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Churches Observe Christmas With Services Sunday

With the coming of Christmastide, churches of Wellington and those who worship in them look forward to those traditional services that mark its observance.

Pastors of each church in Wellington, as well as those throughout the country, have extended a welcome to all, and an invitation to the people of this section, regardless of religious affiliation, to attend services at some house of worship at this time.

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Midnight Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Sunday night, December 24, Rev. Frederic Hyland has announced. High mass will be sung by the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Methodist Church

Christmas services of the Methodist Church will be held at the evening services Sunday. A Christmas play will be given by children of the intermediate department and Christmas songs will be sung by an octette composed of Amy Sue Way, Erlene Thomson, Tommie Ann Campbell, Sterlene Pittman, Barbara Baumgardner, Jeanne Wilson, Sue Anderson and Helen Jo Holder.

The church orchestra under the direction of B. O. Wilson will furnish music, Rev. Hubert Thomson, pastor, has announced.

First Christian Church

Christmas services at the First Christian Church were held Sunday evening, December 17, at the evening hour. An unusual feature of this service was the Christmas tree, upon which were placed gifts of money for the orphans home ...

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Quail Girls Win Hedley Tourney

The Quail girls basketball team placed in the Hedley invitation tournament Saturday, December 16, by defeating the Lakieview team by a narrow margin of three points.

The boys team, the Quails, placed fourth. Their final game was lost to Memphis by a narrow margin.

Both teams will meet the Hedley teams Friday evening, December 22, at Quail. The game will begin at 8:00 p. m. and the public is urged to attend and support these home teams.

Starting Friday's game for the boys will be Billie Don Carson, Lloyd Langley, Raymond Neeley, J. W. Bishop and Alvin Clay. Members of the girls team are Alma Powell, Bonnie Blevins, Alene Boyles, Odell Vernon, Linnie Faye Allred and Ella Mae Coffee.

Rev. T. G. Rea Is Dodson Pastor

Rev. T. G. Rea has been named pastor of the Methodist Church at Dodson to take the place of Rev. W. B. Gilliam, who retired at the end of the conference year in November.

Rev. Rea formerly served as pastor of a church at Childress. He has already taken over his duties and plans are being made for the work during the coming year.

Memorial Service For Pfc. Gosnell

Memorial services for Pfc. Clarence Gosnell will be held at Texola, Oklahoma, Sunday afternoon, December 24 at 3:30 o'clock. The young soldier, who formerly lived at Quail, was killed in action in Germany, October 7.

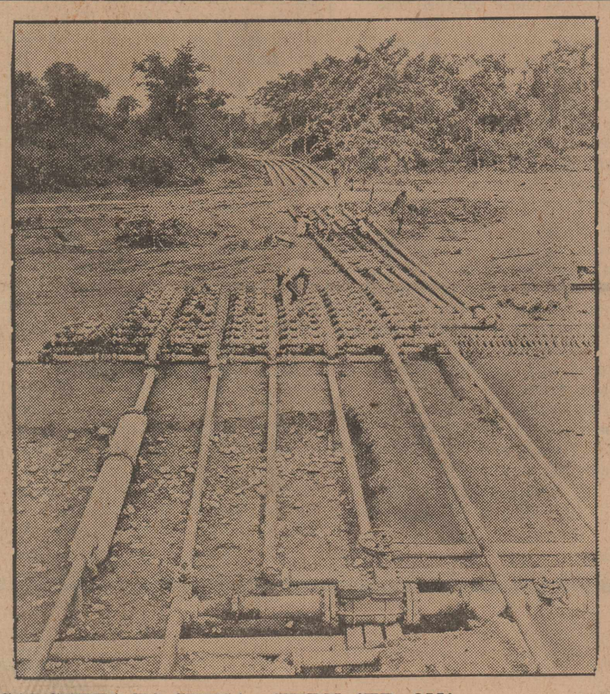
His mother, Mrs. J. A. Gosnell, now lives at Texola.

Memorial services for Pvt. Gordon Skinner of Texola will be held along with those for Pfc. Gosnell.

Pvt. Breeden Home After 30 Months Service Overseas

Pvt. John C. Breeden, recently returned from 30 months overseas in the North Pacific theatre of operations, and is due to arrive in Wellington within the next day or two to visit his mother, Mrs. Lola Breeden, of Quail.

Pvt. Breeden reported to Fort Sam Houston before receiving his furlough.



CALCUTTA-TO-CHINA: TURN 'ER ON!
In Burma, a section of the new India-Burma-China pipeline showing a manifold valve installation. The 775th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company installed it. Purpose: aviation gasoline from Calcutta, India, to airfields in China. (Signal Corps photo.)

Eight Rockets On All-District Teams

Eight Wellington Skyrockets were honored early this week when they were selected by the coaches and men of opposing teams for the mythical all-district teams. Five men were chosen for the first team and three for the second.

In making the selection, votes were cast for opponents only, with no individual allowed to vote for a man on his own team.

Wellington boys selected for the first team were Ernest Kendrick, I. D. Russell, Harold Burns, Quince Fulton and James Winter. On the second team are Ted O'Neil, Jr., Gerald Copeland and Dan Austin.

Kendrick was selected for this honor for the third consecutive year and was the only man picked for either team to receive the unanimous vote of his opponents.

Only one vote was cast against Burns.

Members of the first team include:

NAME	POS.	WT.	SCHOOL	CLASS
Harold Kilman	left end	198	Shamrock	senior
Troy Fuller	left tackle	175	Shamrock	junior
James Winter	left guard	140	Wellington	junior
Quince Fulton	center	163	Wellington	junior
Billie Ballew	right guard	148	Memphis	senior
Harold Burns	right tackle	175	Wellington	senior
Alonzo Robertson	right end	180	Memphis	senior
Ernest Kendrick	back	150	Wellington	senior
I. D. Russell	back	155	Wellington	senior
Frank Smith	back	160	Memphis	senior
Jack London	back	165	Lefors	senior

Selected for the second team were:

Ted O'Neil	left end	144	Wellington	sophomore
Joe Page	left tackle	200	Lefors	senior
Doyle Guthrie	left guard	145	Lefors	junior
Bob Bentley	center	160	Clarendon	senior
Gerald Copeland	right guard	170	Wellington	senior
Dan McMillan	right tackle	150	Memphis	senior
Fred Browning	right end	170	Lefors	senior
Gilford Nolan	back	160	Shamrock	senior
Paul Kennedy	back	167	Lefors	senior
Dan Austin	back	150	Wellington	senior
Bill Reeves	back	155	McLean	senior

Oil Test Reported In North Part Of County

Plans were announced recently for another wildcat oil test in Collingsworth County.

This test will be the C. W. and William L. Snoddy No. 1 Wischkaemper, approximately six miles north of Lutie, in section 63, block 16. It was reported that operations are scheduled to start in the near future.

The land on which the well will be drilled is owned by Edgar Wischkaemper.

Tests were drilled in that area several years ago and indications of gas found. With the announcement of the new well, hopes for oil and gas activity in this section for the immediate future were renewed.

Memorial Service Held For Flyer

Memorial services for Ensign R. E. Parker, 24, were held at Beacon Field, near San Diego, Calif., Monday morning, December 4. The young flyer, an officer in the Naval Air Corps, lost his life when the plane which he was piloting crashed into the ocean on November 29. He was the son of Mrs. Tot Parker of Wellington.

The services were conducted by Chaplain E. A. Dakan, who has sent a copy of this to Mrs. Parker.

"His membership in the fighting forces of this nation made him a

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County Gins Will Close On Saturday

Gins of the county will be closed Saturday, December 23, managers of the various plants announced Wednesday morning. They will remain closed through Christmas Day.

Co-operating in this are all Wellington gins, Dodson gins, Rolla, Lillie, Fresno, Quail and Lutie gins.

Juanita Clark To Lubbock NFLA

Miss Juanita Clark, assistant secretary of the Wellington National Farm Loan Association for the last three years, will leave Tuesday, December 26, for Lubbock, where she will be associated with the NFLA in that city.

She will be replaced in the Wellington office by Mrs. Audie Harper, who has been with the Production Credit Association office during this year.

Miss Clark, in her work here, has become widely known throughout the county. In addition, she has been active in affairs of the Baptist Church.

E Bonds Still Credited On 6th War Loan Drive

Bond sales for the county reached $225,642.75 Saturday night, December 16, when the Sixth War Loan Drive was slated to end, John Forbis, county chairman, reported early this week after sales had been checked. This is $20,000 short of the $245,000 quota set for the county.

All Series E bonds bought through the remainder of the month will also be credited on the quota, Mr. Forbis has been informed, and with this arrangement, he expresses confidence that the county will pass the amount set.

"It is only on the E bonds that we have failed to raise our quota," the chairman explained. "The quota for the negotiable notes of various types was bought."

The Dozier community was especially cited for the amount of sales. Thirty-four individuals there bought $5,418.75 in bonds, the best record made by any community in the county according to size.

"We must go over on the remainder of the drive. Again, those of us connected with the campaign urge you to go voluntarily to your bank or post office and buy your bonds. Buy them even if you have bought before. Buy them for Christmas, buy them for your man in service. At any rate, buy bonds!" Mr. Forbis urged.

Former County Man Is Missing

A former resident of this county, Major Marcus Lemley of the Army Air Force, has been missing in action in the European theatre of operations for several months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lemley, now of Los Angeles, California, and a nephew of Sam Lemley of the Loco community.

Major Lemley was stationed in Italy. On his last mission he had reached his objective and returned approximately one-third of the way to his home base. His plane was seen to go down at a point near the French-German-Swiss border. He was piloting a B-24 bomber.

While living here, Major Lemley worked for a time in the City State Bank. He took up flying after going to California and when the present war came he went to Canada as an instructor in the RCAF. After the United States entered the conflict, he transferred to the United States Army Air Forces and served with the 8th Air Force in England before being sent to Italy. On his fifth raid he was wounded and received the Purple Heart, but later he returned to combat service.

He has two brothers in the armed forces, Lee Lemley and Oran Lemley, both overseas.

Judge A. S. Moss Closes Out Work

Judge A. S. Moss of Memphis, judge of the 100th judicial district for the last eight years, was in Wellington Monday, December 18, closing out his work in that capacity and telling goodbye to those friends and public officials with whom he has worked during that time.

Judge Moss was not a candidate for re-election to that office, and he will be succeeded on January 1 by Judge Luther Gribble of Wellington.

He expressed his appreciation for the fine co-operation he received as district judge and added that he will greatly miss his association with people here.

Kiwanis Club Has Annual Children's Show Dec. 23

The traditional Christmas show for boys and girls of the county will again be one of the highlights of the holiday season. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club in co-operation with the Ritz Theatre, the show will be held Saturday morning, December 23, at 10:30 a. m. at the Ritz.

"This free show is for every child in the county 12 years of age and under," Judge Howard Riggs, president of the club, said. "And this is our invitation to each of you to attend."

The show will be carried out as nearly as possible as in past years. As an additional special gift, a bag of candy will be given each child.

The program will be one hour in length and will consist entirely of comedy numbers, Horace Clark, manager of the Ritz and president elect of Kiwanis, explained. "It will be an hour's entertainment that will thrill every child."

In addition, parents were reminded that this will offer them a good opportunity for last minute shopping they may have to do this Christmas.

Hundreds of boys and girls throughout the entire county look forward to these shows each year and all agree that Christmas would lack something if the Kiwanis Christmas show were not held.

Wellington Leader Will Be Out One Day Late Next Week

The Wellington Leader will be printed one day later next week, due to Christmas falling on Monday this year. The paper is usually printed and placed in the post office Wednesday evening. The next issue will be printed Thursday, December 28, and will reach patrons on the routes and in other towns in the county on Friday, December 29.

This change was necessary because three full days are required after the week end to get the paper to its readers. It is felt that plan will meet with the approval of all subscribers and that the quality of the paper will be much better than if work were rushed through to get it out on time.

The splendid co-operation of The Leader's patrons during the last year is deeply appreciated, and in expressing our thanks, members of The Leader staff wish each of you a Merry Christmas.

Madge Child Dies In Gin Accident Thursday

Rhoda Ella Oxford, 19-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Oxford of Madge, died in Wellington Thursday night, December 14, of injuries received a few hours earlier when she was run over by a car and trailer at the Madge Gin.

The child's father is an employee of the gin, and the family lived in a house on the gin yard. Reports of the accident, which occurred between 6:00 and 6:30 p. m., were that there were no witnesses to the accident, but it is believed that the child walked in front of the car as it was stopped on the scales at the gin office. The driver did not see the little girl and was not aware of the accident until he had driven on to the gin.

She was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Wellington for treatment.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the Independence Church with Rev. H. J.

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Prince Zogi Here Thursday Night

Prince Zogi, whose performances of magic have thrilled many, will be presented at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, December 21, at 8:00 p. m.

A veteran colorful performer, Zogi has been delighting American soldiers in war camps of the South for the last few months, but before that, he presented his attraction in every state in the union, in Old Mexico, Canada and several foreign countries.

Provided with a splendid stage appearance and a talent for make-believe, he began his life's work as a helper to that king of magic, Harry Houdini. Later he organized his own company and has been carrying on for 22 years.

Providing the background for his entertainment, Zogi has much colorful equipment, as well as personal helpers, to add interest to the evening.

Among the features he has announced for Thursday evening are the great $10,000 Spirit Cabinet, the guillotine act in which a boy's head is cut off and passed through the audience, the vanishing ducks which disappear before the eyes of the audience, catching pigeons alive over the heads of the audience, and the spirit mystery in which a 2,000-year-old mummy is revived.

Awards Given Dodson Soldier Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis of Dodson recently received the Purple Heart, a Presidential Citation, and other merits of honor awarded posthumously to their son, T-Sgt. Truman W. Lewis, who was reported killed in action in the Southwest Pacific theatre of action July 30.

The merits of honor were from General H. H. Arnold and General Douglas MacArthur.

One of four brothers in the armed forces, Sgt. Lewis served for two and one-half years overseas before his death. He was a graduate of Dodson High School and was attending Southwestern Tech at Weatherford when he enlisted into service.

His brothers in service are Pvt. James H. Lewis, Jr., Cpl. William Harold Lewis and Pvt. Robert Aubrey Lewis. Other brothers and a sister are Glen Lewis, Jack Lewis, Eugene Herman Lewis, Denzil Homer Lewis and Mrs. Gaylon Rippetoe.

Leader To Print Babson's Outlook

The Wellington Leader will publish Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1945" on December 28.

Mr. Babson, who has been forecasting business and financial trends since 1898, continues to enjoy an enviable reputation in his field. He was 91 per cent correct in his predictions of conditions in 1944!



Roger Babson

"We are calling his 1945 Outlook to our readers' attention because we believe that everyone will find it of interest and value," Deskins Wells, editor of The Leader said.

Roland Jenkins Given Air Medal

WITH THE 12TH AIR FORCE —T-3 Roland Z. Jenkins, flight surgical technician, has been awarded the Air Medal by Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, Commanding General of the 12th Air Force and Col. Timothy J. Manning, commanding a troop carrier wing, for outstanding work in evacuating wounded in the Mediterranean theater.

He is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Jenkins, Rt. 3, Wellington,

Cited for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight; for professional skill and devotion to duty in evacuating sick and wounded from the combat zone," Jenkins is a member of one of two medical air evacuation squadrons, components of the wing who have to date evacuated more than 170,000 patients in that theater.

Overseas since August 1943, he had completed 368 hours aloft at the time of the award and has served in Africa, Sicily, Malta, Italy and France.

A graduate of Olton High School in 1940, he was in the trucking business in the Panhandle of Texas prior to entering the service in November, 1942.

Lieut. Thomas Decorated Again

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England. — Second Lieutenant Weldon B. Thomas, 26, of Wellington, has been awarded his third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, equivalent to a fourth award of the medal, for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed on bombing attacks over Germany. The airman is co-pilot in the 490th Bombing Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the Eighth Air Force, commanded by Colonel Frank P. Bostrom of Bangor, Me.

Lt. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon E. Thomas of Box 663, Wellington, and prior to entering the Army Air Forces in February, 1943, he worked as a farmer.

Lindsey Wins In Oklahoma Show

Seven prizes were brought back from the Oklahoma State Poultry Association Show by V. H. Lindsey, breeder of fine bantam chickens here. The show was held December 5 to 10.

Mr. Lindsey showed the best White Cornish bantam hen and also the best in White Cornish class. On his Polish bantams he won first and fifth on hens, third on a cockerel and fourth and fifth on pullets.

Van Bonneau of Dodson placed eighth on a partridge rock pullet.

