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PORTAGE OF TRAINING PLANES FOR AIR CORPS BOTTLENECKS EXPANSION

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series on army aviation progress as observed during a recent army-sponsored aerial tour of key points throughout Continental United States.

JOHN A. REICHMANN
From Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—All men won to the glamour of aviation—aristocrat of all professions—find their way to the "West Point" of aviation at Randolph Field, Tex., where they are taught basic flying.

At this time, the cadets from 12 states and 10 foreign countries have received 65 hours of flight training. The number of such schools soon will be increased to 29.

In this connection, the army is conducting tests with youths received their elementary training under the Civil Aeronautics Bureau to determine whether they have sufficient preliminary training to make them eligible for Randolph Field training. It is estimated that with a few minor changes the CAB training might be well.

In any case there is no lack of air to build up the proposed air force. The army's plan is over the number of available planes for the task. Possible future engine changes seem the most likely leap.

The present schedule calls for training of 7,000 pilots in the year ending next June. The army is expected to be stepped up before this time to 12,000 a year.

But to do this planes are needed. The army concedes it does not have enough basic training planes at Randolph Field. The number of planes being trained per hour is above what they consider safe. They have developed a system whereby maximum use is made of available planes.

When the young cadet arrives in flight stage in the morning, he gets in a chart. He sees just what he gets his plane, whether it is to be accompanied by an instructor or solo. He is at or in plane at the moment his flight begins.

He is due to go up later, he is in the intervening time in a plane. But when he lands at the end of the class period, he is in a plane waiting to take it. Each plane is used between three and four hours and fifty minutes out of each four hours—length of morning and afternoon training periods.

The cadet's basic training plane is the BT-14—represents the slow-going elementary training plane which he used in the previous 65 hour flight training.

He has had. It is a low wing monoplane of 400 horsepower, capable of loops, slow or snap turns and Immelman turns. Each cadet must learn to execute these well as to become familiar with 60 gadgets on the instrument panel.

He must learn to read maps, fly on country and obey orders. Each infraction of rules through own fault is marked in stars against his name in the classroom. A cadet who has 25 stars, a 25 cent penalty is assessed at graduation.

On completion of his course, the cadet goes to Kelly Field nearby where he will specialize—pursuit, observation, etc. The schedule will be changed so that he will go to his specialty and receive this training.

The acceleration of speeding up the training program, 11 new training schools will soon be opened. The basic school will be enlarged to accommodate 1,000 cadets. The classes of 500 cadets will be spaced out in the training weeks.

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Drillers Still Work To Clean Out Morris Well

Drillers are still trying to dislodge the sand pump, stuck in the hole of the R. C. Morris No. 1 well of Gallagher & Lawson in the South Carbon pool.

Efforts to clean out the well after a shot last week have been hampered by the fact that the force of the shot broke up a part of the casing and shot debris bridged the hole over in several places. Heavy flows, however, have broken through occasionally.

The sand pump was run into the well in an effort to force out the gravel, fragments of metal and the seal which had been placed on top of the shot. It is reported to have been forced at least 50 feet up so far.

Christmas Party Is Staged By Club

Mrs. W. F. Crouch entertained the Morton Valley Home Demonstration club December 20 with a lovely Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged and games were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. A delicious dinner was served with the coffee furnished and made by Mrs. Joe Faircloth of Ranger.

The club will meet January 7 with Mrs. D. W. Funk. Present: Mmes. Bertie Matheny, Riley Gordon, Josie K. Nix, W. E. Tankersley, O. N. Ram-sower, Paul Hodges, Clint Jones, Ted May, H. Tankersley, Cecile Eubank, D. W. Funk, T. L. Wheat, Thad Henderson, W. A. McMahon, W. B. Tankersley, Jennie Hayes, Lee Littleton, W. F. Crouch.

Colony Couple Are Married On Sunday

Mrs. Ellena Mills, a resident of Colony for a period of more than eighteen years, and J. W. Killough of Houston, but formerly of Colony, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones, Sunday, December 22nd, at 1:30 in the afternoon with Reverend Johnson, pastor of First Christian Church of Ranger, reading the ceremony.

Attending the wedding were Mrs. W. R. Killough, the groom's mother, Gene Mills, the bride's son, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones, their daughter, Lois and sons, Owen and Eddie Joe.

Mrs. Killough, during the last four years, has served in the capacity of librarian of the Colony public school. A great number of friends are her well-wishers for a happy and prosperous future.

Next 90 Days To Be Hard On The British

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Arthur B. Purvis, head of the British purchasing mission, said that the next 90 days would be crucial for England, but scoffed at any suggestion that Great Britain might collapse.

LEAVING THURSDAY

Sam Russell of Stephenville, congressman-elect from the 17th congressional district, will leave early Thursday morning for Washington in order to be on hand for the opening of the new congress on January 3, 1941.

Canadian Censors "OK" Christmas But Blue Pencil Date

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Canadian censors let down their usually dignified countenances today and wished Ontario newspaper men a Merry Christmas.

Their card pictured a censor rubber-stamping an "OK" on "Merry Christmas." But the date, Dec. 25, was pencilled out and the word "recently" substituted.

A clock whose face was covered with a strip of tape marked "censored" stood on a large filing cabinet. Each drawer bore the legend "blue pencil."

The Leaven of Christmas

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

In such words the angel reassured the trembling shepherds, that night in Judea so long ago when they were overcome by the glory of the holy night.

"On earth peace, good will toward men."

To untold missions across the world today those words must have a hollow and miserable ring. On earth peace—when there is no peace? Good will toward men—when men are killing and bombing and maiming?

Where is the good will, where the peace? Have men made a mockery of this promise, which came to them from a more-than earthly source so many years ago?

Blame the men, then, not the promise. For the earth is good, and productive, and splendid for men to live upon. Peace has been offered them; peace they could have, for the taking. But they would not have it. Good will toward men is nullified if there is no good will among men, and between men.

Merry Christmas!

