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2.45 Inches Of Rain And Snow Fall

Long Drouth Broken With Precipitation

Believed Best Snow That Has Fallen In 25-Year Period

Rain and snow last week gave Spearman 2.45 inch of moisture and ended the long drouth, which had greatly dimmed wheat prospects for many months.

Rain began falling at midnight Wednesday, Dec. 8, and about .80 inch fell. The following day there was .65 inch of snow and sleet. The rain turned to snow about 6 o'clock Thursday morning.

An average of 8 to 10 inches of snow fell at Spearman. Fred Brandt, weather observer, declared that this was the greatest snow at Spearman since the fall of 1918.

Temperature to 107

Temperature dropped to 10 to 14 degrees from Saturday to Tuesday mornings inclusive. The snow melted considerably Friday through Monday.

Again, it turned cold Tuesday morning with slight snow falling for a time. Around 10 o'clock the flakes had stopped falling. The wind came up and blew the snow considerably on the roads.

County highway graders worked all day Monday pulling snow to the middle of Main Street. It is believed that it will be many weeks before Main Street is free of snow.

Moisture Comes

A week ago A. W. Erickson of Minneapolis, Minn., wheat expert, said Hansford County would need six inches of moisture by Feb. 15, 1944, to get a wheat crop next year. He told the Lions Club he was not hopeful of that amount of moisture, but around half of that amount fell within three days after he spoke.

Highway traffic was practically stopped Thursday and Friday. The road to Stinnett was cleared off partly Sunday and a double lane was bladed out Monday.

Many persons traveling had great difficulty. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney B. Rees were more than 10 hours going from Panhandle to Borger Thursday night. They were told the highway was open to Spearman, but had to stay all night in their car on the Stinnett hill north of the Canadian river bridge.

Helps Wheat

The moisture is of inestimable benefit to wheat and pasture. However, it is not believed that wheat will get the benefit immediately from the moisture as it has not had a good start. Good spring pasture is predicted because of the moisture.

Farmers and ranchers had difficulty in getting to Spearman. Many used their tractors. The road to Gruver was difficult to get over the early part of the week.

Weather readings the past week follow:

Date	High	Low
7	68	26
8	50	33
9	34	30
10	37	25
11	39	10
12	39	12
13	36	14
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The Reporter editor was on the bus Thursday night 10 and one-half hours going from Panhandle to Borger. The bus left Panhandle at 5:40 p. m. and arrived at Borger at 4:10 a. m. A Borger ambulance was 11 hours going from Panhandle with a body of a Panhandle resident who had died Thursday afternoon.

Happy Birthday

- December 18 Reuben Birdwell
- December 18 Lt. Will C. Burran Patsy Howell
- December 20 Donald Cooke Mrs. Juanita Ooley Mrs. Gladys Richardson
- December 21 Robert Dahl
- December 23 P. A. Lyon
- Fast Birthdays December 12 Irwin Boyd December 15 Claudine Stowe

Four Stavlo Brothers In Service



PFC. LLOYD STAVLO



PFC. GUNDE (SAM) STAVLO



ENSIGN JOEL STAVLO



HAROLD STAVLO

Four sons of Mrs. Betsy Stavlo, who lives four miles west of Gruver, are in the armed forces. The Stavlo family moved to Hansford county. The father, Ed Stavlo, died in February, 1938, of a heart attack.

Mrs. Stavlo has three other sons. They are Eddie, who works at the rubber plant, Borger; Oscar, who lives at Texhoma and farms in Hansford county; Art, who lives at Sunray and also is a Hansford county farmer, and Elvin, farmer, Gruver.

Brief sketches of the four boys in service follow:

Pfc. Lloyd Stavlo, a member of the first draft in 1941, is now serving with the 142nd infantry of the 36th division. He was recently reported by the war department as seriously wounded somewhere in the Mediterranean area of battle. He is a graduate of Gruver High school and Clifton Junior College. Pfc. Stavlo was returned to a New York hospital on Dec. 5.

Pfc. Gunden (Sam) Stavlo is serving with the 359th infantry of the 90th division somewhere in the Pacific. Also a graduate of Gruver High school and Clifton Junior college, Pfc. Stavlo received his training in Dallas and Corpus Christi.

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Reporters For Yuletide Gifts Being Ordered

Many Sending Paper For Christmas As It Will Be Enjoyed

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

Robert C. Spivey, seaman, second class, San Diego, Calif., Christmas gift from Ward and Elizabeth Spivey.

A/S Don Gross, U. S. Navy, San Diego, Calif., Christmas gift from Ward and Elizabeth Spivey.

Jackson Bros., Guyton, Okla. Roy Thomas, Gruver.

Grace Hughes, Los Angeles, Calif., gift of her son, Carl Hughes. J. D. Lyeon, Spearman.

D. G. Cluck, Gruver.

Lt. Charles L. Cox, Air Corps, San Angelo, Texas, Christmas gift of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ben Maize.

First State Bank, Spearman. C. B. Thompson, Gruver.

Paul H. Jones, Los Angeles, Calif., Christmas gift of his mother, Mrs. Dennis Jones.

Mrs. J. W. Logan, Stamford, Texas, gift of her mother, Mrs. Walter Wilmet.

J. W. Richardson, Perryton. Joe Hatton, Spearman.

A. E. Ferguson, Alexandria, Va.

The Reporter received 15 subscriptions last week, and this number was rather surprising to the management because of the bad weather three days during the week-end.

Traffic to Spearman was practically stopped Thursday to Saturday inclusive, but several of the faithful mailed in subscriptions or came to the office.

