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Saturday morning Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, will ad dress the assembly on the respon sibilities of the sanitarian in pub lic health work.

These annual meetings are con sidered to be of great importance in the advancement of public health since they bring together public health officials and sanitation ex perts from every section of the state for a discussion of state-wide as well as local problems and the for mulation of plans and methods of procedure of benefit to the public health program as a whole. All sani tation problems that have arisen throughout the year are presented for discussion and possible solution by the local sanitarians where such problems exist. Dr. Cox has an nounced that he expects at least 200 sanitarians and other health officials to be present.

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EVIEWING . . . . . PROMOTING

Another year is fast coming to close and we are really not pre pared to greet the new year in the gracious manner that we should— anyway there is not much we can do but take things as they come and in the highest spirit possible.

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We are publishing our Christmas edition of the Review this week and in it are greetings from many of the merchants of this city to their patrons and friends. The mes sages printed do not carry the full expressions of these firms but only a small part, due to the fact that it is very difficult to publicly express this feeling.

We would like for our readers to carefully read the contents of each of these greetings, and then express their thanks to the business man. This will make him feel that he has accomplished some thing and he will strive harder in the future to please you in every way. This will only take a minute of your time and the good that will be derived from it cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Merchants of this town have en joyed a good business this year despite the fact that merchandise has been rationed and hard to get. They have done their utmost to secure the type of merchandise that you wanted and needed. If at any time you called for something and they were out, their faces beamed with that familiar "I'm sorry, we're out at the present, and come back again" smile which is very much appreciated. It seems that some firms, especially in larg er cities, are snobby and impolite when you go into their store. We want to say, now, that that attitude is no prevalent here in Cross Plains. You are always welcome.

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Christmas again! And, it appears difficult for everyone to get in the mood for it this year, everything going just as it is. We cannot think of a great deal to say that would help in any way to remedy the situation, so we will take this op portunity to say that we have greatly enjoyed associating with you, and extend our heartiest greet ings to you for a good Christmas and a brighter New Year.

METHODIST CHOIR TO GIVE CANTATA ON CHRISTMAS EVE NITE

The Methodist choir will present a Christmas cantata on Sunday night, December 24, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Church.

The program is scheduled to last about forty-five minutes or an hour.

Everyone is invited to attend this program and share in the blessed ness of this occasion.

An outline of the program for the evening is as follows:

Prelude: Instrumental music
Solo: Jack Ripper
Narrator: Luke 2:1-7
Choir: "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Narrator: Luke 2:8-12
Solo: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," by Jack Ripper
Narrator: Luke 2:13-14
Choir: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Special: "The First Noel"
Narrator: Luke 2:15-16
Choir: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"
Narrator: Luke 2:17-20
Choir: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"
Narrator: Reading
Finale: Choir—"Joy to the World"
Benediction: Pastor
Choral Response: Three Fold Amen

TRUSTEES EXTEND CONTRACT OF SUPT. A. J. McCUIN

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday night, Decem ber 18, at the local high schol, the contract of Superintendent A. J. McCuin was extended for two years. His present contract calle for one more year.

Superintendent McCuin has been connected with the local schoo system for three years, serving as principal one year, and this being the second year as Superintendent.

Trade at Home

CHRISTMAS



Holly on the door and a candled wreath in the window. Stockings by the fireplace, carols in the dark, and the jeweled Christmas tree glittering through the night. What would Christmas be without them?
The answer is . . . it would still be Christmas.

For Christmas isn't symbols . . . Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up, overflows, bursts forth from the heart of every human being. It goes far beyond the traditional forms of our American observance . . . adopts a hundred different forms all over the world and transcends them all. Christmas is the swetest emotional experience shared at one time by mankind.

There's not a flake of snow in the South Pacific tonight, not a single tinkling sleigh-bell. But the tender joy of Christmas fills fighting Americans hearts on every atoll and palm-fringed isle. There are no street-singers in the North Atlantic, nor a Christmas tree in all its watery waste of miles. The men on the icy convoys need no symbols to remind them . . . their thoughts and love and prayers tonight are winging home to you.

So let not the absence of a loved one depress you or steal your holiday joy. The Spirit of Christmas is working in his heart as in yours; he is sharing your Christmas with you just as certainly as if he were greeting you in the glow of your own lighted tree — as he will, most assuredly, on a Christmas yet to come.

Letters To Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus,
Please remember every little boy and girl. I want a doll, something for daddy and mother and something for my sister.
Please remember my teacher.
Thank you,
Coriene McAnally

Dear Santa Claus,
It is almost Christmas and I haven't told you just what I would like for you to bring me, I would love a pretty baby doll, a toy wrist watch, a jumping rope, and a big painting book.
Santa I guess that will be all I want besides a lot of candy and good things to eat.
Just a little friend,
Sylvia Fortune

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll, a doll blanket and a set of dishes.
Good bye,
Lena Murrell Sliger

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that can open and shut her eyes and turn her head. I also want a paint book and some dishes. Santa don't forget Butch and Larry Gene.
I have been a good little girl this year and would like some candy and nuts also.
Your little friend,
Donna Sue Hefner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and doll bed. I have been a good little girl.
Please remember my little friends.
Your friend,
Linda Kay King

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old and mother says I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a big doll, some new house shoes, and a bath robe. I have a little sister, and a little niece, so be sure and don't forget them.
Always your little friend,
Glenda Faye McMillan

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a cowboy gun and holster for Christmas. A puzzle and some games, some candy and fruits too.
Please don't forget Harlie Jo.
Lots of love,
Harold Dale Gary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a rag doll and a new testament. Santa don't forget any little boys and girls anywhere.
Love,
Bernice Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. Will you please bring me a gun and sword. I would like a few nuts and candy. Santa Leave the best for my two brothers overseas.
Your little friend,
Delbert Tennison

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three years old. I love my mother and daddy. Will you please bring me a tommy gun and some nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
Clois Tennison

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good little girl, so please bring me a doll and a dish set, and anything else you have. Bring my baby sister something, too, and also all the little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Mary Ada Cavanaugh

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I go to school and am in the first grade. I want a doll for Christmas, and a doll bed. Also some fruit and nuts and candy. Please bring my little sister a doll and doll bed also. Her name is Dorothy.
With love,
Zona Champion

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football, some boxing gloves, a combat phone and army set. Also some fruit and candy.
Love,
Benny Ray Glover

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bed and some new clothes for my doll and a table with chairs and dishes. I would like to have some candy and apples, too.
Love,
Geraldine Sledge

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some toys if you have them, also some candy and fruit. I like games.
Love,
Ray Helberg
P. S. Santa don't bring me a wooden man that walks because daddy is sending me one from Italy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and scabbard and some candy, nuts. I want you to send all of the other little boys and girls what they want and send them candy and nuts, too. I have been good.
Love,
Kenneth Tennison

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pretty doll without hair, some dishes, and a play telephone.
Thank you,
Johnnie Kathryn Fortune

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and some dishes and a paper doll book. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Charlene Bell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl four years old and my name is Mary Scott. I would like for you to bring me a doctors kit, a nurses kit, a doll with an evening dress, a blackboard, a cabinet, a sewing kit, and a garden set.
Santa, I have lots of little friends that you must not forget because they have been good too.
Your friend,
Mary Scott

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and I realize it is hard for you to have enough toys to go around this year, but I have been a good little girl and would like very much to have a doll with an evening dress, a doctor set, and some doll clothes.
Please remember all of my little friends, also my daddy who is in Belgium.
Your little friend,
Adelia Stone

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of white boots. Also bring me a paper doll book if you have plenty of them. Will you bring my sister a manicure set. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Marilyn Copeland

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me some fireworks, nuts and candy. I want a bicycle, a billfold, a football and pump.
Please don't forget my mother, father, brother and little friends.
Yours truly,
Sammie Drew Hill

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a raincoat. Don't forget my brothers.
Please remember all of the good little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Joyce Nell Tyler

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ring and a pair of houseshoes. Santa don't forget my brothers, sisters, and little friends.
Yours truly,
Delma Jean Newton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a gun, and a new wagon. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Eddie Champion

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and some cars. Bring my little brother a tricycle, and bring my sister a doll.
Please don't forget all the other good little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
C. W. Bell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll and a little wrist watch. Please don't forget my brothers in the service, one is in Killeen, and the other one is overseas.
Don't forget my friends and the other good little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Ruby Green

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl who wants a little doll and a suit case for Chirstmas. Don't forget the other little girls.
I want some dishes also. Please bring them.
Your little friend,
Oris Merrill

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a blanket for my doll. Please bring me a buggy and a set of dishes. My brother wants a gun for Christmas. Please bring my brother a little wagon and bank and also some other toys.
Please Santa, don't forget the boys in service.
Yours truly,
Jackie Goble

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some candy. Please bring me a bracelet, a doll, and don't forget the other little boys and girls. I guess that is all.
Please bring Nelda a doll and some other things for her. I have another sister and brother and don't forget them.
Yours truly,
Ruby Jean Dillard

