

Durward Lewter Is 4-H Product

There's no mystery why Durward Lewter, county agent, has his heart set on making Howard county the "best 4-H club county in the state."

He means just that, adding that he someday hopes to have boys who will exceed even Mason county in beef calf feeding and showing.

The answer is simple. Lewter has been brought up in the 4-H way and it opened the way for his education. Born Jan. 23, 1917 on a small farm in Cooke county, he started 4-H club work as soon as he could, serving five years of the Dester unit. He was state runner-up for the Chicago, Ill., trip in 1934 and the Washington, D. C., trip in 1935. He won trips to the state fair in 1934, went to A. & M. short courses in 1932-33 and was on the stock judging team that placed fifth in state competition.

Three times he won trips to the Southwestern Fat Stock show. Lewter wanted to go to college, but financial obstacles presented an almost insurmountable problem. Through L. L. Johnson, then Cooke county agent and now state 4-H agent, he was able to work for his room and board at North Texas Agricultural college at Arlington where he got additional livestock judging experience. He was a member of the school team which made the highest score ever recorded in a national judging contest and funds earned from the experience helped him get his education.

While at NTAC, he acquired experience in marketing agricultural products by working on the school farm when it started. Today it is the biggest farm of its kind in the state.

After getting an associate of science degree from the college in 1936, he began teaching, serving two years as superintendent at Rosston. In 1938 he was named head of the Marysville high school and after three years he resolved to complete his training at Texas A. & M. college. In 1942 he got his BS degree with a major in agronomy and a minor in animal hus-



DURWARD LEWTER

bandry. Here again he was obliged to work his way, serving in the extension service mailing room. One year he judged 4-H record books and got a real insight into what is required for a national 4-H winner.

Lewter started working in a soils laboratory and moved to Abilene in October of the same year to put in another two years in the work, gaining extensive knowledge of West Texas soils. He also acquired a burning ambition to serve as a county agent somewhere in West Texas.

The retirement of O. P. Griffin, veteran county agent, gave him that opportunity.

Although he excelled in pig feeding in 4-H club work, once showing a state grand champion, Lewter also had projects in calves, corn, poultry and cotton. In Howard county he sees a big opportunity for boys in beef cattle feeding and with 26 registered Hereford breeders and ranchers with quality herds cooperating, he sees no reason why Howard county boys cannot do a top job.

Lewter and his wife reside with their six-year-old daughter at 807 Aylford street.

Baylor To Have 100th Birthday During Next Year

WACO, Dec. 23—Baylor University will be 100 years old in 1945 and in celebration of her birthday the institution will hold open house to her ex-students and friends throughout 1945, and will present programs of historical significance on February 1, Founders Day, and again at the Centennial Commencement, May 25-29.

The theme of the Centennial year is "Christian Education: Safeguard of Democracy" and the addresses at both the Founders Day and commencement exercises will feature some angle of this general theme, and will be published in book form after their delivery.

The three speakers at the Founders Day program, February 1, include Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and Oriental history and chairman of the department of religion in the Yale University graduate school; Dr. Frederick Eby, professor of the philosophy and history of education at the University of Texas since 1909, former teacher at Baylor, and prominent Baptist layman and author; and Dr. Dixon Wecter, Baylor alumnus, professor in the University of California at Los Angeles, and current popular author and lecturer.

In addition to these addresses on Founders Day, memorial pillars to Dr. William Tryon and the Rev. James Huckins, co-founders of the university with Judge Baylor, will be unveiled, along with the dedication of memorial live-oak trees honoring the memory of all the original trustees of the institution at its opening at Independence, in Washington county, in 1845.

Plans are underway for broadcasting the chief exercises at both the Founders Day and commencement programs.

With a view to honoring Baylor on her hundredth birthday, numerous organizations have arranged to hold their 1945 sessions on the Waco campus, it is announced. Among these bodies are the Texas Historical Association, gathering March 6; conference on the future of the church-related colleges, under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, March 22, 23; annual convention of the Baptist Training Union of Texas, April 10, 11; Texas division American Association of University Women, April 12, 13; Robert Browning birthday festival, May 7; and Baptist General Convention of Texas, at a date in November to be fixed by the executive board.

In the event the war is over by next fall a monster homecoming program is to be carried out in connection with one of the leading football games, but no homecoming will be held until after the majority of Baylor's sons in the service have returned home and can participate. Quite a number of special popular but cultural programs will be presented on the campus throughout the year. Among these will be a concert by the Baylor symphony orchestra on the evening of February 1; and an Easter cantata April 1, with still others to be scheduled during the summer and fall months.

SALUTE TO THE VICTOR FORREST CITY, Ia.—President Roosevelt's victory in the election prompted Mr. and Mrs. Elias Larelection night Franklin Dean and son to name their twins, born Eleanor Jean. The Larsons have two other sets of twins.



HIGHEST AWARD—Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee presents the Congressional Medal of Honor to Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., during ceremonies in Paris. Pvt. Barrett was cited for gallantry on D-Day.

Christmas Vacation Not Observed By Telephone Switchboard Girls

Christmas day will be a holiday for most folks—but it will be one of the busiest working days of the year for telephone operators in Big Spring.

These girls will remain at their posts on Christmas Eve and throughout Christmas Day to do their best to help thousands of G. I. Joes get calls through to the folks back home. The telephone company is expecting the largest volume of long distance calls ever channeled through the telephone exchange.

An behalf of all of the boys away from home, the telephone company is appealing to civilians not to make unnecessary calls on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

If the people of Big Spring must exchange Christmas greetings by long distance telephone, District Manager H. F. Fox of the telephone company, urged them to make their calls Saturday evening or during the day on Sunday in order to free the lines for servicemen on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The telephone is the closest contact many lonely soldiers, sailors and other members of the services can have with parents, family and friends back home. Fox urged that civilians not deny them that privilege.

The district manager pointed out that the lowest long distance rates will be in effect from 6 p. m. Saturday, December 23, until 4 a. m., December 26.

Special arrangements are being made to make all possible lines available to have every switchboard position in Big Spring manned during the holiday weekend.

"Despite all we can do, however," Fox said, "long delays on calls from west Texas to other states will be unavoidable this Christmas."

Fire Damage During Past Year Is Huge Across Nation Says Crocker

Chicago — Passenger traffic in and out of the Chicago airport increased 28.6 per cent in the first eight months of this year compared with the similar period of 1943, according to figures released by Oscar E. Hewitt, commissioner of public works.

In Chicago, 550,043 passengers were handled by commercial airlines in the first eight months. If air traffic through Chicago continues to the end of the year at its current rate, more than 1,847,490 passengers will have been accommodated at the field, Hewitt's report shows.

HIS BULLET HITS WARDEN CANNELTON, Ind.—Lawrence Peters decided that if there was to be any more accidental shoot-careful of whom he shot. When his ing, he was going to be more bullet struck Game Warden Everett Thixton by accident, the warden discovered Peters was hunting without a license and arrested him.

above the corresponding period for 1943. Chief Crocker urged that citizens of Big Spring take every precaution this Christmas in order that such an increase will not be had this year.

The fire chief advised that this season can be safer for everyone if all citizens will set up their Christmas trees securely, and in a manner which keeps them well supplied with water. He added that only those decorations should be purchased which burn slowly and that candles on trees is extremely dangerous.

He cautioned smokers to be especially careful in decorated rooms and in rooms where quantities of Christmas wrappings have been deposited.

Crocker warned that Christmas lights were becoming more and more worn and that they should be examined thoroughly for exposed wires before being placed on the tree. These wires should be taped securely. "Never," he declared, "should strings of lights be bridged with a piece of tinfoil or some other metal, even if it is impossible to obtain more bulbs." He said that rather than do this, one string of lights should be removed from the tree and used for spares.

Crocker said that firemen will be on duty all during the Christmas weekend, but he added that he hoped that their presence will not be necessary.

Food Conservation Highlights Home Demonstration Work

Concentrating on poultry, house repair and home food supply, home demonstration women of Howard county not only accomplished most of their goals but had a generally beneficial effect on similar work over the county.

One of the outstanding achievements of the year was in developing home food supplies. There were 72 of the county's 893 farm families reporting and showed 2,394 quarts of fruit canned, 4,318 quarts of vegetables, 1,314 quarts of meat, 280 quarts miscellaneous, 243 quarts fruits and vegetables, brined, 170 pounds fruit dried, 33 pounds vegetables dried, 9,560 pounds meat cured, 908 pounds vegetables, etc. stored and 6,658 pounds meat frozen.

Extending these as better than average, it would indicate the county's farm families put up around 90,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables, etc., cured around 100,000 pounds of meat, and stored and froze around 70,000 pounds of vegetables and meat. None of this, of course, takes into account the amount of food conserved by urban residents.

In helping this program, the home demonstration agent, Rhea Merle Boyles, and her food specialist assistant, Mildred Atkinson, gave demonstrations and tested equipment, etc. for 180 families. In this and all types of work, 1,368 families in Big Spring and Howard county were reached during the year.

Fourteen women served as demonstrators and 102 women as co-operators in the home improvement (interior) program. In addition 99 of the 4-H girls joined in the work.

Among improvements effected by them were 31 windows replaced or added, 131 interiors refinished, eight bathrooms added, six houses refrigerators added, 10 built-in cabinets, 45 feather comforters made, 51 woolen bed covers made, 460 cotton bedding items added, 15 mattresses made, 123 pieces of furniture refinished, 163 chairs refinished, 19 chairs upholstered, a like number of slip covers made, 47 families reduced fire hazards and 55 reduced rats and other household pests.

The 116 women and 99 girl co-operators added 56 pieces of recreational equipment, planted 16 shade trees, added 56 shrubs and a variety of other plantings.

Miss Boyles report estimated that 850 farm families raised 190,000 pounds of garden products, 4-H girls 8,000 pounds, 100 city gardens 92,000 pounds—a total of 280,000 pounds.

In addition there were five frame gardens, five tub gardens and four with sub-irrigation tile. Half the number saved seed and roughly one-fifth controlled insects.

Impressive figures came from

the poultry activities with 116 women and 99 girls culling out 906 birds, raising 3,413 pullets, consuming 4,059 fryers. Total value of poultry raised was \$3,050 and the 20,925 dozen eggs produced were worth \$6,760.

Through club efforts many wire gates were relocated or repaired, feed more conveniently stored, garden plots relocated, water piped to house, livestock and poultry. Seven budgeted income and 19 kept accounts. About one-third were consistent war bond purchasers and 150 families aided in the salvage programs.

Because of war shortages, 59 families shared equipment, 59 swapped work, 55 swapped trips and 51 conveyed information vital to maximum wartime production. A total of 146 families cooperated by rigidly observing price ceilings, etc. Sewing picked up and 116 women made 1,013 garments while 99 girls made 406. Women made over 234 while girls reworked 101. A total of 313 garments were cleaned at home.

Among other activities were training sessions, method demonstrations, 30 result demonstrations, 11 achievement days held with an attendance of 175 on five tours. There were two encampments and several parties. There were nine home demonstration clubs and eight 4-H clubs. The HD council met regularly during the year and HD members aided in the victory council.

Through cooperation with club members with farmers and 4-H club boys, the county's food and feed exhibit was made possible and proved a big success. During the year reporters carried on a constant program of advising the public of the work, both through the press and by radio.