From the way The Reporter is being sent to California, it seems that plenty of folks in that state are going to learn about old Hansford County. In fact, they will be all wanting to return home when they learn about their friends and neighbors here.

Four Christmas gift subscriptions were received last week. Also, two more were sent as gifts.

The increased subscription list in 1943 is deeply appreciated by The Reporter. Scarcely any one lets his subscription be discontinued these days because The Reporter has so much news that is of interest to any one who lives in or has lived in Hansford County.

Nothing makes a more appreciated gift than a Reporter subscription. You can send a year's subscription in Hansford and adjoining counties for \$2 a year; elsewhere, 2.50 a year.

Mrs. J. H. Buchanan will cut off the list every person whose subscription is not paid up by the end of the year. Pay attention to your subscription notice so you not miss a single copy.

A. E. Ferguson, who formerly lived at Spearman and is now with the Department of Agriculture at Washington, lives at Alexandria, Va., and renewed his Reporter subscription.

"Each week I look forward to receiving The Reporter," wrote Ferguson, "since it is practically the only source of information I receive concerning many of my friends in Hansford County."

Len Hays has returned from Carlbad, N. M., where he has been with his daughter, Mrs. Lynn Peck, who underwent a major operation (two weeks ago). At the latest report she was improving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cooke also were stranded by the snowstorm Wednesday night. They left home early Wednesday morning to attend their milk cow at the L. W. Mathews place in east Spearman, and when they did not return in the afternoon, Deputy Sheriff J. B. Cooke sent three rescue squads for them, but all failed to return with the missing parents, so they remained through the night with Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and returned home safely Thursday.

D. D. Moore went to Amarillo Monday night to meet Mrs. Moore.

Gene Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher of Gruver, was 18 years old Sunday and came to Spearman Monday to register with the selective service board.

Several boys left on the bus Monday afternoon for Lubbock to take physical examinations for military service. They were sent by the Hansford county board.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peirce of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grever, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford, J. W. Stewart, H. C. Collier, and C. F. Bennett were on business in Spearman Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jackson and son, Freddie, were snowbound for several hours on the north Hansford road Wednesday afternoon and evening. They had been out inspecting their cattle feeding, but finally made it to Carl Hull's for the night.

Miss Charlotte Tompkins, home demonstration agent, left Monday night for a vacation at San Juan and Houston, Texas. Because of difficulty in visiting clubs, she decided now would be a good time to take a vacation.

County Agent Reports Bees And Hogs In County Off 75 Per Cent From One Year Ago

(Editor's Note: Below is published a summary of the annual report of County Agent Joe Hatton. His report deals primarily with the first 11 months of the year and does not take into consideration the heavy moisture of last week, which improved the wheat crop outlook.)

For the first eleven months of 1943, only 16.32 inches of moisture had been received in the county—and much of this fell in ineffectual showers. Although an average amount of wheat was produced this year, it was made primarily on underground moisture stored from the excessive rains received in 1942.

This fall finds the county in the clutches of a severe drouth, facing the possibility of serious wind erosion next spring. Only about fifty percent of the seeded wheat is up to a good stand—and much of this may not survive the winter unless moisture is received. An estimated 270,000 acres of wheat was seeded in response to the Governmental plea for an increase in wheat acreage. This is about 100,000 acres more than has been seeded during the past several years.

Stock Off One-Fourth

There is less than 25 per cent as many beef cattle and swine in the county as compared to a year earlier. Last year saw an abundance of wheat pasture. This year, there is very little wheat pasture, and producers have not been able to obtain high protein feed.

The financial condition of farmers and ranchers is better than the agricultural outlook. This can be appraised from the fact that bank deposits at the one bank in the county were \$3,442,252 this fall, over three times as great as two years previously. In addition, producers have paid off many old debts and have over subscribed every bond drive, the county buying \$978,345.00 worth of bonds and stamps during the second and third war loan drives.

Wheat Yield Is Average

In spite of drouth, green bugs, and a shortage of labor and machinery, Hansford county produced an average amount of high quality wheat in 1943. Records obtained from every farm by the AAA show that total production for the year from 179,538 acres was 1,611,736 bushels. Of the amount of wheat acres harvested, 97.6 percent was either Tenmarq, Standard Blackhull, Turkey Red, Cheyenne, Comanche, or mixtures of these varieties. All of these varieties are recommended for this area because of their yieldability and because of their good milling and baking properties.

Hansford farmers maintained their reputation as producers of the best quality wheat in Texas by capturing the lions share of honors in the annual Texas wheat milling and baking contest, held this year at the Wichita county fair and sponsored by the Texas wheat improvement association.

Wallin Took First

F. R. Wallin's sample of Tenmarq placed first, R. C. Chase won second with Tenmarq, R. D. Tomlinson third with Turkey Red and R. D. McClellan and A. R. Bort fifth with standard Blackhull. The first three places were from certified fields.

This marks the sixth consecutive year that Hansford county has led the State in the production of certified wheat. Four of those years saw the county produce more certified wheat than the balance of the counties of the state combined.

Tenmarq Popular

Six years ago the first tenmarq was planted—just one truck load of certified seed being planted that fall. This year 54.8 percent of the wheat in the county was Tenmarq. AAA records show the percent of the various varieties planted for the past three years. Note that the trend has been toward Tenmarq and Comanche, and away from Blackhull.

