

YOUR WASTE PAPER
MAKES AMMUNITION CASES
—KNOCKS OUT NAZIS

The Stanton Reporter

Published Every Friday in The Finest Climate On Earth, Where Health, Happiness, and Prosperity Awaits the Homeseeker

YOUR WASTE PAPER
MAKES PLANE PARTS
—JUNKS JAP ZEROS

VOLUME FORTY

STANTON, TEXAS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1944

NUMBER TEN

COUNTY OVER TOP WITH 6TH WAR LOAN

Of course, Martin County went over the top with its Sixth War Loan. No one felt any uneasiness about that—it was only a matter as to when the folks would make up their minds to push the bond sales over the goal. They did that this week.

The overall quota was \$160,000. At the time of going to press investors had purchased \$217,675.50 worth of bonds. The E. quota was \$55,000 and the amount purchased was \$56,387.50. Bonds are still being bought.

Among the bond investors are:

T&P Ry. Co.	\$25,000.00
Mabee Oil Co.	25,000.00
Ed. Dickenson	20,000.00
Sisters of Mercy	18,900.00
Higginbotham, Bartlett Co.	5,000.00
West Texas Gas	4,000.00
Federal Farm Loan Bank	3,000.00
Bell Tel. Co.	1,500.00
Midland Prod. Co.	1,500.00

The loan drive has been extended to December 31.

E. B. Dickinson, prominent Martin County rancher, was the largest individual bond purchaser.

JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

Monday night the Junior class of the Stanton high school was entertained at the Home Making Lab. with a Christmas party. The room was decorated very Christmas like. Gifts were exchanged and games played. Refreshments of sandwiches, popcorn balls, cookies, punch and an apple were served.



Merry



Christmas

These Things Are Christmas

... The familiar Christmas Carols we sing every year, and and never tire of—Silent Night—Oh, Come All Ye Faithful—The First Noel—All the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered.

... The child-like traditions which young and old enjoy—the stockings at the fireplace—the poem: "Twas the Night Before Christmas"—Dickens' Christmas Carol—the tree gleaming in the parlor—the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces.

... The fast-minute rush in everything we do—rushing to meet the mailman—rushing to meet the train—rushing to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflects the beauty of the most beautiful-of-all-seasons.

... The beautiful spirit of giving—giving not only presents, or money to the poor—but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all.

These things will always be Christmas—Peace or War Our boys on battlefronts are fighting to preserve these traditions—and we should make this a genuine old-fashioned Christmas—for them.

MRS. PRIDY REVIEWS WESTERN STAR

Mrs. R. B. Whitaker

"Western Star" by Stephen Vincent Benet, was reviewed by Mrs. John F. Priddy, when Mrs. J. E. Kelly, was hostess to Stanton Study Club on December 14.

Mr. Benet had planned to write a complete history of the United States with this narrative poem as the first book in the series. It is written for the most part in free verse but lapses into rhyme occasionally which makes for easier reading.

The author begins the story in England and names all the people who sailed for this new country, thus making them become personalities to us instead of the staid Pilgrim fathers we had always thought of. He compares their undertaking with a present day expedition to Mars with a crew composed of ex-soldiers, fledgling aviators, truck drivers, furniture salesmen, drugstore clerks, machinists, workmen, a radio announcer, and a sprinkling of nice boys from Yale or Harvard. He raises the question whether we would fare any better on Mars than did the Pilgrims here. This volume leaves us on the verge of settling Rhode Island; and we regret indeed that the series will not be completed due to the death of the author.

The yearbook committee surely must be able to foretell the future because a more suitable setting for a historical review could not have been found in Stanton; and when these programs were planned, even Mrs. Kelly, herself, had no idea that on December 14 she would be living in the one spot most closely associated with the history of Stanton.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Kelly conducted guests on a tour of her new home, and in the kitchen she exhibited a contraption of cogs, wheels, prongs, a knife, and randle. She asked members to tell what it was, and when none of them ventured an opinion, she disclosed that it was an apple peeler.

Members present were: Misses Hodge and Alvis; Mmes. Burns, Carpenter, Edmond Tom, Jim Tom, Paul Jones, C. Jones, Hall, Bryan, Smithson, Echols, McPherson, Bryant, Smith, Berry, Williams, Decker, Whitaker, Priddy and the hostess.

