banquet was held Saturday night, December 15, at 7:00 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church.

The Church was decorated in genuine Western style, with saddles, boots, chaps, saddle blankets, bed rolls, and anything else that might suggest the dear old West.

The program was carried out in Western style also. Mr. Boyd Lovelace gave the principal speech. When asked what he would speak about he said, "About an hour and a half."

Coach "Mack" announced the Broncos who lettered this year.

Other numbers on the program were a duet, "Along the Navajo Trail," by the Thompson sisters; a piano solo by Nina Smith; and several numbers by Miss Helen Boyd, Nina Smith, Betty Spoon, Joyce Johnson, Jane Neill, Tina Ann Taylor, and Maxine Chalk sang "Leaning On the Old Top Rail." There were various toasts given.

After eating a hearty meal the "kids" went to the gym where they enjoyed a good Western dance.

Miss Freddie Gardner was in charge of the preparations for the banquet.

Sonora Teachers
Have Dinner
Fri. Night, Dec. 7

The Sonora Unit of the Texas Teachers' Association had an informal dinner and Christmas party at their regular December meeting, Friday evening, December 7.

A dinner of baked beans, baked potatoes, glazed carrots, Boston baked beans, fruit salad, pickled peaches, hot rolls and butter, coffee, and devil's food cake was served to twenty-three persons.

All teachers had some job at the party and it was the men's lot to wash the dishes.

After the meal was over, the gifts around the Christmas tree were given out. Everyone drew a number, taking the package with a corresponding number.

Carol singing was led by Grady White, principal of the Elliott School.

Several nonsense games were played after Santa left.

The evening's program was planned by the executive committee consisting of Mrs. J. B. Bolin, president of the Sonora Unit; Evelyn Folley, secretary-treasurer, and Margaret Cain, program chairman; and other members, Mrs. W. W. Wendt, Emma Hamilton, and Nellie Ruth Folley.

Senior Mirror

Clayton, better known as Gooch or "Dr. Gooch" was born here on September 21, 1928. He is five feet, six inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. His eyes are gray green and he has brown hair.

Gooch was vice-president of the Junior Class and is this year serving as class reporter for the Senior Class. He has lettered two years in both football and basketball. Clayton has played tennis two years. He is Sports Editor of "The Bronco."

Dr. Gooch will go to Texas Tech if he does not have to take a year of military training. He said that he would not work in the grocery store where he "grew up."

His favorite radio program is Bob Hope and he likes Spencer Tracy and Shirley Temple in the movies. His favorite foods are fried chicken and chocolate pie.

THINGS TO DO
AS THE BELL RINGS

1. As soon as the buzzer sounds start running as hard as you can. It doesn't make any difference where you run as long as you run hard enough.

2. Take advantage of opportunities offered you when the bell rings, such as: (a) if the teacher gets in your way, run over her; she won't mind; (b) if you get a chance to push some one down the stairs, that's alright; they'll never know the difference.

3. If you see some one drop a book report or English theme, pick it up and put your name on it; it saves a lot of work.

4. If you see some one trip a poor girl in distress, go on and help him, as you couldn't keep her from falling. If you aren't close enough to trip her throw a book at her. Don't miss an opportunity like that.

More BRONCO on Page 8

Sonora Cagers Defeat Rocksprings
27-21 Dec. 8 In Season's 1st Game

by Clayton Hamilton

ROCKSPRINGS GIRLS WIN
46-32 OVER SONORA
IN 1st VOLLEY BALL GAME

Rocksprings Six came out on top with a 46-32 victory over the Sonora Six in a volleyball game. Sonora put up a good fight but Rocksprings outfought them.

Sonora starters were Frances Drennan, appointed captain, Ethel Alley, Alice Adkins, Hazel Caldwell, Katherine Caldwell, and Polly Allen. Substitutes for Sonora were Carolyn Johnson and Colleen Aderholt.

The Rocksprings starting lineup was Lavonne Sheppard, Bernice Shipman, Elizabeth Ross, Nellie May Jones, Betty Lou Lomax, and Audna Neeley. Louise Hankins, Betty Ruth Franks, Jessie Lea Hankins, and Doris Ann Brown were substitutes on the Rocksprings team.

The Sonora girls will play Eldorado here December 18.

Come out and give the girls your support.

SIXTH GRADE PREPARES
PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS

The sixth grade speech class worked up a one-act play, "Christmas Eve on Back Street," by Caroline Way, which they presented as their Christmas program this week.

Each member of the class had a part in the play. Diana Wood played the part of "a lady," and Billy Kring was "a gentleman." Jack Ratliff and Bobbie Drennan were orphan children who were adopted by the Lady and Gentleman.

The remainder of the cast was as follows: (Dream Children) Ice-Cream Man, Billy Bryan Savell; Hot-dog man, Tyree Hardy; Hurdy Gurdy Man, Jimmy Morrow, Monkey, Billy Guy McPherson; Santa Claus, Alma Jackson; and Granny Go-Away, Darlene Lovelace.

There were six more Dream Children: John Stanley Hamby, Joe Morrison, Joy Maxey, Ella Perkins, Lena Lanier, and Nancy Neill.

Inez Chalk was leader for the group of carolers. They were Darlene Barrow, Eva Lee Moore, Lee Roy Valliant, John Mittel, Leon Puryear, Harold Schwenning, Frank Adkins, Herman Peitchinsky, Jack Drennan, Arlinea West, Janie Kise, Myrtle McKee, and Grace Crosby.

The action took place on Back Street, with a row of dingy shops across back of stage. There was a gayly decorated Christmas Tree in front of one of the shops, and this tree caught the eye of all who passed by.

DREAM GIRL OF S. H. S.