One hen entered by Mr. Lindsey in the Madison Square Garden Show at New York arrived too late to be included in the exhibits, he was notified early this week.

Rockets Lose Regional Title To Phillips By One Touchdown

Wellington's valiant Skyrockets lost the regional championship to the Phillips Blackhawks by a score of 19 to 14 on Powell Field last Friday, but they turned in one of the most heroic games in the history of football in Wellington High School.

The Rockets entered the game minus the services of their all-district quarterback, Ernest Kendrick, who suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning earlier in the week and was not allowed to suit up.

But even with this handicap the Rockets bid fair to down the very powerful and heavy Phillips team until I. D. Russell went out of the game in the middle of the second quarter, due to the hurt to a knee injury he has been nursing through the last four games.

After both teams had battled up and down the field during a scoreless first quarter, it was this same I. D. Russell who made the first touchdown of the game. With the wind to their backs, Phillips punted out on the Wellington 20 yard line. On the first play, Russell burst through the very center of the Blackhawks line and with uncanny deception eluded the entire secondary of Phillips and then outran them to go 80 yards for the first Wellington touchdown. Then he flipped a pass to Ted O'Neil for the extra point to give the Rockets a 7 to 0 lead.

Following the kick-off Phillips used straight power plays to try to advance the ball; but after making one first down were forced to kick. On the first play Russell was

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News — from the — Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard



Pvt. Otis Killingsworth is here visiting with his wife and baby and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Killingsworth. He is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, in the engineers. Until about four months ago he was at Camp Abbott, Oregon, where he received his basic training. Pvt. and Mrs. Killingsworth were dinner guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Killingsworth.

Cpl. Jack Lowe, stationed with the Army at Macon, Ga., recently ended a furlough which he spent with his wife in the home of her parents at Baton Rouge, La. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowe, formerly of this county but now living in Amarillo, met him there.

Cpl. Lowe has been in service 21 months. A foot injury he received six months after entering the Army kept him in the States when his original company sailed for England more than a year ago. He refused a medical discharge and was then assigned as an instructor in chemical warfare. After trying seven times to pass his overseas physical, he finally received his O. K. and expects to sail within a short time, members of his family report.

He was an outstanding rodeo contestant of the Panhandle and an athlete of Samnorwood High School when he lived here, and friends will regret to learn that his foot injury will prevent his ever taking part in rodeo contests again. Lowe began his rodeo career when he was 11 years old and won many prizes in calf roping, wild cow riding, wild cow milking and matched ropings.

Before entering service, he played basketball with a professional team at Lubbock. In the Army he again played basketball with a trophy winning team. In the boxing ring, however, he was at his best, winning seven golden gloves events out of nine contests.

While on his recent furlough, Cpl. Lowe and his family traveled extensively through Louisiana, visiting oil fields and refineries, fields of sugar cane, rice, and cotton plantations where darkies were picking cotton in baskets. The party drove through miles of stately pines, elms, cottonwoods and oaks hung with Spanish moss.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper have at last received a letter from their son, Junior Cooper, after a silence of five weeks. He reports that he is in a rest camp in Hawaii. Seaman Cooper has been in the Southwest Pacific for two years and has seen action at Saipan, Tinian, Roi and Namu.

DYERSBURG ARMY AIR BASE.—Pvt. Norman L. Morgan, husband of Mrs. Eddie Janice Morgan of Box 904, Wellington, has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Dyersburg (Tenn.) Army Air Base.

Stationed at the Dyersburg Base since last September, he was with the Film Inspector, Hollywood, Calif., prior to his entry into the armed forces. He is a member of a Flying Fortress crew at this base.

The Army Air Base at Dyersburg is an installation of the Second Air Force which trains heavy bomber crews. Battle-wise veterans who have returned from every major war front give instruction to every member of the training crews from pilot to tail gunner.

Selected from such varied fronts as North Africa, England, the Solomons, and the Aleutians, the instructors are able to give the trainees a first-hand picture of every type of enemy opposition as well as preparing them for weather conditions encountered in the various theaters of war.

Operating on the theory that all work and no play makes a poor soldier, the base is well equipped with recreational facilities, and three nearby towns have USO centers.

J. E. Cooper, Ph. M. 3-c, arrived in Wellington last week from Beaufort, S. C. After Christmas he will go to San Diego. Cooper, who is spending the holidays with his wife and family, is a crew member of one of the Navy's PBY reconnaissance planes. He is doing the same type of work, photography, as he did in civilian life.

Pvt. J. W. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Maxwell, has just completed his basic training at Camp Robinson and is home on a ten day furlough. On the 26th he will leave for Ft. Meade, Maryland to receive other advanced infantry training.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn arrived in Wellington Monday evening from Mississippi. Mr. Vaughn received a medical discharge from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, December 14th.

Pfc. John Milford Harris of Wellington arrived in India a short time ago, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harris of Wellington have learned. He is serving with the signal corps of the army.

In a chance meeting, Ruel Wade Alexander and his cousin, Ben Branum Jr., of Hobbs, N. M., got together on Guam recently. Alexander is serving on a submarine tender, Branum on a submarine.

S-Sgt. Elmer E. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wood of Wellington, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Central Instructors School at Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now fully qualified to become an instructor at one of the nation's seven gunnery schools.

He was prepared for his instructing duties by completing a comprehensive six weeks course in the most modern methods of instruction on aerial gunnery.

Mrs. Frank Sturgill of Quail came in Saturday with a Christmas card she has received from her son, Cpl. George Sturgill, who is now in Germany with the mechanized cavalry. The card shows the bridge where Cpl. Sturgill crossed the Meuse River at Maastricht, Holland. He was in parts of England, France, Belgium and Holland before entering Germany.

Pvt. L. E. Gribble, of Camp Sibert, Alabama will be in Wellington until the 26th when he will report back to camp. He is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gribble, Sr.

T-4 Aubrey O. Baggett who is serving as a radio man with a signal battalion in Italy wrote his mother a very enthusiastic description of their Thanksgiving day dinner. He said they must have cooked for several days in order to have prepared such a feast.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Francis Northum, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 22nd day of January, A. D., 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Collingsworth County, at the Court House in Wellington, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 9th day of December, 1944.

The file number of said suit being No. 3069.

The names of the parties in said suit are S. W. Nelson as Plaintiff, and Francis Northum as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Suit in trespass to try title to All of Lots Nos. 7-8-9-10-11 and 12 in Block No. 76 in the original town of Wellington, Texas and pleads title under five, ten and twenty-five year statute of limitation.

Plaintiff sues for title and possession of the above property and improvements thereon.

Issued this the 9th day of December, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Wellington, Texas, this the 9th day of December, A. D., 1944.

J. McBROOME, Clerk
District Court Collingsworth County, Texas.
(Seal) 23-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Charles May, J. C. Lister, J. H. Essary, B. F. Kersh and L. S. Griffin, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 29th day of January, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Collingsworth County, at the Court House in Wellington, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of December, 1944.

The file number of said suit being No. 3070.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Jess Deger as Plaintiff, and Charles May, J. C. Lister, J. H. Essary, B. F. Kersh, L. S. Griffin and H. T. Bender and W. W. Beach as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Trespass to try title to All of the Northeast One-Quarter (NE 1-4) and the North Half (N 1-2) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1-4) of Section No. Seventy-Seven (77) in Block No. Sixteen (16) of the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. Surveys in Collingsworth County, Texas, containing 240 acres of land (less R. O. W.), except 1-16th of all minerals, oil and gas not conveyed to plaintiff in his purchase of said land and for $500.00 damages.

Plaintiff sues for title and possession, for damages and general relief.

Issued this the 14th day of December, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Wellington, Texas, this the 14th day of December, A. D. 1944.

J. McBROOME, Clerk
District Court Collingsworth County, Texas.
(SEAL) 24-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: J. C. Lister, Charles May, W. W. Tomlinson, B. F. Kersh, L. S. Griffin, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 29th day of January, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Collingsworth County, at the Court House in Wellington, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of December, 1944.

The file number of said suit being No. 3071.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Allen I. Smith, and Constance M. (Manby) Smith, husband and wife, as Plaintiffs, and J. C. Lister, Charles May, W. W. Tomlinson, B. F. Kersh, and L. S. Griffin and W. W. Beach as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Trespass to try title to all of the South One-Half (S 1-2) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1-4) and all of the West One-Half (W 1-2) of Section No. Seventy-Seven (77) in Block No. Sixteen (16) of the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. Surveys in Collingsworth County, Texas, and for $500.00 damages.

Plaintiff sues for title and possession of all of the above described premises, and for damages and general relief.

Issued this the 14th day of December, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Wellington, Texas, this the 14th day of December, A. D. 1944.

J. McBROOME, Clerk
District Court Collingsworth County, Texas.
(SEAL) 24-4tc

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation to our friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our husband and father, Ed Julian. Your many words of sympathy and the things you did for our comfort during this hour of grief will never be forgotten.

May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Beulah Julian,
Mrs. Katherine Cantwell,
Mrs. Margaret Adams.

Mrs. Donald Curry has been visiting for the past week in Fort Worth with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baggett, and other relatives.

Shriners Raise Hospital Fund

Khiva Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has a strong possibility of leading the nation in the percentage of memberships in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, Ernest Lewis, Potentate Aide for Collingsworth County, said this week.

A quota of eight memberships has been assigned to this county.

Khiva Temple, aided by Masonic and non-Masonic friends, has risen from near the bottom to the top in standing in two years. Starting with 68 memberships, it now has 1121 on its Ladder of Baby Smiles. If the Temple can secure 294 purchasers for the hospital memberships before January 1, it will have achieved 1415, or 100 per cent based on its membership of a year ago, Mr. Lewis explained.

Memberships cost $61.50 and the amount is a deductible income tax item. The donor's name is printed on a red and gold ladder which is rapidly filling the walls of Khiva Temple's auditorium in Amarillo. Membership checks may be mailed to Mr. Lewis or sent direct to Khiva Temple, Box 328, Amarillo.

"This is one of the greatest humanitarian activities known to man in that more than 80,000 children, regardless of creed or color, have been treated in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children," Mr. Lewis said.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Way and family have as their guest for Christmas Mr. Way's mother, Mrs. Susan Gramm of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Mrs. Gramm has been visiting with other relatives in Seminole, Oklahoma before coming here.

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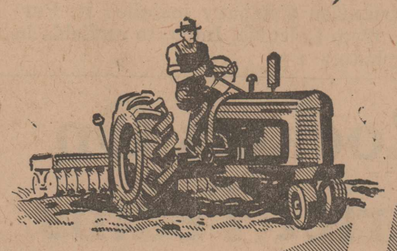
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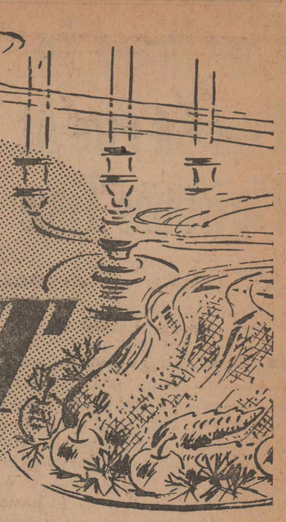
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RAISINS	Fancy Seedless, 2-LB. BAG	25¢
DRESSING	Kraft's French, 8-Oz. Bottle	17¢
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Care Urged To Prevent Fire At Christmas Time

This Christmas time, when we are celebrating this great event, must not be marred with disaster.

For the first eight months of 1944, over $400,000,000 in property was destroyed by fire and several thousand people lost their lives, much of this great loss of property and life was because of someone's carelessness and neglect.

Death may come to you and destruction of your home, your school, your church or your place of business is not an impossibility but is a probability unless you are extremely careful and cautious about the kind of holiday decorations you use.

Christmas trees should not have inflammable decorations of any kind. No home, school, church or store should have decorations of any kind that will catch on fire. Don't use tissue paper or paper decorations or any other kind of decorations on your Christmas trees in your homes, your stores, your schools or church that will burn.

Don't take a chance on the loss of life by fire or panic. Save life and save property. Heed these warnings before it is too late.

For Christmas trees, use only green trees. Take the trees out of the house immediately after Christmas. They will dry rapidly and become highly inflammable after a few days.

Don't light Christmas trees with candles, except where decorations that will not burn are used. Use only electric lights for lighting trees and they should be carefully wired.

Every Christmas tree, whether in your home, school or church should be securely fastened so they will not tip over and fall. We want to have a good Christmas. We want nothing to happen that will mar the joy of this great season and this great day so don't carelessly let anything happen that will bring to you or to your loved ones or to anyone in your community sadness, grief or sorrow.

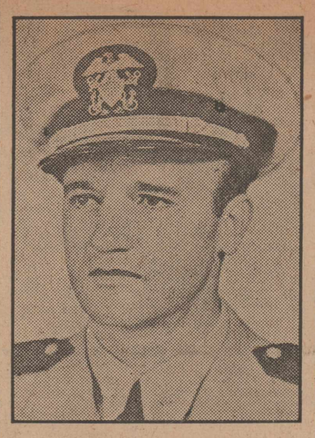
Marine Corps Calls For Men

Thirty 17-year-old young men are needed as volunteers in the Marine Corps. Youths will be enlisted now and called to duty in March 1945. Such applicants are assured of the branch of service they desire and do not have to register with their draft boards.

Interested applicants are requested to call or write U. S. Marine Corps, 217 P. O. Bldg., Lubbock, Texas. Application blanks and literature will be sent at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Blassingame of Duke, Oklahoma were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Puryear. Miss Louise Madden, also of Duke, made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Blassingame and visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Graham.

V. P. Robertson and daughters, Miss Dorothy Robertson and Miss June Ann Robertson, spent the day in Perryton Sunday visiting with J. P. Robertson and family. Miss Dorothy Robertson also attended to business while she was there.





IN THE GROOVE

Things happen fast, once a flyer gets in the groove: Comdr. David McCampbell, top, of Los Angeles is the gent who shot down nine Jap fighters in an hour and 35 minutes in Philippines fighting, bringing his total to 30. Lt. Sheldon K. Anderson, lower, of Kenosha, Wis., got five German planes in five minutes while escorting bombers to Vienna—his first kills!

Mrs. O. L. Judd and children, Janet and Reggie Lee, returned to Wellington Tuesday after visiting Pvt. O. L. Judd of Fort Riley, Kansas for the past two months. Pvt. Judd accompanied them as far as Oklahoma City.

Miss Jerry Graham and Miss Claudine Melton went to Wichita Falls this week end. On Saturday night they attended the annual Christmas party of the United Gas Company. Also attending the party were former Wellington residents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boston.

President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth April 14, 1865. The first attempt on President Lincoln's life occurred while he was enroute to Washington in 1861.

John Alden and Priscilla Mullins had eleven children. It is estimated that they now have three million descendants in the United States.

Former Resident Conducts Services At Dodson Church

Rev. Tommy Austin of O'Donnell, who was reared here, conducted services at the Dodson Baptist Church Sunday, December 17, preaching at both the morning and evening hours.

Rev. Austin, since he was ordained into the ministry, has served as pastor at O'Donnell.

He was accompanied here by Mrs. Austin and their small daughter, Sandra Loyse. Rev. Austin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Austin of Wellington.

Miss Betty Langley, employee of the Eighth Service Command at Dallas, arrived this week to spend ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Langley.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Any man or woman with energy enough to hold a job has opportunity to make up to $75 a week as a Watkins Dealer in Wellington. If you want an excellent income now and post war security, write The J. R. Watkins Company, 72-80 W. Iowa, Memphis, Tennessee. 22-24-c

FOR SALE: '40 Model two-door Chevrolet Sedan. O. K. Tire Shop. 23-3c

FOR SALE: Two tractors. Also 635 acres of land for rent. See Thad Roberts. 23-2p

FOR SALE: 1940 Ford Tractor and equipment. One mile south and one mile east of Lutie. Elton Gully. 24-2p

PLEASE RETURN my Brown Johnson Electric Waxer. O. B. Raburn. 24-1c

FOR RENT: Bedroom. Couple or two girls. Mrs. L. J. Campbell. 1207 Amarillo St. 24-tfc

LOST: Samnorwood Class ring. Initials G M inside. Notify Betty Curry. 24-1p

STRAYED: From my place last Thursday night, bay horse, 1050 pounds, seven years old, white saddle mark on right withers. J. E. Thompson, call 316M. 24-1p

WANTED: Combines for custom cutting 600 acres of maize. See Will P. Jones, Cee Vee, Texas. 24-1c

HAVE SOME OIL Cook stoves, gas stoves, bedsteads, divan, library table. Highest cash prices for used furniture, sewing machines. Few pecans left, 35c lb. 711 West Ave. 24-1p

FOR SALE: Genuine red fox, full length, fur coat. Practically new. In perfect condition. Reasonable price. Call 265 R. Mrs. D. C. Gallup, 2009 E. Ave. 24-2c

FOR SALE: Late model 6 ft. Case Combine, engine drive. L. F. Cox, Loco, Texas. 24-3p

FOR SALE: Carbide light plant in excellent condition with pipe, tank and fixtures for 8 rooms. Reason for selling, on REA line. See Earl Harrison, 1 mile N. of Arlie. 24-1p

Used Passenger Car Tires Are Taken Off Rationed List

Because of their poor quality and spotty distribution, the few used passenger car tires still in the hands of tire dealers have been removed from rationing, the District Office of Price Administration has announced.