STANTON TRIPLE VICTOR

Courtney and Stanton high schools, rivals in Martin county, came together Friday night at the Stanton gym for three games of basketball.

The B teams of each school played first. Stanton won by a score of 21-4. Billy Louder of the locals and Taylor Cross of Courtney were high-point boys of their respective teams.

The girl teams clashed Stanton winning 21-16. Gwen McClane of Stanton and Frances Rhodes of Courtney were high scorers.

The last game of the evening by the A boys of both schools, was won by Stanton, 33-11. High scorers were Bob Howard of Stanton and Billy Crow of Courtney who was given as for 100 pound sack was given as

HOME ECONOMIC GIRLS ENTERTAIN FFA CHAPTER

The FFA boys were entertained by the Home Economic Girls last Thursday night at 7:30. Most of the FFA members were present and many of the Home Economic girls attended.

The main fellow in the party was Joe Williams, who played the donkey's part.

The FFA boys will entertain the H. E. Girls sometime in 1945.

Name Omitted From Honor Roll
In the Stanton school honor roll published in the Reporter last week the name of Gilbert Sadler in the 6th grade was omitted by some hook or ok.

SNOOTER KNOWS

A LITTLE ABOUT EVERYTHING
AND
NOT MUCH ABOUT ANYTHING

THE column has blame little to say here this week, both in the quantity and quality of the product. Recovering from a rather hectic week last week due to issuing an 8-page 6-column paper and cleaning up after the mess with a side issue of getting out some emergency job work, and taking time out to set up a few Christmas greeting cards, this 4-page issue is so crowded with advertising, little space was left for reading matter. Many news items were "laid on the shelf" to appear in next week's Reporter.

With the better-half having her hands full toting our household effects to Capitol Hill, then the many duties involved that follow, such as issuing orders to carpenters and the plumber—sweeping floors, washing windows, slapping furniture here and slamming dishes there, answering doorbells rung by frantic room hunters, and cooking meals for a "wolf", is it any wonder when night fell on Capitol Hill, she yelled "throw out the cat and lock the doors" that she might rest a bone-breaking body in peaceful repose. All this added an extra load on a back that was already bent double from attending to the duties of this office, for the good wife is our "side kick" and helps the writer publish the Reporter.

Some of our local business men may feel a little put out with us because we did not call on them for a Christmas Greeting card in the paper, but boys, the truth of the matter we were not equal to the task of publishing six pages this week and get out by Christmas Eve. You will have a chance to place a New Year's Greeting card in next week's paper.

How come? I note some of my editor friends are going to "knock off" next week and issue no paper. They say, to clean up

the shop and get prepared for a new start on the New Year. Of course, I understand the fact some of my editor friends have grown rich in the newspaper game and must seek composure to ward off the gout or high blood pressure. Take my friend Editor Shelton of the Rotan Advance. He's one of those fellows taking off from publishing a paper next week, "to clean up shop." If the facts were known Shelton has been tormenting his wife for the past week to have his golf balls and golf sticks ready, he's off for the Sweetwater golf links Christmas week. He and Editor Pope of the Hamlin Herald, another sports enthusiast, are in a huddle now outlining a Christmas week program.

MONDAY is Christmas Day, and Stanton will be closed tight as a jug with some citizens likely hunting the jug. With a lot of our boys gone to war it will hardly seem like Christmas. The youth of our land locked in a life and death struggle with demons of hell. That may not be a nice utterance at this Christmas time, but what with the instigators of this war and the heinous acts they have committed on our American boys, if you have a more refined category to place the Germans and Japs, you name them. I maintain they are hirelings of the devil, and will be outcast by Satan when they come to knock at his door. Too tough for him.

WE WISH ALL the good people of Stanton and Martin County, a Merry Christmas. And to our Servicemen, we salute YOU for your part in helping to bring happiness to the entire World. We salute you with a holiday wish heartier than ever before.

A Christmas Gift to your merchant would be to trade with him this Christmas.

ATCHISON TWINS GO TO THE NAVY

Cleland and Wieland Atchison twin sons of Mrs. Clara Atchison, just turning 18 years old, volunteered for the Navy and have gone to San Diego, California for "boot" training. The recruiting officer was here and left Friday with the twins for Dallas recruiting station. The officials took one look at the boys, put them on a troop train and sent 'em speeding through Stanton Monday morning for their California destination.