One Business Has Firm Belief In Things To Come

By HELEN DUDNICK At least one business has firm definite expectations of the things to come. That would be the newspaper pattern industry. Take it from George Goldsmith, one of the top experts of the trade, the popularity of patterns for home sewing has broken and will continue to break all records.

Tall, debonaire, a definite stylist in pattern-making and a shrewd business man, Goldsmith is the recognized authority in his field. Right now, he says, the pattern industry is enjoying an unprecedented boom. This year sales have increased more than 50 per cent over last—and they still are zooming.

"The percentage of women in America who are sewing is beyond belief—beyond belief, that is, to all but those of us within the industry who have so confidently watched its quick progress in recent years," he said.

According to Goldsmith, several reasons account for the upswing in home sewing. One is that over the past 15 years, the installation of home-making departments in schools throughout the United States has resulted in a new generation of home sewers. The girls who perhaps grudgingly were shuffled off to the home-making schoolroom, while the boys went to carpenter shop, discovered they liked to sew.

LIVED TO 104 HOUSTON, — Mother of nine, grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 16 children, Mrs. Amanda Sullivan died here recently at the age of 104. She was born near Jackson, Miss., in 1840, and married the late George Sullivan in 1865 when he returned from the Civil War.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To Our Friends and Customers

Our many thanks and best wishes for your friendship and patronage. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the new year.

JERRY'S CAFE

We Never Close — Across From Wards



PITMAN'S

Big Spring's Oldest Jewelers



May your Christmas be bright as a song and radiant with the warmth of neighborly hospitality and joyous good fellowship.

Southland Studio

104 East 3rd



We're wishin' you a mighty fine Christmas with a heap of good things coming your way. Merry Christmas, everybody!

Walker's Pharmacy

Cor. Main and 2nd



Christmas Joy!

to All of You and we thank you for your patronage during the year now drawing to a close.

CAROLINE'S

1510 Gregg Phone 103

Calendar Of Big Spring Happenings For Year 1944

JANUARY

- 1—Settles Hotel sold to Crawford.
- 2—Business sets new record.
- 3—Fathers listed for January draft call; Chamber of Commerce receives money from local firms; city back in well water.
- 4—Statements from local banks show swollen deposits; county bond quota for 4th drive set; Lt. Johnny Nail listed as missing in action; three county men honored at Bombardier School as war heroes; school tax authorized.
- 5—Dunham heads birthday ball again; dads placed in 1-A; protein feed rules changed.
- 6—Influenza still increasing in county; auto turnover is unaffected with rationing; 275 applicants placed by USES.
- 7—T. B. funds total \$2,530. To date; Frigidaire dealers hold parity.
- 8—County is partly dry after precinct ballot.
- 10—Water supply action looms. Liquor is taboo in precinct 2; ODT announces distribution of gasoline.
- 11—Nugent to head safety council; residents flock to pay poll tax.
- 12—Local banks name officers; home guard two years old.
- 13—Paralysis battle f u n d s sought.
- 15—Gerald C. Mann speaks at

- 16—Hooser retires as member of draft board.
- 17—Tuberculin tests start for school children; Judge C. C. Randle speaks for Farm Bureau meeting here; WAC recruiters start tours.
- 18—Fourth War Loan kickoff; Ben LeFever named Country Club President.
- 19—Contract let for city's sewer plant.
- 20—Annual meet for Boy Scouts; City Manager urges less water use; rapid progress made on freezer locker plant.
- 21—County Agent Griffin explains off-farm employment procedure.
- 22—J. Blount Mull named as vice-president of Cosden.
- 23—Col. R. W. Warren on Special Manpower survey assignment.
- 24—Police Chief Barton lauds officer L. W. Smith for work with the VD campaign; five directors picked by Chamber of Commerce.
- 25—Farmers urged to file schedules; funds needed to fight spread of paralysis.
- 26—Jury dismissed after case hearing; fourth drive sales grow; district AAA meets here.
- 27—Storm causes small damage; honor roll planned to aid bond sales.



SETS RECORD—For the first time in the history of the Big Spring Bombardier School, a graduating officer won the best bombardier and best scholar when Lt. Lester D. Warren, 27, McLemoresville, Tenn. won the honor. Although he had never attended high school, he set the highest academic record of more than 4,000 bombardiers graduated from the field. He is shown receiving the congratulatory letter of Lt. Col. Gerald F. Keeling, director of training. Lt. Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Warren of Cedar Grove, Tenn. and was an aircraft repairman at Memphis, Tenn. before entering service.

- 28—Stored books moved to county library.
- 29—County only 1-3 of way to bond establishment quota; Earl Brownrigg, county trapper, bags 87 coyotes.
- 30—Pollo fund grows; state guard tests new range.
- 31—Deadline for franchise tax; Albert S. Darby named Chamber of Commerce president; AAFBS pilot dies in crash near Fort Worth.



RETIRE—After 25 years in the extension service, 12 years of it in Big Spring as Howard county agent, O. P. Griffin retired during 1944. During his quarter of a century in the service, he had built an outstanding record including development of pasture terraces, fostering the poultry industry in Brown county, popularizing conservation in Howard county and in outstanding programs of insect control.

- FEBRUARY**
- 1—Bond campaign picture show with all day radio program.
- 2—Paralysis fund shows increase; 400 farm schedules filed in county agent's office.
- 3—Sheriff A. J. Merrick dies suddenly.
- 4—USO celebrates third anniversary; FSA collects more than loan; officers make manpower study at post; applications are approved at soil meeting.
- 6—VFW district parley meets here; Kiwanis club originates blood plasma bank here.
- 7—Mrs. A. J. Merrick appointed sheriff; "Khaki" scores hit with capacity crowd.
- 8—Governor Coke Stevenson speaks at Chamber of Commerce banquet; Boy Scouts observe 30th anniversary.
- 9—Lions sponsor N T S T C A Capella choir; county nears million mark in bond sales; airline group makes advance arrangements.
- 11—Blankenship re-elected School Superintendent.
- 12—Dance at Bombardier School marks official opening of new Cadet Club.
- 13—Water well tests on the O'Barr ranch; bomber crew killed in crash near here kills five.
- 14—Howard County nears bond quota.
- 16—Paulita Sanchez burned saving sisters from burning home.
- 17—Lions honor Steer gridders at banquet; Ted Groehl issues thanks to workers in bond drive.
- 18—Ellis Homes reported virtually filled.
- 19—Record collection of taxes reported.
- 20—Red Cross workers committee make plans for war fund drive.
- 22—Dale Thompson succeeds H. C. Hooser on draft board.
- 24—More fathers placed in draft status; suspect taken in gas ration coupon theft.
- 25—Four arrests made in gas coupon charge.
- 26—Col. H. M. Wittkop succeeds Col. R. W. Warren as commanding officer of the bombardier school.
- 27—Community meeting to study juvenile problem; police reports show over 1,400 arrests made in '43.
- 28—Federal agents here to aid with income tax.
- 29—Screen stars Frances Langford and Vera Vague here for brief stop; Red Cross war drive begins.

- 5—City, county, and school heads meet; churches open March attendance drive; county boards discuss farm draft.
- 6—Bond cashings gain; Red Cross passes \$10,000 milestone.
- 7—OPA official addresses clubs.
- 8—S-1-c Jack Teague dies on Guadalcanal; draft and war boards confer here.
- 9—Track hopefuls don uniforms for local try; USCC regional head visits here.
- 10—OPA man speaks at ABC meeting; OPA commissioners hear cases involving 14 operators in this area.
- 11—Five youths find selves lodged in county jail after escapades; Charles Sullivan takes OPA rent post.
- 12—Trustees ponder teacher salaries; Red Cross drive at \$16,000; youths charged with car theft and burglary.
- 13—33 farmers recommended for deferment.
- 14—Cosden workers boost Red Cross drive; seven suspension orders issued service stations.
- 15—Tire panel issues 170 certificates Red Cross takes in \$17,800; Girl Scout meet begins.
- 16—Decision nears in juvenile set-up; "short-change artist" arrested by police.
- 17—FSA supervisors end district meet; Scout executives taken into service.
- 18—Griffin expresses concern over drafting of county farmers.
- 19—Wallace Law chosen area rent examiner.
- 20—Spring welcomed with overcoat draped arms; county men reclassified.
- 21—A. V. Karcher named head of Rotary.
- 22—1,864 car licenses sold.
- 24—Training course held for parents of cubs.
- 25—Clarence Fox, youngest grandad, dons uniform.
- 26—Local teachers on WTST program.
- 27—Home Cafe damaged by fire.
- 28—High officials attend welfare meet here.
- 29—Fruit, gardens injured by cold spell.
- 30—Col. H. W. Wittkop, commanding officer at post sent to Fort Worth.
- 31—Deadline for auto license tags.

- 9—Fourth test well for water supply from Glasscock county looks brighter.
- 10—Chamber of commerce votes to sponsor home food production contest.
- 11—Induction for Howard county registrants 26 years old and older postponed.
- 12—A. A. Bergdorf freed on conditional pardon from life imprisonment sentence for Charles Wallace staying.
- 13—City commissioners call election for proposed \$400,000 water supply bond issue.
- 15—Six hundred persons attend French benefit ball for French war prisoners fund.
- 16—City commissioners reset

- the date for balloting on water issue.
- 17—Jesus Mendolia enters plea of not guilty to murder charge indictment.
- 18—Service over the El Paso-San Antonio route for Continental Air Lines set for May 1.
- 20—S. C. Cooper named president of Permian Basin water works association.
- 22—Big Spring chosen city for next annual meeting of the chamber of commerce Manager's association of West Texas.
- 23—Big Spring and vicinity invests over \$7,000,000 in US war bonds.
- 24—Chamber of commerce directors endorse the bond for

- \$400,000 water project.
- 25—Boyd J. McDaniel renamed as city manager by city commissioners.
- 26—Communicable disease reports show increase this year over five year medium.
- 27—Clean up campaign in Big Spring lagging.
- 28—Big Spring chosen as the site of a state meeting of US Highway 87 association meet.
- 29—Property voters called for another vote for water project. MAY
- 1—Big Spring voters go to the polls today to pass judgement on the \$400,000 water bond issue.

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A Yuletide Greeting to One and All

The Star of Bethlehem, to the faithful, became the shining light which must for all time symbolize peace and good will. Those who first saw it 1944 years ago today have their counterparts in each of us—who look ahead with full faith in the enjoyment of happiness and security for all people of all lands. The Babe born in the manger grew to speak words rich in wisdom which can still guide us in living the good life. Let us rededicate ourselves this Christmas to keeping the spirit of the day alive—for all time...

PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY CO., INC.

MERRIEST CHRISTMAS

SANTA comes to you this year with a jeep full of Christmas cheer. The very best wishes to each and everyone. All good things to you and yours.

And on this most joyous occasion we want to tell you that we heartily appreciate your patronage in past years and look forward to serving you through 1945 in the same friendly spirit.

BUILDER'S SUPPLY
210 W. 3rd St.

A Merry Old Fashioned Christmas

Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow... holly wreaths and mistletoe... roasted turkey and pumpkin pie... the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well... Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings! Good old fashioned greetings that mount in meaning each year, as we say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE LORRAINE SHOP
201 E. 3rd

MARCH

- 1—\$50,000 damage done when Cotton Compress burns; Civil Service representative visits here; records eclipse for polio fund.
- 2—AAFBS salvages 11,111 pounds of scrap paper; polio fund closes.
- 3—Coahoma exceeds Red Cross quota; registration of cars picks up; County bond quota set.
- 4—Farmers sign plan sheets.