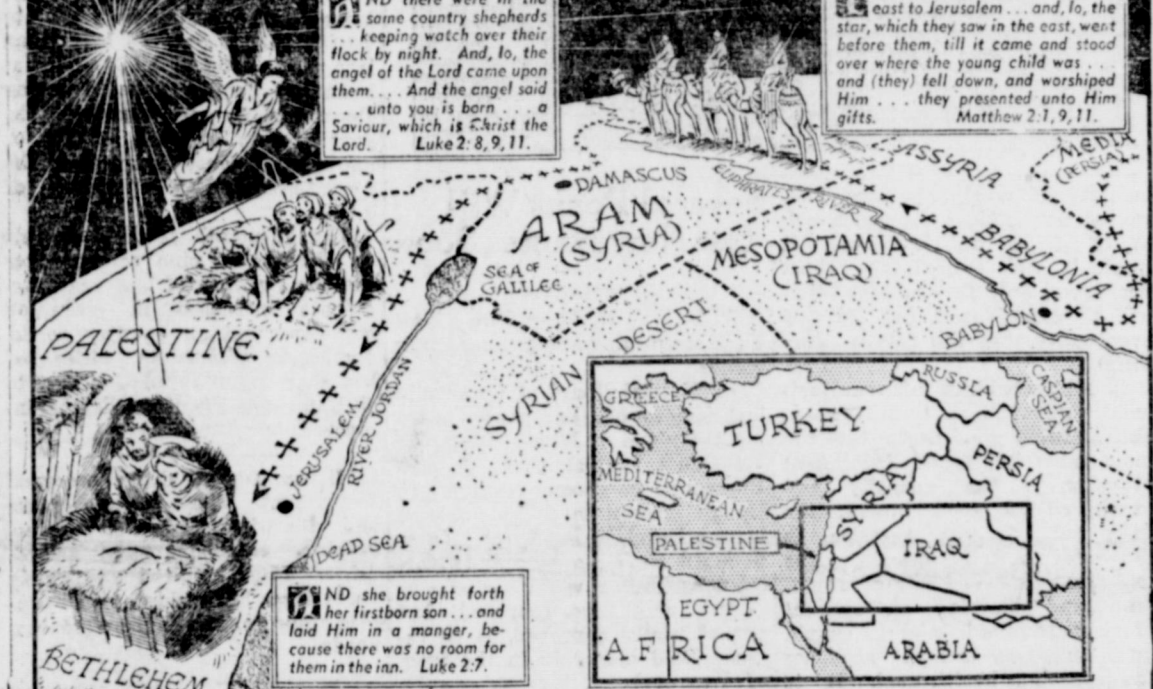
Christmas comes again, offering its bright promise of peace and good will. It is too much to hope that men throughout the world will accept it at its face value and instantly upon the midnight cease their warring and hating and killing.

But each and every man, woman, and child can, in some little private corner of his heart and soul, reflect some glow of the glory that night in Bethlehem.

Our own land is still at peace; here we can still strive for increasing grace and good will, for tolerance and understanding and love. Is there no ill will among us to be overcome, even to one another as countrymen? Let good will begin there to grow and spread like the leaven "which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

So with the precious leaven of Christmas-time, with its promise of peace and good will. Until that leaven has perished utterly, as long as men turn even for a day to Christmas and its promise, the world need not abandon hope that it will turn again to good will and peace.

Christmas Story Map Follows Wise Men's Trail



Geography played a part in the Christmas story, for the trail taken by the Three Wise Men to the scene of the Nativity at Bethlehem was across the desert and oil lands of our Modern Near East. Picture map shows the route of their journey from the land of Media, now Persia.

Lindbergh Praises Stand of Committee On Aid to Britain

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charles A. Lindbergh said today that the statement made yesterday by William Allen White has "given us new hope for a United America at a time when union is essential."

White, yesterday, said his Aid Britain Committee is opposed to America's entry into the war, repeal of the neutrality act, or sending Americans to fight in Europe.

Two Gunmen Held In Kidnaping of 5 After a Gun Battle

DUNCAN, Okla., Dec. 24.—The county attorney filed an armed robbery charge against two men today, after a gun battle in which they had both been superficially wounded before their capture.

Jess LeRoy Jones and William Silas McGee were captured here after they had allegedly kidnaped five persons in a wild dash across Northern Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

Turkey Shortage Is Felt At Houston

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—The worst turkey shortage in history hit the Christmas tables here today.

Wholesalers, retailers and farmers reported there were few birds available and that the supply had been exhausted by early afternoon Tuesday.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy with variable high cloudiness Wednesday, becoming cloudy in southwest portion. Little change in temperature.

New British Ambassador To U. S.



Lord and Lady Halifax Leaving Parliament.

Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary since before Munich, is to be the new United States Ambassador from Great Britain. He replaces Lord Lothian, who died in Washington recently, and will arrive in this country after the first of the year.

Small Suburb Ready For A World Crisis

AUDUBON, N. J.—This small suburban borough is ready—almost to a man—for any international crisis that may develop.

One hundred and fifty men and women have enlisted in the Audubon Home Defense and Auxiliary Movement and are receiving military, first aid and home economics training. A squad of nearly 100 men, ranging in age from 17 to 65, drills once a week on the high school athletic field under a retired army sergeant.

NO CHRISTMAS LETUP IN EUROPEAN WAR IS SEEN; BOTH SIDES PUSH FIGHT

Eastland citizens through various organizations—some of them regular charitable organizations and others formed especially for the present occasion—have sought to administer to the wants of the needy in Eastland and vicinity and it is believed that not one of such persons will be left without having received material evidence in one form or another, that it is Christmas and that charity still exists in the hearts of those in Eastland more fortunate than they.

There are the various church organizations, the Red Cross, the Rotary and Lions, The Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' associations, social clubs and various individuals, who in one manner or another, have contributed very liberally to the movement to see that at least there was no one hungry nor without Christmas in some form in the city during this holiday season.

Many families took it upon themselves to adopt one or more entire families thereby assuming the responsibility of seeing that such families' needs were supplied and that they were furnished with Christmas Cheer.

In expressing the hope that there will be not one person in the entire city and surrounding territory that will not have been remembered this Christmas we feel sure that we express the wish of each and every individual who have done what they could to make things work out this way.

Such is the wish of this newspaper.

War News Mingles With Pealing Bells Over Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25.—War news blaring from a loudspeaker in the public square mingled ironically with the sound of the bells of the Church of the Nativity on Christmas Day as they pealed out a message of hope to a warring world—hope of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Although the sounds of battles are on other fronts, war restrictions make this Christmas almost entirely a local observance. Again this year, very few of the pilgrims, who once thronged this hamlet where Christ was born, will be able to come here to worship.

The Holy Land is not in the war zone, but air raid wardens stand by siren sounders, strict blackouts are observed, and as a constant reminder of the conflict, exiled soldiers of Czechoslovakia, Poland and France stroll about the streets.

The pilgrims who are here will journey afoot, astride donkey or by bus the five miles from Jerusalem past the Tomb of Rachel and the shore of the Dead Sea to the Courtyard of the Nativity.

Carols will be sung in all European languages until the start this afternoon of the Pontifical Mass, which will be celebrated by Msgr. Luigi Barlassina, the Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land. His retinue will appear far more Anglo-Saxon than a year ago and Italian priests and nuns will be conspicuously absent.

The Christmas Eve ceremony proper will begin later in the evening back of the Church of the Nativity.

Just before midnight, high mass will be started. The bells will ring out as the sacred day arrives and at the climax of the ceremony the curtain above the tabernacle will be withdrawn, revealing a figure of the Christ Child as the assembly intones: "Blessed be He who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest."

The crowd will prostrate itself as the Patriarch raises the figure and leads the way down the narrow stairs to the Holy Crib where tradition says the Son of God lay in a manger. Smoky lanterns will light the Crypt. The Star of Bethlehem in the pavement is illuminated by an everlasting flame.