FRANCES BURNAM HOSTESS FOR DINNER

Miss Mary Frances Burnam was hostess to the following at a dinner Tuesday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam: Misses Billy Thomason, Betty Renfro, Cora Beth Echols, Bob Howard, Wayne Polson, Jerry Hall, and Hardin Zimmerman.

Wayne is leaving Thursday for induction into the Armed Forces.

TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 32 DEGREES

Sometime during the early hours of Thursday morning a stiff gale out of the north struck Stanton bearing on its wings a 32-degree temperature. It sent folks scurrying for overcoats and heavy wraps to put on to do outside chores and get to work. We appreciate the fact it's a dry cold, yet it is cloudy and snow or sleet may be falling before night.

It was cold enough to make George Lewis come to the office and warm the cockles of the editor's heart by planking down a \$1.50 for renewal to his subscription.

Home From Virginia

George Billy Wilkinson with the Air Fleet Wing, stationed in Virginia, has been home on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilkinson.

Here From Pyote

Sgt. Elmer Merle Alford, bomber instructor at Pyote Field, is here visiting his wife and baby.

CAPTAIN KOONCE ARRIVES IN STATES

Capt. Howard L. Koonce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Koonce of Lenorah, is due to arrive soon at Fort Bliss after serving nine months overseas as a pilot with the Eighth Bomber Command.

After spending a short time at Fort Bliss he will visit his wife in Midland and his parents at Lenorah.

Capt. Koonce has flown 30 missions and has 250 hours of combat flying.

Capt. Koonce is 24 years old, and recently was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while serving as pilot on the B-17 Flying Fortress "Silver Dollar" during numerous Eighth Air Force attacks on German military and industrial targets.

Captain Koonce was employed as a carpenter before entering the AAF, April 10, 1942.

He won his wings at Waco April 22, 1943, and now holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters in addition to the DFC.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OVERSEAS

PUBLIC RELATIONS 36TH DIVISION — "Thanksgiving Day in France!" remarked Cpl. William L. Currie, Stanton, Texas, a member of the 36th "Texas" Division, fighting in Eastern France. "Plenty of mud and rain, but I'm certainly thankful to be here. That dinner was great. Had all I could eat."

For Thanksgiving day dinner, each man was portioned 1½ pounds of roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter, jam, pie, coffee, and candy.

Cpl. Currie joined the 36th Division in March 9, 1941. His mother, Mrs. Mildred S. Currie, resides at Stanton, Texas, Box 5.

Home From College

Misses Cora Beth Echols, Mary Frances Burnam, Dorothy and Helen Renfro, are spending the Christmas holidays home with their parents in Stanton, from attending TSCW college at Denton.

WRITES MOTHER OF HIS WORK IN SHIP YARDS

In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. A. J. Graham, I. C. (Irvin) Graham writes her of his work in the Oregon shipyards at Portland. He has been in the work there almost two years and lost only four days from his work. He has worked hard, went to night school and has recently been promoted to the trial crew whose duty it is to take each ship when launched out on a trial run of from twelve to twenty-four hours—sometimes forty-eight hours before it is delivered to our Uncle Sam. As soon as one ship is launched they begin work on another. They are scheduled to build ten Victory ships during December. Mrs. Graham is a shipyard worker also. She is a tagger to put metal tags on electric wiring and cable on the ships, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Max Graham, is a welder at the same shipyards. They have one son, Max, serving in the Navy and another son, Gene, serving in the Army. Their youngest son, J. W., has missed the service on account of his eyes. He is employed at the fire station at the Midland Air Base.

Irvin Graham is a regular blood donor. He said: "Who knows but one of my own boys may need it and get my blood, if not, some one else's boy will get it."

HOME FROM 15 MONTHS ON BATTLE FRONTS

Maurice Woody, son of Mrs. E. M. Woody, pioneer Midland county ranch woman, has returned from serving 15 months in a tank corps in the battle fronts of Italy. He had been in the service 23 months, and has been discharged for length of service.

When in Italy Maurice was with Patton's army.