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of black boots. I also want a doll and a pretty story book.
Don't forget to bring the other boys and girls something for Christmas, too. Santa will you please bring my brother a bicycle and a toy gun.
Your little friend,
Mildred Gage

Dear Santa,
Please Santa will you bring me a gun, a car, a wagon, and a bicycle. Plese don't forget all of my little friends.
Yours truly,
Jimmy Rice

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a gun. Please don't forget my little sister and the other boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Garman Parrish

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a game. My brother wants a farm set. Don't forget my grandmother, she wants apples, candy, and nuts.
Yours truly,
Delma Jean Luttrell

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a gun, bicycle, and a wagon. Santa don't forget my little friends.
Yours truly,
Tommy Ray Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and a bicycle and don't forget the other children.
Yours truly,
Eddie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a football, a bicycle. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. I have been a good little boy.
Yours truly,
Dannie Pinkston

Dear Santa,
Bring me a football and a basketball, and don't forget the other little children.
Yours truly,
Harold Dean Hinkles

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring me a doll and my brothers a gun. Please don't forget my friends. Santa do not forget the soldier boys. That is all, good bye.
Yours truly,
Wilda Queen

Dear Santa,
I want a live pony, saddle, and boxing glaves.
Your little friend,
Harlon Lloyd Longley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football, bicycle, and a gun. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Yours truly,
James Barnard

Dear Santa,
Do you have many toys this year?
Please bring me a bicycle and a saddle and bridle. Don't forget my two brothers and all the rest of the good boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Carl Lamont King

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and pony. Don't forget my brother and sister. My brother also wants a bicycle and my sister wants a pony. Remember the other little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Donald Clifton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football. Don't forget my little sister, she wants a big doll. Don't forget my half brothers. They want a set for servicemen. Don't forget my mother and father. Mother wants a set of dishes and my father a car, please.
I think I have been a good boy.
Yours truly,
Roy Gautney

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I have been very good. Please bring me a doll, suit case, and some dishes. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Nelda Lavern Clark,
7 years old.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun for Christmas. Please bring my little brother a ball. Please don't forget my brothers and sisters and the other boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Dalton Brown

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a watch, bicycle, monoply board, fruit, nuts, candy, and most of all I want the war to be over, if not by Christmas, I want my brother in the navy to come home, and I want his shipmates to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Please don't forget all the children all around the world.
Lots of love,
Marie Smith

Dear Santa,
Christmas I would like a camping set with tent and equipment. I would also like a pair of black riding pants, a white shirt, some nuts and fruit. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Howard Lee Neel

Dear Santa,
I am a girl of 11 years of age and am in the sixth grade. It is only a few days until Christmas so I will tell you what I want most of all. I would like a ring so very much also a doll model set. I would like to wish everyone the happy Christmas known.
Your friend always,
Barbara Garett

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 12 years old and in the 6 grade. All I want is a locket, books, and games.
Yours truly,
Marianna Glenn
P. S. Bring everyone a Christmas and a Happy New

Dear Santa,
I don't want much of a this year. This is what I w twenty-two target, some shells, dy, oranges, apples, and that all.
Love,
Fred Dill

Dear Santa,
I am a good little girl. I want so apples, candy, and a jumping rop
Yours truly,
Lucille Barnerd

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a stretch bracelet, and some nuts, oranges, and candy.
Yours truly,
Bettie Lou Robbins,

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some candy and a stretch bracelet, a ring, a necklace, some oranges, apples, and nuts. I would also like a jumping rope and ball.
Yours truly,
Robena Howard

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle, football, and helmet.
Yours truly,
James Vernon Baum

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun for Christmas and candy, oranges, and apples.
Yours truly,
Donald Illingsworth

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a stretch bracelet. Please bring me some apples, candy, and oranges.
How are you? I am alright.
Pleaseo bring me a basketball, and a letter bridge doll.
Yours truly,
Rosemary Spencer

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I want a BB gun for Christmas. I hope the soldiers overseas get something. I have been good in school. I will have my stocking hanging up.
Your little friend,
Gene Bush

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring me a BB gun. Please don't forget mother and daddy, sister, and brother, and those who are overseas. Don't forget my little friends either.
Billy Sam Schaffner



FOR THE 18TH YEAR WE WISH YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR — AND A SPECIAL GREETING TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE.
SIMS DRUG COMPANY

NOTICE
Our laundry will be closed from 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, December 23, until Monday morning, January 1st.
Cox Laundry



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmastime its transcendent glory.
We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.
CITY OF CROSS PLAINS

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!
Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?
At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!
RESPESS AND STRAHAN

THE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.
Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!
GOOD WILL
MRS. SCOTT'S FLORAL



LOYALTY works both ways. You have been loyal to us, and we are loyal to you.
To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
MERRYMAN LAUNDRY

To Our Customers
We will close at Saturday noon, December 23rd, and remain closed until January 1st.
Merryman Laundry



Noel! Noel!
While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.
CONLEE'S CAFE

PIONEER

(By Mrs. W. E. Rodgers)

. and Mrs. K. F. Botts received urple Heart that was awarded or of their son, who was action in September while is duty. They also received last week that another een wounded in action.

W. Huntington, on his way nview, Ill, to San Diego, sited relatives here last

Mrs. John Fore visited nd Mrs. Charlie Huntington isco, Sunday.

Pvt. Bill Slaughter is spending furlough here with his family at Cross Plains with his par-

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fore and Mrs. B. Huntington were shopping Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips and by of Houston visited his parts, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips, nday.

Mrs. John Ragland spent the week d at Brownwood with Mr. and rs. John Elkins.

Mrs. Pearl Lane of Miles is visit- friends and relatives here. Her ster will accompany her home.

Walter Smith of Pioneer will substitute as janitor for the school the placehWSHRDLMFYYYY r W. W. Phillips during January hile Mr. Phillips undergoes medi- l treatment.

Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers had a easant surprise Thursday when eir son, Cecil, who is in the Navy, id them a visit while awaiting rther orders. He was one of the ew on the U. S. S. Prneeton that as reported sunk on October 24th.

Mrs. S. R. Crochran and Mrs. Clark made a business trip to oleman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rodgers and amily of Amarillo, and Mr. and rs. W. B. Cochrn and daughter Borger are visiting in the home Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers and with heir brother, who has just returned rom the South Pacific.

Try Review Want Ads

Happenings

From the Review Files of 1934

January 19—V. C. Ramsey, local automobile mechanic was fatally injured when he fell from the back of a truck while trying to detect a defect in the truck.

Jan. 19—C. A. Lotief announces for reelection to State Legislature from the 107th District.

Jan. 19—Bill Lowe named Magnolia agent here.

Jan. 26—Cross Plains joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the President's birthday with a ball in the Polishuk building.

Jan. 26—The Lions Club was host to District Governor W. J. Danforth in a special banquet here.

Jan. 31—J. C. McDermitt, dean among West Texas cattlemen, crossed over the eternal divide to never again assist in round-ups over the ranges that he rode consistently for more than half a century.

Jan. 31—Price McFarland, pioneer Callahan County resident, and city marshal of Baird, died unexpectedly at his home Monday afternoon.

Feb. 2—J. G. Keyes, coach of athletics, leaves to accept position in Lubbock.

Feb. 9—Price McQueen, Howard Payne athlete, was elected to fill Goober Keyes place as coach of athletics in Cross Plains high.

Feb. 16—Jesse McAdams opens Ford agency here.

Feb. 16—J. G. Saunders, local blacksmith, fell and died instantly in a drug store at Rising Star.

Feb. 16—City wins lake suit.

Feb. 19—A. G. Crabb, formerly of this place, died in a hospital in San Angelo from a heart ailment.

Feb. 19—C. W. (Ches) Barr becomes owner of the Schooley Bakery.

March 9—H. D. Lawrence, local oil operator, succumbs at his home.

March 9—Jesse McAdams runs for Mayor.

March 23—Doyle Arnold, exconvict and wife slayer given death sentence in County trial. The only other death sentence given in Callahan County was in 1905, when a Mexican was hanged on the Courthouse lawn after having been given death for the fatal stabbing of a waitress in a Baird cafe.

March 23—County track meet to be held here over the week-end.

March 27—Double funeral for uncle an dnephew, A. C. Merryman and A. M. Younglove, held at Burkett.

April 6—Collins defeats McAdams for mayor of city.

April 6—"Uncle" Dick Stone, pioneer rancher of this section for more than four decades, dies at his home here, interment in Cross Cut Cemetery. He had been in ill health for several years and his condition grew grave last week.

April 5—Lightening hits John Baum home here.

April 11—Russell Dennis ordained a Baptist minister in special service at the Baptist Church Wednesday evening.

April 22—Sunday shows began in Cross Plains for the first time in years.

April 26—Ed. Curry throws sombrero in ring for representative.

April 28—Beer goes on sale in Callahan County for first time in years.

May 11—Seniors present annual close of school play.

May 18—Sch close here.

May 25—A g through the three miles taking four to railroad track said he believ of the giant bu could do nothi plunge. Beside others were i

May 25—I tist minister, laureate serm auditorium. Christian Phil

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June 15.—E Plymouth deal

June 22—A Mrs. Lige Del Hounshell, be were beaten a revolver an with $40.00.