A Season of Happiness... A New Year of Health and Prosperity

PINKIE'S LIQUOR STORES
1414 E. 3rd 208 W. 3rd

HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY...

A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want the sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.

Walgreen
AGENCY—System—Service
DRUG STORE
3rd and Main Phone 490

COLLINS BROS
Cut Rate Drug
2nd and Runnels Phone 183

Top Local Stories Of 1944 Chroniced For You

2—Voters approved the \$400,000 water bond issue. Bids will be opened on May 10.

3—J. Y. Robb leaves today on trip to Washington to receive recognition as one of the "honored hundred" U. S. showmen.

4—The first summary of Howard county 1943 farm practices showed improvement.

5—Two federal deputies of the internal revenue department closed

approximately 75 cases they had been sent to investigate and collected additional taxes from about one-third.

7—More than 1,000 Scouts and leaders are expected to attend the annual Round-up of the Buffalo Trail council.

8—Two committees to look into the possibilities of securing additional housing and to undertake

a study for coordination of the post war job adjustment.

9—A car load of asphalt arrived today to be used in patching roads.

10—Bond bids for the new \$400,000 water project were opened today; A B-17 Flying Fortress crashed 12 miles from Big Spring yesterday.

11—The City of Big Spring sold its \$400,000 waterworks development bond issue at an all-time low rate of interest for local municipal bonds. Net bid on the issue was 1.61 per cent; net cost in interest to the city was \$51,162.50.

12—J. H. Greene named one of the two Texas directors in the US 87 Highway association.

13—Boy Scouts in Big Spring today for the annual Round-up.

14—UESB showed a total of 348 placements in the Big Spring area during April.

15—A million and a half dollars has been set as the quota for Howard county for the Fifth War loan.

16—Colonel John P. Kenny arrived today to assume command of the Big Spring bombardier school.

17—The soil conservation office warned today against overstocking of ranges due to an extended shortage of rain.

18—Teachers in the Big Spring school system were voted salary bonuses last night.

19—Geoffrey F. Morgan of the Douglas Aircraft company, addressed class 44-7 at the Big Spring bombardier school; Big Spring added its second trunk air line today with the landing of Continental Airlines' first plane on a scheduled stop.

20—Walker Bailey, county superintendent announced that the rural schools of Howard county will close Friday.

21—Cosden Petroleum Corp. directors, meeting in New York, have voted a 62 1-2 cents per share dividend on preferred stock.

22—George Mims of Howard county was named as one of the delegates from the 18th district to the national democratic convention. Mrs. J. R. Manion was selected one of the presidential electors of the pro-Roosevelt forces.

23—The Cap Rock Electric Cooperative billed 801 members and



BROTHERS LOST—When Maj. Clifford J. Clyburn, top, was killed in action in France on Nov. 25, it made two sons Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clyburn of Knott had given in World War II. Their youngest son, Ensign Charles E. Clyburn, below, had been killed in a naval plane collision off Kitty Hawk, N. C. while on maneuvers in July, 1943.

27—Annual Buddy Poppy sale, sponsored by the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary here today netted \$335.95.

28—Five delegates from Big Spring representing the US 87 Highway association left today for Denver for the national association meeting.

29—The first contract will be let today of a series amounting to approximately \$800,000 conceived to answer the critical water shortage.

30—City commissioners rejected the single bid submitted by Layne - Texas company and asked for new bids for the water short-ject.

31—Mrs. E. B. Garner of Midland died Tuesday after a bus accident.

JUNE

1—J. H. Greene chosen vice president of US 87 Highway association; Lum Harris charged with negligent homicide; Lt. Charles E. Simpson wins silver star.

2—Lt. William A. Sanderson awarded air medal; funds raised by democrats for pro-Roosevelt electors.

3—West Texas Museum opened; water supply taken from Powell lake.

4—Pupils enroll for summer session of Big Spring high school.

5—Juvenile detention house almost completed.

6—D-Day! Big Spring bombardier school graduates participate in invasion; people flock to churches in Big Spring.

7—Milton S. Eisenhower, General "Ike"'s brother, addresses AAFBS grads of class 44-8.

8—City of Big Spring saves half of estimated cost of water well pumps.

9—Farmers permitted to buy army trucks.

10—Water consumption up to 1,500,000.

11—54 new VD patients picked up in May; Hereford Breeders organized.

12—Lt. Blissard awarded Distinguished Service Cross at McClosky hospital; Fifth war Loan drive begins with quota of \$1,590,000.

13—Ordinance passed prohibiting use of water for irrigating purposes; Dr. Prentice - Marshall Bristow succumbs in Stanton;

Hereford Breeders association has 19 charter members.

14—Thirty Howard county farmers complete tanks and terraces.

16—Bond sales lag; First State Bank at Coahoma liquidated.

18—Strom develops new addition in east Big Spring; men needed to accompany boys to Boy Scout camp.

19—Vernon Logan injured in plane crash; motorists buy tax stamps.

20—City sales around \$100,000 in letting water contracts; sales reported low in Fifth war loan; Lt.

Irvin Williams given DFC, Purple Heart and Air Medal.

21—Temperature soars to 100 degrees; water situation critical.

22—Louise Ann Bennett represents Big Spring in Midland rodeo.

24—Second annual field day observed at the Big Spring bombardier school.

25—Robert Six returns to head Continental Air Lines.

26—Chamber of commerce to sponsor radio show; Rev. Charles Able delivers first sermon in Big Spring.

27—City dads keep Big Spring

tax rate at \$1.70.

28—Howard county citizens pledge \$150,000 in bonds at rally.

29—Capt. L. E. Long speaks to class 44-9 graduation.

30—Decrease of 1778 in census for 1943-44.

JULY

2—Overall quota exceeded, but county short of its E goal; stern warning given on acute water shortage; new class arrives at bombardier school; Sam Hathcock, resident of Big Spring for 44 years,

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To all little lads and lassies we wish heaps of fun and loads of good cheer for the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year. Many, many bright and shining hours to all of you through the year 1945.

Master's OFFICE SUPPLY CO.

had a revenue of \$3.82 per member for April, according to O. B. Bryan; Dr. James M. Gordon of Texas Technological College discussed the challenge which "Our Heritage" as Texans presents in his commencement address before Big Spring high school graduation students.

Yuletide Cheer

In one window hangs the service flag . . . in another window hangs the holly wreath . . . this Christmas '44. It is our most earnest wish that in the year to follow loved ones will be reunited—service flags wrapped away as mementos—and the green and red berries in EVERY window proclaim the joys of peace.

Troy Gifford
TIRE SERVICE
214 West 3rd Phone 563

Christmas
Greetings to all our friends

MANy are the times through the year, when we'd like to be able to stop and chat in a friendly way with all of you—but busy-ness prevents our taking the time to exchange pleasantries.

With the Christmas season at hand, however, we take the opportunity to say in print, to one and all, how much we value your patronage and friendship—how much we look forward to being better able to serve you. And, may your future be as bright as the holly in your windows—the flickering flames in your fireplace—and the shine in Santa's eye!

SWARTZ'S

Yuletide's heartiest Greetings

THE spirit of Christmas is in our hearts, as our greeting comes to say "Happy Yuletide" to one and all! We wish we could personally come right inside your home, and share with you all the the good things this particular holiday brings.

There is no more gladsome time in all the year than this—when the rustling of gay papers and the brightness of pretty ribbons tantalizingly suggest the thrill each package's contents will provide. We hope that from the youngest member of your household—to the eldest who have witnessed many a Christmas—that every season's wish will be granted. And that when the New Year dawns it too will bring fulfillment of all your aspirations.

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Major Local Events Of Past Year Listed In Review

dies at his home; Nellie Jane Gray enlists in WAC.

4—Congressman Mahon speaks at courthouse; 2,500 attend and approximately \$23,000 in war bond pledges made toward county's quota.

5—Initial work orders on the city waterworks extension were issued by City Manager B. J. McDaniel.

6—\$121,014 needed in E bond purchases to put Howard county in clear.

7—Francis Henry Franklin, resident of Big Spring for 35 years died in his home.

8—County fell behind \$64,544.25 in E bond drive.

9—B. Reagan honored by Friendly Bible class that he taught for over 40 years; ten cases of whooping cough reported in Big Spring.

10—Chamber of commerce directors approve plan for local rodeo; Powell Creek catches 18 inches of water.

11—Showers spot area. One inch in Stanton and Luther.

12—Rev. E. C. Lee, pastor of Main Street Church of God resigned his pastorate, effective Sept. 3.

13—Dudley Mann named district conservationist; Louise Bennett wins second place at Snyder rodeo.

14—Whooping cough cases in Big Spring jump to 21; Continental Air Lines celebrates tenth birthday.

15—Sgt. Melvin Willson, former manager of Woolworth store, reported wounded in the Normandy invasion D-day.

16—Leslie Coleman, resident of Big Spring for nine years, died in



BUILDING UPSURGE—The year 1944 brought Big Spring its biggest building program in five years despite the difficulty in securing materials. Several new business structures, including the H. M. Neel store, the State Theatre, and several others. Biggest one project, however, was the extension to the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital, which architects envision as above.

local hospital; 47 soldiers from eighth service command in Dallas arrive here to begin intensive paper and scrap metal campaign; new officers arrive at bombardier school.

18—Spotted rains dot vicinity, giving Powell Creek another foot of water; 700 farmers file compliance reports at the AAA office; Lt. Elmer Cravens, just back from Alaska tells of the country there.

19—Howard county goes over the top in E bond quota; city's sewage plant is put in operation; Jesse Martin speaks on court house lawn, was candidate for attorney-general of Texas.

20—Arrangements made for primary election to be held on the 22; Rev. W. H. Colson resigns as pas-

tor of the East Fourth Baptist church in Big Spring to become pastor of that same church in Childress; contract let for theatre to be erected by Bull and Hendon.

23—Barnes elected representative, defeating Burke Summers; Representative George Mahon re-elected; Herald begins Ernest Pyle's column; 22 new cases of whooping cough reported in Big Spring.

24—Vicente G. Ochotorena, Mexican, was killed instantly when struck by an eastbound passenger train, was 62 and had resided in Big Spring 22 years.

25—City commission names board of equalization.

27—Mercury reaches 105 here.

30—Cubs have record crowd at regular monthly meeting; new exploration in testing Vincent field horizons conducted.

notified that her brother, Sgt. Clifford A. Clark, previously reported missing in action, is a prisoner of war in Germany; six carloads of scrap metal shipped to steel mills in Pueblo.

11—Central tire inspection station to be established in Big Spring; William Dawes joins staff of Station KBST.

13—Pre-school checkup urged

by health nurse; E. H. Switzer killed in auto mishap.

14—Rangers capture Howard county escapee in Hobbs, N. M.; 220 army discharges filed in Howard county clerk's office.

16—Community leaders talk of post-war plans.

17—Earl Dorman and sister, Mrs. Frank Graf, reunited here after 22-year separation; duration suspension order issued in local OPA hearing.

18—Anton Frank Weeg, well-known retired T&P engineer succumbs in his home; 33 ballots cast in second primary.

