

Merry Christmas Happy New Year



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NINTH WEEK

Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

WAR FAR FROM OVER -- FORRESTAL

This week Secretary of Navy Forrestal spoke before a meeting of the Texas Members of Congress and their guests. He said anyone is foolish to prophesy when the war will end. The fanatical defense tactics of the Nazis, he pointed out, cannot be measured by rules of ordinary human conduct. "In this war you don't win until you kill 'em", he reminded.

The Secretary paid high tribute to Admiral Nimitz, who was rear-admiral at Fredericksburg. In referring to the great distances in the Pacific operations, he quoted Nimitz as saying:

"This is a big war in the Pacific -- so large it is difficult to give an adequate idea of its size. Texans may understand the size of the thing better than others. The Pacific Ocean is larger even than Texas."

THE FIGHTING 36TH

Texas doughboys in the 36th Infantry Division are credited with a new U. S. Army endurance record, as they fight to raise the Lone Star flag on the banks of the Rhine.

As this is written, that veteran division begins its 124th consecutive day in combat with the Germans since D-Day on the Mediterranean Coast.

This is probably the most bitter, rigorous 124 days ever passed by an American Division.

And that record does not include the other bitter and bloody campaigns that preceded D-Day in France.

The Texans fought side-by-side with Moroccan goums during the 124-day drive. Today they are cracking away at the Nazi lines in the Vosges Mountains.

It's been a hard, hard fight. One authority has estimated there has been as much as 96 percent replacements in the 36th since the landings in Southern France. Some companies have had as many as 12 commanders.

The Texans are said to retain their sense of humor in spite of the bitter fight. In combat they yell in G. I. French, and occasionally a Dallasite, remembering the friendly rivalry with Ft. Worth, talks of the dark-skinned goums as "the Ft. Worth Battalion."

Among those who have distinguished themselves with the 36th, have been a large group from Runnels County. Coleman, Brown, Tom Green, and most of the other counties in our area, have men in the thick of the battles of the 36th. Casualties have been heavy. Many of them will not come back.

GENERAL EAKER'S AIR FORCE

Speaking of what Texans are doing in the war--which is by no means confined to any division or area--a Texan who has pulled no punches since the day this war began has been General Ira Eaker of Eden.

He directed our bombing from England for a long time, when fighter opposition was at its worst. He pioneered in day-light precision bombing and is today one of the world's greatest authorities on the subject.

As Commander of our Air Forces in the Mediterranean area, much of his great work, supporting the 36th and other Divisions, has escaped the public eye.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, December 23--
Benny Friend
Sunday, December 24--
Geraldine Morrow
Lt. Alan Saunders
Monday, December 25--
B. H. Cusenbary
John Barton Dunigan
Tuesday, December 26--
Mrs. C. D. Wyatt
Louis Rouché
Sallie Dawn Prater
Wednesday, December 27--
None
Thursday, December 28--
None
Friday, December 29--
J. B. Renfro
George Lindon Hearn

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rode had as their guest Tuesday and Wednesday Clarence Hill of Gatesville.

161 Registrants Classed 4-A

The local Draft Board, in meeting Friday, December 8, reclassified 161 men, all but one of them being placed in class 4-A. The one exception, Salome S. Perez, was classified 1-A.

Those placed in the 4-A classification were:

Davis C. Trevino, Trinidad V. Valdez, Rafael M. Valencia, Miers Savell, Harvey Morris, Alfred S. Bermea, Attley Ward, Francisco S. Perez, Jose G. Gonzales, Oran C. Webb, Candelario Jimenez, Librado Santos, Frank Farias, Earl E. Johnson, Lee R. Cook, Tomas Samaniego, Joe B. Ross, Gilbert Medina, Eugene Durham, Abelino Sanchez, Ben E. Ramon, Julio Flores, Ben L. Wheat, Luis Mora, Pedro Chavez, Monroe Crowell, Frank L. Moore, Adolph Kasper, Miguel Ibarra, Pinkney J. Taylor, Francis Wood, John Burnett, Cecil B. Swails, Jacinto Gudea, Ysabel Flores, Walter Anthony, Albert Warren, Clarence Valliant, Jose Almendores, John Cauthorn, Julio Arrendondo, Rafael Berlanga, Perry Ory, Marcus Clarkson, Zeferino Perez, Howard Espy, Luthér R. Hudson, Warren L. Wallace, Salvador DeLeon, James N. Allison, Forman Marvin, Felipe Bernal, Martin I. Perez, Francisco Maldonado, Francisco Reyes, Cecil Allen, Hayden St. Dennis, George J. Trainer and Gabriel Diaz.

Also Andrew Moore, George N. Rose, Aaron F. Reed, John V. Alley, Van R. Davis, Loyd Swain, Andrew N. McIntyre, Regis Darpel, William L. Miers, William T. Hardy, Jesus Cimeros, Collier Shurley, Guillermo Reyes, Elkin Waddell, Robert Behrens, Norbert McIntyre, Dick Morrison, Cashes Taylor, Rafael Castanda, Hawthorn Largent, Eusebio Garza, Fadricio Zepeda, Bernie Potts, Joseph Vander Stucken, Anacleto Gomez, Hugh T. Cross, Herbert Alexander, Winston N. Prentice, Santiago Cardona, Joseph Whiddon, Fredrico Favilla, Jose Ljan, Lloyd Earwood, Elzie Owens, William Archer, John Fields, Tom Hodge, Archie Ory, John Eaton, Henry Decker, John Armstrong, Luke C. Mayfield, William H. Queen, Benjamin T. Merriman, Manuel Guzman, Florencio Ortejon, Raymond Barker, Alfred Cooper, Cliff Johnson, Martin L. Drennan, Bernardo Garcia, Andrews Virgen, Amey Wilson, John Hamby, Samuel A. Bridges, Jose Velasquez, Geranimo Vasquez, Alton Hightower, Gabriel Mata, Douglas Marshall, Miguel Sanchez, Ira V. Locklear, Arthur N. Neal, Billie Cartwright, Abelardo Sanchez, Haywood T. Bird, Jose Sanchez, Jose F. Sanchez, Richard Watkins, Louie Cravey, Sam Allison, Ernesto Castro, Eduriges A. Rios, Mack Cauthorn, Basil M. Halbert, Frank Bond, Evaristo Gonzales, Juan Torres and Joseph B. Renfro.

Also Tom White, Enrique Osuna, Angel Medina, Curtis Nicholas, Juan C. Sanchez, Brooks Douglas, Eptacion Artega, Tommy Seale, Herbert A. McKee, Miguel Campos, Leslie Fambrough, John A. Martin, Ralph Bates, Robert Farr, Frederico Gudea, Jose Gomez, Gregorio Ortiz, John A. Ward and Braulio Hernandez.

Correction

The Sonora Schools recessed for Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 21, and will not begin again until Tuesday, January 2. The News was in error in quoting Principal N. B. Miller as saying that school would recess on Wednesday, December 20.

DISTRICT SCOUT NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS HERE DEC. 13

The nominating committee of the Ranch District Scouters met here last Wednesday, December 13, to nominate new officers for the district. These nominations will be presented to district officers at the annual election meeting and banquet, the time and place of which will be announced next week.

Those attending the meeting were E. D. Stringer, Sonora; Jerry Pennington, Eldorado; Frank James, Ozona, and Joe C. Gailbraith, field executive from Del Rio.

Elliott School Students Present Lions Program

CLUB NOT TO MEET
TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Members of the Lions Club, at their Christmas luncheon Tuesday, were entertained by students from the L. W. Elliott School who sang the popular and traditional Christmas songs, When the Lights Go On Again, White Christmas and the Bells of St. Mary's, and as an encore, Silent Night, Holy Night. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. S. M. Loeffler, and Miss Ruby Nell Haggard directed them. Children on the program were Vivian Martinez, Margaret Martinez, Juanita Virgen, Juanita Abila, Lydia Mejia, Felicitas Ramirez, Feliz Gonzales, Olga Bernal, Ishmel Castro, Fortino Sanchez and Marina Chavez.

Announcement was made that the Club will not meet next Tuesday, as this year they will again donate the money spent on the luncheon toward providing Christmas baskets for Sonora's needy families. George E. Smith has been appointed chairman of the committee to prepare and deliver the baskets. Smith asked that members or other citizens who know of needy families turn their names in to him, so that they may receive the baskets.

It was also announced by Secretary J. B. Nelson that January will be designated as Melvin Jones Month, and that all during that month a membership drive will be carried on under the leadership of the membership committee, composed of J. T. Ratliff, Berry Duff, D. L. Locklin and F. O. Marvin. A motion was made that the drive be carried out with opposing teams competing for the greatest number of new members, but this has not yet been voted on.

Leo E. Brown was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for fruits and nuts to be given to the children attending the Club's community Christmas tree, which is to be held Christmas Eve at 6:45 o'clock.