	'41	'42	'43
Tenmarq and Comanche	32	48	54.8
Standard Blackhull	41	21	16.8
Turkey Type Wheat	21	29	26.0
All Others	6	2	2.4

The average yields between various varieties was less pronounced this year than in some seasons. According to the records for the entire county the total

acreage seeded to Tenmarq averaged 9.9 bu; Blackhull averaged 9.8 bu; Turkey type wheats averaged 9.2 bu; mixtures and other varieties 6.9 bushels; and volunteer 6.2 bushels. The county average construction was 9.5 bushels on the seeded acreage.

Goals Are Set

Data compiled from the farm plan sheets revealed that farmers intended to make a strenuous effort to meet their wartime goals. The survey showed the following, as compared to the farm plan sheet compiled a year earlier:

	1942	1943
Intended Production		
No. cows to be milked	1,168	1,524
No. hens	32,671	45,809
No. hogs for market	6,680	9,088
No. beef cattle for market	51,160	51,805

Sixty nine boys were enrolled in 4-H club work in 1943, and worked for Victory by producing food, buying war bonds, collecting scrap, and by making a hand on farms and ranches.

Livestock and meat production was the most popular type of project with the boys. Seventeen boys completed beef projects, seven completed swine projects and four completed sheep projects.

Boys Feed Bees

Sixty-one beef cattle were owned and fed by seventeen boys. There were three types of beef projects—feeding baby beef calves for show, feeding calves on a commercial basis, and the production of calves under range condition.

The farm labor program was a new assignment in 1943, being given to the extension service in May. In this area, wheat harvest time requires more labor than any other period of the year.

The advisory committee of the Victory council and other farmers assisted in formulating a plan of action. It was decided that a labor ruster should be hired and that the U. S. Employment Service be petitioned to send in a representative to assist during the peak period. An office was established in the courthouse and a clerk hired.

Laborers Placed

After the first week labor was about adequate and the two field men—one for extension and one for U. S. E. S.—placed over 300 laborers with farmers.

The special conservation program has been in operation in Hansford county for four years and has assisted farmers and ranchers in maintaining a strict guard on their soil and water conservation problems. This special program is designed to fit the local conditions, and under it producers have reduced soil blowing to a minimum.

In this area conservation of water remains a vital and necessary practice. This is true because moisture usually the limiting factor in crop production.

To hold all moisture that falls, where it falls, a number of different practices are used. Pit cultivation is the most popular water retaining device employed, and almost 100,000 acres were pitted this year. About 10,000 acres were worked on the contour and about one-half of this was in conjunction with terraces.

AAA Payments Made

The A. A. A. in 1943 brought additional income to cooperating farmers. A wheat parity payment (additional 1942 payment) was made in the amount of \$205,373.35. The conservation payment earned this year will be paid this winter and is estimated to be about \$220,000 for the county. This payment includes reimbursement for conservation practices carried out, and also a wheat payment.

According to records in the county A. A. A. loan office, 548,398 bushels of wheat were placed under loan this year. Producers received \$669,065.21 for this wheat and at the same time retained an option on the future sale of the grain should prices warrant it.

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Doughtery Boy Also Missing On Liscome Bay

Was On Same Vessel With Jesse Ralston And Caylor Davis

Fear that Mike Doughtery, brother of Mrs. Olep Chambers, is missing from the escort carrier Liscome Bay was confirmed with the receipt of a letter Saturday from Mike's mother, Mrs. J. G. Doughtery in California.

Telegrams had been received here Tuesday announcing that Jesse Ralston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ralston, and Caylor Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvia Davis were missing from the Liscome Bay.

The three boys, who entered the navy last May 5, shortly after they were 18 years old were known to be serving on the Liscome Bay.

Mike's mother wrote Mrs. Chambers instead of wiring and that explained the lateness of information being received here.

Local people felt sure that Doughtery would be missing if Ralston and Davis were also missing from the carrier.

Loss of these three boys is the greatest casualties for one time in World War II for Hansford county.

Mike Doughtery returned to Hansford county so that he could register for military service and be sent from this community where he knew a number of the boys.

Red Cross Is Filling Quota For Kit Bags

The production department of Hansford county Red Cross chapter shipped 215 unfilled kit bags on Dec. 7. This makes a total of 400 unfilled bags shipped since Oct. 1.

The chapter has made and shipped 550 filled kit bags, making a total of 695 kit bags shipped since October of last year.

The chapter is deeply grateful to the women who have enabled filing of the county quotas on time. The county's quota of navy scarves were knitted from yarn transferred from another chapter, which was unable to get the women to do the knitting.

Chapter women are now knitting army sweaters, mufflers and helmets. These are to be shipped by Jan. 1. Those who are knitting these garments are asked to try and get them to the Red Cross room by that time.

After the first of the year the chapter will be given another quota of kit bags to be made and filled.

Odell Washington Intercepts Pass; Makes Touchdown

A short time ago The Reporter ran a clipping taken from the Oakland, Calif., Post-Enquirer, which featured Odell Washington, manager of Moore Drydock Softball team, who were champions over 20 top teams of that county, in baseball. Odell is now a member of the Oakland Giant Pro football team. The following excerpts are taken from the Post-Enquirer's Daily Sport page:

The Giants had lost only one northern California game when a recent clipping was received, that to the Richmond Boilermakers 10 to 7. The Giants also lost a game to Los Angeles Bulldogs 33 to 23.

In the Los Angeles game the Oakland paper said: "Minutes later George Washington, Oakland halfback, intercepted a Bulldog pass, and streaked 82 yards to the goal line for one of the longest touchdown gallops in pro grid circles this year. The first 10 yards found him playing tag with the sideline stripe."