Because rationing of the few tires has become an unnecessary burden on local boards and because most of the used tires still available need repairs and recaps to make them serviceable, the decision was taken to remove them from ration controls.

Used truck tires will continue under rationing, however, officials emphasized.

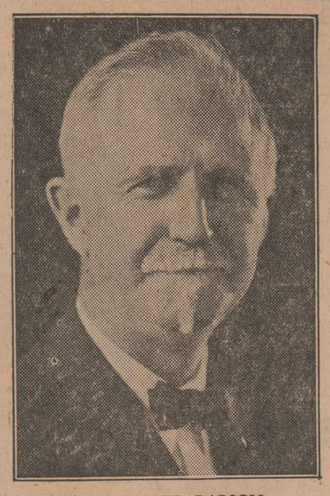
All tires, both new and used, are under price control, it was pointed out. Purchasers should check to see that dealers have the maximum prices of tires posted and note the ceiling price of any tires they intend to buy.

In removing used passenger tires from rationing, OPA also changed the definition of Grade I tires to include factory seconds and tires made of reclaimed rubber. Both of these types, as well as new and undamaged synthetic rubber tires will continue under rationing.

For Results, use the Want Ads.

WANTED: Clean cotton rags. No overalls or knit underwear. Wellington Leader. 22-tfc





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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 . . .

LOYD'S CAFE
We Will Be Closed
Dec. 24th and 25th



WE THANK YOU

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.

Cochran Drug Store

THE SPIRIT OF AN *American* Christmas



* The spirit of an American Christmas will prevail throughout the land in this year of 1944. This is how it should be, for the spirit of Christmas must live if we are to enjoy the privileges of our freedom. Let us pay tribute this Christmas to our armed forces, who are valiantly fighting for freedom, and pray that before another Yuletide we will again have . . . PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

UNITED GAS CORPORATION

Deck's DIDACTICS

—By Deskins Wells

Some people have a habit of saying if I had more time and more money I would like to do something for others, but the kind deeds are often done in fact by those who are busy and who have no great amount of money. So at this Christmas season, I want to tell you a little about G. W. Redford as told to The Leader by Bonnie Willis, principal of East Ward.

Mr. Redford is the janitor of the school; but he is also Santa Claus to all the children every day of the year. He gives them presents at Christmas, Easter and on Valentine day. However, his main claim to the affection the children feel for him comes from his many little acts during the day. He gives first aid to their bruises and skinned places. He sews on buttons, repairs shoes and fixes their baseballs and footballs. When he finds a broken toy he mends it and when he finds a lost one he knows the students well enough that he puts it back in the desk of its owner. All of these are little tasks; but they are big things to the little folks and they indicate a big heart in a man who deserves the thanks of every parent who has a child in East Ward.

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And here is a word for Potts Fulton, who besides his many other duties, has been taking care of an aged neighbor whose children do not live here.

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Many people have been commenting on the eclipse of Venus that occurred Monday evening. It was a scene of great beauty. Coming at the Christmas season some said that it was a sign from heaven. Others, remembering that Venus represents beauty and growth in nature, had the thought that it was hidden by the cold moon only to reappear in greater beauty and with more promise.

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Venus is the one we call the evening star. At times it approaches nearer to the earth than any other star. Some astronomers believe that Venus always presents the same face to the sun just as the moon always presents the same face to the earth. It is the brightest star we see in the evening sky.

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Here is more information in the Christmas spirit: Bura Handley paid a visit to Fatty Watkins, who has been ill. Fatty said: "By God, I want to give something to the youth center. Can you carry this $100 down there for me." Some people may object to printing these exact words; but to anyone who knows the English language and who knows a little about Christianity, this is not—distinctly not—taking the name of the Lord in vain. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren; ye have done it unto me."

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Curtis Cook of the Wichita Falls Record-News, who has been a Rocket fan all season, recently printed the following in his column:

PROUD

A Wellington fan, after Wellington had lost to Phillips, said, "I haven't been so proud of the Wellington boys all season as I am this afternoon." The fan said this to W. L. Underwood, Record News staff writer who attended the game.

There was plenty of reason for the fan's pride. In spite of severe handicaps, the Skyrockets covered themselves with glory—even in defeat.

Ernest Kendrick, star Rocket back, became ill after attending the Amarillo-Wichita Falls game and his illness continued throughout the week. He was leading scorer of North Texas. James Winters, Rocket guard, shifted from guard to back and did a wonderful job both on defense and passing.

Disaster struck the second time. I. D. Russell, another top-notch back for the Rockets raced 82 yards to score in the second period. On the next play he hurt his knee and was forced out of the game.

Outweighed and outmanned, the Skyrocket kids maintained a heroic morale and came back in the fourth period to score in spite of heavy odds. That's worthwhile.

* * *

Elmore Dodson came by Tuesday to extend the season's greetings. This reminds all of us that we would like to express our own best wishes to all of the old settlers of this community who did so much for this community in the days of the long ago which now seems so far away. We add our congratulations to those who still are doing a worthwhile work in behalf of this land they love. To mention a few all the young people and the semi-young people down here at the Leader office send greetings to S. W. Norwood, Mrs. J. M. Strong, J. A. Mahan, C. W. Roberts, John Christoph, Mrs. M. A. Mabry, Mrs. W. O. Richards, D. D. McDowell and L. T. Alexander, as well as to all of their kind, and to the children and grandchildren of all the people who had forebears of this sort.

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But above all do all of us here on the Leader want to extend our best wishes to the sons and daughters of Collingsworth who are in service and to their parents, children, sisters and wives who work and wait at home. In this spirit we say: "May God bless you all."

Lack of proper care and handling of cream during production is the cause of low quality cream, in many cases, dairy specialists believe.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I'm a little girl three and one-half years old. I've tried to be a good little girl the last few days so you would come to see me. I want a doll with real hair, table and chairs, dishes and some little knives and forks. Also some candy and fruit.

See you Christmas,
Carolyn Keller.

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy twenty months old. Mother says I'm good when I'm asleep, so I want you to come to see me. Please bring me a ball, a little truck, a chair and a stick horse so I can quit ruining Mother's broom. Don't forget my uncle, Sgt. Elmer Carter in New Guinea.

Your little friend,
Elmer Harold Keller.

Quail, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a blackboard and chalk, wagon and tooth brush. Also lots of candy and nuts. I will put a glass of milk and some cake on the table for you. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Jimmy Dale Peters.

Quail, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 2 years old. I hope I haven't been too bad this year. Please bring me a doll, toothbrush and a stick horse, also some candy and fruit.

Don't forget my Daddy, who is somewhere in France.

Thank you,
Anita Yvonne Moody.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 11 years old. I would like a bicycle. But I can't find one so I would like a gun. Don't forget my brothers and sisters and also the boys overseas.

Your friend,
James Holloway.

Dear Santa,

We are a little girl 4 years old and a little boy 1 1-2 years old.

Please bring us a doll and doll bed also a horse and a dog.

Santa, please don't forget my four uncles and all my cousins in the service of our country. Also remember all the little children, especially those whose Daddies are not with them.

Leave our things at Will and Catherine's house.

With lots of love,
Harriet Maria Lowry and
James Joel Lowry.

Dumont, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade.

I would like for you to bring me a doll with some clothes, a doll bed and a Dr. set. If you don't have the things I asked for just bring me anything you have to play with.

Please bring me candy, fruit and nuts.

Remember all the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend,
Sharon Sue Rankin.
Star Rt., Hale Center

Mrs. Cecil Elbert and three children who have been living in Memphis have recently moved to Wellington to make their home. Mr. Elbert is in Alaska as a civilian instructor for the Operating Engineers. Mrs. Cecil Elbert and Mrs. Harold Elbert and their children are making their home here together.

WE SAY

Merry Christmas



. . . and mean it, even in these turbulent times.

We hope the Season strengthens your Courage and renews your Faith in a Better Day.

C. B. ANDERSON

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

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.

Piggly Wiggly



ELECTRIC FENCER

What finer present could you make?
—A *LASTING* GIFT that will save "him" many hours of hard labor, time and money through the years to come.
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HERE NOW FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.

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Christmas FOOD Specials

Steve Owens is pledged to keep prices at ceiling or below—every day.

FRUIT CAKES, 1-lb can	$1.10
PURE CANE SYRUP, Gallon	79¢
PEANUT BUTTER, Quart jar	39¢
SALAD DRESSING, Best Yett, quart	33¢
TOMATO JUICE, 46-oz. can	23¢
Sno-White SHORTENING, 4-lb carton	69¢
PURE HONEY, 1-2 gallon	$1.19
BEAUTY SOAP, Sally May, 4 cakes	19¢
HI-HO CRACKERS, Package	23¢
PUMPKIN, 2 1-2 size can	15¢

COFFEE — FOLGER'S 1-Lb. Jar— 29c

POTATOES — RED, Good Quality, 10 LBS.— 31c

PECANS — Paper Shell, 1-Lb. Cello Bag 39c

FLOUR — ACME, 25-Lb. Sack $1.15

CHOICE MEATS
AT CEILING OR BELOW CEILING PRICES

LOIN STEAK, Nice and tender, lb	33¢
PORK STEAK, Lb.	33¢
BLOCK CHILI, Lb.	29¢
NU-MAID OLEO, Lb.	23¢
SPANISH LOAF, Lb.	25¢

FRESH VEGETABLES
WE OFTEN SELL BELOW CEILING —NEVER ABOVE

SWEET POTATOES, Lb.	6¢
CELERY, Large stalk	15¢
TEXAS ORANGES, Lb.	8¢
APPLES, No. 1 Roman Beauty, lb	10¢
FILBERTS, 1-lb bag	49¢

FOR CREAM, EGGS AND POULTRY — SEE STEVE OWENS

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Society News



Christmas Evenings

Your first evening dress is an event of major importance for the entire family. Shown above is a pale blue, pink or white marquisette shirred shoulders and bodice, loops of shiny banding on the full skirt.

Personal

Mrs. M. P. Watkins and Miss Bess Royal were business visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Anders of McLean, Mrs. Alvin Fuqua and seven months old daughter of Amarillo were recent visitors in Wellington with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant.

Mrs. Buster Hughs, Mrs. Sid Hughs, Mrs. Harold Drummond, Mrs. Peck White and Mrs. Tom Bryant spent the day in Wichita Falls last Tuesday.

Miss Mae Wes Bell returned to Borger after spending the week end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bell. Miss Bell will come back to Wellington this week end to spend the Christmas holiday. Her sister, Miss Bula Bess Bell, of Abilene, will also be here for the holidays.

Mrs. Howard Frost and infant daughter, Pam, arrived in Wellington Sunday afternoon from Vernon to spend Christmas with her sisters, Miss Bonnie Willis and Miss Bessie Jean Willis and her brother, Mac Willis.

Mrs. Claude McMillian returned to her home in Allison Sunday after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Parsons Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Driskill of Paducah spent Sunday with Mr. Driskill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Driskill. The Ted Driskills have just recently returned to Texas from Illinois.

Mrs. Arthur Ellis and daughter, Jerry Ann, of Wichita Falls returned home Monday after visiting with Mrs. Ellis' mother, Mrs. B. P. Clark. Also a guest in the Clark home last week was Lt. Robert E. Wilkenson of Barksdale Field, La. Lt. Wilkenson visited with his wife and infant twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wilkins of Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. Cush Hunter of Childress went to Paducah Friday to attend the funeral services of Mr. June Watts, cousin of Mr. Wilkins and Mrs. Hunter. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and son, Foster Ray, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins.

L. Lawrence, who recently moved from Loco to Wellington, is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shaw of Amarillo and daughter Billie Ruth spent the week end near Aberdeen visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Fletcher and also tended to business.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Doc Barjenbruch are spending the Christmas holidays in Wellington visiting with Mrs. Hutcherson, Mrs. Barjenbruch's mother and Sgt. Barjenbruch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barjenbruch.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myrett Henry were Mr. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Henry of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King of Clarendon. Mrs. King is Mr. Henry's sister.

Christmas Party Entertains Quail Teachers At Homemaking Cottage

Monday night of this week the Quail School teachers were entertained with a Christmas party in the Homemaking cottage by Mrs. Lewis Morris, Miss Ruth Aaron and Miss Christine Cooper.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the colorful decorations and gift laden tree. Following the progressive games of 42, the guests each received a gift from the tree. High score prizes in the games went to Mrs. M. C. DeBord for women and to Lewis Morris for men.

Refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. and Mmes. M. C. Risinger, M. C. DeBord, J. E. Barnett, J. B. Patteson, Miss Mary I. Hanvey, Rev. and Mrs. Guy Killian, Miss Margaret McElreath, Miss Naomi Neeley, Mrs. George Graham, Miss Addierene Clay, Ralph Bradley, Lewis Morris and hostesses.

Nazarene Missionary Society Meets In Scarberry Home

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Nazarene Church met in the Scarberry home on Tuesday evening, December 12. A beautiful Christmas tree decorated the room and held gifts for the guests. Gifts were also placed on the tree for the Rest Cottage at Pilot Point, Texas.

After an interesting lesson and discussion, Christmas gifts were distributed, and refreshments served to the following: Mrs. Odell Brown, Mrs. Earl Gibbs, Drucilla Gibbs, Mrs. Herman Fales, Sharon and Patricia; Mrs. Gregg, Mrs. Rodell Byers, Mrs. Milbern Gibbs and Sherrie; Mrs. Lee Scarberry and Reba.

Misses Lovella Trimble, Pauline Emmert, Dona Bishop, Beulah Byers, Juanita Gregg and the hostess, Vivian, Ruby and Peggy Scarberry.

Royal Service Program For W.M.U. On New Year's Day

Monday afternoon Circle No. 2 of the Baptist W. M. U. met at the church for a Bible lesson under the direction of their pastor, Rev. H. H. Kinkeade.

There will not be a regular meeting on Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, but on New Year's Day the four W. M. U. circles will meet for their Royal Service program.

Attending the meeting on Monday of this week were Mmes. Lee Fortenberry, R. L. Porter, Harley Kern, T. D. Goad, Cicero Gulley, L. V. Moore, W. M. Tucker, D. L. Worley, O. L. Couch, T. W. Moore, J. C. Whisenant, Logan Cummings, Griff Finley, Jesse Cook, H. H. Kinkeade, Bura Handley, L. A. Moore and Rev. Kinkeade.

Dinner Party For S.S. Class In Fortenberry Home

Among the Sunday School classes of the Baptist Church to observe the holiday season with a party was the Business and Professional Women's Class. Mrs. Lee Fortenberry, teacher, was hostess Sunday evening at a buffet dinner.

The traditional Christmas menu was served to twelve guests, with each of the members contributing a covered dish. Holiday decorations and a tree laden with gifts added to the festive occasion. The class later attended evening church services.

The guests arrived at 5:30 o'clock and spent a social hour singing Christmas carols. Those attending were Misses Bonnie Willis, Delia Cowan, Inez and Mable Clement, Larlu and Merle Hays, Dora E. McClaskey; Mmes. Irma Garner, Doc Barjenbruch of Dalhart; Lester Benge, Ruth Barton and hostess.

Christmas Program For Parent-Teacher Meeting Thursday

Students of the second grade rooms of East Ward School presented a Christmas program for the December meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association on Wednesday, December 13. The two groups under the direction of Mrs. Cecil Leggitt and Miss Bonnie Jean Willis gave a program of readings, songs and stories.

Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Ernest Harwell who spoke on the advantages of the serums which the PTA will give to the children after the holidays.

During the business meeting plans were made to clean the rest rooms at the school building. The health committee will have charge of this work.

