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## Start Registering for Home Guard on December 29

Talco's organization of Home Guard is making fast progress. The whole organization will be grouped as "Home Guard of Civil Defense," a county-wide organization whereby each town will have separate companies.

The Rev. B. A. Watson of Mt. Pleasant, has been appointed county director and C. H. Erskin, World War captain, has been appointed commander of the county's division.

T. R. Alexander, reserve officer, employed at the Republic Supply Company, has been appointed company commander for the Talco unit. Mayor J. B. Osborn has been appointed to see that the organization is formed and urges everyone to cooperate.

Registering for the Home Guard will begin Monday, Dec. 29. Those wishing to register may do so at the city hall. Those who wish to do so before that date can obtain blanks from T. A. Alexander, E. W. Smith, Paul Hardin or members of the American Legion.

Registrants can resign at any time in the event their work makes it necessary.

## U. S. to Take Over Eritrea to Produce Materials for War

The United States may soon take over the former Italian possession of Eritrea, it was announced in Washington recently and establish a system of factories for the production of war materials to be used against the Axis powers.

Eritrea was conquered last spring by the British, and there are thousands of Italian prisoners in the colony, who will be put to work under American supervision in the manufacture of guns, tanks, planes and other equipment to be used against their own countrymen, the Germans and Japanese.

Eritrea is on the eastern coast of Africa, on the Red Sea, and is far enough away from the battle zones of Libya to permit operation without threats of bombardment by Axis planes. It is also in the zone through which American shipping has been plying for many months.

## Spot Location for Second Hopkins Test

Tentative location has been reported for the second test to be drilled by W. B. Hinton and Talco Asphalt & Refining in the Hopkins county area three miles west of Birthright. The reported site is in the southeast corner of the south forty-six acres of a 136-acre tract, Acquier survey, on Jeff Crisp fee land. Humble is said to have turned a half interest in the tract for the well. Location would fall about a half mile east of the operators' No. 1 Long, same survey, which continues to test on pump from perforations around 4,750 feet in the Paluxy, making water and some oil.

## ROBERT BISHOP IS BORED WITH INACTIVITY ON DUTY

Letters from Robert Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bishop of Bogata, indicate that he is not enjoying the inactivity in his line of duty. He is a member of the army fire department near San Francisco.

Since the attack by Japan he has left the reservation only once and that was to get a haircut.

## AGED RED RIVER COUNTY MAN DIES SATURDAY

Last rites for Malachi Mills, 82, retired farmer, who died Saturday night at his home near Bagwell, were held Monday, with interment in Bethel cemetery near Fulbright. A native of Tennessee, Mr. Mills had lived in Red River county the last 31 years. Surviving are seven children.

## RABID DOG KILLED IN TITUS COUNTY RECENTLY

A dog, found to have been suffering with rabies, was killed recently four miles east of Mt. Pleasant. It was said to have bitten a number of dogs and there is a possibility that there will be many rabid dogs in Talco county before long.

## Talco Oil Companies Pay Bonus Checks

Employees of some of the Talco oil companies are rejoicing over their nice Christmas bonus checks.

Bob Woodward of the Byrd-Frost Company announces that their company had paid a nice check to each employee.

Henry Guines of the Decker Tool Supply, said that he and all employees received a check for \$230.

Other companies giving bonus checks are G. M. W., Muskogee Iron Works and B. G. Byers.

## Byers Nears Pay on Barker Tract in East Talco

At the stroke of midnight announcing Christmas has arrived, the B. G. Byers Oil Company should have reached pay dirt on the Barker location in West Talco. Wednesday it was reported that the drill stem was boring around 3,000 feet.

After much hardship in getting underway, the company has made real progress. To the owners of the Barker land this new well will certainly make a nice Christmas present.

## Where Talco Teachers will Spend Holidays

Sup't and Mrs. E. E. Dunagan at Winters and other West Texas towns, Mr. and Mrs. Glen N. Flewharty at Sulphur Springs and Cumby, Guy Lemmond at Talco and Gilmer, Charlene Crumpton at Rhome, Ann Miller at Cooper, Frances Cornett at Linden, Maurice Turner at Coke, Pauline Lipe at Avery, Lucille Williams at Avery, Gertrude Rogers at Clarksville, Eddie Houston at Pittsburg, Mildred Petty at Waco, Myrtle Serrin at Wolfe City, Beulah Smith at Talco, Venita Neeley at points in California, Nadine McClung at Talco, Era Pierce at Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Stewart at Edgewood and Mt. Pleasant, T. J. Scott at Cooper, Mrs. Ralph Turner at Brownwood and Deport, Elizabeth Allums at Jolintown, Christine Carter at Talco and Paris, Odessa Reed at Waco, Helen Fortenberry at Greenville, Morris Winkle at Midway and Thelma Wages at Commerce.

## Jack King Resigns Mt. Vernon Church to Go to Bryson

Jack W. King, minister of the Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, has resigned that position to accept a similar one at Bryson. Mr. King was formerly pastor of the Talco Church of Christ and resigned to take the Mt. Vernon church. He moved from Talco in September, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. King and son, Kerry, will leave Mt. Vernon soon after Jan. 1 for their new home.

## Army is So Popular Recruit Joins Navy

Popularity of the Army cost it an enlistment at Nashville, Tenn.

Sam Roland Turner Jr., a bellhop who went with three fellow employees to enlist in the ground forces, grew weary of standing in line waiting his turn to sign up. He noticed the line wasn't nearly as long over at Navy headquarters.

"Heck, I can't wait all day," he told friends, "I'm going into the Navy so I won't have to wait so long."

And he did.

## SHERIFF'S DEPT. TO ARREST SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Cato has been instructed to arrest any suspicious characters in and around this area. This is done as a precaution against sabotage.

Mr. Cato asks the cooperation of local citizens in helping him to find such characters.

## MANY FOREIGN-BORN JAPS LIVING IN UNKED STATES

In the census of 1930 it was found there were 70,993 foreign-born Japanese in this country. Most of these are concentrated on or near the Pacific coast.

## State Health Officer Urges Moderation During Holidays

Austin.—"Despite the fact that America is at war, this nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of happiness and good will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their minds and bodies are unmercifully punished and sometimes irreparable damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Over-eating, crowded living conditions, lack of exercise, and overheated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against undue excitement and late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas holidays, whether in food or drink, is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health and strength as well as that of his neighbor, to conserve and bolster the health and manpower of our country, Doctor Cox said that from a standpoint of patriotism alone every Texan owes it to his country to promote good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

## Harbison and Wilson Are War Prisoners in China—Notices

The Bogata parents of L. S. Harbison and J. C. Wilson have been notified that the boys are both prisoners of war in China. The notifications came from the War Department Sunday.

The entire companies of both boys, officers and men, were interned for the duration. It is not believed that either of the boys is wounded.

Harbison is the step-son of Harry Harbison and Wilson is the son of John Wilson.

## School Turns Out for Holidays

Talco school students left their desks and studies Friday for a week's Christmas vacation. Teachers left for their homes and the entire group has settled down to wait for Santa.

Last year the students were given a two weeks' vacation; this year they only get one week. School resumes Monday morning, Dec. 29.

## Happenings One Year Ago Just Before Christmas

Here are just a few items picked up from the issue of The Talco Times a year ago, just before Christmas. In comparison with this year:

Wednesday being Christmas last year, The Talco Times had announced in the Dec. 20 edition that it would be a day late with its next issue, allowing those who made it to enjoy the Yuletide; this year The Times comes a day early.

The Talco State Bank had remodeled their office furniture; this year they are spruced up for Christmas.

The John Burks Post of the American Legion had held its annual Roy Ben court; this year it was held on Dec. 12.