Reporter Gets Around

Mrs. Milton Moffett received a Christmas package from her husband, Lt. Moffett stationed on the Marshall Islands, wrapped in Stanton Reporter. That issue made a round trip. He sent his little son Pat, a little canoe like the natives use.

THE STANTON REPORTER
Published Every Friday

Subscription Rates:
In County 1 Year.....\$1.50
Outside County 1 Year.....\$2.00

JAMES E. KELLY
Editor-Publisher
CORA MATLOCK KELLY
Assistant Editor

Entered as second-class matter
January 6th, 1922, at the Post
Office at Stanton, Martin County,
Texas, under the Act of
March 3rd., 1879.

Home From the Navy

Thomas Morris is home from
training for the Navy at a
training center in California.
On his arrival home Thomas
was greatly surprised to find a
Pontiac car waiting him for a
Christmas present from his
mother Mrs. Flora Morris and
sister Mary George Morris.

ERROR CORRECTED

In the Purina advertisement
of the Martin County Feed and
Implement Co., printed last
week, an error was made in a
price. The price on Cow Chow
\$3.90 when it should have been
listed at \$3.30.

Gone to Virginia

Mrs. Doris Costey, daughter
of Mrs. A. J. Henson, has gone
to Dahlgren, Virginia, to join
her husband who is a gunner's
mate firstclass.

PREPARE FOR WINTER

by having your
Winter Garments
cleaned

MODERN CLEANERS

THANKS FOR HELPING ON LONG DISTANCE

All of us in the telephone business appreciate your help and patience during the Christmas rush on Long Distance. We hope you'll try to keep the lines clear on New Year's, too. Many important calls will be going over Long Distance that day.



SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



Season's Greetings

We wish to extend our most
sincere good wishes for Yuletide
cheer to our patrons. We
appreciate the nice business
given me and wish all a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MRS. FLORA ROGERS BAKERY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PASTOR'S FAMILY

Dear Friends of Stanton:

Since it is almost impossible
to write you a personal card or
letter, we take this means of
expressing to you our Christmas
Greetings.

At this glad Christmastide
we wish for you the sweet joy
of realizing daily the presence
and fellowship of the Lord
Jesus.

We wish for you the quiet
peace of a heart fully sur-
rendered to His Will.

We wish for you the radiant
happiness of a life spent daily
on the high plane of noble and
unselfish living.

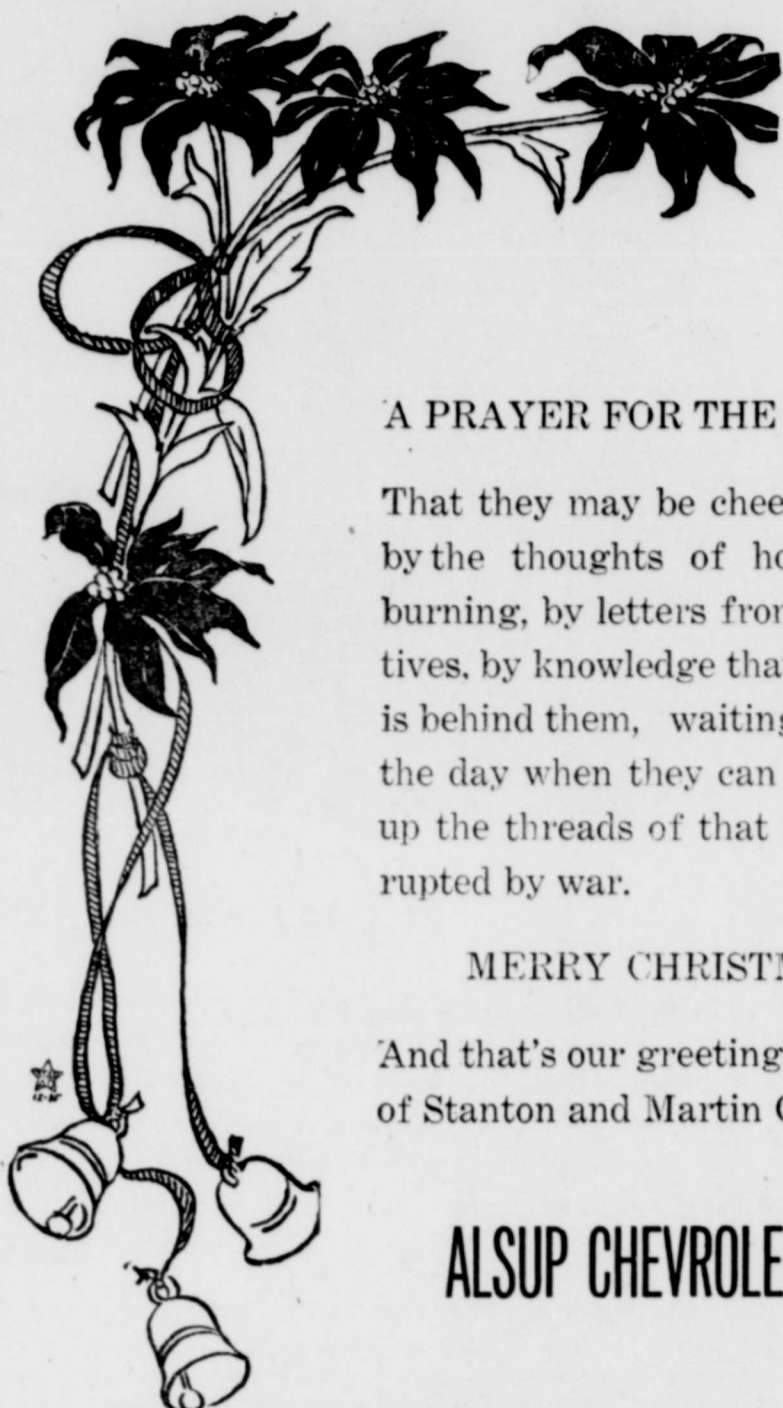
We wish for you the golden
contentment of duty well done.