Eyes—Joan Frenzel
Hair—Raymie Jo McClelland
Figure—Hazel Caldwell
Complexion—Lois B. Hill
Teeth—Jane Neill
Voice—Tina Ann Taylor
Best Dancer—Kathleen Schwein-

ing
Disposition—Nina Smith
Friendliness—Frances Jean Drennan

Personality—Helen Martin
Stability—Ada Ruth Martin
Dependability—Pauline Allen
Sweetness—Sue Frenzel
Sportsmanship—Carolyn John-

son
Most Athletic—Ethel M. Alley

5. Ever so often, just to cause a little excitement, yell "bloody murder," and "fire, fire, fire, fire, fire."

6. Be sure and slam all lockers you see open. It pays to have a little fun.

7. If you should be the victim of a direct hit, don't go to pieces; lie still and let the other students tramp on you.

8. If you are really hungry and can't wait, just jump out the window; you will never be noticed (or hungry again).

Frankie Bond with 9 points, took high honors Tuesday night when the Sonora Broncos rolled over the Rocksprings Angoras 27-21. The Broncos led throughout the game. The starters for both teams were:

SONORA		
NO.	NAME	POS.
7	A. Boughton	C
2	B. Chalk	F
10	F. Bond	F
4	C. Hamilton	G
1	D. Street	G

ROCKSPRINGS		
NO.	NAME	POS.
2	S. Owens	C
9	B. Custer	F
4	A. Mathews	F
3	C. Clark	G
11	A. Simpson	G

Substitutes for Sonora were Nance and Robinson. Mitchell was the only Rocksprings substitute.

The boys hope you will turn out to see all the games. A good crowd attended the Rocksprings game. Everybody can play better when they have a cheering crowd behind them, so come out and see the basketball games. You will not be disappointed.

Ali Baba

by Dickie Street

Sonora's basketball team of 1945-46 will be plenty hot. We have seven returning lettermen and good reserves.

The boys have a motto, Ali Baba. The students refer to our basketball team as Ali Baba (Coach) and his five thieves. Last year the Broncos had a fair record, but never won any tournaments.

One of the five thieves is Al Boughton, 6 feet 2½ inches tall. He is a two year letterman and plays a hot game as center.

Another thief is Bubby Chalk. He's 6 feet tall and plays right guard and is also a two year letterman.

The third thief is Dickie Street. Street is 5 feet 7 inches tall and plays left forward, and is also a two year letterman.

Frankie Bond is the fourth thief. He plays left guard and is 6 feet tall. Frankie has also lettered two years.

Clayton Hamilton is ½ of the fifth thief, while Cleveland Nance is the other ½. Both have lettered two years and play good ball. Clayton is 5 feet 5½ inches tall, and Cleveland (Red) is 5 feet 8 inches high.

The team expects to win district and has a cause to beat some teams whose coaches who thought we didn't have a man good enough to be on the first team in the all District football team.

If we beat Mason, Menard, Junction and Eldorado by about 30 points you can be sure that their coaches were against us in football. Give the team some backing, and we will have a few more trophies in our collection.

Friday, Dec. 14 we play Ozona here, and the next Tuesday we play Eldorado here.

Coaches Select
All-District Team
For 1945 Season

The District 4-B all-district team has been selected by the coaches.

The boys who rate first team with us, but only second team with the coaches are Norbert McIntyre, end; Billie Wright Taylor, tackle; Charles Cusenbary, center; Frankie Bond, back, and Al Boughton, back.

Congratulations to these boys. Sonora led with five players on second team. Eldorado led first team.

Season's
Greetings

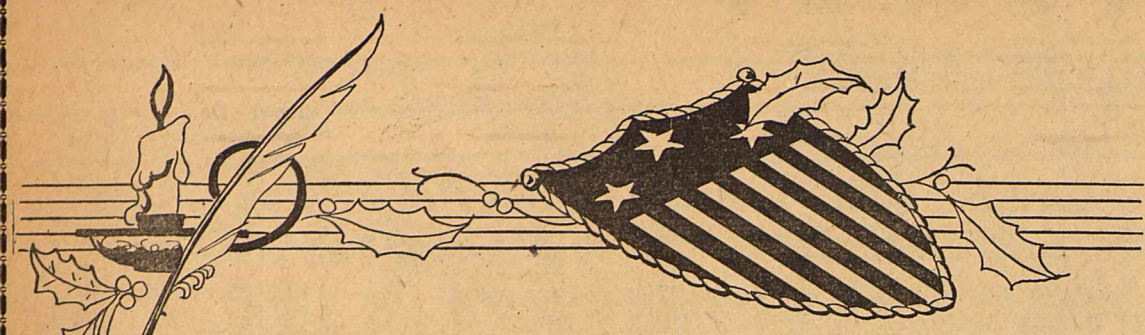
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"THE BRONCO" STAFF

May your Christmas be happy and may this spirit last all through the coming New Year.



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The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

Christmas Greetings

Best Wishes for

The New Year

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime.

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NTSTC To Build New Dormitories

Construction of two additional girls' dormitories at North Texas State College, Denton, have been approved by the board of regents of Texas State Teachers Colleges and bonds amounting to \$1,300,000 to finance the buildings were approved, President W. J. McConnell announced in Denton this week.

Authorization for the expenditure was passed by the board of regents at a two-day meeting Friday and Saturday in Dallas.

George L. Dahl, Dallas architect, has been selected to draw the plans for the buildings. Plans are to be completed by Feb. 1 and contracts will be let and construction should be started by March 15, Dr. McConnell said. The college already has under construction a third dormitory to cost \$261,000, an annex to Oak Street Hall, for which Dahl also is architect.

The two new dormitories will be located on college-owned property facing three other office buildings, Music, Orchestra and Terrill Hall. Dr. McConnell said the construction would necessitate removal of buildings now on the site but these buildings after they are moved will probably continue to function for the same purpose.

