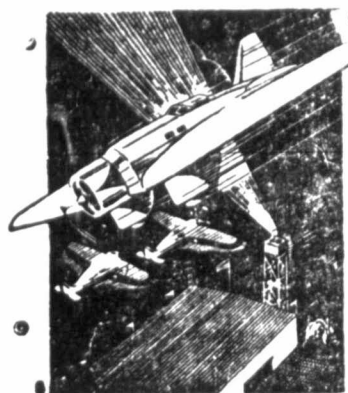




BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

NO PAPER PUBLISHED FOR NEXT WEEK

According to custom and because of the fact that we need next week in which to do some repair work and other things that have been accumulating, we will publish no paper for next week.

Because of shortage of help there are certain parts of our equipment that need a general overhauling. We cannot spare the time to do them and publish a paper at the same time, hence we are taking off next week to do them. We hope our subscribers won't mind too much to miss one paper during the year.

And, too, we have been working very hard the past year and need a little rest.

The Editor

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

Colder weather reduced marketings and increased demand for southwest farm products during the week past, resulting in a firm to higher price situation on truck crops, poultry, products, grains, and cotton, the War Food Administration reports. Live-stock moved downward, led by seasonally lower hog prices.

A break in steer prices in Chicago, together with stormy weather which limited demand, influenced a downward trend in nearly all classes of cattle in the Midwest. Calves were the principal exception, maintaining a generally steady to firm trend. Early strength which developed on other classes as a result of limited receipts in storm areas was practically all erased at the close of the week. Southwest markets held to an active-steady trend during the first few days, but later turned sympathetically downward. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas markets closed with medium grade cows up to \$10.00 per cwt., while Denver had medium and good grades from \$10.50 to \$12.00 per cwt.

Hogs continued to move downward early in the week but turned up at the close following announcement of the advanced ceiling on heavy weights. Through the period, southwest markets fluctuated less than those in other areas. Top butchers closed in Fort Worth and San Antonio at \$14.55, Oklahoma City and Denver \$14.15; Wichita \$14.05 per cwt.

Sheep and lamb markets were irregular. Fort Worth and Kansas City had unusual heavy receipts which pulled prices sharply downward. Most other markets in the southwest, as well as farther north, continued strong with prices moving gradually upward. A large proportion of current marketings consists of old sheep. Excess closed as high as \$6.00 per cwt. in Fort Worth and Oklahoma City and \$5.75 in Denver, while medium No. 2 pelts offerings made \$4.25 in San Antonio.

Demand for southwest eggs and live poultry continued to exceed the supply. Canned current receipt eggs brought producers up to 50 cents a dozen in Dallas and New Orleans. Very few quotations on a loss off basis ranged below 40 cents a dozen in any southwest area except Kansas, where some eggs sold as low as 35 cents to producers. Reported poultry sales were at the ceiling.

Grains and cotton strengthened. No. 1 Hard wheat, with ordinary protein content, ended the week at \$1.69 per bushel, bulk, in carlots, delivered at Ft. Worth and Texas common rate points. Sorghums maintained most of the previous week's sharp advance, with milo at \$1.71 and kafir at \$1.75 per cwt. Cotton moved up 25 to 50 cents a bale under increased market activity. New York March futures closed the week at 21.90 cents a pound.

Dell Johnson of Fort Worth will arrive home Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson.

Louise Hallmark of Texas Tech spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hallmark.

Mrs. J. D. Pierce left Wednesday for Lubbock and Littlefield, where she will spend the holidays with her daughters and families.



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Lions Entertain Wives With Party

Members of the Loraine Lions Club entertained their wives with a Christmas supper and tree Tuesday night.

The menu consisted of chicken and dressing and all the trimmings served buffet style.

Following the meal the Lions entertained with quartets and the wives were surprised at the number of "good" quartets available from the club. Gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated tree by playing bingo.

Present for the occasion were Messrs and Mrs. Percy Bond, K. L. Taylor, Glen Coon, Woodrow Pratt, C. H. Martin, J. B. Mahon, Evert Henderson, Ed Brown, Otto Hackfeld, August Hackfeld, Moody Richardson, Sharon Adams, Wiley Walker, Tom Ray, Clyde Smith, R. B. Cope, Joe Tom Draper, J. W. Price, G. B. Tarrt, Roy Linder, Varnell Templeton, Gilbert Parish, J. C. Hall, E. O. Leggett, Ira Coffee, Claude Woods and J. W. King.

MRS. A. C. TAYLOR HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor entertained with a birthday dinner Tuesday honoring Mrs. A. C. Taylor on her 76th birthday.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tidwell and family and Mrs. Pat Murphy and daughter Patsy of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Taylor and Naomi and Deverele, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor and Wayne.

METHODIST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The Board of Education of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Arlie Martin Tuesday evening in business session.

John Mahon, acting vice president, presided. Plans were made to visit the sick and needy during the Christmas season and to remember the Orphans Home in Waco with a contribution on Sunday.

Refreshments of fruit drinks and cookies were served to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Price, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mahon, Mrs. W. R. Martin, Mrs. Lily Bennett, Mr. S. E. Meadows, Melba Mahon, Martin Dobbs and the hostess.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SORORITY GROUP MONDAY

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma, honor teacher's sorority, was entertained at a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. V. V. Shropshire in Colorado City Monday evening, December 18.

The living room was decorated with evergreens and holly. The beautifully decorated Christmas tree added to the Yuletide occasion. Huge candles added their glow to the festive scene.

Games of bingo were played by the group and gifts exchanged, followed by singing Christmas carols, directed by Mrs. B. L. Templeton.

Refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following members: Mrs. B. L. Templeton, Miss Eula Carter, Miss Jolanta Beauchamp, Mrs. Laine Barber, all of Colorado City, Miss Edith Wilkerson and Mrs. Witt Hines of Loraine, and the following guests: Mrs. D. W. Haralson, Loraine, Mrs. Ruth Donelson, Norma Sanders, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wilson Lauderdale of Colorado City.

Mrs. Hines of the Loraine High School is president of the Beta Epsilon Chapter.

Mrs. D. W. Haralson received word this week that her mother, Mrs. Bertha Barber of Abilene, while on a visit with her son L. L. Truitt Barber and family in Corpus Christi, had fallen and fractured her pelvis bone. Mrs. Barber was taken to a Corpus Christi hospital where doctors say she will have to remain in bed a month or more.

Mrs. Alvogene Feathers, Mrs. Sam Pate and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan of Big Spring spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Bob Fatheree.

J. L. Anders is in Grand Saline this week on business.



THE STAR IN THE EAST

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

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

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

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS

Cotton Ginning Report

The four Loraine gins reported Wednesday they had ginned a total of 7,944 bales of cotton.

The gins are also announcing they will close Friday afternoon and remain closed until Tuesday of next week for Christmas.

ELAINE JAMES HOSTS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Elaine James entertained with a 6 o'clock Christmas dinner party Saturday, December 16.

The table was lighted from a Yule log which centered the table.

The menu consisted of tomato cocktail, roast, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, celery, stuffed olives, lady Baltimore cake, cherry jelly with nuts and cream, nuts, mints and fruit punch.

After Elaine had served her guests, gifts were distributed from a candle lighted tree.

The young ladies then attended the local cinema.

Attending were Louise Baumann, Charlene White, Eloise Preston, Irma Jean Lucas, and Jeannine Martin.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson and children spent the week end with Mr. Johnson in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doughty of Fluvanna spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith.

Joy Green of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Green.

Ruth Ann Hall of Danville, Va., arrived Sunday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall.

Mrs. Marion Rhodes, Mrs. Jack Coffee, Mrs. Kenneth Long, Mrs. Bill Lemons, Mrs. Stanton Hutchins, Miss Irene Brown, and Mrs. Rex Stephens of Loraine attended a Christmas dinner and bridge party at the home of Mrs. B. L. Templeton honoring her daughter, Mrs. Stephens, Friday evening.

Collier Child Killed In Wreck

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Church of Christ for Bethal Eugene Collier, eleven month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Collier of Hermleigh. Minister A. R. Lawrence officiated at the service.

The baby was killed instantly Sunday at 1:30 a. m. one block off the main street in Roscoe when a car going west hit the Collier car at a street intersection.

Mrs. Collier was taken to the Roscoe hospital and suffered severe injuries. Mr. Collier and two other children were not injured, nor were the occupants of the other car.

The child is survived by the parents and an older brother and sister.

Mrs. Collier was Eula May Arpe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Arpe, before her marriage.

Dee McCollum returned Tuesday from Tucson, Arizona, after spending two weeks there with his son H. B. and family.

Mrs. Bill Dubois and son of Kermit spent from Thursday until Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Neill.

Charles Spikes and son Jimmie of Monahans visited Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Spikes. Jimmie is spending the week with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spikes will arrive the last of this week to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor, Wayne and June, and Robert Leslie made a business trip to San Angelo Saturday. They also attended the football game between San Angelo and Amarillo.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ham Preston, and Mrs. Dora Hamilton.

Ready Class Has Christmas Party

The Ready S. S. class, with their husbands and children, were entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, Thursday evening.

A short program was given. Mrs. Floyd Stephens giving the devotion. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Loyd Wiggins and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt.

After the program the hostess directed games as entertainment for the evening. After which the guests were invited into the dining room where a buffet supper was served.

The table was centered with a miniature Christmas scene of Santa and his reindeer with the background a snow scene. The menu consisted of chicken salad, ritz crackers, potato chips, olives, pickles, pie, hard candies, coffee, and pops.

Those enjoying this occasion were Messrs and Mrs. Howard Preston, Delma Haralson, Woodrow Pratt, Floyd Stephens, Loyd Wiggins, and Mmes Price Hall, Ed Small, Wright Hock and Howard Bynum.

W. M. Kirkpatrick of Haynesville, Louisiana, is here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Martin Dobbs and family.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutledge Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Allen and family of Midland, Miss Loraine Allen of Big Spring, and Lt. Charles H. Gabler of Pyote. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green were guests in their home Sunday.

Mrs. K. L. Taylor, Mrs. Cora Hall, Mrs. Annie Bell Long and sons and Mrs. Floyd Griffin and children visited at the Thompson ranch Saturday. Their brother, Wiley Thompson of Stephenville, was also a visitor at the ranch over the week end.

Mrs. Cora Bennett spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater with relatives.

Principal And Coach Elected Here

L. B. Phippen of Cisco has been elected as Principal and Coach of Loraine High School to fill the vacancy left when Rev. Polnac resigned.

Mr. Phippen is a graduate of ACC in Abilene, where he took part in all sport of the school.

He has nine years experience in teaching and coaching and is well recommended to fill this place.

Mr. Phippen will assume duties here on January 1.

PTA MEETING

The P. T. A. held their regular meeting Thursday with the first grade presenting the program.

Mrs. Witt Hines brought greetings from the Federation of P. T. A.

Mr. Parish was elected vice-president of the local organization and plans for the Service Roll to be placed in the gymnasium were completed.

The first grade had the largest numbers present in the grammar school and the ninth and eleventh grades tied in high school.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Jeff Ison celebrated his 89th birthday Saturday. On Sunday he was guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Ison. Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Griffin were guests.

SEWING CLUB

Mrs. John Horton was hostess for the sewing club Wednesday afternoon.

After an afternoon spent doing hand work and visiting, refreshments of jello, whipped cream, devils food cake were served to Mmes. Frank Johnson, E. P. Kuck, J. D. McDonald, Homer Smith, S. E. Brown, Tom Finley, Alonzo Phillips, D. E. Gunn, and Alfred Richey.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Superintendent of Young People's division of the Methodist Church and their teachers, Mrs. Lily Bennett, and Mrs. Earnest Meadows, and Mrs. W. E. Dickenson entertained the young people with a Christmas tree party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mahon Monday evening.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in Christmas tinsel, holly and real poinsettia brought from South Texas by Mrs. Eldon Mahon. The Christmas tree was brightly lighted and gifts hung from every limb.

Games were directed by Rev. Price and hilariously enjoyed by the group.

Refreshments of chicken sandwiches, cake and cherry drinks were served to thirty young people. The invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Price, Mr. Gilbert Parish, and Mrs. Eldon Mahon and Mrs. Carl Hartzler, Jr. of Mission, Texas.