20—M. A. Cockrell, farming west of Big Spring, brought in first bale of Howard county cotton; pipeliner work fast to offset water shortage; final plans made for annual rodeo; E. R. McEwen heads war fund drive.

21—Six women picked up as promiscuity suspects; drilling continues on O'Bar ranch for new water supply; Durward Lewter of Abilene named county agent, taking place of O. P. Griffin.

22—Terrell C. Drinkwater joins American Airlines, Inc., as vice-president in charge of route development.

23—A. G. Mitchell named chief of police; AAFBS French rejoice

at liberation of Paris; new cadet class is one of largest; cowboys roll into town for rodeo.

24—Two juveniles sent to state training schools following county court action; Lt. Charles Kee reported missing in action; rodeo begins.

27—Nazario Juarez held in Howard county jail charged with the murder of Gregorio Guantana; three miles of pipeline laid; new officers arrive at post.

28—Beneficial rain received in area; hearing on county's \$194,000 proposed '45 budget held.

30—Light rains benefit crops.

31—Tax hearing held by city in response to notices of a blanket 10 per cent increase in school assessments.

dict Court opens.

5—Students flock back to school; FSA headquarters established here; W. B. Alexander, resident of Big Spring for 15 years, dies in his home.

8—Section A wins AAFBS title;

A. G. Cawthorn, 19 years old, killed in highway mishap.

10—Teachers get salary increase for year; new officers arrive at post; W. S. Turner dies of heart

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Merry Christmas!

Burr's
115 E. 2nd

AUGUST

1—Thirty seven questionnaires sent to local landlords to determine whether proper rent control is being used; I. L. Wayne Hardwick, formerly reported missing in action over Berlin, reported killed.

2—Lt. Col. James F. Reed assumed temporary acting command of Big Spring Bombardier school following the departure of Col. John P. Kenny for a new post at Ellington Field; school transfers from one school district to another within Howard county reach 223; super-heat holds on for nine-day run.

3—Police Chief J. B. Bruton and assistant Alfred W. Moody resign; Dr. J. T. O'Bar dies following a prolonged illness.

4—Dales Wesley Hart drowns at Red Bluff dam; Col. Ralph C. Rockwood assumed command of the Big Spring Bombardier school; G. L. "Bud" Brown, pioneer of Big Spring died in his home.

6—Three escape county jail; heat wave record goes for 12 days; N. W. McCleskey dies following a long illness.

7—One of three jail breakers caught; Mrs. Bertha Rix died suddenly at her home; showers bring brief relief from heat.

8—Mrs. Thurman, mother of Ira Thurman, dies in her home in Coleman.

9—Mrs. Tommie Jo Franklin notified of the death of her husband, First Sgt. H. E. Franklin, who was previously reported missing in action.

10—J. J. Johnson, pioneer Howard county rancher, died at his home July 27; Mrs. Ruby Caldwell



In days of old you would open your windows on Christmas morning to let the sweet voices of carolers into your home. Then, boys and girls, men and women would become Yuletide troubadours singing from street corners and under snow-frosted windows.

This Christmas you're not likely to be so serenaded! Even the youngest of us are too busy doing important work, to have spared the time for making vocal arrangements and rehearsing. Still the happy spirit of Christmas is deep in our hearts. Let it echo too, in the strength of our voices as we greet friend and neighbor Christmas morning.

The time will soon come again, when carefree people everywhere will join their voices in joyous song.

Tidings of Hope for Victory and Peace

This earth's people have as their strongest desire a lifetime of peace and freedom from oppression. That is why they sought the manger to welcome Him who was to become their teacher. That is why on this Christmas, 1944 years after, they look to the benefits of Victory as the greatest of gifts, the richest of blessings, rekindling into reality the lesson of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man"

Montgomery Ward

THE KID'S SHOP

Here Are Some Of Local News Stories To Remember

attack; V. H. Flewelen, resident of Big Spring for 31 years, dies.

11—Captain W. T. Bolt reported missing in action.

12—Mrs. Lois Stephens, resident of Big Spring 17 years, dies; City picks up 33 women for V. D. check-ups.

13—Budget adopted by Buffalo Trail scout council.

14—City bond quota set for September.

15—Steers lose to Colorado City 6-0 in opening football game.

17—Housing project is advanced; farmers set petition for wage ceiling.

18—Howard County Hereford Breeders association conducts first tour of membership ranches.

19—ODT sets plan to reduce number of offices; Trial of Nazario Juarez, charged with murder, opened; five-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zaek flown to Dallas.

20—Juarez convicted of accused murder; John G. Garcia charged with assault of half-sister.

21—Dysentery reported among babies here; County agent stresses place of strong 4-H club activity in County.

22—Breeders see seven more herds in concluding tour.

23—Supervisor for housing unit makes survey; grain sorghum loan announced; local group asks ceiling on cotton picking.

25—Permit request refused here by city directors; women collect used clothes for liberated areas.

26—War chest drive begun at USO by gifts committee.

27—Labor shortage in Big Spring reported as acute; City commissioners approve tax rolls;

Sears - Roebuck plans begun.

28—Campaign opens to obtain funds for iron lung; Cubs inspect bomber trainers.

29—Cotton ceiling request refused; City - county nurse begins patch tests.

OCTOBER

1—One hundred sixty-four persons toured the Big Spring Bombardier school under the direction of Maj. W. E. Turner, public relations officer; rationing officials have announced that the office will hold regular hours beginning tomorrow, opening at 9 a. m. each morning and closing at 5 p. m. each afternoon.

2—Lt. Fred E. Rylee, whose wife and daughter live in Big Spring, has been reported missing in action over Germany since August.

3—Local dairy and creamery operators, city officials and army officials decide to import condensed milk from northern dairy states to supplement the local supply for a period of 30 days.

4—Pvt. Don E. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Thomas, reported wounded in action in the D-day invasion of France.

5—The Kiwanis club awarded a certificate of citation to the Big Spring Weekly News and Big Spring Herald as a testimonial of appreciation for their contribution to the nation's war program; City Manager B. J. McDaniel reported 40 loads of pipe for the new water system are in transit.

6—Colonel Robert W. Warren of Big Spring awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on



SALVAGE—If Big Spring mistakenly thought the war's end was in sight late in 1944, it had begun to get a different idea at the end of the year. Salvage campaigns, which had drifted downward, were suddenly revived and school children alone accounted for 155,000 pounds of waste paper collected in five weeks through co-operation from the Big Spring Bombardier School. Girl Scouts also staged another waste fat collection.

Nazi military and industrial installations; Big Spring real estate dealers met Thursday at noon for the purpose of organizing a Big Spring real estate board.

8—Fire Prevention Week opened today with pastors reading an appeal to local church congregations from Fire Chief H. V. Crocker; Superintendent W. C. Blankenship reports that the membership for the Big Spring public schools for fall, 1944, is 2,450.

9—In a move to meet in some measure the acute housing in Big Spring, Joseph P. Tufts, regional representative of the National Housing Agency, announced that conversions of existing dwelling structures into additional units

would be authorized without restrictions.

15—Message that S 1/C Jesse Lloyd White had died of a tropical fever has been received by his wife; Pfc. Blake Talbot was killed in action Oct. 2 in Italy.

16—Jess Thurman, commander of the Ray Fuller Veterans of Foreign Wars post, announced drive for funds to obtain an iron lung for Big Spring had ended with \$2,531.21 in gifts recorded.

18—Lt. Charles Kee reported as a prisoner of war in Germany.

19—Weldon Clayton Hartin, 17, killed almost instantly in a traffic mishap.

25—A meeting was held Tuesday afternoon to study the building of 25 houses, in addition to the 35 already approved.

26—Rites scheduled for Walter Chesley Bird, 67, pioneer resident of Big Spring.

27—Senator W. Lee O'Daniel speaks here at municipal auditorium in his tour of Texas.

28—Approximately \$175 worth of morphine, opium and other narcotics stolen from a local pharmacy; Boy Scout commissioners of the Buffalo Trail hold meeting at Settles hotel.

31—Harold Buchanan Robb, 55, president of Robb & Rowley Theatres, died at Dallas; R. H. Nowlin and B. E. McClamery, officials of Texas rehabilitation division of vocation education, here to investigate local cases; Shine Phillips celebrated 25th anniversary in business in Big Spring as operator of Cunningham & Phillips.

GI's Strip Paris Of Yuletide Gifts

By DUDLEY ANN HARMON
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS—GIs shopping for their favorite Christmas gift, perfume, threaten to bring about a crisis in the industry.

At the most popular shop p. Chanel's, the saleslady said the Yanks bought 10 times more than the Germans did and had already brought about the nearly complete disappearance of their favorite brand, Number Five.

Describing present business as "formidable," the bland mademoiselle said Germans swept through the shops shortly after their entry into Paris but then lost interest except for a few daily visitors.

Scarves, Jewelry Next

At Guerlain's only Paris shop on the Champs Elysees business averages \$150,000 monthly even though customers are limited to a bottle each.

After perfume, scarves and jewelry were GIs' favorite Christmas presents.

French head of Red Cross shopping service told the United Press, "perfume and jewelry are the wisest gifts because we French don't want them and their price is low. But nylon stockings — and we need stockings desperately — are \$12 a pair."

"Better Than London"

Sgt. Edmund Kilpa, Salem, Mass., remarked after spending two months salary on perfumes. "It sure is better here than in London. There you can't buy a thing. But prices here are too high."

At the army post exchange in Paris, where orders for Christmas gifts were taken until recently, S-Sgt. William Jefferoski of Floral Park, L. I., said, "Candy lends in popular choice. Last year it was flowers, but delivery was bad and some didn't get there until practically Mother's Day."

Front-line troops, unable to shop in Paris, sent largely money orders and German souvenirs such as helmets and clothing articles. Since they flooded the mails last summer with live booby traps and unexploded hand grenades ordnance articles are forbidden the U. S. Army mails.

December Matrimony Higher Than June

Come June, with tree and flowers casting off a sweet fragrance, people will sniff the air and sigh "Ah June, June, the month of marriages."

June does average a large marriage rate, but the Yuletide season has always had it beat in the past years. December is the marriage month, not June as most people believe.

There were 22 marriage licenses issued during the first two weeks of June this year. Comparing December's total thus far to those two weeks in June, it was found that only half as many licenses have been issued.

1944 has been a year of changes, so perhaps June will prove to be THE marriage month after all. Only time will tell.

End Of Holidays Will Find School Unchanged

Bill Olsen, caretaker of school property, said that students would return from their Christmas holidays to find the rooms, etc. as they were before the students left them, "except cleaner, of course."

Olsen reported that the only repair work done during the holidays would be to rework the high school gymnasium basketball court, in preparation of the coming basketball season.



Many Good Wishes for Happiness During This Joyous Season And Throughout The Year Ahead

FRANKLIN'S

Best Wishes

To All Our Friends At This Happy Holiday Season

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120 Main

DECEMBER

1—W. R. Cole, pioneer rancher-merchant dies.

2—Paper salvage rises above 100,000 pounds; George Mizzell's book of poems, "Reflections and Aspirations" published.

3—Ration coupons for 1700 gallons missed in two burglaries.

4—Girl Scout officers elected.

5—Boyce House speaks to Rotary club and high school students.

6—Mrs. Helen Gaines Hatch dies; Sgt. James Logan, "most decorated GI," speaks at rally, gets \$20,425 pledged in E Bond drive.

7—Major Clifford J. Clyburn killed in France, second son of family to die in action.