Legion Collects 71 Gifts For Wounded Veterans

The generosity of Sutton County people will help make 71 wounded service men and service women at the Brooks General Hospital at San Antonio happier on Christmas Day, because of gifts they donated in answer to the American Legion's call for gifts for these wounded.

When the gifts, left in boxes at several Sonora business houses, were collected on Tuesday, they numbered 71, and the district commander of the Legion extended his congratulations and thanks to the local post and the citizens of Sutton County. The gifts were mailed to the hospital on Wednesday.

Local Post Commander Gene Lightfoot has expressed his appreciation to the public for their generosity and cooperation in helping the Legion with this project.

Lt. Philip Pring spent last week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Meckel, enroute to Marfa where he is an instructor at the Marfa Army Air Field. He had just completed seven weeks of advanced training in San Antonio and was reporting back to duty at the Marfa field.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Steurmer of Houston are expected to arrive here this week-end to spend the holidays with Mrs. Steurmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stites.

Misses Doris Keene and Mary Belle Bien spent last Saturday in Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Granger and Bobby Joe are leaving Sunday for La Grange, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Granger's relatives. They will return on January 1.

Miss Melba Kleitches will leave tomorrow for San Angelo where she will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Louis Kleitches.

7 Inductees To Leave Here Tues., Dec. 26

Seven men from Sutton County are being sent by the local Selective Service Board for induction into the Armed Forces on December 26. The call for this county in December was for 13 men, but that number was not available as not enough men had been processed for induction at this time. Those, who will be sent are Serapio T. Cardenas, Winfred E. Wright, Lewin E. Skains, Alfred Bermea, Lewis G. Bennett, Luis F. Castro and Warren D. Reddock, the latter having volunteered.

On December 27, seven men are being sent to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, for pre-induction physicals. They are George S. Schwiening, Porfirio R. Gomez, Evaristo G. Avila, Placido Bautista, George D. Wallace, Julio R. Samaniego and Leopoldo S. Cervantez.

Miss Melba Kleitches, clerk of the local board, has also announced that the January quota for Sutton County men to take pre-induction physicals has been set at 27, and they will go to Fort Sam Houston on January 25.

St. Ann's Church To Celebrate Midnight Mass

Christmas Day will be ushered in at St. Ann's Church with midnight services Sunday. At 11:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve, a procession of angel-clad little girls will wind its way through the church to a replica of the stable at Bethlehem. They will bear a life-like image of the Infant Saviour to the manger, and in the lights of the Christmas tree, they will sing carols of welcome to the new-born Saviour. The St. Ann's Girls' Choir will also sing traditional Christmas hymns.

At midnight the ancient service of Midnight Mass will be chanted by the priest, the Reverend Carol Meyer, who will also address a brief Christmas message to the congregation. The Girls' Choir will assist in the chanting of the Mass.

Two other Masses will be celebrated on Christmas morning at 8 and 10 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the mid-night and morning services.

AAA COMMITTEEMEN ELECTED; EDWIN SAWYER NAMED CHAIRMAN

At the County AAA meeting held Saturday afternoon, December 16, the following county committeemen were elected: Edwin Sawyer, chairman, Joe F. Logan, vice-chairman, and Wallace H. Dameron, member. Alternates are B. H. Cusenbary and Howard Espy. To date, however, it is not known whether these nominees will accept the positions.

Past members of the AAA County Committee are Joseph Vander Stucken, chairman, Bryan Hunt, vice-chairman, and R. A. Halbert, member. Alternates were Dameron and Cusenbary.

Nine ranchmen attended the meeting.

J. T. RATLIFF TO HEAD CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

J. T. Ratliff, director for the Christmas carols which will be sung at the Lions Club community Christmas tree to be held on the Courthouse lawn Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 6:45 o'clock, has announced that the carols to be sung on the program are It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlehem, O Come All Ye Faithful, Joy to the World, Jingle Bells, and Silent Night, Holy Night.

Also, Santa Claus will be present for the benefit of the children present.

Among Sonorans attending the San Angelo-Amarillo football game Saturday were Messrs. and Mmes. George H. Neill, E. K. Folley, H. V. Stokes, Lea Allison, S. H. Allison and J. A. Ward, Jr.

Teachers Leaving For Christmas With Families

The closing of school for the holidays on Thursday marked an exodus for most of the faculty members, although Mrs. Harold Evans, Mrs. Gene Lightfoot, Miss Wynona Hutcherson and Miss Margaret Barton will probably spend the holidays in Sonora.

Those who will visit families and friends are Mrs. Lena E. Cousins who will visit in San Antonio, Miss Thora Roach who will go to Miles, Misses Ruby Nell and Ura Mae Haggard who will visit their parents in Abilene, Miss Frances Probandt who will be in San Angelo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robertson who will visit his parents in Terrell and Miss Freddie Mae Cox who will visit her parents in Junction. Also Miss Sweetie Beauregard will visit her family in Fort Worth, Mrs. Ruth Bourne will visit her husband in Midland, Miss Christine Boone will spend the holidays with her parents in San Saba, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bishop will probably visit relatives in Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ezell will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ezell's parents in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Keith James will visit her parents in Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stringer will visit relatives in Austin and Hamilton, and Misses Nellie Ruth and Evelyn Folley will probably visit with their sister in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Karl Moore and Karlene will visit in Brownwood, Miss Emma Hamilton will spend Christmas with her sister in Big Lake, Mrs. Andrews will probably go to Brownwood, Mrs. M. O. Britt will visit her sister in Rosebud, Miss Anne Palmer will go to Comanche, Miss Annie Duncan will visit relatives in San Antonio and Devine and Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Miller plan to visit relatives in Mississippi.

Collegians Arrive For Holidays

Sonora's young college crowd is beginning to return this week to spend the holidays at home with their families.

Those who arrived this week are Josette Boughton, Bernie Dawn Gibbs and Edith May Babcock from Texas State College for Women at Denton; Sammie Jeanne Allison and Jo Beth Taylor from North Texas State Teachers College, also at Denton, and Marjory Dameron from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

Also expected this week-end are Jamie Trainer from Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Gene Wallace from Sul Ross at Alpine; Billy Shurley, Eugene Alley and Don Nicholas from A. & M. College, Bryan; Aubrey Loeffler from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Marguerite Howell and Frances Wheat from the University of Texas, Austin; Jerry Meckel from Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Ann DeBerry from Hockaday, Dallas, and Martha Jo Moore, who is attending high school in Austin.

WAMPUS ESPY, WITH NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, GETS PROMOTION

Lt. Harrell T. (Wampus) Espy, who is with a Field Artillery unit in General Simpson's Ninth Army in Germany, has recently been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy. Lt. Espy has been overseas since early last spring, and has seen service in England, France and Belgium.

ST. JOHN'S TO HAVE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, December 24, at 11 o'clock. The Reverend H. E. Moreland of Brady will be here to conduct the services.

Miss Coleen Stevens is going to Eldorado Saturday and will remain there over the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stevens.

Bond Purchases Total \$356,566

\$107,800 E BONDS
ARE BOUGHT

Bonds purchased in Sutton County by the early part of this week totaled \$356,566.50 over-all, with \$107,800 of that amount being in E-Bond purchases, according to figures compiled by local War Finance Chairman, George H. Neill.

Last Saturday, December 16, was official closing date of the Sixth War Loan Drive, which began November 20, but Neill has been advised by the State chairman that all bonds bought before December 30, will be included in the Sixth War Loan total.

Although purchases made to date are \$121,566.50 over the \$235,000 quota set for the county by the Treasury Department, Neill said that he hoped that bonds will be purchased as Christmas gifts. "A bond," he said, "is a gift with a future, a gift that will be enjoyed many times after it is received and one that will increase in value each year."

He also expressed the War Finance Committee's deep gratification and pride over the response the Sixth War Loan received from the citizens.

Sonora Quintet Invited To Ozona Tourney

OZONA, Dec. 15--Invitations have been mailed to eleven schools in the area to Ozona High School's Fourteenth Annual Basketball Tournament to be held January 26 and 27, it was announced this week by Supt. C. S. Denham and Coach L. B. T. Sikes. If all schools accept, with the Ozona Lions entering the fray, there will be an array of twelve cage squads participating in the two-day meet.

Despite the shortages of materials incident to the war, resourceful American manufacturers have produced some very handsome athletic trophies from wood and small amounts of metal, and some of the most beautiful of these available trophies have been assembled by the host school for award to the tourney winners. Trophies that will be a credit to any school's cases are to be awarded the tournament winner and runner-up teams and to the consolation bracket winner and runner-up. In addition, silver basketballs will be awarded to the all-tournament team.

Invitations have gone out to teams in Sonora, Iraan, Mertzon, Big Lake, Fort Stockton, Barnhart, Junction, Rankin, Eldorado and McCamey.

"Your team and others from your school will be expected by the Kids, The Teachers, The Patrons of the Ozona Schools," the invitations read.

