

**This
and
That**

IN THIS ISSUE of the Progress our readers will find most of the local business men extending greetings to their customers and friends. Read their messages of appreciation, for they will add much to your Christmas spirit.

THE SHORTEST DAYS of the year are here, and it took our calendar to tell us Sunday was the first day of winter, with the thermometer standing between 60 and 70 degrees for the past week.

Weather for Christmas shoppers has been excellent except a few hours on Monday. The early hours were misty and rainy, and during mid-afternoon, a severe dust storm blew up. But we may expect any kind of weather in Texas, you know—and some are even going so far as to predict a "white" Christmas.

**Young Folks
Go Caroling**

Last Sunday evening, a group of young people of the Methodist Church, greeted many invalids, shut-ins, and friends with Christmas carols. The group sang many of the favorite carols at the homes of H. B. Thomson, E. W. Kimble, Ed Sutton, Grandma and Miss Callie Lowe, Miss Addie Haley, Grandma Dorsett, Mr. Swan, Grandma Harwell, Tom Stephens, Grandma Porter, the hospital, and others.

They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Marcie Allen, Mrs. T. C. Wylie, Mrs. Euna Koonce, Mrs. Dona Moorman, and Mrs. Lester Hooker.

After visiting many homes with their gay songs, the group met at the home of Mary Frances Stubblefield where they played games and were served hot chocolate and cookies.

**MESSAGE FROM THE
PARR BROTHERS**

Word was received Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Parr that their sons, C. B. and Bill, stationed in the Philippines, were safe from the effects of the first bombing of those islands.

Mrs. Herman Wood has had no message as yet from her nephew, Sid Awalt, but no news has always been considered good news, and relatives of loved ones in the danger zone have all been brave through the days of great suspense.

A. C. Donica, student at Cisco Junior College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandmother Alsbrook and his aunt, Mrs. Stout.

**Local Doctors
First To Subscribe
To Red Cross**

As this is being written on Monday night, information comes that the first three subscriptions to the second appeal from the Red Cross came from three of our local doctors, M. L. Stubblefield, George and Edward Blackwell. These are substantial contributions from ones who well know the countless calls made upon the Red Cross, and their never-failing responses to these mercy calls.

The school children have raised \$53.00, and Mrs. Allen reported her room as going 100 per cent in the Junior Red Cross drive.

Towns over the state are giving more than was asked. Some towns have raised their quotas in one day. Are you, our readers, not planning to give again on this appeal, which comes not only from Red Cross headquarters—but from our President?

A gauge or thermometer has been placed in front of the Corner Drug which will show the figure reached as the drive continues.

Make your contribution and help the red mark zoom upward!

John Kimble at the Corner Drug will accept your donation, as will some one at the First National Bank.

Give again to the Red Cross!

THANKS

We, the night nurses of the Blackwell Sanitarium, want to thank the Methodist Serenaders for remembering us Sunday night. Your songs were enjoyed by visitors as well as our patients. Come again.

Bob Kirk Arrives Monday

Bob Kirk, student in the academy at Annapolis, is home on a ten-day leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kirk. He was met in Dallas Monday by his mother and brother, Dean.

Bob is liking his work, and is enjoying this vacation, the first visit home since his enrollment last summer.