With the two new dormitories, the annex now under construction and 50 portable hutments now being erected near the campus for ex-servicemen and their wives, Dr. McConnell said the acute housing shortage "should be pretty well in hand."

COLORADO CITY MAN RE-APPOINTED TO FCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Houston, Dec. 18—Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City has been re-appointed by Governor I. W. Duggan of the Farm Credit Administration, Kansas City, Mo., for a three-year term on the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston, Jack Shelton, FCA general agent, announced here today.

Mr. Thompson, prominent West Texas farmer and stock raiser, and chairman of the board of Texas Technological College at Lubbock, has completed one term of office on the Farm Credit board.

The Farm Credit Administration of Houston, which serves the State of Texas, is composed of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank

INDUSTRIALIZED STATES HAVE HIGHER PER CAPITA INCOMES, SURVEY REVEALS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20—Everybody makes more money as industry develops in a given state or region.

That, at least, is a conclusion which can be drawn from a study of the effect of industrialization in the 13 southern states on per capita income of these states. The study was made by W. E. Morgan, economist with the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service.

Morgan's study was made on the basis of 1940—a fairly normal year—figures.

The analysis showed that as the number of non-farm workers within a given state increased by one per cent, the average per capita income for all gainfully employed persons of that state increased by slightly over eight dollars.

The explanation seems to be that as an industry comes to a region and employs workers there, more money goes into circulation in that trade territory, so that the income of farmers and tradesmen also increases to some extent.

Florida, with 80 per cent of her workers engaged in non-farm occupations, led the southern states in per capita income with \$427. Mississippi, on the other end of the income scale with \$205, had less than half of her gainfully employed persons working off the farm.

Texas ranked third among the cotton states, behind Florida and Virginia, and had 70 per cent of her workers engaged in non-farm enterprises. The per capita income for 1940 was \$419.

Morgan believes that if the proportion of Texans engaged in non-farm occupations can be raised from 70 to 75 per cent within the next few years, the average per capita income will be increased by as much as \$40. The tendency towards increased efficiency in agriculture and industry was taken into consideration in making the estimate, he said.

Mrs. Clay Puckett and daughter, Tootie, will spend the holidays in Marfa.

of Houston, the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, and the Production Credit Corporation of Houston.

Mr. Thompson was re-appointed to the board as the top nominee from three names submitted as a result of balloting among the national farm loan associations in Texas.

U. of T. Has Some Of Nations Best X-Ray Equipment

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—In the physics department laboratory at the University of Texas some of the finest X-Ray equipment to be found in the country is in use daily by students and professors, says Dr. M. Y. Colby, chairman of the department.

"X-Ray touches every part of life," Dr. Colby says, "in the fields of industry, medicine, and science. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of substances by means of X-Ray being used widely."

Included in the University laboratory equipment are two General Electric XRD diffraction units for the study of crystals; high voltage power supplies for nine X-Ray setups, numerous high precision X-Ray spectographs, and adequate vacuum equipment for evacuating X-Ray tubes.

"X-rays are of the same nature as radio waves, heat waves, and light waves, differing only in wave length," the physician says. "While radio waves are a few hundred feet in length, X-ray waves are a billionth of an inch or less in length."

Among its many uses Dr. Colby listed the significance of radiology in the treatment of cancer and other diseases; in setting bones, in locating foreign matter in the body, and in various diagnoses. Further, he pointed out that the X-ray is used to reveal distortion or internal strain in steel girders; to detect defects below the surface of castings such as gas cavities; by jewelers in detecting artificial stones—and even in shoe merchants in fitting shoes.

1946 TO SEE INCREASE IN MEAT PRODUCTION

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19—Production of all classes and types of meat in 1946 is expected to continue at or slightly above the 1945 level, according to a USDA report.

If subsidy payments to slaughterers are removed in 1946, some decline in cattle and hog prices will probably occur.

Pork production may be somewhat greater in 1946 than in 1945, even if market weights of hogs are reduced. Output of lamb and mutton, however, will be somewhat reduced in 1946.



*In the Twilight
of Another Year*



Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS."

City Of Sonora



A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By DR. BOB JONES, JR.

PRESIDENT OF BOB JONES COLLEGE

Cleveland, Tennessee

Pilate and Herod were enemies. That is, they were enemies until the question of what to do with Jesus Christ came up. This was a problem which faced them both. Herod was the ruler of Galilee, and Jesus was a Galilean. Since Herod was visiting in Jerusalem at the time, Pilate threw the problem into his lap. Herod gave it back to Pilate. Both men realized that here was a delicate matter and one in which were possibly locked up forces of revolt and rebellion that neither of them wished to meet. On the basis of this mutual fear and because both lacked the courage to assume responsibility and release an innocent man, they became friends. As Luke's Gospel puts it, "The same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves" (Luke 23:12).

Hatred can also bring together strange allies. When Christ hung on the cross, the priests and leaders of Israel mocked him saying, "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:40). The cry was echoed by the thieves beside Him and by the lowest rabble from the underworld of Jerusalem gathered around the cross. Strange fellowship between priests and thieves, between the national leaders and the outcasts of the population. Yet allies they were, in the business of mocking a dying man. Both classes hated Him—the rulers and religious leaders because He spoke as one having authority and challenged their abuse of place and power and religious influence; the other, because the purity and beauty of His life and the perfection of His character was a constant source of reproof to theirs.

Human nature has not changed much since then. Men who have reason for differing among themselves, men who have strong dislikes the one for the other, still are willing to forget them to join together in attacking a mutual enemy. The recent great war showed striking examples of nations with different political concepts and economic theories fighting side by side against a common

enemy. In the realm of religion, liberal ministers who hate the old Gospel message of individual salvation by the grace of God have joined with the representatives of communistic organizations and atheistic societies in attacking movements like youth for Christ. Christ's words are still true: "He that is not with me is against me" (Matthew 12:30). And when a man is not for Christ, is an enemy of the Gospel, he is quick to join hands with any other man who hates the same soul-stirring, heart-cleansing message and who is an enemy of the same Christ. When church members and drunkards, preachers and atheists, line up together, you can be pretty sure that Jesus Christ is on trial.