NEW "MARCH OF DIMES" STATE CHAIRMEN NAMED; CLAYTON TO SERVE TEXAS

NEW YORK, DEC. 18--Forty-three prominent industrial and civic leaders have been appointed as State Chairmen for the March of Dimes and will direct the Fund-Raising Appeal of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis January 14-31, in their states, it was announced today by Basil O'Connor, Foundation President.

Although the infantile paralysis epidemic of 1944, with nearly 19,000 cases already reported, was the second largest in the recorded history of the disease in the United States, the nation was better prepared for the march of the Crippler than ever before, through the generosity of the American people whose dimes and dollars helped to stem the tide of the mysterious poliomyelitis for which there is no known preventive and no cure, Mr. O'Connor pointed out.

Epidemic areas in 1944 included North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Polio also severely affected Tennessee, Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Mississippi, Connecticut and District of Columbia.

Hon. W. L. Clayton of Houston has again been named Texas chairman.

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READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

You can always depend on A. J. Cronin to tell a good story, and he doesn't disappoint us in his latest novel, "The Green Years."

"The Green Years" is about a little boy during the painful years of adolescence, and the setting is far away — a provincial Scottish village. Robert Shannon, orphaned and alone, has been sent to live with his maternal grandparents. He finds himself in a hostile world; his name, his clothes, his religion are all the wrong kind for the new environment.

His grandmother is a good old soul, and colorless. His grandfather is as mean and scrimping as they come. It is great-grandfather, however, who is the who serves as the youth's buffer against his persecution and who

most stimulating of the family, a wicked old sinner to be sure, but



A. J. CRONIN

risks to glorious heights before the story is over.

Dr. Cronin is also the author of "The Keys of the Kingdom," which was a Book-of-the-Month Club se-

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U. T. GIRLS MAKE HIGHER GRADES THAN BOYS

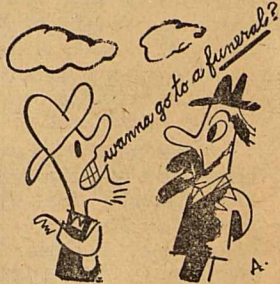
AUSTIN, Dec. 23—Women students at the University of Texas have higher scholastic averages than men, statistics prepared by the registrar's office show.

Grade-point average for women students was 1.412, and the men's average was 1.251, the records show. Average in all courses completed in the entire University was 1.334. Last year the average was 1.337 for the Main University, and in 1940-41, a pre-war year, it was 1.221.

Women outscored men in the colleges of Arts and Science, Engineering, Fine Arts, and Pharm-

lection and which Twentieth Century-Fox will soon bring to the screen.

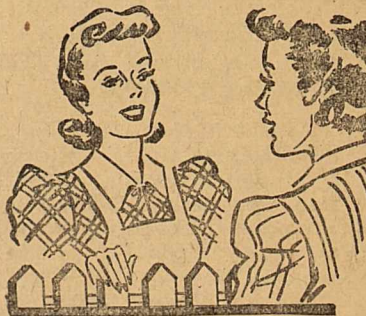
Funerals were one of the foremost forms of entertainment in her Cape Cod village, Edith Austin Holton reports in "Yankees Were Like This." Once when old Mr. Applebee was rushing to one, a friend who tried to stop him was



told, "Hold on, Abner. I'll have to hear ye out another time. Right now I'm headin' for Silas Bacter's funeral, and it's somethin' I've been waitin' to go to for so long I ain't aimin' to lose a minute of the pleasure."

Burges Johnson, in "As Much As I Dare," tells that once when he was a little boy, his mother took him and his brother to visit the poet Whittier. In advance, she admonished them to treasure every word the poet said so they might relate them to their grandchildren. Writes Mr. Johnson, "We were as little interested in grandchildren then as in poets, but I still remember all his words to us." It seems they were climbing a tree, which they afterwards learned was Whittier's especial pride. High up in the branches, neither of them noticed the slender, white-haired old man in a fur-trimmed black hat who was hurrying toward them. He shook his stick at the boys and said, "Here, get down out of that tree." No, Burges Johnson never forgot those words.

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CAMERON'S
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Mrs. Friess Is Club Hostess

Members and guests of the Just Us Club were entertained by Mrs. Harold Friess at her home on Monday, December 11. A Christmas motif was used and a salad plate was served. High score for the members was held by Mrs. J. F. Howell and for the guests by Mrs. S. M. Kerbow, with Mrs. H. C. Kirby receiving high cut.

Playing were Mmes. R. A. Halbert, G. H. Hall, Howell, C. A. Tyler, Rip Ward, N. B. Duff, John Hull, Kenneth Folley, Kerbow, Lum Hines, Arthur Carroll, Kirby, J. A. Cauthorn, Jack Turney and Paul Turney.

Guest of Mrs. Nettie Mae Roach and Mrs. H. S. Espy this week were Mrs. Roach's daughter, Mrs. Cramer, and small daughter of Odessa.

Miss Dessie Parsons is leaving this week-end for Snyder to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parsons, over the holidays.

acy, but the men scored higher in Schools of Business Administration, Education, and Law.

Patsy Rode Is Party Honoree

Mrs. G. T. Rode honored her daughter, Patsy Ann, on her fourth birthday Saturday afternoon at her home. Christmas decorations were used in the rooms, and the dining-room table was centered with a

Christmas tree trimmed with stick candy. Glass jeeps filled with candies were used for plate favors, and birthday cake, cookies and punch were served.

Gifts were received by the honoree from a number of friends.

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py and prosperous New Year.

We will be closed from Saturday night, December 23,
until Tuesday, January 2

Club Cafe



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.

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FRESH TENDER
GREEN BEANS, 2 lb 33c
NO. 1 QUALITY
CARROTS, 2 Bunches 15c
BELL PEPPER, lb 14c
BLEACHED
CELERY, Stalk 20c
NEW RED
POTATOES, 2 lb 17c
WHITE OR YELLOW
SQUASH, 2 lb 25c
DELICIOUS - WINESAPS
APPLES, 2 lb 25c
TEXAS
ORANGES, 2 lb 15c
TEXAS
ORANGES, Bushel \$2.59

CALF
RIBS, No Pts. lb 25c
VEAL
ROAST, No Pts. lb 32c
Ground Veal, No Pts. lb 30c
SAUSAGE, No Pts. lb 38c
ALLSWEET
Oleomargarine, 2 Pts. lb 25c
PIG FEET, Jar 25c
DRESSED
HENS, lb 40c
FISH
FILLET'S lb 50c

SPUDS NO. 1 GRADE IDAHO MESH BAG 53c

Yams 2 LB. 15c

LADY PEGGY
Mince Meat, Jar 31c
LIBBYS
Pumpkin, No. 2 1/2 Jar 23c
APRICOT
PRESERVES, 2 lb Jar 58c
NO. 1 YELLOW
Pop Corn, lb Cello Bag 23c
CHOPPED - NO. 2 1/2 CAN
Peaches & Pears, 80 Pts. 30c

SEEDLESS
Raisins, 4 lb Cello Bag 59c
46 OZ. CAN
Grape Fruit Juice, 27c
PINEAPPLE
PRESERVES, 2 lb Jar 58c
MASTERPIECE - NO. 2 1/2 CAN
APRICOTS, 60 Pts. 36c
PIDO, 2 Boxes 21c

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 25 LB. BAG \$1.39

50 LB. BAG \$2.75

CALUMET
Baking Powder, lb Can 18c
WHITE
SYRUP, 1/2 Gal. Jar 42c
BAKER'S
Baking Chocolate, 1/2 lb 22c
FRESH
DATES, 1/2 lb Box 38c
PEACOCK
RICE, 2 lb Box 24c

ROYAL - 1 LB. CAN
Baking Powder, 2 Cans 21c
CORN
SUGAR, 2 Boxes 25c
SHELLED
PECANS, lb 99c
WHITE
RAISINS, lb Box 20c
OLD STYLE - 7 1/2 OZ. JAR
PIMIENTOS, 25c

Corn Meal AUNT JEMIMA 5 LB. BAG 32c

K. B. 5 LB. BAG 29c

LIMIT - 2 BOXES
RINSO, Large Box 49c
DEHYDRATED
DATES, 14 Oz. Box 69c

JUMBO
WALNUTS, lb 49c
NO. 1 GRADE
WALNUTS, lb 39c

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER



Nann



Sidney

*A very
Merry Christmas
to all!*



Jean



Mary Jack



It's Christmas... Christmas!

HOLLY ON THE DOOR AND A CANDLED WREATH IN THE WINDOW. STOCKINGS BY THE FIREPLACE, CAROLS IN THE DARK, AND THE JEWELLED 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 SWEETEST 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 AMERICAN 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.