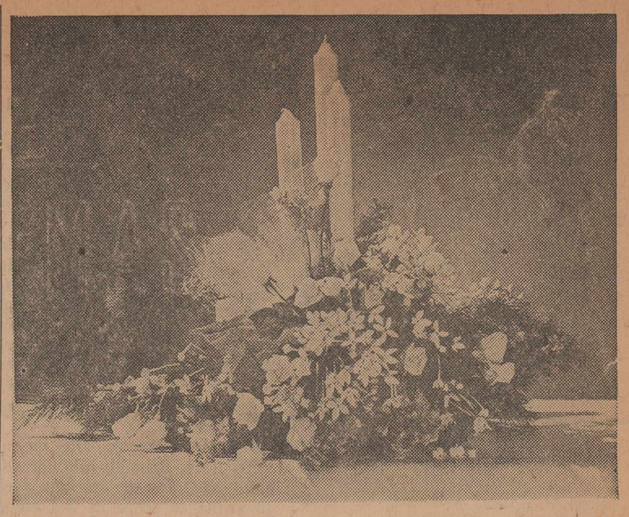
"This Little Pig Stayed Home" Reviewed For 1924 Study Club

Mrs. Tom Campbell was hostess last Thursday afternoon when the members of the 1924 Study Club met for their monthly meeting and Christmas party. Mrs. W. O. Richards and Mrs. Kelly Pigg were co-hostesses.

"This Little Pig Stayed at Home" by Willie Snow Ethridge, wife of the publisher of the Louisville, Kentucky, Courier-Journal, was reviewed by Miss Katherine Boverie. The story written at the beginning of the United States entry into the war tells the humorous incidents which happen in an average American household. Rationing, servant problems and victory gardening each present their share of difficulties for the writer.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. J. B. Castleberry, Dewey Ellis, W. O. Richards, Chester Fires, Lester Benge, Deskins Wells, Morris Wells, Frank Anderson, Annie Wall, Miss Boverie, Jon Anne Vaughan and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cayton of Amarillo were in Wellington Saturday for a short visit. Mrs. J. W. Payne, Mrs. Cayton's mother, returned to Amarillo with them for a visit.



Bridal Breakfast Piece

"December Bride" is a decoration for the bridal breakfast table, that combines all the delicate loveliness of a bridal piece with the pine boughs of the Christmas season. Bouvardia, white roses and delphinium are showered over a base of pine.

Curtains, Stools Decorate Club House For Girl Scouts

Girls of Scout Troop No. 4 met last Wednesday afternoon to sew and cover stools for their club house which is located at the home of the leader, Mrs. Bill Tarter. The club house turned over to the girls by Mr. and Mrs. Tarter has been newly painted and papered and now the girls are making curtains and covering nail kegs for stools.

This week the girls held their Christmas party in the club house. They exchanged gifts and served refreshments which included cookies baked by the girls.

Mrs. J. W. Killingsworth, former leader of the troop, has resigned and Mrs. Bill Tarter has taken the leadership.

Attending were Mona Jean Tarter, Barbara Wells, Betty Ann Wright, Janette Finley, Joyce Rapp, Margaret Price, and Joyce Lowe.

S-Sgt. Joseph Thomas Home After 32 Months In India

S-Sgt. Joseph G. Thomas, who returned recently after 32 months in India, was honor guest at a celebration in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas, on Sunday, December 9.

Sgt. Thomas is at home on his first furlough since entering the service three years and two months ago. He spent a happy two weeks with his parents and relatives before leaving for Little Rock, Ark., where he visited his brother, Pvt. Paul Thomas who is stationed near Little Rock.

Those attending the dinner at the Thomas home were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hefner of Plainview; Mrs. Anna Munn of Denison; Mrs. Dena Thomas and Miss Chesnut Thomas of Mobeetie; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hefner and family of Plainview; A. J. Ashton of Abernethy; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Zook Thomas and family; W. D. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grigsby, honor guest, and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas.

ACCOUNTS

Collingsworth Hospital Accounts have been left with C. B. Anderson and Luther Gribble, Wellington, where settlement may be made. Please call and take up your account, and I will sincerely appreciate it.

Mrs. Ella George



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PARSONS DRUG

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a bracelet, a locket, a nurses' kit, and a book satchel.
Love,
Marsha Thompson.

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of overshoes and other things. I've been learning to write at school. I'm six years old.
Love,
Ronald Taylor.

Dear Santa,
I want a manicure set, conway set, a ring, sweetheart bracelet, a bead set, a song book of Jesus songs, some pearls, some nuts, fruit, candy, and a tooth brush.
Your friend,
Shirley Gleaves.

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old. I would like for you to send me a book about Heidi, some paper dolls with boys and girls and a pair of houseshoes. Also some nuts, fruit and some candy. That is all I want for this Christmas.
Your little friend,
Loretta Barnett.

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I would like for you to bring me a sweetheart bracelet, a housecoat and also a pair of houseshoes. I have been a good little girl. Well bye 'til next Christmas.
Love,
La Verne Purkey.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I am living in Wellington now. I hope you can find me. There isn't much I want this Xmas. I want a little stick horse, fire truck, an army truck. You see, Santa, I was only 6 years old last week and I don't need too many toys for Xmas. And you can give some apples, nuts and candy.
Please don't forget my brother-in-law Ted who is in France.
Another little boy,
Jerry Paul Cook.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I like to go to school. I have tried to be a good little girl. So please bring me a doll, a purse and fruit and candy. And don't forget my little cousin, Garry Don West. Bring him something nice for he has been a good little boy.
Your friend,
Peggy Sue Lamb.

Dear Santa,
I want a ring, a set of dishes, a doll and a doll bed too. I have been a good little girl. Come to see me Christmas.
Your friend,
Betty Jo Laycock.

Dear Santa,
I want an ironing board, a yo yo, a building set and a doll. I can hardly wait for you to come. I will be glad to see you and your reindeers and your sled.
Your friend,
Mary Louise Slaton.

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a baby doll.
Please bring all little boys and girls something. Could you please let the war be over.
Love,
June Bartlett.

Memphis, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good part of the time. Please bring me a doll. I would like to have one with hair. Also I really need a locket.
Santa did you know that we have a little brother. He is Don Carl. Don't forget him or any of my little cousins.
Thank you with love from
Annita Lois Amerson.

Memphis, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. For Xmas I want a doll and a locket if that is not too much. Please remember as many of the little boys and girls as possible. Thank you.
Juanita Joyce Amerson.

Quail, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old. Will you please bring me a pretty doll, a set of little dishes, a little Pyrex cooking set and a ring. Oh yes and if you have a extra cradle bring me one for my doll and please Santa don't forget my little baby brother.
Betty Lou Gollihugh.

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, cat, rabbit, squirrel, puppy, pony, pet crow, car and a train.
Love,
Sonny Reynolds.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl two years old. I have been a nice little girl. For Christmas I would like to have a little table with two chairs and a rocking horse, also lots of candy, nuts and fruit.
I have a little brother only three months old. Please bring him a jumper.
Don't forget my Daddy who is in the army and also my Mother.
Your little friend,
Janet Judd.

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a little train, a gun, farm set, bow and arrow set, a jeep, a truck or anything of the kind you have, such as an airplane and a ship. I'd like some candy, nuts and fruit too, please. Your little friend,
Clyde Powell,
Route 5.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have lots of toys. If you have guns I want one for Christmas. Also a little bus and a bow and arrow.
Love,
Ralph R. Robinson.

Dear Santa,
I want a wagon.
Love,
Kenneth Ogle.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a little red wagon, a truck and trailer and a train. I have been a pretty good boy.
Evon Gollihugh.

Dear Santa,
I guess I know what I want for Christmas. I want an airplane, baseball and a comic book. Well, I hope you make it here.
Your friend,
Billy King.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Mother says I haven't been very bad.
Santa, I know you are going to have your hands full this year but maybe you will not forget my little sister, Geneva and I.
I would like for you to bring me a doll, some dishes, a broom, mop and some new crayons.
Bring Geneva a teddy bear, a doll and any toys you think she would enjoy. Don't forget the candy and nuts.
Santa, last Xmas I had two uncles in the army. This year I have five. They are all good boys so be nice to them and all the other soldiers.
Your little friends,
Melba Lee and Geneva Ruth Winegeart.

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and in the eighth grade. I wish you would send me a locket for Christmas and put fruits and nuts in my stocking. I have been a good little girl.
Yours truly,
Glenda Laycock.

Dear Santa,
I want a car.
Love,
Jackie Tanner.

Grand Prairie, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a good little girl seven years of age. My home has always been in and around Wellington, but I live at Grand Prairie now. But you will find me Xmas Eve night close to Wellington at my Grandfather and Mother Needhams.
I want you to bring me a doll trunk or suit case, doll clothes, galoshes, house shoes, baton, books, candy and nuts.
And Santa please don't forget the little boys and girls that have Daddies away in the armed forces and bring all of them some toys and other things. So bye.
Hoping you find me,
Ledawn Ogletree.

Dear Santa,
I want a baseball, fruit, nuts and candy for Christmas.
Your friend,
John King.

Dear Santa,
I want a necklace for Christmas and some nuts and candy and fruit. I hope you come to our school this year. We will all be glad to see you.
Your friend,
Vashti King.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl and I go to school at Lone Mound. I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes and a doll too. I have been a good little girl. Goodbye, come to see me soon.
Sincerely yours,
Geneva A. Sublett.

Clarendon, Texas
Box 639
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl almost two years old. I have been a good little girl this year so you will come to see me. I would be glad to have a pretty doll and most anything else you happen to have for little girls.
I have a little brother 7 months old and I want you to be sure and not forget him. He would enjoy playing with a soft teddy bear and little blocks that turn. We both sure do love to eat candy and fruits, so please leave us some.
Lots of love,
Sharon Elaine and
Raymond Glenn Roy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy almost three years old. Please bring me two little trucks and a little train.
Santa I have a little sister 15 months old. Please don't forget to bring her a Panda, a tea set and please bring us both some candy, nuts and fruit.
Santa, please remember all the other little boys and girls and our soldiers.
Your little friends,
Hershel Wayne and
Carol Beth Lawson.

Memphis, Texas
Dear Santa,
This is my first Xmas. I am just five months old. For Xmas I need a high chair and a baby pen. Please bring me some candy and cookies as I am learning to like them pretty good.
Thank you,
Don Carl Amerson.


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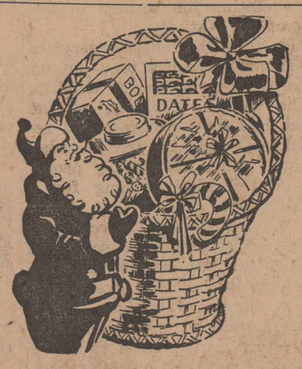
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Funeral Services For Ed Julian Held Wednesday

Funeral services for H. Ed Julian, 76, were conducted at the Assembly of God in Wellington last Wednesday afternoon, December 13, with Rev. Ethel Musick in charge. Mr. Julian, an abstractor and real estate dealer here for 30 years, died Monday night, December 11, after a long illness.

Pall bearers for the service were Joe Thompson, Frank Moore, Clyde Martin, Paul Browning, Rufus Hayes and Floyd Killough. Flower bearers were Florence Tingle, Billy Jo Estman, Evelyn Sutton and Louise McNeil.

Hymns included "Farther Along," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "The Sweet Bye and Bye." Burial was in the Wellington cemetery with the Ellis Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Julian was born March 10, 1868, in Missouri and at the time of his death he was 76 years and 9 months of age. He grew up in Missouri and as a young man lived for a time in Kiowa, Kansas. He then came to Oklahoma, then the Indian Territory, and settled at Lawton, at the time that section was being settled. He served as recorder of deeds for the territory and there entered the real estate and abstract business.

Thirty years ago he came to Wellington and continued in this work until ill health forced him to retire several months ago.

Mr. Julian was a member of the Assembly of God. He became a member of the church in 1927 during a revival conducted by Rev. Musick, who was in charge of the funeral rites. He often recalled proudly that he furnished the lots for this revival and that a few months later he helped to secure the lots where the church was built.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beulah Julian of Wellington, and two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Cantwell of Fort Worth and Mrs. Margaret Adams of Glendale, California. Three grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

Rockets Lose -

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injured. Failing to gain the Rockets punted and the Blackhawks gained possession of the ball on the Wellington 40. yard line.

Glen Hopper and Eldridge began toting the leather for the Blackhawks and rolled to the nine. Then Jack Delametter heaved a toss to J. C. McClellan for the touchdown. Williams kicked the extra point.

The scoreboard read 7 to 7 at half time.

Near the end of the third quarter, Phillips took a punt on the Rocket 47-yard line. Another pass from Delametter to McClellan set the ball on the Wellington 19. A shovel pass by the Blackhawks advanced the pigskin to the 10. And from there, Hopper, who ran wild in the bi-district tilt against Hereford last week, plunged over left tackle for the necessary yardage. Williams' try for point was missed.

Early in the fourth period, Phillips pushed across their last six-pointer. White intercepted a Rocket aerial on Wellington's 45-yard stripe to set up the tally. From that point, Delametter shot a pass to Eldridge on the 20 and on the next play, Eldridge carried to the five. McClellan received another pitch from Delametter for the touchdown. Williams again missed the conversion, leaving the score 19 to 7.

Trailing by 12 points and minus their two best running backs, the Rockets rose to new heights on offense in the closing minutes of the game. Starting with the ball on their own 15, Wellington tried one running play which advanced the ball to the 20. Winters threw a pass to Tim Hatch who made a remarkable catch on his own 45 while surrounded by Phillips backs. Another pass from Winters to Hatch put the ball on the Blackhawks 35 yard line. And a third went to this same back on the one yard line which was ruled completed because of pass interference. Hatch rammed the line for the second Wellington touchdown and then Winters tossed a pass to Harrison to make the score 19 to 14.

For the visitors Eldridge and Hopper were the outstanding backs in ground gaining while Delametters passes to Harrison featured their aerial game, none of which were completed on Dan Austin's side of the field. Burris, who played at guard, was the outstanding man of a very powerful and heavy line; but there was little to choose between any of the able linesmen.

Wellington's crippled Russell was outstanding on both offense and defense as long as he was in the game. But with him once out of the game the entire Wellington team rose to new heights. Again Burns turned in a game such as he has played all season and which has made him an all-district tackle; but the entire group were playing in a most commendable fashion. Copeland at guard turned in his best performance of the season. The work of Ted O'Neil and Edward Harrison can be evaluated with one statement of fact — in spite of their 17 first downs Phillips made no gains around either end. Again Quince Fulton showed that he has earned the right to be all-district center. But the spirit of the Wellington team was such that there was not too great a difference between the work of these men who have been outstanding all season and the other linesmen such as Raburn, Orr and Nelson.

And the same may be said for James Winters, Bennie Moore, Tim Hatch and Dan Austin. Winters, who may be back next year showed that he can rise to the occasion, and Tim Hatch proved to be a power on offense and defense after Russell left the game. Visiting sport writers said that these same boys behind the good Wellington line could have won the game if Phillips had suffered backfield losses such as Wellington suffered. What they meant was that if Hopper and Eldridge had been out just as were Russell and Kendrick, there could have been a different tale to tell.

Statistics for the game follow:

Wellington made 6 first downs and Phillips 17. Phillips attempted 10 passes and completed 5 for 68 yards. Wellington attempted 6 passes and completed 4 for 75 yards. Wellington had one pass intercepted and one incomplete.

Penalties—Wellington 1 for 5 yards; Phillips, 3 for 35 yards.

Punts—Phillips 5 times for an average of 32 yards; Wellington 8 times for an average 30 yards.

Fumbles—Wellington 1, Phillips 4.

Churches Observe

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Dallas supported by Christian Churches of Texas.

The program included Christmas hymns sung by Phyllis and Barbara Leggitt and a reading by Rosemary Strong.

Rev. W. E. Mathews, pastor, was in charge of the service.

First Baptist Church

The traditional Christmas service of the First Baptist Church will be held at the evening hour Sunday. Young people of the church will sing Christmas carols and Rev. Henry H. Kinkeade, pastor, will give the Christmas sermon.

Assembly of God

Services at the Assembly of God Sunday will follow the Christmas theme, with the pastor, Rev. A. A. Daly, relating his sermon to the story of the Nativity.

Aside from the religious services a Christmas tree has been put up in the pastor's home for children of the church. Children of the church had their program and received gifts from the tree Tuesday evening, while the young people will meet Friday evening for a similar event.

Central Baptist Church

Regular services are scheduled for Central Baptist Church Sunday, with Rev. J. R. Lawson, pastor, in charge. Preceding this, a program will be given Thursday night, with Santa Claus distributing gifts from the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Bow Mooney are visiting with relatives and friends in Lutie and Wellington. Mr. Mooney is well known as a football coach and professional football player, having been a member of the Chicago Bears.