The school had dismissed students that day for two weeks' holidays; this year they were dismissed on Friday for only one week's vacation.

Merchants had responded nicely to Christmas advertising, by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas; this year practically every business in Talco is wishing their friends and customers a Merry Christmas.

## Funeral Services are Held Friday for Mrs. Berdie Rowan

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Friday morning at 10:30 for Mrs. Berdie Rowan, 48, who was found dead at her home in Talco Tuesday of last week. The Rev. M. F. Downing conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. C. S. Wilhite, pastor of the Talco Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rowan is survived by her son, Aubrey Nickleson of New Orleans, La., and her mother, Mrs. J. A. Vaughn of Malvern, Ark.

Interment was made in the Talco cemetery. Funeral was directed by Byron Dixon of Bogata and E. Unsell of Talco.

## Two Talco Boys in Auto Accident

Two Talco boys, J. D. Northam and Sam Barnard, were injured on Sunday night about 11:30 when the car they were driving collided into the rear of a truck near the high school in Mt. Pleasant.

The boys were accompanied by Miss Dorothy Jean Jackson of Mt. Vernon, and Miss Eva Gaddis of Mt. Pleasant.

The four were treated for their injuries which were reported not serious. The car, a 1941 Mercury, was badly damaged.

## CLARKSVILLE LUMBER MAN BURIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Clarksville for W. A. Hinkle, 69, lumber manufacturer, the Rev. B. B. Hall, Methodist pastor, officiating. Burial was made in Fairview cemetery.

## Why This Edition is One Day Early

This edition is being put in the mails earlier than the regular publication date. This is due to the fact that Christmas comes on Thursday this year and it was necessary to get the edition made up and mailed early so that the employees of this newspaper might observe Christmas day in the traditional American manner.

To the advertisers who cooperated by turning in their copy early and to all who brought news items the editor is very grateful.

## Put Cold Remedy in Your Stocking for Santa Claus

Suggested gift for Santa Claus this Christmas: A sample of your favorite cold preventative. Unless Santa remembers to wear his high-top boots Wednesday night, he stands a good chance of getting his feet wet and taking a severe cold.

Rains over the week end have sogged the ground and left water standing in all low places. Farm work has been at a standstill for several days and many roads are reported in bad condition.

Monday was the first day of winter, but it was little different from the preceding days. Temperatures have been above normal during the week, but were dropping Tuesday before a stiff northerly wind that promised colder weather.

## Big Defense Plant Site Near Marshall

Selection of a site in Northeast Harrison county, about 15 miles from Marshall, for construction of a \$23,000,000 defense plant has been announced by the War Department.

Located at Longhorn, it will be known as the Longhorn Ordnance Works and it is presumed it will be a TNT plant. Construction of the plant will employ between 8,000 and 10,000 men and operation of the industry after completion about 1,500, it is said.

## Funeral Thursday for Edgar Hooker

Funeral service for Edgar Hooker, 58, president of the recently-closed Fulbright State Bank, was held at 2 p. m. Friday at the residence at Fulbright, conducted by Cleon Lyles of Paris, minister of Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, with interment in Evergreen cemetery at Paris.

Pallbearers were J. M. Price of Bogata, A. Hutchinson, Paris; Oscar Legate, Center Point, and John Harkrider, Paul Hill and Blake Reynolds of Fulbright.

## President Signs New Draft Bill

President Roosevelt signed Monday the bill enlarging the Selective Service plan while the Senate heard demands that all recruiting be halted and that the nation rely entirely upon the draft to build up a war machine of 6,000,000 men or more.

Under the law, all men of 18 thru 64 must register and all from 20 thru 44 are liable for active military service.

## T. J. Scott Replaces W. B. Travis at School

T. J. Scott of Cooper, has been employed as instructor of shop and math, in the Talco school, replacing W. B. Travis, who resigned last week to accept a position with the highway patrol, located in Dallas.

Mr. Scott has a B. A. degree and is well qualified to teach in the above-mentioned classes. He will make his home here with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan.

## DEAF MUTE COBBLER DIES FRIDAY AT CLARKSVILLE

Death of H. J. Pool, 64-year-old deaf mute cobbler of Clarksville, occurred last Friday after an illness, and burial was Saturday in Lane's Chapel cemetery after service by the Rev. Carrol Ray, Baptist pastor. Surviving are Mrs. Pool and one son, Calvin, high school student.

## Talco Sentenced to Merry Christmas by Judge Roy Bean

Roy Bean Court was convened in Talco on Dec. 8. All citizens who were found to have a conscience guilty of thinking of community welfare were hailed before the court, tried and fined according to the amount of thinking they had been guilty of along this line.

"After the court docket had been cleared," Judge Bean says, "I called in a grand jury on Dec. 19 at the city hall in Talco. This jury was composed of Rev. S. D. Lindsey of the Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. M. F. Downing, Mrs. W. H. Crawford and Mrs. Elsie Kelley of the First Baptist Church, Rev. C. S. Wilhite of the Methodist church, Jas. E. Laird of the Church of Christ, Mrs. C. H. Parsons of the Assembly of God, W. W. Kendrick and Guy Dunn, Red Cross volunteers, Mrs. Guy Dunn and Mrs. R. L. Williams of the Fine Arts Club, Guy Lemmond, school principal and Ed Nugent and A. B. Later of the American Legion.

"After all facts and the amount of fines collected and the condition of this community as I found it, was reported to the jury, they in turn, investigated the facts and conditions as reported and returned an indictment of guilty against this community which reads as follows:

"We, the jury, find this community 100 per cent contaminated with the spirit of unity and the will to do—first, care for those who through unfortunate circumstances cannot provide for themselves and their families that would bring happiness at this season of the year; second, a will to 'keep 'em flying'; third, for persisting in keeping the home fires burning and the wheels of industry turning."

"After close examination and due consideration, I, Judge Roy Bean, sentence this community to a Merry, Merry Christmas.

JUDGE ROY BEAN."

## Aliens Forbidden Firearms, Cameras Anywhere in U. S.

The Department of Justice has issued an order forbidding the possession of firearms or cameras by German, Italian and Japanese aliens in the United States.

Possession of cameras, no matter to what use they are put, will result in the seizure of the equipment, and under certain circumstances, their owners may be placed in concentration camps with those who are classed as dangerous. Having firearms in their possession may invoke heavier penalties.

It is estimated there are about 1,100,000 aliens in the country at present who are affected by the order.

The government is also taking extra precautions to prevent any sabotage of defense plants wherever they may be.

## MACK REECE DIES OF STROKE FRIDAY

Mack Reece, 52, of Detroit, died of a stroke early Friday morning. He had returned two days before from Memphis where he had been employed at the Veterans CCC camp.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Christian Church in Detroit and interment was in the Detroit cemetery.