The Sonora Lions Club



To you, whom we serve every day, we send a Christmas Greeting.
MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU JOY... AND PEACE... AND THE NEW YEAR BRING PINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE

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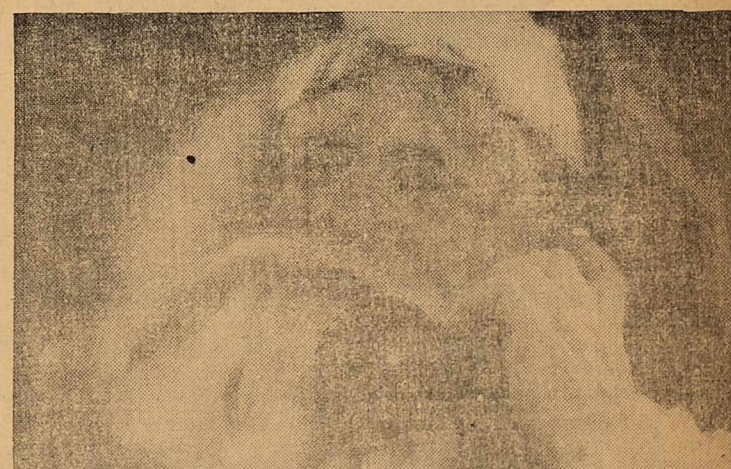
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CHRISTMAS**

AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
IN THE
NEW YEAR

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*May we wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

THE SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE CO.

Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—
Men's Bible Class 9:45
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:50
Evening Service changed from
7:30 to Vesper Service at 5:30
Womans Society of Christian
Service meets each Wednesday
Afternoon 3:00
Men's Brotherhood Social every
second Thursday evening at the
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:30
Mid-week Service and Choir re-
hearsal, Wednesday 7:30
W. M. U., each Wednesday 3:00
Sunbeams, Monday 3:15
Ra's, Ga's, Monday 4:15

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

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

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Wayne Ogden Is Host To Christmas Party

Wayne Ogden entertained mem-
bers of his school class with a
Christmas party at the home of
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C.
Ogden, last Saturday night. Games
were played and dancing was en-
joyed. Christmas decorations were
used, and bars of candy were given
as favors. Sandwiches, cocoa and
doughnuts were served, and each
guest was given an apple contain-
ing a fortune.

Attending were Darrell Alley,
Alice Adkins, Hayden Barker, Jane
Neill, Maxine Chalk, John Wesley
Joy, Betty Spoon, George Hamil-
ton, Mary Jim Caldwell, Joyce
Johnson, Bobby Allen, Bobbie Joe
Granger, Johnnie Smith, Peggy
Ann Willman, Flora Dell Davis,
Peggy Sue Reiley, Freddie Adkins,
Ernest Carroll Stephen, Norris
Loeffler, Earl Johnson, Joe Neil
Smith and Billy Wright Taylor.

Room Mothers Honor Eighth Grade Students

Mmes. Artie Joy, Ford Allen and
G. H. Neill, room mothers for the
eighth grade, entertained members
of the class with a dance last Sat-
urday night. Rummy was played,
with the prizes going to Maxine
Chalk and George Hamilton. The
group was served at quartet tables
which were centered with Santa
Clauses fashioned out of apples,

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Clubs • Parties • Features

JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 22, 1944 The Devil's River News

JAN VANDER STUCKEN HONORED ON BIRTHDAY WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. J. M. Vander Stucken
honored her daughter, Jan, on her
fifth birthday with a party at
her home Monday afternoon.
Christmas decorations were used,
and the children were paid a visit
by Santa Claus, who presented
each of the children with a book.
Sandwiches, punch and birthday
cake were served.

Gifts were received from Mary
Jack Puckett, Joyce Jackson, Tom
Elaine Espy, Nancy Bess and Mary
Adele Wilson, Jan Keng, Marcell
Shock and Jo Bess Vander Stucken.
Also attending the party were
Mmes. Duke Wilson, E. B. Keng,
E. F. Vander Stucken and Howard
Espy.

which were given as cut prizes to
Darrell Alley, Delma Ray Odom,
Jean Sessom, Mary Jim Caldwell
and Alice Adkins.

Refreshments of sandwiches,
cake and punch were served. Dur-
ing the refreshment hour James
Theodore Hunt played "White
Christmas", at the piano, and "I'll
Be Home For Christmas" was sung
by Betty La Rue Spoon, Jane Neill,
Maxine Chalk and Joyce Johnson.

Give a Bond for Christmas --
the gift with a future.

Music Club Meets In Sawyer Home

Mmes. E. E. Sawyer, Edwin
Sawyer and C. T. Jones, Jr., were
the hostesses for the December
meeting of the Sonora Music Club
at the Sawyer home Thursday
night. Mrs. D. L. Locklin was the
leader for the meeting, with Mrs.
Sterling Baker leading the discus-
sion on the subject of "Hymns".

Mrs. Locklin told the stories of
several of the more familiar
hymns, and Christmas carols were

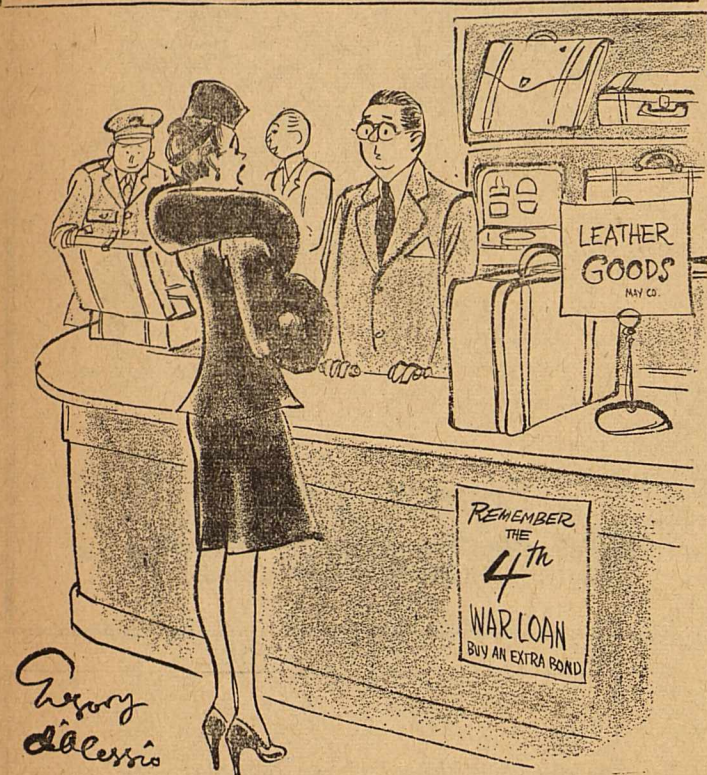
E. D. Shurley leading the singing.
New members introduced were
Mmes. W. M. Penick, Batts Friend
and Karl Moore and Miss Wynona
Hutcherson. Visitors were Mmes.
Kate Brasher, Ruth Bourn and
Roy Clough of Malden, Mass., and
Miss Christine Boone.

Twenty members attended the
meeting.
sung by the group, with Mrs. S.
M. Loeffler at the piano and Mrs.

Give a Bond for Christmas --
the gift with a future.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"It's got to look like an overnight bag, but hold enough
clothes for a two-week's stay!"



how much WHITE LIGHT



in a pound of BLACK COAL?

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

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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 elec-
tricity 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.

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and equipment. The nation-wide average is 1.3 pounds per kilowatt-hour.

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accept our thanks.

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**A Merry
Christmas**

Sonora Grocery

GREETINGS

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spires us to send you a word of
Cheer. May the spirit of the Yule-
tide season spread throughout the
coming year and make this com-
munity a better place in which to
live.

The Season's Best Wishes to
each of you.

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WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one
day of the year when it is possible
to cast aside the artificial dignities
of every day living—the one day of
the year when people can be them-
selves and express sentiments that
are too often suppressed. May we
resolve to strive for a continuation
of this wholesome attitude through-
out the coming year, with more
tolerance toward all, with a genuine
spirit of brotherhood prevailing in
our every transaction. With this as
the background of our activities,
we feel sure that the people of this
community will enjoy the most
prosperous year of them all. It will
lead toward the further advance-
ment of every worthy enterprise.
It will mean a year of happiness,
contentment and prosperity for all!



Sonora Drug Co.
SONORA, TEXAS

A Letter To The People Of Texas From The Students Of The U. Of T.

Dear Friend:

Herein are a few facts about the present unpleasantness at the University of Texas. We have tried to relate them to the general political situation of the state, for we think they are a part of that picture. The same cabal whose desperate maneuvers produced the Texas Revolt, culminating in the organization of the Texas Regulars, are

making a determined attempt to control the content and the manner of higher education in Texas.