8—Premier show for E bond sales announced for December 14; officials investigate housing p

Christmas

Just the same old wish for a Merry Christmas, but in this year of war, it takes on a very special significance. May songs of good cheer be in your heart this Christmas. Our sincerest hope for a joyous Yuletide season for you.

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Merry Christmas

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MERRIEST Christmas

May this Christmas be a season of good cheer, friendliness, and hopes fulfilled. May the unsuppressable mirth of eager youngsters, the crackling warmth of the early Yule log, and the invigorating scent of holly and pine, make this Yuletide a truly pleasurable one for you, your families, and your friends.

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year, and look forward to pleasing you again in 1945. Happy New Year to all.

The UNITED

Frank Hood, Mgr.

A Merry, Merry Christmas

To Women On The Home War Front—

For keeping the home fires burning, for filling your waking hours with war jobs, for keeping your beauty starbright no matter how busy you are, for seeing your men off with a smile, for your courage in filling the role of the "woman behind the man behind the gun"—we salute you and wish you Christmas joy!

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ONCE AGAIN

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We thank you for your friendly patronage and loyalty and extend best wishes of the Season.

CORDIAL GREETINGS

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409 Golad Street Phone 214

Pig Spring Youngsters Will Open Stacks Of War Equipment Monday

Santa Claus will leave stacks of doll furniture and doll clothes and tanks, LSTs and airplanes under the Christmas tree this morning for the good little boys and girls of Big Spring.

The metal shortage affected not only household goods, but Christmas toys are made of wood or cardboard. Little boys have asked for landing barges, army trucks, jeeps, anti-aircraft guns, all of which are constructed of wood. There are toy Garand rifles which shoot wooden bullets from wooden barrels after a wooden trigger is pressed. The ever-popular electric train was not among the gifts left by St. Nick this morning. There will be, however, trains, complete with cars, all brightly painted and made of wood.

Little girls will put their last year's dolls into new maple doll

beds with bright spreads and pillows or around gaily painted doll tables with chairs to match. There are many dishes this year of bright, durable plastic out of which many dolls will get their Christmas dinner. There are also many of these sets which have plastic knives, forks, and spoons to either match or contrast. Some little girls will get sets of fire-proof glass or china cooking dishes so they can make child-size pies and cakes.

The young young ones will find their favorite cuddle toys in their stockings the same as before the war. For them there will be pink plush elephants, yellow teddy bears, or maybe they will find a penguin gone south.

Perhaps the only thing that has remained unchanged is the blackboard which has been proclaimed by mothers about the best thing for keeping children from drawing on the dining room wallpaper—for a while.

Many of the dolls which have found their way this year to Santa's pack are dressed in typical native costume of America's various Allies, Red Cross nurses, members of the armed forces. There will be a few dressed in pre-war baby doll fashion.

Christmas morning many boys will be dressed up in the uniform of the commando, a sailor or a soldier. There will be further evidences of war hero worship with canteens, scout knives, helmets, tents, etc. The Indian suit is not popular this year as it usually is. The Indian will have to be among Santa's post-war plans.

Little girls will be surprised with nurses uniforms, sewing kits, wooden wagons for pulling their dolls, and some will be fortunate enough to find paper doll cut-outs left by Santa.

Despite the war and material shortages, Big Spring children will not suffer from a lack of clever, if temporary toys.

BOTH WEAR WELL.
GLOUCESTER, Mass. (UP) — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in a house which once stood in Boston, but which was moved 30 miles to Gloucester aboard a lighter some 80 years ago.



MAKES COMEBACK—Stammin' Sammy Sneed (above) of West Virginia won his first tournament, the Fortland Open, with a 289 after returning to golf competition following a two-year hitch in the U. S. Navy.

Singapore Reduced In Importance By Mighty B-29's Striking Power

By JEAN MEEGAN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

In the early days of the war it seemed as though the Allies couldn't get along without Singapore. It was the one spot in that part of the world able to harbor the entire British fleet, the one really powerful base not only for defense of Pacific possessions but for strong offensive action.

Two months after Pearl Harbor, the notion of Singapore's indispensability had to be given up. Singapore was lost. For nearly two and a half years the city has been silent. Now, with the war coming nearer again, more of it may be heard. It is hardly likely that the B-29's will permit the enemy to use the base for interference with Allied operations on either side.

Until Thomas Stamford Raffles bought (Manhattan style) the malarial - rotted, hibiscus - rooted island for \$67,500 from the princes of Johore in 1819, Singapore was a swamp inhabited by a handful of fishermen.

A Far East Chicago
During the years of British development there were 7,000 English there, and a population of Chinese who ranged from millionaires to cooks and coolies; Indian shop owners; and Malay gardeners and chauffeurs.

Singapore was more metropolitan than colonial. It was a parcel of big business, high finance, capital, government, and white granite buildings dropped on an oriental island. A traveler once said Raffles Square, the center of the business section, looked like Chicago—except for the rickshaws in the streets and the orange-sailed junkies idling in Singapore River, which runs through the city.

Club life was highly developed along English lines; the weather wasn't as bad as New York City's on certain summer days. The tempo was tropical until war arrived and then was accelerated to the tempo of ordinary American business life in peace time; the

food was about like the food in California.

Above all, Singapore was a naval base. The 80 million dollars, which went into the base might have been warranted if even one naval battle was fought there, but none was. The Japanese didn't attack from the sea.

All For One
An interesting footnote to the battle of Singapore is the record of the blood bank, where the white gave blood to yellow and the brown Malay bared his arm for the red reservoir which gives no clue of race.

The personnel of the police department also furnishes evidence that four races worked together. Europeans held down the executive jobs; the detectives were all Chinese; Indian Sikhs with tall, silver and blue turbans acted as traffic officers; the rest of the force was Malayan.

Navy School Book Honors Youngsters

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UP) — "Proud Paps" of the Navy Supply Corps in training at Harvard University have set aside a section of their classbook for "good-looking offspring."

The section, entitled "Destruction Battalion," in introducing the D-Bees, comments:

"... In honor of the unusually large number of children who own fathers in the Navy Supply Corps School, we are proud to present a cross-section of future America—the kids we'll be proud to fight for."

It is our wish that you, our friends, your loved ones and friends, may be happy in every way on this occasion of Christmas. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the New Year.

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A
Joyous
Christmas
to All

We blow the trumpets loud and long—and hope you'll hear our yuletide song. Its music is in children's laughter on Christmas morn and the long days after. Its words aren't always in perfect rhyme, but they're joined to wish you a glorious time! As for 1945—may it see you heartily thrive; and while its bells in gladness ring, godspeed the happiness it may bring.

Big Spring Hardware Co.
117 Main Phone 14

Make this a Merry Christmas

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Chicago Hoboes Pan Speakers At College

CHICAGO — Chicago's famous "Hobo College," more dignifiedly known as the Institute of the Social Sciences, has opened for another nine-month term.

The Hobo College is where the wanderers who have not talked themselves out in the summer on Bughouse Square soapboxes go for the winter. And as classmates they have a surprising number of Gold Coasters from nearby Streetsville. The first-time visitor to the Hobo College finds that he has to climb a rickety flight of stairs to

arrive in a smoke-filled auditorium with benches seating about 70. Around the walls he sees pictures of all of the celebrities of hobohemia. Among the pictured are Dr. Ben Reitman, Chicago physician who helped found the organization; Herbert Shaw, the Cosmic Kid, dapper little Englishman and master wit, and Ed (Slim) Williams, present chairman of the group.

An evening's program typically consists of a speaker or groups of speakers, questions, and finally three-minute speeches by members of the audience. The excitement usually comes when the audi-

ence tells the speakers what they think of them. University of Chicago students, who present one roundtable a month before the hoboes, usually come in for the strongest panning.

'FIRST' ASSEMBLY WOMAN

ST. ALBANS, Vt. (UP) — Mrs. Katherine Hurley of St. Albans is the first woman to occupy a seat in the upper chamber of the Vermont general assembly since 1939. Mrs. Hurley, who ran on the Democratic ticket, led her political running mates in the county election.

The piquant scent of evergreen fills the air with the promise of good things to come—but the best gift of all will be an early and complete Victory. That is our wish for all this Christmas.

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To Wish You True Old-fashioned Christmas Happiness

An old fashioned Christmas is the best kind, after all! Surrounded by family and friends you love, you can have the very best time!

And the old-fashioned greeting is always best too! To each and every one, our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas, and for a New Year that will be rich in its store of happy hours, reunited with loved ones.

Believe in our sincerity, when we add that whatever we can do to increase your season's cheer—we shall gladly do!

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Trained Dogs Clear Berlin Highway

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
AP Newsfeatures

LONDON — One of Britain's most closely guarded secrets is the method used in training dogs to detect German mines. Since these diabolical contraptions were first sprinkled by the Nazis along their trail of retreat, the Army has been finding means of counter-acting them.

Months ago, specially trained dogs — their scent sharpened by months of schooling — were sent to the front. They have proven highly successful in sniffing out mines. Thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of material have been saved by this comparatively simple way of detection.

Mine scenting is just one of the new important jobs of protecting and saving lives that is being tackled by the dog army. Recently when a hotel was hit in southern England, "Darkie" a German police dog was credited with finding the spot where several children were buried. Rescuers dug them out in time.

Hundreds in Action

Several hundred mine scenters are now in action on the fronts in France, Belgium and Holland—helping clear the road to Berlin. Many dogs flunked out of school during their secret training period for they could smell nothing but the meat for their dinner.

Trainers, who teach the dogs, explain that keen scent is the individual characteristic of the dog and not the breed. Therefore, German police, collies, bull terriers, airdales and other fine animals get their mine smelling degree as well as mongrels.

Some of the best dogs are ordinary street hounds which have sharpened their olfactory organs on garbage cans and lamp posts.

Out at the front they know better than to scamper off across the fields, sniffing indiscriminately. It is not until their master buckles a collar and leash around their necks that they realize they are ready for work — just like a horse knows it's work time when he is harnessed.

The dog usually lies down or sits down when he comes within

a few feet of a mine. The sapper does the rest. Some breeds of hunting dogs are so highly specialized that they stop dead in their tracks and point to the buried mine just as if they had spotted a covey of grouse.

Four - Legged Commandos

There has been no report of a dog being killed while on a mine hunt. They may stop only a few inches from the explosive, but they always stop in time.

Some 200 dogs have been used for patrol duty at ammunition dumps and air fields to help guard against attempts at sabotage. These animals were selected for their viciousness and were put through a "commando" course to intensify their dislike for strangers.

After the war many of the dogs will be kept by their Army masters, whose sole duty is to keep their charges groomed, fed and cared for. The soldier is required to write a letter once a month to the dog's owner telling of the animal's welfare.

The British government already is making plans for demobilizing its dog army after the war. According to health regulations, the dogs which have left the country must go into quarantine for six months before returning to prevent rabies being brought into England.

The government realizes it will have a terrific problem when it coops up thousands of hounds which have seen service and are itching to get back home to hunt for their buried bones instead of mines.



CAGNEY IN ACTION—Practicing judo for his role in a new picture, Jimmy Cagney drops Jack Sergel, former member of the Los Angeles police force, with what the Japanese call a ude-nage. Sergel was Cagney's instructor.