Who's New In Collingsworth



Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Roy W. White of San Francisco, Calaifornia are the parents of a son, Ronald Weldon, born December 10. The baby weighed seven pounds and four ounces. Sgt. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White of Wellington.

Lieut. and Mrs. Laurence Wells Mitchell Jr. are the parents of a son, Laurence Wells Mitchell III, born December 13 in St. Joseph's Hospital and weighing six pounds and fourteen ounces. Lieut. Mitchell is stationed at Childress Army Air Field.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robinson are the parents of a son, Joel Wayne, born December 2 in St. Joseph's Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and thirteen ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Guest are the parents of an eight pound and ten ounce daughter born in St. Joseph's Hospital December 7.

Peggy Sue, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shanks in St. Joseph's Hospital December 12. She weighed nine pounds.

A son, David Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Calcote in St. Joseph's Hospital December 12. He weighed seven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parrish are the parents of an eight pound and one ounce son, James Arnold, born in St. Joseph's Hospital December 13.

Rita Ann, a seven pound daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Thompson in St. Joseph's Hospital December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Owens are the parents of a daughter, Mary Frances, born in St. Joseph's Hospital December 15. She weighed nine pounds and four ounces.

Morris Dean, a son weighing seven pounds and four ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson in St. Joseph's Hospital December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sutherland are the parents of a daughter born in St. Joseph's Hospital December 18. She weighed six pounds, twelve and one half ounces.

More Poultry Winners Named

Additional winners in the Wellington poultry show were given this week. These include:

Rhode Island Reds: Cockerels, first and second, Alvis Derryberry, third, Mrs. O. O. Adams; pullets, first and second, Mr. Derryberry.

New Hampshire Reds: cockerel, first, Ernest D. Tate; pullets, first and second, Mr. Tate.

White Cochins: young pen, Mrs. Roy Guthrie.

Madge Child Dies

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Schreiner of Vinson in charge. Pall bearers were L. A. Pence, Edwin Earl Bowen, Orval Schreiner and Marion White. Flower bearers were Jo Ann Newman, Dicky Lyn Newman, Laverne Landreth and Wanda Landreth.

Hymns included "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Boquet," by a quartet, "Near the Cross" and "Shall We Gather at the River." Interment was in the Independence Cemetery with the Kelso Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors are the parents and four brothers, Claude Francis, Homer Lacy, Marion Hughes and Jackie Van Oxford; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Oxford of the Rolla community and W. A. Hughes of Madge.

Memorial Service

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part of his generation. And yet, too, he transcended this life by his very willingness to sacrifice. Sacrifice is the orbit upon which mankind's history and destiny turns—and any man's sacrifice is part of that eternal destiny of man. Such a life need not wonder what happens when the body stops its work—for the door of eternity is already open," Chaplain Dakan said in part.

"Ensign Parker gave his best—and if he could do that I believe he had a faith in life that automatically meant a faith in life eternal."

Miss Rosemary Jones, college student from Atchinson, Kansas, and Charlie Jones, who has been recently promoted to sergeant at Kemper, are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles B. Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Wattam have moved from their former residence on East Ave. and are now living at 1409 Dalhart.

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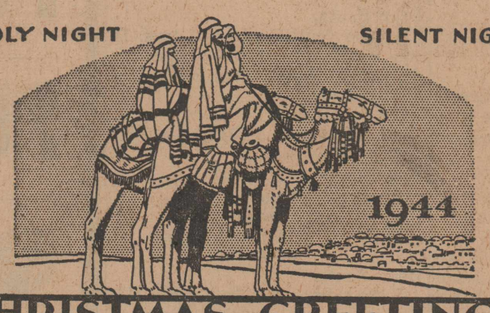
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Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

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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.

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Kiddies Write Santa Claus While Brothers And Fathers Fight

Dear Santa Claus,
Logan Wayne wants a farm set with 36 animals and a jeep and a dart board and a box of crayons with 24 colors.
Annell wants a doll and a doll bed and a lamp and a piano and dishes.
Faye wants a doll and a doll bed and a doll house and broom and two doll dresses and a dresser.
Have you got a horse? If you have bring me one.
Logan Wayne and Bobby
Annell and Faye Lacy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl, 1 1-2 yrs. old so will write you a letter. It is early, but will write to you and tell you what I want for Xmas. I have been a very good girl and help all I can, I want a doll, candy, and fruit. Be sure and go see all other little girls and boys, also I'll be looking for you on Christmas Eve night.
Your little friend,
Charlene Ruth Duncan.
P. S. Santa, be sure to remember all little birls and boys whose father is in Service and bring them something also.

Briscoe, Texas
Dearest Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old and my name is Dorothy Marie Porter. I have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a doll bed for my doll, an ironing board and an iron to iron my doll clothes. Please bring me some candy and nuts. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother that I don't want you to miss.
I love you,
Dorothy Porter.

Briscoe, Texas
Dearest Santa Claus,
I am a boy 7 years old. My name is Freddie Porter. I think I have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a toy farm set, some gloves, a Bible, story book, and a wall blackboard. Please bring me some candy and nuts and don't forget my 3 sisters.
I love you,
Freddie Porter.

Briscoe, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 2 years old. My name is Edith Myrlene Porter. I think I have been pretty good. Please bring me a doll with clothes, a set of dishes, house shoes size 6, and a little doll buggy to fit my doll. And please bring some candy and nuts, and don't forget my 2 sisters and 1 brother.
I love you,
Myrlene Porter.

Briscoe, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 11 years old. My name is Mellie Lawanda Porter. I have been pretty good. I wash dishes and sweep the floor and help with other things for Mother. I am in the 6th grade. I want you to bring me a desk, a dresser set, a Bible story book, and a sewing set, and plenty of candy and nuts. Don't forget my 2 sisters and 1 brother.
I love you,
Lawanda Porter.
P. S. If you can't spare the desk that will be all right.

Dear Santa Clause,
I didn't get a big doll last Xmas so please if you have one with red hair bring it to me.
I may not be at home but you can leave it for me. I will be in California with Grandmother.
You can leave me a doll house too, and candy and nuts.
Don't forget Granny and Grandpa at Quail. Also all the boys and girls everywhere.
A little friend,
Darlene Jones.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three years old, and have tried my best to be a good boy. Please bring me a train, a picture book, and anything else you think I need. I guess you can bring my little sister, Mary, a rattler. I don't know of anything else she could use, since she is only two months old.
Lots of love,
Grover Royce Graham.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a boat and a pistol and some candy.
Love,
Sammy Daw.

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little girl 6 years old. For Christmas I want a doll, telephone, house shoes, a lot of candy, fruit and nuts. Please, Santa, don't forget my brother that is in Germany. And don't forget all the rest of the little children.
Love,
Patsy Sue Aaron.



Dozier, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy nine years old. I go to school at Samnorwood. Miss Middlebrooks is my teacher.
For Christmas please bring me a truck and a car, gun, holster, army tank and a sack of candy.
I love you,
Jerry Dean Martindale.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to school at the East Ward School and am in the Second Grade. My teacher's name is Miss Willis.
Santa, I want a gun, an scabbard, and a B-37 airplane, and fire crackers, sparklers. I also want candy, fruits, and nuts. Please, Santa, don't forget my little 5 year old brother and my teacher.
Your friend,
I. D. Payne.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl 3 1-2 years old. I'm hoping you'll come to see me Xmas and bring me a dolly, puppy and some dishes. I stay with my Mammaw and Papaw Mac nearly all time so I may be there. Don't forget all the others and try to bring me some fruit and nuts.
Love,
Zenith Swift.

Wellington, Texas
Route 2
Santa Claus,
North Pole.
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a rocking-horse, a little red tractor that really pops, and a rocking chair.
I have been a very good little boy—'cause you see, Santa, that is what Daddy asked me to be when he went away to the Army. Please remember him and all the other boys in the service of our country. Remember Mother too.
Don't forget the fruit, candy and nuts.
An eager little friend,
Jimmy Don Gilbreth.

Dearest Santa Clause,
I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade.
I have been a good girl so I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a ball, swing set, a doll's bathing set, and lots of candy, nuts and fruit.
I'll be looking for you.
Love,
Neva Raper.

Hollis, Okla.
Route 3
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a machine gun, a tractor, a truck and a farm set. Please bring me lots of candy and nuts.
Don't forget my little brother who is five months old. I am seven years old and in the second grade.
I love you,
Reggie Lewis.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy nearly two years old. Reckon you'll make the rounds this Xmas? I'd like a puppy, a tractor and some farm animals. Also I like apples, oranges and candy. Best of luck, Santa.
Love,
Eddie Z. Hunt.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football and a gun and a dr. kit.
Barton Groves.
Doll and a book for Joline.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Will you please bring me a wagon, little chair, hammer and a story book about "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and anything else you can carry. Please don't forget the candy, nuts and fruit.
Your little pal,
Eddie Carrol Riley.
P. S. Don't forget my little cousin in Oklahoma City and Junction City, Kans.

Dear Santa Clause,
I'm a good boy. I'm eight years old. I go to school in Wellington, Texas at East Ward.
I want you to bring me two guns and a teddy bear, and lots of nuts and candy. Please don't forget my twin sister, May, and Billy Gene and all the other good boys and girls.
Love,
Ray Waner.

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little boy six yrs. old. I want a paint set and a truck. Don't forget Carolyn Diane, she is a little girl almost two yrs. old. She wants a pretty doll. Please bring us some fruit, nuts and candy.
Your Friend,
Carroll Wayne Watts.

Dear Santa Claus:
I, Janelle, am 8 years old and I go to Quail school. I am in the third grade and I really like to go to school. I would like for you to bring me a little table with chairs, a set of dishes, some story books and a little doll.
I, H. C., am 7 years old and I am in the second grade. Santa, please bring me a gun with a scabbard, and story books and a doctor set.
Please don't forget to bring Lloyd Ray and Don a gun with scabbard and also any other toys you might have. We want some candy, nuts and fruits too.
With love,
Janelle and H. C. Langford.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 9 years old. I've been working hard this fall. Will you please bring me a tractor, a bow and arrow, nuts, candy, and fruits. We will be looking for you Xmas Eve.
Your little friend,
Jimmy Langford.

Dumont, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. I try to be good but it is a real hard job some times.
Will you please bring me a crow shooting game, some picture books and if you have one, I would like very much to have a wagon.
My baby brother is a year old. He wants a lumber truck that he can pull and a teddy bear.
We want some candy and fruit too. Remember our Granddaddy and Grandmother Ham and Grandmother Rankin. We love you very much.
Your little friends,
Roy Dale and Gerald Rankin.

Spearman, Texas
I am a little boy 4 years old and I want you to bring me a little airplane and a little truck, candy, nuts and fruit.
I don't want much this year, because it is hard to get things.
Bye, Santa,
Joe Dale Laughter.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 8 years old. I have pulled lots of bolls this fall. I sure wish you would bring me a bicycle, some nuts, and fruit. And do not forget my cousins.
Raymond Daugherty.

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little boy 8 years old and I thought I would let you know what I want for Xmas. I would like to have a gun, a football, a symphonette and a easy to play song flute, and a climbing monkey and would like to have a bicycle if you could find one. Bring me candy, nuts and lots of fruit and please don't forget Mama, Papa and Aunt Maggie, and all other little boys and girls.
I am your little friend.
Warnar Moore.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl ten years old and in the sixth grade.
For Christmas I would like a big rubber ball, a bat, a sewing set, and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.
I have been a good girl and I will be looking for you Christmas eve night.
Love,
June Raper.

Dearest Santa Clause,
I'm a little girl seven years old and in the second grade.
For Christmas I want a doll, some house blocks, and a color book, a box of crayons, and lots of candy, fruit, and nuts.
I have been a good little girl. I'll be expecting you Christmas eve night.
All my love,
Joyce Raper.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a boat and car and pistol and scabbard.
I love you,
Bill Benge.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old. My birthday is April 24. I live 5 miles east of Wellington, north of the Midway school house. I am trying to be a good boy since it is so near Xmas and I surely do want you to come to our house.
Most of all, Santa, I want a truck and a monkey. Please bring some candy, nuts and fruit. My little sister, Sherrie, is also writing you a letter.
I love you,
Clinton Joe Gibbs.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santy,
I am a little girl and have been very good this year. I want a doll and a pair of pearls and all the candy, nuts and fruit you can bring me. Santy, don't forget all my little friends.
Love,
Fae Jones.

Toys Imitate Weapons Of Men In Service

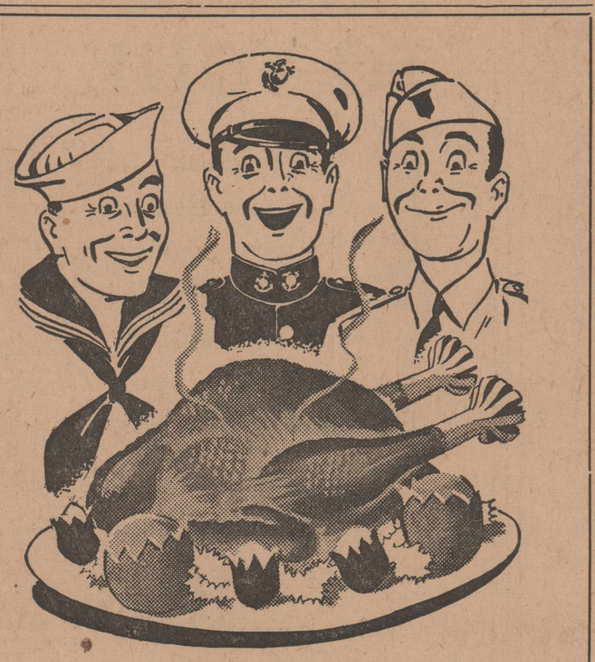
McLean, Texas
Box 475
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy, so would you please bring me a sailor doll like my brother in the Navy and an anti-aircraft gun. One like my brother uses in the Army. Also a four motor bomber, a drum and water colors.
Santa, if you do not have all of these, just bring me what you have.
Jerry Wayne Sanders.

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I am a pretty good girl. I help mother some time clean house.
Santa please bring me a blond headed doll, and a doll bed, and a set of dishes, and Santa don't forget my brother in the service and don't forget my little nieces and nephews and all the little orphans and little crippled children and don't forget Mother and Daddy.
P. S. And bring me some candy, nuts, oranges and apples.
Love,
May Waner.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 14 months old. I have been a very good little girl this year. Will you please bring me a doll, teddy bear, dog, rocking chair and some war stamps to finish my bond? Please bring some candy and fruit too, and be sure that my daddy overseas has a nice Christmas.
Your little friend,
Lois Lee Templeton.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me doll, some candy and gum.
Love you,
Betty Gentry.

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas so I just thought that I would drop you a few lines so you would be sure and not forget me. I want a doll, teddy bear, and some blocks, and don't forget my Daddy, who is in France in the Hospital. See you soon.
Your little friend,
Herman Clyde Childress.



WANTED--A Home To Spend Christmas In!

A lot of boys are being trained for combat duty in our neighboring town. They won't be able to go home Christmas. This is the time of year when they want to be with Mom and Dad; being in your home would help a lot.

For many of them this will be their last Christmas. Do you have room in your heart and home for one during the holidays. If so, call Phone No. 761-W, Childress or Phone No. 16, Wellington collect and tell them when and where to meet you.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the 2nd grade. I like to go to school very much.
For Christmas I want a doll that feels really like skin and looks like a really baby and a 13 piece laundry outfit, and that is all I want for Christmas so you can bring the other little boys and girls something.
Please bring me some candy and nuts and apples.
And please pray for my Uncle Paul to come back that is missing in action.
Mary Nell Birchfield.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old, and I'm in the first grade at Dodson school. I like my teacher fine and all the little boys and girls.
I have tried to be a real good little girl this year.
Please bring me a big dolly with sleepy eyes, and a dress and some shoes for the dolly. Also please bring me some nuts and candy.
Please remember all the other little boys and girls, and don't forget my big brother in the Southwest Pacific.
Hoping to see you Xmas eve night.
Lots of love,
Nellie Ann Warren.

Dear Santa Clause,
We are writing our letter early. But we wanted to be sure you got our letter. I am a little girl. My name is Darlene. Please bring me a doll, some dishes and clothes. I have two little brothers. Bring them a gun, wheelbarrow and teddy bear and some clothes. Remember our older brother and sister. Santa, please don't forget our Uncle Lonnie, he is in the Philippines. Don't forget my Aunties, Uncles and all my little cousins. Please tell our grandmothers to hang up their stockings. We don't want you to forget them, also our Mother and Daddy.
A lot of love,
Darlene, Lester Lee and
Tony Dodd.