June 22—V science and bu instructor in school for th tendered his board of trust sion to accep bany.

June 29—F hunted near h

July 27—51s with Best in celebration wa at ten o'clock Gaines and T of this place riage at the fore a crowd

July 27—A. at his home h ment.

Aug. 10—Ba fatal to Cotto fee, well kno ness man and day from an i was struck in ball.

Aug. 17—I Abilene high College grid coach the Bu

Aug. 24—O guests at the Picnic and ol the McDermit west of Cross

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Sept. 7—Ge A. G. Foster part of town.

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Sept. 21—celebrates bei for 47 years.

Sept. 28—I new school spread lunch and one act

Oct. 5—An early settler this Hotel, d

Oct. 19—A Tuesday nigh



There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.
MC'S VARIETY STORE



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.
You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!
MARINELLO BEAUTY SHOP



We want you to get just what and to be just as happy as you We want you to be happier this C of 1944 than you have ever bee As for us, we are more gratef this Christmas than ever befo marks a peak in our pleasant We could not allow this import sion to slip by without wishing
MERRY CHRIST
S. N. FOSTER GROCE

also a doll model set. I would
like to wish everyone the happ
Christmas known.

Your friend always,
Barbara Garertt

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 12 years old and in the
grade. All I want is a locket,
books, and games.

Yours truly,
Marianna Glenn

P. S. Bring everyone a
Christmas and a Happy New

Dear Santa,

I don't want much of an
this year. This is what I w
twenty-two target, some shells,
dy, oranges, apples, and that
all.

Love,
Fred Dill

Dear Santa,

I am a good little girl. I want so
apples, candy, and a jumping rop

Yours truly,
Lucille Barnerd

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want
a stretch bracelet, and some nuts
oranges, and candy.

Yours truly,
Bettie Lou Robbins

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some candy and a stretch
bracelet, a ring, a necklace, some
oranges, apples, and nuts. I would
also like a jumping rope and ball.

Yours truly,
Robena Howard

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle, football, and
helmet.

Yours truly,
James Vernon Baum

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun for Christmas and
candy, oranges, and apples.

Yours truly,
Donald Illingsworth

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good little girl.
Please bring me a stretch bracelet.
Please bring me some apples, candy,
and oranges.

How are you? I am alright.

Pleanse bring me a basketball, and
a letter bridge doll.

Yours truly,
Rosemary Spencer

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. I want a BB gun for
Christmas. I hope the soldiers over-
seas get something. I have been
good in school. I will have my stock-
ing hanging up.

Your little friend.
Gene Bush

Dear Santa,

Santa please bring me a BB gun.
Please don't forget mother and
daddy, sister, and brother, and those
who are overseas. Don't forget my
little friends either.

Billy Sam Schaffner

To Our Customers

We will close at Saturday noon, December 23rd, and remain closed until January 1st.

Merryman Laundry



Noel! Noel!

While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

CONLEE'S CAFE

PIONEER

(By Mrs. W. E. Rodgers)

and Mrs. K. F. Botts received
urple Heart that was awarded
jor of their son, who was
action in September while
s duty. They also received
last week that another
been wounded in action.

W. Huntington, on his way
nview, Ill, to San Diego,
sited relatives here last

Mrs. John Fore visited
d Mrs. Charlie Huntington
isco, Sunday.

Pvt. Bill Slaughter is spending
furlough here with his family
at Cross Plains with his par-

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fore and Mrs.
B. Huntington were shopping
Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips and
by of Houston visited his par-
ts, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips,
nday.

Mrs. John Ragland spent the week
d at Brownwood with Mr. and
rs. John Elkins.

Mrs. Pearl Lane of Miles is visit-
friends and relatives here. Her
ster will accompany her home.

Walter Smith of Pioneer will sub-
itute as janitor for the school
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r W. W. Phillips during January
hile Mr. Phillips undergoes medi-
l treatment.

Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers had a
easant surprise Thursday when
eir son, Cecil, who is in the Navy,
id them a visit while awaiting
rther orders. He was one of the
ew on the U. S. S. Prneeton that
as reported sunk on October 24th.

Mrs. S. R. Crochran and Mrs.
Clark made a business trip to
oleman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rodgers and
mily of Amarillo, and Mr. and
rs. W. B. Cochrn and daughter
Borger are visiting in the home
f Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers and with
heir brother, who has just returned
rom the South Pacific.

Try Review Want Ads



There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.

MC'S VARIETY STORE



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

MARINELLO BEAUTY SHOP

Happenings 10 Years Ago

From the Review Files of 1934

January 19—V. C. Ramsey, local automobile mechanic was fatally injured when he fell from the back of a truck while trying to detect a defect in the truck.

Jan. 19—C. A. Lotief announces for reelection to State Legislature from the 107th District.

Jan. 19—Bill Lowe named Magnolia agent here.

Jan. 26—Cross Plains joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the President's birthday with a ball in the Polishuk building.

Jan. 26—The Lions Club was host to District Governor W. J. Danforth in a special banquet here.

Jan. 31—J. C. McDermitt, dean among West Texas cattlemen, crossed over the eternal divide to never again assist in round-ups over the ranges that he rode consistently for more than half a century.

Jan. 31—Price McFarland, pioneer Callahan County resident, and city marshal of Baird, died unexpectedly at his home Monday afternoon.

Feb. 2—J. G. Keyes, coach of athletics, leaves to accept position in Lubbock.

Feb. 9—Price McQueen, Howard Payne athlete, was elected to fill Goober Keyes place as coach of athletics in Cross Plains high.

Feb. 16—Jesse McAdams opens Ford agency here.

Feb. 16—J. G. Saunders, local blacksmith, fell and died instantly in a drug store at Rising Star.

Feb. 16—City wins lake suit.

Feb. 19—A. G. Crabb, formerly of this place, died in a hospital in San Angelo from a heart ailment.

Feb. 19—C. W. (Ches) Barr becomes owner of the Schooley Bakery.

March 9—H. D. Lawrence, local oil operator, succumbs at his home.

March 9—Jesse McAdams runs for Mayor.

March 23—Doyle Arnold, exconvict and wife slayer given death sentence in County trial. The only other death sentence given in Callahan County was in 1905, when a Mexican was hanged on the Courthouse lawn after having been given death for the fatal stabbing of a waitress in a Baird cafe.

March 23—County trach meet to be held here over the week-end.

March 27—Double funeral for uncle an dnephew, A. C. Merryman and A. M. Younglove, held at Burkett.

April 6—Collins defeats McAdams for mayor of city.

April 6—"Uncle" Dick Stone, pioneer rancher of this section for more than four decades, dies at his home here, interment in Cross Cut Cemetery. He had been in ill health for several years and his condition grew grave last week.

April 5—Lightening hits John Baum home here.

April 11—Russell Dennis ordained a Baptist minister in special service at the Baptist Church Wednesday evening.

April 22—Sunday shows began in Cross Plains for the first time in years.

April 20—Ed. Curry throws sombrero in ring for representative.

April 28—Beer goes on sale in Callahan County for first time in years.

May 11—Seniors present annual close of school play.

May 18—School terms draw to a close here.

May 25—A greyhound bus plunged through the wall of an overpass three miles west of Cisco, Tex., taking four to their deaths on the railroad tracks below. The driver said he believed the steering gear of the giant bus broke and that he could do nothing to stop its deadly plunge. Besides the four killed 3 others were injured.

May 25—Dr. C. A. Voyles, Baptist minister, delivered Baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium. His text was "The Christian Philosophy of Life."

June 8—Hiram G. Craig, 20-year old horseman, completed his 500 mile ride when he reached town Saturday afternoon at 3:30. He explained that the reason for the ride from Houston to Cross Plains via Brenham was that he wanted to be at the bedside of his dying sister, Mrs. Nancy Lou Merryman, who succumbed a few hours before he reached here.

June 15.—E. A. Calhoun becomes Plymouth dealer here.

June 22—Aged Cross Cut couple, Mrs. Lige DeBusk and Mrs. Abbie Hounshell, beaten by bandit. They were beaten about the head with a revolver and the robber escaped with $40.00.

June 22—William V. Wheeler, science and business administration instructor in Cross Plains high school for the past three years, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees in a regular session to accept a position in Albany.

June 29—Four Lubbock fugitives hunted near here.

July 27—51st Picnic said to rank with Best in Events history. The celebration was brought to a finale at ten o'clock when Miss Leora Gaines and Truett Lovelace, both of this place were joined in marriage at the speakers platform before a crowd estimated at 5,000.

July 27—A. H. Graves succumbs at his home here from a heart ailment.

Aug. 10—Base ball accident proves fatal to Cottonwood man, Opal Coffee, well known Cottonwood business man and athlete died Wednesday from an injury caused when he was struck in the face with a base ball.

Aug. 17—Buck Osborn, former Abilene high school and McMurray College grid star, was elected to coach the Buffaloes.

Aug. 24—Old timers to be honor guests at the annual McDermitt Picnic and old settlers reunion at the McDermitt ranch seven miles west of Cross Plains

Sept. 7—School to open new term.