INSURED WORKERS FAMILY SHOULD BE TOLD OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

If you are a worker who is building social insurance protection on the job, you should make it your business to tell your family about your social security, said Elliott W. Adams, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Board office.

Tell them that if you die, they may be eligible for monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

Tell them that the law makes special provision for widows with children in their care. Show your family where you keep your social security card.

Tell them in case of your death to take it to the nearest Social Security Board office. There they will get all the help they need to file a claim for benefits—free of charge. Tell them to contact the Board office promptly. Monthly benefits are retroactive for only three months and they may lose some of their payments by delay. If they do not know where the Social Security Board office is, the Post Master will tell them.

SONORA BRONCOS WIN SECOND CAGE GAME

The Sonora Broncos wrapped up their second basketball game of the season here Friday when they defeated the Ozona Lions 17 to 12. The game was a defensive battle most of the way but the Broncos, through the accuracy of the shooting of Chalk, came out on top. Chalk was high point man, tabbing eight points.

TEXAS 1945 WHEAT CROP TOTALS 1,044 MIL. BUSHELS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19—Wheat stored in all positions, on and off farms, totaled about 1,044 million bushels as of October 1, 1945, according to the Crop Reporting Board, USDA. This compared with 1,090 million bushels on the same date in 1944, and 1,115 million bushels in 1943.

The bulk of the 1945 wheat is stored as follows:

Over 539 bushels on farms; more than 191 million bushels in interior mills, elevators and warehouses; almost 131 million bushels in merchant mills; over 170 million bushels in commercial stocks at terminals, and 22 million bushels in Commodity Credit Corporation bins.

NEWS BRIEF

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—Winter semester enrollment in the University of Texas now totals 9,126 students, the Bursar's Office reports. Although this represents the final number who have paid fees, withdrawals will change the final figures somewhat.

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WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

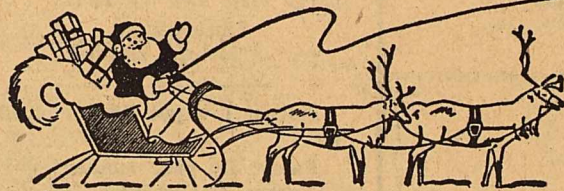
First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



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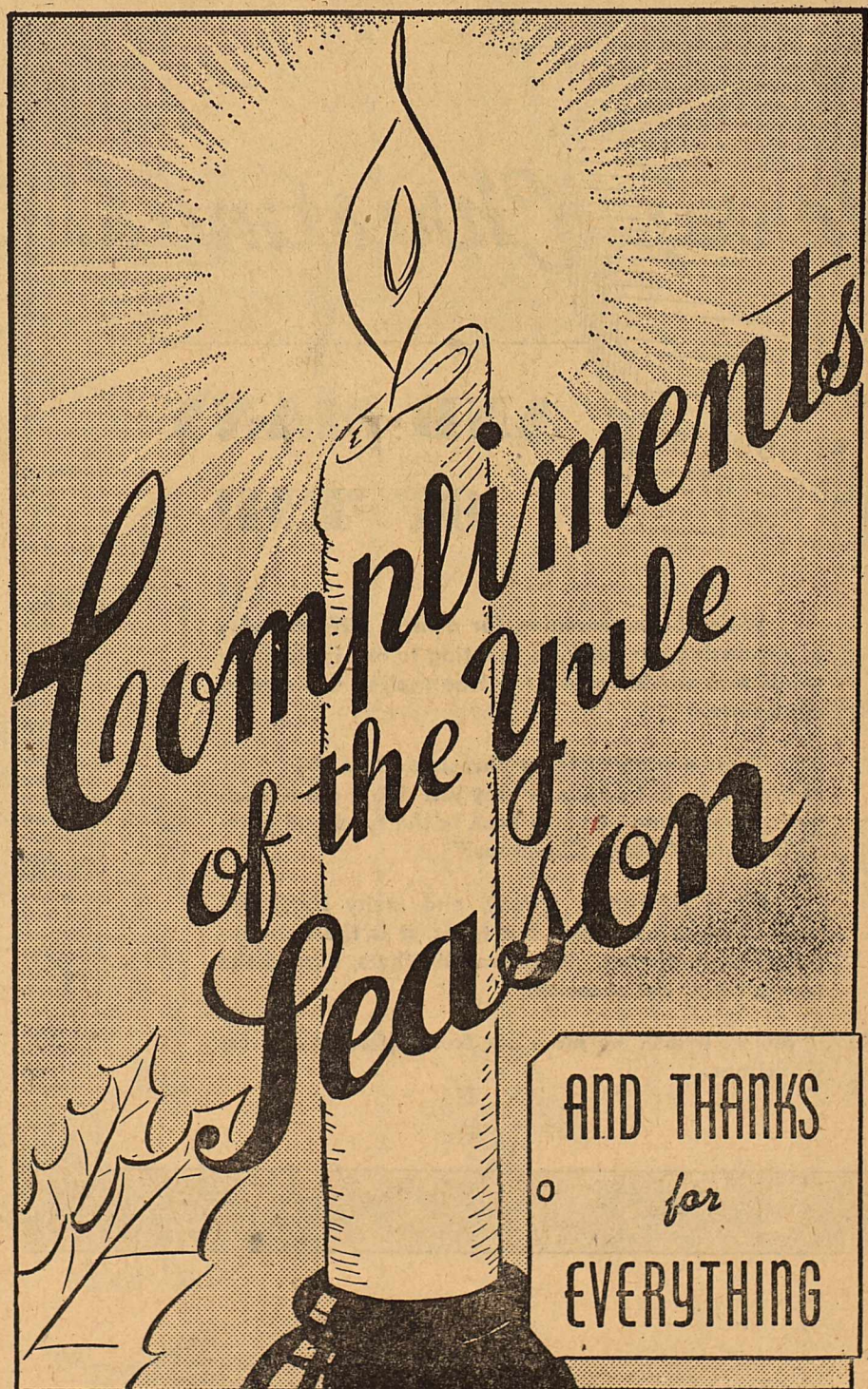


It seems only yesterday we expressed our Christmas greetings but now another year has gone by. Much has happened, and we are sure there have been days and weeks that seemed unusually long to a lot of us. Yet the year passed quickly and once again we arrive at the most glorious season of the year.