MARCH OF DIMES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR POLIO

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

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

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

Mrs. Eldon Mahon and Mrs. Carl Hartzler, Jr. of Mission, arrived Monday and will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mahon and with Mrs. Mahon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Groom in Abilene.

New Baptist Pastor Here Next Week

Rev. Howard J. Jones of Abilene has accepted the pastorate of the Loraine Baptist Church and will be here the last Sunday in this month.

Rev. Jones was born in Bronte, Texas, in 1919. He moved with his family to Mineral Wells in 1924, where he lived until moving to Abilene in 1942.

He is a graduate of Adams Business College in Mineral Wells, and was associated with the J. C. Penny Co. before entering the ministry. He is also a graduate of Weatherford Junior College and is now a senior student in Hardin-Simmons University.

He was pastor of Rock Creek and Dobbs Valley churches near Mineral Wells before moving to Abilene. Since 1942 he has pastored the Neill Baptist Church in Abilene, which church he is leaving to come to Loraine.



Rev. Howard J. Jones
Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones and their two year old son, Howard Chancellor, will be here on Sunday, December 31, at which time he will preach his first sermon as pastor here. They will move here after mid-term at Hardin-Simmons, which will be about January 23, 1945.

CHRISTMAS SEALS NOW ON SALE FOR 1944

Washington—Praising the tuberculosis control work of the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates, Dr. E. Hilleboe, Chief of the Public Health Service, urged support of the Seal Sale in order that voluntary associations may extend their activities next year.

The Seal Sale sponsored by the voluntary associations to finance their 1945 campaign against the disease opened November 27 and will continue until Christmas.

Dr. Hilleboe's statement follows: "One of this country's major public health problems today is tuberculosis, which kills more persons between the ages of 15 and 35 than any other disease. Control of tuberculosis calls for the cooperative effort of official and voluntary agencies on a nationwide basis.

"The National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates have for 40 years waged a relentless fight against this health menace. Their work has been made possible through the annual sale of Christmas Seals. Today, when we are faced with a threatened wartime rise in tuberculosis, it is more important than ever that the work of these voluntary associations receive public support.

"As Chief of the Tuberculosis Control Division of the United States Public Health Service, I wholeheartedly endorse the 1944 Christmas Seal Sale on the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates. A successful Seal Sale this Christmas will enable the associations to expand their activities next year, and thus help bring nearer the day when tuberculosis will be brought under complete control."

Alma Lee of McMurry College arrived Saturday and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee.

Mrs. G. H. Hoover returned Thursday after spending several days with her son Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoover in Amarillo and with her son Merle Hoover and family in Nocona.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Russ Treaty Highlights Political Activity in Europe; Hem In Japs on Northern Leyte

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Stark with realism, this picture from the western front shows a doughboy looking on the shelling of Saarlautern while a chicken struts about the feet of a dead German soldier in foreground.

PACIFIC:

Springing Trap

Fighting on Leyte island, slowly but surely developed into a knock-down, drag-out battle at close quarters, as Yanks compressed the enemy on the northwestern hump of the island from three directions.

As a result of the 7th division's landing below Ormoc, the Japanese main lines not only were threatened from the north and east but from the south as well. Although broad mountains impede passage from the east, and form a narrow corridor from the north helpful to the enemy defense, the country flattens out above Ormoc, offering opportunity to roll up the Japanese lines from the rear.

Despite the danger to their lines on Leyte, the Japs signified an intention to fight it out, with battle slogans including:

"In serving on the sea, be a corpse saturated with water."

"In serving on land, be a corpse covered with weeds."

"In serving in the sky, be a corpse challenging the clouds."

"Let's all die by the side of our sovereign."

WORK OR FIGHT:

Tighten Draft

Aimed at replacing soldiers released for war production and stemming a growing movement of workers to nonessential industries with postwar employment opportunities, the government ordered the drafting of all men between 28 and 37 not engaged in necessary occupations.

At the same time, the government announced that truck and tire workers would go on a seven-day week, with time and a half pay for the sixth day and double time for the seventh, in an effort to speed up the production of goods for the army. On the western front alone, it was revealed, no less than 500,000 trucks are operating in supplying the troops.

So far, several thousand soldiers have been released to help relieve a critical manpower shortage in important war plants, a shortage aggravated by a growing movement of 26-37 year old men to nonessential industries. In the feeling that the recent releases of those under 26 made them relatively draft-free.

Also promptly selective Service's finer combing of its draft rolls was the increasing need for army replacements. Maj. Gen. Hershey said, with inductions slated to rise 10 to 20 per cent within the next few months.

FOOD EXPORTS:

Europe's Needs

Except for Russia, the food situation in Europe is in better condition than anticipated, and postwar needs chiefly will center on items with a long production cycle or those requiring processing, a WFA official said.

Although the Russians may return to normal production of grain, peas, beans and similar crops in their famed "bread-basket" province of the Ukraine by next year, WFA Deputy Director Col. R. W. Olmstead said, it will take three years to bring output of meats, fats, oils and sugar to prewar levels.

Because of the Germans' inability to remove bumper 1944 harvests from France during the lightning Allied thrust across the country this summer, that nation has a relatively good food supply, Colonel Olmstead said. In Italy, the problem primarily is one of straightening out shattered communication lines, he stated.

Battle Fare

The famous soldier who said "An army travels on its stomach" never had the food supply problems faced by General Hodges' 1st army.

The menu of an army in the field doesn't always come from standard cans of hash and wax covered packages. Fighting and chasing an enemy often requires a soldier to feed himself with compact food kits which he can stuff into his pocket, but portable stoves, mobile bakeries, coffee roasting units, and huge refrigerator trucks move behind.

CIGARETTES:

Distribution Plan

With the cigarette supply about 70 per cent of normal and little possibility of improvement in the situation for the duration because of manpower shortages, the nation's wholesalers are planning rationing of stocks to assure an equitable distribution throughout the country.

Under the trade's plan, it was said, each retailer would receive an allotment based on his normal sales. In so doing, wholesalers would try to adjust deliveries to meet shifts in population, which have complicated the problem of adequate distribution.

According to one trade official, the estimate of a 70 per cent supply of cigarettes is an overall figure, since stocks vary. Since the cigarette famine started, one midwestern center has received a 70 per cent supply of two popular brands and about 52 per cent of two others, it was said.

EGGS:

WFA Sells Stocks

In an effort to speed the movement of eggs into consumption before production seasonally increases, the War Food Administration announced that it would sell its remaining government owned stocks 10 per cent below authorized ceilings.

Of more than 6,000,000 cases of 30 dozen each bought during the heavy production period of 1944 to hold up prices, an estimated 575,000 cases remain, it was said.

The government stands to lose \$10,000,000 from its 1944 egg operations, it was said, despite the fact that it expects to net 5 to 7 cents a dozen more on its last batch than it paid for them since prices are higher now than at the season of peak output.

Inventories are sufficiently depleted to enable buyers to absorb its present offerings, WFA said.

This Pen's Like Home

"We have an inmate here who doesn't want to leave," a guard told wondering Warden Joseph E. Ragen at Illinois' Stateville prison. "He says he likes it here and asks if he can't stay."

Noted for his fair but disciplined handling of convicts, Ragen visited the inmate, completing a sentence of 1 year to 15 months for obtaining money under false pretenses. "I have no place to go and I would like to stay here," the man said.

"I'm complimented," said Ragen, who returned as Stateville's warden following the sensational Roger Touhy break. "But I'm sorry I can't accommodate you. Under the law I may not keep you here one day longer than the court's order calls for."

FAIR SEX:

Want Privileges

U. S. women, it seems, not only want their cake but they want to eat it, too!

So must have thought Thomas A. Johnstone, director of the General Motors division of the United Automobile Workers Union, upon addressing the first national women's conference of the UAW in Detroit, Mich.

Said Johnstone: "If women insist on getting the same rate of pay plus rest periods, which men do not get, then the men will raise h—."

The 150 delegates sat on Johnstone in a hurry, typical comment being: "Brawn should not be considered more important than brains, etc., etc., etc. A man worker would not expect his wife or sister to do heavy lifting, etc., etc., etc."

Among other things, the delegates asked continuation of the fight for equal pay; abolition of special job classifications for women, and opportunity for advancement to top positions.

SOUTH:

New Farming

Because of the use of new strains of sweet potatoes in feeding cattle, southern agriculture is gradually changing from a basic cotton economy, J. F. Percy of Alexandria, La., told the 26th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau in Chicago, Ill.

At the same time, A. D. Brownfield of Deming, N. M., president of the American Livestock association, assailed the development of a postwar export program for the sale of manufactured goods through the importation of products already raised here in surplus or in adequate volume.

Not only is the feeding of sweet potatoes enabling southern farmers to increase dairy production and fatten up cattle, Percy said, but it also is forcing them to put more acreage into supplementary pasturage of hay and forage crops, further reducing the planting of soil-depleting cotton.

MEAT LABELS

Because many primal cuts carried no labels under previous marking procedures, thus enabling some butchers to collect ration coupons for point-free meats, OPA ordered slaughterers to stamp all carcasses of beef, veal, lamb and mutton at least every two inches along all primal cuts.

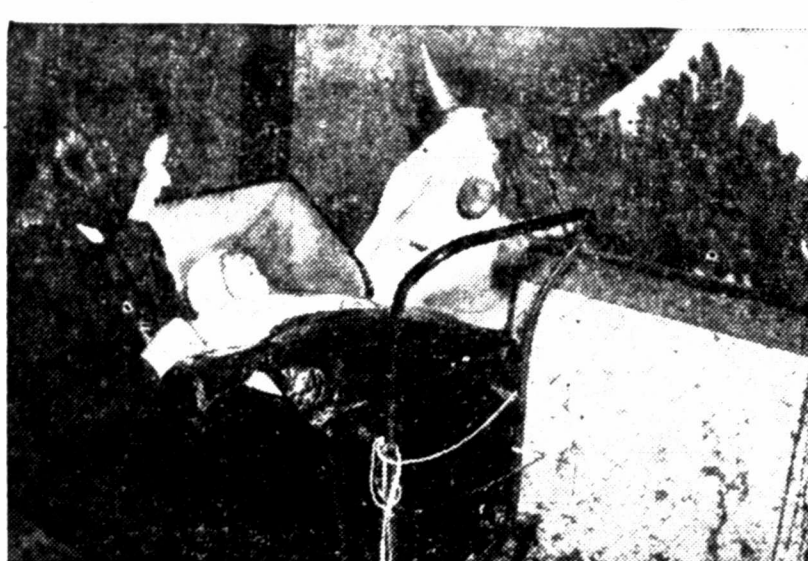
OPA also revealed that many consumers purchasing up-graded meat were charged for a better quality than received.

Air Force Triplets and Twins



Upper photograph shows the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Aldinger, Springfield, N. Y. Henry L., Robert J., and William F. Aldinger have flown a total of 70 trips since May. Right, Boyd and Loyd Bartley, identical twins of Keystone, Okla., who were members of a B-24 bomber crew. Loyd wears a Purple Heart medal.

Cow Shares Home With Refugees



Refugee French mother, who fled from the village of Corcieux with other families, when retreating Germans razed the town, is shown with her baby in the stall of a barn, while the occupant, a cow, looks on. Most of the refugees were forced to do without even the shelter of an occupied barn.

Peleliu's 'Great White Way'



This scene is typical of night life on Peleliu, in the vicinity of the Second Marine air wing campment. The streaks across the foreground are the headlights of Jeeps and trucks. The curving line is a marine swinging a flashlight. The skies are lit up with tracer bullets and star shells during attack on Jap positions.

Ship's Hatch Becomes a Nursery



Aboard a coast guard manned troop transport, a ship's hatch serves as a nursery for this healthy group of New Zealander-American war babies, with their mothers, all natives of New Zealand. They are on their way to a new home in the United States. Crewmen rigged the lines for the inevitable washing and made the hatch "comfy."