To begin at the last outrage, let us look at the dismissal of Dr. Homer Price Rainey from the presidency of the University. After a period of no less than three years, during which time Dr. Rainey had been subjected to repeated personal humiliations and in which the

Board of Regents had made one invasion of academic freedom after another, our president felt called upon to detail a bill of particulars. This he did, and his charges were made public in a 16-point list. There were instances of refusal to cooperate with Dr. Rainey in his suggestions for integrating the University's far-flung units and concentrating its influence on the region; instances of the most flagrant suppression of free speech; and instances of personal pettiness made ugly and meaningful by the weight of official position.

The Regents seized upon these 16 points as an excuse to fire Dr. Rainey. That they were merely an excuse has been plainly shown by the testimony before the Senate Committee. Indeed, although the 16 points did not appear until October 12, and the last fateful meeting of the Board did not occur until November 1, it was common knowledge at the September State Democratic Convention in Dallas that the Regents were going to "get" Dr. Rainey at their September meeting, before the publication of the 16 points. That they did not is still somewhat of a mystery, but it may be hazarded that they were waiting for some overt act of his on which they might seize; and it may be suggested that they intended to provoke such an action, if none were forthcoming without provocation.

The sworn testimony of Mrs. I. D. Fairchild, Lufkin, Texas, a member of the Board appointed by James V. Allred, was convincing that there had been a long-concerted movement to oust President Rainey from his position. It was clear, putting her positive assertions together with the halting and contradictory testimony of the O'Daniel-Stevenson appointees to the Board, that nothing Dr. Rainey could have done would have prevented his being fired.

We have found the real reason for President Rainey's dismissal (and this was admitted by D. F. Strickland, member of the Board of Regents and dean of the Texas Lobbyists' Guild) in a basic difference of approach, not only to the problems of administration of a university, but to the basic problems confronting all democracies today. Rainey's is a positive conception: he believes that a university should be a great driving force in the progressive life of a region; he believes, and we believe with him that Texas has a great part to play in the next phase of development of the United States,

and that the University is a vital factor in the development of Texas and the surrounding states. The Regents believe in the good old ways. Perhaps they are not really bad men - they go to church and love their families just as we do, but the difference between them and us is that their minds are closed. And the result, when their wills and narrow, negative views are imposed on a university, is indoctrination rather than education.

Among many things which the members of the Board of Regents have done over a period of years which have created a general air of intellectual terrorism on our campus, we have selected three incidents.

(1) The Case of the Insulted Patriot

March, 1942, was a hectic month. The President of the United States had just called for an unheard-of peak of production, and the American people were surging in answer to that call. Some, however, answered the call of self-interest. Across the nation, so-called spontaneous mass meetings were called to discredit the Fair Labor Standards Act. One of those meetings took place in Dallas. It was conducted by Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, president of Texas' largest monopoly, Interstate Theaters. In the advertising for that meeting, it was alleged that the F.L.S.A. contained a provision that "no one should work more than forty hours a week." Three young economics instructors, Messrs. Foster, Gordon and Peach, journeyed to Dallas and asked Mr. Hoblitzelle for permission to speak for two minutes to correct the erroneous impression of the law's content which the ads had created. Refused this permission, they attended this meeting as spectators, and then issued a statement to the Dallas Morning News. For this they were fired, i. e., they were not re-employed, at the end of the semester. The ground given for this action was that the instructors had "insulted" Mr. Hoblitzelle. The language of the resolution dismissing those three men is that they were released for conduct "incident to a patriotic mass meeting", thus leaving the impression that they had created a riot in the midst of the pledge of allegiance, or some such thing.

(2) The Case of the Lascivious Professors

In 1942 the Department of English arranged a special sophomore course for engineering students with a reading list of six books,

including *The Big Money*, by John Dos Passos, a stark and realistic novel of American life during the turbulent and materialistic 1920's which has received acclaim as one of the great contemporary works of literature. By a series of administrative changes the course was eventually opened to all sophomore students. Objection arose within the faculty and the committee in charge voted to drop *The Big Money* at the end of the semester two weeks away. At this point the Regents intervened, opened a closed case, ordered the book dropped at once, subjected a dozen English teachers to an insulting inquisition, declared they would fire the teacher responsible for putting the book on the list, and failed to do so only because they found the responsibility for putting the book on the list to be of the committee. They made no inquiry at all into the book's standing with reputable critics or the reasons for its inclusion in a course of literature.

The issue is not now, nor was it ever, the content of the book. That is a matter over which opin-

ions may differ. The issue is the brutal manner in which the Regents attempted to establish moral guilt on somebody's part, with the threat of dismissal to back up their moral fervor.

(3) The Case of the Faulty Telephone Connection

The Regents had created an atmosphere of intellectual terror which hung over the campus. That it did not stultify mental activity is a tribute to the courage of our faculty and to the confidence they felt in Dr. Rainey's ability and desire to protect them. He himself distributed among all the members remained outspoken in his views and continued to make numerous trips, explaining the many functions and potentialities of the University.

In an attempt to silence Dr. Rainey, Regent Strickland called Vice-president Alton Burdine on Sunday morning, October first, and asked him to tell Dr. Rainey that he had to quit "making so many speeches, such as those to religious groups." This is Dr. Burdine's sworn account of the conversation. SEE LETTER TO TEXAS, Page 6



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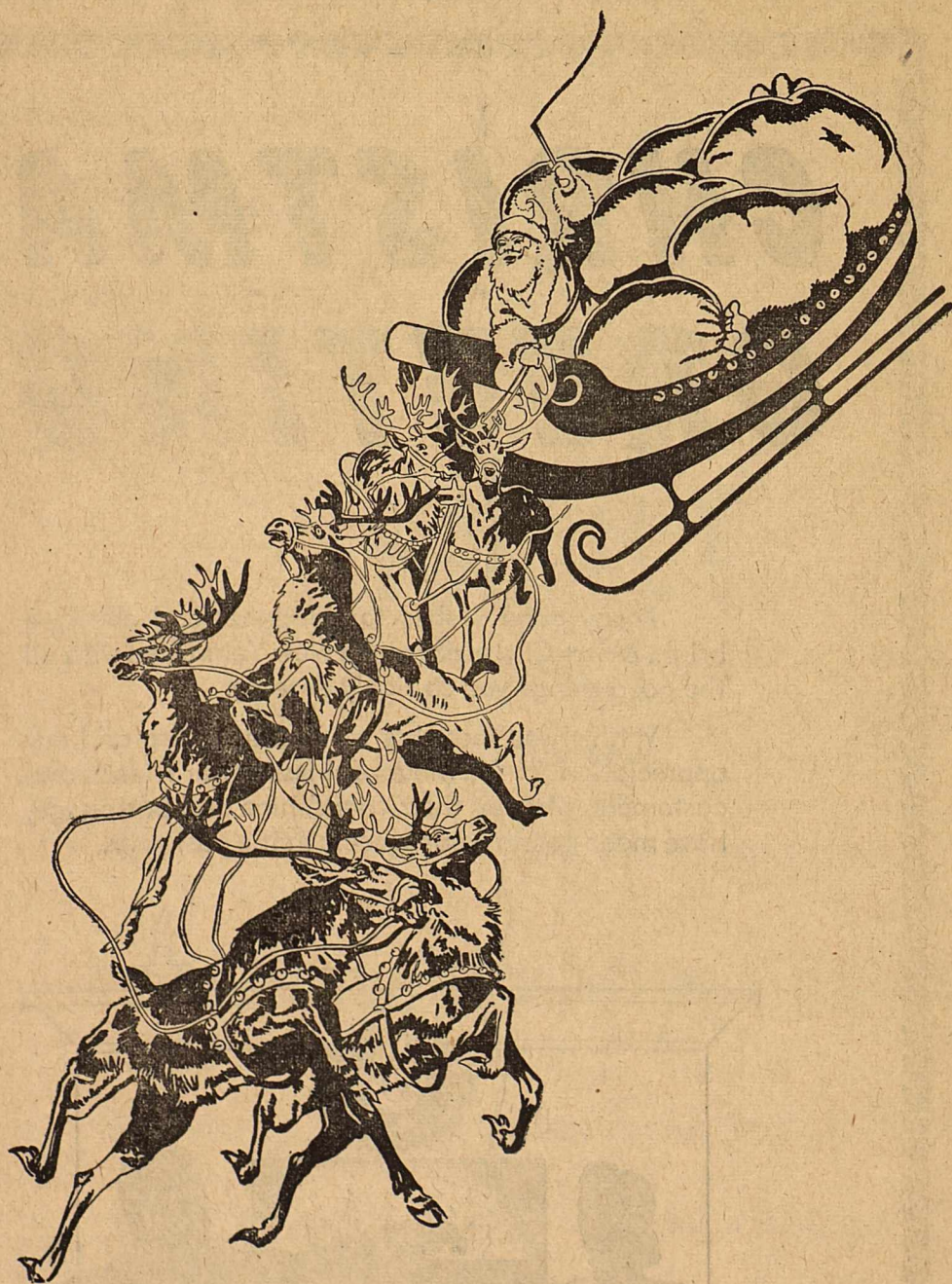
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AND YOU!