Ely Clark Receives Medal

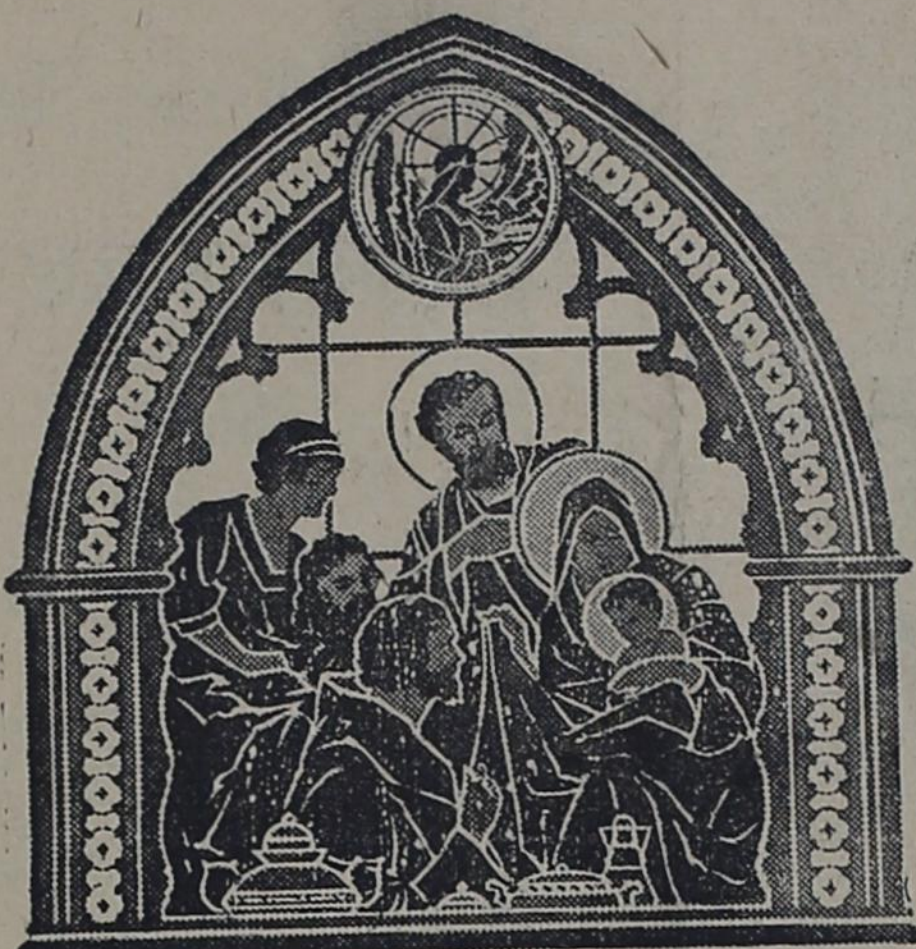
Ely Clark is proudly displaying a medal he has recently received for his skill shown as a sharpshooter at Camp Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims are the proud parents of a baby girl, Helen Marie, born Dec. 11, and weighing 6 1-2 pounds.

O. P. Newberry and son, Beegie, of Fort Worth were here Saturday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen are spending the holidays in Rising Star with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Cain.

A Christian's Challenge



Thursday will mark another anniversary of the coming of the Christ Child at Bethlehem. Now, perhaps more than at any other time, we need the guidance and solace of Him who died that we might live.

Will it not be fitting for us to rededicate our lives anew, by resolving to better serve the Christ, and, not by lip-service, but by personal sacrifices, pledge an even greater allegiance to our own American Ideals?

Dear Santa:

I promise you that I will be a real good girl if you will just bring me a doll with a bottle and her clothes in a suitcase, also some candy, fruit and nuts and anything else you wish to bring.

With love,

Jo Anne Chambers

P. S. Please don't forget Glen Dale, Laverne and Royce Don, they are in Wichita Falls this Xmas.

Dear Santa

Please bring me a big doll, a necklace, a pair of shoes, a package of sparklers, some fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget to bring my little baby sister a rattler.

Your friend,

Christine Lucke.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmick Ramsey of Atlanta are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ramsey.

**CITY IN FESTIVE ATTIRE FOR XMAS
SEASON; NICE CROWDS SHOP HERE**

**Bridge Club
Entertains Dec. 17**

On Wednesday of last week the ladies of the Wednesday Bridge Club entertained their husbands and a few friends with their annual Christmas dinner.

The Home Economics Girls prepared the sumptuous dinner and served it in their dining room in one of the school buildings. The room was at its prettiest with the beautifully decorated tree as the center attraction.

The lovely dinner the girls prepared and served consisted of baked turkey, dressing, gravy, stuffed Irish potatoes, English peas, cranberry sauce, hot buttered rolls, lemon pie and coffee.

The exchange of gifts from the members was made by Mr. Brummett, as he took them from the tree.

High score was won by Mr. and Mrs. John Kimble, and low was won by Miss Lowery and Dr. George Blackwell, both prizes being large, handsome crystal bowls.