Sept. 7—Geo. R. Neel purchases A. G. Foster residence in North part of town.

Sept. 14—Floyd Halbert named captain of local football team.

Sept. 21—Prospects for hi-way 36 brighter.

Sept. 21—Miss Eliza Gilliland celebrates being with Baird Star for 47 years.

Sept. 28—Cottonwood dedicates new school building with basket spread luncheon, baseball games, and one act play.

Oct. 5—Andrew Jackson Mathis, early settler and owner of the Mathis Hotel, dies suddenly.

Oct. 19—A. J. Gensley stricken Tuesday night at K of P Banquet, died before medical aid could be administered.

Oct. 19—J. E. Pittman sustained broken leg at Baird and Cross Plains football game.

Nov. 2—Utility rates reduced.

Nov. 2—W. H. Norred well-known Putnam merchant dies.

Nov. 16—Rev. J. C. Mann succeeds Rev. J. C. Scoggins as Methodist pastor.

Nov. 23—Christmas lights will burn over five blocks downtown, beginning December 1st.

Dec. 1—Marriage vows were recited by Miss Faye Bishop of Coleman and Molton Sims of Cross Plains.

Dec. 8—W. C. Adams, justice of the peace here, dies after extended illness.

Dec. 10—J. E. Pittman dies of injuries received while watching Baird and Cross Plains football game.

Dec. 28—Skeleton of former Cross Plains man found hanging in a tree in a densely wooded section near Rising Star. He had been gone for twenty months.

Dec. 28—Editor of aBird Star, Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, died at her home in Baird after a brief illness.

RANDALL J. AIKEN RECEIVES COMMISSION AS ENSIGN IN NAVY

Midshipman Randall J. Aiken, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Aiken of this city, was among 1023 men commissioned as Ensigns, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held recently in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. The group was the twenty-first class to be graduated from this oldest and largest Naval Reserve Officer's School, and brings the total number of graduates from the New York school to more than 18,700.

Principal speaker at the ceremony was Assistant Secretary of Navy Ralph A. Bard. The officer's oath was administered by Commodore John K. Richards, USN, Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Training Center.

Randall graduated from the Cross Plains high school with the class of 1940.

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GUNN COMMUNITY NEWS

(By Mrs. Doyle Hitt

Rev. Harvell James filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here Sunday. Attendance was usual again, due to the fact that peanut crops are about harvested here. Rev. James wishes to announce that his church days are now the first and third Sunday of each month.

A Christmas tree and program will be held at the Church Sunday night at 8 p. m. Sponsors are Miss Viola Freeman and Mrs. Doyle Hitt, assisted by Mrs. Frances Rutherford and Mrs. Helen Calloway, with Mrs. Bud Dean of Pioneer at the piano. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Liverett received an announcement from their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Shipp, of Brownwood, of the arrival of a baby boy, born December 9th. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and has been named Curry Don.

Pvt. Billie Flippin formerly of Camp Wolters, is spending a 15-day delay in route here with his wife and parents, prior to reporting to Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cantrell, formerly of Cisco, moved here last Saturday. We wish to extend them a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Carey of Brownwood were dinner guests in the Sam Partee home Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Flippin and family were visitors Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jo Flemming.

Misses Jewel Fortune and Dorothy Hammond of Pioneer were Sunday guests of Miss Jessie Mae Flippin.

Sunday callers on Pvt. and Mrs. Billie Flippin and new baby were: Mr. and Mrs. Jo Flemming and children, Mrs. Tom Flippin and children, Mr .and Mrs. W. T. Cantrell, Mr. Sam Partee and children, Mrs. Helen Calloway and children, Mrs. Pearl Partee, Rev. Harvell James, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Carey and family of Brownwood, Miss Viola Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fortune and family of Pioneer, Mr. and Mrs. George Flippin and daughter, and Mrs. M. E. Flippin.

Miss Marie Bryson of Big Spring and Mrs. Hattie Lacey and son of Luther were community visitors Monday evening.

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ATWELL

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brooks and children and Mrs. W. T. Vaughn and children of Abilene visited with Myrtle and Maggie Wilson recently.

Pvt. Charnel Hutchins, who has been in the service almost two years was released from the army in San Antonio and returned home Saturday. He and Mrs. Hutchins are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley, near Putnam.

Mrs. Ruby Moore and children of Chillicothe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pillans recently.

Petty Officer and Mrs. Louise Purvis and S1c and Mrs. R. W. Purvis left for the west coast recently.

Both of the boys reported to their Naval base at Camp Parks, Calif. on December 17.

Mrs. Lavern Scott and children of Mineral Wells spent last week here with home folks.

Born to Pvt. and Mrs.Keelon Riffe, a daughter at the Payne Hospital in Eastland on December 3rd. The baby has been named Joyce Ann and weighed 8 1-2 pounds. Pvt. Riffe is stationed at Camp Fannin and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riffe of this place.

Mary Cloma Morton of Scranton attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Riffe spent last week in Cisco with Mrs. Keelon Riffe and daughter.

Mr. Duncan and family of Cottonwood have moved to the Mitchell place.

Mrs. George Purvis is in Graham Hospital suffering from injuries she received when the car in which she was riding overturned on a corner near Cross Cut. Other occupants of the car received minor cuts and bruises.

Lee Wrinkle of Bronte spent from Saturday until Tuesday in the home of his son, Tipton Wrinkle, and family.

LOCAL BOY STATIONED IN ITALY RECEIVES BOOST IN RANK

Corporal Homer F. Taylor, whose home is Route2, Cross Plains, is now serving with an engineer regiment of the Peninsula Base Section in Italy, and has recently been promoted from the rank of Pfc. to Corporal, according to a release from the Headquarters Peninsula Base Section Public Relations Office.

Corporal Taylor is the son of Mrs. Nettie McCartney of Route 2.

Corporal Taylor has been in the Army for 48 months and has been overseas for 20 months, serving in North Africa and Italy.

He has received the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge for service with the 36 Infantry Division.

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YOUR WAR BOND Dollars



With gratitude for your kind favors during 1944 we send you heartiest Christmas Greetings.

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We hope that your Christmas will be Merry and bright, and that you will receive a full share of the good things this season brings.

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And to each of you who read this message that enraptured happiness which comes only at CHRISTMASTIME

Cross Plains Review



We want you to get just what you want and to be just as happy as you can be. We want you to be happier this Christmas of 1944 than you have ever been before. As for us, we are more grateful to you this Christmas than ever before, for it marks a peak in our pleasant relations. We could not allow this important occasion to slip by without wishing you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

S. N. FOSTER GROCERY



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American — to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus.



★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

Settle & Gray

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS HAVE XMAS PARTY

The Future Homemakers of the Cross Plains chapter met at the Homemaking cottage on December 18th, at 7:30 p. m., for a Christmas party with Patty Jo Howard, president, presiding. Special numbers were presented by each class.

Christmas gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree by Evelyn Walter, and La Verne Bennett. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served.

After the party the group went Christmas caroling.

W. A. Williams of Brownwood visited with friends here Monday.

NOTICE

We are not buying any more peanuts this year.

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We will not serve meals on Christmas Day.

We want to thank each and every one of you for the courtesies shown us during 1944, and we wish for each of you a good Christmas and a brighter New Year; and a hope that Christmas of 1945 will be Merrier.

NEEB HOTEL

MISS RUBY GLENN TATE BECOMES BRIDE OF MICHIGAN MAN

Miss Ruby Glenn Tate and J. W. Gates of Detroit, Mich., were united in marriage December 4th at 7 p. m. by the Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Abilene. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. L. Keeney of Riverside, Calif., a sister of the groom. Mr. W. D. Nunn of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Phillips of Abilene were also present for the single ring ceremony.

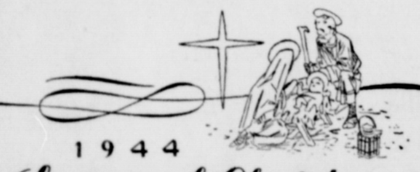
Mrs. Gates is the daughter of Mrs. Lige Tate of Rising Star.

J. W. is the son of Mr. R. E. Gates of Detroit.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Detroit where they will make their home. They travelled via way of El Paso and California to visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. Gates was previously with the 333rd Ord. Co. at Camp Haan, Calif., and was later transferred to the 451st Ord. Co. of Camp Barkeley where he received a medical discharge recently.

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The Season of Christmas

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THAT SAME
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★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Merry Christmas!

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.

FOOTBALL AND PEP SQUAD BANQUET HELD DECEMBER FOURTEENTH

The Pep Squad of Cross Plains high school entertained the Buffaloes with the annual football banquet on Thursday evening, December 14th, at eight p. m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. The traditional colors of purple and gold decorated the room with an elaborate center-piece for the table made of gold mums. The center-piece was constructed in the shape of a purple football in the center of goal posts with the banner carrying the words "Buffaloes of 1944."