Mrs. Washington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Baggerly of Spearman.

Washington formerly was Spearman High School football and basketball coach.

Marriage license was issued Dec. 8 to J. C. Lee and Mrs. Nellie J. Forrest.

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ENTERING 37th YEAR

The Spearman Reporter is entering its 37th year or service this week to Hansford County. The paper originally was named the Hansford Headlight and was moved to Spearman and renamed The Spearman Reporter.

In fact, we are so darned busy that we don't have time to go through the files and tell you too much about what we've done in the past. The present ownership brought The Reporter from the late Oran Kelly, June 1, 1928.

PUBLICITY BOLOGNA

One of these companies that all the time trying to get something nor nothing sent The Reporter this amazing blurb the other day: "Hansford County's 7,323 housewives could feed 1,914 soldiers for year with the food wasted annually in homes of the county, an official of a leading food distributor estimated."

Isn't that remarkable for a county with only about 2,700 population? In fact, that makes about all the gentlemen of the county polygamists with about 15 wives each. What men there be in Hansford County!

CHRISTMAS EDITION

The Reporter will publish its annual Christmas edition next week. Most business and professional people will want to run Christmas greetings in keeping with the season. Because of shortage of help, it may be difficult to see every firm for the Christmas edition.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sheets and children of Plemmons were in town Monday. They reported a big snow along the river but the roads were passable.

Mrs. Wm. Dart and Mrs. Bessie Glamer of Mobeetie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baley Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week.

Townsend Drug PHONE 123 ALBERT TOWNSEND, Owner Spearman

We're Scooping SNOW Now

but WE'LL SCOOP GRAIN NEXT SUMMER

That's our program and we are going to stick to it. This just means that the drought is broken and the bread basket will be filled and running over in 1944.

You know we've been worried about the drought, but we're sleeping better now.

LET'S GO, FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Show 'Em How To Win A War!

R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO.

SPEARMAN LYNX

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Editor in Chief Arlys Womble. Associate Editor Rosann Porter. Senior News Grace Lawson. Junior News Clarence Kern. Sophomore News Geneva Ford. Freshman News Gene Kern. Sour Notes Rosanne Porter. Sponsor Alma Overby.

SOUR NOTES

The most outstanding band member for the past six-weeks is Rosanne Porter. She played the "lie-off" with Gene Sparks last Thursday. Each student chose a piece and challenged the other with it. Mr. Edwards counted the mistakes and the student who made the least number won the \$5.00, given by Mr. Edwards. Gene made two mistakes and Rosanne made one.

JUNIOR NEWS

We are sorry, but we are going to have to put the Junior Play off until after Christmas. The cast has been trying hard but we just can't make it since all this snowy weather we've been having has put us back quite a bit. But don't forget about it when the time comes. The date will be announced later.

We are planning our Christmas party, which will be next Thursday at 7:30 p. m. We are all looking forward to a grand time and etc.

The whole high school took a English diagnostic test a while back and we are proud to say that the four highest grades came from the junior class.

Those making highest scores were: Rosanne Porter, Jean Hill, Avis Harbour, and Barbara Jean Dailey.

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Nancy McClellan, Donna Crawford, Barbara Allen, Jean Swartz, Lee Marie Dacus.

Honorable Mention.

Irene Scroggs, Nancy Lee, Mary Margaret M. Lain, Lon Buckner.

Third Grade Honor Roll

Don McCammon, Ted Dacus, Billie Jeanne Greever, Jimmy De Armond, Joe Mack Hill.

Honorable Mention.

Nada Hutton, Janelle Winkler, Wayne Madden.

Fifth Grade Honor Roll

Lynelle Sansing, Doris Jean Scroggs, Joyce Scroggs.

Honorable Mention.

John Peterson, Doris Pirwell, Patsy Howell.

Sixth Grade Honor Roll

Katharin Van Sitt, Margaret Wilbanks, Wayne Daniels.

Honorable Mention.

Lobby Close, Jerry Cade, Betty Fisher.

Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Bill Weston, Bobbie Pearl Levey, Don McLain, Jo Ann Gower, Laura Ruth Lamb, Pasomary Tarben, Maurice Bond, Carolyn Sansing, Bradford Castleman.

Honorable Mention.

Anna Louise Pope, Norma Jean Hutton, Ruth Tarbo, Bill Davis, Dolores Rosenbaum.

TODAY on the HOME FRONT

by James Marlow and Georan Zielke

Wednesday is another federal income tax deadline, but for most taxpayers, at least, it won't mean filling out any more forms.

For about one in three taxpayers, it means laying the money on the line for another installment under pay as you go — in most cases, a duplicate of the installment paid in September, unless the taxpayer paid in full at that time.

However, farmers are called upon for their first return since pay as you go was installed. They must estimate their 1943 income, compute and pay the taxes on it.

If you filed a declaration of estimated tax in September and made a payment, you don't need to file a new return unless you were more than 20 per cent too low in your estimate of income. If you're that far off base, as shown by the final 1943 return all taxpayers must file next March, you'll be billed a 6 per cent penalty on the amount of underestimate.

Farmers get considerably more leeway. Besides having until Dec. 15 each year to make their estimates, they're to be assessed a penalty only if they underestimate by more than 33 1-3 per cent.

The requirement of filing advance declarations applies to: 1. Those who aren't subject to the withholding tax — the tax deductions from paychecks. This group includes, besides those who aren't on regular wages or salaries, ministers, farm laborers and household servants.