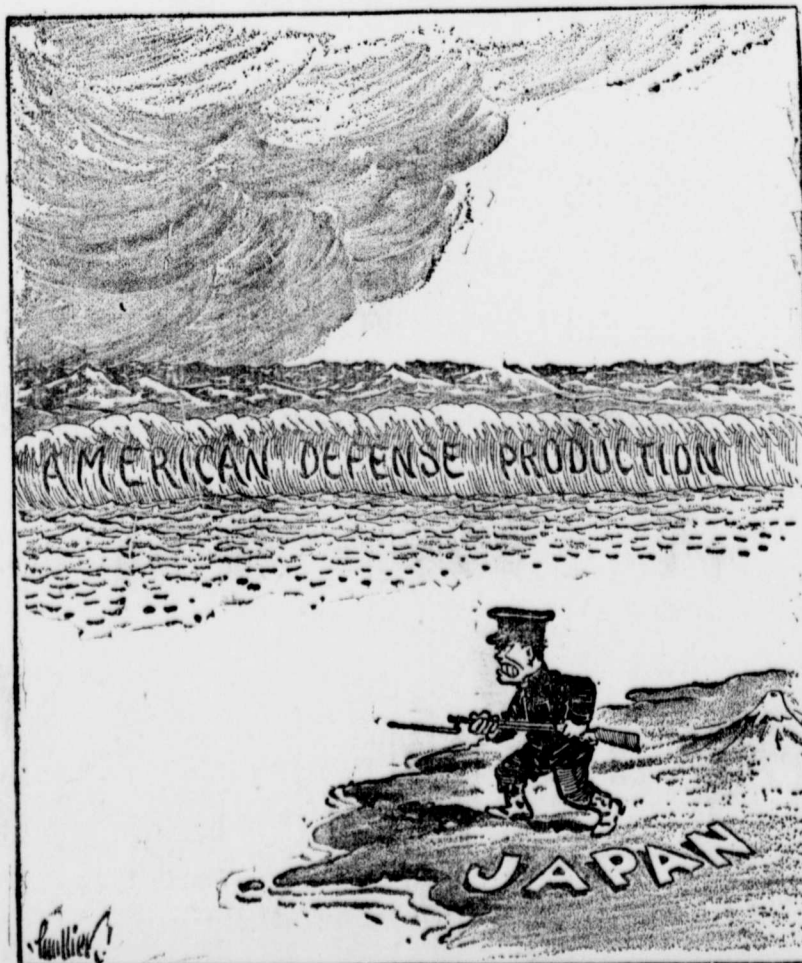
## FUNERAL HELD ON SUNDAY FOR CLARKSVILLE CARPENTER

Dick Murphy, 74-year-old Clarksville carpenter, who had lived all his life within a six-block area of where he was born, died Saturday after three weeks illness. Funeral was held Sunday and interment was in Clarksville cemetery. He leaves two brothers at Clarksville, Emmet and John Murphy.

## INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION AVERY MAN DIES MONDAY

H. E. Miller, 48, of Avery, died in a Clarksville hospital Monday of injuries sustained early Sunday in an automobile collision near DeKalb. In the car with him were Albert and Hubert Johnson and O. D. Nelson, all of Avery, who were treated for minor injuries.

## THE WAVE WILL RISE



**In Talco Four and Five Years Ago From the Back Files of The Talco Times**

**Week of Dec. 24, 1937**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Evans had been destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The building cost \$2,500.

Dave Berman, post commander of the American Legion, had reported that the sum of \$140 had been received from the Roy Bean court.

The local Boy Scouts had held their second meeting since organizing and formed plans for the future.

It had seemed the first part of the week that Christmas would be muddy and sloppy, but a cold wave at the end of the week made the holiday a pleasure.

A Christmas tree had been held at the school house for the benefit of the needy under direction of the American Legion. It was a great success.

**Week of Dec. 25, 1936**

Only one well had been reported drilling and no important developments had been recorded in the field that week.

Mrs. E. A. King of Pittsburg, had been killed in a car wreck which occurred on Sunday night near John-town.

Stolen goods from the Jones and Kelley store had been found on the Gieger place, but were completely ruined by rain.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co. had announced on Saturday that all employees in the lower wage bracket would have an increase in salary effective on Jan. 1.

Sam Holloway of Deport had purchased Frank Dannelly's interest in The Talco Times, and was to continue to publish it.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY HONORS MISS DORIS JEAN PENN**

Mrs. C. C. Penn honored her daughter, Doris Jean, with a birthday party Saturday, Dec. 20 from 2 until 4 o'clock. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to the following guests: Beth and Jane Gill Rosson, Bill, Lee and Pat Hutchinson, Lou Ann Carl, Billy and Bobby Harvey. A very good time was enjoyed by everyone.

**LOOK AROUND**

Irish professional (giving lessons in the game to a young recruit): "You must always bear in mind, sorr, that when you are looking on the ball it's only two-thirds of that you can see. The other third is out of sight, and that is the part you must keep your eye on."

**War Puts Marine Millionaires Back in Poor Pay Class**

Washington.—The "millionaires of the marine corps" are back where they started as poor boys.

They are the 970 officers and men whose pay dollar was worth \$18 in Shanghai, Peiping and Tientsin but will amount to only 100 cents again in Manila. President Roosevelt ordered them to the Philippines in withdrawing the last remaining garrisons from China.

Tales of fabulous doing with Chinese exchange abound in the corps—buck privates turning their \$20 a month into fortunes; leisure, fun and frolic where only the very rich dared draw a billfold.

Fantastic? Well, in China a \$1 American greenback was worth eighteen Mexican dollars in local currency, but the Mex dollar would buy as much goods and services as the American dollar. Millionaires, for sure, say the Leathernecks.

It's all over now. United States marines have guarded American interests in China for 97 years. This is the first time they ever have been removed lock, stock and barrel. Too dangerous to stay, said officials—the token force could be massacred during the war with Japan.

**Promise Spree by Candidates Looms**

Austin.—To the issues of a curb on strikes and a halt on new taxes, observers say now the political candidates of 1942 will bring a new vote-gathering, "something-for-nothing" promising spree.

This will be an effort to capitalize the support of selective service men and their families through promising to try to force through big raises in service pay.

This will be like the recent rush of old-age pension promises, in that the man who does the promising isn't the one who would do the paying, and the premium will be on the loudest and wildest promises.

It's too strong a political vote-claimer to fail of use, observers say. Not only is the appeal to a large number of people, but it goes to a steadily-reinforced group, and it wears the plumage of patriotism as well.

It takes 30 dozen eggs to make 10 pounds of dried eggs.

The tin can was invented by a printer.

**Know This Fellow? Well, How Old is He?**



Real name: Saint Nicholas.  
Date of birth: About 300 A. D.  
Place of birth: Asia Minor.  
Occupation: Bishop.  
Present age: About 1600.

He is the patron saint of Russia, and of seafaring men, thieves, virgins and children. As the bearer of presents on Christmas Eve his name has been corrupted to Santa Claus.

Despite his 1600 years of experience, Santa may have a tough time locating several European countries this Christmas.

**Don't Worry Over War, is Warning of Psychologist**

Dr. Irvin J. Lee, professor of psychology at Northwestern University, warns against worry if the highest efficiency and morale of American citizens are to be maintained.

Offering seven suggestions for mental equilibrium, Dr. Lee said:

1. Focus your attention on the task at hand, and seek new ways of helping.
2. Don't feel that the whole job is up to you alone. Just do something, however small, and the net result will be great.
3. Worrying dissipates energy, leads to further worry, and drains efficiency.
4. Don't expect too much. Be a pessimist. It isn't the pain, but the surprise that hurts. Anticipation of danger is a protection in itself.
5. Question all rumors. Remain emotionally balanced and calm.
6. Rely on those in authority. They know the facts.
7. Try not to worry in the presence of children, or if you insist on worrying, don't let them know it. They are excitable and quickly spread anxiety.

**MORE OF SAMEE**

A Chinese cook was walking thru the woods. He turned around to see a grizzly bear following, smelling of his tracks.

"H'm," said the Chinese, "you like my tracks? Velly good, I makee some more."

**Food in the Navy Said to Be Better Than it is at Home**

San Diego, Calif.—Uncle Sam's sailors have their baked beans for breakfast but navy cooking is so good, a group of American mothers conceded that it has relegated home cooking to a secondary position.

In an endeavor to assuage any concern of mothers separated from their boys at Christmas for the first time, a committee representing the Navy Mothers' Club of America visited the Naval Training Station here to look into the food situation.