Those enjoying the evening were: Messrs. and Mmes. Marvin Blair, John Kimble, Edward Blackwell, L. E. Moake, T. C. Wylie, E. A. Boaz, Donna David, B. B. Brummett, Verle Rodgers, and Paul Ormsby; Mmes. Sally Bishop, Frank Dean, Willie Clark, Dick Jay, H. Foster; Misses Lowery and Florence Perkins, and Dr. George Blackwell.

O. T. Shell was in Cross Plains Tuesday morning on business

**No Shooting Of
Fireworks In City**

Shooting of fire works and other explosives in the business district have been prohibited this year, as they have been for the past few years by action of the city commission when an ordinance was passed, prohibiting their shooting of fireworks in the downtown section of the city.

Some violators of this ordinance have been observed during the past few years by action of the officers have usually brought in the results necessary to control the actions of the youngsters.

Parents are urged to warn their children about shooting fireworks in the business district, and are also urged to supervise the firing of these noise makers so that no accidents will occur that would prove serious to them.

**FRANCES PERRY MARRIED
LAST WEEK-END**

Mr. Perry was in receipt of a letter Monday morning from his daughter, Frances, advising him of her marriage last week-end to Johnny Guyer.

Frances, younger daughter of F. S. and the late Mrs. Perry, was born and reared in Gorman where she attended high school. Her last year of high school work was done in Austin where she later attended State University. She was graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in 1940.

In the fall of 1940 Frances went to Skellytown to teach Physical Education and Health, and is teaching there again this year.

Mr. Guyer, a N. T. S. T. C. graduate, is athletic director of the Skellytown schools and has taught for several years. His home is in Italy, Texas.

They plan to spend part of the holidays here, and her many friends are waiting to wish them every happiness.

Mrs. Elmer Underwood and daughters, Anne and Peggy, arrived Saturday night for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow, and with Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood. Elmer will be unable to join them now, having just been transferred from Louisville, Ky., to Oklahoma City.

**School Holidays
Until Dec. 29**

The Gorman Public Schools were dismissed Friday for a Christmas week, and will reopen Monday, December 29, according to Supt. Brummett.

Several of the teachers left last week for their homes in various parts of the state, while most of the students will remain here for the holidays. Many former students of G. H. S., who are attending college, have arrived for the season's festivities, and will likely remain until the first of the year.

**ENTERTAINS COUPLE
WITH RECEPTION**

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Christianson recently entertained with a reception in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Virginia, and Hadley Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Graham of Gorman, which took place Nov. 15. The dining room featured a green and white motif. The lace-covered table held a wedding cake and the punch bowl.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Graham, Miss Lois Graham, De Witt Graham, Miss Nona Stone, Mrs. E. N. Graham, all of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harris of Brownwood. —Houston Chronicle.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINS

The ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter entertained the Masonic Lodge members and their families, last Friday night in the Lodge Hall.

A short program, with B. F. Pendarvis as master of ceremonies, was enjoyed. Several contributions to the program, as is the custom, were made by children of local members.

Following the program a Christmas turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was enjoyed by some fifty or more guests.

**BACIL ORMSBY MARRIED
TO FORT WORTH GIRL**

Bacil Ormsby surprised his friends here when they learned last week of his marriage on Dec. 13, to Mrs. Vivian Powers of Fort Worth.

They were married at a chapel at Camp Bowie where Bacil is stationed, serving in the Quartermaster's Corps.

Bacil has many friends here who join us in congratulations for him, and wish for this couple continued happiness.

WINS ANOTHER PRIZE

Mrs. Walter Dixon was winner in a contest last week in which she won an electric Cory Coffee maker with burner from the Duncan Coffee Co.

Mrs. Dixon's prize came as a result of a letter in praise of Admiration coffee. Again, congratulations, Mrs. Dixon.



Merry Christmas

The First National Bank of Gorman extends best wishes to all our friends for a very Happy Holiday Season. May this Christmas bring an abundance of Happiness - - and may Health and Success be yours during the coming year!