Downs 12½ Planes



Maj. William J. Hovde of Crookston, Minn., destroyed 12½ enemy planes in one day, when he led his fighter squadron into the fire of Nazi aircraft seeking to break up the American daylight raid on Berlin.

Vet Earns License



Wearing a hook, instead of the hand he lost in the service of his country, Marine Pfc. C. W. Pernot of Wilmington, Del., is shown behind the steering wheel of car in which he qualified for driver's license in Pennsylvania. Ten other amputated vets qualified.

General Wins Pals



Chinese grade school children, who consider Maj. Gen. C. L. Chen-nault, U. S. Army 14th air force, their hero and their pal, presented him with a bundle of Christmas greeting cards, which they had made in school for their friend.

Knife Saved Life



Pvt. Duane Kinman, 19, of Walla Walla, Wash., operated with a pocket knife to save a pal's life on the battlefield. He has been promised a medical training.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

HELP WANTED

Persons now engaged in essential industry will not apply without statement of availability from their local United States Employment Service.

INSPECTORS—Make investigations for insurance companies in city of Dallas. Age 22-27; high school education, college training preferred; national organization opportunity; work requires car; reasonable salary, auto allowances. Apply Retail Credit Co., 202 Houseman Bldg., Corner Federal and Akard Streets, Dallas, Texas.

BODY AND FENDER MAN—The best of everything, the salary, the hours and working conditions, and the job is permanent. See Brown, H. B., 414 N. MOORE CO., 1204 W. 7th, Fort Worth, Texas.

CASHIER—Good, permanent position for girl with experience and good references. 1707 Young St., Dallas, Texas.

WANTED—All around cleaner. Steady employment. Civilian work only. Falls Valley Laundry & Dry Cleaners, Falls Valley, Okla.

WOOL PRESSERS—White or colored. Good pay. Steady job. GAYREL CLEANERS, 2217 Memphis, Ph. 4-5133, Ft. Worth, Tex.

MEN WANTED—For General Shop Work. No experience necessary. MOSIER STEEL COMPANY, 5101 Maple Avenue, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Business Opportunity

FOR SALE—Confectionary store, good location, camp town, 12-foot fountain, counter freezer to make ice cream \$2,500.00. BOX 2114 ABILENE, TEXAS.

CATTLE

REGISTERED MILKING SHORTHORN—bred heifers \$125.00 and \$150.00. Two record merit 4 and 6 yr. old cows \$200.00 each, all out of R. M. dams. One dark red 17 month old herd bull out of imported record Merit sire and dam, \$175.00.

LEON MAY, Box 1121, McGregor, Texas.

FOR SALE—Twenty young registered Hereford cows, some with calves. Good bloodlines. APLDICH HEREFORD FARMS, TEXAS.

COMMERCIAL—TEXAS.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

ELECTRIC HEATERS—No priority. Heavy duty reconditioned, movable, 110 volt electric heaters. Plug in any receptacle. One will heat average bedroom. Price \$28.75. Express prepaid. ELLIOTT OIL CO., P.O. Box 114, Abilene, Texas. "Fine Bluff Wants Small Industries."

FARMS

FANNIN COUNTY STOCK FARM—326 acres, one mile east of Ladonia; asphalt road, one two-story house, two ten-acre house, one large barn, two stock water ponds, plenty native pecan. Will sell cattle to stock same desired. Price \$10,000. W. F. ALEXANDER, Ladonia, Texas.

I HAVE good reasons for selling my 110-acre home place, 3 miles west of Pittsburg, Texas. Two sets of improvements. Located in the banner sweet potato county. Water in pasture year round. The price is \$75 per acre. Immediate possession. H. T. BYNUM, 1615 Pear St., Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Fifty (50) Arcade machines in good condition. MAGICLAND ARCADE, 1029 North Street.

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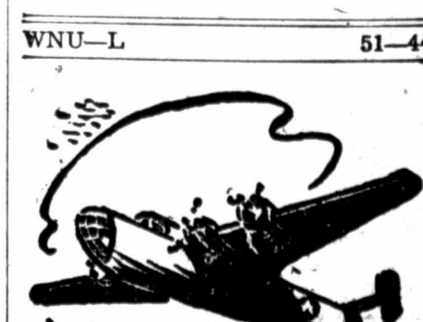
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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

GIs Turn Back to Cave-Like Living in Tunisia

All Comforts Missing but Men Carry On Under Trying Conditions

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is now on his way to cover the Pacific war zones.

THE TUNISIAN FRONT.—It must be hard for you folks at home to conceive how our troops right at the front actually live. In fact it is hard to describe it to you even when I'm among them, living in somewhat the same way they are.

You can scarcely credit the fact that human beings—the same people you've known all your life—could adjust themselves so acceptingly to a type of living that is only slightly above the cave-man stage.

Some of our troops came directly to the Tunisian front after the original occupation of North and West Africa, and have been here ever since. They have not slept in a bed for months. They've lived through this vicious winter sleeping outdoors on the ground.

They haven't been paid in three months. They have been on British rations most of the time, and British rations, though good, get mighty tiresome.

They never take off their clothes at night, except their shoes. They don't get a bath often, but once a month. One small detachment acquired lice and had to be fumigated, but all the rest have escaped so far. They move so frequently they don't attempt to put in many home touches, as the men do at the more permanent camps toward the rear. Very few of the front-line troops have ever had any leave. They never go to town for an evening's fun. They work all the time.

Nobody keeps track of the days or weeks. I'll wager that 90 per cent of our front-line troops never know when Sunday comes.

Furthermore, the old traditional differences between day and night have almost ceased to exist. Night-time no longer necessarily means rest, nor daytime work. Often it's just reversed. The bulk of our conveying of supplies and shifting of troops is done at night. The soldiers are accustomed to traveling all night, sometimes three or four nights in a row. Irregularity of sleep becomes normal. One soldier told me he once went three days and nights without sleep.

You see men sleeping anywhere, anytime. The other day I saw a soldier asleep in blankets under an olive tree at two in the afternoon. A few feet away a full colonel was sleeping soundly on the ground. In battle you just go until you drop.

War Hardens Men. The war coarsens most people. You live rough and talk rough, and if you didn't toughen up inside you simply wouldn't be able to take it.

An officer friend of mine, Lieut. Lennie Bessman of Milwaukee, was telling me two incidents of a recent battle that touched him deeply.

One evening he and another officer came up to a tiny farmhouse, which was apparently empty. To be on the safe side he called out "Who's there?" before going in. The answer came back:

"Captain Blank, and who the hell wants to know?" They went in and found the captain, his clothes covered with blood, heating a can of rations over a gasoline flame. They asked if they could stay all night with him. He said he didn't give a damn. They started to throw their blankets down, and the captain said:

"Look out for that man over there."

There was a dead soldier lying in a corner. The captain was cooking his supper and preparing to stay all night alone in that same room. The flood and fury of death about him that day had left him utterly indifferent both to the companionship of the living and the presence of the dead.

The other incident was just the opposite. Another captain happened to be standing beside Bessman. It was just at dusk and they were on the desert. The night chill was coming down. The captain looked to the far horizon and said, sort of to himself:

"You fight all day here in the desert and what's the end of it all? Night just closes down over you and chokes you."

Germans Break Out of Faid Pass

Word came to us about noon that the Germans were advancing upon Sbaila from Faid. So I packed into my jeep and started alone on the familiar 85-mile drive south to Sbaila. It was a bright day and everything seemed peaceful. I expected to see German planes as I neared Sbaila, but there were none, and I drove into my cactus-patch destination about an hour before sun-

down. I was glad to arrive. I checked in at the intelligence tent to see what was going on, and found that things were dying down with the coming of dusk. So I pitched my tent and went to bed.

Next morning I got up before daylight and caught a ride, just after sunrise, with two officers going up to the new position of our forward command post.



GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

By Col. Robert L. Scott WNU RELEASE

The story thus far. After graduating from West Point, Robert Scott won his wings at Kelly Field and takes up combat flying. When the war breaks out he is an instructor and is told he is too old for combat flying. He appeals to several Generals and is finally given an opportunity to get into the fight. He flies a bomber into India, where he is made a ferry pilot, but this does not satisfy him. After visiting General Chennault he gets a Kittyhawk, and soon becomes a "one man air force" over Burma. Later he is made commanding officer of the 23rd Fighter Group. Maj. Allison gets three bombers one day and lands in the river. His plane sinks, but the Chinese get it out by a 3,000-year-old method.

CHAPTER XX

When stranger things would happen, we talked about things of the sort which had once been told in story books. All of us agreed that when this war was over, there would be nothing that had ever happened in fiction that wouldn't have actually happened in this battle of the universe. For instance:

Likiang is a city in China far up on the big, northern loop of the Yangtze-Kiang. It is China, yes, but that part of China is as wild as Tibet and Arabia. The people are called "Lolos," and they must be descendants of Genghis Khan. I had flown over the place, for it was just North of the ferry route from Assam to Kunming, and I had seen the flat clearing South of the village that could have been an emergency landing field. I noted that it was close to nine thousand feet above sea level, and therefore not a field to use unless one had to.

Capt. Charlie Sawyer had crashed landed just South of there, closer to Talifu, and had been unable to identify himself. While the little-looking Lolo tribesmen were getting set to execute him with ancient-looking flint-lock muskets, Sawyer said the holes in the barrels looked twice as big as fifty-calibre bores. Just at the crucial moment, however, when his fate looked darkest, some new arrival in the party saw the identification card that Sawyer had been pointing to. It was inscribed in various languages, and with pictures. The new arrival didn't recognize the Chinese flag, or any of the languages, or the Generalissimo's signature "chop"—but he saw a star. As it happened, it was the star of India over the imprint in Hindustani. Then the tribesman pointed to the same star on the wing of Sawyer's ship—the insignia of the Army Air Force. Sawyer was saved, and later he was feasted on wild-buffalo and rice wine.

But why? Here in the wilds of the Lolo country, where very few white men had ever been, the tribesmen were more familiar with the white star of the Air Force than with any written language. We learned the principal reason later. A report had come in to General Chennault's headquarters that a native village in the Lolo country, between Lake Tali and Likiang, was under siege by the Burmese northern tribesmen who had crossed the Salween, perhaps under the direction of the Japanese. Two of us, Holloway and I, were sent to look the place over in two P-40's. We were told by the General that we could determine whether the town was under siege by noting whether or not the usual pedestrian traffic was passing in and out of the city gate. All the cities are walled, and are obviously very far from roads or from civilization.

We made our observation and returned with the report. The village was besieged, and we had seen the horsemen encamped a half mile around the city wall. We loaded up and went back with six eighteen-kilogram frags on the wing racks and plenty of fifty-calibre ammunition. I also carried a Very pistol and all colors of shells.

As we circled the town, we could see the villagers watching us; then we dove on the besiegers and bombed them from a thousand feet. The lines of historic cavalry broke and retreated toward the Salween and Burma. "We machine-gunned them until they spread in panic. Then I used the Very pistol, shooting first green lights, then red. Holloway said it was the best display of fireworks he'd ever seen. We checked up for several days, but the raiders hadn't come back, and normal pedestrian traffic was passing through the city wall. Holloway and I, with two of the General's P-40's, had stopped a war.

The white star of the Air Force had been seen by those villagers, and they had told the surrounding country that we were friends. Perhaps the constant sight of transports from India to China and return had made the big white star a familiar symbol. At any rate, the Lolos were about to execute Sawyer recognized it, and to them it meant more than written languages and sealed orders. Such is the strangeness of this global war.

More true fiction came out of the Lolo country during the autumn. A Ferry Command pilot, Lieutenant Aronson, "lost an engine"—which means that his engine failed—on his trip from Assam to Kunming. He barely made the big meadow that was South of the town of Likiang, in the hairpin loop of the Yangtze. After several days we went in there to look the improvised landing-field over, in the hope that we could fly another transport to him with a good

engine, or carry in the mechanics and the tools with which to repair the bad one.

In every organization there is always one person who holds up the morale, some one who makes the darker moments brighter and who can bring a little sunshine into the tense reality of war. Out in the China theatre, and especially in the 23rd Fighter Group, my most unforgettable character was Lieut. Henry Elias. This pilot was a Southerner, like most of the others in the China skies. When I first reached Hengyang he was acting as assistant operations officer to Ajax Baumbler. He had a reply for every person, and a come-back to every joke. He was definitely a morale builder, and you can ask anyone if they're not as valuable at the front as ammunition.