There were no civilians left in Sullum. But there were plenty of British troops. They looked as though they had been working in a flour mill, so coated they were with desert sand.

A well-known peer of the realm, another American war correspondent and I bathed in the sea before the ruins of Sullum.

From Sullum we took the road leading over the desert escarpment and crossed from Egypt into Libya.

On all sides we saw portions of the abandoned Italian war machine—cannons, small arms and anti-aircraft guns. They had been scattered in great profusion. Wrecked airplanes littered what once had been Italian airbases.

Fort Capuzzo had been blasted from the earth. Little remains except an Italian eagle on a memorial. There was a shell hole in its breast. As I wrote the guns on land are roaring, and out at sea warships are moving up to give Bardia another dose of British naval marksmanship.

HICKOK PARTY HELD

The annual Christmas party for the employees of the Hickok companies in this section was held at the Cisco Country Club Monday evening at 7:30.

The program included sound pictures, dancing, specialty numbers and refreshments. One hundred and fifty or more attended.

Australians Like Fight In Libya a Reporter Finds

By RICHARD D. McMILLAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BEFORE BARDIA, Dec. 24.—Massed lines of British land and naval artillery today formed a flaming ring around Italians trapped at Bardia which are pounded day and night by British forces building up to a final attack on the ports.

The British attack on beleaguered Bardia was intensified following the arrival of fresh batteries of artillery and re-enforcements of infantry.

British Men o' War off the coast and the British batteries ashore gave Bardia no respite from attack.

From an arid, windswept and dust-covered plateau, I watched the battle for Bardia throughout yesterday and well into the night. British shells fell with unerring accuracy upon pillboxes, trenches and gun positions outside and on the fringe of the town, from which stabs of flame from time to time showed the activity of Italian artillery.

The town itself threw up a pall of yellowish smoke which, with the dust and fumes from British artillery, obscured a flawless blue sky.

Some Italian shells dropped within the British lines, but the only damage came when 30 Italian bombers and fighters flew over the British artillery positions and dropped bombs, causing a few casualties. The guns were not harmed and they continued to fire into the Italian positions.

The Italian Savoia bombers remained over the British lines only a matter of seconds and then disappeared, pursued by British fighters.

Leaving the rubble and bricks of what once was Fort Capuzzo behind me I walked down a road towards the front line.

I spoke to Australians in a small, isolated outpost burrowed in sand beside the road. As we talked a lot of Australian artillery moved up.

"We Australians have been waiting a long time to get into this fight," one said. "We have been sweating on it."

Other Australian units were moving up quickly from the rear to join in the battle for Bardia. I saw long convoys of artillery, tanks and anti-aircraft guns. Every Australian wore a broad smile and gave the "thumbs up" greeting with real gusto.

I had reached the front lines before Bardia after 150 miles of travel by motor car through the old British lines in Egypt and then across 60 miles of what had been no-man's-land.

We traveled an almost trackless desert through thick clouds of sand. First there the ruins of Sidi Barrani and then of Sullum.

Sullum was a heap of ruins. Every house showed signs of the deadly accuracy of British naval gunfire. Ruined walls still carried inscriptions in praise of Premier Benito Mussolini, Italy and King Victor Emmanuel.

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Roosevelt Says It Won't Be a Merry Christmas For All

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"It can't be a merry Christmas this year," President Roosevelt said at dusk this evening, "but it can be a happy one if men and women resolve to strive for a more peaceful and a better world in the spirit of Christ."

Michigan Helping Aliens to Prepare To Become Citizens

By United Press
LANSING, Mich.—The state department of public instruction has a new program of adult education under way in an effort to intensify citizenship training.

Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent of public instruction, issued a bulletin to all school administrators to cooperate fully with the education division of the Works Progress Administration in sponsoring citizenship classes for aliens who would be cut off from employment if they did not have their final papers.

"Recent developments excluding aliens from certain government work and from some private employment has precipitated a new problem," Dr. Elliott said. "Many aliens have never been given a chance, in our educational system, to become citizens."

"In times of emergency, it is not enough that we become cognizant of a lack of instructional services but rather, that we set into motion machinery to discover the citizenship needs in the communities and make use of all educational services available—local, state and national."

He said cooperation of the WPA education division would be sought and co-sponsorship assumed to provide accommodations for the classes and resources necessary to such a program.

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All Together, Now—Pull!

Speculation about the American defense effort may now be put aside. We have the verdict of the man best qualified to know. And his verdict is "Not good enough."

William S. Knudsen, production member of the Defense Commission, has made, so to speak, his report on the first six months of the arms production program. And his considered verdict is that, particularly in the vital field of airplane production, we have fallen 30 per cent short of the goal.

The basic reason for this shortcoming, Knudsen says, is that industry and labor, "the two most important elements," have not been "sold" on the gravity of the situation.

Knudsen believes that there are certain fields in which the only way a marked and immediate increase in production can be shown is by working six or seven days a week instead of five. When such specific situations are uncovered, it should be done. There are plants not yet working three shifts which can be placed on this basis. Every situation is its own problem, with varying degrees of urgency and varying degrees of unused productive capacity. It seems certain that more centralized power must be established to iron out quickly specific kinks in the production line.

This does not mean that all social gains of shorter hours and better conditions must be thrown down the drain at once. But the power to increase the pressure at certain points where the bottlenecks are narrow must be granted soon. The situation has become such that unused capacity can no longer be tolerated.

Knudsen is dead right when he says that the public generally is 100 per cent behind the defense effort. And he is right again when he says that "the only way to get this program going is to get a concerted effort and a co-operative effort—an incentive fired with the spirit of sacrifice from everybody from the bench to the manager's desk."

It is not too much to say that the whole future of free government hangs on what the United States is able to accomplish during the next six months. We believe that the American people are prepared to make any required sacrifices to win through on this front, provided that the sacrifices are evenly distributed.

The armament effort is the joint effort of all the American people, not of classes or groups. It is for their joint safety as a people.

They have never failed before to do what was necessary to be done. They will not fail today.

Corset production in England is to be cut 50 per cent. Anyway you look at it, the women get a lacing.

SOLAR ORB

HORIZONTAL

1 Solar orb.

4 It is a heavenly body.

10 New England (abbr.).

11 Parts standard.

12 Parts of locks.

13 Reverence.

14 Hooked projection.

16 Broth.

18 Corrupt.

19 Gnawed.

20 Withered.

21 Senior (abbr.).

22 Earth.

24 Noun ending.

25 Organ of vision.

27 Saucerlike dishes.

29 Weapon.

30 Mast.

32 Kite end.

34 Punishable with death.

37 Aspect.

39 Long poems.

40 Gold quartz.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

1 CALVIN COOLIDGE

2 LOWE

3 PANAMA

4 CANAL

5 RATE

6 TAT

7 CHAIR

8 BOY

9 LAWYER

10 CALVIN COOLIDGE

11 DEATH

12 LOCAL

13 POSITIONS

14 HOUSE CAT

15 REVOLVES

16 TO EMBROIDER

17 TURF

18 FOLDED

19 MOISTURE

20 EXISTS

21 SHEEP'S CRY

22 OLD DUTCH MEASURE

23 BEHOLD

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36 TO PLACE OPPOSITE

37 SMALL APERTURE

38 STAIR POSTS

39 FRENCH COIN

40 SLOVAK

41 SUTURE

42 CHUM

43 TO STOP UP

44 GRIEF

45 EXCLAMATION

46 PRONOUN

The Night Before Christmas



During World War 32 Per Cent Were Unfit for Service

AUSTIN, Tex.—"The results of the examination in connection with the World War draft disclosed that a general average of thirty-two per cent of the young men of this country at that time were either temporarily or permanently unfit for active service."