We wish you high courage,
abiding faith, and health and
strength sufficient for each day.

We wish for you, dear friends
a joyous Christmas and a Happy
New Year.

Fraternally,
The Claude B. Stovall Family
Pastor First Baptist Church

Try Reporter Want Ad.



A PRAYER FOR THE BOYS OVERSEAS

That they may be cheered this Christmas
by the thoughts of home fires brightly
burning, by letters from friends and rela-
tives, by knowledge that everyone at home
is behind them, waiting and working for
the day when they can come back to pick
up the threads of that familiar life inter-
rupted by war.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

And that's our greetings to all our patrons
of Stanton and Martin County.

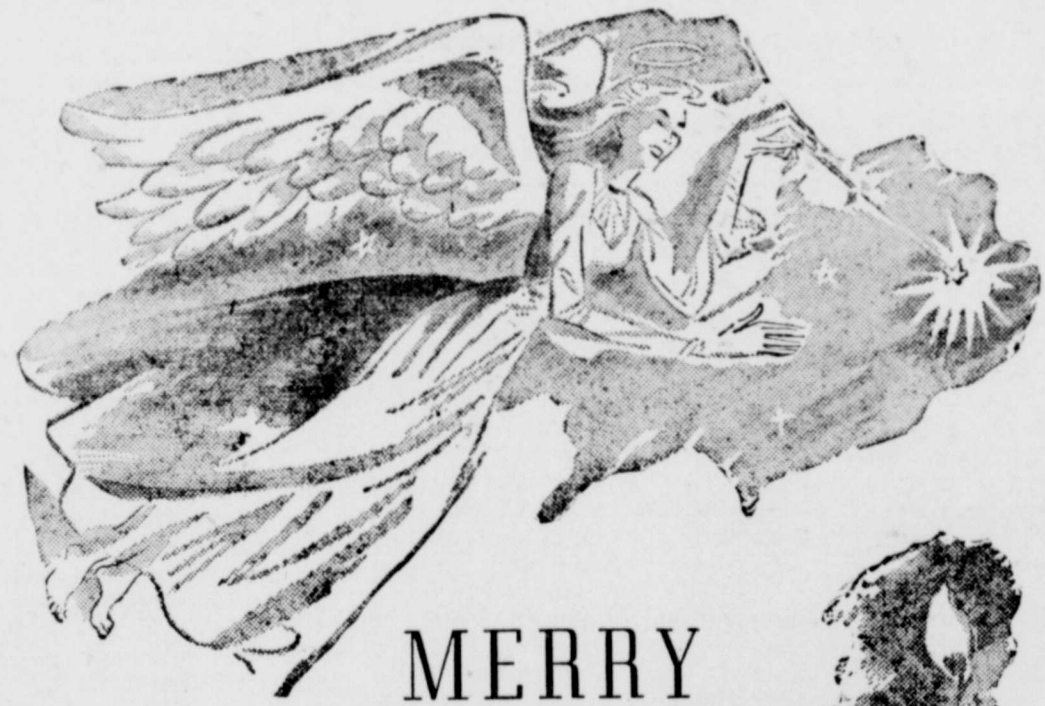
ALSUP CHEVROLET COMPANY



Our boys will be alone with God on this
Christmas night. We must give War Bonds
for our important presents this year if we are
to support them properly. We, safe in our
gay, Christmas-cheered homes, can match
our faith in them. We must do that, or deny
loyalty to the Freedoms for which they are
fighting. May they return to many joyous
Christmas seasons.

We wish all a Merry Christmas, good
health and prosperity.

The First National Bank



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Spirit of Christmas
light a candle of cheer in your
hearts that will shine during
your Holiday Season and glow
throughout all the New Year!

West Texas Gas Company





All of us should be filled with unbounded gratitude and should thank God that we are Americans.

Our Wish to All Is A Very Merry Christmas

EILAND MOTOR COMPANY



GREETINGS * * * *

For our fine boys who are fighting for us, we at home utter a prayer for their safety—and the fervent hope that it won't be long before they are home again—in a world freed of the threat of slavery. This is our Christmas wish.

To all our friends and customers we wish A MERRY CHRISTMAS.



**MARTIN COUNTY
FEED & IMP. CO.**
Phone 7

LENORAH LAUNDRY OPERATING
SIX DAYS A WEEK

Experienced Operator in Charge

We will appreciate your business

S. J. FOREMAN