The program opened with a welcome address by one of the pep leaders as well as the president, Lucille Smith, followed with a response by the captain of the Buffaloes, Herman Moore. This was followed by the introduction of the Coach and the pep squad sponsors. Toastmaster of the evening was Coleman Pillans. A special song was sung by Colleen Moore and a monolog was presented by Eloise Sanifer. Presentation of the football sweetheart, Imogene Newton, by Herman Moore. The address of the evening was given by Rev. D. L. Barnes, local Methodist pastor. The new officers for the pep squad for the oncoming year as announced are: President, Imogene Newton; vice-president, Dorothy June Coppinger; secretary and treasurer, Ruby Lee Halcomb; reporter, Joyce McMillan, and the leaders for next year are: Bobbie Lou Wooten, Colleen Moore, and Billie Jean Barr. The program closed with the group singing songs led by Billie Jean Barr; the last one being the school song, C P H S, and benediction by Supt. A. J. McCuin.

CPL. PERRY JOHNETTE NOW AT FORT SILL

A recent report from the Public Relations Office of the Eighth Service Command states that Corporal Perry U. Johnette, husband of Mrs. Ovala Johnette, has returned after 30 months overseas with the Corps of Engineers in the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations. He is now at Fort Sill, Okla., prior to visiting his wife here.

Mrs. Johnette is the former Ovala Woods.

ANNA BELL BARRON BECOMES BRIDE OF SGT. HAROLD FREEMAN

Marriage vows were cited for Miss Anna Bell Barron and S-Sgt. Harold Freeman in an impressive single ring ceremony December 13, at 5 p. m. in the home of the Rev. S. P. Collins at Abilene.

The couple was accompanied by the grooms brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Macon Freeman of Brownwood.

Mrs. Freeman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Barron of Nimrod and the sister of Mrs. Bon Huntington of Cross Plains. She wore a powder blue suit with white accessories, accompanied with a pink carnation corsage given her by the groom. Anna Bell formerly worked for the Cook Insurance here but was employed at Fort Worth at the present time.

Sergeant Freeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman of Rte. 2 Cross Plains, and has just returned after spending 29 months in the China-Burma-India theatre of war.

Sergeant Freeman is unassigned at the present time, and is to report back to San Antonio the 30th of December.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR HENRY BIBB ON DECEMBER 19TH

Henry Harrison Bibb was born at Emery, Tex., April 27, 1895, and passed away at his home December 17, 1944.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Myrtle Mary Ray, January 29, 1929.

Mr. Bibb is survived by his wife, and five step-children, Louise Hendrickson of Corpus Christi, Homer Ray and Mrs. Charley Hanks of Coolidge, Ariz., Ruby Lee Gilliam of Weed, Calif., and Theodore Howard Ray, who is serving with the armed forces in China. Two sisters, Mrs. John Porter of Big Spring and Mrs. John Windham of Post City. He is also survived by three half brothers, Arthur of Dallas, Allen of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jess of Maude, Tex. One half sister, Grace Trummell of Vernon, and a host of other friends and relatives.

Services were conducted from the Higginbotham funeral home with Rev. D. E. Simpson, Baptist pastor, in charge on December 19th. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Higginbotham funeral home with interment in the Cross Plains cemetery.

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Arrivals From South	Departures To West
6:40 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
12:35 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
5:50 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
10:40 p.m.	10:45 p.m.
Arrivals From North	**Departures To South**
7:45 a.m.	7:50 a.m.
11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
7:40 p. m.	7:45 p. m.

Ross Motor Coaches

Burkett

(By Mrs. Merrel Burkett)

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chambers that their son-in-law, Lt. Y. B. Johnson, Jr., is now serving with an infantry division somewhere in Germany. He has been overseas since October and served in England and Belgium before going to Germany.

Cpl. and Mrs. Virgil Morgan and baby of Oklahoma arrived here Sunday night to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan. Cpl. Morgan had to leave Monday night for camp, but Mrs. Morgan and baby plan to spend the holidys in Coleman with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fieldon Strickland are here visiting his father, Hardy Strickland. Fieldon was recently granted a medical discharge from the army after serving about three years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kelly and family spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at Rising Star in the home of her mother, Mrs. T. G. Culwell. Her brother, Ray Culwell 83c was there enroute to Norfolk, Va., from California.

Sgt. Merrel Burkett of Camp Shelby, Miss. was recently awarded the expert Infantry medal. He is now with the 65th Division there.

Mrs. Cleo Gill left last week to spend the Christmas holidays in Pennsylvania with her husband, T-4 Gill, who is stationed there.

Miss Aleta Chambers has accepted a position as secretary to Mr. J. T. Runkle, superintendent of Coleman high school.

Mrs. Earl Zirkle and Linda and Russel Zirkle of near Coleman spent Monday here in the Paul Thate home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edmondson and children were Abilene visitors Friday.

H. C. Beaver left Monday for North Carolina to visit his brothers and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edmondson and children, and Mrs. Mattie Harwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strickland and family in Baird Sunday.

Mrs. Y. B. Johnson, Jr., and Miss Aleta Chambers of Coleman spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chambers. They also visited Mrs. Morris Odom and baby son in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Myrtle Brown is spending the Christmas holidays in Dallas with relatives.

Paul Mashburn has been in the Santa Anna hospital since Tuesday where he is receiving medical treatment. He expects to return home Saturday.

W. R. Chambers and daughter, Aleta, made a business trip to Dallas last Saturdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Farr of Long Beach, Calif., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wesley.

While on a vacation trip home in Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. White had a car wreck. Mr. White's mother and their son, Richard, were injured, however, details are not known at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Byrd of Chillicothe are visiting with friends and relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner and children of Ballinger spent Friday night with Mrs. W. J. Gray.

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FOR SALE: John Deere Tractor Model H, two row, equipped with fertilizer attachment, just been overhauled, new tires.—See D. C. Foster, Atwell, Tex. (2tp)

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Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open shay!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

WILSON'S CAFE



LOADS OF HAPPINESS TO YOU!

Christmas of 1944 is going to be a BIG Christmas. See if we aren't right.

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Cross Plains led Abilene, 11-6, at the end of the first period, 25-16, at the half and 30-26 at the end of the third stanza.

The Cross Plains girls played the Bayou girls and won by a score of 18 to 9.

The second string Buffaloes tied the Bayou boys, 14-14.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Cross Plains Home Demonstration Club met for the annual Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. December 14th. in the home of Mrs. A. W. Wright. The home and tree was gayly decorated for the Christmas spirit. Gifts were exchanged by members and various games were played.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and coffee were served the following guests: Mrs. H. G. Whitehorn, Mrs. Jim Barr, Mrs. H. A. Young, Mrs. J. W. Dunlap, Mrs. Claude Stevens, Mrs. L. W. Westerman, Mrs. Henry McCoy, Mrs. Ida Graves, Miss Dorothy Wilkerson and the hostess, Mrs. A. W. Wright.

CPL. MONROE KESSEL RETURNS TO STATES

According to a release from the Public Relations Office of the 8th Service Command Corporal Monroe Kessel has returned from 30 months overseas with the Corps of Engineers in the Asiatic Pacific treater of operations and is now in Fort Sill, Okla., prior to visiting his wife and baby, the former Christine Petterson, here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the church, our friends and neighbors and all who helped in any way when our home was destroyed by fire. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Luster and girls.

Mrs. Roland G. Howell is visiting her husband, Lt. Roland Howell, in Liberal Kans., where he is training as a Liberator bomber pilot.

RATION NOTES

MEATS, FATS: Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 thru A5,good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 31.

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue stamps A8 thru Z8; A5 thru Z5, A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until the first of the month.

SUGAR: Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar thru February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE: A13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons thru December 21. A14 coupons good for four gallons beginning December 22.

SHOES: Airplane stamps 1, 2, and 3 in book three, good indefinitely.

War's Pace Reflected on Homefront

The intensified pace of military operations everywhere is reflected in continued firm controls of civilian economy and further official steps to concentrate needed manpower and materials into war production. Thus Americans, as they celebrate Christmas day with appreciation of the fact that their fighting men have enabled them to keep lighted the Christmas spirit, are aware that they are about to open a new year of hard, incessant work with victory still to be earned.

Farm Machinery Behind Schedule

One measure of the concentration on war needs is the fact that the War Production Board finds output of farm machinery, exclusive of wheeled tractors, repair parts and attachments, about 25 percent behind manufacturers schedules for the four months ended October 31. Military needs, more critical than in recent months, are creating shortages in components for farm machinery.

European Needs Reported

The demands on productive resources to keep the world of the United Nations going is pointed out by the urgent pleas for everything from horseshoe nails for Sicily and fishing hooks for Greeks to water-pumping machinery for the Netherlands and raw cotton for the mills of France to be made into tent duck for allied forces. These pleas are being laid before the Central Relief Section for relief and rehabilitation of the combined production and resources board and WPB's combined raw materials board.