"While those being called before medical boards under the present selective service law include a greater proportion of acceptances than was the case 23 years ago, the percentage of rejects so far reported, despite the small sample from which figures to date have been obtainable, indicates that an approved physical condition is lacking in too great a proportion of the young men called," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"If this age group, in the age bracket where the physical condition normally should be at its very best, indicates a certain amount of physical inefficiency, the question naturally arises: what is the physical status of the older men and women in America? In the present preparedness program, this query is important," Dr. Cox points out.

While there is no desire to imply that the general health of either adult America or adult Texas is unsatisfactory, there is reason to believe that, good as it may be on the average, there is room for improvement. Of course, it is not expected that physical qualifications for military service could be met by the majority of those of middle-age and beyond; nevertheless, it is not too much to ask that the best physical condition corresponding to age be attained by every one.

Barring fundamental defects and chronic conditions, the vast

majority of middle-age men and women can achieve top-notch vigor, if lacking it. Moreover, it would be wise to maintain robust health not only for the zest that will be experienced, but for any eventuality that the future may bring.

In all probability minor adjustments only will be necessary to change fairly good health into the most satisfying type. Intelligent attention to the quantity and quality of the food intake, the daily walk, or other exercise in the outdoors, moderation in the use of any or all kinds of stimulants, and obtaining the amount of sleep required nightly should go a long way toward realizing the maximum health goal. It is disregard of one or more of those basic requirements that often represents the difference between superior well-being and slow-gear vitality.

Consequently, if upon reflection of one's daily habits, a barrier to good health is spotted, it not only will be patriotic, but will be to the greatest personal advantage to remove it.

"Electrical Brains" Are Made for a Dam

PITTSBURGH.—Two steel-clad switchboards—so sensitive they have been termed "electrical brains" by engineers—are being constructed here for use at Boulder Dam, in Colorado.

With installation of the new units, the combined switchboard at the Boulder Dam power station will contain more than 5,000 meters, relays and switches. Placed end-to-end, they would form a row 7 1/2 feet high and 550 feet long and would require some 900 miles of wire for connection.

Hunter Misreads A Sign At A Farm

HASTINGS, Mich.—Michigan

Several Peaks Will Get New Names Soon

ALBANY, N. Y.—Two New York mountains are getting new names.

The Federal Board of Geographical Names has approved changing the name of Middle Dix, the 4,404-foot central peak of the Dix range in Essex county, to Hough mountain. The change honors Franklin B. Hough (pronounced Huff), a pioneer in forest conservation work.

Another change, proposed but not officially approved, is to rename Bald mountain in the town of Warrensburg, Warren county, to Jommie's Peak, in honor of Jimmie Cameron, pioneer woodsman. There are several "Bald Mountains" in the state.

Also under consideration is changing the name of Stony Point on Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, on the eastern point of the entrance to Wilson Bay in Lake Ontario. The point would be called Dablon Point in memory of an early missionary. Another Stony Point nearby, at the entrance to Henderson Harbor, leads to confusion with the Cape Vincent Stony Point, according to local residents.

TO PRODUCE DRUGS

By United Press

CANBERRA, Australia.—The Federal government has launched a program to make Australia self-

conservation officers found a hunter who, without heed to who might be watching, was tearing a sign from a post.

The officers, seeing that the sign was one they had set up before the season opened asked the nimrod if he realized what he was doing.

"Sure," he replied, "I'm tearing down these signs saying that you can't hunt on land bought by the conservation department."

Army Prefers the Range Horse for Its Cavalry Units

By United Press
TONASKET, Wash.—Shades of the old horse-trading days of the West were revived here when army officers came to this little cattle-range town to buy horses for the cavalry.

Lieut.-Col. William H. Dean of the remount station at San Mateo, Cal., supervised the purchasing activities and acted as final judge of the animals that were brought from near and far by ranchers and cattlemen of the United States and Canada.

Horses were led past the "judging" stand. Some were rejected at first glance for being too stocky, large or small. After passing first examination they were inspected for teeth, feet and brands. Hasty inspection over,

Coventry Is Not Worse Than Texas Highway Shambles

AUSTIN, Tex.—The shambles of Coventry and Portsmouth have nothing on Texas. Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, observed today in announcing that the automobile blitzkrieg has virtually shattered the state's two-year record of decrease in traffic deaths.

Traffic statisticians today had counted 182 deaths for November, bringing the 11-month total to 1,545. This is only 38 less than last year's total of 1,583. With at least 150 deaths expected during December, it was estimated the year's toll will reach 1,733 or more, the largest figure since the record-breaking 1937 total of 2,043.

The 11-month total represents an increase of nine percent over the same period of last year. Accidents increased in cities, on highways and on country roads, decreasing slightly in cities of less than 2,500 population, but in all four classifications deaths increased.

sufficient for all drugs procured from plants. These include opium and its derivatives, strychnine, quinine, cinchona and ephedrine. Four hundred and fifty acres have been planted in poppies alone for the country's opium needs.

the horses were trotted by the stand and final selections made. The sale was conducted on a dark, snowy day as time for the army buying agent for young himself.

JOLLY GREETING

Christmas Cheer and joy throughout the year is our sincere wish for each of you. We appreciate your kindness and friendship at all times and especially at this season we reminded of it.



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May he fill your stocking to overflowing with just exactly the things it will make you happy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM US TO YOU!

CONNELLEE HOTEL and
COFFEE SHOP

APPROPRIATE GREETINGS

We feel that the proper greeting for this season would be to wish you our whole heart for all that is good and desirable to come to you through Christmas day, and that the New Year about to dawn will bring a rich fulfillment of your ambitions.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

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CHRISTMASTIDE

Now comes the high tide of the year. Christmas, steeping every heart in the spirit of Him whose birthday it is. May this day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your heart's desire—and may the New Year ahead, splendid and glorious with opportunity, provide you with an ever-increasing share of all the good things of life.

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Mrs. Johnnie Roy and Employees

PHONE 101

A GOLDEN TIME

Gold represents our finest and purest of metals. Is it not fitting to compare this season—this Christmas season—with precious gold?

The time when all life is on a higher plane—lifted there by true, unselfish spirit of Christmas.