Eight Thousand Are Enrolled In Training

NEW YORK — Eight thousand men and women are now attending monthly classes in air and rail express subjects under an employee-training program adopted a year ago by the Railway Express Agency, L. O. Head, president, announced.

As the war progressed and more men were called into service —

there are now 21,000 Express company employees in the armed forces—it became increasingly evident that steps had to be taken to train new employees, hence the training program was inaugurated to facilitate handling of the wide range of commodities that move in express channels.

While the training program is under the direction of the public relations department here, the work is carried on in the 13 operating areas by which the company

covers the country, with district local supervisors in charge of training in specially equipped classrooms in terminals and offices.

MEXICANS MAY NOT PAY
MEXICO CITY, Dec. (AP) — Doubt that Petroleos Mexicanos will be able to meet expropriation payments to U. S. oil companies whose Mexican properties were taken over in 1938 is expressed in El Economista, Mexico City financial magazine.

CHRISTMAS is the time of year for keeping alive the sacred American tradition of a kindly spirit toward our fellow man—for remembering friends and dear ones.

To each and everyone we wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. An old, old wish but the one that most sincerely expresses our thoughts and feelings.

PACKING HOUSE
Grocery & Market
Grady Dorsey, Manager

Irish Newspapers List U. S. Casualties

BELFAST—American casualty lists with pictures of personnel killed in action are being prominently featured in Northern Irish newspapers. This is because many of the men who were married to Irish girls had become as well known here as they were at home.

Both Irish and United States home addresses are given with a short biographical sketch including details of marriages, and, where permissible, of service in Northern Ireland.

Corpus Delicti Proves Herbivorous Mammal

TRENTON, N. J. — A torso found on the beach front at Holgate, Long Beach Island, had state police, coast guardsmen and the Ocean county coroner believe they had a corpus delicti on their hands, but Dr. William Dodd, who examined it in the Beach Haven morgue, quickly cleared up the mystery.

"Gentlemen," he said, "you have here a portion of the body of the manatee, a cetaceous herbivorous mammal of the genus manatus. In other words—a sea cow."

MAIL ROMANCE CLICKS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UP) — A correspondence romance between two 68-year-olds ended in marriage here recently. Mrs. Etta Mae Mitchell became Mrs. John P. Schafer. The bride and groom had never seen each other until their wedding.

Lewter Outlines Year's Program

Durward Lewter, county agent, has outlined his program and calendar work for 1945. Most stressed 4-H Club work.

His program, in general, includes the following: for January, placement of steady farm workers, 4-H Club terracing demonstration, proper care and housing of baby chicks; February, visiting local farms for calf, pig and lamb demonstrations; March, 4-H Club Fat Stock Show and sale and county wide judging contest; April, cotton control and seed treatment; May, selection of breeding gilts for 4-H Club boys and pasture improvements; June, County 4-H Club encampment and contests, crop insects and control; July, 4-H Club livestock judging and district camp, comparison of Sudan pasture to Sweet Sudan pasture; August, crop insect control, pullorum blood testing, start 4-H Club dry lot feeding; September, beef cattle demonstration and pig demonstration, record of cotton picker needs; October, 4-H Club Pig Show, 1945 food show, placements, enrollment of boys for 4-H Club lamb and pig feeding; November, start 4-H Club lamb and pig feed, and livestock parasite control.

Each month also includes War

Board News, War Board, A.A.A. and S.O.S. meetings along with community 4-H Club meetings.

Lewter has listed as his goals stronger weaving strength cotton on several farms in the county, improvement of county's poultry houses, encouraging better farm records and their value to farmers as a business man, entering 4-H Club boys in state and national competition for awards, encourage feeding of home grown grain sorghums instead of placing all on the market, placing farmers on a higher business level and improvement of native grassland.

Crows Too Hard At Navy Blimp—Dies

COQUILLE, Wash. — When a Navy blimp from a nearby airport paid its first call to this district the chickens of a northside residence apparently thought a mammoth hawk was after them, judging from the cackling and noise they made.

All except one, a white cockerel, sought safety in the chicken house. The cockerel, however, stood his ground, and to show his frightened hens there was no danger, crowed several times in defiance. He overexerted himself, however, and fell dead after his final blast.

'ADOPTED' GI A HERO

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Readers of the Daily News, who "adopted" Robert J. McCann after he wrote an appeal to the paper for correspondence, are mighty proud of him now. McCann, who ters and packages since his request appeared in the News, was awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and promoted to staff sergeant.

Sincere Wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season — and a Happy, Worthwhile New Year

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Communities Planning Live War Memorials

CHICAGO—Several cities are planning living memorials to the war dead in the form of municipal recreational centers. Municipal officials and veterans organizations feel that such memorials are more fitting and useful ways to express their respect for the dead than the traditional statues, according to reports of the International City Managers' Assn. Among the communities which are planning to erect such memorials are Louisville and Paducah, Ky., Toledo, O., and Edgerton, Wis. Counties with such plans are Wisconsin in Michigan and Milwaukee in Wisconsin.

Winter On The Western Front

By WILLIAM F. BONI ON THE WESTERN FRONT — The Allied armies that whipped the hedgerows of Normandy, stayed on the Germans' heels in a hare-and-hounds pursuit through northern France and Belgium and then won the battles of the windy, rain-lashed canals of Holland now are facing an opponent new to them but familiar to the Germans: Winter and its inevitable hardships for fighting men. The Allies experienced the preliminary stages of winter in the final phases of their fight to clear the Schelde estuary and bring up

the line to the south bank of the Maas river. Driving cold rain, interspersed with sleet, has already fallen. It will continue in the months to come with snow and frost, and the few intervals of sunshine will be treasures. Winter Warfare New For the bulk of Allied officers these are new conditions under which to conduct a campaign, and for most of the men there will be harder work and a greater strain on supply forces. On the basis of makeup of the German troops encountered thus far, the remaining Nazi divisions are certain to be built on a solid framework of commanders and men who participated in at least one of the three great winter campaigns in Russia and who know what the weather requires of them. Right or wrong, few of the Allies here now are looking for the end of the European war by Christmas. The general view of the fighting men coincides with Prime Minister Churchill's recent warning that the year may carry on to Easter or beyond. The Germans have been fighting determinedly on the defensive

and the lengthening lines of Allied supply have forced a slower advance. It still remains to be seen if the Germans' reorganized and reformed defenses form a thin crust disguising a hollow or partly-rotten core or whether they are solid right through. In either case, there is little doubt the crust itself may be difficult and costly to crack. Decisive Months Ahead "The next few months certainly will be interesting and also should be decisive," said an armored force officer whose men have been in the fight against the Germans as long as any others in the entire Eisenhower command. "The rate at which our troops adapt themselves to new problems and difficulties, which the winter campaign will involve, may settle the rapidly with which the war is concluded on the western front. "The German veterans are past masters of all the tricks of winter warfare. We still have to learn. It will be interesting to see what sort of pupils our troops prove to be. In the miserable terrain of the Dutch lowlands, where the Ger-

man floodings and constant rains have made everything but dikes and built-up roads impassable, and where progress on the roads is painfully comparable to a line of silhouetted ducks in a shooting gallery, armor is only of limited value. The Germans, with their passion for using tanks as dug-in pillboxes, have the edge. Superior U. S. Armor In western Germany, however, the land is better suited for armor and for the maneuvering tactics in which the Allied armored forces have proved superior to the enemy. This superiority is due, at least in part, to reevaluation of tanks at the production level, one officer said. "Originally we rated tanks first on armor, then on guns and last on speed," he said. "Now speed is the first essential, then the gun, and armor is rated last. "At first we were being consistently out-gunned and the Germans had the advantage in protection. Now we are better than a match for German guns, and our increased speed enables us to out-flank the German tanks and hit them where they are most vulnerable."

Hunters Shoot Up Telephone Lines

HOUSTON (UP)—Sharpshooters Texas dove hunters, those nimrods who occasionally miss their mark, caused three times as many breaks in telephone lines during September as in any other month this year. Fearful that the nation's wartime communications system may be impaired at the present rate, A. L. Edmonson, divisional commercial superintendent of the telephone company, extended a plea to marksmen to watch their shots. Spar Ensign Never Knows What's Next BOSTON — Spar Ensign Gertrude Emerson of Cambridge, a Boston University alumna, thinks she may hold a record for the greatest variety of jobs while in the service. During 16 months' service, Miss Emerson made 8,000 miles in wintertime in an uncurtained jeep, served as coxswain, been barracks officer, had charge of identification, license and routing, and registered publications and commissary. SEES STRAWBERRY METHODS PONCH ATOULA, La. (UP) — Jorge Zuluaga of the department of agriculture of Colombia, S. A., is now studying agricultural methods employed in producing strawberries in Louisiana's famed strawberry belt.

CHEROKEES SEND BIBLE

FREMONT, Neb. (UP) — Midland College's rare Bible collection has been enriched by one of the least-known tomes in the coun-

ty. It is a copy of the first translation of the Bible into the Cherokee Indian language. It came from the Cherokees of North Carolina.



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In keeping with the gay spirit of the holiday when greetings pass from friend to friend, we hope that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will bring you true happiness.

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SUPPLIES MOVE UP—A mule train operated by an Italian mule pack company carries food and ammunition to British fighters high in northern Italy's mountains.

Falling Asleep While Driving Is Negligence

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Falling asleep while driving a motor vehicle in Pennsylvania constitutes "negligence," according to the state supreme court, which held in a recent opinion that any other rule would be "contrary to the facts of life." "In a normal human being, sleep does not come without warning," the appellate court found. "Before sleep there is drowsiness and before drowsiness there is usually great fatigue or at least a desire to sleep. "Human affairs would be in a precarious state if locomotive engineers, aviators, chauffeurs, motormen and others in charge of machinery at any time without 'fall asleep' at any time without first becoming consciously aware of sleep's approach and taking immediate steps to bring to a stop the mechanism under their control or placing it in the hands of one who is completely awake and alert. "Therefore, when a driver of an automobile falls asleep while driving, it is legitimate inference that he was negligent either (1) in permitting himself to fall asleep while at such a responsible post of duty, or (2) if he possessed no such will power as would enable him to keep awake under the circumstances in not ceasing to drive the vehicle. "Any other rule than this in re-

spect to 'steeping at the wheel' must be rejected as contrary to the facts of life and as condemned by sound considerations of public policy."

Say You Saw It In The Herald



NINETEEN hundred and forty-four years ago three Wise Men followed the soft light of a magnificent star to the little town of Bethlehem bearing the first Christmas gifts of all times to the tiny child born there in a straw-filled manger. Others came also to Jesus' humble resting place to show their faith and devotion with the gifts they brought to lay at his feet. Christmas has come to mean a day of peace and good will toward all men and so we want you to know that you have our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

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Here's hoping Old Saint Nick brings you a happy Christmas package . . . and that, if in the wisdom of a divine province, the peace can be won in this next year, we can celebrate our next Christmas with many family circles restored. Then, perhaps we can begin to say Merry Christmas in a typical American way — with a new automobile.

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Big Spring Fighting Men Do Not Forget Folks On The Homefront

Despite the fact that the men in service are busy in tanks, planes, on ships, or in foxholes has not prevented them from remembering Christmas and the folks at home. If they cannot be with their families and friends at Christmas time, they do the next best thing and communicate with them through the Christmas greeting card, traditional method of remembrance at Yule.