Shamrock, Texas
Dozier Route
Dearest Santa,
I am a little girl four years old and have tried to be nice this year. For Xmas I want a doll with real hair, a pair of house slippers, and a paper doll book. Also fruit, nuts and candy. And remember all my little cousins and friends. I hope to see you soon.
With love,
Jannie Martindale.

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you.
Please pistol and scabbard.
Larry Bursell.

Quail, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I have been pulling bolls. I would like to have a little doll and some dishes and a little ring. Please don't forget my four brothers and Mother and Daddy.
Your little friend,
Melba Beth Langley.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school at East Ward. Bessie Jean Willis is my teacher's name. I like her fine. I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy, have taken good care of my toys. Please bring me a football, a tinker toy set, a football cap, a soldier helmet, a doctor set, and a rifle. Plenty of candy, fruit, and nuts. And please Santa, don't forget my twin brothers in the Coast Guard at New Orleans.
Love,
Jimmie Rogers.

Dear Santa,
I am a girl ten years old. I go to school at Lone Mound. And I would like to have a Dr. and Nurse Set, a pair of house shoes, jumping rope. Some candy and nuts too.
I love you,
Joy Martindale.

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you.
Please bring me a pistol.
I love you.
Bobby Don Cotton.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want an army truck, jeep, trailer, a water gun and a cowboy suit with fur on it, and some funny books.
I want some candy, nuts, and apples.
Don't forget my father that is in the Army and don't forget my mother, grandmother, grandfather, aunt and Uncle and all my cousins.
Freddy Joe York.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me a machine gun and a tank for Christmas.
Don Hood.

1429 N. E. 23rd
Okla. City, Okla.
Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little boy three years old and I've moved to Oklahoma City so please stop and leave me some toys.
I want a jeep and airplane and a tank. Please leave me a puppy too.
Also I want plenty of fruit, candy and nuts. I love you, Santa, and I'll be looking for you.
Love,
James Truett Stafford.

Dodson, Texas
Dear Santa,
Remember me this year with a nice doll, a real china set and anything else that you have I will be glad to get it. Remember my Daddy in the Southwest Pacific as well as all other Daddys. This year I live with my Mother and little sister at Dodson.
Love,
Jeanette Swift.

1429 N. E. 23rd
Okla. City, Okla.
Dearest Santa,
I've just had my seventh birthday and I'm in the first grade. I've tried to be a good little girl so please don't forget me.
I want a dollie and buggy. If you can spare it, I'd like a little dresser too. I want a blackboard that will stand up if you have plenty.
Also leave us plenty of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my little brother and I'll love you always.
Lots of love,
Cliffa Nell Stafford.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want me to have.
Your little friend,
Rebecca Manuel.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a kitten and a puppy. I want a doctor set and a cow girl dress, some candy.
I love you and please bring me some gum.
Love,
Cynthia Akins.

Sundown, Texas
Wellington Leader.
Dear Santa Claus,
How is my old pal? I am a little boy three years old. I will be four the 2nd of March. I want you to bring me a big choo-choo train, a big teddy bear and some nuts, candy, apples and oranges.
P. S. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
Lots of love,
James Lee Cook.
P. S. Please don't forget my little Uncle Lonnie at Wellington. He has carried off lots of cotton for Grandpop on the tractor this year.

Dear Santa,
I know that you know that I want something for Christmas. I hope it won't be too expensive to buy for Christmas. I want a wrist watch or a piano. I can tell time pretty good. If I don't get my wrist watch I will take music if I get the piano. I don't want to ask too much. Not half too much. I'm counting on you, Santa.
I'll like you forever,
Phil Love.

Route 3
Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old.
For Christmas I would like a paint set, little army nurse kit, purse, gloves, fruit, nuts and candies. Please be good to all little children.
Your little friend,
Betty La Verne Dollar.

C. O. W.
Dumas, Texas
Dear Santa,
I guess I'd better write and let you know I've moved from Wellington to Dumas and to let you know I have a little brother so you can bring him something. He wants a teddy bear and I want a doll and rocking chair and a set of dishes. Don't forget all the boys in service, especially my Uncle Jack who is in New Guinea. Also my Grandpa Turner and Grandpa and Grandma Dobbs at Wellington. I'll close now and leave room for some other little boys and girls' letters.
Love,
Le Voyce Turner.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Just a few lines to let you know we have been good boys and would like for you to remember us Xmas night.
We would like for you to bring us a little truck, car and a wagon apiece. Some candy, chewing gum and fruits. Bring our baby sister a rattler and a rubber doll.
With love,
John Lee and Bobby Stephens.

Dumas, Texas
Wellington Leader,
Dear Sirs: I am a little girl nine years old. I have made up a little poem about Christmas. Would you print it?
"SAINT NICK"
In a little house all was quiet—
even the mouse,
I saw Saint Nick going away in a
dash—but he was back in a flash
He had something on his back. It
looked like a great big sack.
And he had lots of cars and toys
for the boys
And he had dolls with curls for
the girls.
—Linda B. Groves.
Tell Santa to bring us anything he chooses. We are being patriotic this year.
There is Lida, who is 8 years old, Lee, 7, Bill, 5, and Robert, 1 year old Christmas Eve. Santa brought him to us last year and oh, how we have enjoyed that Christmas present.
We have a lot of little friends in Collingsworth County and some cousins too. Be nice to them.
Thank you,
Linda Groves.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santy,
I am a little boy and have been real good this year. I want a pair of leather gloves and pair of house shoes, a gun and a little truck. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. And don't forget to be good to all other children.
Love,
C. L. Morgan, Jr.

Muleshoe, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. For Xmas please bring me a big pink teddie bear, a big doll, little dishes and some knives, forks. Also fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget all my little cousins and friends.
Your little friend,
Rita Glondon Nipper.
P. S. Don't forget that we have moved from Amarillo to Muleshoe. Both Freddie and me.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santy,
I am a little girl and have been a really good girl. I help my mother all the time. I want a dresser set and a watch and oh yes Santy, don't forget my little friend Theron Morris, be good to him too.
Love,
Wanda Nell Needham.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want to bring me.
Your little friend,
Gayle Jeanine Young.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am O. K. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want you to bring me a watch or a sweetheart bracelet. Is that too much to ask for? Santa, don't forget my little brother, Jack. He has been a good little boy. He is 3 years old. Don't forget my brother, Lee Roy and Mother and Daddy and my brother, V. H. who is serving in Uncle Sam's Army in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bring us all some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls and their Mothers and Fathers.
With love,
Your friend,
Ophelia Browning.

Dimmitt, Texas
Route 4
Dear Old Santa,
I am a little girl four years old and have been very nice. If it is not too much trouble, please bring me a doll, set of dishes, blackboard, chalk and eraser. With plenty of fruit, nuts and candy.
Please hurry and come.
Your best pal,
Nobie Frances Phipps.
P. S. Don't forget my little brother Robert Earl, for he has really been sweet.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nearly three years old. My Daddy is in France and will you please remember him. I would like to have a telephone, a tractor, a wheelbarrow, a pound-a-peg table, a blackboard with eraser and chalk and a gun.
If I have a wheelbarrow I can help my Granddad and I will not be tempted to write on Grandmother's furniture or walls if I have a blackboard. The pound-a-peg table will keep me from hammering on things I shouldn't hammer on.
Please remember all the little boys and girls whose Dads are in the Service.
Anderson Watts, Jr.

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year.
For Christmas I want a doll, a doll bed, lots of pretty doll clothes. Also lots of candy, fruit, nuts. One more thing Santa, remember my little niece, nephew and my brothers who are serving in the Army.
That's all,
Nellie C. Maxwell.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a buggy.
Jean Whisenant.



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.

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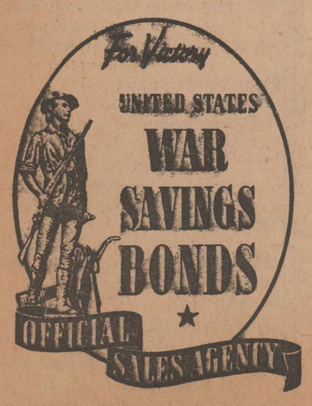
FROM US TO YOU!



†† Dusk . . . Christmas Eve . . . children moving about stealthily, wide-eyed and expectant . . . you know the signs.

Christmas is here, let us all be merry, for it comes but once a year.

With gratitude for your kind favors during 1944 we send you heartiest Christmas greetings.



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Wellington, Texas
AUSTIN ("POLLY") O'NEIL
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Cactus Ordnance Works
Dumas, Texas

Dear Santa,

As you see I have changed my address. Please hunt me up, and bring me something. I am not hard to please. Remember my sisters and baby brother, Tommie Joe. Also my big brother at Wellington, J. D.

Thanks,
Bobby Hugh Turner.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl six years of age. I go to East Ward School and love my teacher, Mrs. Wynn.

I want a new doll, some books and candy and nuts for Christmas.

Remember all of the little boys and girls everywhere and do not forget any of them.

Please be good to my little cousins Keith and Kenneth, Uncle Elwyn who is away in the Army and all of the rest of the folks.

Lots of love,
Wanda June Reynolds.

Loco, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year and have made good grades at school. I know you are short of help and presents so I won't ask for very much. Will you please bring me a pencil box, also some nuts, candy and fruit. And don't forget my brother, C. A., who is in England.

Your friend,
Mary Sue Crawford.

Shamrock, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

It isn't long until Christmas. I've tried to be good, but Barbara (that is my little sister) won't let me.

Please bring me a big tank, jeep, gun, puzzles, story books, and candy.

Sister wants a baby doll, bed, buggy, little dishes, and most everything else. This is my second year in school. Please remember my teachers because they are real good to me. Also remember my four uncles across the sea. One is in a hospital. Bring them something, even if you leave off part of my things.

We both love you a lot.
Jimmie and Barbara Bruton.

P. S. Don't forget Daddy and Mother.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 4 years old and have been good. Would you please bring me a train, gun and scabbard, and a car of some kind. Also some candy, fruit and nuts. Remember my daddy who is in the Navy.

Love,
Jimmye Cummings.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me what you want me to have.

Your little friend,
Don.

Merced, California

Dear Santa,

We are too husky boys who will be 3 years old in Jan. We sure would like for you to bring us a wagon. Better bring two, for we sometimes fight, Santa. So if you can find two alike we'd be glad, and Mother and Daddy too, and we'd like to build. We have plenty of nuts and oranges in our yard, so we will give you some of those for some toys and we will try hard to be better boys if you will do this for us. Remember all our little playmates.

We will be looking for you.
Your friends,
Alvis and Elvis Thompson.

Merced, California

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be good. I help my mother with the dishes. I hear you from Canada over the radio. I sure hope I get to see you Dec. 9.

Santa, I don't need any doll as I have 4. Bring me a red cross nurse set, and anything else I'll be tickled to get for I know you have a hard time getting enough things for all little boys and girls.

Remember all my little friends in Texas and in California. I have some here, that their daddies are gone. Please bring them home for their Christmas.

I love you,
Viola Ruth Thompson.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy two and one-half years old.

Please bring me a train, a ferris wheel, a tractor and some books and lots of fruit, nuts and candy.

Please, Santa, don't forget my cousin, Jack Atkinson, who is sailing on the deep blue sea. And my uncle who is in England.

A little friend,
Teddy Eugene Gentry.

Dear Santa,

I am Jimmye's little sister, and I am two years old. I would like to have a doll, set of dishes, knives, forks, and spoons and a ring. You know I've been good so please don't forget me and all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Glenda Cummings.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want me to have.

Your little friend,
June Reynolds.

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of boots, spurs, a belt, a dart game and a basket ball.

Please bring me some fruit and candy.

A friend,
Walter Dee Breeding.

Dear Santa,

I am three now. I want a baby doll, a toy duck. Please bring me a telephone as Mother does not like for me to use her telephone.

I would like some dishes, also some aprons so I may cook.

Santa, please remember all my little friends.

Love,
Karon Breeding.

Dear Santa,

Please bring us plenty nuts, candy and fruit. We would like a new sweater or cap too but don't bring us any cars as Mother has put new wheels on our old iron trucks and repainted them and they look like new.

Santa, don't forget my big brother and sister or Mother and Daddy either. We are 12 and 9 years old and go to Quail to school. We have been good boys and pulled bolls all fall.

Your pals,
Audrey and Dayle Needham.

Dearest Santa,

I am looking forward to your visit to me this year.

I hope you will be able to get me a pretty bride doll, a dresser set and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Please remember my little brothers and sisters too.

Your little friend,
Ethel Jean Isaacs.

Dear Santa Claus,

We are a little brother and sister age 7 and 2. We have tried to be good this year and are looking forward to seeing you Christmas.

I (Herman) would like for you to bring me a football, a gun and a firetruck. My little sister, Jo Ann, wants a big doll, a toy piano and a set of dishes. We also want some fruit and candy.

Santa, remember all the little children in the foreign lands and the boys on the battlefields.

We know toys are scarce and if you don't have what we asked for, anything you can bring will please us.

Lots of love,
Herman and Jo Ann Judd.

Twitty, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy four years old and tried to be a good little boy. Please bring me a cattle truck and a little gun and some candy, fruits and nuts.

Please remember Gene, Harold and Evelyn.

Thank you Santa and a Merry Christmas.

Your pal,
Troy Wayne Mitchell.

P. S. Don't forget Uncle Mason. He is overseas and Grandma and Grandpa Winegeart.

Twitty, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school and like my teacher.

I have been good and I want you to bring me a little doll with hair and a pair of house slippers and candy, fruits and nuts.

Remember Grandma and Grandpa Tate and all my little friends.

Durlene Mitchell.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old and in the first grade. Please bring me a big doll.

Imogene Hollaway.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am not expecting much this year but I would like to have a little drum, doll and a little pair of house slippers.

Your friend,
Patricia Richards.

P. S. Bring me lots of eats.



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.

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THE HUB

Here's Wishing You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Without A Fire



A Christmas tree with colored lights,
Is something to admire,
Be sure they are in first-class shape
Or you may have a fire.



Fire placed in the trash barrel
When the wind and grass are tall,
While you're not watching, and
You'll hear the siren squall.

Now gasoline is just the thing
To run the family bus,
But when it's used for cleaning floors
It can make an awful muss.

And don't forget your fiery stove
When you go out, we pray,
For to leave a red hot stove
Is a thing that does not pay.

We trust you'll take this as it's meant
Just friendly, good advice,
Who knows but it may be the means
You'll live a longer life?



We wish you heaps of joy, old pal,
Just heaps of fun and luck,
And that if we come to see you
We won't have to bring our truck.

If Wellington can go until January 1 without a fire, we will have established an all-time record in the history of Wellington for keeping down losses by fire, and we may set the best record for the entire state of Texas for a city of our size in 1944.

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Personal

L'Alliance Francaise, campus French Club of Abilene Christian College, numbers among its members Roy Willingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Willingham of Wewoka, for the 1944-45 session of ACC, located at Abilene, Texas. A graduate of Wewoka High School in 1943, Roy is majoring in biology in ACC. He is also active in the Gavel Club, Mission Study Class, and Evangelistic Forum. He formerly lived at Wellington.

Mrs. L. W. Mitchell Sr. of Massachusetts, arrived in Wellington recently to spend several weeks here with Lt. and Mrs. Laurence Mitchell Jr. and their new son, Laurence Mitchell III. Lt. Mitchell is stationed at the Childress Army Air Field.

Lt. and Mrs. Jerome Pope and Jay had as their guests this week end Lt. and Mrs. Ed Hearn. Mrs. Hearn is Mrs. Pope's sister. Lt. and Mrs. Hearn left for San Antonio Sunday morning where Lt. Hearn will be reassigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Vandivere of Borger were here this week end to see the ball game and to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Vandivere and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford.

Miss Katherine Clark, student at Mary Hardin Baylor, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Roy are here this week visiting with their parents, H. Lee Roy and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kesler. Their two children, Winfred and Patricia are with them. Mr. Roy, who has a medical discharge from the Army Air Force, is enrolled in Howard Payne College doing premed work in preparation for work as a medical missionary. He is receiving this training under the GI bill of rights.

Mrs. Gene Ezzell and children, DeRoyce, Dora Jo and Darrel Gene left last Tuesday for Richmond, California to make their home. Mr. Ezzell left for California about two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore and children, Ann and Larry, of Lockney visited with J. A. Scott and other friends in the county last week.

Misses Nancy Sullivan, Allene Raburn, and Nellie Bly Slay, all of whom attend TSCW at Denton, have arrived in Wellington to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Benge left Sunday afternoon to spend Monday and Tuesday in Oklahoma City where Mr. Richards will attend a Ford meeting.