Some Consumer Notes

Full employment of civilians in the first quarter of 1944, according to WPB's Office of Civilian Requirements, result in $281,400,000 being spent in that three months period by women for street dresses, $167,800,000 paid out by men for suits and $108,500,000 for men's shirts. Women bought 23,500,000 house dresses while men invested in 4,500,000 suits, 24,500,000 business shirts, 20,500,00 work shirts and 4,000,000 flannel shirts. These house dresses averaged $10.13 each in price while the men's suits cost an average of $37.57 a piece. Self rationing of fly screen has been requested of all dealers by WPB. Razor blade production in the current quarter is estimated as adequate to meet requirements in the opinion of the Safety Razor Blade Industory Advisory Committee of WPB.

THE Army Answers

Your Personal War Problems

Your questions on allotments, insurance, legal problems or other matters as they relate to Army personnel and their dependents will be answered in this column or by letter. Write Headquarters Eighth Service Command, Dallas 2, Texas.

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Q. Two of our three sons have been killed in action and the other is now an infantryman overseas. Wouldn't it be possible for the Army to transfer him to a less dangerous job?

A. Yes. In cases where a family has lost two or more sons and has only one surviving, the War Department has approved a policy of returning to, or retaining within the continental limits of the United States the sole surviving son, except where he is engaged in nonhazardous duties overseas. You may request the return of your son from overseas duties by writing to the Adjutant General, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C. Include full names and serial numbers of your sons killed in action, full name and serial number of your sole surviving son and a statement that the latter is your sole surviving son.

Q. My husband is an Army Lieutenant overseas. Could I use the power of attorney he gave me to make a change in his allotment?

A. No. You cannot establish an allotment of pay, or change or discontinue an existing allotment with a power of attorney.

Q. Two letters I wrote my son overseas have been returned stamped "APO Discontinued," and he has not written to me for some time. How can I get in touch with him if his letters are not delivered?

A. "APO Discontinued" on your letter probably means that your son's temporary address has been discontinued and he now has a permanent address. You should receive shortly a card indicating his new address. If this card does not come, write The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., giving your son's full name, rank, serial number and previous APO number, and ask for his present address.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS ENTERTAIN FACULTY

The third year future homemakers entertained the faculty of the high school with a formal dinner recently. The center piece and place cards were carried out to Christmas effect.

Before dining, the guests sung Christmas carols.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCuin, Mr. Buford Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Edmondson, Mr. J. R. Burrow, Mrs. Melvin Placke, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lusk and Mrs. Galloway.

The hostesses from the class were Imogene Hill, Helen Plumlee and Imogene Gage.

Cross Plains Review

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Telehone Number — 114

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Entered as second class mail matter at the Postoffice at Cross Plains, Texas, April 2, 1909, under act of March 3, 1879.

WILLIAM CHATHAM SUCCUMBS THURSDAY

William Chatham died in the hospital at Wichita Falls on Thursday December 14th and was buried here Saturday afternoon, December 16th.

He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

Services were held from the Higginbotham funeral home with Rev. D. L. Barnes, Methodist pastor, in charge. Interment was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Efficient, Reliable plumbing. We have in our stock at present: Water Heaters, pipe fittings, bathroom fixtures and plumbing fixtures of all kinds.

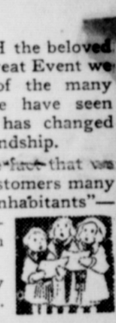
HILL BROS. PLUMBING



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.



City Drug Store
BENTON JONES, owner



IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

W. T. Cox Gro. & Mkt.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

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Billy Kirkham

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B gun, a football, basketball,
some nuts.
Yours truly,
Carl McCord

Santa,
want a 22 air rifle, bat, ball,
a glove. Don't forget the other
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Your friend,
Dale Tennison

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I am a little girl seven years old.
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Your little friend,
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Your little friend,
Jeannie Erwin

Dear Santa,

Remember all the other children and soldier boys. I want a bracelet and a water color set. I want a bingo set.
Your little friend,
Labon Jones

Dear Santa,
Do remember the soldiers. Also remember the little boys and girls who are at war. I want a bracelet for Christmas. Don't forget my mother and father and little brother, Tommie.
Loads of love,
Shirley Ann Freeman

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa Claus. I hope you get my letter. Remember the soldier boys overseas. I want a football, a BB gun and a dart board.
Your little friend,
Kennith Ray Beeler

Dear Santa,
Remember al lthe other little boys and girls and remember the soldier boys.
I want a bingo set and a dart board. Also Santa remember my father, mother and little brother.
Your friend,
D. F. Crockett

Dear Santa,
Remember all the other little boys and girls and the soldiers. Bring me a doll, a game, and a pair fo mittens.
Your little friend,
Betty Jo Montgomery

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some gifts and toys. Please bring me a gun, scabbard, football suit, BB gun and some shells, a bugle, an army suit, a bicycle, and a football.
Yours truly,
Billy Sam Sipes

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and some more toys. I want a doll bed and some dishes, also a stretch bracelet.
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I want some candy and nuts. I want a gun and lots of other things I want some BB shells and a bicycle.
Yours truly,
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want some toys. Please bring me some fruit, a football helmet, and a football suit, and shoulder pads.
I would also like a bicycle.
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Yours truly,
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Yours truly,
Etta Marie Storey

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Letters To Santa Claus:

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Yours truly,
Billy Kirkham

Santa Claus,
want some candy and oranges. B gun, a football, basketball, some nuts.
Yours truly,
Carl McCord

Santa,
want a 22 air rifle, bat, ball, a glove, Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Dale Tennison

Santa Claus,
w are you? I am ok. at pres- I am a little girl and have been good. I want a blackboard. don't forget. Please don't for- the other little girls and boys, the soldier boys.
Your little friend,
Therenni Crites

Santa Claus,
want a BB gun, some candy nuts.
Your friend,
Buel Peevy

Santa,
want a basketball and a pair boxing gloves. Please fill my king full of nuts and fruits. n't forget the other little boys d girls.
Your little friend,
R. B. Dillard, Boy 782

Santa,
How are you Dear Santa? I wnt a housecoat, pair of house es, and don't forget the little ys and girls over yonder.
Your little friend,
Peggy Miller

Santa,
Please bring me a basketball. member all the others.
Your little friend,
Daniel Ingram

Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. want a little doll with curls. ease don't forget my mother and her and all the soldier boys.
Your little friend,
Patsy Nell Parrish

Santa,
Please bring me a doll and some shes. Don't forget the soldiers d my mother and father.
Your little friend,
Vondell Dillard

Santa,
Do remember the soldiers and her children. I want a bat, ball, d a basketball. I also want an r rifle.
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Don Tennison

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Yours truly,
Etta Marie Storey

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll and doll bed. I want some candy and nuts. I want a necklace, a watch, and ring, and stretch bracelet. I want a cowgirl suit and a jumping rope.
Yours truly,
Jacquelyn Barnett

Dear Santa,
I want some candy and oranges. I want a leather coat, a billfold, a gun, and some house shoes.
Yours truly,
Sammie Charles Long

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some candy. Please bring me a gun. Please bring me a blackboard, Bring me an army suit, a wagon, and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Tommy Gautney

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some toys, candy and nuts. I want other things too. Bring me an army suit and a pair of boots too.
Yours truly,
Herbert Don Hutson

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me some candy and oranges. Please bring me a stretch bracelet. Please bring me a basketball. Please bring me a ring and some walnuts.
Yours truly,
Jo Ann Montgomery

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring my little sister and my little brother something. I want a ring and a necklace, and a tea set. I want a stretch bracelet. I want a doll bed and a set of dishes, and a bicycle, and a cowgirl suit. I want a jumping rope.
Yours truly,
Joyce Joan Tyler

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good little boy. I want some candy and a billfold. I want some pecans.
Yours truly,
James R. Gage

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring my little sister some candy. I want some oranges and apples. I want a ring and necklace. I want a purse, a watch, and some toys.
Yours truly,
Easter Berna Tyler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring, a doll, a paint book, and a paper doll book. A comb, brush, and a mirror set. Some nuts, oranges, apples, and don't forget the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Christine Ingram

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sweetheart bracelet, and a little ring, and a necklace, and some candy and nuts. I also want a piano.
Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Modena Howard

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring and an autograph book. Santa I want a necklce if you don't have a ring. I want a sweater. I want a bag of candy and fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Glenda June Atwood

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an ankle bracelet and a basket ball. A ring, sweetheart bracelet, cedar chest, and lots of fruits and nuts. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Jimmie Nell Lane

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll and a basketball.
Yours truly,
Verma Baum

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sweetheart bracelet for Christmas. I also want some apples, oranges, and candy. I would like a basketball too. But don't forget the other little girls and boys. Bring them some fruit, too.
Your friend,
Glendora Raughton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a nice pair of shoes for Christmas. I would appreciate it. I would like a basketball, a sweetheart bracelet, and some candy and fruit. My mother would like very much to have a nice stove. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Minnie Canon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a bicycle, and a baseball too. If I can't get a bicycle I would like to have a scout knife. If you can bring me some nuts, oranges, and apples too. I think this will be neough for me so that the other little girls and boys can have something.
Your friend,
Billie Stevens

Dear Santa Claus,
I would apreciate very much a little purse, a package of candy and some oranges, and apples and nuts. Best of all a gold necklace, and a little piano. Plese don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Ina Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring, a bracelet, a necklace, a fingernail set, a basketball, and some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Martha Sliger