2. Those whose income is more than \$2,700 if single or \$3,500 for a married couple.

3. Those who have, in addition to wages or salaries subject to withholding, a side-income of \$100 or more a year.

4. Those whose income is less this year than in 1942 — if they were required to file income tax returns for 1942. In these cases the 1942 tax becomes, in effect,

Coldest Wave Of Season Hits

Texas girded for a bitter spell of weather today as the coldest wave of the season swept into the Panhandle. Temperatures went to 21 at Amarillo.

Amarillo was struck by a 32-mile an hour snowstorm this morning. The north wind was 30 miles an hour at Pampa and the mercury toppled to 23 degrees.

Warning that the newest cold wave is carrying the lowest temperatures this year, the Dallas weather bureau sent out warnings for protection of livestock in the Panhandle and the north portion of East Texas.

A hard freeze was forecast for the Dallas region tonight. Freezing weather was forecast for both East and West Texas.

The official forecast predicted temperatures will drop to five to 10 degrees in the Panhandle and South Plains; 10 to 15 in the upper portion of the Pecos valley; 15 to 20 in the El Paso area and Big Bend country and freezing in the Del Rio-Eagle Pass area.

The forecast said the cold wave will send the mercury into the twenties and lower in East Texas.

Some authorities believe automobiles produced directly after the war may cost as much as 25 per cent more than these of pre-war vintage, taking into consideration current wage levels in the industry, and increased tire and steel costs.

When World War I hostilities ceased, there were actually engaged on the front 740 American airplanes, 744 pilots, and 23 aerial gunners.

The cause of freedom is the cause of God—Bowles.

the 1943 tax.

If you've changed into one of these brackets since September, better get busy on a declaration.

Incidentally, the internal revenue bureau says that apparently a number of taxpayers deliberately overestimated their taxes in September so they'll have a credit left next March to apply on the "hangover" payment coming due then — one-half of the uncancelled portion of the lower of 1942 or 1943 taxes.

Stay Slim With This Simple Pre-Yule Diet

In years gone by, have you found that over the holidays you have gained anywhere from three to five pounds? And then it takes you almost until spring to lose this extra weight?

It's an unhappy climax to a week of festivity and fun, but few of us have the willpower to forego that extra helping of turkey and plum pudding.

So why not anticipate this, and for a week or 10 days before Christmas eliminate starches and sweets from your diet. Not only will you lose enough weight to offset what you most certainly will gain between Christmas and the New Year, but you'll relish the holiday fare ever so much more.

Classified Ads

Snowed out, but if weather agreeable, will be at Dr. Gower's office Wednesday, Dec. 22, till noon. Merry Christmas to all—Dr. Powell. 1-1tp

FOR SALE one John Deere tractor or on steel 29 model, good condition, 7 miles south of Spearman. Eual Moss. 1-2tp

LOST—One Bunch Keys. Call Reporter office. 1-1tp

NOTICE: Classified, display advertising and news columns close about noon every Tuesday. Please arrange for advertising early; also bring in your news items promptly. 33-tfb

WANTED: Man, general farm, steady work by month, good tenant house. School bus comes by door. R. C. Chase. 51-2tp

JOB PRINTING—place your order as far in advance as possible. It takes time to produce printing; it's a manufacturing job. Spearman Reporter, Phone 10. 33-tfb

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

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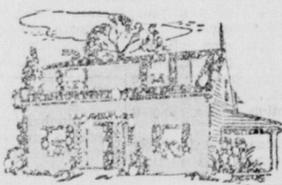
★ Many of our men and women in the service will be traveling on a furlough trip during the holiday season. They deserve their well-earned trips, and for many it may be their last furlough for an indefinite period of time.

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Appreciation
 NEW YORK — Regional OPA Administrator Daniel P. Wooley received his first Christmas card of the season.
 In addition to holiday greetings, it thanked him for trying to protect the public from the black market.

It was signed: "The woman with the worn purse."
 All power and happiness are spiritual, and proceed from goodness.—Mary Baker Eddy.
 The noblest mind the best contentment has.—Spenser.

Social Notes

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What The Folks In Service Are Doing

Letters To Santa

Morse, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring us two bicycles, two typewriters, 1 table and two rings. We have tried to be nice little boys.
 Yours truly,
 Charles and David Reid
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Dear Santa:
 Would you please bring me a saw and a little desk. I will hang up my sock and please put some fruit in it. Please give me one piece of candy and let the soldier boys have the rest of my candy. I have moved to the country.
 BILLY BOB HARRIS.

Beauty By The Basketfull

A CHRISTMAS gift of this old-fashioned wicker basket filled with Muguet de Sois toilettries, will delight the feminine woman.

BETTER HOMES H. D. C. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Better Homes H. D. C. met with Mrs. Ed Uptergrove Dec. 7 for the last meeting of year and the Christmas party. The box for the service men in the hospital contained 15 packages.
 The ladies enjoying the day together were Mesdames Church, L. E. Wilbanks, Kenney, Deta Blodgett, Joe and Robert Novak, Converse and visitors were Mesdames J. M. Blodgett, H. M. Shedeck, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Uptergrove and son, and the hostess.
 The first meeting in 1944 will be Jan. 4 with Mrs. Joe Novak.

BAPTIST WORKERS CONFERENCE HELD

Representatives of the Baptist Churches of the Canadian district met at the Baptist church in Spearman Tuesday, Dec. 7, for their monthly workers conference. All the churches were well represented and a basket dinner was served at noon.
 Rev. John Cobb of Wayland College at Plainview had charge of the morning services and a short talk was given by the minister of Canadian; also Fern Miller gave a special message to the women.