Here indeed, is an opportunity to relax, to be contented and to enjoy the associations of our loved ones and the friendships of our acquaintances to the fullest extent.

It's good to have Christmas. Its value is immeasurable because of the feeling of goodwill each has toward another.

So, we wish you a Merry Christmas and trust the next twelve months will speed by as quickly and that much happier days will be found as the New Year gets under way.



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VOLLEY BALL GIRLS
TRAIN FOR BIG SEASON

This year the volley ball girls are coming out every day and are working hard to have the best team in the district.

Under the coaching of Miss Gardner, they are all working to meet the requirements of the main team. These requirements consist of serving fifteen balls in succession, good set-ups, ability to spike, and getting along with the other girls. Under these rules and with such a good coach, Sonora is going to have a volley ball team of which they will be proud.

Miss Gardner has promised the girls a tournament with about thirty teams if they will work hard and show her that they can and will play to win. Trophies will be given to the winner and runner-up. Gold volley balls will be given to the six best players.

Advice To
The Lovelorn

Dear "Helpful Harriett:"

Amanda hit me. She doesn't love me any more. I don't know what I could have done to make her angry. Please tell me what I can do to regain her love, confidence, admiration, and kisses.

Yours truly,
Rudolf

Dear Rudolf,

Your case distresses me very much but maybe Amanda wants to play cave man or something, so the best thing for you to do is to hit her back. If that does not regain her love maybe if you would be real sweet and try being the "ideal" husband. That would probably help. Let me know.

Sincerely,
"Helpful Harriet"

Norva: I've got French blood in me.

Patsy: By your mother?
Norva: No, by transfusion.

A kiss by telephone is like having a dollar on your mind.

Money talks but I never had any long enough to learn its language.

GIGGLES &
GOSSIP

Who were the three couples at the school house Friday night?

They are "Neither Young Nor Too Old" to please Ada Ruth.

Vernon, who was that cute one in red you were dancing with Saturday night?

Scotty, did you enjoy the dance Saturday night?

Whom do certain high school girls refer to as "Smoke Stack?"

Who is the boy that had made a certain Bobbie Jean of Junction want to move to Sonora? Speak up, you!

"She's confusing, but amusing," says Gerald about Polly.

Poor Dickie, bet he's sorry he gave her that magazine article. Aren't you?

Frances, isn't Don strong? Oh! I forgot, you are not too big.

Swoon! Bill! Oh! No, you are wrong. It is not Charlene, it is not Tina, it is Kathryn swooning over Bill that was here with Mr. Price. But it seems he likes a girl with certain initials of T. A. T.

Miss Annie: "Name creatures appearance in order that they come upon earth."

Milton: "After man, came woman, and she's been after him ever since." He denies it, but we think he means Sydonia.

"Gooch" and his pass-word, what he won't do to get a girl to wink at him.

It seems that Al's theme song is "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles."

Don, we hear you say you are through with Jane. Is it so?

Mildred, can't you hear him calling? He says come out, wherever you are. Why don't you?

What created all the excitement the last period Thursday? Little books maybe.

It's strange, isn't it, that Billie Joe and Frankie always close the library window about five minutes before the end of the period—Oh, well, we were just wondering.

HOMEMAKING CLUB GIRLS
ENTERTAIN P. T. A. DEC. 4

The Homemaking Club entertained the P. T. A. Tuesday, December 4. The history, creed, and purposes of the Homemaking Club were read by Joyce Johnson.

"When You Wore A Tulip," "Goodnight Sweetheart," and "White Christmas," were sung by Alice Adkins, Maxine Chalk, Carolyn Johnson, Helen Martin, Jane Neill, Sydonia Nichols, Nina Smith, Tina Ann Taylor, and Betty Spoon. Carolyn Johnson, Tina Ann Taylor, Helen Martin and Sydonia Nichols sang a quartet of "Let the Rest of the World Go By."

SONGS OF THE WEEK

Sydonia to someone in the Philippines—I'll Always Love You.

Nina to Don—I Love You Truly.

Billie Wright to Colleen—Colleen, Colleen.

Raymie Jo to Bubby—Sweetheart of All My Dreams.

Kathryn to Douglas—If I Had Wings.

High School Girls to Peggy Reilly—Smoke Gets In Your Eyes.

Dickie to Jane—I Gonna Love That Gal.

Charles Lee to Bitsy—Cuddle Up A Little Closer.

Don to Jane—A Pair of Broken Hearts.

James to Sue—Let Me Call You Sweetheart.

Gooch to Charlene—Why Don't You Fall In Love With Me?

Tina to Boughton—Don't Sweetheart Me.

Nina to Warty—I'm In Love With Your Automobile.

Francis to Joan—Those Great Big Beautiful Eyes.

Coach to Gooch—Put That Ball In That Basket.

Sonny to . . . —I Wish I Knew.

Frances to Leray—That's For Me.

Jane to Hayden—A Kiss Goodnight.

Frances Jane, quote "Why do we need mistletoe?"

Who was James Theo. screaming at coming home from Sonny's ranch?