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa bring my little brother and I some toys. I want a desk and a bracelet, a ring. My little brother wants a toy train and lots of other things. I want some perfume, a necklace, a piano, and a basketball.
Don't forget the other little boys and girls. We want some fruit too.
Your friend,
Wanda McDaniel

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a basketball and a football and also a scout knife. Bring me some nuts. Don't forget me Santa.
Your friend,
E. W. Foster

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to have a big doll and a bracelet and ring. A basketball. I want some candy, also fruit, and a little of nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Pasty Storey

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll, a bracelet, a basketball, a toy piano, a bicycle, and some fruit and candy.
Don't forget the boy and girl that are poor and cannot have a tree.
Your friend,
Mary Gail Howland

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and a football. I want a baseball, a scout knife and a chemical set. I want a pair of boxing gloves, bring me a lot of fruit and candy.
Your friend,
James Ned Clark

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some tinkertoys for Christmas. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bring me some fruit and candy, but be sure to come to the school house so we will have a Christmas tree. Bring me a color book and some nuts. We have colored some Christmas things.
Your friend,
Roland Woody

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa I want a sweetheart bracelet. I want a basketball also. I would like to have a bathrobe. I want a birthstone ring. I would like to have a bottle of perfume. I want some candy and fruit.
Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Joan Gray

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of boxing gloves, a chemical set, a basketball and some fruit. Don't forget the other children.
Your friend,
Allen Bland

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a pretty bracelet, and a paper doll book, a necklace, a pretty ring and a ribbon, some perfume, and a pretty doll, some firecrackers, also fruit and candy. And please don't forget the other little boys and girls for they will want something too.
Your friend,
Vonita Champion

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a color book, some perfume, a coat. Also some oranges, apples, and candy. Best I would like to have a doll with some pretty clothes. Be sure to bring other boys and girls a present. Be sure to bring my two brothers a present. Be a good Santa for everybody and don't carry too big of a load.
Your friend,
Georgia Park

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun to play with my other gun is no good. I want a football because all the kids want to play with it. I want a pair of boxing gloves because I like to box. I want a pair of shoes and I wish that I had some fruit and candy. All the other boys would like it too.
Your friend,
Tommy Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a football and a pair of boxing gloves. I would like to have an ary rifle. I want a ring too. I would appreciate a game of checkers. I want a scout knife and chemical set. I want some fruit and candy. I hope you will not forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Kenneth Sledge

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball. I want a ring. I want a bed of my own. I want some fruit and candy. Please don't forget the other little children.
Your friend,
Frances Ann Spencer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring, and a basketball. I want a bracelet, Please bring me a bottle of perfume. I want a box of stationery. I want a stocking full of nuts nd fruit. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Doris Wood

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a basketball, a necklace, and an autogrph book. A cedar chest and perfume set. Don't forget my little cousins and the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Sue Conklin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring and a basketball. I want Santa Claus to bring me a finger nail set. I want some candy and fruit. Be sure and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Shelia Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a bottle of perfume and some finger nail polish. I would like to have a bracelet. I wuld like to have some candy and fruits. I want some nuts too. I want some doll clothes for my dolls. I would like to have a beautiful ring. I want a pair of house shoes. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Julene Gary

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you give me a ring and an army rifle. And a football I want a chemical set. I hope that I get a basketball. I want some fruit and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Dwayne Wilson

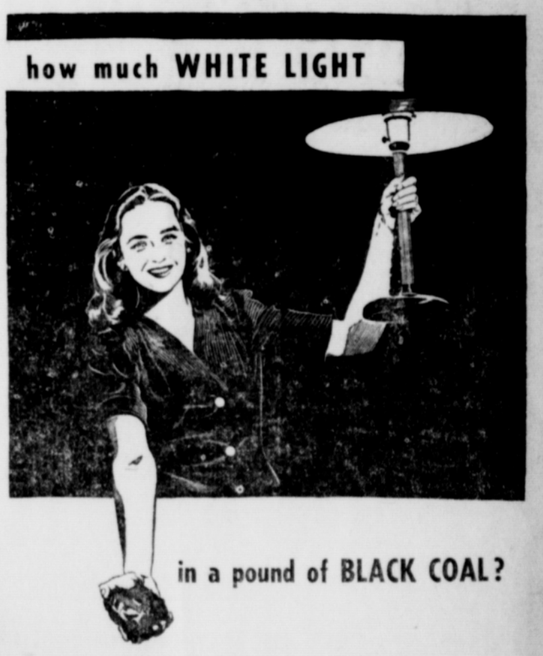
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of boxing gloves, a pair of black leather gloves. I want a watch an football, a baseball, and a ring. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Gerald Holcomb

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THE lamp has a 100-watt bulb in it and the lump of coal weighs one pound.

Pulverized and blown into the big boiler of a modern power-plant, a pound of coal* provides enough steam to generate one kilowatt-hour of electricity.

That much electricity, in turn, will light the lamp for *ten* hours — long enough to read this newspaper and a couple of novels. Or it will run a small radio for 25 hours, a food mixer for 13 hours, a washer for almost 7.

"So what?" you say. The point is this. 25 years ago, it took about *three* times as much coal to produce a kilowatt-hour of electricity as it does today!

The all-around efficiency which gets several times as much white light from black coal has benefited YOU *in many ways.*

It has made your electric service better and cheaper year by year. It has met tremendous wartime demands for electric power, without delay, shortages or rationing. It has held the price of electricity at an all-time low, while other costs went up.

These results come from the sound *business* management of the nation's light and power companies — and from the hard work of men and women who *know* their business — and who are preparing for even greater accomplishments tomorrow.

**Some plants use less than 1 pound; some more, because of differences in coal and equipment. The nation-wide average is 1.3 pounds per kilowatt-hour.*

West Texas Utilities Company



Hearty and cheery
And happy and true,
An ever so fervent
Merry Christmas to you! . . .

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★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

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THE STAR IN THE EAST

Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.

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PINEER GIRLS WED N. CAROLINA BOYS

Miss Eloise Dillard was married to Cpl. Robert Arrowood, and Miss Velma Dupriest became the bride of Pvt. Noel Chapman in a double ceremony held by the Justice of the Peace in Brownwood, Saturday, December 16th at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Arrowood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillard of Pioneer.

Cpl. Arrowood's home is in Marion, North Carolina.

Mrs. Chapman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dupriest of Pioneer.

Pvt. Chapmans home is in Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Arrowood and Mrs. Chapman plan to make their home with their parents until their husbands receive their shipping orders then they expect to make their home in North Carolina for the duration.

Merry American Christmas

and Best Wishes for the New Year



Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way.

Today, thanks to the magnificent achievements of our armed forces, we have gone a long way down the road toward final Victory and we can look forward hopefully to enjoying Christmas as we used to know it —in an atmosphere of peace and contentment unclouded by the shadows of war.

It is with firm resolve to help speed that happy day and with an unbounded faith in the future, that we extend to you and your loved ones our heartiest Christmas greetings and warmest best wishes for the New Year.

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ALL SWEET OLEO, 2 Pts., Lb.	26c	LARGE BOLOGNA, Lb.	30c

SGT. WM. C. FALKNER KILLED IN ACTION

A telegram from the Adjutant General late Tuesday, December 13th, notified Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner, 419 N. Poe St., San Angelo, that their son, W. C., was killed in action on Leyte Island, November 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Falkner and family made their home here for 6 years.

W. C. left Cross Plains in February 1942 going to Camp Wolters, from there to California thence to Hawaii. From there to Australia, then to New Guinea and on to Leyte.

Sergeant Falkner was 24 years old, and is survived by his parents, two sisters, and six brothers. They are: Shirley Ann and Louise of San Angelo, and Robert, John Elmer, Ribby, Daniel and Vernon. Elmer is in the Navy at San Diego, and Daniel is in the Army stationed at Camp Hood.

MR. & MRS. HIRAM SHIPP PROUD PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Shipp of Brownwood announce the arrival of a new baby boy, named Curry Don, in Brownwood December 9th. He weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces at birth.

Mrs. Shipp is the former Reba Liverett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Liverett of the Gunn Community. Both baby and mother are reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith, Tommy and Lillie Mae visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wayne Henderson in Abilene Sunday.

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'PURPLE HEART'

COTTONWOOD

(By Mrs. S. B. Strahan)

Mrs. H. S. Varner has lost a grandson and a nephew during the month of November in war service. Captain Dee Griffin, youngest son of Rosco Griffin of Centralia, Mo., was killed November 5th in Luxenbourg. Paratrooper Merkel Varner, youngest son of Homer Varner, of Indio, Calif., was killed November 28th somewhere in the Philippines.

Mrs. J. R. Young visited Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Stansbury, at Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitchell and son of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. Molly Murry Saturday.

Mr .and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children visited her parents, the Warren Everetts, at Putnam Sunday.

Pvt. Oran Peevy of Camp Wolters spent the week end with his wife and home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fleming with their children visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Strahan and Miss Missouri Strahan Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Molly Murray received word that her nephew, Gerald Jenson, who has been hospitalized at Pearl Harbor, has been brought to the States for further medical treatment.