Lenorah, Texas

RED CHAIN FEEDS

... is a feed you really depend on. In times like this when you got to get full value out of every pound of feed... it's a lot of satisfaction to know there's one name you can always trust—one feed you can always depend on to do a good job for you.

Thousands of poultry raisers depend entirely on RED CHAIN Chick Starter, Growing Mash, and Laying Mash. It has given satisfaction for years and they never think of using any other feed.

A. L. REED FEED & PRODUCE

YOU'RE ON OUR LIST. . . .

For best holiday wishes. May your Christmas be a joyous one, and may that joy soon spread over the entire world as the result of the Allied victories and bring a speedy return of loved ones.

JIM WEBB GROCERY & STATION
PHONE ONE



Fri. and Sat., Dec. 22-23

Sat. Night Preview

Sun. and Mon. Dec 24-25

"A LADY TAKES A CHANCE"

with

Jean Arthur-John Wayne

Monday, Tues., Wed.

December 26, 27, 28

"HENRY ALDRICH PLAYS CUPID"

with Jim Lydon Diana Lynn

Vera Vague



Fri. and Sat., Dec. 22-23

Sat. Night Preview

Sun. and Mon. Dec 24-25

"A LADY TAKES A CHANCE"

with

Jean Arthur-John Wayne

Monday, Tues., Wed.

December 26, 27, 28

"HENRY ALDRICH PLAYS CUPID"

with Jim Lydon Diana Lynn

Vera Vague

Texas Theatre
STANTON, TEXAS



May our bond buying and all our efforts to preserve traditional way of celebrating our joyous Christmas season—the gift-laden tree, and beautiful carols ringing through the air.

We extend our greetings to the boys who are fighting to keep our American Christmas alive.

And to all who have been responsible for the nice business we have enjoyed we—

WE WISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS

STANTON HOME & AUTO SUPPLY
John Pinkston—Phone 155

Read the Advertisements in This Issue



Christmas means more to us than any event in all the World. But this year our thoughts are of the turmoil of War and are with our brave fighting boys all around the globe. We pause in tribute to those who are giving their lives for the Christmas spirit. God bless them all.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