The official report for the club's Point Loma chapter stated:

"We would like to tell all navy mothers in America, much as it hurts our maternal pride, we do not believe there is one of us in the world who feeds her son as well as the navy does. Home for any of these boys was never like this. We may be terribly lonely for them this Christmas, but we do not have to worry about how they are faring."

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**John Scarborough**  
INC.  
PARIS, TEXAS



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BROTHERS COMPANY  
PARIS, TEXAS

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from the  
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and **DON WAIR**  
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Wishing You a

**Merry Christmas**  
and Years of Peace

**Hollywood Shop**  
and Its Employees  
Paris, Texas



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We are hoping that each of you enjoy the Merriest Christmas ever.

Your consideration of this firm in the past has been of tremendous importance and it is with gratitude for your patronage that we extend our most cordial good wishes for the Yuletide Season.

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FURNITURE COMPANY  
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**Cordial Greetings**



*We've Been Wishin'  
You A Merry  
Christmas for a  
Great Many Years*

And we haven't seen the time yet that it didn't give us a pleasant experience. Each year we are more appreciative of the friendships and patronage that has been ours. Each Yuletide season has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming year.

This year is no exception. We are truly grateful and fully aware of your part in the progress of this organization. We value your continued good-will and trust that we may merit it for many more years to come.



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December-1941

People of Texas:

This hour is too solemn for ordinary Christmas greetings.

Once again our nation is plunged into cruel war. Trials and tribulations stare us in the face. But we are a brave people. Christian endeavor fortifies us. We will win the victory, by the forces within us.

Let us therefore lift our eyes to the Star of Bethlehem, eternal symbol of love and peace, and pray earnestly for strength and wisdom: for the triumph of right and justice and for the relief of distressed peoples in every land.

"On earth Peace, Good will toward men."

Sincerely yours  
Coke Stevenson

JOHNTOWN

The Christmas tree and program at the school house Thursday night was well attended and school was dismissed until Dec. 29.

Mrs. Clement's niece from Roxton spent the week end here.

The deed to the land where the new church is to be built has been made and given by Mrs. Bettie Clement and children and preparations are being made to get the lumber here and start building as soon as weather is favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderburg left for Ft. Worth Saturday to spend the holidays with her people.

Prayer meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todd last Wednesday night and a large crowd was present. A good lesson was enjoyed, led by Earl Watts.

Mrs. Alice McCarter plans to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Sparks, at Honey Grove.

Mrs. Alvin Ballard and sons spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Ila Vickers at Paris.

Mr. Bryant, who has been here pulling bolls for J. P. Warner, returned to his home in Paris Sunday.

Several of the young people here went to the skating rink at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night.

Singing at Shady Grove was rained out Sunday night, but will be held there the third Sunday night in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Newel Wickersham and children returned home from West Texas last week.

Sam Skidmore returned home last week from Louisiana, where he has been employed, to be with his family through the holidays.

Mrs. Minnie Floyd of Paris, spent part of last week with her daughter, Miss Lucile, primary teacher in the school here.

Several from this community enjoyed the parade and turkey flight at Deport last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stone of Paris, were here last Wednesday night for prayer meeting.

AH!

Lady: "My husband was a tramp too, but he suddenly decided to make a man of himself!"

Mendicant: "No wonder, lady, with a beautiful woman to inspire him."

Lady: "Well, come in and I'll see about some sandwiches."

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



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

HOPWOOD & JONES  
DRUG STORE



Today and every day, we greet you with all the sincerity that is in our hearts, and with a deep feeling of appreciation for your thoughtfulness during the year now closing.

FOSTER'S GROCERY & MARKET

TALCO, TEXAS

Precautions for Home Treatment of Influenza Given

Washington.—The Public Health Service suggests these precautions for home treatment of influenza:

1. Call a doctor.
2. Go to bed immediately. Stay there for several days after fever goes. Relapse is frequent and dangerous.
3. Liquid diet first few days, soft food about the fourth day. Drink plenty of water.
4. Avoid cathartics; enemas are better than laxatives.
5. Use disposal tissues for nasal and bronchial secretions.
6. Excessive sweating is dangerous. A warm bath permissible at onset to relieve back, head and limb pains, but a warm drink and warm bed are essential immediately afterward.

Good nursing and rest in bed help stave off complications. Patients generally should be isolated; old people especially need protection against all possible sources of infection.

HE WOULD DITCH DEER, BUT DEER DITCHES HIM

Corvallis, Ore.—A deer stubbornly refused to yield the right of way to Bill Craft.

Craft left his car, took the animal by the horns and tried to shove it

HEY! LISTEN!

Two laborers were working on a very tall building. Suddenly the one at the top leaned over and shouted down to his mate: "Hey, Jake! Come up here a minute and listen!"

Minutes passed as Jake toiled slowly up a series of ladders. At last, panting, he reached the top.

"I can't hear anything," he said, after listening intently.

"No," the other agreed. "Ain't it quiet?"

off the highway. The deer tossed his head angrily, pitching Craft headlong into a ditch, then bounded away.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

With our best wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a New Year of plenty.

DR. AND MRS. J. R. BRITAIN  
Deport, Texas

KEEP ON PEELING

The sailor was recounting his experiences to a dear old lady.

Old Lady: "What rank did you hold?"

Sailor: "Ship's optician, lady."

Old Lady: "I didn't know there was such a rank. What did you do?"

Sailor: "I scraped the eyes out of the potatoes."

SEASON'S GREETINGS



... and so we wish for you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous and Happy Holiday season. May health and happiness be yours throughout the coming year and in the years to come.

Northeast Texas Motor Lines

J. LOUIS ROBINSON, Mgr.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

In times like these the spirit of good will and friendship means more than ever, so employees of Community Public Service Company take added pleasure in extending their warmest wishes to you and yours for a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas. May good health and good luck in abundance be yours in 1942.

**America's Second Line of Defense**

Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

**The Texas oil industry to a man is on the job.**

TEXAS-MIDCONTINENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

### Additional Locals

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. House and family made a business trip to Paris Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Van Sau and children made a business trip to Longview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Brotherton are spending Christmas day visiting relatives in Longview.

George Massad is spending the Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives in Tyler.

Miss Marjorie Howard and Harry Howard are spending this week visiting relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shannon are spending the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Kilgore.

Mrs. Woods and children, Billy and Syble, spent Sunday visiting friends in Maple Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Leftwich are spending Christmas day visiting relatives in Hughes Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jones are spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Louisiana.

Mrs. J. T. Carter is visiting in the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Carter of Dallas, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes of Dallas.

Kenneth Blanchard of the Army Air Corps in Wichita Falls, spent Sunday in the home of Miss Virginia Nevels.

Miss Ermadine Walls left Friday for Naples, where she will spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Sally Barnard, a student at TCU, Ft. Worth, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. George Barnard.

Miss Mary Jo Goodwin, who is attending college at Denton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cannon.

Cline Oakleaf of Brownwood, visited Sunday in the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tennison.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fentress and daughter, Jack Fogarty and children and Mrs. S. A. Seamore and son visited Mrs. Jack Fogarty in a Paris hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cox of Texarkana, are visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. B. O. Blankenship.

Alvin J. Dawson of RI Talco, has enlisted in the Air Corps and has been assigned to Sheppard Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bailey and children are spending Christmas day in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bailey of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Louise Thornton is spending Christmas day with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trimble of Hawkins, and Miss Fay Sammons.

Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan and son, Billy, left Saturday for West Texas, where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tucker and children, Edith and A. W. Jr., are spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark of Gilmer.

Roy Rorie of Texarkana, formerly of Talco, visited friends in Talco Thursday night. Roy was on his way to Medill, Okla., to visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cox of Yazoo City, Miss., formerly of Talco are here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Houston this week.