Elias had been on several raids and had shot down two Japanese when I heard the first joke about him. He'd been on an attack to Nanchang, and as the ships turned for home in the fading light of late afternoon, some one in the rear of the formation observed something peculiar. Up ahead there were five



These pilots are tired out by almost constant alert without relief for 21 days.

P-40's with their sleek silhouettes showing wheels up and everything in proper order. But off to the flank, in almost the position of the number three man in a Vee formation, was one ship with its wheels extended. Some one called on the radio, "Hey, Elias, who's that flying in formation with you, with their wheels down?"

As the words sank into the consciousness of the flight, and of Elias especially, their ominous significance became apparent. Elias jerked his head around and looked at his wing man. Even to an inexperienced eye, the silhouette was unmistakable. It was a Jap Model I-97, one of the old fixed landing-gear types. The entire formation tried at once to get it as they finally realized what it was. But they had the laugh on Elias. Just as he recognized the Jap, the enemy pilot evidently recognized the P-40's in the twilight before darkness—perhaps he saw the leering sharks' mouths. For as Elias shoved the nose of his ship straight down and dove for him, the Jap pulled his ship straight up and climbed for the sky. Later, when our imaginations began to embroider the joke, Elias took the kid in good part and always had a comeback.

A small two-seater biplane, a Fleet, came to Hengyang from Kweilin one day with a Chinese officer. We looked the little ship over as it came into the field wide open at some seventy-five miles an hour. "We now have just the bait we need," I said. "Lieutenant Elias, I want you to borrow that Fleet from the Chinese. I know a trick to make the Japs lose lots of 'face' and airplanes."

Elias had laid down his Operations reports and was listening attentively. "This ought to get you promoted," I went on. "Now you get that plane and service it tonight, then early in the morning you take off for Hankow. Allison, Baumbler, and I will be along later and will arrive over the Jap city before you do." Elias was looking at me in wonder. "Then, when you get there, fly over the enemy airport at thirty-five hundred feet—that'll keep you just above their small-calibre fire and they can't shoot accurately that low with the big stuff. Over the field you fly with one wing low, kind of skidding, cutting your switch on and off so the Japs will think you're either wounded or over there with a bad engine."

Elias was trying to figure out whether I was serious or not. Then I added: "We'll be up there in the sun, and as fast as the Zeros come up for you, we'll knock them down. After all, Elias, if they get you, a Fleet isn't worth much."

But by now Lieutenant Elias was walking out and calling over his shoulder: "No sir, Colonel, I just want to be a plain pilot—I don't want to be no ball of fire."

Well, we saw the value of Elias when we lost him, for in this second battle around Huanan he failed to return from the strafing raid of September 2, 1942. We had taken six P-40's back to Hengyang when we had gotten them in shape to fight, and had landed there just about dark to surprise the Japs. That's

the night the Fleet landed and the night I had been kidding Henry Elias.

Next morning we got into the air before daylight and went for Lake Puyang Hu, near Nanchang, where the Japs were moving the Chinese rice out by junks and barges—robbing the breadbasket of China in the yearly rape of the rice. Hill took eight of the P-40's and I took the other eight.

Elias was on Tex Hill's wing. We split at Nanchang and my eight went to the South to catch some gunboats that had been reported in the Sintze-Hukow Strait, near Kukiang, coming from the Yangtze to the Lake. I heard Hill call that he had caught the rice ships and was burning them. Later he told me that he found twenty-six of them, junks and steel barges; he sank some and saw others with their sails on fire, floating for shore where the hungry Chinese coolies would salvage the rice.

Through the four passes at the Japs Elias was right on Tex's wing, but on the fourth pullout he dropped behind the formation, perhaps to shoot at something Hill hadn't seen. Maybe he'd seen a Jap fighter and had gone for it; we knew there were eight Zeros supposed to be over Nanchang. Elias didn't return with the flight, and for two days we carried him as "missing."

Then the Chinese net reported that a group of Chinese soldiers had seen a lone American P-40 engaged by four Japanese Zeros. The American had fought them but his ship had been shot down. The American had jumped out in his parachute and four Japanese had strafed him on the way down.

The body had been found, with the identification flag number listed. The pilot's name was Lieutenant Elias. All of us watched for Japs bailing out, so that we could shoot one or two down for Elias, but we didn't get the chance.

We sent Captain Wang down to Kian to get Elias's body. Wang had to travel a hundred and sixty miles by buffalo cart, by alcohol bus, and on foot, but he finally got there. The trip took him twenty days. When the body of our lost pilot finally arrived at the field from which he had last taken off, it was in a Chinese coffin that Wang had gotten at Kian. We placed the flag over the grim reminder of war and sent it by transport to Kunming, to lie beside his other brother pilots in that Buddhist graveyard in Yunnan.

And so it went: tragedy—humor—tragedy. For on the same raid I had led the other eight ships, with elements led by Holloway, Schiel, and O'Connell, and had caught the Jap gunboats, ten of them, at Sintze-Hukow Strait. They were more than likely coming to Puyang Hu to convey those rice barges—but we were going to interfere with their rendezvous.

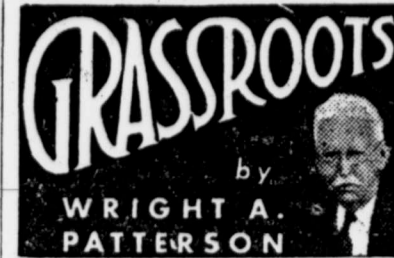
Even as we circled them from sixteen thousand feet, I think they knew they were going to have lots of trouble. They had to stay almost in line, nose-to-stern, for they were going through the narrow strait. We circled warily for a minute, looking the sky over for enemy fighters, then spiraled down. As soon as we got close enough to the Jap ships to see distinctly, we noticed that the sea men were jumping over the side into the water. Only a few seemed to have remained to fire the anti-aircraft guns, and Schiel and Holloway silenced most of those with their initial pass.

I think most of the ammunition had been fired at us while we circled at sixteen thousand feet, for we were the whole show now. We'd rake the steel decks from stern to stern and then swing out low to the water and come back with quartering shots from the beam. We were so low that we were actually shooting up at the decks of the boats. I saw many human heads above the water as the Japs tried to swim from the boats, and I fired at them. Those bullets ricocheted from the water into the steel side of the gunboat and went on through. As my range would reach the "sweet spot" of some 287 yards, where the six lines of tracers and armor-piercing Fifities converged, it would appear as though an orange-colored hole the size of a flour barrel was being burned into the side of the Jap vessel at the water-line.

We S-ed along the ten-ship line and shot at them all from both sides. On the second pass, two of the vessels were listing, and others were smoking. On the fourth attack, seven out of the ten were smoking and burning, and some of these were on the bottom with their masts barely out of water. Photographs taken later from an observation plane showed that seven had sunk immediately in the strait, and that the other three had sunk within a thousand yards of the battle area.

I was so happy, so excited and eager, that I tried to be glamorous that morning. After the fourth attack I had called to re-form and head for the rendezvous point to the Southwest. But as the ships left the target, I saw something I had to go back for. It was a Japanese flag, waving defiantly from the mast of one of the sunken gunboats. Forgetting caution, and with the other seven planes speeding away to the rendezvous point, I dove to strafe the flag in a gesture of hate.

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PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

DURING THE WINTER and spring of 1920 Gen. Leonard Wood was an active candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency. Both General Wood and myself were members of the Adventurers' club at Chicago, and it was my privilege to eat lunch with him on frequent occasions.

The general's platform, summarized in a phrase, was the preservation of property rights. At luncheon one day I told him I did not agree with such a platform, that to me human rights were superior to property rights, and suggested he change his platform.

"If you can define for me human rights in which property in some form does not figure as a basis of such rights, I will accept your suggestion," he said.

I told him I would do so, and I tried. Day after day for several days I attempted to define human rights without any connection with property rights. I could find no adequate definition in which the ownership of a home, a farm, of savings, an insurance policy or any one of the many things that could be, and are, considered as property did not figure in connection with the preservation of human rights. In fact as the basis of human rights. For the vast majority of the American people the protection of human rights meant protection for their property rights. The two were inseparable, with property rights as the foundation.

General Wood did not secure the nomination. Had the delegates to the convention been permitted to vote for the candidate they preferred he would have been nominated. In the end they voted as the party bosses directed. G. Harding, and he was named. I frequently think of the incident when I hear our present day theorists orate about human rights. To them General Wood would be considered a reactionary. To me he was a practical humanitarian realist that I prefer to the theoretical dreamer. Such dreamers are but the coiners of catch phrases that sound well but are meaningless. I had found General Wood had his feet on the ground of reality.

'GO AND GET' NOT 'GIMME'

THE COLONISTS who came as pioneers to the Atlantic coast of America were attracted by the opportunity offered for personal achievement. They sought a place in which they could do something for themselves, could, by their own efforts, create a place for themselves and their posterity. It was that same desire that pushed the spearheads of civilization across the eastern mountains, through the well watered central plains and on to the western coast of the continent. It was a desire for personal opportunity to accomplish that made a nation out of a primitive land peopled by savages. Our forefathers, even as late as but one generation ago, had the "go and get" spirit, rather than the "gimme" desire that is so evident today. A continuance of the "gimme" desire will break us as a people.

ENGLAND AND IMPERIALISM

"When the devil is sick, the devil a monk would be. When the devil is well, devil a monk is he." I think of that, but not maliciously, in connection with England. In the black days of the war England was not thinking in terms of imperialism. Singapore, Burma, India, Hong Kong and other places in His Majesty's empire were of small consequence as compared with the defense of England. Now that the war, both in Europe and Asia, is safely in the bag for the Allies English imperialism is again to the fore. Personally I think imperialism for England is best for the world.

WHAT A WHOLE OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TREATMENT OF THE PRESS IN WORLD WAR II AND IN WORLD WAR I

In the first world conflict the war correspondent could sit around headquarters and be told what had happened. In the present war the correspondent is found in the thick of things. He is privileged to see and write about what happens as he sees them happen. He goes over the top, or up in the air or to sea where the battle rages. Nothing has done more to maintain the morale of the home front than the stirring, interesting word pictures of our troops in action the war correspondents have painted for us folks at home.

FOR WAR PURPOSES interested nations encouraged America to supply the men and the money for the construction of air fields that girdle the earth. The problem now is will the interested nations permit us to use those fields so American planes may girdle the earth for peace purposes? The one represented out-go, the other income. That is the difference.

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Letter To Service Men

S. Sgt. Truman Walker of Alexander, La., spent three days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker.

Corp. Robert L. Leslie of Ft. McPherson, Mo., visited his sister, Mrs. Buck Taylor and Mr. Taylor this week.

T. Sgt. Elvin Hale arrived last

week and is spending a twenty one day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hale. Elvin has been in the Southwest Pacific for thirty months.

Mrs. H. B. Cook talked last week with her son, Petty Officer Henry Cook, Jr. in hospital at Pearl Harbor recovering from an

operation for appendicitis. Pvt. Woodrow Wilson Shepard of Wichita Falls spent a three day pass here with his brother, Bert Shepard and family.

Forest Faulkenberry, aviation student in the Peos Army Flying school, is here spending a 21 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry.



Christmas
JOY TO ALL
1944

THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus... or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas.

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Best-Yet Cafe

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Would Y'do Somethin' For Me, Jimmie?"
"Yer Betcha Life I Would!"
"Den. Beat It!"

Corp. Truitt Butler of Boca Raton, Florida, will arrive the last of this week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler.

T. Sgt. and Mrs. Ulman Parker arrived Saturday from Camp Ellis, Illinois. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mahoney. Sgt. Parker is being

transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood Mo., and will leave Friday. Mrs. Parker and daughter, Mrs. Welden Wald and baby, will remain here.

Bruce Hart S1c left Tuesday for San Francisco, California, after spending a 15 day leave with his wife and children in Colorado City. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes had a let-

ter this week from Malcolm, the first they had heard in over three months. The letter was written on July 2, and Malcolm said he had now been a prisoner four months. He was doing all right but very anxious to be home again and hoped to be before too long.