Big Spring citizens have been receiving greetings from men overseas for the past three months, from almost every corner of the globe and of almost every type. Some of the greeting cards are on V-mail, others on material native to that country, and some are of the same type that are sent in the United States. One of the cards which was V-mailed from India pictures an orthodox Santa Claus dashing through sand in a cart drawn by a pair of water buffalo against a background of palm trees.

Typifying the more serious cards is that of the 350th Infantry in Germany, which shows an American flag and an illustration of a G.I. The verse in this card expressed regret that all the men overseas cannot be at home for Christmas, 1944, and also the wish that the war may be over by Christmas, 1945, so that they can celebrate at home in traditional peaceful manner.

Similar is the card of the Seventh Infantry now in Germany which has the shield of that division pictured with an American soldier. This card is hand-drawn and was photographed to be sent back home.

Of the lighter type of greeting is one sent from Germany. Above the illustration of an American soldier marching over a map of Germany are the words, "No foreign soldier will ever set foot on German soil," signed Adolf Hitler. The folder opens up and declares: "Nevertheless, Christmas greetings from Germany."

A card of Italian origin was printed on thin paper, in bright shades of red, blue and green. Part of the message was in English and a wish for happiness during the holidays was worded in Italian.

A card received from France was not so ornate. Some were merely one sheet of paper decorated with a Christmas tree, obviously not native to that country. On it was a short greeting and the name of the town from which it came.

A representative greeting from a sailor at sea offered Best Christmas Wishes on a card ornamented with stars.

Some cards are definitely of a war character without color and magnificence usually associated with greeting cards, but the fact that service men are thinking of folks back home is what their friends really want anyway.

The fact that the G.I.'s remembered to send Christmas cards several months before the Yule season is evidence that they will be thinking of the folks at home from their fox holes, tanks, planes and ships on December 25.

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MILITARY BIKE RIDERS—Polish dispatch riders line up with their motorcycles at a military ceremony held somewhere along the western front in Europe.

Says Cracked Voices Ruin Sweet Adeline

CHICAGO — Because amateur quartets took the sweetness out of "Sweet Adeline" with their cracked voice and flat notes, the popular old favorite has ceased to be the top number with the nation's best quartets, according to Jimmy Doyle, director of the Barber Shop Quartet concert staged at Chicago's Civic Opera house.

Doyle claims that the best quartets now use "I Had a Dream, Dear," as their principal standby.

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As we wish each other Merry Christmas this year, we are thinking of our neighbors and loved ones across the seas, hoping the holiday season brings them new faith and greater promise of bright days to come.

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Ingenuity Marked Christmas Tree Decorations With 1944's Shortages

Our Christmas tree decorations were mostly the result of our own ingenuity this year. Tinsel, colored glass ornaments and other old standbys are scarcer than ever.

Piddling around town we have discovered some of the decorations that are being used as substitutes.

Mrs. W. A. Laswell says all you need is some crepe paper, ribbon, paste and crayon to make tree decorations. She made paper chains of kindergarten memory. They were easy to make by cutting strips of red and white crepe paper five inches long and about one-half inch wide. She pasted ends of one white strip together, forming a ring, then slipped a red strip through the white ring and pasted the edges together forming a second ring. It ended up by being a chain of alternating colors.

Mrs. A. J. Cain made a snow man by cutting out of white mat stock (lightweight cardboard.) The hat was out of black mat stock. Red gummed dots were used for buttons and a mouth and crayons for eyes and nose.

Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Jr. has her own version of making Christmas Carolers—pluk crepe paper four inches square pasted into a tube shape around a ball of cotton, tied tightly with a wire about an inch from the top and bottom. She cut off the surplus paper at the top which formed the head, but left it at the bottom to form a neck. The features were cut out of red and blue gummed dots. She tinted the cheeks with rouge, cut a strip of yellow crepe paper three inches deep and long enough to reach around the back of the doll's head for hair. Pasted to the doll's head, a ho wof red satin ribbon and a tie in front of the top hair. She inserted a wire loop in the top of the head to hang it on her tree. For sleeves she cut a strip of white crepe paper, folded it in half, gathered it, making each sleeve two or three inches long. Mrs. Wilson tied the sleeves in place to the surplus crepe below the doll's head. She cut an oval shape out of cardboard and covered it with bright Christmas wrapping paper and pasted them to the doll's sleeves. Really was a clever idea; hope you get it from my explanation.

Mrs. Bert Stevens said she hadn't saved much of her "icicles" from last year so she just took some peanuts still in the hull, dipped in bright water-color paints, and made pretty chains for her tree. Some she painted odd dots and stripes to add variety, some just left bright colors. Mrs. Stevens said Verna Jo felt real industrious and made a little peanut man by sewing five peanuts to-

gether, two for arms, two for legs, and one for the face and body. She made a peanut Santa Claus by painting the peanuts with nail polish and using cotton for the whiskers, etc. They were really cute but "nerve wracking to make" says Verna Jo.

Mrs. W. D. McDonald said she strung cranberries and popcorn on some heavy thread and draped them across her tree. I didn't have much success copying her idea because I couldn't find the cranberries.

All in all I think the trees look as pretty as they ever did in spite of the shortages of trimmings.

SPAR SHOOTS UP

BOSTON (UP)—Cadet Arleen F. Goode of Jamaica Plain has broken all records for promotion from enlisted ranks to officer-candidate school in the Spars. An accountant, 23-year-old Miss Goode is the only seaman 2/c ever accepted in the pay officers' class.

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MUSICIAN—Evelyn, violinist in Phil Spitalny's All-Girl orchestra, models a two-piece play suit and carries a huge cartwheel hat to complete her play time ensemble.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.

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BIBLE STORY HELPED
GREENSBURG, Ind. — County Clerk Earl Woodward rightfully kept his hopes high, thinking of the Biblical loaves of bread and fish which fed a multitude, when the OPA granted him only four pounds of sugar and 75 points for meat to feed 2,268 election workers. The next week the OPA sent him an apologetical letter and enclosed coupons for 68 pounds of sugar, 1,587 points for processed foods and 1,134 for meat.

WHAT 'MAN'S' ARMY?
QUESTION IS: Who relieves whom **FORT WAYNE, Ind.** — Our for active duty in this "man's army"? Recently Lt. John Templeton took the place of Capt. Kalthryn Nannos as recruiting officer for the Fort Wayne area.

Eighty-Five Million Packages Due To Be On Hand For Soldiers Yule

By **MARJORIE COLLIER**, United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Santa Claus had to get a head-start this year to reach the 5,000,000 GIs who are stationed at overseas points as far away as 14,000 miles. Deadline for mailing Christmas packages to soldiers was Oct. 15. The army postal service had to allow time for Christmas packages, some of them going as far as the interior of Burma, to reach the most isolated points by Dec. 25.

Before the mail left this country, it was rushed to embarkation points as fast as special freight cars, increased postal facilities and thousands of extra workers could transport it, process it, and get it ready for shipping.
Greatest Shipment Ever
 At the New York City postal center, especially constructed to handle Christmas packages going to soldiers overseas, 2,678,927 sacks of mail poured through its doors in one month. Over 12,500 workers were on hand daily to take care of the unprecedented flow of mail.

This was the greatest mass movement of package mail ever to leave the United States, either in peacetime or during war. The post-office department had put its expectations high on Christmas packages going to servicemen overseas, planning for 70,000,000 packages this year in contrast to 20,500,000 mailed last year. But the home folks fooled them and mailed 85,000,000 parcels to their boys. Soldiers will get 61,657,487 of the packages, the others going to sailors, marines and Coast Guardsmen.
Get Class 1 Priority
 This year, GIs in the European theater will be scattered through friendly and enemy territory, and the army faces a difficult problem in distributing all the packages. But they'll get there, along with food and medical supplies, on Class one priority basis.
 The postal service in this country breaks down all GI Christmas parcels to company level before they leave the United States, so there will be less confusion when they reach the other side. Once they arrive, however, their delivery to the front must be integrated with supplies and equipment.
 The number of trucks and jeeps required to deliver the mail is staggering. In Europe, these will

be the most important forms of transportation, although some of the packages will go by train.
Use Chutes in Far East
 Christmas packages going to China and the India-Burma theater will make the longest trip. When packages are finally dropped by parachute to isolated units in India and Burma, they will have traveled 14,000 miles. Indian ocean ports receive the packages, and they are picked up there by planes.
 In Greenland, Iceland, Alaska and small islands on which there are no airfields or boat docks, most of the Christmas mail will be delivered by parachute.
 Wherever they are, in the interior of Africa where top-sided camels are loaded with Christmas packages or in Alaska where a team of huskies double for reindeer, 5,000,000 U. S. soldiers will be opening their presents by today.

Filipino Arm Bands Arrive With 'Mac'

WASHINGTON — When Gen. MacArthur moved his headquarters to Leyte, he decided that the Philippine soldiers on the island should have an insignia of their own, wired the War Department immediately, and less than a week later the Filipino arm patches were on their way over seas.

Things happen that quickly when the Army quartermaster gets a rush requisition. It received the cable from MacArthur on Oct. 26, but had no insignia for the Philippine Army on their shelves or even in manufacture.
 At Philadelphia, the quartermaster general, Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory, went to work immediately.
 On the evening of Oct. 28, two plants in New Jersey which had been working peacefully on embroidery jobs suddenly stopped their machines. They ripped out the embroidery, rethreaded the machines, with 1,100 spools of thread and led it through the intricacies of the machines.
 The Filipino arm patches were under way, consuming several thousand yards of 8.2-ounce twill in the making.
 All during the day of Oct. 29, a Sunday, the mills ran at top speed and right on through until the middle of the week.
 On Nov. 1, the first shipment was rushed to Newark airport and given No. 1 air priority for shipment to California, to be sent from there to Hollandia, New Guinea, last stop before they were delivered to the Filipinos.
 By Nov. 4, the entire lot was on its way.
 The arc-shaped arm patches are made with two different insignia. The "Army" is embroidered in blue on one and "Constabulary" embroidered in red on the other. The Filipinos will wear them attached to shirts or other garments at the top of the sleeve.



POLES IN HOLLAND—A Polish mechanized unit passes a typical Dutch windmill near the front where Poles are battling the Germans in Holland.



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Our thanks, too, for your patronage and kind courtesies in the past.

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Christmas Candy Absent This Year

Christmas candies of the fancy designs and colors which were so popular before the war are not decorating many trees nor filling a lot of stockings this Christmas. Chocolate dipped candies are practically a thing of the past, and most of the sweets that are available to make this a joyful Christmas are of the hard or gum drop type.

Local candy counter dealers stated that it has become increasingly difficult to obtain manufactured candy, and the chocolates come in very small quantities. One such store said that a 160 pound shipment of chocolates was sold before five o'clock on the day they arrived.

Another feature of the pre-war Christmas which is not to be had in Christmas, 1944, is the traditional candy cane. Whether it is

PENICILLIN TO SOUTH AFRICA
JOHANNESBURG — An additional thousand ampules of penicillin has been flown from the augment supplies for civilian use. Satisfactory shipments of other drugs and chemicals, ordered by the government in bulk from America, continue to arrive regularly.