Mr. Bibb who has lived near the old Shufford home for the past two years died suddenly Saturday nite. He is survived by his widow and several children, who are all married.

Ralph Fulton of McAllen is spending the holidays with his grandparents, the Virgil Fultons. Ralph's little sister, Rowena, will come the latter part of this week.

Nelson Brown, who is in California will og in service soon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Brown of this place and will be their sixth son to serve the colors.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Whitehorn visited Mr. and Mrs. Irb Davis of Cisco Sunday.

Billie Coats and father, George Coats, returned from San Antonio Tuesday where they visited with Pvt. and Mrs. Lee Coats and children. Mrs. Coats lives at San Antonio, but Private Coats is stationed at Camp Wolters.

Pvt. Loyd Bryan from a camp in one of the northern states, with his wife and two little girls, are spending his leave here. They were visitors in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman Sunday.

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PVT. & MRS. BILLIE FLIPPIN PAENTS OF BABY BOY

A baby boy was born to Pvt. and Mrs. Billie Flippin of the Gunn Community, on December 16th. The baby weighed 9 pounds and has been named William Robert Junior.

Private Flippin was home at the birth of the boy, being here on a delay in route to Fort Ord, Calif., from Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Flippin is the former Roxie Partee, daughter of Sam Partee. Both the mother and baby are doing fine.

PIONEER COUPLE PAR OF BABY BOY BORN DE

Cpl. and Mrs. Frank Pur the proud parents of a 6 baby boy born at Gorman, December 10th, at 7 a. m.

Both mother and baby are nicely.

Miss Lillie Mae Smith, wh employed in Sheffield Steel, H ton, visited her parents, Mr. Mrs. E. R. Smith, the past end.

THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

A. J. BLAND GARAGE



GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be *spent!*

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

IRA HALL

TEXAS MILLING COMPANY

Santa Claus Finally Arrived

WE HAVE CANDY AND GUN - 3 FOR - - - 10c

DATES - - - - - - DATES

PINK SALMON - - - TUNA FISH

CRANBERRIES - ONE & HALF LB. JAR - - 23c

CHERRIES - 8 OUNCE BOTTLE - - 29c

SALAD OIL, ½ Gal. Jug ... 79c SYRUP, Delta, Gal. ... 63c

BROWN SUGAR, 1 LB. BOX - - CORN SUGAR

SPUDS - NO. 1, 10 POUNDS - - - 43c

AII KINDS OF APPLES AND NUTS

SE US FOR FRUIT CAKES ALL SIZES

FRESH OYSTERS - - - FRESH OYSTERS

W. T. COX

The Farmers Market

...thing but the ...d States mint can ...e money without advertising."

The Cr...

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

VIEWING... ..PROMOTING

...s being the last week in 1944 ...sing on never to return—we ... to wish each and every one ...appier and more Prosperous ... in 1945. We have enjoyed the ... fellowship that has been our ... fortune to have the past year ... we are loking forward to ...er blessings in 1945.

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...has been our policy to publish ...news of the community fairly ... impartially at all times and ...ut prejudice to anyone. News ...es have been mailed to us often ...have not been signed by any- ...nd we have published them. ...aining them to be true and ...t. We want you to continue ...ing these items to us, BU'T we ...isking you to please sign your ... if you want them printed ...rwise they will be channeled to ... waste paper basket. Keep this ...ind at all times. We want to ... all rural correspondents to do ...wise when sending in the com- ...nity locals.

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Don't forget, we are still trying ... raise enough money to employ ... permanent caretaker at the ceme- ...ry. This campaign has not roused ...ch interest as is shown by the ...nations made. This is a voluntary ...vement on the part of the citi- ...ns of this town and community ...some have readily responded ...hile others that should have al- ...ady made their donation have not ...ne so to date. We are asking that ...u do this immediately due to the ...ct that the cemetery needs clean- ...g NOW,and sufficient funds are ...eded before work can be started.

Those making contributions other than the ones previously named are:

Mrs. J. C. McDermett	$10.00
J. H. McDaniel	10.00
Mrs. Rose McNeel	2.00
Mrs. Geo. A. King	2.00
Mrs. John Moore	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stacy	10.00
Porter J. Davis	10.00
W. O. Spencer	5.00
L. D. Westerman	2.50
E. R. Smith	1.00
Bill Pinkston	1.00
L. D. Westerman	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Howell	5.00
B. A .Luttrell	3.00

OPA LISTS NEW POINT VALUE SCHEDULES

According to the OPA new point schedules ration points will be required for six cainned vegetables—peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach — in addition to tomatoes, effective on Tuesday, December 26. A pound of butter increased from 20 to 24 red points in value at the same time.

And beginning December 31, about 25 percent of all meats will be back on the ration list.

Not all ration stamps the housewife has on hand will be valid either. All red and blue stamps which became good before December 1 and all sugar stamps and home canning certificates except No. 34 are cancelled. That leaves Book Four red stamps Q5, R5 and S5 and Book Four blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2 valid.

Five new red stamps, T5 through X5, and five blue stamps, C2 thru G2, will become valid December 31. Each will be worth 10 points.

In announcing the changes, OPA emphasized that "there is ample food for all," but said the action was taken to insure everyone a fair share of scarce items. Price Administrator Chester Bowles said civilian supplies of sugar, butter and commercially canned fruits and vegetables are at the lowest point since the war began and meat supplies are declining.

Both meat and sugar allowances will be reduced under the new regulations. The four-week point allowance for meat per person will be 50 points while five pounds of sugar will be the quota per person for a three-months period instead of 10 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunion Smith of San Angelo were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Smith.

Stanley Clark S2c of San Diego spent Christmas here.

FREEZIN...

Presenting



L. D. Koenig

L. D. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Koenig of this city, and was inducted into the service on October 15th. He reported to boot camp at San Diego with Co. 44-552 U. S. N. T. C.

His wife, the former Martha Ann McAdams, and their two daughters, Mary and Jerry, are with him.

L. D. attended Cross Plains high school and enjoys a large circle of friends here.

COUNTY OFFICERS TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY FIRST

Candidates who were elected to fill the various County offices for the next two years will be sworn in at the County Court house in Baird on January 1st.

Cunty Judge for the ensuing year will be J. Lester Farmer of Eula, who succeeds the present Judge, B. H. Freeland of Baird.

W. A. Petterson of Cross Plains will fill the office of Sheriff now held by B. O. Brame.

F. E. Mitchell will return to office as county attorney.

Raymond Young will return to office as district court clerk.

Leslie Bryant retained office as county clerk, Mrs. T. W. Briscoe remained tax assessor and collector, and Mrs. Will McCoy remained county treasurer.

Commissioners for the four precincts are: precinct one, H. A. Warren; precinct two, Clyde T. Floyd; precinct three, I. G. Mobley; and precinct four, J. M. McMillan.

B. C. Christman returns to office of County School Superintendent.

SERVICEMEN SURVIVORS SHOULD CONTACT SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Survivors of deceased servicemen who worked in employment covered by the Social Securtiy Act prior to their entrance into the armed forces were urged to contact the nearest Social Security Board Field Office by Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene field office.

"In addition to any benefits payable from the War Risk Insurance system, there may also be some payment from the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system," Fisher stated. "These payments," he continued, "can be made if the worker (the serviceman or woman) was insured under the Social Security plan; such payments are especially important if the deceased is survived by minor children, since monthly payments continue until the youngest child reaches age 18."

"Delay in filing the claim after notice of death is received may result in some loss of benefit by the survivor," Fisher added.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilson and son visited friends and relatives in De Leon Christmas.

Coast Guardsman and Mrs. Geo. W. Hayes of New Orleans visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hamilton Christmas.

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Jan. 7—Pv... wounded in ac...

Jan. 7—Cross... set for $272,000...

Jan. 7—Roge... Mr. and Mrs. ... first baby to be... in 1944.

Jan. 14—Ba... held here. De... Cross Plains g... respective divi... Cross Plains h... tournament.

Jan. 14—Mr... man received ... T-5 Loyd C. F... wounded in a...

Jan. 14—M... Clark, 94, beli... resident of th... territory, died... daughter, Mrs...

Jan. 21—Mi... became the b... Tunnell.

Jan. 21—Mr... Dermett, Jr., ... girl, who has ... Ann.

Jan. 21—Br... Bowman writ... pocket stoppe...

Jan. 28—R... killed in expl... Mrs. Charles ... hospital suff... burns.

Jan. 27—M... at the home o... H. Phillips.

Jan. 28—C... gin on a voc... to be located ...

Feb. 4—Jim... County Comm...

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Feb. 11—W... that Woodro... was killed in ... Italy on Dec...

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Feb. 25—I... for March.

Feb. 25—R... March 15th.

Feb. 25—... Mrs. W. A. ... her home he... were held fr...

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March 3—... comes bride ... of Cicero, Il...

March 3—... mother, Mrs ... to El Centro ... members of ... located.

March 3—... ter serving ...