Mrs. A. C. Muncie and daughter, Mrs. Bill Tarter, returned Sunday evening from Lawton, Oklahoma where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Muncie's grandson, Lieut. James A. Muncie, which took place Saturday evening at 8:30.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm just a little boy 22 months old but I'll be looking for you. Will you please bring me a tractor and drill and remember all my little friends. Please. Sometimes I'm a real good boy and not ever really bad. Thanking you in advance,
Lots of love,
Douglas Seale.
P. S. Santa, be sure and remember all our boys and girls in service.

Santa Claus,
North Pole.
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old and tried to be a good boy. I would like to have a shetland pony and saddle and bridle and anything else you would like to leave and fruit, nuts and candy.
I have a little brother one and one-half years old. He would like some toys to pull and fruit, nuts and candy.
I also have a sister 8 years old who would like to have a doll with real hair and eyes that go to sleep and a set of dishes and fruit, nuts and candy. Please go see my two cousins close to Frederick, Okla. Thanks.
With lots of love,
Winston, Joe Lynn and
Pansy Mae Berryman.

Dozier, Texas

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys.
I, Gerald Keith, am 5 years old and my little brother is 20 months old. We want a little wood wagon and a little gun and blocks. Candy, fruit and nuts and please Santa remember all the little children.
Your little friends,
Gerald Keith and
Doyal Winfred Billingsley.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 9 years old. I do not want much for Xmas. I want a corduroy cap and I would like a gun too if it is not asking too much. Please remember all the little girls and boys. Also remember my 3 little nephews and my 3 little nieces too. And please Santa, remember my brother, G. T., who is in Germany.
Thank you, Santa.
Your little friend,
Junior Sturgill.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want to bring me.
Your little friend,
Gayle Jeanine Young.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and some candy and a doll buggy and some gum.
Francis Crouch.

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a doll, doll bed and some dishes? I'm a real good little girl and I'll be good next year if you'll come to see me. Please remember all the other little boys and girls and our sailors, soldiers and marines.
I love you Santa
and thanks in advance,
Palsey Wilder.

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys, Elmer 6 and Ronnie 2. We have been good little boys too. We want a big wagon together, a truck, jeep, color book and colors each, also candy, fruits and nuts.
Please don't forget our 3 uncles overseas and the one who is in a Texas camp.
Your little friends,
Elmer and Ronnie Colson.
Sudan, Texas.
P. S. We will be at our Grandmother Moody's on Christmas Day at Wellington.

Box 80, Route 1
Quail, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. For Christmas I would like to have a doll, some mittens, a toy wrist watch, a purse, some house shoes and candy, nuts and fruit.
Come to see me at my Grandmother Morris' house.
Your little friend,
Sheri Graham.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and jeep. I want a tank too. And if you have it, I would like some candy, nuts and fruit. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Love.
Gary Grady Phillips.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doctor bag and a machine gun. Please remember all other children and my brother too.
Your friend,
Kelly Kern Pigg.

Vinson, Okla.

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl 2 years old. I've been a good little girl this year, Santa. I'd like a doll, telephone and a set of dishes, also candy and nuts.
Santa, please remember my Daddy somewhere in the Pacific. And remember all the other little children who aren't so fortunate as we American children.
Your little friend,
Kathy Belew.

Dear Santa Claus,
We are little twin boys will be 15 months old Xmas day. For Xmas we would like to have a few toys, some candy and fruit. And Santa, please remember all other little boys and girls and also our soldiers. We have two uncles, Elwyn and Jiggs in the Army. Please don't forget them.
Good bye, Santa,
Keith and Kenneth Brewster.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll with hair on its head and a little table with 2 chairs. Joan, my little sister is 4 years old and she wants the same thing I do. Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.
Yours truly,
Peggy Henry.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, a doctor set and some candy.
I love you,
Patty Clark.

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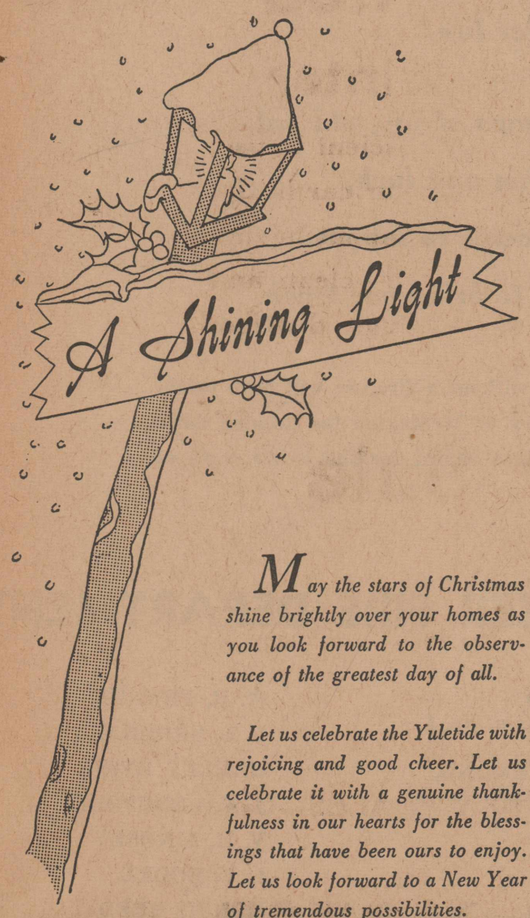
The all-around efficiency which gets several times as much white light from black coal has benefited YOU *in many ways.*

It has made your electric service better and cheaper year by year. It has met tremendous wartime demands for electric power, without delay, shortages or rationing. It has held the price of electricity at an all-time low, while other costs went up.

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**Some plants use less than 1 pound; some more, because of differences in coal and equipment. The nation-wide average is 1.5 pounds per kilowatt-hour.*

West Texas Utilities Company



May the stars of Christmas shine brightly over your homes as you look forward to the observance of the greatest day of all.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy. Let us look forward to a New Year of tremendous possibilities.

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705 10th St.
Just Back of Legion Hall

TO ALL HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the same happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

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FOR SALE: Pair of good mules, wagons, harness, lister, cultivators, go-devils, etc. 3 miles north, half west Wellington. Bill Roberts. 24-2p

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FOR SALE: Ford Tractor with factory made equipment, 1942 model, perfect condition, well cared for. See Tom Stewart, Rt. 2, Wellington. 23-tfc

FOR SALE: One piano accordion in good condition at a reasonable price. See or write Bobby Ted Thomas, Wellington, Texas, Route 2. 23-2p

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford bulls. Domino breeding. Joe Wilson, Dodson, Texas. 38-tfc

FOR SALE: Two good 480 acre farms, well improved with little over half of each in cultivation. Two half sections, well improved with about 1-2 of each in cultivation. Two quarter sections, well improved with all in cultivation. One eighty on pavement, unimproved. I have a buyer for a good six room house in Wellington. Let me have your listing. W. M. Boston. 23-3c

FOR SALE: H Farmall, good tires and equipment, motor just overhauled. Ernest Nunnelley, 3 miles south and 2 east of Wellington. 23-3p

FOR SALE—"F" 30 Farmall tractor with 3 row lister and planter attachments, 2 row cultivator, 10 ft. 1 way, all International make. C. W. Roberts. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: Farms and Ranches. N. L. Wesson, Dimmitt, Texas, Castro County. 22-12p

FOR SALE—One automatic cattle currying and dipping machine. Practically new. C. W. Roberts. 13-tfc

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15-tfc

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WANTED TO BUY: Used furniture of all kinds. Highest prices for good used furniture. Boston Furniture Store. 23-3c

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IF YOU WANT No. 8 Hybrid Seed Corn, give me your order at once. Starkey Seed Store. 21-tfc

LOST: On streets of Wellington, Saturday, December 9, pair gold rimmed bi-focal glasses in black case, red lined. Reward $1.00 if returned to owner. C. E. Hall, Quail, Texas. 23-2p

I AM shipping hogs from Wellington every Tuesday and Wednesday. Will pay you highest possible price for your hogs. Harley Kern, phone 411. 32-tfc

E. J. COOPER, Typewriter and Adding Machine Repair Service. Phone 9016-F3, Shamrock, Texas. We clean, repair and recondition all makes. 23-8p

REWARD $10.00 for finding white face cow. Block R on left side and C.W. on right neck. Last seen near Buck Creek school. Notify Tom Stewart, Rt. 2. 23-tfc

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Junction City, Kansas

Dear Santa Claus,

This is my first Christmas, so please come see me. I want an overcoat, corduroy overalls, polo shirt, story books, stuffed animals, a peg board and a little wagon. My Daddy is in the Army and we live in a trailer house so I can't have too many toys. I would like some candy and fruits.

Your little friend,
Dumpy Myatt.

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy six years old. I started to school this year. I know you are having a hard time getting anything to make toys with. I won't ask for much. I want a gun, truck, airplane, dog collar and a saddle. Also fruit, nuts and candy.

Love,
Phillip Lee Cobb.

Dear Santa Clause,

We have been two good little boys. We don't want much. Just bring us a big wagon, some guns, blocks, picture books, airplane, rocky horse and some candy, fruit and nuts.

Please remember our Daddy in the army.

We love you,
Michael and Perrell Rainey.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a steam shovel. Don't forget my Sunday school teacher and all good boys and girls.

You can bring me some fruit and candy if you have plenty. I will be waiting and trying to be good.

Your little friend,
Billy Jack Gibson.

Liberal, Kansas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old. I have been good all year long. Please bring me an ice box, doll, watch and clothes line. Please bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Be good to all the poor kids.

Lots of love,
Loretta J. Collier.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy four months old. My name is Raphel. I would like for you to bring me a case of Carnation milk. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Lots of love,
Raphel Craven.

Liberal, Kansas

Dear Santa,

I am a fat little boy 2 years old. Please bring me a choo-choo train and a gun and some books. I need some candy, nuts and oranges too. Don't forget Clyde and Gene.

Lots of love,
J. Benson Collier.

Morton, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl nine years old, in the fifth grade. I have lived in Morton five years. I was born at Dodson.

I would like to have a doll with a long dress and hair in long curls, also a doll house, a pair of skates or skating shoes, a wood burning set and a cowgirl suit.

Best of all I would like for the war to be over so every little girl and boy's Daddy can come home.

Lots of love,
Glenda Gay Lewallen.

Wellington, Texas
Route 5

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy eight years old.

Please bring me a little wood wagon, a dump truck, and some candy, nuts and oranges.

Your little friend,
Bobby Dwaine King.

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to school at Quail and am in the first grade. For Xmas I wish you'd bring me a baseball and a train. I have a little sister 5 years old. She wants a big doll and some dishes. I also have 2 little brothers. They also want a baseball and a train and a teddy bear. And plenty of candy, nuts and fruit.

Your friends,
Lewis, Jenice, Leon,
Hubert Oatman.

Dear Santa,

I am five years old. I am a good little girl most of the time.

Would you please bring me a doll, doll bed, nurse kit, sewing kit, laundry set and blackboard. Also a doll house with furniture.

Your friend,
Bobbie Carole Meacham.

Childress, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am going to write and let you know what I want for Christmas. I want two goldfish, a tool set, a train, tinker toys, a football, some books and fruit, nuts and candy.

Be sure and come to see Mother, Daddy and my sisters. Go see everybody else you can.

Hope you have a nice snow to come in.

Merry Christmas from
Don Watts.

Box 89, Route 1
Quail, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the first grade. I like school very much.

For Christmas I would like to have a bow and arrow, some overshoes, a gun and scabbard and a small dump truck. Please fill my sock with candy, nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Darryl Morris.

Arlie, Texas

Dear Santa,

We are writing a few lines to tell you what we want for Xmas.

My name is Bobbie Dale Poling. I am four years old. I would like very much for you to bring me a little jeep truck, a black board and some picture books.

My little brother is 3 years old. He wants a jeep truck, a coloring book, a football and we both want a pair of house shoes. Please don't forget to bring plenty of candy, nuts, apples, oranges. Don't forget the soldiers here and across so that they will have a good Xmas dinner.

With lots of love,
Bobbie Dale Poling,
David Poling.

Oklahoma City

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl. I used to live in Wellington but I live in Oklahoma City now. I thought I'd write and let you know where I moved to. Santa, I may visit in Wellington Christmas with my Papaw and Grandmother Lockhart.

Santa, I have been a good little girl so please bring me a doll bed for Jane to sleep in and some dishes and just anything you want to leave. Please remember my two uncles Vernon and Stanley who are in service overseas.

Love,
Rosetta Brown.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl just 2 years old. My birthday is the 8th of December. I am a pretty good little girl most of the time.

Santa, I would like very much for you to bring me a baby doll and some little dishes. Some candy, nuts, and fruit will be appreciated. You will find mine and my brothers socks hanging behind the stove on Xmas eve night. So please, don't disappoint us. Clinton Joe has told you where we live.

I love you,
Sherrie Fren Gibbs.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want me to have.

Your little friend,
James Saunders.



WE WILL BE CLOSED

December 24-25 and 26th

Due to the fact that we have been running steadily for long hours through the entire ginning season, we will be closed next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 23, 24 and 25 in order to give our employees a chance for a little Christmas shopping and a short period of relaxation.

We Extend Our Cordial Best Wishes for a Good Christmas and a Better New Year

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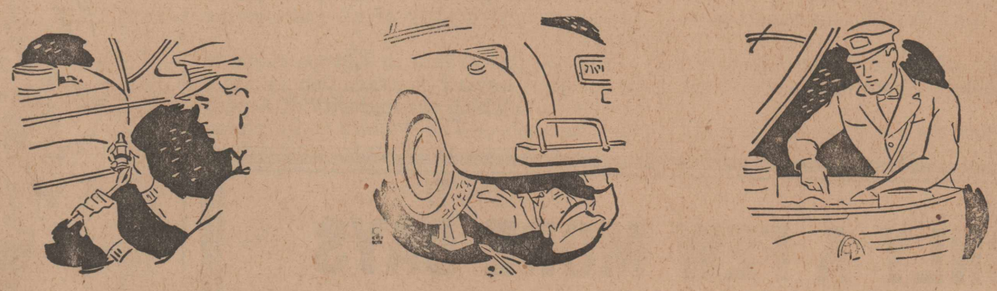
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AND FRIENDS
GO HAND IN HAND . .

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

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Editorial

The temper of America is away from isolationism, as the result of the Nov. 7 elections proved. Our European Allies had a right to rejoice in that result, since it was as much to their interest as to ours.

But now the political aftermath of liberation in Europe almost makes it seem as if these same Allies were inviting us to return to a cynical, isolationist frame of mind.

Certainly the role of liberator is a delicate and difficult one. Old discontents could not be forgotten in countries where the end of Nazi domination meant the chance to start over again with a clean political slate. Nor could liberating forces avoid the task of maintaining order until a stable, popularly acceptable government could be established.

Yet the task is being complicated by clashes of desires between the liberating powers which are fanning the fires of civil dissension and piling resentment on top of gratitude. Few can doubt that in the end these clashes will be resolved with the establishment of governments in Poland, Yugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria that Russia finds acceptable, and of governments in Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Greece that are acceptable to Great Britain.

But what about "the consent of the governed?" Take the example of Italy. All six political parties agreed to the appointment of Count Carlo Sforza as foreign minister. But the British did not approve the appointment, apparently because they consider Sforza anti-Badoglio and anti-monarchy.

So are a lot of other Italian, it would seem. Nevertheless, Count Sforza didn't get the job.

Polish patriots did not have the strength to drive out the Nazis. But millions of them chose to live and die at the hazardous business of resistance, thus paving the way for liberation. Surely they have earned the right to choose their own governors.

Yet Russia has not suggested accepting a coalition cabinet in Poland and adjourning territorial settlement until a freely elected government takes place.

Only in France have the patriots won out. And there they needed favorable circumstances and superior leadership to overcome the long opposition of the American and British governments.

Except in France, we have stayed clear of these disputes. Our hands-off policy is probably wise if we would save our greatest strength to apply within the framework of the United Nations organization. But it is also the policy of isolationism. And it may thrive if it appears, once the United Nations begin functioning, that Britain and Russia are deeply committed to continuing the policies of Europe's provisional governments.

The Atlantic Charter respects "the right of all peoples" to choose their form of government, and presumably its administrative officers. The United Nations organization is based on "the principle of the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states."

But political events in Europe seem to be steering toward contradiction of these principles to which the majority of Americans subscribe.—The Wichita Daily Times.