Mrs. O. K. Morgan and daughters, Mrs. Forest Porter and Mrs. Kenneth Long, and Mrs. Charles Wyatt visited in the Harold Marshall home in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor's brother, Corp. Robert Leslie, visited Sunday with her brother and family in Big Spring.



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

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

WALKER MOTOR CO.



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

TOM RAY
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**IN THESE
LAST
SHORT
DAYS
OF 1944**

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

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

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

OLEN MAYES
BUTANT DEALER



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

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

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.



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**THE
SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

1944

★ There will be a halo over the homes of America this Christmas radiating from the new hope for the world.

That your Christmas season may be both joyous and happy is the sincere wish of

Co-operative Gin Assn.
Otto Hackfeld, Manager



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

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

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

Preston Cafe



★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

JOE BENNETT
BARBER SHOP

The Mastiff

Editor in chief.....Emma Jean Walker
Associate Editor.....Norma Lee Jean
Sports Editor.....Laverne Henderson
Class Editors.....Freshmen: Eloise Preston; Sophomore: Jane Coffee; Junior: Wanda Wheeler; Senior: Billie Jean Stewart.
Faculty Advisor.....Mrs. H. G. Ison

Seniors Taking Annual Pictures
Just one week before Christmas, and believe me, the Seniors really have the spirit, but along

with all of the customary good humor, we are also getting some work done. Sunday afternoon, the various class favorites and high school popularity people were at school, and with the help of Mr. Mannis from Colorado, Mrs. Ison, and Mr. Parish, we took our informal pictures for the annual. The reason is we are trying to get in at least one-fourth of the annual before January the 16th to take a discount.

About face! We elected our class favorites and the Campus King and Queen Thursday, Ramona and Homer. For our class

favorites we chose Juanice Bruce and Homer. Nice, aren't they? You can't call these "kids" dumb, can you? After this, we have all got the idea that Homer is a very popular boy, although he is very modest, and shy.

This is very unusual, but it's true. The Juniors needed one of our Senior boys for their play. Juniors, we will agree to let you borrow Donald provided you appoint Dorothy to take good care of him; we don't want anything to happen to him, because after all, who knows, we may need him some day ourselves.

We have all been wondering what Norris Taylor wants for Christmas. Not like most boys, he has decided to take "a paper doll" instead of a fickle minded real live doll, but maybe by the time Christmas gets here, he will change his mind.

Juniors Grateful for Holidays

Who was "Dreaming of a White Christmas"? They really must have been dreaming for it doesn't look like a white Christmas yet. Some don't like snow, for instance, Don still prefers moonlight.

Our holidays start Friday. We really appreciate the Board of Trustees letting us off, because we have already had two weeks off this year.

We elected our class favorites last week. We really think Dorothy Jean and Royce make good ones. We also nominated a couple to run for Campus King and Queen. We nominated Kathryn and Don and Kathryn got beat 15 votes and Don got beat by only one vote. We almost showed the Seniors that we Juniors could do a little something, too.

Many in our class enjoyed a Spanish Club Christmas tree Friday. Next Friday the whole high school will have one together.

Thanks, Dorothy, for writing the news the past two weeks.

It seems as if the war is getting close to two of our girls hearts. Delma's boyfriend left Sunday morning for the Army and Marie's friend's furlough was up and he left Monday morning for San Diego. It also seems that Neysa Nell has cooked up a romance with a certain ex-Senior who is now a private, home on a ninety-day furlough.

Some of the kids didn't get their bids in for Santa Claus last week and they want to put them in this week in hopes that he will hear their plea.

Introducing "Shep" Compton
Shepard Compton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Compton, was born April 10, 1928 in Valley View community where he now lives. He attended school there for the first seven years, then transferred to Lorraine. He plays a first chair trumpet in our L. H. S. band and has been a member of it for four years.

Agriculture is his favorite subject, and he has been a member of the F. F. A. Club for four years. This year he is assistant treasurer of the F. F. A. Club. Shep is about five feet seven inches tall, with black wavy hair and brown eyes, not bad to look at and just lotz of fun! He's favorite day is Saturday. Don't tell us you don't like schooldays Shep! He likes fried chicken better than anything else to eat, and for movies he'll take John Payne or Rita Hayworth, preferably Rita Hayworth. Here is something hard to believe, he hasn't an ideal girl. They just don't bother him much, he thinks they are all okeh.

When he finishes school, Shep plans to become a Sailor.

New Books In LHS Library

At the beginning of this school term we added twenty-nine new books. Last week six more were placed upon the shelves. Some of these were: Blessed Are the Meek, My Friend Flicka, Thunderhead, Random Harvest, and The Robe. These new books have been distributed equally among the reading lists, and we hope to continue enlarging the high school library throughout the year. Mrs. Ison works in the library one hour daily, and Laverne White, Marguerite Peterson, Jo Bond and others assist.

Sophomores Plan Holiday Party

Just a few more days and we'll be out. Everybody better sure watch their step, 'cause there is still time for Santa to change his mind.

The Sophomores are planning to celebrate Christmas by having a party at Tommy Jean's Tuesday night, and you can just take it for granted that we'll have a good time. Some have already had their gifts, so I guess Santa is making his rounds early this year.

FFA Boys In Contest

On Dec. 12, twelve of the FFA boys went to Sweetwater with Prof. Brown to join in the Chapter Conductive Contest. Those going were: President, George Hughes; Reporter, James Barron; Treasurer, Shepard Compton; Secretary, Norris Taylor; Vice-president, Merlyn Bruce; Parliamentarian, Eldon Mearse; Jimmie Merket, and Royce Beights. Three Freshmen acted as Greenhand Candidates. The chapter won third place in the contest.

The bond drive is still open the rest of this month for F. F. A. class if you wish to buy a bond.

F. F. A. Sweetheart Selected
Friday, December 15, the F. F. A. Club met and elected their

"sweetheart" for this school year. She is Laverne Henderson, a senior. The other class nominees were Irma Jean Lucas, Freshman; Norma Lee Jean, Sophomore; and Kathryn Price, Junior.

Spanish Club Christmas Party

Friday evening at one-thirty o'clock the members of the Spanish Club met for their annual Christmas party. "Silent Night" was sung by everyone in both English and Spanish. Melton and Jane led in their unique way.

Donald Hoover explained about the Spanish pinata and we broke the pinata which had nuts and candy in it. Next we played bingo for our gifts, which the one who got our number had brought for us. Gifts were presented by Melton and Jane who acted as Santa Claus and Mrs. Ison. Mrs. Ison then passed a basket of candy around. Everyone wished each other a Merry Christmas in Spanish, and the party was dismissed at three o'clock.

Freshmen Have Party

The freshmen are working hard trying to get Christmas preparations over with.

The freshmen had a party Friday at Jeannine Martin's house. We had a good time and served punch and cookies. We surely do thank Mrs. Martin for letting us have our party at their home.

Mrs. Annibel Long and child—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marshall ren visited in the home of Mr. of Abilene are the parents of a daughter, born December 18. and Mrs. W. H. Long Sunday.

Your Health

If your health has been a matter of growing concern to you lately and you have tried this and that with little or no results, why not find the cause of your trouble? We will carefully analyze your physical condition, give you a report of our findings and advise you what should be done.

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

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

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**SANTA CLAUS IS
COMING TO TOWN!**



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

**LORAIN COOPERATIVE
ASSOCIATION**
August B. Hackfeld, Mgr.



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

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

**LORAIN COTTON
WAREHOUSE CO.**



EACH CHRISTMAS as it comes and goes proves anew that love is the only binding power of the world. In these dark days of late December when the brightness of smiles make ample amends for lack of brightness overhead, we again send our most hearty Christmas Greetings.

**LORAIN
FARMER'S GIN CO.**
H. B. Beights, Mgr.



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

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

Leggotts

TAILOR SHOP & LAUNDRY

1944 The Season of Christmas

**EVER
THAT SAME
STAR**

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

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

Merry Christmas!

Lorex Theatre



CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

Glen Coon

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The Mitchell County News

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OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

ARMANDO BAUMANN IN GROUP CITED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

At An Advance Italian Air Base—A number of Texas men are among the long list of the 350th Fighter-Group, which has been cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the Medi-

terranean Theatre of Operations, among them Armando Baumann of Loraine, grandson of Mrs. F. H. Baumann.

The award of the streamer of a Distinguished Unit was made by Major General John K. Cannon. In company with the Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ariel W. Nielsen, Berkeley, Cali-

fornia, and in the presence of the officers and men of the Group drawn up in parade formation, General Cannon advanced to the Group's color guard and affixed the Distinguished Unit streamer to the Group's regimental colors.

The Group, which was formed in Great Britain in 1942 has been overseas for two years, and has taken part in every major campaign in the Mediterranean Theatre.

The citation, read at the ceremony by Captain Walter Macley of Frackville, Pennsylvania, read in part as follows: "In contributing to the success of the Operation Strangle, a vital phase of the Allied effort which resulted in the liberation of Rome, the 350th Fighter Group performed above and beyond the call of duty in rendering unique and heroic services. Of their own volition and in addition to their designated duties, personnel within the Group successfully interdicted supply routes at such strategic points as Tarquinia, Grosseto, Leghorn and Pisa, while continuously maintaining their regularly assigned reconnaissance covering Corsica, Sardinia, Tunisia, Italy and the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Seas. The outstanding leadership, tireless devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism displayed by the officers and men of the 350th Fighter Group during combat operations on 6 April, 1944 have set this Group above and apart from other units involved in comparable effort during the same period and have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Military Service of the United States."

Baltimore, Dec. 13—Colonel Laurence Watts, Commanding Officer of the Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Maryland, has announced the promotion of Second Lieutenant Nellis C. Swain to the rank of First Lieutenant, effective December 4, 1944. Lt. Swain is the Post Warehouse Officer, Billeting Officer, Poster Officer and Assistant Adjutant of the Holabird Signal Depot, where he has been stationed since January, 1944.

A native of Chester, Oklahoma, Lt. Swain attended school in Cleo Springs, Oklahoma. He has been in the Army for over 17 years, having enlisted June, 1927, and has been stationed in Hawaii as well as Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Camp Carson, Colorado, and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Prior to entering the Army Lt. Swain was in forestry service.

Lt. Swain is the son of Mrs. M. D. Wyman of Cleo Springs, Oklahoma. His wife, Mrs. Geraldine Swain, and two daughters, Claudia Frances and Gorgia Ann, reside on Route 1, Loraine, Tex.

LOCAL SOLDIER FIGHTS WITH INFANTRY IN ITALY

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Lee O. Turnbow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turnbow of Loraine, is fighting with the 363rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

The 363rd entered combat in Italy last July 4 north of the Cecina River on the right flank

of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, to which it was then attached.

The regiment rejoined the 91st Infantry Division south of Chianini, where it experienced one of its roughest battles. A battalion of the 363rd captured Hill 634, four miles southwest of Chianini, and repelled a number of savage enemy counterattacks in hand-to-hand fighting. The rockiness of the hill made it impossible for the doughboys to dig in sufficiently to withstand a highly concentrated artillery and mortar assault that followed, but, after with drawing slightly, the outfit returned and retook the hill.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Pupils of Mrs. W. R. Martin will be presented in Christmas recital at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Theme of the program will be the Christmas Music of the World. Students will appear in chorus, solo and speech. The public is cordially invited.

TEXAS HEREFORD DIRECTORY IS OUT

An amazing amount of information on the Texas Hereford industry, including a brief summary of its history, is compressed into the comparatively small volume composing the 1945 Texas Hereford Directory, just off the press.

More than seven thousand copies are being sent to the principal buyers of pure bred cattle

in the United States.

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

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

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

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

CLASS ENTERTAINED

The Senior and Intermediate S. S. classes of the Bauman church enjoyed a Christmas tree party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Clifton Friday evening.

The evening was spent in playing games, after which gifts

December is a month of planning—for holiday festivities, Christmas good times and gifts for all the family. We don't plan for coughs and colds—but they seem to come along and spoil good times. You'll find in

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a curb for coughs due to colds—it loosens phlegm, soothes throat irritations that bring on racking coughs and raspy sore throats. Buy a bottle on our recommendation—we know how good it is!