MAY THE DAYS AHEAD BE HAPPY FOR YOU!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

EASTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

...time for you to pick out a...
...for money that he'll en-...
...himself.

May Your Christmas Be One Of Joy

And may the New Year liberally reward you
for your efforts and bless you abundantly
with

HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY



EARL CONNOR JR.

Criminal District Attorney
Eastland, C.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WISH THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE FULL OF JOY

At this happy season when the spirit of Christmas is in the hearts of
mankind, we realize how much we depend on your loyalty and patron-
age for the success of our business.

With a heart full of gratitude we give you our unbounded good
wishes for a Merry Christmas and a year ahead packed with success.

PARKER FLORAL SHOP

Flowers for Everybody and Everything

Crime Is Unusually Light at Christmas Season, Chief Says

The week before Christmas has been unusually free of crime, Chief of Police Guy Pledger stated Tuesday, with not a case of shoplifting or petty theft of packages from automobiles being reported during the rush shopping season.

This is unusual, Chief Pledger stated, as there are usually from one to half a dozen shoplifting cases reported and investigated, and thefts of packages from cars usually runs higher during the Christmas buying season than at any other time.

The boys have been unusually good about shooting fireworks in the main business section of the town, Pledger stated. He said that when fireworks first began to make an appearance the boys who had them were warned not to shoot them in the business section of town. With few exceptions the boys obeyed the warnings.

A large number of firecrackers have been shot already this year, many in the downtown area, but in all but a few instances the boys have gone to nearby alleys or have gotten well out of traffic before shooting them. In past

Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



years there have been a number of minor injuries caused by fireworks being shot in crowds on Main Street, but none were reported this year, Pledger said.

REDEEMS 1901 COUPONS

By United Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama has honored a \$12.50 bond coupon which fell due in 1901. The original \$500 bond had been paid long ago, all except the one coupon, discovered amongst old letters by a Montgomerian.

Wider Training In Army Is Foreseen

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Rep. James W. Wadsworth, Genesee Republican and co-author of the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Act, envisions a time when every young American will receive military training "as part of life's education."

Describing the selective service measure as "temporary," Rep. Wadsworth believes a permanent system of compulsory military training is needed to fill "the last gap in a realistic policy in line with principles advocated by Washington and Jefferson."

"Under the national defense act of 1920," he explained, "only the problem of recruiting was left unsolved, other provisions for military action being provided in skeletonized form. If Congress makes some form of selective service permanent, it will mean that every young man at a certain age will take training as part of life's education."

Wadsworth does not commit himself on the question of age brackets. He is of the opinion that Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's suggestion that only men under 25 be taken for training eventually will meet the general demand, providing the present system functions smoothly for the first few years.

Flaming Peril Is Risked By Man To Save His Peg Leg

By United Press
TULSA, Okla. — Eli Reynolds' house caught fire and he was badly burned when he rushed back into the flames to save his leg.

The leg, an artificial one, Reynolds carved in his spare time to replace one which he considered too heavy for comfort. When his house blazed, the only thing he worried about was that leg.

He was trapped in the burning house and neighbors dragged him to safety after hearing screams.

Reynolds is a 63-year-old former cowpuncher. He lost his right leg in New Mexico 33 years ago when cattle rustlers shot him in a gunfight.

He was out in the yard "boiling potatoes with the packets on" when he saw the fire sweeping his house. "I rushed in," he said. "When a man sees all he's got going up in smoke, you can't keep him out. I don't know what happened next."

As for the leg—I'll make me another one."

DAY'S TROUBLES FOUR-FOLD

By United Press
SANTA CRUZ, Cal. — Ray Baker, carpenter, reported to the police his list of troubles, in chronological order, for one day as follows: Automobile accident; house burned down; impervious himself and his six children; burglars entered garage and stole fishing tackle; burglars then amused themselves by shooting out all the windows.

WE WOULD CULTIVATE YOUR GOOD WILL

When we cultivate our gardens we work with them to produce the very best possible results. We want to give you our very best service that we may cultivate your friendship and patronage. We trust you will give us the opportunity. May we all cultivate the true spirit of Christmas—one of generosity and love for our fellowman.

KING-BALL MOTORS

FORD-MERCURY SALES AND SERVICE

On the Square

Eastland

STIRRING---

CHALLENGING---

INSPIRING---

This is the Spirit of Christmas. It stirs, challenges and inspires our better impulses. Makes our holiday season one of joy and gladness and is a buoyant start into the New Year ahead.

Best Wishes For The Season

CARL JOHNSON DRY GOODS

North Side Square

WHAT'S THE RUSH? WHY ITS CHRISTMAS

That gay cheerful season when our hearts and lives
are attuned to the holiday season and looking for-

ward to a great New Year of success and achieve-
ments.

MAY YOUR FONDEST HOPES BE REALIZED

DURING CHRISTMAS AND 1941!

CROWELL LUMBER COMPANY

Everything to Build Anything

West Main Street

Eastland

OUR HAPPIEST SEASON

There is no doubt in our minds but that Christmas is the one time in
the year when more people are made happy than at any other time.

Christmas is exemplified in everything we do for others.

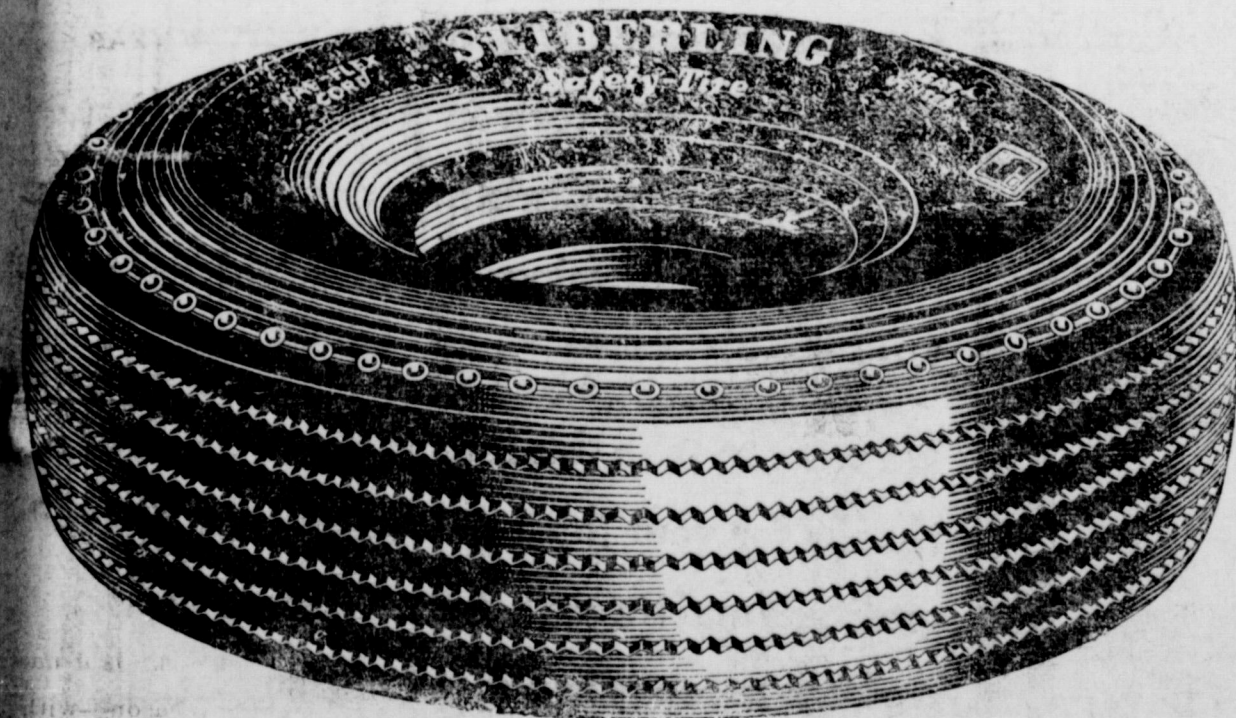
May your opportunities for service to others be so great that your
blessings may be multiplied!