Joe Laird of Elk City, Okla., is here spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laird and family.

### How to Conserve Life of Automobile Tires Now in Use

On the heels of the announcement of a shortage of automobile tires came this set of rules from OPM dealing with conserving the life of tires now in use:

Cut out high speeds. Inflate tires often to proper pressures. Don't stop short or make jackrabbit starts. Avoid striking curbs, road holes and rocks. Check wheel alignment twice a year. Change wheel positions every 5,000 miles. Repair all cuts, leaks and breaks promptly. Don't speed around curves.

In addition, government experts asked owners not to use their cars unless necessary. Cut out pleasure trips by auto, they advised, and utilize the public transportation systems whenever possible.

He: "I wish I had money enough to get married."

She (cooly): "What would you do?"

He: "I'd buy an automobile."

R. A. Walker made a business trip to Kilgore Saturday afternoon.



YOUR consideration has made this a Merry Christmas for us... May we extend the wish that yours will be gladdened just a little by our appreciation and good wishes?

**HOOTEN Shoe Shop**



MERE words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a tiny token of our high regard for your patronage and friendships during the past year, and as a renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to offer, may we take this occasion to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.

**WESTBROOK GROCERY**

TALCO, TEXAS



**GREETINGS**

From One Friend to Another And a host of GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**MASSAD'S DEPARTMENT STORE**



and a Successful 1942

To everyone with sincere appreciation for your cooperation.

**ED DICKSON**  
COUNTY JUDGE



and A Happy New Year

To the people of Titus County with sincere thanks for your courtesies.

**D. C. MORGAN**  
YOUR COUNTY TREASURER

A Joyous Yuletide



May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...

HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

**F. W. Stevenson Furniture Co.**  
MT. PLEASANT

BLESSINGS ON YOUR HOME



May the Christmas gift of Providence for all your household be

PERMANENT PROSPERITY, GOOD HEALTH and HAPPINESS

This is my Yuletide wish to all for 1942 and every year thereafter.

I HOPE SANTA BRINGS YOU ALL THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE

**EARL ALBRIGHT**  
SHERIFF, TITUS COUNTY



A Merry Christmas to You

And a wish for your material gain and happiness during 1942.

**JOHN S. MOSES**  
DISTRICT CLERK



Our Sincere Wish

Is for your Christmas Happiness and well being during the New Year.

**P. O. WILHITE**  
TITUS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR



To Everyone in Titus County

And a word of thanks for the pleasant associations I have enjoyed with you.

**FLOYD KEITH**  
COUNTY CLERK, TITUS COUNTY

A Merry Christmas

Time-worn words, but the most appropriate of them all. When we say "Merry Christmas" you can be sure that it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

**Famous SHOE STORE**

GLEN L. EDWARD, Owner  
PARIS, TEXAS

# LOCAL NEWS

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By MARY RUTH WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. John Cates made a business trip to East Texas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Roberts are visiting relatives in San Angelo this week.

James Croley of Gilmer, is spending this week in the home of Mr. and J. E. Croley.

Mrs. J. T. Carter and daughter, Miss Christine, made a business trip to Paris Monday.

Fred Cippel has returned home after spending the past few days in Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ray are visiting their parents in Tyler during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hazzard and daughter, Bessie Nell, are spending the holidays visiting relatives in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Devall are spending the holidays visiting with friends and relatives in Louisiana.

Mrs. Ray Matherly of Hooks, spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gieger.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Reid and children are spending the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Spruell and children are visiting friends and relatives in Texarkana, Ark., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackard of Valleyview, are here spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Keefe and daughter are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Strout and children are spending the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Kansas.

Mrs. Berniece Tyson and son have returned home from Oklahoma, after an extended visit with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Renford Sikes are spending Christmas day in the home of her mother, Mrs. Roy Lawrence at Texarkana.

Mrs. Ed Nugent, Mrs. E. G. Eberts and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Neugent made a business trip to Paris Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jones are spending Christmas day in the home of Mrs. Anna Johnson of Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rollins and children are spending the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Cotton Valley, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Paris, spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClung.

Miss Edith and A. W. Tucker Jr., students of NTSTC, Denton, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tucker Sr.

Dr. and Mrs. Leon Kelley and son of Ft. Clark, are here spending the holidays with Mayor and Mrs. O. B. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kelley.

Mrs. Jerry Dismuke of Shreveport, La., formerly of Talco, is here spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cato.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and daughter of Texarkana, formerly of Talco, are here visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonham are spending Christmas day in the home of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. George Moyer.

Mrs. C. E. Griggs and children made a trip to Jacksonville Wednesday to accompany Mr. Griggs' father, J. H. Griggs, to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ashill are spending the holidays in Electra with home folks. Mr. Ashill is employed with the Decker Tool Supply here.

Mrs. Lorena McFerrin and daughter, Gabie Jean, are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her mother, Mrs. R. A. Davis of Daingerfield.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Westbrook and daughter, Wanda, are spending Christmas day in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Westbrook at Deport.

Joe Berry Hopywood of Denison, spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hopwood. Jerry Jones returned home with him for a two-day visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holland and daughter are spending Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Emily Melton and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Holland, both of St. Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Via and son and Miss Ophelia Hawthorne are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Via at Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ganaway and son are spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. H. E. Ganaway of Caplinger, Mo. Miss Mary Frances Ganaway of Dallas, joined them here Tuesday morning to accompany them there.

Miss Muriel Sockwell who is employed in Paris, spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Sockwell.

Miss Ninnie Mae Neeley, who attends school at ETSTC, Commerce, is spending the holidays with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gage are spending Christmas day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray at Carthage.

Miss Verbeth Davis, who is a senior at NTSTC, Denton, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Pat Davis and family.

Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Dean and children have returned home after a few days' visit with friends and relatives in West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bailey are spending Christmas day in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bailey at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ray and children left Tuesday for Tyler, where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melton and son, Victor, spent the week end visiting their son, Robert of Dallas. They also visited in Ft. Worth.

Lyndon Reed, who is attending a business college at Tyler, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Unsell are spending Christmas day in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turley of Dallas.

Mrs. Loyd Graf, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Miss Juanita Bowerman, C. E. and Mabel Bornheim made a business trip to Paris Monday.

Mrs. Jack Fogarty has returned home from a Paris hospital after treatment following an automobile accident about a month ago.

Burl Leftwich of Mt. Vernon, visited in Talco Saturday. Mr. Leftwich, who is a teacher in the Mt. Vernon school, is spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leftwich of Panther's Chpael.

John Wise Hargrove, who attends college at Commerce, is here spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Hargrove.

Mrs. John Delay and son of Golden Meadows, La., are here spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Webb.

Miss Pauline Riley, a student at ETSTC, Commerce, is here spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Plum of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Sullivan of Dallas, will spend Christmas day in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClung and daughter, Miss Nadine and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson and son are spending Christmas day in the home of J. W. Johnson and family at Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gilbert of Lufkin, formerly of Talco, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunagan of Union Ridge, were dinner guests in the home of Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walker and children, Haskell and Jonnie Fae, left Friday for Cass county, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Walker will go on to Little Rock, Ark., for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bougal of Ft. Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson of Cooper, are spending Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kari Hooten and family.

## STRAND THEATRE

TALCO, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday

**"Riding the Cherokee Trail"**

with Tex Ritter, Slim Andrews also COMEDY

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday

**"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"**

with Spencer Tracy and Lana Turner also COMEDY and NEWS

Wednesday-Thursday

**"Aloma of the South Seas"**

with Dorothy Lamour and Jon Hall also COMEDY and NEWS



May Christmas bring joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity...

Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

## Romine's Pharmacy

Phone 85 J. L. ROMINE, Prep TALCO

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

to One and All



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

## C. E. JONES

DRY GOODS



## A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

Happy New Year

## V. THEDFORD

Bogata, FINE TAILORING Texas

## One Moment, Please!



Stop unwrapping your gifts just long enough for us to say "Merry Christmas" and "Thank You."... We hope you get everything you have longed for and a lot more, too.

## Mt. Pleasant Bakery

REDFEARN BROS., Owners



## MAY THE GLADNESS

OF YOUR

## CHRISTMAS

Be Surpassed Only By the Optimism of Your Plans for

## THE NEW YEAR

That, in its deepest sincerity, is our personal wish for you as the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season arrives.

If you are interested in learning explicitly why many men create Living Trusts as a means of saving themselves investment worry, and of building and conserving their estates, we will be glad to consult with you.

Trust Department

## First National Bank

PARIS, TEXAS

Mrs. George P. Grout left Saturday for Pensacola, Fla., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter and family. Mrs. J. L. Van Pelt, her sister of St. Paul, Minn., will join her in Florida.

**TALCO WHD ENJOYS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING DEC. 18**

The Talco WHD Club met with Mrs. G. C. Gray on Dec. 18 for the regular meeting and Christmas tree. Everyone received lovely gifts. Twenty-two members answered roll call. Three new members were added to our roll, Mrs. Karl Hooten, Mrs. L. A. Potts and Mrs. A. L. Shrout.

Mrs. G. C. Gray, president, opened a short business session and the following officers were re-elected: Mrs. G. C. Gray, president for the second term; Mrs. Leo Roberts, secretary; Mrs. A. Small and Mrs. H. L. Laughlin, council delegates; Mrs. L. A. Potts, reporter. Committee appointed to look after Red Cross work: Mmes. G. C. Gray, T. L. Mauldin and A. Small; year book committee: Mmes. A. O. Sikes, Leo Roberts and Jack Moore.

Mmes. A. L. Shrout, Roberts Boyce and Lightsey will teach knitting. Mrs. A. Small gave a report from the council, stating that Miss Brabham, county agent, has asked each club member to learn to knit.

Mrs. W. M. King gave a reading, "Another Christmas Season Dawns," and a reading by Mrs. H. L. Laughlin was "Christ's Gift to the World."

**CHRIST'S GIFT TO THE WORLD**  
It's Christmas time in Moscow,  
It's Christmas time in Rome,  
And the same in Nazi quarters  
And in France—and here at home.  
You may ask: "Who can be joyous,  
And sing Peace on Earth to Men,  
To the music of death's shrapnel,  
To the battle's roar and din?"  
But above the battle's carnage,  
And above the faith grown dim,  
Stands the Christ, who waits to  
help us  
When we turn our face to Him.  
Stands with outstretched hands still  
saying,  
To a world that's racked with sin:  
Here's my gift—O nations take it—  
Peace on Earth. Good Will to Men.  
—By Demma Ray Oldham.

Next meeting is Jan. 1 in the home of Mrs. Will Edwards. All who wish to attend, bring your knitting needles and thread and a covered dish. We will draw new Sunshine sisters, so if you want one be present. Visitors always welcome.—Reported.

**Mt. Vernon Teachers Give Up Silk Hose**  
Mt. Vernon school teachers have voted to discontinue wearing silk stockings to school and invest the resulting savings in defense stamps and bonds.

Principals D. F. Douglas and Paul G. Arthur took \$80 worth of defense stamps to sell at the two schools last week, and reported more than a third of them were sold the first day. Pupils in several rooms are exchanging stamps as gifts at Christmas parties.



**OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM Lonesome Bill**

Dear Editor: I thought I would write in to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, though I figure that I am wasting my wishes on everybody except the kids. After you have once looked at Santa Claus in the looking glass the real spirit of Christmas kinds of folds up and fades away and from then on Christmas ain't what it used to be.

I remember when I used to hang up my long black stocking on Christmas Eve night and how tickled I was the next morning if it had a Jew's harp and some apples and candy in it. I reckon I was pretty green then, but I don't know that getting ripe has made me any happier.

I guess though that life is a give and take proposition and it must be right for us who done all the taking when we was young to do a bit of giving when we grow up.

It looks like right now that we are going to do the most giving this country has ever done and the Japs are going to do the taking. But I don't know what the Devil is going to do for a place to stay after we get through giving. Our missionaries have been preaching heaven to them yellow Japs for a long time and it never done them much good. Now it is up to us to give them hell. I don't know of any other

country that deserves it more than Japan does and I don't know any other one that I would ruther give it to.

My neighbor says he figures we ought to save some of it for Hitler and his crew, but I don't side with him on that. I reckon the Russian treatment will be good enough for him, and if it ain't, why we can make Japan move over and make room for him. What I want to do is to get rid of hell while we have got a chance and while everybody is ready to get rid of it. It sure will make life sweeter over here when we do it.

Anyway, I am wishing everybody a Merry Christmas. If you can't be mad at the Japs and merry at the same time, then I wish you a mad-at-the-Japs Christmas. Yours truly,  
**LONESOME BILL.**

**MINTER WHD BUYS DEFENSE STAMPS FOR GIFTS**

Minter Woman's Home Demonstration Club met for a covered dish luncheon at its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. L. Denison Friday and voted to buy defense stamps this year instead of exchanging gifts with "capsule friends," and to volunteer as a body for Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fussell and son, Jerry of Bridges Chapel, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fussell Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Croley has returned home after attending the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Hice of Logansport, La.



We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.

**Geo. P. Grout and Riding Class**



ALL GOOD WISHES To Our Friends at this glorious Christmastide and a HAPPY NEW YEAR  
**CROLEY'S Variety Store**



**Compliments**

OF THE SEASON



We'd like to wish each of you all the Joys of the Yuletide Season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends whom we have had the privilege of serving.

May the New Year see the realization of your every ambition... and may you enjoy health, happiness and prosperity through the years to come.

**R. R. KELLEY**  
TALCO, TEXAS



Our hearts are worried over the great trouble confronting our nation and the world, but we want to take time out to again extend to you the compliments of the season in our wishes for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND A

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We thank you for the favors you have shown IDEAL BREAD during the past year, and to express the hope you have in every instance been pleased with our product.

**Ideal Baking Co.**

ROY VANDERPOOL, Owner

**Greetings**

We desire to extend to you Greetings of the Christmas Season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year. May the cordial relations existing between us continue.

**J. W. EDWARDS  
ELMER CATO**



to All Our Friends

AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Mayfield Garage**

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TALCO, TEXAS



**Season's Greetings**

Like a warm and true handclasp our thoughts at this great Holiday Season reach out to you in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

May the Coming Year

Bring to you and yours even more of the good and worthwhile things of life than were yours in 1941. We appreciate your patronage in the past and look forward to serving you in the new year.

**Paris and Mt. Pleasant  
Railroad Co.**

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**INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE**

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No charge is made for publication of notices of church services or other public gatherings where no admission is charged. Where admission is charged or where goods or wares of any kind are offered for sale the regular advertising rates will apply.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1941

**OTHERS**

Christmas brings its annual reminder that our greatest happiness comes through helping others. This theme of soul's solace in service runs like a golden thread through the warp and woof of literature from the Bible to yesterday's newspaper. It is the heart of the Christmas message and the day is an empty revelry unless we grasp it. We read it in Dickens' Christmas Carol and Van Dyke's Story of the Other Wise Man, or in the latest local story of hope and help to some boy or girl.