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were exchanged from the tree.

Refreshments were served to Harold Thompson, Kenneth, Nadine, Geraldine and Billy Ray Jackson, Gerald Compton, Lois Finley, Kathryn Cline, W. A. Miles, Douglas Collier, Earlene Jester, Willa Dean Mearse, Calvin Forbus, Doyce and Joyce Lee, Laverne, Delma and Charlene White, L. E. Robinson, Mr. and

Mrs. R. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Finley, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hudgins and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson and son

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Christmas Greetings 1944



"Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,
And Christmas blocks are burning,
Their ovens they with baked-meat choke,
And all their spits are turning.
Without the door let sorrow fly,
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in Christmas pie,
And evermore be merry."

These 17th century verses typify the old-time Christmas spirit we wish for you this Yule season of 1944.

Lorex Cafe



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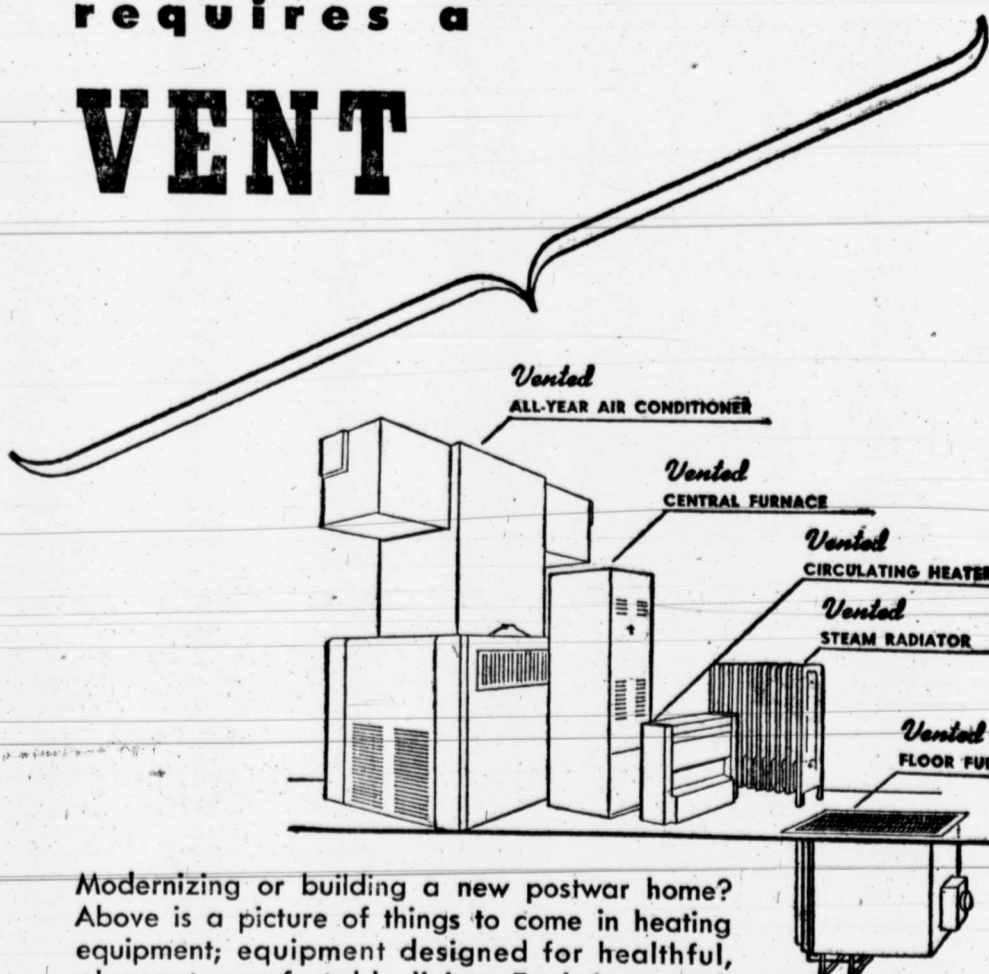
All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes... our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

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WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

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To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Claude Spikes FEED & TRANSFER

Lt. and Mrs. William Simmons visited Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bell in O-dezza and Mr. and Mrs. Arnton West in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith plan to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Bert DeBaum, in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith visited her uncle, Bob Hall, in Blackwell Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. Bruce Johnson were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Bee Wilkerson visited last week with her daughter Mrs. Tony Snyder and family in Coahoma. Norma Jan and Ross Blanton Snyder returned with her Thursday and spent the week end.



Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine;
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."

—Phillip Brooks.

Cliff Henderson

Grocery and Service Station
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good will towards men."

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read this message that
enraptured happiness
which comes only at
CHRISTMASTIME

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WHAT stauncher tree than the oak, and what stauncher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Green
and Family

King Cotton Seeking Candidates For '45 Maid Of Cotton Contest

Application Blanks Now
Available At Council
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Memphis, Tenn. — (Special) — Want to be Maid of Cotton in 1945, young lady? The way's wide open. Speaking for the American cotton industry, the National Cotton Council today extended an invitation to all girls between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, who are natives of one of the 17 cotton producing states, to become candidates for the title. The winner will be named in Memphis, Tuesday, February 6, but to be eligible all candidates must submit completed application blanks and photographs on or before January 20.

The winner will receive a 90-day, all-expense tour of the major cities of America, during which she will sell War Bonds, visit military establishments, greet public officials and other celebrities, and be featured in fashion shows emphasizing the care and conservation of cotton fabrics. In advance of her tour, she will receive a special period of training in New York. The Maid will be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

Application blanks can be obtained by writing the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 18, Memphis, Tennessee. On the basis of the information and photographs submitted by contestants, a limited group of finalists will be selected on January 20, and will be invited to appear before the judges on February 6. The selection will be based on personality, appearance and background, with special consideration being given for singing, dancing or dramatic ability.

Now in its seventh year, the contest is one of the outstanding events of its kind in the nation. In 1944, the winner was Linwood Giscard, a senior at Louisiana State University, who received an official citation from the Treasury Department for the volume of War Bond sales she turned in.

The contest is conducted by the Council in behalf of the entire cotton industry, and is sponsored by the Memphis Cotton Carnival Association, the cotton exchanges of Memphis, New Orleans and New York, and the Council.

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Mrs. Troy Lankford and son are visiting her husband, Pvt. Troy Lankford, in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Holliday of Ira spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paris Yarbrough.



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

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

William Martin
Barber Shop



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

W. P. Mayes
Sinclair Service Station

GREETINGS



MAY the blessings of
God be with you,
our friends, and with all
of us ... in our souls and
upon our hearths. We can
offer no more gracious
greeting this Yuletide.

May we extend our appreciation for your past favors and solicit a continuance of our friendly relations.

R. H. Phillips
Grocery and Station

College students arriving home for the holidays with their parents are Latrice Bassham and Lela Lefever of Parsons Beauty College, Abilene, Margie Hughes from San Angelo Beauty College, Louise Hallmark, Mary Love Walker and Roy Hall from Texas Tech, Phaneatte Jean, Cadet Nurse, from Fort Worth, Quida Adams, Cadet Nurse, from Lubbock, Gloria Martin, Wanda Mae Smith, Bettie June Trott, Alma Lee and Reta Beights from McMurry, Lucille Martin and Rena Louise Taylor from Hardin-Simmons University, and Gypsy Ted McCollum of ACC.

Mary Love Walker was taken home Thursday with her Sweetwater hospital after having operation for appendicitis there last Friday.

Ocie Hunt

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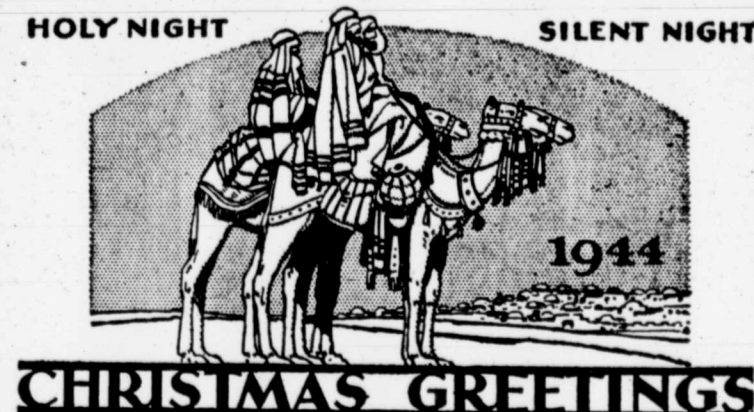
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At this season we should all sub-
ject ourselves to re-examination,
to see if good fellowship and kind-
ness still survive as a practical
combination to bring happiness to
the human heart. Each of us holds
in his hands the key to this combi-
nation. Let us use it during this
Christmas season of 1944, to help
transform dreams into realities.
May we add our glad Christmas
greetings to the many which are
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Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson
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To remove coffee, tea or chocolate stains, sprinkle them with borax and soak in cold water. After soaking, pour boiling water through the cloth and the stain will disappear.

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Sitting on the edge of a mattress weakens the edge and causes it to sag.

Fun for the Whole Family

SPARKY WATTS



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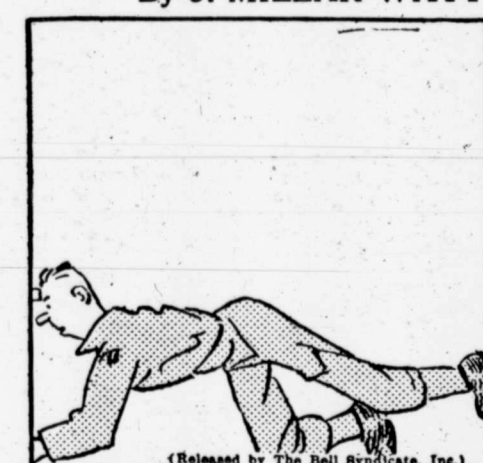
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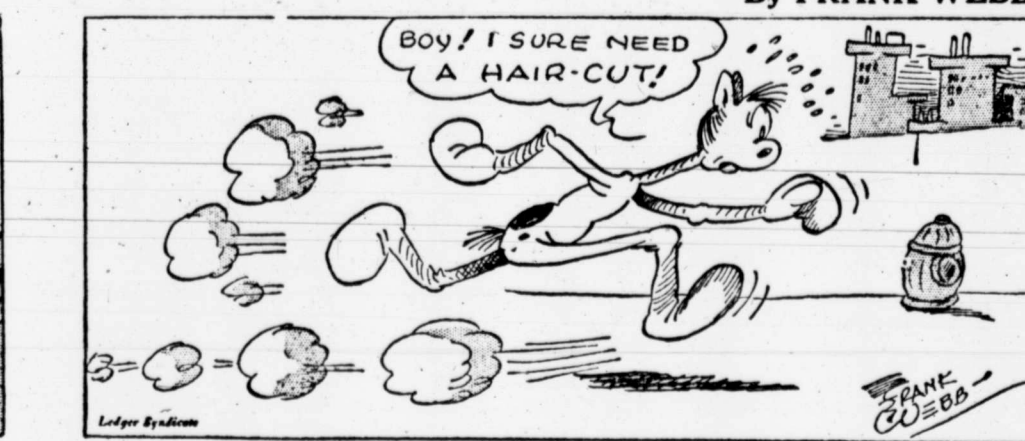
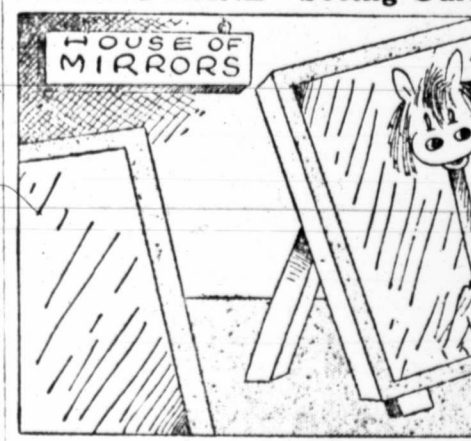