Best Wishes For The Season

BESKOW JEWELRY & OPTICAL CO.

Next to Penney's

Eastland



And 1941 Will Indeed Be Happy If You Ride
On SEIBERLING Tires

Jim Horton Tire Service

Dec. 31 Deadline For Application for Parity Payments

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—With only a few thousand cotton parity payment applications not yet signed by cooperating farmers, AAA officials this week reminded cotton growers that December 31 is the final date to file applications for parity payments.

To date, 333,208 out of an anticipated 350,000 applications for parity payments have been received, Romeo M. Korth, state AAA committeeman and Karnes County farmer, announced. Payments totaling \$23,830,812 already have been made on 328,213 of the applications.

Approximately half of the anticipated 405,000 conservation payment applications have been received in the state office, Korth said, and payment has been made on 114,444, totaling \$16,414,041. Deadline for filing conservation program, \$1,655,499 has been paid on 5,505 applications.

No extension of the December 31 deadline will be made, the state committeeman declared, urging that all who are eligible for payment sign their applications as soon as possible.

Network To Carry State Final Game

A special network of 33 Texas radio stations has been created specifically to broadcast the game between Amarillo and Temple for the University Interscholastic League's 1940 Football Championship of Texas. This is the largest network ever created in Texas to broadcast a single football game.

The game will be played in Dallas, at the Cotton Bowl, Saturday, December 28.

The kick-off has been scheduled for 2:00 P. M., and the network will go into operation at 1:50 P. M., with Ves Box giving pre-game color and activities. Play-by-play description will be given by Cy Leland. The game may be heard locally over KRLD and KGKO.

Urges A Traffic Court for Bicycles

By United Press

LE ROY, N. Y.—A bicycle traffic court may be established here to provide "better enforcement" of bicycle rules and regulations set up by village trustees a few years ago.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The smiling, youthful face of 1941 gives us renewed courage and inspires us to meet the opportunities the next twelve months have to offer.

May You Have Health, Happiness,
and Material Gain During
The New Year

JOHN HARRISON GROCERY and MARKET

Main and Lamar

Southwest Side Square

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To thank you for your
Good Will and Patronage
To wish you Happiness and
Prosperity each day of the
New Year

GUY PATTERSON

GET TEXACO PRODUCTS FROM

C. T. Lucas
Muirhead Motor Co.
W. A. Anderson
J. H. Dunn

J. A. Freeman
W. R. Burns, Olden
J. Z. Phillips
King-Ball Motors



CHRISTMAS JOY

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."—Matt. 2:10.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS BRING YOU
PEACE AND HAPPINESS

COMMUNITY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

"It is hard to fine the boys for law infractions," Police Captain Fred J. Rider told the local board. "If we fine them the money has to be paid by their parents and does not make the desired impression on the children. A severe admonishment by the presiding bicycle court judge and perhaps suspension of the offender's registration would result in more obedience to the law."

Most Fire Deaths Occur In Homes

AUSTIN, Tex.—During the past twenty years, eight out of every ten fire deaths in Texas have occurred in the home, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, reported today.

The Commissioner said that \$6,325,000, or approximately 50 per cent of the average annual fire loss total of \$12,650,000, resulted from home fires. Gas, properly used, presents no greater hazard than other fuels, but the fact that in Texas natural gas is used in the home extensively for such household purposes as heating, cooking and refrigeration, makes it imperative that the greatest degree of care be exercised by home owners in observing fire prevention rules and regulations in the use of this fuel.

The law in Texas requires that natural gas be odorized, and if the odor of escaping gas is detected, windows and doors should be opened, the gas turned off at the meter, and the gas company notified at once. In improperly ventilated rooms, gas heaters will consume all of the oxygen within a few hours and death may be the result.

Whistling Arrow Is A Forefather Of The Screaming Bomb

By United Press

CHICAGO. — The dreaded "scream" bomb had as its antecedent by Manchu bodyguards to frighten people off the streets as the emperor rode by, according to C. Martin Wilbur, of the Field Museum.

The whistling arrows, used in 900 B. C. according to Chinese historians, had the same purpose as the modern scream bomb—to destroy civilian morale, Wilbur said.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS

We wouldn't feel right at all unless we took this opportunity to give you our sincere greetings and best wishes of this glad season.

The progress of our business has been made possible through the loyalty of our friends and we are deeply grateful. We want to express the hope that this will be the jolliest and happiest Christmas that has ever come your way.

EASTLAND BAKERY

J. U. JOHNSON

BUTTERNUT BREAD

CAKES AND PIES

AT YOUR FAVORITE GROCER

A TWOFOLD MESSAGE AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

A wish that this will be the gayest Christmas you have ever known and that the New Year will bring blessings in abundance.

Accept our sincere appreciation for your loyalty as patrons and friends during the past year.

HARKRIDER CLEANERS & DYERS

West Main St.

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Telephone 20

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Happiness Be Yours This Christmas
And Throughout The New Year

The time of year has come again when we can forget business and exchange a friendly word of greeting. Our community and friends mean much to us and we want you to know we sincerely appreciate our association with you.

THE MEN'S SHOP

East Side Square

Eastland

WELL FRIENDS, HERE WE ARE AGAIN

For the past years we have brought you our greetings and each year we feel that the ties that bind become stronger. With all the warmth we possess we sincerely wish for you the best things life holds store. May your Christmas day be a glorious one and may your blessings continue throughout the New Year.

We want to take this means of expressing thanks for your loyal patronage. We feel a debt of gratitude and through our continued service to you we hope to repay in a small measure.

HEARTY GREETINGS

Eastland Iron & Metal Company

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pullman and Children

Doctor Warns of New "Fad Diets"

By United Press
CHICAGO.—Persons who indulge in "fad diets" which advocate excessive consumption of carrots or orange juice may develop yellow patches on the palms of their hands or soles of their feet, according to Dr. William S. Becker, University of Chicago dermatologist.