Lt. I. T. Spivey is home on furlough visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spivey, of Gruver, and other relatives. He graduated from an advanced pilot's training school at the Army Air Field, Douglas, Ariz., Sunday, Dec. 5, and will leave from here for Albuquerque, N. M., where he will serve as an instructor at the Army Air Field there.

Cpl. Ralph Latham returned to Camp Howze at Gainesville, Texas, Sunday, after a three-day delay on account of the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McClellan receive two letters a week from their son, R. L. somewhere in the Pacific. He writes that things are not so bad where he is but that they have been horrible in the Gilbert Islands.

D. R. McDaniel is in training with the Seabee* at Camp Endicott, R. I., writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Daniels, that he likes the camp fine and that it was so much nicer there than at Camp Peary, Va. He is training with a group of boys from Ireland and says they are fine fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brockus have received a number of Christmas cards and letters from the boys overseas. M/Sgt. Lewis Stringer at Guadalcanal sent an appropriate South Sea Island card, and their son, 1st Lt. Phil Brockus sent one from England. They also received cards from Italy, China, Iran, and a long letter from India from Lt. R. K. Brachett, one of the boys from the Pampa Air Field that they entertained in their home last Christmas. Stringer asked about Arthur (Shine) Gaines who is now in New Guinea in service.

Christian Church

Sunday, Dec. 19 we will observe the usual Christmas spirit with a short program by the Sunday school. There will be treats for all the children. 10 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Lords Supper followed by program; 7 p. m. C. Y. F. and juniors. 8 p. m. regular services. On account of the inclement weather we extended the time of getting your ballots in for election of officers to Dec. 19. Be sure and bring your ballot then or mail them in the mean time. C. F. Bastion, pastor.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN KENNETH BAILEY

Kenneth Bailey, who leaves for the army, Dec. 21, was given a surprise farewell party at his home Dec. 8.
 Table decorations were of khaki and refreshments carried out the red, white and blue color scheme. Games of all kinds were enjoyed by the following guests:
 Mr. and Mrs. Otmar Bruce, Duane, Gail and Dorothy Lee, Mr. and Mrs. John Langley, Dewey and Ellie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Langley, Laurel and Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. John Mote and Russell of Vici, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Castor and Kenneth also of Vici, Mrs. Tom Sutton, Miss Vivian Burgess, Mrs. Pearl Robertson, Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, and the honoree.
 Those who sent gifts but were unable to attend were Mr. and

W. S. C. S. HAS MEETING WITH MRS. R. E. LEE

The Women's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Lee Wednesday, Dec. 8. The outlook program featured "Congo Women in New Life" and was given by Mrs. Ben Beck, assisted by Mrs. P. A. Lyon and Mrs. George Buzzard. The business session was conducted at this time for the last meeting of the year. The meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15, with Mrs. C. A. Gibner as hostess, was to be a Christmas party and social meeting.

Those present at the meeting were Mesdames R. N. Jones, H. P. Bailey, P. A. Lyon, Geo. Buzzard, G. P. Gibner, C. A. Gibner, Ben Beck, E. N. Richardson, R. W. Morton, F. J. Daily, J. D. Hester, John Eldridge, R. E. Meek and Mrs. R. E. Lee.

EARL CHURCH FAMILY HAS SOLDIER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Church showed their true hospitality the past week-end, by having two soldiers from Pampa Army Air Field as their guests. They were: Pvt. Bob Matice, Albany, N. Y., and Pfc. John Sloligan, Boston, Mass. The boys had never spent much time on a farm, and reported that they had a very enlightening and enjoyable time, and wished that the pleasure could be repeated often, not only to them but to all service men away from home.

Mind Your Manners

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. In an office, should you feel free to interrupt a person who is concentrating on a job, to borrow something or just to chat for a moment?
2. When a caller in an office seems to know that he is taking up more of your time than you can spare, how might you give him a hint that it is time for him to leave?
3. Are crowded busses an excuse for men crowding ahead of women?
4. Is there any excuse for able-bodied men or women sitting on a bus or street car when a woman holding a baby is standing in the aisle?
5. Should a woman give her seat on a bus or street car to a very old, feeble person who is standing, if no man nearby gets up and offers his place?

What would you do if—
 You are tipping the bell boy who takes your luggage to your hotel room—
 (a) Tip him according to the amount of luggage you have?
 (b) Tip the same for several bags that you would for one bag?

Answers
 1. No.
 2. By taking advantage of a pause in the conversation to rise and say "I'm glad you stopped by"—or some such final-sounding pleasantry.
 3. No.
 4. No.
 5. Yes.
 Better "What Would You do" solution—(a).

F. R. Wallin and Willard Shapley of Gruver are in Hot Springs, N. M., taking the mineral baths.

Lt. and Mrs. James Nagel are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born Nov. 30 at a Lubbock hospital. Mrs. Nagel was before her marriage Anne Carol Davidson of Spearman. Lt. Nagel is overseas.