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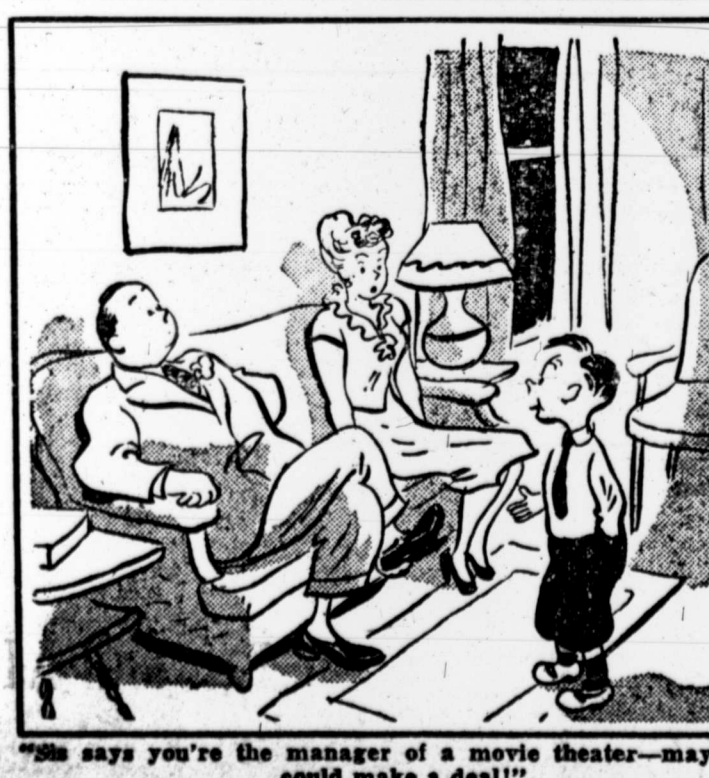
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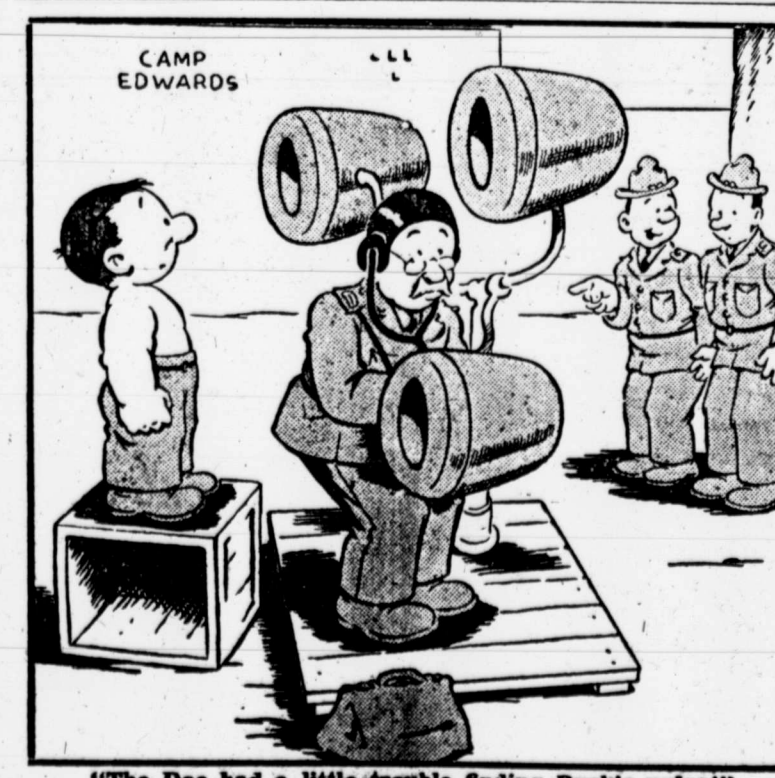
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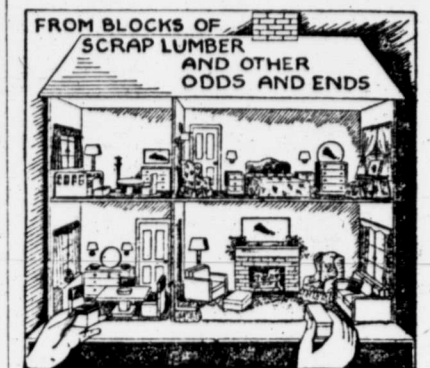
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HERE is miniature furniture all carefully scaled to reproduce actual size pieces. Any little girl will love the sturdy five-inch-long upholstered sofa and the lounge chair with matching ottoman. They are easy to make, too, and so is the chair. It is covered with a flower print such as little girls' dresses are made of, but it looks like a large scale chintz on a chair only four inches high. The dining room furniture is all made of straight blocks but the



chairs are smartly upholstered in bright oilcloth to simulate leather. The bed with upholstered head piece is especially glamorous and the dainty dressing table has a matching stool made of half of a spool with padded top and full skirt. The nursery is also well furnished with attractive pieces made from things you have on hand.

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PILLS



Notes of an
Innocent Bystander:

The Magic Lanterns: "Meet Me in St. Louis" bulges with enough pleasant amusement to provide a month of daydreams. Set in the 23-skidoo era, the warm humor and infectious ditties inspire the spirit to show its dimples. Delightful Margaret O'Brien steals the picture and your heart. . . . A song-and-dance-cinema, "Something for the Boys," comes in on a buck-and-wing and lands gently on the eyes and ears. As in all musicals, the plot plays second fiddle—sometimes it seems that it isn't even in the orchestra. . . . The March of Time's latest concerns China—a nation of great tragedies, great heroism, great hopes. . . . The script of "Blonde Fever" gets lost in a jungle of clichés—and no one misses it. . . . Those who dreamed up a dullo-drama like "The Last Ride" should be in the Hall of Fame—sweeping it.

The Paragraph of the Week: L. H. E.'s column in the N. Y. Times previewed history with this dialogue: "One more question, Daddy. What finally became of this terrible Hitler?" . . . "For a long time, my child, nobody knew. There were stories. He was hiding in Spain, Japan, Argentina, Eire. You took your choice. Then, in 1960, a rug collector named Donnerblitz died of indigestion in Chicago. That was Hitler. He had been living there sixteen years." . . . "But didn't anyone guess, Daddy?" . . . "No, you see, except for changing his name and shaving off his mustache, he went right on being himself, damnin' Russia, England, democracy, the Gov't at Washington, and the U.S.A. in general. So the neighbors took him for just an ordinary crackpot and never gave him a second thought."

The book stores will shortly receive an extraordinary book called "Axis Rule in Occupied Europe." It is by Raphael Lemkin. It is published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. . . . Book oracles state it is really the last word on what the Nazis have done to The Old Country. The Writers' War Board (staffed with intellectuals, authors, editors, et al) is unable to name a "more important volume in its field." . . . The author of the book has created a word—"genocide" to define the calculated destruction by the Germans of national and racial groups. . . . Buy two copies. One to read over and over again and the other to bang on the head of any supporter of a Nazi soft-ped.

The Private Papers
Of a Cub Reporter:

Sufferers from the cigarette shortage would like to know just why it is that night clubs are enjoying nearly all the ciggie biz. This is how come. . . . The night clubs are in this enviable position because they've always charged a dime to 15 cents over the retail shop prices, and, of course, they still are permitted (by the OPA) to charge the same tariff as before the "ceilings" went into effect. . . . Then, besides getting 10¢ and 15¢ more per pack, the cigarette gals are invariably tipped an average of 25¢ for each pack. This, too, goes to the concessionaire. . . . As a result, getting 50¢ per pack for cigarettes (for which the retail stores charge 17¢) the concessionaires are able to pay a good deal more for cigs than the retailers. That explains why all the night spots are doing a terrific ciggie biz.

Our Macon editor relays this letter from Dr. W. B. Burke. His son James is with our State Dep't. Jim auth'd "My Father in China." . . . Dr. Burke spent 50 years in China. . . . The letter in part: "The whispering campaign in China against the Generalissimo and his wife is largely the work of pro-Jap 5th columnists. Unfortunately some of our correspondents over there have gotten some of the reports in the papers over here. . . . At first the Generalissimo thought he would ignore them. Then he realized the rumors were directed more against China than against himself. Therefore he felt that he had to bring these stories into the light. As to the report he declared his relations with his wife had been without stain, absolutely pure. I can understand the object of the Japanese, but it is hard to get the workings of our American correspondents' mind. This is for publication."

The Wireless: A radiator offered this bit of irony: The British removed handcuffs from Fascist Mosley, but jailed Gandhi who only desires freedom for India. . . . The March of Time again proves that the headlines are writing the most explosive dramatic scripts. The MOT makes dreamed-up mike-believing seem more irksome than static. . . . Nothing more ludicrous than commercials nowadays urging listeners to buy cigarettes. You're told why you should buy a certain brand—instead of where.



Washington
Merry-Go-Round

BOMBING NIPS WITH B-29s
The plan of continuously bombing Japan from Saipan promises to be one of the most important strategies of the war. But like all difficult innovations, it already has evolved some serious kinks which must be ironed out.

They include: crew fatigue, maintenance problems, weather conditions and home front production of planes to replace those lost in action. Upon these factors depend the frequency with which we can keep up the rain of bombs on Japan.

The bombing of Japan from Saipan represents a gruelling experience for the crews involved, and allowances must be made to provide necessary rest periods. If any of the crews participating in the Thanksgiving Day raid tried it again three days later, it would be only natural to expect that their operational ability would be proved reduced because of the wearing effect of the earlier 3,000-mile flight.

It has also been found that information on weather over Japan is still not entirely accurate.

But reconnaissance photos taken after the first two raids did show severe damage to a major aircraft plant outside of Tokyo, also effective shattering of several water front areas which are jam-packed with Tokyo traffic.

Other Obstacles to Raids. Officials have also learned that the B-29 still has certain defects which may require modification in future production. These primarily concern the safety of air crews and should be remedied before bombing of Japan can be carried out on a day-to-day basis.

Air corps officials still reiterate that the air phase of the war against Japan is nearing its climax, but admit that several more months will pass before the air drive can be really stepped up to its peak.

One major hope is that General MacArthur's forces will be able to secure several bases in the Philippines so that the B-29s can operate from there, thus smashing at the south of Japan almost at will. Because of the B-29's vast size, it is almost impossible to conceal them under camouflage, with the result that Japanese planes still operating from scores of fields in the Philippines could bomb B-29s at will if they were based on Leyte now.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN
Now that Stalin has put the Japanese on notice for war, calling them an aggressor nation, another chapter regarding Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo can be told.

After dropping its bomb load on Tokyo, one of the planes developed a leak in its gas line. Aware that he could not make friendly Chinese territory, the pilot set his course for Soviet Siberia, figuring he might barely be able to reach dry land. Internment, he figured, was better than execution. When the fuel gave out, he had no idea where he was, but landed on the best flat stretch he could find.

As the crew of the plane piled out, a column of tanks appeared over a nearby hill. The airmen climbed back into their plane and prepared to make a fight for it, but finally saw the Soviet red star on the leading tank and got out of the plane again.

The pilot walked forward to talk with the Soviet major who jumped out of the leading tank. Using English, gestures, and one or two words of Russian, the pilot tried to explain how he happened to be there.

Finally, the Russian officer stopped. "Yes, we know all about the bombing of Tokyo. And we know one plane was in trouble and might be heading this way. We came out to see if we could find you."

The bomber crew started to climb into the tanks when suddenly another column of tanks appeared from the opposite direction. A Jap officer came running toward the Russians, shouting, "This is Japanese territory. We demand the surrender of the Americans."

The Russian major immediately dug out his maps, insisting he was on Soviet soil. The argument raged in German for several minutes, until finally the Jap angrily stalked off, ordering his tanks to fire. This was answered by a volley from the Russian tanks, both aiming at the sky. The Russian tanks then drove on, leaving the airplane behind.

They had been going at a fast clip for about half an hour, when the Russian major turned to the American pilot and said:

"I now welcome you to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

The border had just been crossed.