CLEMENTS-JONES

HARDWARE-APPLIANCE

PHONE 15

The Season's Greetings

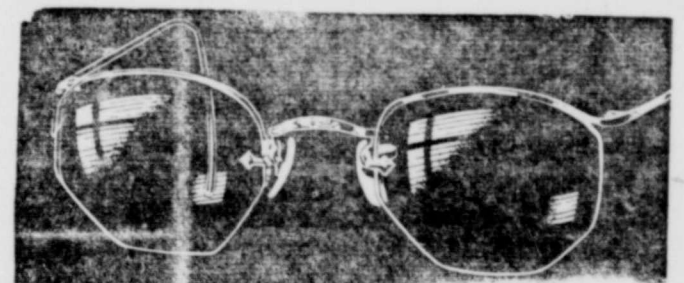
The heart turns home at Christmas. Let our prayers be for those far from family and friends as we once more enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

To our many patrons we wish you all a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Camp Cozy
GROCERY & MARKET
Phone 50 J. J. Holder, Manager

DO YOUR EYES FUSS?



I am a graduate from the best Optical College in America, and have 26 years experience, 22 years in Big Spring. People come to us from two hundred miles around to have their glasses fitted—"There's a Reason"—

"BETTER GLASSES FOR LESS MONEY"

Dr. Geo. L. Wilke
OPTOMETRIST
Big Spring, Texas

NALLEY FUNERAL HOME

See Mrs. W. A. Kaderli in Stanton for cheapest Insurance in West Texas.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Phone 175

Big Spring, Texas

INSURANCE

FIRE HAIL, ACCIDENT, BURGLARY

PLATE GLASS, POSTAL

WOODARD INSURANCE AGENCY

AMBULANCE SERVICE

EBERLEY-CURRY FUNERAL HOME

Burial Insurance

PHONE 200

Big Spring

WANTS TO KNOW MORE WHAT'S GOING ON IN STANTON SCHOOLS

The following letter addressed to the Reporter, is from Fred Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Holder of Stanton. He is stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi:

December 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Kelly:

First of all I'd like to tell you that I enjoy reading the Stanton Reporter very much. I'd like to offer a suggestion, however, if I may. This is not a gripe and I hope you won't take it as one. It hasn't been so long since a lot of us servicemen were in high school. I for one would like to read more about what is happening in Stanton high school. I've noticed some good articles lately on the basketball squads. That is something along the line of what I mean. This is just my idea but I would like to see a full page filled with school news. I'm sure the students would cooperate by turning in school chatter, etc. I'm sure a lot of other servicemen from Stanton would like to see more about the school events, etc.

I enjoy your servicemen section along with the rest of the news.

More Power to the basketball teams.

Fred? The Reporter is too small newspaper to devote a page to school news. Besides, the school is too small to provide the right kind of news for a page. However, I do feel as you, that the Reporter should carry more school news, such as class parties, basketball games, etc.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Don't neglect to have your name changed on your social security account card when you get married. If you don't it may cost you money in the long run.

In case you take a job, part time or full time during the holiday season (or any other time during the year) be certain to give your social security account number to your employer.

You can secure a statement of the wages credited to your old-age and survivors insurance account by requesting it on a post card prepared for that purpose which may be secured from any Social Security Board office.

Keep your social security account card in a safe place at all times.

You need only one social security number—it is the number you will have throughout your life.

Don't lose your social security account card—however, if you do, ask the Social Security Board field office for a "duplicate" and do not ask for a "new number". Applications for securing a new number or duplicates are available at your post office. When you have completed your application, you should mail it to the Social Security Board, 414 Rust Building, San Angelo, Texas.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff Or Any Constable of Martin County, Greeting:

Ben Carpenter, executor of the estate of T. I. Hardin, deceased, having filed in County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of T. I. Hardin, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ once in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Martin, and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, in said court on or before Monday, the 8th day of January, 1945, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness Lenorah B. Epley, Clerk of the County Court of Martin County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in the town of Stanton, Texas, this 18th day of December, 1944.

Mrs. Lenorah B. Epley,
County Clerk, Martin County,
Texas

Reporter Want Ads. Pay!



We extend our greetings to the boys who are fighting to keep our American Christmas alive.

To all our friends and patrons A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

J. L. HALL, the Druggist
"In Business For Your Health"



To those at home, but especially to those overseas, we extend our most sincere Christmas Greetings. Our wish to all our friends and patrons is a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STANTON IMPLEMENT COMPANY



We have found that friendship in business counts for much and we are grateful for yours. Let us wish you a very happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

CITY DRUG STORE



This is the high-tide of the year. Christmas, steeping every heart in benevolence of Him whose birthday it is. May this day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your desires.