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

I expect the Ranger Times was the first paper in West Texas to charter an airplane in order to

"cover" a football game. The Bulldogs were playing the Steers at Big Spring; so Publisher Walter Murray, because of the publicity value of the stunt, hired a plane; and your columnist (who was then the editor-managing editor-city editor-sports editor) climbed on the plane.

All went well until we sighted Big Spring, and then Pilot Travis Boggs made a sharp right hand turn without taking me into his confidence and the plane tilted at such an angle and with me not strapped in that I found myself looking into the upturned faces of a telephone line crew on the highway below. I really "pulled leather"

and barely escaped joining them.

When we landed, Editor Stanley Norman who was on hand to greet us, remarked, "That looked like a sharp turn to us on the ground." My reply was that I was like the Negro who went for a "hop" over an airport, and the pilot cut all kinds of fancy turns and then, after one particularly sweeping loop, straightened out and yelled, "I'll bet 50 per cent of those folks down there thought we were falling then." His dusky passenger answered, "Yah, suh, and 50 per cent of them up heah thought the same thing."

On the return flight, before we reached Ranger, darkness had fallen and the landing field was not equipped with lights. The pilot had arranged, however, for a pool of gasoline to be in readiness, with the airport mechanic to set a match to it when he heard the motor approaching. The blaze looked mighty comforting to me.

We made a perfect landing. Next day, the flier confessed, "That blaze was so bright it blinded me and I had to land by guess."

Anyhow, the Times had made newspaper history by chartering a plane to cover a high school game. How's that? Oh, Ranger won.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If a man wants to be a success in life, he should choose his grandparents with great care."

Charles K. Moore

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Letter To Texas

Mr. Strickland (also under oath) flatly denies the statement, but confesses that in a fit of petulance he may have said or suggested that Rainey should stay closer to home and keep quieter.

It is argued that, after all, this was the act of one Regent only; but when the weight of that position is remembered and the atmosphere which had been built up over a long period is recalled, the attempted gag assumes a sinister complexion.

THE UNDERLYING PATTERN: A SERIES OF COINCIDENCES

All these events, each in itself a matter of concern, become at the same time more significant and more unpleasant when the skeleton is laid bare. When one considers the corporate connections of the members of the Board are vast and interlocking. Some of the most interesting are presented here. When one considers that the leading member of the Board of Regents of Texas Technological Institute is Karl Hoblitzelle, the thinned patriot; that the leading member of the Board at the University of Texas is D. F. Strickland, lawyer and lobbyist for Mr. Hoblitzelle's Interstate Theater Circuit; that the leading member of the Board at Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College is R. W. Briggs of the Briggs Construction Company, another of Mr. Strickland's clients; that still another Strickland client, on the Texas A & I board, is Mr. H. E. Butt, owner of an extensive grocery store chain; when one considers all these things and then recalls that two of the four doctors who were used to circumvent Dr. Rainey in the medical school controversy have since been appointed to our own Board of Regents, it becomes increasingly difficult to deny the existence of a pattern, a pattern designed to destroy Dr. Rainey, and with him the freedom of the great educational institutions of the state.

This pattern is menacing in itself, but when considered in relation to the many repressive actions some of which have been described above, the students of the University of Texas feel impelled to join the Ex-student Council in saying that Dr. Rainey must be reinstated as president and that a new Board of Regents must be created.

Committee of Correspondence
Students Association
University of Texas

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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

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

Sonora Electric Co.

Season's GREETINGS

NOEL, CHRISTMAS, OR YULETIDE!

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For All
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Call it what you may—it's still the most glorious occasion of them all. May its glory light your way throughout the New Year.

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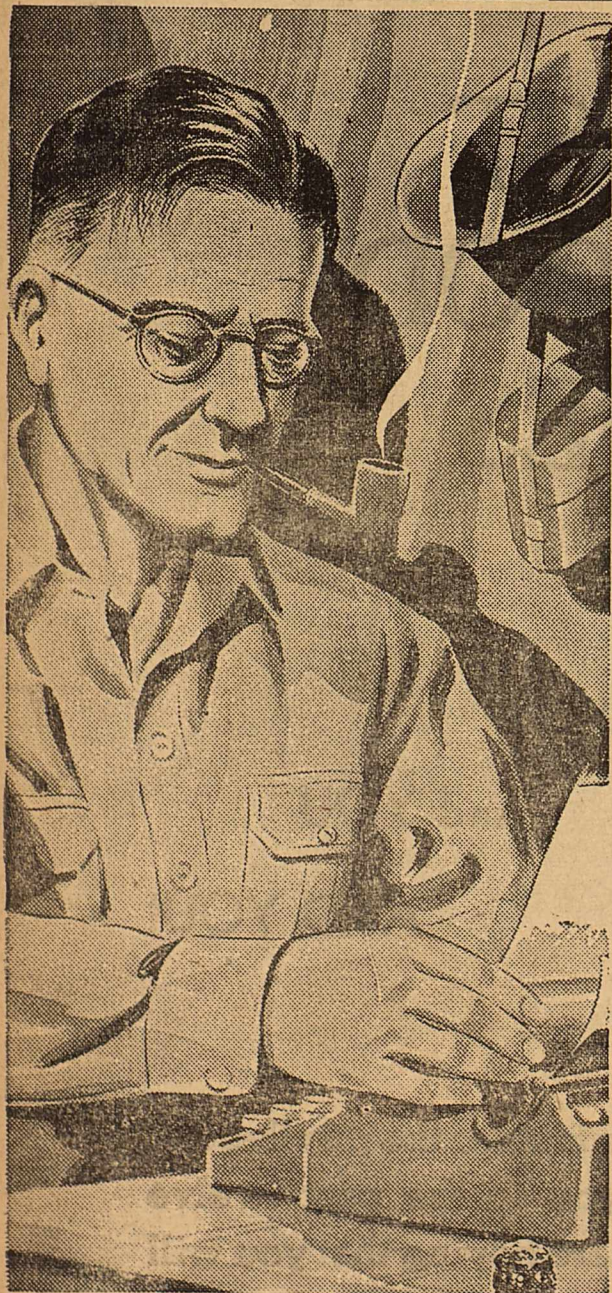
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What Price WAR NEWS

On every battle front, in neutral capitals, behind enemy lines, we have our listening posts, manned by specially trained newsmen, many of whom risk their lives, seventeen of whom have lost theirs, in devotion to their mission of obtaining information at first hand for us at home!

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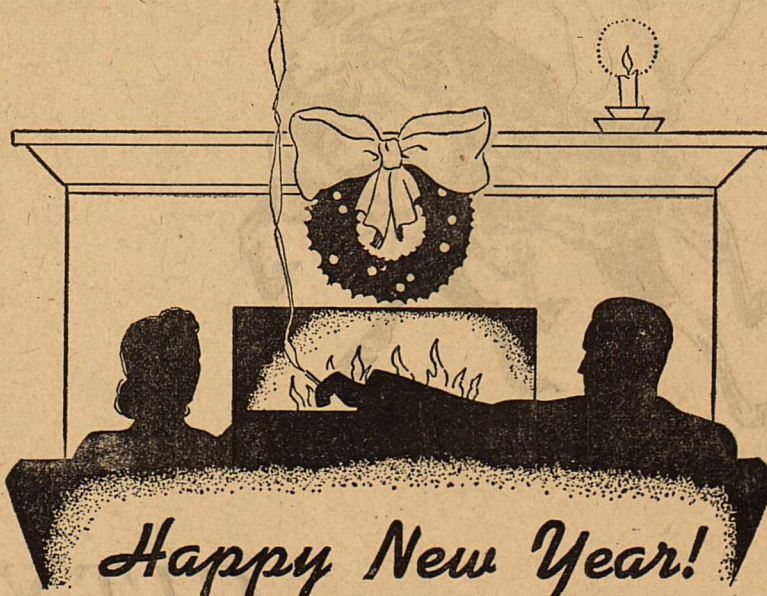
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we desire to also add our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our success in the past year.



Happy New Year!

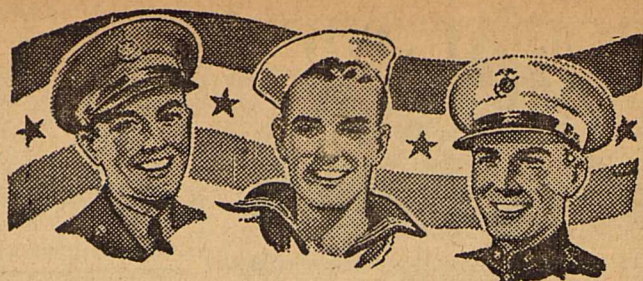
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HERMAN SMITH
RUSSELL DAVIS

BEAL FREEMAN

From Our Men

The Devil's River News



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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

Pvt. Joseph W. Pepper of the Marine Corps writes from aboard the USS Massachusetts.