To those who light the Christmas candles this year with sad memories of happier holidays, all human experience cries out with courage that in helping others we lose our own sorrows and have less time to think about ourselves. The best cure for the blues is to do something for somebody else. Don't wait for something big or spectacular to do. Seize the chance of the moment in passing to do some of the little things that brighten the day. As Emerson said: "The only gift is a portion of thyself."  
—HUBERT M. HARRISON.

Many mothers and fathers will remember this Christmas for the absence of sons who always before have made their Christmas a merry one. The cowardly attack by Japan that plunged this country into an all-out war has made it necessary that many of our boys who are now in training for our defense be kept at their posts during the holidays. To the parents of these fine young men we mingle our merry Christmas wishes with a fervent hope that this may be the last Christmas they will be separated from their sons, and we assure them that our government will go full measure to make the holidays happy for the boys in training. To the boys who are away from home for their first time this Christmas, we say to them that any place in America is home to an American, and that by sticking to their posts, wherever they may be, they are making it possible for this Christmas to be traditionally observed and the many Christmases to come.

This week's issue conveys messages of good will at this happy Yuletide season. We wish, upon behalf of everyone connected with this newspaper, to thank patrons and reporters for their co-operation in making this larger than usual issue possible, and

**EDITORIALY SPEAKING**

**BURT LOCKHART**  
in Pittsburg Gazette

Every man should have a hobby to take his mind off his other hobbies.

Another reason why Santa Claus is a success is because he is so well advertised.

Should we decide to peg the price of our American planes the sky might be the limit.

Nine times out of ten when you try to run away from trouble you will run into more.

The season is here when no one is censored for giving until it hurts—unless it hurts his credit.

He isn't old until he begins to find fault with the young and predicts they are going to the dogs.

There may be some virtue in taking things as they come, but for tangible results it is better to go after them.

There are two sides to every question, and by the time everybody gets through arguing neither side looks respectable.

The world has queer ideas. Take that murderous idea that the way to save mankind is to run a bayonet through it.

Philosophers continue to remind us that we should profit by our mistakes, but a careful checkup fails to show any profit.

The thing that worries us is how Santa Claus is going to manage to get around without getting a ticket from a traffic cop.

The old fashioned boy who wrote Santa Claus for a little red wagon now has a grandson who has written him for a two-toned model coupe with fluid drive.

The proposed suicidal freight rate on ore from East Texas to a southern port strikes the average East Texan as being another desperate effort to penalize East Texas because it is fortunate enough to have the biggest ore field in the state.

to express sincere good wishes to everyone for a most enjoyable season. Thursday we will observe the Christmas holiday, taking a brief rest from duties which have been heavy during the past two weeks.

**THINGS ABOUT TOWN**

We are happy to say that the presses of The Talco Times were idle on Thursday. This issue was printed early in order that we could enjoy the visit of Old Saint Nick.

At press time it was Christmas Eve, and we were exceptionally good all through the procedure. Now just what Santa will leave we will have to inform you later. If he brings just a part of the order we have made we will be greatly pleased.

There is something about Christmas that always reminds us of our boyhood days. And if there are any kiddies who get an electric train or some new toys we might come over and help you make them work.

We are reminded of a story handed to us that happened on Tuesday during the Santa Claus parade. A small lad had been taken to see his first Santa Claus, and the whole thing was closely observed by the little fellow, we are told, but he didn't see the band. When we asked why he missed seeing our beautiful band the mother replied that when the drummer passed he had eyes only for the boy beating the big drum and watched him out of sight. The lad received a piece of Santa's candy, climaxing a happy, first meeting with Santa Claus.

**Talco Girl, Bogata Man to Wed Dec. 27**

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Later of Talco, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dolores, to Worth Seaman, son of Mrs. George Seaman of Bogata.

The wedding will take place at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Saturday, Dec. 27.

Miss Later is a graduate of the Bogata High School and graduated from Paris Junior College. She also attended Baylor University at Waco.

Mr. Seaman is a graduate of Bogata High School and is now employed at Austin, where they will make their home.

Mrs. R. F. Goodwin, Mrs. A. Small and Mrs. G. C. Gray attended a luncheon given in honor of the county judge and commissioners, club presidents and delegates of 1941 given by the council in Mt. Pleasant Dec. 13. After luncheon a Christmas tree was enjoyed.

**Freshmen Lead Seniors for Firsts on Honor Roll**

The freshmen class, those little fellows with the determination of bulldogs, passed their senior school-mates with a lead of five members to gain top honors on the second six-week honor roll. For this period the freshmen placed 17 members, the seniors placed 12 members, the juniors placed 11 members and the sophomores placed 8 members on the list making all A's and B's with nothing less than a B.

Students making all A's are: Mary Margaret Anderson, Mary Elwyn Collins, Faye Lindsey, Leon Lindsey, Joy Parker, Catherine Trawcek, Wayne Warren, Gayle Whitmire and Lois Jean Kirkham.

Students with both A's and B's, but with nothing lower than a B, are: Juanita Butler, Lucille Black, Leon Barger, Loyce Boyd, Jerene Chapman, Earnest Clark, Wanda Beth Carl, J. R. Cole, J. O. Cooper, Lavonne Davis, Billy Dunagan, Theo Duke, Odessa Devall, Mary Jo East-

terling, Georgianna Fletcher, J. W. Franch, Burl Gafford, Robert Harper, Clyde Lee Hahn, James Hearron, Anna Lou Hearn, Gerald Dee Lightsey, Olga Mae Lindsey, Frank Lindsey, Pearl Lilly, Roy Lilly, Jean Anna Morris, Martha Penn, Reba Pirtle, Louise Reidout, Dorothy Reidout, Pauline Roach, Peggy Lou Slye, Melba Spruell, Marlon Trimble, Marion Trimble, Asta Mae Williams, Gloria Woodward and Johnny Faye Walker.

**Lawnmower May Be Replaced by Hoe**

Washington.—The hoe soon may replace the lawnmower as the symbol of suburban life in America under plans made public by government officials to increase the nation's food output through a "grow-your-own-fruits-and-vegetables" program.

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard believes that if each family raises fruits and vegetables for its own needs more produce will

be available for Great Britain and to improve diets of people in industrial centers.

**TO OUR TALCO FRIENDS**



**We Wish You A Merry Christmas**  
**PAGE'S**  
MT. PLEASANT



At the suggestion of my brother, Sergeant H. D. Caruthers, we are not mailing Christmas cards this year but buying Defense Stamps. So we take this method of wishing all our friends and customers a



**WE WISH TO EXTEND**

Our Heartiest Best Wishes for the Christmas Season, to our many customers in Talco.

**MILSTEAD'S**

MT. PLEASANT

**PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**J. L. ROMINE, Pharmacist**  
Your Doctor's Prescription Accurately Compounded, Day or Night  
**Romine's Pharmacy**  
Crawford & 9th, East Talco, Ph. 83

**Dr. L. B. Stephens**  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist  
Errors and Refractions Corrected  
Glasses Fitted  
505-6 First Nat'l Bk. Bldg., PARIS

**Dr. J. B. Ferrell**  
Optometrist  
Specialist in Examination of the Eyes and Fitting Glasses  
Office First National Bank Bldg  
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS

**Thos. E. Hunt, M. D.**  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Glasses Fitted  
503-504 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.  
PARIS, TEXAS

**Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year**

**CARUTHER'S Jewelry Store**

MT. PLEASANT



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

With grateful appreciation for the business you have given us, we send you greetings of the season and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

**Felix Jones**

At the Bank TALCO



The *Holiday Season*, this year, brings vividly before us the true value of the heritage of freedom and good-will we share together here in America. The spirit of Christmas gives us a new and deeper faith in the final triumph of righteousness.