A Merry Christmas to all
is our sincere wish

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.

BUY WHAT YOU CAN FROM YOUR HOME MERCHANTS

Stanton merchants are doing the very best job they can to provide as near as possible the Christmas needs of the trade territory. They in no way pretend to carry as large and varied stocks or as costly items as the stores in our nearby towns, but what holiday stocks they have are comparable to the neighbor town stores. The local merchant is wholly dependent upon the money from the agricultural and ranching interests. He has no dinner-pail brigade element such as workers in industrial plants or railroad shops, or army camps, to look forward to for revenue. It's just plain digging it out of the soil in the way of money from crops and livestock.

The local merchant is called upon to buy war bonds, contribute to Red Cross fund, and other agencies connected with financing the war, and pay his local county, city, and school taxes, and income taxes. So you see the merchant must have a good business to meet these obligations to say nothing of meeting his actual living expense. If the farmer prospers through raising a good crop the local merchant is assured of a good business. This year the crop harvest has been a rather uphill business. Lack of labor to gather it, and because of that fact crops suffered severe damage from freezing wet weather as well as severe drought.

The proposition is simply this. Any local citizen in the market for Christmas merchandise, or any other merchandise, see your local merchant first before spending your money elsewhere.

**ANDREW J. STUBBS
PASSES AWAY**

Andrew Jackso Stubbs, 88,
died at the residence Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the home, with Elmore Johnson, minister of the Church of Christ, in charge. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Visiting John Pinkstons

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pinkston and Mrs. Carrie Casey of Brentwood, Calif., are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston. Mrs. Cyasey is a sister of Mr. Pinkston.

Returns From Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Henderson have returned from a pleasure trip to Flagstaff, Arizona, where they visited some of Mr. Henderson's relatives before he leaves to report for army service.



Serving you has been a pleasure. You have cheerfully overlooked the curtailment of service that wartime has made necessary, and we appreciate your corporation.

To All We Wish A Very
Merry Christmas

J. T. BERRY, LUMBER

WANT ADS. DEAD STOCK

wanted for gunpowder. For free pickup service day or night call 484 Big Spring Soap Works, Big Big, Texas. If service unsatisfactory notify management collect 4001, Abilene, Tex. 44-20tp

FOR SALE one row Allis Chalmers combine, in good condition. Also a stock trailer for sale. Phone 9005 F2 or write R. L. Warren RFD 1, Big Spring, Texas. 10-2tc

FOR SALE gas range and baby bed mattress. Mrs. G. L. Thompson.

FOR SALE 1944 model Massey-Harris combine. T. J. Holloway, Tarzan, Texas.

LOST a Sterling silver link bracelet. Reward for return to Barbara Barnhill, Box 396, Stanton, Texas, or Ben Franklin Store.

Will you please help us by bringing your shopping bag with you, or some other receptacle to put your groceries in. Shopping bags are scarce as hen's teeth and that's pretty scarce.



We will greatly appreciate it if you will do your Christmas shopping as early as possible to avoid the rush that comes with last minute shopping. Shortage of clerks demands we make this request of you.

Everyone is beginning to feel the thrill of Christmas. There are only two more shopping days until Christmas and then we celebrate the most glorious day of holidays. Today, as every day, we offer you greater food values—a greater variety of food selections and better service than ever before, and at prices that are real Christmas values.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

Soldier, sailor, marine, war nurse, civilian homemaker, we are thinking of you this Christmas Day, hoping that the good cheer of the holiday season reaches you wherever you are. We want to thank you for your patronage in past years, and we hope that we will be able soon again to serve you now in distant lands. The friendship of everyone of our customers, here at home or faraway, means much to us, and you may be sure we will strive continually to be worthy of it. A Very Merry Christmas to All!



Pork Roast lb.....	35c
Prime Rib Roast lb ..	35c
Sirloin Steak lb.....	40c
Pork Sausage lb.....	35c
Pork Chops lb.....	38c
Beef Roast lb	30c
Calf Liver lb	35c

Dressed Turkeys and Hens
Meat Blocks \$2.45-\$3.45

Jones & Turner Grocery & Mkt.

"Ain't Mad at Nobody"

Phone 17