"I will try and write a few lines. I am doing swell, have just gotten off watch and am enjoying the nice, sunny afternoon. Boy, I wish I were home for awhile. This life gets very monotonous, and I am not kidding. I have had little sleep lately, and it really makes one feel tough.

"There has not been a mail call today, and I did not get a letter from home yesterday. I hope to get the shoes you sent, I know they will be alright. These shoes get so tiresome, as they are so heavy and big.

"It is so hot I can hardly stand it, and the heat rash is getting me, and I am just about to give up entirely."

From a later letter:

"I have had a perfect day today. Half of us Marines went on a picnic and, believe me, it was fun. We had steaks, sandwiches, pork and beans, fruit juice and boiled eggs and all the beer we could drink.

"I picked up some shells and some of the boys climbed coconut trees and we ate coconuts. I then made myself a bed of leaves and went to sleep. It was very nice sleeping. It was the best time I have had since leaving the States.

"I guess everything is going swell there, at least, all we can do

is hope so. You know I cannot write if there was something to write about. It looks as if my packages have been lost, but I am still waiting and hoping they will pull through.

"I told you I heard from Vernon Cook, did I not? If you find out where he is, let me know. I hope to see him.

"Write soon and don't worry about me."

Pvt. Benton Miller writes from Camp Wolters, Texas.

"I am really tired today. We started firing our rifles yesterday, and I did not do so good. My rifle is worn out, and I cannot get used to the sights on them. I am writing this lying down, so you will have to guess what it is.

"The men that fired yesterday ran the targets today. I was a telephone operator down in the pits with the targets. We shot at 200 and 300 yard targets yesterday, and tomorrow we will fire at a 500 yard target.

"I signed up for the paratroopers yesterday and, if I pass my physical, I will go in as soon as we finish our cycle, but I don't think I will pass. I will leave here, if I do, and go to Ft. Benning, Georgia, and take a four-weeks training course and then have a 10-day furlough. I will then go back and have seven or eight weeks more training and then go overseas.

"Well, I am going to have to close and clean my shoes. We don't have time to clean them every day."

Rd. 3/c Vernon Cook writes from the South Pacific:

"Well, here it is less than a month until Christmas, and I am still out here wondering what it will be like there this year. I can't get the feeling of Christmas out here in the least, in fact it just seems like another calendar day. In a way, I guess it is better that way, because you don't miss it so much when you can't ever get the spirit of the thing. I have not received my packages yet, but guess I will when we get our mail again, whenever that might be.

"I sure wish I were there to help

enjoy the cold weather. You all might not enjoy it, but I believe I could if I were there. It sure does get hot down here in the daytime, and to make matters worse, it does not cool off at night much. The only time it cools off is when it rains, and then you can't enjoy it everything is so wet. I can't gripe though, because regardless of how things are, they could be worse.

"The chow we have makes up for just about everything, especially the desserts. I am sending you my Thanksgiving menu. We really had a lot to eat. I don't know where the cooks got it, but when we went to eat it was there.

"It really rained tonight and we could not have a movie, so I thought I had better write a few letters. I have no idea when they will be mailed, but I can write. We don't have any Allied post office around close.

"I found out that I can tell you that I was in the big battle, the invasion of Leyte. You guessed it when you said that I was, since you could not hear from me. Maybe the Jap Navy won't be so bold the next time they want to play games, but you never can tell what they will try next. When I got to come back to the States, I did not think I would have a hand in it, but I sure did.

"Must close now. Tell everyone 'hello' for me."

S/Sgt. J. H. Brasher writes from New Guinea:

"I am back in the jungles after a rest leave to Sydney, Australia. I enjoyed the trip a lot. I knew that Sydney was a large city, but I had no idea that it was like it is. We had everything to eat -- steak, eggs, ice cold sweet milk and fresh tomatoes.

"We are having jungle class tomorrow. They take us out in the jungle and show us how to survive in the jungle. I imagine it will be some experience and plenty hot, but must do, so we do. It is cool here at night but hot in the daytime.

"I am sending you a picture of our tent and foxhole. We dug a hole about ten feet long six feet deep and six feet wide, put two heavy logs length-wise, notched

them and put two across the end. We then put two layers of logs all across the top, then filled sand bags, about 75, and put them over the logs.

"Our last raid we were sitting by our foxhole watching the ack-ack burst, and all of a sudden we heard Charlie's bomb swish, and a prairie dog had nothing on us as we 'dove in our burrow'.

"I am sending you some pictures of one of our ships dropping a bomb while on a mission; also a picture of our last raid on Rabaul, where we dropped incendiaries. I have made 49 missions now, and I may be coming that way soon.

"I got the clippings about Marion Elliott. I just found out about a week ago where he was. I spent a day and night on the same island.

"We had a perfect Thanksgiving dinner. It was swell - turkey, dress-

ing, rolls, corn, peas, gravy, chocolate cake and pumpkin pie. We really enjoyed it after our diet of weiners and sea rations for the past few weeks. Now, two hours after supper, we are all taking part in fixing some French fried potatoes. The bucket of grease has only been kicked over once so far. Several of the boys have brought in what has been sent them -- home - cake, cheese, sardines, fruit cocktail, and we are going to have a feast.

"We spent two days and nights on an island up the way from here, and the Guineas up there were 'trigger happy', so we did not get much sleep. Finally got to sleep about three A. M.

"I must stop now. Tell everyone 'hello and a Merry Christmas' from me."

Lt. O. L. Richardson writes

from New York.

"How are you all tonight? I'm fine, except it's really chilly here, and when I say 'chilly', I mean the wind is blowing, it is snowing, raining and sleeting all at the same time. I think I'd like to be in by a fireplace with a good book or something else.

"It is about 11 o'clock tonight, and I have just gotten through for the day. It hasn't been too hard but just grueling. Tonight I was on court, trying and court-martalling men from all over the battalion. It was a serious business, but it was new to me and I enjoyed being there.

"Today I had a class on a British method of map reading. Being British, it involved kilometers, and it took a heck of a long time to explain. I see why school teachers get grey-headed, if they do."

"Well, I met Glenn last night and yesterday, and we really had a big time. We had a really nice visit, and I sure hated to say good-bye. Maybe we can meet next week-end, anyway I hope we can. I met a bunch of Glenn's buddies too. We stayed awake all night and shot the bull, in fact, I had a hotel room but didn't even use it after getting it. We got in pretty late anyway after making all the rounds, so we just sat up and talked.

"I got a letter from you today. I also sent you a telegram day letter yesterday, since I hadn't in so long. We're still fine and dandy. Eating good and still sleeping some. I had two passes to New York City and may get another one soon. Hope I can meet Glenn again. I'm expecting the box of apples soon now, as they haven't gotten here yet. Will write again soon, as we are getting more time off here lately.

"It's cold as heck here, or at least I think it is. The Yankees say 'Oh, but you ought to see 5 feet of snow'. I sure hope it warms up here soon, 'cause I'm not used to this. You ought to see all the clothes I wear.

"It's late again, so guess I'd better sign out for now."

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When God in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnate among men, it was a complete identification of Deity with humanity — God in Christ became man, in all points like unto man except that He only of all the sons of man was completely free from sin. The Lord of glory became a child of earth. How great a mystery!

The tiny Babe lying in the manger of Bethlehem was the One without whom was not anything made that was made. The tiny, chubby baby hand upon the cheek of the virgin mother was the hand of Him who holds the universe in the hollow of His hand. The baby arm about the mother's neck was the arm of the One whose ever-

lasting arms are underneath all things. The lisping words of the toddling Child of Nazareth were the words of the One who spoke the earth into being and who created a universe by the Word of His mouth. The knowledge of the twelve-year-old Lad in the temple as He confounded and amazed the doctors of the law, was the knowledge of the One who is the Author of all truth and the embodiment of all wisdom. The One sitting on the well-curb to rest, tired with His journey and burning with the heat of the day, was the God who created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The One who paid taxes to Caesar was the One who established human government and from whose hand Caesar received the power he so often misused.

Christ was incarnate for a definite purpose. He came to die. Man had sinned and man was under the condemnation of the righteous law of God. The human race had sinned and the sons of the race must be punished. No man could pay the penalty for the sins of man because no man was himself free from the condemnation of sin; but God Himself, the sinless One, in the person of His Son incarnate in the flesh, paid the penalty for the sins of man. In the Lord Jesus Christ the power and the love of God ally themselves in satisfying His law and in showing His mercy available for man through His atonement upon the cross for the sins of man's children.

The whole wonder of the incarnation is this: it was for us, for

you and for me, that God became flesh and dwelt among us. The personal application of His shed blood to our sinful hearts cleanses us; faith in Him imparts salvation to us. How wonderful that God should take upon Himself the form of man, become an inheritor of the "ills that flesh is heir to", suffer the ignominy of the cross; but how

much more wonderful that He did this for us!