Speaking at the third annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology here, Dr. Becker said that carrots and oranges contain a yellow dye called "carotene" which, if used to excess, cause yellow patches to appear on the skin.

In like manner, drugs containing large amounts of silver, gold or mercury compounds "often produce weird changes in the color of the skin when used indiscriminately and over a long period," Dr. Becker said.

Certain nose and throat sprays and eye washes, particularly old fashioned remedies, contain silver compounds which may give the skin a blue-gray color, he said. Silver compounds also are used to treat syphilis and may have the same effect on the skin.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



Selected 'Miss Fashion Future'



Whole flocks of New York's most beautiful models gave her strong competition, but comely Frances Fredden, above, won out—and is now the city's "Miss Fashion Future of 1941." In contest sponsored by the Fashion Group, she'll compete with Miss Fashion the national title.

Gold compounds sometimes are used to treat arthritis and tuberculosis, Dr. Becker said.

Other types of discoloration which Dr. Becker discussed included sun tan, freckles, and albinism.

Sun tan, he said, is due to an increase of melanin, the natural skin pigment, caused by the ac-

tion of sun rays. When the melanin is not evenly distributed over the skin but bunch up in small areas, freckles—or tiny spots of sun tan—result.

Albinism, or white patches on the skin, is due to lack of melanin and may be inherited or be acquired. The cause of the acquired type, known as "vitiligo," is not yet fully understood, he said, but has in many cases been correlated with mental and nervous disorders.

Vitiligo may be cured, Becker said, but hereditary albinos have a permanent bleached skin which can only be remedied by staining the white patches with various dye compounds prepared for that purpose.

Rochne Trophy To Go To Minnesota

By United Press
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Minnesota will get permanent possession of the Knute Rockne Memorial trophy at ceremonies tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8.

Minnesota's Gophers gained permanent possession by winning its third national championship with seven years to hang up the best 10-year record in collegiate football.

Tentative plans call for Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen"—Elmer Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller and Jim Crowley—to present the trophy which they donated to sport.

Three Judges Smooth Romance of Gypsies

By United Press
SAN JOSE, Cal.—Three judges concerted their efforts to permit two gypsy sweethearts to have a legal California wedding. The gypsies were Peter John, 24, and Rachel Sterio, 16.

Juvenile Court Judge William F. James waived new health certificates, their old ones having elapsed. Superior Judge Charles Davison dismissed a child stealing charge against the groom—the child stolen being his prospective wife—and Judge Grandin H. Miller married them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

To Young And Old Alike We Offer Our Christmas Greetings

Children look forward eagerly to Christmas. It is a big event in their lives,—a time when Santa Claus comes with gifts for all good boys and girls. Older ones anticipate Christmas with equal zest and delight, though they see Christmas in a different way and their pleasure is mostly in thoughts of giving.

To all of you we wish the Merriest Christmas you've ever known and may the New Year Be Gracious to You.

We Look Forward To Serving You With the Best During 1941

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE CO.

At Christmas Time We Think Of Our Friends

We feel we owe our friends a great deal for their loyal support during the past year. We appreciate the kind favors you have bestowed upon our business. We assure you we will strive harder than ever to merit your patronage.

It is with the cheeriest greetings and friendliest thoughts that your Christmas will be the happiest you have ever known and that the New Year will be bountiful.

GREETING YOU--

With kindest thoughts for your welfare and happiness during the Yuletide and New Year.

We Invite You to Buy Arab Gasoline At Any Time and give us an opportunity to show you how good it is.

ARAB GASOLINE CORP.

Office Exchange Building

May Your Christmas Be Joyous and Merry
May Your New Year Be Happy And Prosperous

MR. AND MRS. BEN HAMNER

We Are Not Being Modern and Conservative, but Just Wish-
ing For You An
OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS
DAY OF GOOD CHEER
and a
NEW YEAR of PROSPERITY
and
HAPPINESS

YATT'S DAIRY

CHRISTMAS THE DAY AND SEASON OF PEACE AND JOY

Christmas—the high tide of the year is here. Christmas—when the human heart harks back upon the year spent and forward to the New Year ahead.

May your heart echo in tune with the spirit of Christmas and may you have Peace and Prosperity is our wish for you.

UNCLE CHARLIE SHEPPARD

GREETINGS--

May this joyful season find you blessed with the presence of your loved ones, happy in your work, secure in your home, ambitious for the future and full of the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day in the year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LUCAS SERVICE STATION

C. T. LUCAS and EMPLOYEES

MODERN DRY CLEANERS AND THE BOYS

J. B. Johnson	-	R. A. P'Pool	-	C. L. Fields
Sam Johnson	-	C. W. Griffith	-	Jack Collins
Ed Nash				Bill Doss

Society, Club and Church Notes

TEA DANCE ADDS MERRY NOTE TO HOLIDAY

Adding a dash of color to the festivities of today, in Eastland, a tea dance will be host by the Las Lealas Club this afternoon in the spacious ballroom of the American Legion Clubhouse.

The time is from 3 o'clock until 6 p. m. and everyone is cordially invited to attend between these hours.

Eastland Personals—

Dr. E. R. Townsend returned home Sunday after completing post-graduate work at the Diagnostic Center in San Francisco, Cal. He had been in San Francisco one month.

Mrs. Vera McLeroy of New Orleans, Louisiana, is spending the Christmas holidays in Eastland.

Holiday visitors in and out of Eastland add to the gaieties of the day with college students home, scattered members of families return for an old-fashioned Christmas at home, and friends dropping in

with a Merry Christmas. Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Townsend, the Doctor has just returned from a stay in California, have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinberg of Midland.

Guests in the Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Poe home throughout the holidays, are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Holbrook, of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gray and family of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Holbrook, Brownwood; and Mrs. P. P. Holbrook of Vernon.

Returning home for the holidays, Miss Sybil Holder left last Saturday night to spend time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holder in Stanton. She will return to Eastland this week-end.

Tuesday Miss Lillian Coldwell left for her home in Cisco to spend today with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Coldwell.

Miss Carolyn Cox of Lansing, Michigan, arrived in Eastland the first of the week for the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Cox Sr.

Another leaving Eastland to spend the Christmas season with her parents, was Miss Louise Mercer, who left Monday evening for Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor, and Miss Ann Taylor, who is a student in Southwestern University in Georgetown, left earlier this week to spend the holidays in Ardmore, Oklahoma, with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie

Kilgore. They will return to Eastland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Frost will have as holiday guest, daughter, Mrs. Maurice Bullock and Mr. Bullock of Fort Stockton; and their other daughter, Mrs. H. T. Etheridge Jr., and Mr. Etheridge of El Paso; Cyrus B. Frost Jr., student of Texas University at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry and small daughter, Nancy Karen, of Jackson, Miss., arrived Tuesday for the holidays with Mr. Castleberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Winston Castleberry of Dallas were holiday visitors in the Castleberry home.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Miss Verna Johnson, and Miss Joyce Johnson, who arrived last week from Lubbock, are in Abilene today for the Christmas holiday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Webb, who was the former Miss Doris Johnson.