Betty, have you made up your mind? Is it Johnny or Sonny?

Bitsy, where is your identification bracelet?

Jimmy surely is getting up in society lately, isn't he?

JUST ADVICE FOR KIDS

Say kids. Better start acting on your best behaviour, because old St. Nick will be here in just a few weeks. You all know Santa is such a good old fellow to us. So let's please him by being good little girls and boys!

By the way, you'd better write those letters because his supplies may run short.

This is just a good little piece of advice; so if I were you, I'd act right away.

GIRLS BEGIN TENNIS

The tennis players have started coming out for tennis this week with Miss Freddie Gardner coaching.

Those coming out are Frances Drennan, Kathryn Ross, Helen Martin, Charlene Hull, Hazel Golden, and Ethel Alley. Everyone else who wishes to come out please do so "6th period study hall days."

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Twenty-four boys are out for basketball. They are divided into two squads, A and B-Squads, of 12 each. There are four boys that are over six feet tall and they are Ward, Chalk, Boughton, and Cusenbary, that ought to give us more height than anyone else in the district. The boys that are not so tall look good as ball handlers and they are Street, Hamilton, Nance, Bond, Sharp and Robinson, J. Cusenbary, Shurley, McIntyre, and Taylor.

On the B Team are B. J. Nance, White, Hunt, Ogden, Regeon, Kile, Odom, Alley, and Allen.

BIG JOKES BUT
LITTLE LAUGHS

Mr. Wendt: "What happens when a body is submerged in water?"

W. W.: "The phone rings."

Jane Neill went to Cuero two weeks ago. She also saw A. and M. and Texas U. play a very exciting football game.

Doctor: "Why do you have FD 318 tattooed on your back?"

Bitsy: "That's not tattooed, Doctor. That's where Bubby ran into me when I was opening the garage door."

Miss Annie: "Frank Leslie, what are the middle ages?"

Frank Leslie: "They used to be thirty-five to fifty; now they're fifty to seventy."

THE eventful happenings of the past twelve months make Christmas this year something more than just a holiday. Americans have been drawn closer together and the ties of mutual understanding are greater now than ever before.

Americans everywhere are grateful to those who have given so unselfishly toward protecting and defending the homes of our nation. Whether they be on home soil or in distant points, their part has been magnificent and worthy of commendation.

Let us not forget what they have done. Our greeting this year is especially with the thought in mind that without the fine youth of this land America could not celebrate Christmas in the traditional spirit.

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Sonora Drug Co.
SONORA, TEXAS

Merry Christmas

SEASON'S
GREETINGS

AND MANY
OF 'EM!

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

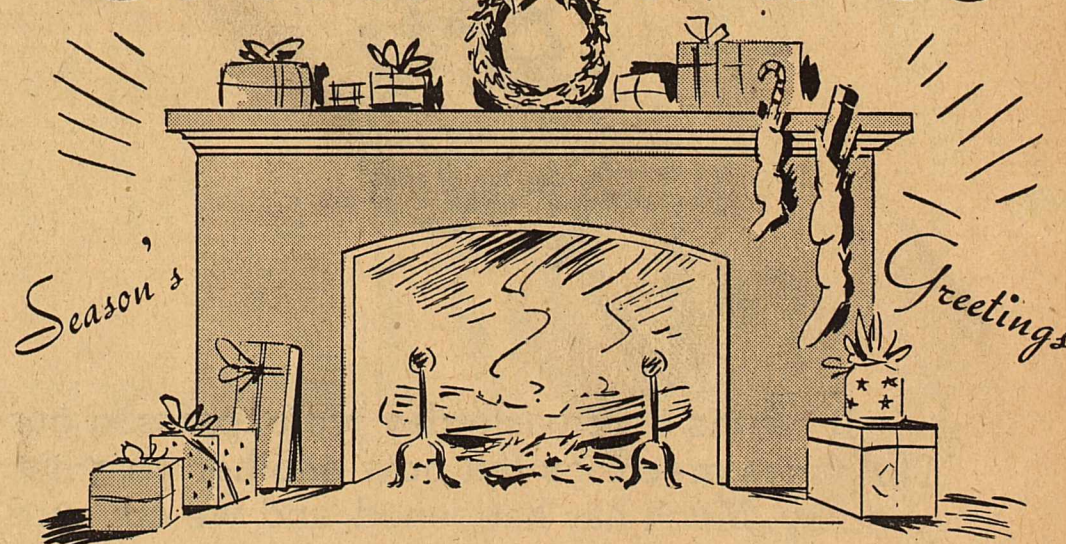
So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

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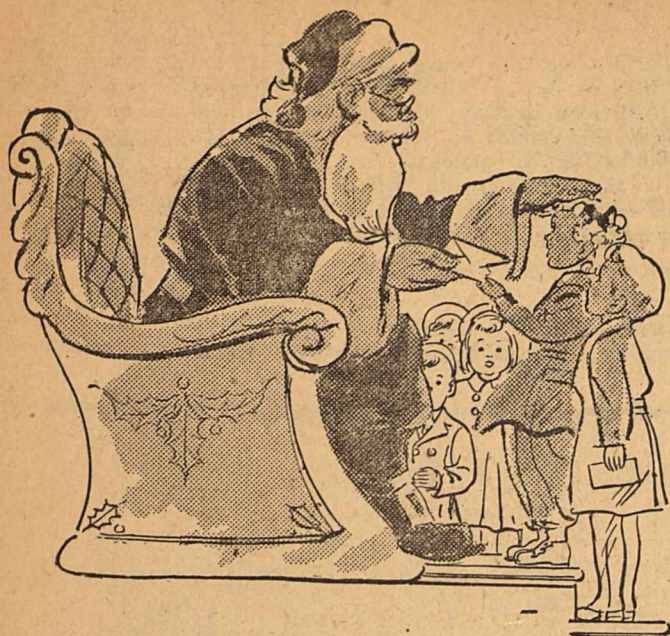


AMERICAN STYLE

The aroma of Yule logs burning . . . gay holly wreaths . . . tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place . . . beribboned gifts and whispered conferences . . . Christmas stockings . . . the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa . . . the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory . . . the associations of loved ones . . . the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all . . . the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts . . . that's Christmas, American style.