104. NEVER MISSES VOTE
CHINA, Me. — One of the best records for continuous voting has been established by a 104-year-old August D. Wiggins of China, Wiggins, who cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln, claims to have voted in every Presidential election since he came of age. In the past election he was forced to use the absentee ballot for the first time because of poor health.

due to labor shortages or the shortage of materials, has not been determined, but this year the youngsters will have to content themselves with an ordinary straight stick of peppermint. However, even these have possibilities. There are some types which are enormous, extending to as much as two and a half feet in length and containing enough candy to last the ordinary child at least till New Year's.

Most housewives are making more Christmas candy than they have in recent years, or, since bought candy has been made so attractive and good, much to the delight of their families and guests.

Among the more popular types of sweets being made at home this year are the old stand-bys, fudge, patience, divinity, and date loaf. Suggested also are taffy, which provides entertainment for the whole family, peanut brittle, caramels, and home-made jelly candies.

Popcorn balls, which have been popular at Christmas time for many years, can be even more popular this Christmas what with sugar rationing and the difficulty in buying confections.

The practice of giving a box of home made candy at Yuletide is one that can well be revived. Most candies are not too difficult to make, and nothing is more welcome at the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



To all our good friends whom we have been privileged to serve—
 —our hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

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AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR AND 1944 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

... we would like to pause with you a moment to think of the serious side of life — what it means — and of its joys and sorrows.

One of the greatest joys in life, as we see it, is the friendships we make — and the realization of the value of friends.

What is true in our personal lives is also true in business — as we certainly like to feel there is a spirit of friendship underlying each business transaction we are privileged to make.

We like to think of you, our customer, as one of our friends — and we value our business friendships as much as our personal friends.

As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your friendship and all it has meant to us, the entire organization of the C. R. Anthony Co. joins with those of your local store to wish you and yours a joyful Christmas, and a New Year brim full of good luck and success.

Cordially yours,
C. R. ANTHONY
 C. R. Anthony, President

Holiday Greetings

As we come to the close of another year, it is our sincere hope that the friendliness that has marked our associations in the past will continue and grow stronger as the years go by.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WALKER WRECKING CO.

Big Spring, Texas



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND EVERY GOOD WISH FROM

LONE STAR CHEVROLET

Cliff Wiley "And His Fine and Dandy Gang"
 "When You're Pleased, We're Happy"

a **CHRISTMAS** Message



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

May you have, on every day of 1945, the same happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

Dairyland

War And Drouth Did Not Hold Howard County Agriculturists

War and drouth did not hold Howard county back from a comparatively successful agricultural year, annual report of County Agent Durward Lewter shows.

The agent estimated that the county would harvest 22,000 bales from the cotton crop, which ranged from failures to a bale to an acre yield; would get from 45,000 to 50,000 tons of grain; would show a pronounced increase in beef cattle feeding.

War entered into the work of the office more ways than one. During the year 457 selective service questionnaires were filled out for farmers and ranchers, 608 applications for gasoline were handled, and 1902 farm laborers were placed. Assistance was given to farmers along with the Farm Bureau in filing income tax returns for 325 farmers, and the Victory council functioned frequently to aid in various war programs from feed and fiber produc-

tion to war bond sales. The agent assisted in running contour lines for eight farmers, loaned farm levels to 53 others to do the work for themselves in addition to cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service. On ranches 80 surface tanks, averaging 2,000 cubic yards of dirt, were constructed and 150 miles of pasture contours were run. Experiments with pasture plantings of perennial sudan was begun.

Cotton acreage, reported Lewter, ranged around 60,000 with yields above a third of a bale to the acre. Among demonstrators, Frank Loveless, Coahoma, had top yield of 394 pounds per acre on Von Roeder's Western Prolific.

I. B. Cauble had 387 pounds per acre on his Mebane breeding, and Sam Little, a leading breeder of native Mebane, was in a dry spot but came up with 245 pounds nevertheless. L. Z. Shafer got 210 off his Acala. About 60 per cent of the county's acreage was to Western Prolific, about 22 per cent native Mebane and the rest miscellaneous.

To overcome effects of drouth, contour tillage has been adopted on around 60 per cent of the county's cultivated acreage. Lewter reported. He estimated that up to 30 per cent of the land would lend itself to terracing.

Two years ago the standard grain was dwarf milo. This year three-fourths of a greatly enlarged grain planting went to combine types with yields varying from 400 to 2,500 and averaging better than 1,000 pounds per acre. Bonita made its first sizeable showing and compared favorably with other grains in addition to having better stalks for forage. However, tendency to sucker from late rains was noted. Sweet sudan also made its appearance and some 2,500 pounds of seed were harvested for 1945 planting.

Little work was devoted to horticulture and only 78 fruit trees and 235 vines were planted. There was an increasing interest in pecan trees.

Insect damage was comparatively light due to dry weather, but farmers had a brief fight on their hands late in August. Cultural methods worked in killing one plot of Johnson grass, a sodium and calcium chlorate preparation worked on scattered patches, and Atlascide got promising results in still another. More experiments will be made in 1945. The county indicated cooperation in any such eradication campaign by applying control methods to right-of-way Johnson grass.

Lack of good market and good pasture induced many farmers to take up feeding of home raised grains and forage. As they ventured more ambitiously into the program they had before them the good examples of Willis Winters and son in producing 93,875 pounds of beef for \$13,075, a return of \$25 for labor and investment per head on 106 yearlings; that of A. J. Stallings who produced 125 beeves for \$12,036.59 gross, returning over \$4,000 on investment and labor.

Seven 4-H boys fed out beef calves, and five FFA boys had calves. Boys did even better in pig feeding and the Sears pig show was accounted a success. Eighteen club pigs were sold for \$506. Boys participated in the "hog-cow-hen" program.

Most poultry work was done on disease control, although 17 flocks of 2,275 birds were culled.

The agent helped to select 87 beef calves for 4-H feeding, 57 pigs and brood sows, and 33 sheep.

Another innovation was the participation in the first annual tour of the newly organized Howard County Hereford Breeders' association, 87 people going to inspect herds of 26 members. That this can be made a profitable business was demonstrated by I. B. Cauble, whose bull crop grossed over \$20,000.



PUREBRED—Three-year-old Billy Ricks of Artesia, Calif., pig "Millbank Lady," 800-pound purebred Hampshire sow at the Great Western Livestock show at Los Angeles.

CANOE FROM GAS TANKS

BURBANK, Cal. (UP)—Fliers returning from the South Seas have reported a new use for the extra gas tanks carried by U.S.

air force fighter planes, then dropped when the fuel in them is exhausted. Island natives salvage the discarded tanks, split them—and use the halves as canoes.

Because it is impossible to reach our many friends individually, we are taking this means of sending our message of good cheer. A Merry Christmas to one and all!



FISHERMAN'S

Iowa's Famous Fish Car Goes To Heap

DES MOINES, Ia.—Iowa's famous pioneer fish car, Hawkeye No. Two, is to be scrapped and the steel sent to war via the scrap route, the Iowa Conservation Commission reported.

The Hawkeye, a special railroad car, was built for the state in 1913 at a cost of \$12,500 to haul live game fish from Sabula and Lansing on the Mississippi River to the inland lakes and streams for stocking.

The fish car contained 20 large steel tanks in which the fish were held and was also fitted with eight berths, an office and a galley.

During the car's 20-year lifetime it traveled thousands of miles on every railroad line in the state.

When fish stockings were made, the game warden at the stocking point was notified, and he met the train with a caravan of farm trucks loaded with water-filled stock tanks. The fish were transferred to the wagons and then carried over Iowa's dirt road system to the stream or lake to be stocked.

Often the train was met not only by the warden and his farm wagons, but also by the city fathers and the town band. The arrival of a load of fish was a gala occasion in the days before fisheries trucks.

HONORS FOR EACH

GARRETT, Ind. (UP)—Each of the two Neagu brothers, one a soldier and one a sailor, received an award from military personnel at the same time—but such different awards. Sgt. John, in the CBI war theater, received the Presidential Unit citation and a commendation by the Chinese Military Council. His brother Seaman 1/c Nick, was cited as their No. 1 pin-up boy by a group of Waves at a naval air station.

This Christmas and Every Christmas



We look forward to wishing our friends and customers a real

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

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Big Spring, Texas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas

May this old fashioned Greeting convey our

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Of your good will and patronage and our every wish for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

SETTLES BEAUTY SHOP

Ina McGowan, Proprietor

Settles Hotel Phone 42



May the teachings of Him whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, prevail at this time when the world looks to the enjoyment of peace and contentment.

And as the Star of Bethlehem lighted the way to the manger, so today the faith in our hearts will lead us to the fruits of our hard-won Victory.

Big Spring Cotton Oil Company



JUNGLE FIGHTERS—Crowds line streets of Melbourne to watch a parade of Australian jungle fighters.

'Calcium Kids' Like Mom's Home Cooking

CHAMPAIGN - URBANA, Ill. (UP)—After loaning their appetites to the University of Illinois for three months in the interest of science, nine local 'teen-age boys, who dubbed themselves the "Calcium Kids," are back at home thoroughly enjoying "Mom's cooking."

The study, said to be the first of its type ever made, was conducted to determine calcium requirements of boys of high school age.

The youths lived at a home on the university campus and their diets were carefully planned and regulated — they even drank distilled water, having to carry it in thermos bottles when they left the home for any length of time. It wasn't all cold, scientific liv-

ing, however. The boys had jobs such as mowing lawns, and carrying newspaper routes. Tennis, badminton and table tennis were some sports they played and two airplane modeling contests were held.

A university movie projector and visual-aid films were sources of enjoyment three times a week. The boys selected the films and ran the machine themselves. And although most of their time was spent at the university, the "Calcium Kids" paid daily visits to their homes.

SMOKES BOOM BUSINESS

CHICAGO (UP)—Something new has been added to the menu of Mrs. Lou Clarke's coffee shop. And she's doing a land-office business. Mrs. Clarke's success secret is the precious cigaret. She gives away one smoke with each meal.

A Yuletide Wish

Of Happiness and Peace May Come To Us All During The Coming Year

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A Sincere 'Thank You'

For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

A Cordial Wish...

For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous New Year, to each of those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

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Leonard Telford, Mgr.
804 E. 3rd St. Phone 138



We Wish You A Happy

Christmas



Although this joyful season of the year still finds us separated from many of our loved ones, it is our sincere hope that the real spirit of Christmas will dwell as never before in the hearts of all our people.

Yes, the real spirit is the thing . . . the spirit of unselfishness, the spirit of thoughtfulness, the spirit of consideration, the spirit of tolerance. Let these be upon us, and the season will be a blessing and a benediction. It will be a reaffirmation of the great Truths upon which the Saviour, whose birth we celebrate, founded His eternal ministry to mankind.

Let us free ourselves of petty things which fetter the enjoyment of friendships and of happy association with our fellow man. Let us make the most of this season by thoughtfulness of others in word and deed.

Our thoughts go out to the brave men and women, now scattered all over the world in the struggle to uphold the things for which Christmas stands. It is fitting that our prayers go out to them to sustain them in an ordeal to win for us the very things, without which living would be nothing more than existence.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" . . . The heavenly hosts proclaimed these tidings upon the birth of the Saviour, who made the greatest sacrifice of all to give everlasting substance to them.

Today mankind has gone down into "the valley of the shadow." Yet, the emulation of Him can bring out of this life-and-death struggle between the forces of evil and of good with the hope of establishing among mankind the era of which the angels sang.



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Cosden Wish All Their Friends Everywhere the Full
Happiness of the Holiday Season.

R. L. TOLLETT, President