Kathleen Norris Says:
The Debt We Owe to Christmas



"If this could be brought home to our children, this incalculable debt that they owe to Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas, it might solve some of the great problems that we mothers face."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS
CHRISTMAS seems to me this year quite different from all the other Christmases I ever have known.

It has always meant holly and the tree, presents and roaring open fires, and all the family gathered for the feast. It has always meant special music and special services at church, and—of later years especially, much serious wondering thought of the little baby whose life was to be the most important ever lived by man.

I have marvelled anew every year over the facts of His life; the poverty and obscurity, the complete unimportance of all His associates, even of His persecutors, the strange teaching that was received by a few poor peasants, and the death of a common criminal that they made Him die.

Strange teachings indeed. It contradicted everything that men had ever believed. It discounted force and hate. It voiced the incredible doctrine that love was the only power, and that love fulfilled all the laws of heaven and earth. They didn't believe Him, and they killed Him, and His forlorn obscure followers faced the great warring world of that day, and of the new worlds and the expanded days to come, with just a few quoted precepts as their heritage.

And that heritage grew and spread and thundered down the ages and reached unknown countries and unknown peoples—oh, yes, polluted and twisted and misinterpreted and betrayed sometimes, it is true, but still the doctrine of forgiveness and brotherhood. Human weakness delayed it, but nothing could kill it, because it is the truth. So much we all know, so much we all feel, at Christmas time.

Sudden New Light.
But—like a window opening to sudden new light, it has come to me in these terrible years of war that we owe Christianity a tremendous debt over and above the spiritual value it gives us. That Christianity, and the passionate love it awakened in men's hearts, is the actual ark of civilization, and that it ought to be fostered as a sacred possession by everyone who hopes for a new world, believer or non-believer.

The great Hebrew religion, from which the life of Christ was derived, did more than build temples. It built libraries, hospices, colleges; it laid down a public and a domestic law. What other element ever did? These things do not exist in oriental countries, where the great masses of the people even today live and die in obscure superstitions as to evil eyes, caste, black magic.

They do not build cities, railways, bridges, roads. The orient is almost without these things, as it is without modern conveniences, sewers, telephones, paving, schools, hospitals, libraries. I have seen swarming dark communities, hundreds of them, in India and China, into which no one of these things ever had been introduced; where the compounds are icy puddles for eight months a year, and even such simple luxuries as a gas stove or bureau, a change of shoes or a potato had actually never been seen.

Extraordinary as it would be to state that the miraculous life of Jesus Christ had anything to do with Europe's scientific and material progress, and the unbelievable growth of our own world, yet the fact remains that the believing nations, the Europe of yesterday and the western hemisphere of today,

Women Take Over Santa's Job on Street Corners

The manpower shortage has hit one of America's most cherished institutions—the Santa Claus business. Although the age range for professional Santas runs from 45 to 75, there aren't enough men around to play the fat old saint. As a result, women are inching into the act. The squeeze started last Christmas. Actors Equity was so short of idle men they talked one of New York's largest stores into substituting a 70-year-old actor.

Improved
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SUNDAY
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LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for December 24

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THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10.

What would you like for Christmas? Could anything be better than to find for your heart and mind that spiritual safety, certainty, and joy which transforms life? Well, that is exactly what Jesus came to bring mankind. It was the first Christmas gift, and it is the best gift this year too.

I. Safety (Luke 2:8-12). Men need deliverance from their sin. They needed it when Christ came. They need it today. They must have a safe refuge, one in which they may rest secure.

All the efforts of this world to meet man's need are vain. As Joseph Parker put it: "The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer, a man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a saviour."

Jesus came as Saviour. The good tidings revealed to the faithful shepherds were to be "of great joy to all people" because they presented the One who could bring them redemption from sin. That revelation is ready to be made again this Christmas, and as it came to the shepherds at their work in the field, so it may come to you on the battlefield, in camp, in the air, under the sea, in the kitchen, the factory—yes, anywhere. We rightly go to our churches to worship on Christmas Day, but let us remember that Christ is everywhere, seeking each one—yes, knocking at your door. Will you let Him in? Then you will have Christmas indeed!

II. Certainty (Heb. 1:1-4). God has spoken through the centuries in the messages of many faithful servants. We do well to give heed to God's Word through them. But after all they were only servants. This message of redemption is so vital and fundamental that God sent His Son, Himself the Redeemer, to declare it.

How final, and definite, and blessed it is that truth. The heir of all the eternal glories of God the Father, and Himself the effulgence (or the flashing forth) of the glory of God, has spoken God's last word—His certain word—about redemption from sin.

We all know how full of uncertainty the world is, how our own minds are distressed by the very uncertainty of countless things about us. What a precious gift from God to realize anew the absolute certainty we have in Christ. He came to save, to satisfy, and to keep us.

Note that He has all the needed authority and power to carry out His loving purpose (vv. 3, 4). He who "made purification of sins" for us to believe, is divine. He has all power. He is glorious beyond our ability to describe. He is God. We can rest in perfect assurance in His redemption.

III. Enjoyment (1 John 1:1-4). God knew the need of man for real joy if life was to be pleasant and profitable. Being a Christian was never intended to be a somber, doleful business. No, indeed. "These things we write," says John, "that our joy may be made full."

What did he write? By inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote of Christ, "the Word of life." He had seen and known Him, the Redeemer. He had fine and uplifting fellowship with Him, and declares that we too (as believers) share in that fellowship.

One of the bright and glad some things about the Christmas season is our fellowship with our family and friends. It brightens the whole holiday season. How much more delightful is the fact that we have "fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

That fact really "makes" Christmas! Many will be separated from family and friends this year, but Christ is there, and they may have this most precious of all friends with them. The empty place around the family table will be filled (if we wish) by the Lord Himself. Let's keep Christmas with Him as the unseen but nonetheless real Guest. In fact, let us do even more than that, let us count Him into the intimate fellowship of our family circle (and two can make such a circle). That is what He wants to be—to you and to me—this Christmas Day, 1944.

May His joy be yours in full measure. That is the wish of the writer of these lines, and it goes from his heart to the very last reader who may be in the uttermost part of the earth. A blessed Christmas to you!

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The Questions
1. How many signers of the Constitution were foreign born?
2. Who kills the bull in a bull fight, the picador, the matador or the torreador?
3. What is a lee shore aboard ship?
4. What American woman fought for the emancipation of woman's clothing and the wearing of trousers?
5. Can you name one prominent American statesman who violently opposed the ratification of the Constitution?
6. What are the only two countries in South America that do not touch Brazil?
7. What is the length of Lake Michigan?
8. "Maryland, My Maryland!" was written by James Randall in the hope of making his state of Maryland take what stand in the Civil war?
9. What is the only crime defined in the Constitution?
10. Who can make the greater speed, an ice skater or a runner?

The Answers

1. Seven.
2. The matador.
3. The shore upon which the wind is blowing.
4. Amalia Jenks Bloomer.
5. Patrick Henry.
6. Ecuador and Chile.
7. About 335 miles.
8. Fight on the Confederate side.
9. Treason.

Man Could Be Quite Sure
Of Getting His Dog Back

A man dashed into the police station at midnight. "You must find my wife," he gasped. "Missing since morning!" "Particulars?" asked the sergeant. "Height?" "I—I don't know." "Know how she was dressed?" "No, but she took the dog with her."

"What kind of dog?" "Brindle bull terrier, weight 53 pounds, four dark blotches on his body, shading from grey to white, three white legs, and right front leg brindle all but the toes. A small nick in his left ear. And—" "That'll do!" gasped the sergeant. "We'll find the dog!"

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T. J. Newton, Mrs. Horace Newton of Midland, and Mrs. J. S. Muns returned Saturday after spending ten days in Cristoval in the interest of their health.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Pierce and son of Colorado City visited in the L. W. Rhodes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bell of Odessa spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Thomas.

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For Sale—One Supertone Milano Accordion, one Supertone Guitar, one boy's bicycle. J. D. Givens. 1tp

For Sale—Good higera bundle feed 5c, also 4 good mules and 2 row farm tools. Will sell at bargain. W. J. Hogue, China Grove 2tp.

Want to rent or lease 150 to 200 acre farm, some pasture, in Mitchell County. Would buy tractor with same. M. F. Reynolds, Rt. 1, Loraine. 2tp

Stenographer wishes Wyo. correspondents Business and Ranch people. P. O. Box 647, Ft. Worth, Texas. 3tp

For Sale—Pair young horses, harness. Priced right. J. E. Reddin. 30-3c

Lost—Ladies' wrist watch, Swiss J. P. Majors, black band. Reward for return. Mrs. Lester Webb. 1tp

We want your used furniture and stoves. We pay cash or take them in trade. Loraine Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Muns and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Muns of Sweetwater visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Muns.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams and family of Fort Worth visited a few days last week with his brother, Sheron Adams and family.

Methodist Church

John W. Price, Pastor

Church School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, the pastor bringing the message on the Christmas theme.

Youth Fellowship at 7:30, followed by caroling by the young people.

There will be no evening service at this Church Sunday, leaving it open for families to be together at home.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Watch Night Service next Sunday night, following the church hour. We will greet the New Year in prayer. Anyone interested is invited to be present.

Gypsy Ted McCollum of ACC, Abilene, arrived Friday for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fae McCollum.

Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. Kenneth Day, and Mrs. Ruby Robertson were Sweetwater visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Nelson and son of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. W. E. Dickenson and Miss Lillie Nelson a short time Sunday afternoon. They had been to Colorado City to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fuller, who are in the Colorado City hospital after receiving injuries in a car wreck Saturday night.

BEST Christmas WISHES

To Our Friends and Customers

For Late Shoppers—

GIFTS FOR MEN

- * Military Brush Sets
- * Mufflers
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GIFTS FOR WOMEN

- * NuPlaid Blankets
- * Chenille Robes
- * Cannon Hosiery
- * Floral Table Cloth
- * Patent Leather Purses
- * Bed Jackets
- * Gowns
- * Fascinators
- * Bubble Foam
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- * Dusting Powder
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Baptist Church Notes

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5: 25.

"Only a living tree can produce fruit. Likewise, only spiritually alive people can produce the fruit of the Spirit."

Our attendance in Sunday School was up Sunday morning. That speaks well of our people when our pastor is away.

Bro. Jones wrote he could not be here until Sunday the 31st. He will be here then with his wife and son.

Remember to bring your money for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering next Sunday.

The fruit of a Christian life is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Let us remember the words of the Master, "Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren thou hast done it unto me."

Mrs. Charles Wyatt of Lubbock is here spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook.

CAUTION! CAUTION!

It is a violation of the city laws of Loraine to shoot or explode fireworks of any kind within the fire zone of Loraine, and let's be careful during the holidays and avoid any fire if possible.

I realize boys will be boys and girls will be girls, but to prevent loss of property and disaster, be Careful, and obey the law.

Very respectfully yours,
J. C. Hall, Mayor of Loraine

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We have Fancy Apples—box or pound

Coffee .35
Folgers
Schilling
Del Monte
White Swan

Flour 1.15
Texas 25 lb
Lily 50 lb 2.25

Bologna all Meat lb .30

Pineapple No 2 60 pts .18

Juice No 3 120 pts .45

K C 50 oz Jar .39

Cooking Oil gal. Jugs 1.69

HiFlyer Crackers 2 lb .25

Syrup Ribbon Cane 1-2 gal. .65

Raisins 2 lb .29

Peas No 2 Mountain Meadow .15

Sugar 10 lb cane in cloth bag .69

Brick Chili lb .35

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THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR
HAS COME AND—

As the Christmas candles are lighted this year, their inviting warmth again brings a glow in our hearts—a glow of pride in America and faith in its institutions and traditions—a glow of confidence that some day the light they symbolize will show the way to greater friendliness and Good Will among men.

With Greetings of the Season to friends and neighbors goes a sincere wish that the torch of Freedom and Peace may soon burn brightly all over the world.

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There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—WASHINGTON IRVING



☆ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

Texas Electric Service Co.
A. L. McSpadden, Manager



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



Guitar Gin Company

Clyde Smith, Manager

Notice To Farmers

All Loraine gins will be closed from Friday night until Tuesday morning to give our employees an opportunity to spend Christmas with their families.

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Guitar Gin Co.