May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so preciously, this is our Yuletide wish.

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Dear Santa-

The following letters to Santa Claus, every child's favorite hero, were written by Sutton County's "small fry" as part of their school work.



Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a bunch of little houses with Santa Claus and his reindeer and a doctor set.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Tommy Ray Adams.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a gray-headed doll, a doll bed, a wash tub and a painting set.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Mary Lehne Prater.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a toy train, a scabbard, and a toy drum.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Preston Olen Love.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a doctor set, a bead set and clothes.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Sue Kinser.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me some skates, a doll bed and a table.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Margaret Fay Moore.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a doll and a drum.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Evelyn Wall.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Come to see me.
Please bring me a blackboard, two guns with one belt and a crane.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
James Montgomery.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Come to see me.
Please bring me a blackboard and a little flag.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Bennie Don McPherson.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Come to see me.
Please bring me a football.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Eddy Pearl.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a football and a train.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Kenneth Pritchett.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a nurse set, rubber doll, watch, coat suit, brownie suit, bicycle, cook set?
Your friend Bernice
Thank you.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little Major-ette doll. Bring my little twin brothers some spurs and cowboy hats.
I am 6 and they are 4.
Your friend,
Janis Sykes.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a desk and some paste.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
George Ed Hill.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a football.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Marshall Frank.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade. I have tried to be good.

Please bring me a pair of skates and a cowboy suit.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Bobby Jeffrey.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a gun with a scabbard, and a little play dog.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Jimmy Loy Ward.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
I am in the first grade.
I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a cow-girl suit, a little drum and a hairclasp.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Marsha Ann Kerbow.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll that wears real baby clothes, and bring lots of clothes for the doll. I hope that you can bring me a music box. Please bring my sister a dolly too.
Thank you,
Cynthia

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy in the Second Grade. I am seven years old. I want a music box for my Mother and a leather belt for Daddy Please.
Give happiness to the children every where.
Love Santa from
Billy Bob Ellingson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl in the second grade. Please bring me a set of dishes and a doll and a jumping rope.
Thank you
Neva Jo West

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MEMO TO

Our Friends

Merry Christmas

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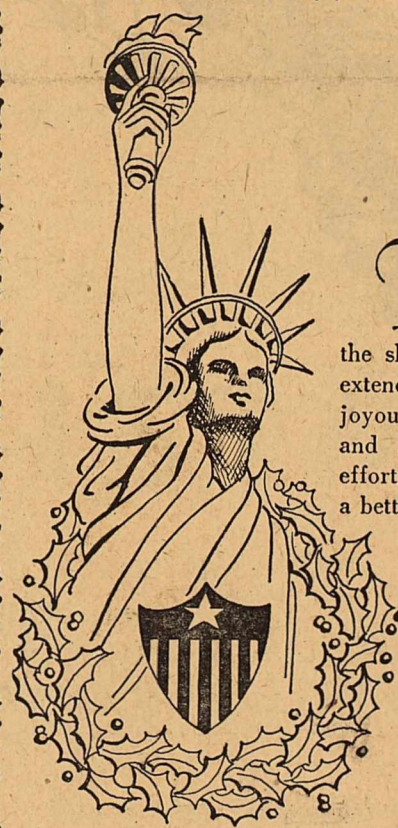
YULETIDE Greetings

WHERE ELSE CAN WE ENJOY THE TYPE OF FREEDOM WE INHERITED MORE THAN IN AMERICA? WHERE ELSE IS THERE AS MUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY AS THAT WHICH IS OURS? THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD THINGS AND GOOD CHEER AND WOULD THAT WE MIGHT SHARE OUR GOOD FORTUNE WITH THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE.

The Ratliff Store



B. W. BABB



TO ALL who live beneath the shining light of freedom, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas. We sincerely and affectionately dedicate our efforts in the coming year toward a better service to our fellow man.

May Peace and Freedom bless the earth and all its peoples.

SAUNDERS FLOWER SHOP

THE KEYNOTE OF CHRISTMAS



HAPPINESS

This Christmas, as always, happiness is the keynote. It determines the blessings which are ours to enjoy and we anticipate the occasion more and more each passing year.

May joy and happiness prevail throughout the land and may the greatest of all occasions be one which you will long remember.

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Mrs. Stella Keene and Miss Katha Lea Keene were in San Angelo Tuesday, Christmas shopping.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, shop our collection. SAUNDERS FLOWER SHOP. Ph. 194. 1tcS

History Of Carols Given at Meeting Of Music Club

The Sonora Music Club met at the home of Mrs. E. E. Sawyer Thursday night with Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Edwin Sawyer and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr. as hostesses. "Hymns" was the title of the program.

The group sang "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", under the direction of Miss Helen Boyd. "The First Noel" was told by Mrs. Margie Evans and was later sung by the group. Jeannene and Darrene Thompson sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem". Mrs. D. L. Locklin told the story of "Joy to the World", which the members sang.

Mrs. E. D. Shurley played Hubert's "Ave Maria", which was followed by "Jingle Bells", sung by the members.

The story of "Silent Night" was related by Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary, and the song, "Silent Night", was sung in unison.

The hostesses served a sandwich plate, cookies and coffee.