Misses Jo Ann Marion and Wynona Hutherson were in San Angelo last Saturday shopping and attending the football game.

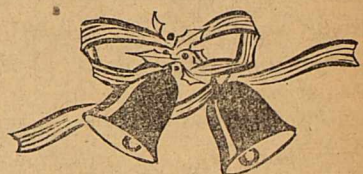
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An amazing amount of information on the Texas Hereford industry including a brief summary of its history, is compressed into the comparatively small volume composing the 1945 Texas Hereford Directory, just off the press. More than seven thousand copies are being sent to the principal buyers of pure-bred cattle in the United States.

The directory is an authentic inventory of thousands of Herefords being produced in Texas, the greatest Hereford breeding state in the Union. Listed by counties is data on all the members of the Texas Hereford Association, their ranches and cattle.

In the foreword, Jack Frost, president of the Association, outlines the purposes of the organization, and prospective purchasers are advised that every member has signed the code of ethics and that the Association guarantees that every buyer will get what he pays for.

The introduction quotes from a speech made by W. S. Ikard, Clay County rancher, who brought the first Herefords to Texas, and first president of the Association, in which he exhorted the members to "stand together as a band of brothers and push the breed into every hamlet of the country and encourage the best exhibits possible at each fair and fat stock show."

Since that time, nearly forty-five years ago, Herefords have been introduced into every one of Texas' 254 counties.

Sutton County ranchmen who are listed in the directory as Association members are Bryan Hunt and Son, R. A. Halbert, Libb Wallace and Son and Joe F. Logan.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Johnny Hamby has bought 452 mixed lambs, averaging 82 pounds each, from R. V. Sewell.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Recent stock shipments include the following: Edwin Sawyer, one load of cattle to Fort Worth, and the same from G. P. Hill to San Angelo; two truckloads of sheep from Sterling Baker to O. L. Richardson; two loads of sheep from Bill Barker to Jack Richardson of Uvalde, and two truckloads of sheep, each, to Hilton Turney and Robert Kelley from G. P. Hill.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

The curious around town have advanced several theories as to what the figure painted on Johnny Hamby's car is supposed to represent. Some say a turtle, others a Christmas tree, and some say it couldn't possibly represent anything—but Johnny says it's a coon skin.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Charlie Hull this week received two truckloads of sheep from Tom White of Rocksprings.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Headquarters offices of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association were moved last week from Fort Stockton to the St. Angelus Hotel, San Angelo, by Vestel Askew, secretary, and Miss Metha Thompson, assistant secretary.

Heading the association for the next year is Ray W. Willoughby of San Angelo. First vice-president is Steve Stumberg, Sanderson ranchman, and second vice-president is Bryan Hunt of Sonora.

43 Years Ago

Mrs. O. Mitchell left Sonora on Thursday, the 19th, for Godley, Texas, where Mr. Mitchell has bought the drug stock of L. D. Moss, and where they will make their home after January 1st. Mr. Mitchell will not leave for his new home until after the first of January. Otis Mitchell has made many friends during his two years in Sonora. The News wishes Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell happiness and success in their new home.

—43—

D. K. McNalley and sister, Miss Daisy, were in from the Bob Peacock ranch Sunday on their way to Santa Anna, Coleman County, to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

—43—

Bob Peacock, one of the best known cowmen in West Texas, was up from his ranch Monday attending to some business and getting ready for Christmas.

—43—

H. C. Hunt, the livery man, returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Bracketville Thursday. Mrs. Hunt and the children will remain down there for some time.

—43—

Liss Moss and Hop Wood were in from the ranch Friday for supplies, and one thing and another.

—43—

R. T. Baker, commissioner of Precinct No. 4, was in from his ranch for a few days this week on business.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Caruthers on Wednesday, December 18, 1901, a boy.

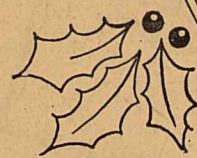
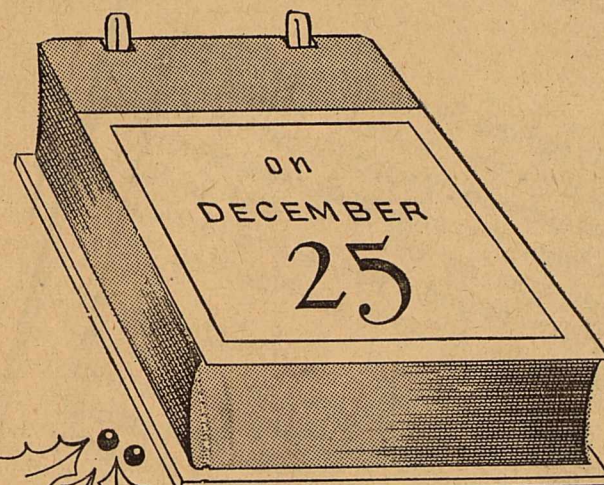
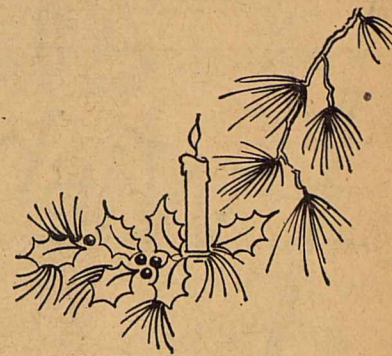
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Tom Dragoo, the young ranchman, came down from San Angelo Thursday and left for the ranch Friday.

—43—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Millard were in Sonora Monday from their ranch in Schleicher County shopping. Mrs. I. N. Brooks accompanied them.

A CHRISTMAS Message



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Dr. Cox Warns Against Use Of Old Medicines

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—There are many persons who naturally hoard old clothes and everything including old articles, boxes, and other use- less articles, some of which con- stitute no greater danger than a possible fire hazard, but a very real danger is present when this old medicine is applied to hoarding old medicine in any form.

Most medicine finds itself into the home through a doctor's pre- scribing it for some specific illness. For the sake of safety, left-over medicines should be destroyed im- mediately when they have fulfilled their purpose and never left in the medicine cabinet for future unpre- scribed use in case of another ill- ness, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

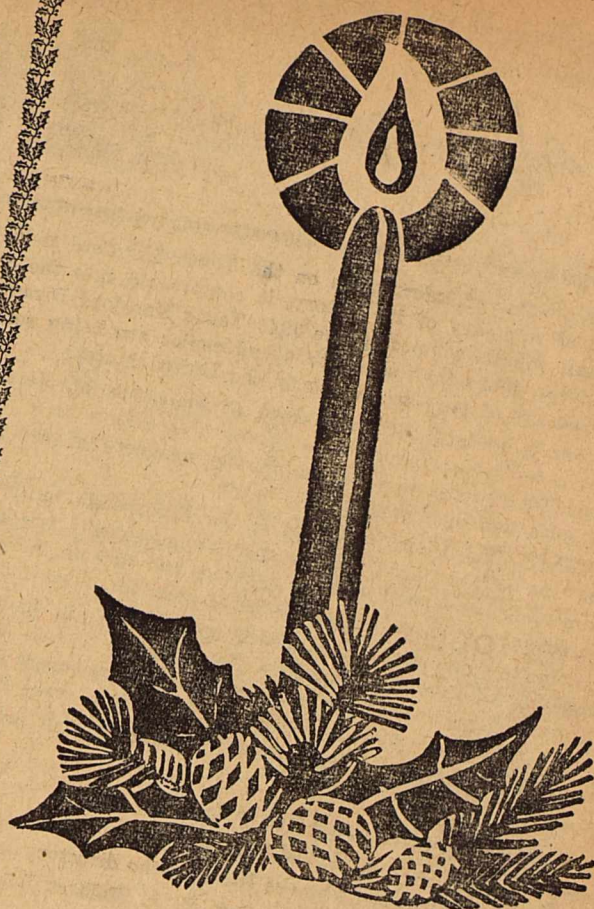
"Self-medication with the use of left-over drugs which were of great benefit to some previous illness can sometimes turn a simple ail- ment into a very serious condition of actual poisoning," Dr. Cox said. "This is particularly true of the indiscriminate use of sulfa drugs which have been prescribed for some previous specific condition."

Retaining in the medicine cabi- net old left-over drugs can often bring about unnecessary tragedies. About three years ago, one two- year-old youngster in this state, attracted by all of the bright bottles and colored medicine be- closet, swallowed some pills which had been used for an adult heart condition and died within less than two hours' time.

"It is wise to use medicines as indicated for the illness for which they are prescribed by your doc- tor, and when they are no longer needed destroy the remaining medi- cine immediately," Dr. Cox said. "Even if you expect a return of the same condition at some future date it would be better to obtain new medicine if the condition re- curs than to retain this old medi- cine in the cabinet and subject the members of your family to the danger of using it unwisely."

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We wish you the joy that should be yours this glad Christmastime.



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In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

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