**EMPLOYEES, SERVICE STATION SALESMEN AND DEALERS**

*of the*  
**HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY**

A Texas institution manned by Texans



**THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER**

...finds us mindful of the good things that have come our way during the past year. The fine friendships... the excellent patronage... both have been instrumental in enabling us to have a most successful year... so please accept our thanks for everything.



**BOND'S GROCERY & MARKET**

**HUMBLE CAMP NEWS**

By MARY RUTH SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gartman are spending Christmas with her father in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson of McKinney, are visiting his sister, Mrs. R. J. Rawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sloan visited his brother, Hobbs Sloan at Glade-water on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Webb and son, Billy of Hawkins, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Foster Sunday.

Miss Louise Thornton is spending Christmas holidays with her aunt and uncle at Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Slaughter are spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagin Mathis are guests during the holidays of his mother, Mrs. John Mathis at Alexandria.

Miss Geneva Crouch is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crouch at Dallas.

Miss Billie Jean Moore has returned to her home in Mineola, after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Dickerson.

Mrs. J. L. Sanders is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Earl at Jacksonville.

Mrs. C. S. Plunk and Mrs. Dempsey Moore of Mineola, visited their sister, Mrs. J. H. Dickerson, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers are spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smart at Gilmer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Walker are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Walker at Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ray and daughter, Bonnie Nell, are Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Johnson at Tyler.

**New Directors Named Titus Co. Fair Ass'n**

A compilation of ballots received recently by stockholders show the following men chosen as new directors of the Titus County Fair Association:

George Lilienstern, Sam Williams, A. G. Daniel, J. A. Petty, Ben Patrick, Floyd Thomas, L. L. Simpson, C. E. Lee, O. L. Colley, L. H. Wilson, H. B. Wilson, A. B. Gilpin, G. W. Cross, B. M. Sandlin, D. M. Witt, Gus Presley, Webber Beall.

Board of directors will be elected soon after the holidays when directors hold a meeting.

**Stuff That Turkey for a Delicious Treat**

Do you want to give a new and delicious, nut-like flavor to the meat for your Christmas dinner?

Add cooked lima beans to the stuffing in roast duck, chicken or turkey and use them liberally with boiled and roasted meats of all kinds.

Lima beans top the list of all foods for general utility vitamin content, and food value.

Liberal use of them will make meat go farther, and give a well balanced diet. Aside from being five times the most alkaline of all vegetables, they are non-fattening.

**Texas Has Many Men in U. S. Army**

Though sixth among the states in population on the basis of 1940 figures, Texas stood fourth in the number of men it had in the army in June. It is exceeded only by New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. According to last public figures Texas had 71,216 men in the army out of 6,417,321 population.

Nevada had the last number with 1,166 in the army.

**Teachers Resign to Enlist in Service**

The call of their country was stronger than that of their classrooms to two Detroit teachers. John Cooper of Bogata, teacher of math and science, and Thomas Beck of Winfield, teacher of third and fourth English, have resigned to volunteer for service with the United States armed forces.

**TITUS COUNTY MAN DIES SUNDAY OF PNEUMONIA**

Funeral was held Monday at Grey Rock church for L. C. Reese, 20, who died of pneumonia Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Reese in the south part of the county. Survivors include his parents, a wife and daughter, one brother and four half brothers.

**FORMER BOGATA COUPLE MARRIED FIFTY YEARS**

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Winn of Clarksville, observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married Dec. 22, 1891, at Blossom and were residents of Bogata at that time.

A Florida doctor invented the first ice-making machine, the parent of all today's automatic refrigerators. There's nobody worse than a scared optimist.—James Hilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Van Winkle at Mexia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sedlocek of Ft. Sam Houston, are spending the Christmas holidays with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Foeh.

**Boll Weevil May Be Licked by Parasite**

The boll weevil and the pink boll worm—twin scourges of the U. S. cotton farmer for generations—may be on the way out.

That's the news from University of Texas cotton research laboratories, where technicians are working on a way to control these pests, two of the most dangerous to the major U. S. crop.

The new method—encouraging a small insect, microbracon, to parasite the weevil and destroy it by boring into its lair—is efficient and cheap, Dr. G. W. Goldsmith, botany professor and director of the research, says.

Recently returned from a Dallas meeting of the Texas Cotton Council, Dr. Goldsmith announced that arrangements were discussed to breed and distribute the insect thru already-existing government channels.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

S. D. LINDSEY, Pastor  
B. L. Gieger, Sunday school superintendent. R. J. Friday, BTU director.  
Sunday school at 9.45.  
Morning worship at 11.  
ATU at 6:15 and evening services at 7:15.  
WMU on Mondays at 2:30. All ladies are requested to be present.

**FOR SICK HUSBAND**

"I want some grapes for my sick husband. Do you know if any poison has been sprayed on these you have?"

"No, ma'am; you'll have to get that from the druggist."

**REASON ENOUGH**

"Hey, don't try to take that meat away from my dog!"

"Oh, he can have the meat. I just want the piece of pants with my wallet in the pocket."

**WANT ADS**

Rates: 2 cents per word first insertion; 1 cent per word each additional insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents.

PRAIRIE HAY for sale or trade for yearlings. Fred Swint, Deport. tlc

FOUND—Nine hogs. Three different marks on three hogs. The others aren't marked. See Lee Perry. 46-p

LIVESTOCK OWNERS NOTICE—We remove free your unskinned dead or crippled stock. Call day or night, collect, 153 Paris. Paris Soap Works. 2-p

Sign in store at mouth of Thames: "This shop is open. In case of invasion it will close for half an hour."



**JOY TO ALL**

A SIMPLE WISH that is as genuine as gold itself...

AND A HEARTY THANK YOU for favors of the past. We are truly grateful

**SIKES CLEANERS**

*Christmas Would Be Incomplete*

if we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our appreciation to our loyal friends and customers for your patronage... To you we wish the most of Christmas Joy and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS SIKES GROCERY & MARKET**



We wish you a Merry Christmas and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous new year.

**Talco State Bank**

TALCO, TEXAS

Officers:  
E. S. LILIENSTERN, President  
A. A. SMITH, V.-Pres  
FELIX JONES, Active V.-Pres.  
DICK RODGERS, Cashier



Directors:  
E. S. LILIENSTERN  
NELLIE D. WARNER  
R. F. LINDSAY  
A. A. SMITH  
FELIX JONES

**Four Pensioners of War 105 Years Ago**

Austin.—Although the Texas Revolution was won at San Jacinto 105 years ago, there are still four pensioners of that war on the state rolls who draw \$37.50 each per quarter, and all four are women, widows of veterans.

Fast dwindling are the Confederate veterans of whom there are but 126 on the rolls. However, there are 2,990 widows of such veterans receiving pensions from the state.

A reduction in freight rates of nursery stock became effective Dec. 1. This applies to Texas and all or part of five other states.

*A Very Merry Christmas*  
**Praytor's Studio**  
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS  
Dallas Highway



**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO.**  
MT. PLEASANT



**Best Wishes**  
For Your Holiday Happiness  
May your Christmas be Merry and your New Year Happy and Successful.

**ALPS CAFE**  
MT. PLEASANT

*Old Santa Couldn't Do More!*



If we could turn old Santa loose, with instructions to be particularly good to each of those who have been so thoughtful of us, we believe the jolly old gentleman would have a difficult time in getting around this year.

That's why we are so anxious to extend our sincere good wishes to all, and to wish for you and yours all the joys and happiness that you so richly deserve.

**Geo. Lilienstern Store**  
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS

With full appreciation of the true meaning of the words, we say to all...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**J. B. OSBORN**  
MAYOR

*Compliments*



*of the Season*

The management and staff of this firm extend Christmas Greetings and wish for you every prosperity in the New Year.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.

**SMITH'S SERVICE STATION**  
TALCO, TEXAS