Other Editors Say

• Federal Road Aid

Resumption of federal aid on the state's highway system, to the extent of 30 million dollars annually for Texas, now makes it possible for the highway department to set up its postwar program on a definite basis. Congress last week approved the federal aid program and authorized the expenditure of approximately two billion dollars which must be matched by state funds for new highway construction.

Numerous construction projects in Texas have been held up pending the attitude of Congress on further federal aid. Our own highway department, however, has plans ready for the most of its development program. It can now promise quick action on projects where local communities have taken care of such matters as right-of-way and other obstacles and where surveys have been made and definite locations established.—Claude Wells in The Memphis Democrat.

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The WPB, evidently desiring that we start 1945 off with a hang, will allow distillers to make liquor in January. That's the only shortage item we want to see proof of after we get it.

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It is reported that Hitler has undergone a throat operation. With a million of his troops eliminated on the western front since June 6, very likely he developed a chronic gulp.

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Quail, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a scooter, a jeep, a wheel barrow and a tank.

Please don't forget Lindy and Keith.

Your little friend,
Don Helbert.

Dear Santa Claus,

I thank you for all you brought me last Christmas. If it's not too cold for you to come, please don't forget me.

Please bring me a doll and doll buggy and doll bed, also bring me an apple, orange, candy and nuts.

Also I want a house coat, pair of house shoes.

Don't forget little children in the war torn countries.

Your little friend,
Beatrice Claunch.

Twitty, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 4 years old and have tried to be good all year. I want you to bring me a set of tinker toys, a truck and apples, oranges, nuts and candy.

And please don't forget Uncle Weave.

Your little friend,
Dois Mitchell.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy two and one-half years old. My name is Joe Wayne Burkhalter. I have been a good little boy this year.

Please bring me a wagon, gun, jeep and some blocks. I also want some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Goodbye, Santa.

Shinnery, Texas

Dear Santa,

I'm a little girl of two years. I have tried to be very good.

Please try and see that all the little children of foreign lands get something for Xmas. If you have a dolly to spare I'd love to have one.

Love,
Bonnie Jean Helbert.

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. I would like for you to bring me a locket and anything else you have.

I have a little brother who will soon be three years old. He wants some toys. He has a truck and a train so he wants something different this time.

Don't forget my uncle who is in the Army.

Your little friends,
Herbert and Beatrice Hutchins.

Tracy, Calif.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I have my oldest sister to write. I am three years old. I would like to have a doll, wagon, gun and a duck. I do not live in Wellington, but remember me I live in Tracy, California, and don't forget my friend and my little cousin.

Yours truly,
Louetta Ann Thomas.

Dearest Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to Quail School and I am in the second grade. My teacher's name is Miss Cooper. I sure do like my teacher. I have been a good boy and for Xmas I wish you would bring me a big dump truck, a tinker toy set and a blackboard, some nuts, candy, apples and oranges.

I have a little sister 3 1-2 years old. Her name is Jeanette Lee. She has been a good little girl and for Xmas she wants you to bring her a sleepy doll and a little set of dishes and a little iron and some candy, nuts, apples and oranges.

Please, Santa, don't forget my Uncle Duard who is somewhere overseas.

I'll be looking for you Xmas Eve night.

Lots of love,
Johnnie Clyde Gollihugh.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five years old and have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a wagon, a rocker and a train and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget my little brother, Ronnie. He would like a rocking horse and a teddie bear.

A little friend,
Edward Eugene Reeves.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old. I would like for you to bring me a pretty doll with curly hair, a rocker and a set of dishes. Please don't forget Daddy and Mother.

Love,
Edith Lavonne Reeves.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me, Santa. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want me to have.

Your little friend,
Dale Savage.

Dear Santa,

I am nearly 7 months old and I want a teddy bear, a high chair and some rattlers for Christmas. Remember my sister Maxine and Mother and Daddy.

Lots of love,
Oliver Harrel Bishop.

Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 8 years old and I have been a good boy so I hope you will bring me a covered truck with soldiers in it, a jeep and trailer, a tank and a commando boat.

Don't forget my Mother and Daddy and my Aunt Dee and Cousin Vora. They are still in Amarillo this year. Bring plenty of nuts, fruit and candy.

Your little friend,
Freddie Don Nipper.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me a tricycle and a wagon.

Willie Don Young.

Quail, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy three years old. I want a little saw like Daddy's. Little knife with a chain on it. A little guitar and plenty of candy and fruit.

And don't forget my little brother Larry Rudell.

With all my love,
Donald Eugene White.

1410 Hughes St.
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I made a straight S report card except for two little check marks that you don't see if you don't look too closely. I've been really good, too.

I don't want many things. I did want a bike, but I got that for my birthday. I want an electric train but you can't get that, so just bring me anything you can think. of. I do need some house shoes because my toes are out of my old ones.

Santa, I do like to eat so you might bring Mama Wynn and and Grandmother a big fat hen or turkey with lots of drum sticks. Also you can bring me all the candy you can carry.

Don't forget my sister. She thinks she is too big to write to you, but she wants a doll anyway.

Lots of love,
Dwight Gage Robertson, Jr.

P. S. I will be in Wellington for Christmas.

Shamrock, Texas
Dozier Rt.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a good little girl, so please don't forget me.

For Xmas I want a doll and doll bed.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

With love,
Carolyn Ann Gammill.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me a doll and a set of dishes.

Cletha Lee Watson.

Twitty, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl one and one-half years old. I want a little doll and cup and saucer, candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget Grandma and Grand Dad Mitchell who live at Pampa.

A very sweet little girl,
Charlene Mitchell.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 5 years old. Santa, I think I've been a pretty good boy this year. I want you to bring me a gun, a scabbard, a jeep, fire crackers, sparklers, and anything else you have for me. I also want fruits, nuts and candy.

Yes, Santa, I have a Sunday school teacher. Her name is Mrs. Ruby. Please don't forget her.

Your friend,
James Loyd Payne.

Merced, Calif.
Rt. 1, Box 572

Dearest Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old and this year, Santa, I will be in California, so please find me. I will get to see you December 25th, I hope as you are on your way to Merced. I see your letter every day in the Sun Star. I would like to have a gun and some books and would like to have my stamps put into a War Bond. You won't have to bring me oranges, almonds or walnuts as we have them in our back yard so I will divide them with you, but please bring me candy and apples.

Remember all my little friends in Texas and California.

Will be looking for you.

Love,
Allen Hugh Thompson.

P. S. Santa, please remember Granddad Jenkins and my Aunt in Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me just what you want me to have.

Sharon Swift.

Sundown, Texas

Dear Old Santa,

I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the 4th grade. I go to school at Sundown. I want you to bring me a doll, a doll bed, plenty of fruits, nuts and candy. I will not ask for anything else as toys are awfully scarce this year and I want all the other little girls and boys to have toys too.

I will be seeing you.

Love,
Carol Yvonne Cook.

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl nearly three years old. I have tried to be a good little girl this year. I know you will be good to all the little boys and girls this year. So many of their daddies are not at home this Christmas. I want you to bring me a little toy telephone, some house shoes, a little piano and a teddy bear. Some fruit and nuts too. I'll be seeing you Christmas.

Lots of love,
Patricia Sue Mitchell.

Samnorwood, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

We are two little boys, seven and five years old. We would like for you to bring us two big trucks, jeeps, skates and some house slippers and of course we want lots of candy, nuts and fruit.

Love,
Don Gayle and
Carol Gene Willingham.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy four years old. I would like a walking duck or anything you think a little boy my size would like. Please don't forget the candy, nuts, and fruit.

Your little friend,
Bobby Langford.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a toy duck and a ball and a buggy. And please bring me all the toys.

I love you,
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Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a little girl who is nearly five years old and I have a brother who is twenty months old. We would like for you to leave our toys in Roswell, New Mevico this Xmas. We have been moved from Wellington about three months.

I would like a doll and buggy and my brother wants a teddy bear and a rocking horse and anything else that you can spare us.

Love,
Curtistine Fulcher.

P. S. Don't forget my new address.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a doll and a yellow kitten.

I love you,
Fern Boen.

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you.

Please bring a new doll and a doll buggy.

Love,
Barbara Childress.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a dog and a gun and a scabbard.

John Cartwright.

Mobeetie, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good little girl in the second grade. I want you to bring me a parka hood, gloves, and black board.

I have two more sisters, one brother, the baby sister wants a rocking chair and doll. My other sister age 3 yrs. wants some dishes and table. My brother age 5 yrs. a gun and gloves. Please bring us lots of candy, fruits, and nuts.

With lots of love,
Shellene Gulley, Betty Gulley, Edwin Gulley, Diana Gulley.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a baby doll that will say ma and buggy, some candy, nuts.

Rebecca Cook.

Dear Santa Clause,

I am a little boy 5 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Will you please bring me an airplane, blackboard, candy, nuts and fruit? I will be waiting for you.

Your little friend,
Jerry Don Godbey.

Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Please come to see me. I try to be good. Bring me what you want me to have.

Your little friend,
Dorris Clo Sweat.

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a jeep, a set of dominoes, also an airplane, and be sure to think of my three brothers overseas.

From Billy Skaggs.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a piano, a new dress, pair of slippers and fruit and candy.

Thanks,
Flora Mae DeBord.

San Jon, New Mexico

Dear Santa Clause,

I have thought of lots of things but I can't get them. So if you can bring me a ball bat and bath robe, I will be a good boy. The candy is so scarce a little will do and fruit.

When this war is over we can ask more of you. We are going to be happy because we are still in a free country. I go to school at San Jon, New Mexico.

Love,
Johnny Ray Waller.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 8 years old. I go to school at Lone Mound. Please bring me a tractor, little car, gun and holster, and army tank.

I love you,
James Coy Martindale.

Dear Santa,

I am 7 years old. I go to school at Dodson. My teacher is Mrs. Ri-anger. She is very good. Please let us have a white Christmas—as we want Buddy home on his first furlough, and I want a dart set and telescope and nuts and candy. Go see Bill at Phillips and bring him something. Thanks.

Warner Bascom Ford.

Dear Santa Clause,

Here I am again this year. I want the biggest panda bear you can find in toy land, and a little froning board, and a locket. I guess that will be all. Just don't forget the fruits and candy for trimming.

La Vena Murdock.

Shamrock, Texas
Rt. 3

Dear Santa,

We are looking for you on Christmas eve night. Please leave us a doll apiece, a nurse kit and some candy and nuts.

We love you,
Joyce and Genice Offert.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy six years old. For Christmas I would like very much for you to bring me a pair of overshoes, a telescope, and a foot ball. And don't forget to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
Wayne Keller.

P. S. Please don't forget my uncle James Lee. He is in Germany.

Hello there Santa:

Heres hoping you won't miss me this time. I would like to have a football, truck, leather gloves, anything else a eight year old boy wants. Lots of candy and nuts.

Bye now,
Olen Murdock.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy who will be six years old Dec. 24. I try to be good. I would like to have a truck, foot ball or a panda bear. Anything else you can rake up. Don't forget all the boys in service.

As ever,
Howard Murdock.

Shamrock, Texas
Dozier Route

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 3 years old. Have tried to be nice this year. I would like to have a little truck, a pair of house slippers, and a story book for Xmas. Also fruits, nuts, and candy. Remember my cousins and friends.

With love,
Robert Martindale.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 8 years old. I go to school at East Ward in Wellington. For Xmas this year I want a set of dishes, a school desk, a story book and anything else little girls like. Don't forget my little nephew, Jackie Lynn Wilson. He is 15 months old. And Santa don't forget any of the soldiers, sailors and marines.

Wilmetta LaJean Wilson.

Dear Santa Clause,

I am a little school girl six years old. Bring me a set of little dishes, and some apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

Miss Freda Ruth Heckard.

White Deer, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a toy tractor, a battleship and some candy, nuts and fruit.

We moved from Collingsworth County in August to our new home 20 miles northwest of Pampa.

Thanking you, I am
Your little friend,
Jimmie Brown.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl seven years old. I have been a good little girl and studied hard. I'm in the second grade. For Christmas I want a doll, a set of dishes, and table and chairs. Don't forget to bring me candy, nuts, fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Will see you soon.

Love, Manty Lou Bell.

Dear Santa,

We will have a Christmas tree and are looking for you to be here. I want a doll buggy big enough for a big doll or my baby brother either one to ride in. I don't need a doll because I have several and one big beautiful doll. Don't forget my baby brother and big brother.

Judy Hosten.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a bride doll and a groom. Tommy wants a hobby horse and Tommy wants a rope.

Love from Cynthia Akins.
Love from Tommy Akins.

Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy three years old. Please bring me a tricycle, gun, airplane and football. Also candy, nuts and fruit.

Love,
Winston Henry Cocke.



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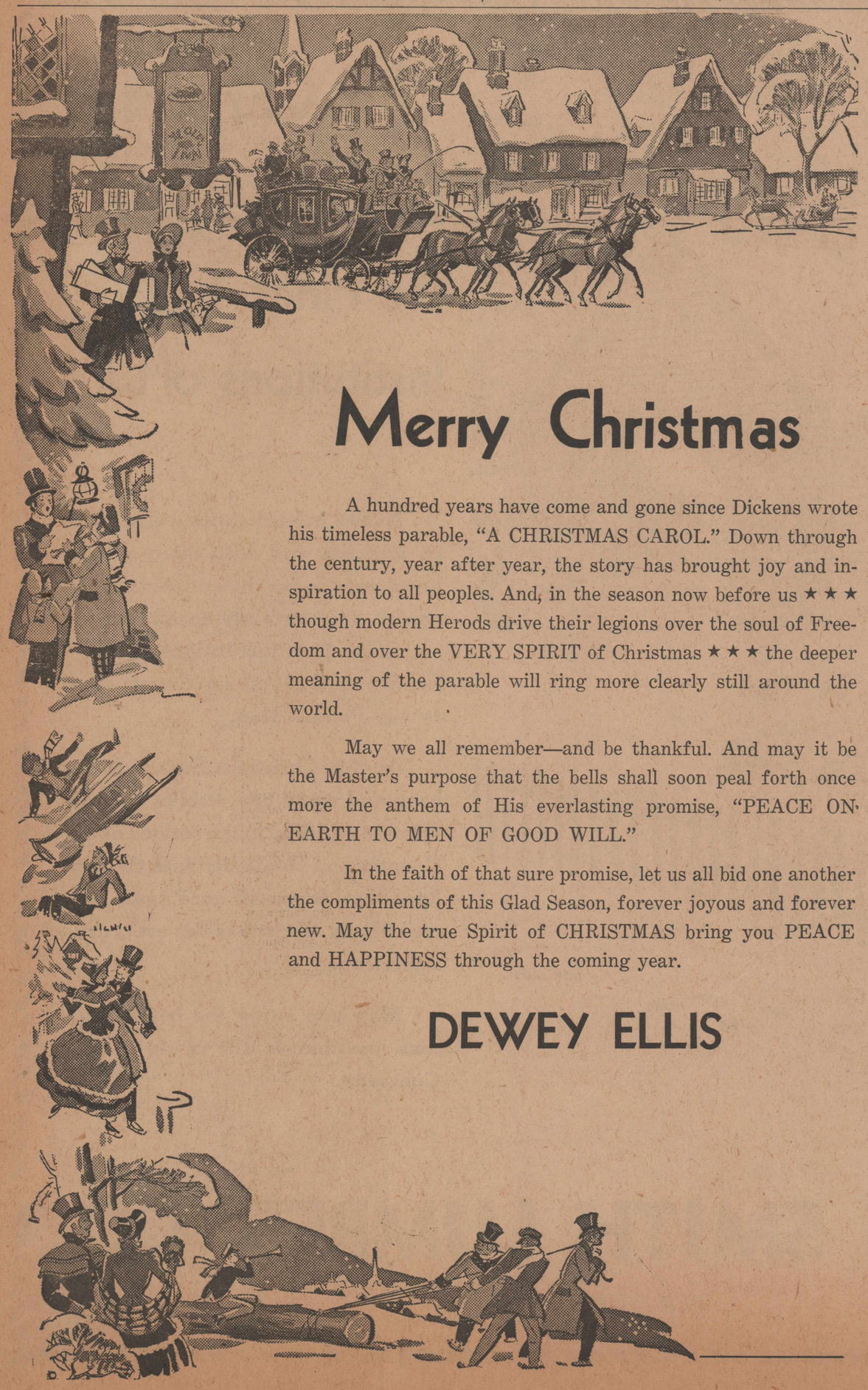
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In the faith of that sure promise, let us all bid one another the compliments of this Glad Season, forever joyous and forever new. May the true Spirit of CHRISTMAS bring you PEACE and HAPPINESS through the coming year.

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