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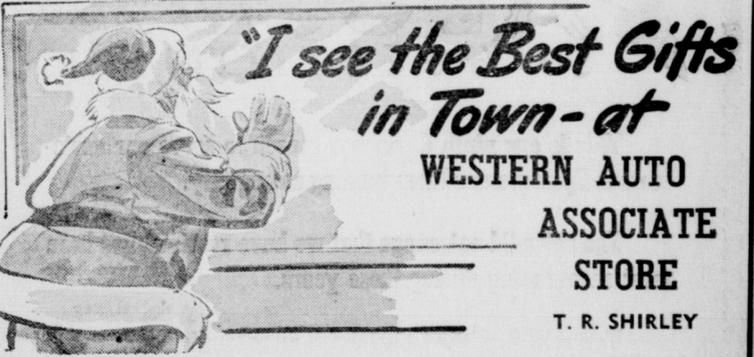
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FOR MOTHER—

Glassware, dishes, magazine racks, pictures, kitchen stools, vases, book ends, percolators, mirrors, coffee tables, storage cabinets, sugars and creamers, pyrexware, punch bowl sets, etc.

FOR DAD—

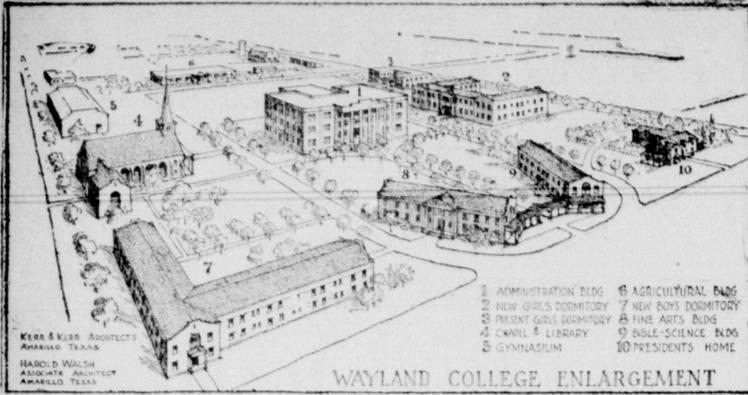
Tools, tackle boxes, etc.

FOR THE CAR—

Batteries, seat covers, heater and accessories.

FOR CHRISTMAS—

Candles, tree lights, tree balls and other decorations.



THE PROPOSED expansion program of Wayland college of Plainview, Tex., is clearly portrayed in the architect's drawing. The over-all project calls for an expenditure of approximately \$750,000. This will provide adequate housing and equipment to accommodate more than twice the present enrollment. The new dormitories are to be modern in every detail and each will care for about 125 students. The present dormitory for girls will be remodeled throughout to provide light housekeeping facilities.

The college anticipates extensive courses in agriculture to provide a long felt need. Facilities are being provided to make this possible. The library will be built in connection with the chapel building. The present administration building will be reconditioned and used for English, Language, Social Science and other departments. The Enlargement Movement is headed by Dr. John W. Cobb, dean of the college.

★ Voice Of The People

GIVES DEFINITION OF "TINKER'S DAM"

Editor The Reporter: I just read your editorial about the editorial in the Ochiltree County Herald which disagreed with your editorial disagreeing with their editorial about an "essential man." Said Mr. Stewart in part: "And we don't give a tinker's damn about hard feelings." Can it be that the educated editor of the Perryton paper doesn't know that tinkers used little clay dams when pouring metal, and that these dams were called tinker's dams because they were dams used by tinkers; and furthermore, since no use has ever been found for them after they were used once, we now have the expression "worthless as a tinker's dam." Oh, but this is silly—surely, Mr. Stewart knows that.

CHALMERS PORTER
 U. S. NAVAL STUDENT
 Los Angeles, Calif.

San Angelo Wins Over Vernon By 26 To 0 Score

San Angelo will play Highland Park (Dallas) at San Angelo and Lufkin will meet Goose Creek at Houston in the semi-finals of Texas schoolboy football this week. For the first time in years the penultimate bracket is made up altogether of undefeated, untied teams. San Angelo pushed Vernon aside 26-0. Highland Park took out Sunset (Dallas) 14-0 and Goose Creek crushed Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio) 52-13 Saturday while Lufkin worked its way into the semi-finals with a 25-0 decision over Waco Friday. One winning streak was extended to 22 games while another was snapped at the same figure as eight regional championships were determined in the Class A division of Texas schoolboy football. Taylor finished the season unbeaten in 22 starts by downing Gatesville 21-0 for the Region 8 title. At the same time Wink's Wildcats, who had gone through 22 games without defeat, were upset by unheralded Seminole 19-12 in the finals of Region 2. Ballinger beat Crowell 19-0 for the Region 3 crown. Garland downed Handley 33-0 for Region 4 honors. Van defeated Gilmer 19-6 for the Region 5 title. White Oak (Longview) won the Region 6 championship on penetrations in a scoreless tie with Grapeland. Port Acres defeated Pasadena 7-0 for Region 7 laurels and Bay City won over New Braunfels 10-7 for the Region 9 title. The championship of Region 1 was to be determined Wednesday, Dec. 15, when Phillips plays at Shamrock. The game was scheduled last week but was postponed due to weather conditions.

• Oslo News

(Last Week) Mrs. Jack Christofferson, Louise and Amy Knutsen and Doris Dahl met Sunday afternoon at the parsonage to arrange for the Christmas program. Mrs. Robert Alexander returned last week from a ten days visit with Bobby who attends Abbey school at Canon City, Colo. Little Kathryn Knutsen attended a party at the Guy Gruver home last Saturday afternoon in honor of their little daughter, Marlene, who celebrated her sixth birthday that day. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christofferson, Mrs. Clara Stedje and Miss Marie Stedje were visitors at the Bill Johnson home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hjortholm's school was closed three days last week, because of illness of the teacher. Some of the children in this district have been absent on account of chicken pox. Mrs. Clara Stedje and Mrs. Gordon Stedje called at the parsonage Friday afternoon. Mrs. Johanna TeBeest, Ruth and Ted visited at the Henry Moen home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hjortholm returned Sunday night from Norge, Okla. On account of the heavy rain which came Sunday morning, it was impossible to conduct services there that day. However, he had the pleasure of visiting with most of the church members on Saturday and Sunday. Miss Marie Stedje returned Sunday to her school at Berger after a visit with relatives here in Oslo.

WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR

OF THE 35,000,000 AMERICAN HOMES:

- 38% HAVE TELEPHONES
- 52% HAVE GAS
- 55% HAVE PRIVATE BATHS
- 77% HAVE ELECTRICITY
- 83% HAVE RADIOS

SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (1940), BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AMER. GAS ASSOCIATION. GRAPHIC BY F. L. GAY.

Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.—Mary Baker Eddy.

THE WAR TODAY

The Red army's sudden reclamation of the initiative in the bloody battle which is raging along the great Kiev salient, and

southward into the Dnieper bend, represents a major step towards making good the recent Allied pledge at Teheran to crush Germany by concerted blows from east, south and west. What this means is that Marshal Stalin is trying to maneuver his forces into favorable position for another devastating winter offensive. Bonaparte Hitler faces a further fierce crisis amidst the

snow and ice and sub-zero weather of the wind-swept steppes. Such an offensive must be an integral part of the grand strategy which is calculated by all-round pressure to deliver the coup de grace to one of the most barbarous conquerors of history. Hitler's forces must be kept engaged in Russia while the Western Allies get for their establishment of that crucial second front in France. That's also the explanation of the Allied pressure in the Balkans. Bitter fighting may be expected along the Russo-German front, I believe, and it wouldn't be surprising if the line sways considerably in the immediate future. For a month past the Hitlerites have been hitting the Red front in the Kiev sector with all they had. Their only hope of holding along the general line of the Dnieper river lay in considerably straightening out the Kiev salient — which bulges so dangerously into their defenses — and also relieving pressure on the Dnieper bend at the southern end of the front. They were facing a double danger — of having their line broken and flanked by the Reds, and of losing their all-important

DISCONTINUING BUYING OF HOGS

Owing to conditions, we will not buy hogs until further notice.

We thank the farmers and business men for their cooperation.

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Union Church

Sunday school 10 a. m., morning worship 11 a. m., evening service 8 p. m., mid-week service, Thursday 8 p. m. The snow interfered with our services Sunday but we were very thankful for the moisture and feel that we will gain much by it in the future as it peps most of the farmers and ranchers up. As we near the time of another Christmas season let us not leave out the Christ in Christmas and let us that are Christians conduct ourselves as Christ would have us to. Christmas has been so commercialized until the children and lots of adults have forgotten the true significance of this great day when a Saviour was born into the world and that men through him might have peace in their hearts and lives as they pass this way. Let us not celebrate the birth of Christ through drinking and reveling but in prayer and true worship for Him who gave His life for us. Sidney B. Rees, pastor.

lateral railways upon which the invaders depend to maintain their armies. Nazi Marshal Manstein has had his temporary successes in this month of death, due in part to the fact that bad weather has grounded much of the Red air force. However, while he appears to have employed every resource at his disposal, he hasn't been able thus far to wipe out that vast Kiev salient which is bending inward like a giant mountain to crush him. A late fall has delayed the freeze-up in central and southern Russia, with the result that deep mud has hampered military operations. The big freeze cannot be far away, however, and when it comes the mighty Red fighting machine should begin to roll westward. When will the invasion of France come? We can only note that the Allies appear to be devoting every energy towards that culminating offensive. Undoubtedly it will come as soon as it is humanly possible to get set for it. Lord Sitraborgi, chief labor whip in the British house of lords, declared Sunday that the next 100 days "will be as important in the history of the world as the 100 days before Waterloo. Then Napoleon met his fate and Hitler will meet his if we act bravely and swiftly." That's an interesting but inconclusive estimate. Hitler certainly thinks the trial draws near, and he's getting set for the showdown. Marshal Rom-

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You will find good Christmas merchandise at Cates & Son—you will not be able to get many items that you have been accustomed to depend upon us in former years because of war problems.

But any one that gets his Christmas dinner supplies at Cates & Son will not be disappointed. We'll have plenty of fresh and cured meats, fancy and staple groceries, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, nuts and many other appetizing foods.

Shop as early in the week as you can Christmas week. Don't put all your shopping off until Christmas eve. We'll be closed all day Christmas day, so plan your shopping now.

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Give the Present with a Future... Give War Bonds... so there will always be a Christmas!

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Zero Weather Arrived December

Coldest Day Fall Comes Recent Snow

Zero weather man Tuesday r This was six da Dec. 21, official to begin and th the year. Temperature week ranged fr Sunday. The have prevented from melting v Farmers and the recent rain came Dec. 8 at mable value to tal of 2.45 inch Wheat is reg didly with the ceived and farm mistic about 1 1944. Rural roads is believed t impassable i when good th Some farm ing to Spea their trading early for fei get too soft. Steck ha the low tem been little helped a lot. Weather o reported the tures the pa Dec. 14 Dec. 15 Dec. 16 Dec. 17 Dec. 18 Dec. 19 Dec. 20 Dec. 21 One featur ed to repo the younge er not so Main Stre day aftern awning in 1 ing at the caved in, l fragments back as th Fortunatel awning at could hav ed or kille Mercha snow off there wou The awni City cafe that the for a tim

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