Students of T. S. C. W. in Denton who are home for the Christmas season are Misses Edith Rosenquest, Nellie Lee Miller and Mary Fay Beskow.

Jack Teatsworth of Florida, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teatsworth.

Jack Johnson of Tech in Lubbock is also in Eastland spending the holidays with his parents.

Pat Owen of A. & M. in College Station is spending the holidays in Eastland.

Miss Jane Ferguson, who attends T. W. C. in Fort Worth is a holiday visitor in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson.

Another student home is Miss Mildred McGlamery, who attends John Tarleton College in Stephenville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlamery.

Miss Reita Lee Barton, student at Draughton's Business College in Abilene, is in Eastland for the holiday season.

Bob Perkins, student of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is spending the Yule season in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins.

Leo Wolf, A. & M. student, is also home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wolf.

Miss Maxine Coleman of N. T. S. T. C., and Marshall Coleman, student of the University of Texas, are here for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coleman.

Miss Sidney Scott, Baylor student, is also an Eastland holiday visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott.

Bob Ferguson, of N. T. A. C. in Arlington, is in Eastland for the Yule season.

Miss June Hyer, who is a stu-

RED RYDER

By Harman



Perils Are Few To Test Plan Pilot

WICHITA, Kas.—The life of a test pilot is not half as dangerous as the general public believes, Morton Brown, nationally known test pilot, said in an interview here.

In fact, technical knowledge and its application are as large a part of his job as is the actual flying of newly turned out planes.

Brown pointed out that the test pilot's job starts when the plane is being assembled. The pilot must check each part as it goes into its place. When the plane is completed, the pilot then re-checks for flaws.

In this re-check, Brown said, the motor is tested, gasoline oil lines examined, controls are tried, the landing gear is checked for efficiency, radio and electrical systems must be in first class shape and last, the propeller is tested.

Once this re-check is completed, the pilot warms up the motor and after a slow take-off, cruises around at a low speed to discover "bugs" in the motor, to learn if the controls handle properly, and to see that the plane is balanced and rigged properly for level flight.

After this half-hour test flight, the plane is landed and the pilot checks the instruments. This check usually covers the air speed indicator, the r.p.m. dial, the altitude indicator, the oil pressure gauge, the gasoline gauge, the motor temperature indicator; the turn and bank indicator, and the compass.

At the completion of the instrument check, the plane is ready for its performance test. In speaking of testing commercial planes, Brown said:

"It is not the intention of the test pilot to try to tear the plane to pieces, but to check its airworthiness and to put it through maneuvers that will exceed the strain on parts in the hardest commercial flying."

The usual test for commercial planes includes steep banks, stalls, short dives and barrel rolls.

All bedrooms in a home should be accessible without going through another bedroom, according to Farmers' Bulletin 1738-F, which gives suggestions for building rural homes economically.

Miamians Build A Colony In Bay

By United Press

MIAMI, Fla.—A group of Miamians have started a colony out in Biscayne Bay—a cluster of "chacks" on piles in 5 feet of water—11 miles from the mainland and telephones.

Started four years ago, the colony now has nine houses supplied with electricity by small gasoline-powered generators and hot water by solar heaters. Visitors can drop in only by boat.

The latest addition to the colony is a new \$250,000 clubhouse dedicated in its midst last month and designed to provide entertainment for residents and their guests.

Leo Edwards, a Miami automobile dealer, found four years ago that he could lease land covered with less than 6 feet of water for \$1 a year per acre. He leased 100 acres and built a home. Others who wanted to "get away from it all" followed him.

The Quarterdeck Club was built by Edward Turner, a retired business man. Visitors are "piped" aboard, a ship's bell tolls the time of day and, like an ocean liner, all lighting units, refrigeration and water are self-contained.

It takes an experienced pilot to bring a vessel to the colony because of the shallow water—another reason why its residents have a privacy of the "tropic isle" variety.

System Ready To Check Ohio River

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O.—A radio-telegraph system to keep communications open in time of flood and other emergencies in the Ohio river drainage area has been placed in operation.

Col. E. H. Marks, army district engineer here, said that the system will be manned at all times, ready for 24-hour emergency duty. It will be used for regular messages in normal periods.

While essentially a telegraph system, radio telephone is provided for patrol boats in flood emergencies. There are 24 stations, six of 250-watt power and 18 of 100 watts. Six are land stations and the rest on boats. The chief stations are located at Cincinnati.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

May this Christmas not only be one of mirth and joy but may the blessings and benediction of peace be felt in your heart that you may understand the true meaning of Christmas. May contentment be yours. In sincere and friendly appreciation of your good will—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEON BOURLAND
MARKET AT A. & P. STORE

WE REPEAT AGAIN—

Another year has rolled around and it is time again to express our greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The words we use are time worn and say what we have said before, but we feel no other words are adequate, so we say from our hearts—

"MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

MAJESTIC CAFE
South Side Square

MAY JOY BE YOURS
—AT THIS—
Merry Christmas Season

Whatever the day itself may be like, whether sunny or gray there is an ever prevailing spirit on Christmas Day that sets that day apart from others.

In the genuine Spirit of Christmas we greet you and wish for you a day mellowed by appreciation of health and material well being and a New Year rich in expectation and fulfillment.

EASTLAND, WICHITA FALLS & GULF RAILROAD
C. J. Rhodes, Mgr.



Heres To Your Christmas 1940

AND NEW YEAR 1941



May they bring to you the happiness you so richly deserve.

It is always a pleasure to serve you!

GARLAND BRANTON

TREASURER

EASTLAND COUNTY

JUST FOR YOU

To our friends who have stood by us so graciously in the past and for the new friends we expect to have during the New Year we extend our warmest greetings for worlds of—

**HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS DURING
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**

THE FASHION SHOP

North Side Square

Eastland, Texas

YULETIDE GREETINGS

And Best Wishes For

-1941-

MAY SANTA TOSS HIS LARGEST TRAY OF HAPPINESS AS HE PASSES YOUR HOUSE. MAY WE ALL ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEW YEAR TO DO GREATER THINGS DURING 1941!

EXCHANGE BUILDING

Where Business Congregates

**Yuletide Wishes For You
Those You Hold Dear**



We know that if we hold kind thoughts for your loved ones we are being true to you. So for you and yours we wish true happiness for Christmas throughout the coming New Year.

SMITH PLUMBING - ELECTRICIANS
TINNERS
PHONE 100



**PLEASE LET
US GIVE YOU
OUR HEARTFEL
GREETINGS AT
THIS JOYOUS
SEASON**

For you we give our best wishes for a Christmas with good cheer — and the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all. We would feel ungrateful if we failed to thank you for your past friendship and to ask for the opportunity to serve you in the days to come.

**Happy New Year To You
Many More Of Them**

Burr
DEPARTMENT STORE

West Side Square