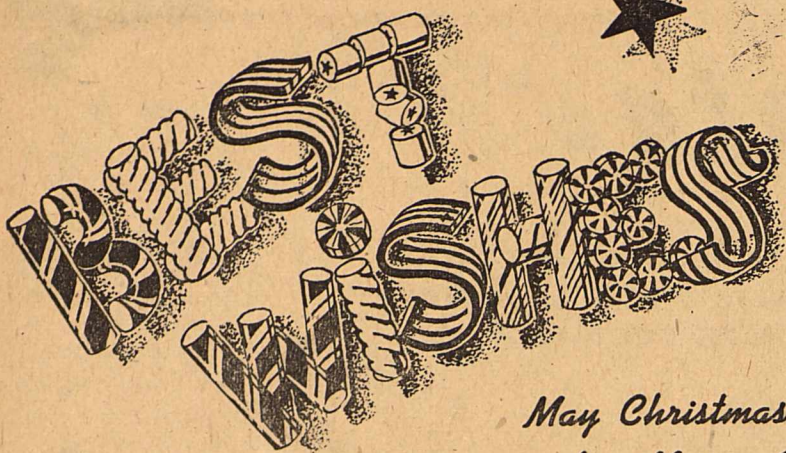
Attending were Mesdames O. G. Babcock, I. B. Boughton, Maysie Brown, B. H. Cusenbary, D. L. Locklin, E. D. Shurley, C. A. Tyler, James Wilson, John Bunnell, Margie Evans, Robert Knott, E. B. Tipton, Sr., and Roy Thompson, and Misses Helen Boyd, Jeannene Thompson and Darrene Thompson.

COX SAYS CHILDREN'S WINTER ILLNESSES MAY BE DANGEROUS

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—Young children may suffer as much from winter illnesses as they do from those commonly known as "summer complaints", in the opinion of Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, and his advice to parents is to guard babies and young children against these winter health hazards.

Influenza, tonsillitis, pneumonia, bronchitis and asthma are included

among those diseases which may be dangerous winter illnesses among young children since they affect the respiratory or breathing system. Pneumonia, in particular, may develop from a neglected cold, it may follow as an after-effect of measles or whooping cough, or it may occur suddenly and with very little warning. Diseases of the respiratory system are more prevalent in winter than in summer and are much more difficult to combat than digestive ailments such as summer complaint.



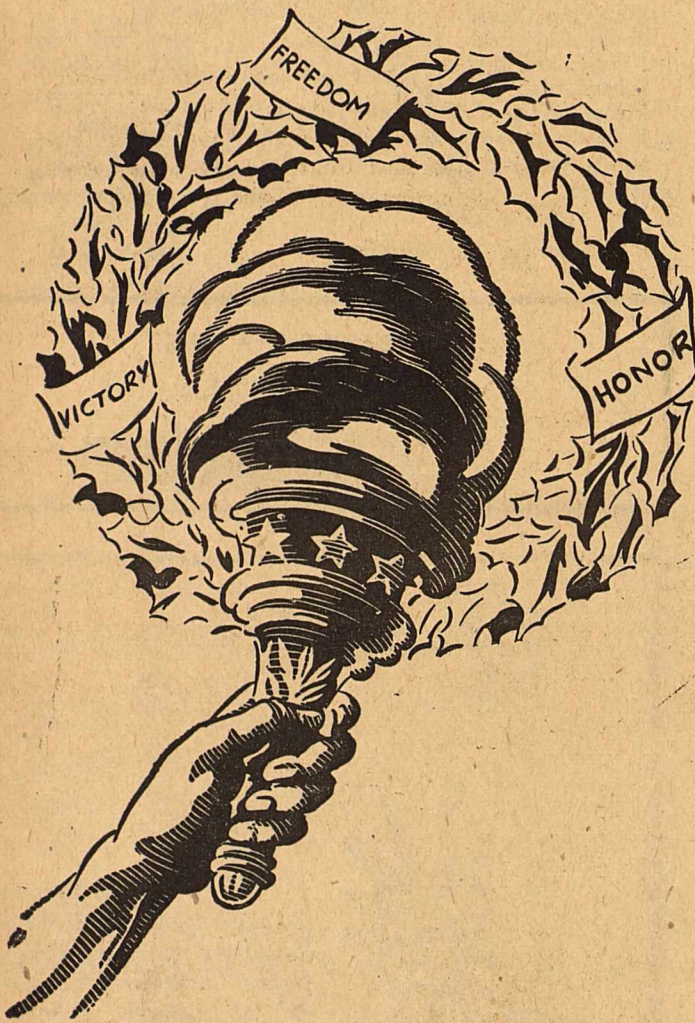
*May Christmas be Long
and a Merry One --- A
Season You will Always
Remember.*

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OF THEM ALL

Greater liberty than we could enjoy elsewhere in the world, is the gift every American enjoys this Christmas. It is yours . . . it is ours . . . given to ourselves because we chose to work and live in freedom.

We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever in our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

Lions Club

HOLIDAY

DANCES

Christmas Night &
New Year's Eve

—AT—

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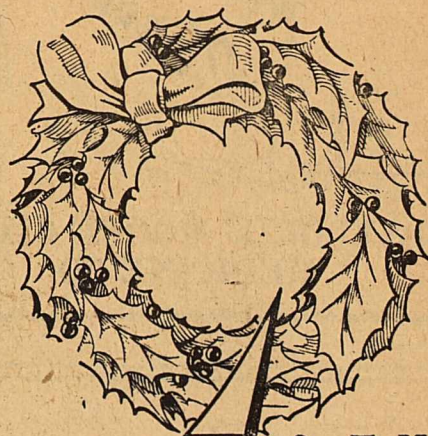
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blessing of giving, we gather
our humble share by giving our
service to this community and
our cordial and heartfelt wishes
for your happiness. May the
Spirit of the Nativity go with
you throughout the coming
year, and may your share of joy
be brightened by the acknowl-
edgment of our appreciation of
your past favors.



GREETINGS

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THE NEW YEAR

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