First National Bank

Planning More Defense Foods



Farmers in this State and elsewhere in America are beginning to make plans for producing more "defense foods" in 1942. Among the highly-nutritious foods needed in greater quantity are milk, cheese, eggs, meats, and vegetables. Good market prices for the year are assured. Every farmer in the nation will be visited this fall by an AAA farm program committeeman who will assist in planning the increases.

**THE KING
Theatre**

Thursday - Friday

William Holden - Glenn Ford
in
TEXAS
Plus: News and Comedy

Saturday Only

DOUBLE FEATURE
Bill Elliott - Mary Daily
in
Hands Across The Rockies
Leif Erikson - Florence Rice
in
The Blonde From Singapore

Sunday - Monday

Matinee & Night Sunday
Joan Blondell - Binnie Barnes
in
THREE GIRLS ABOUT TOWN
Plus: News and Cartoon

Tuesday - Wednesday

Bob Wills and his
Texas Playboys
in
GO WEST, YOUNG LADY

Thursday - Friday

Barbara Stanwyck - Henry
Fonda
in
YOU BELONG TO ME



As we near the end of a busy year we pause to express our appreciation to those with whom we have had such pleasant business relations.

We hope you have been genuinely satisfied, for we have tried to give you whole-hearted, conscientious service.

As we step out of 1941 into 1942, let us wish you a

**Joyful Christmas
And A
Happy New Year**

**Gorman
Progress**



**Smith Barber Shop
Gnetta Beauty
Shop**

Want Ads

You can still buy Maytag washers, including aluminum models. Supply is being cut, but both washers and ironers are still obtainable, also Frigidaires and radios can be bought on the monthly payment plan. Only requirement is 20 per cent down and the balance paid out in as many as 18 easy monthly payments. See our complete stock now and buy one or more of these necessary appliances. Ask for demonstration.

C. E. Norris, Gorman, Representative of Service Drug Store of Comanche, Texas

FOR RENT—5 room house next door to Mrs. E. L. Haile. Call 59. 1tp

WANTED—Reliable man to succeed W. A. Bucy as Rawleigh Dealer in South Eastland County, over 750 families. Selling experience unnecessary to start. Everything furnished except car. Splendid opportunity to step into a permanent and profitable business, where Rawleigh Products have been sold for 27 years. Good profits for hustler. For particular write Rawleigh's Dept., TXA-303-10, Memphis, Tenn. c-46, 47, 48, 49

LOCALS

Jack Crawley is home from San Marcus to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Crawley.

Mrs. Dunn of Carbon was the holder of the lucky number which drew the 11-pound turkey given at Allen's Grocery last week. Coach Hick's number drew the 5-pound fruit cake.

Frank Clement of Camp Bowie spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Clement.

Margaret Jackson of Tarleton is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jackson.

Reece Allday of Fort Worth was a Gorman visitor Sunday. Mrs. J. R. Morgan and children accompanied him back to Fort Worth where Mr. Morgan is now employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose and baby of San Antonio plan to spend from Wednesday through Sunday with her parents, the Frank Deans.

Jack King, a former Gorman resident, was a visitor here Monday and Tuesday. He is from Corpus Christi on his way to Fort Worth to live.

Mrs. Wilbur Williams and Marcia Beth of Jayton came Sunday to visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. Scales, and sister, Mrs. Brogdon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen received word from their son, Floyd, (Pete) that he was safe. Pete is serving in the army, and at present is located on one of our island possessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dalton and son, Dick, of Austin are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crenger this week.

Weldon Linder was here Friday and Saturday of last week, and was transferred from Ellington Field, Houston, to Kelly Field, San Antonio. Elmer and Delmer Brown, who are both following the coaching and teaching profession, were visiting their uncle, Davis Smith, and friends Tuesday.



We Seek You, Santa—

We saw you swipe that pie, but we won't tell on you if you promise to deliver lots of good things to all our friends, and make them happy throughout the days to come. Is it a bargain?

H. B. THOMSON

JACK BENNETT — BILLY CHILDERS
EDWARD VIRDEN



May lots of gladness come to your house and stay and stay! May you find health and prosperity, peace and contentment . . . this is our Christmas wish for you.

J. E. WALKER, Insurance



In Deep Humility

The Wise Men who came to the Cradle bearing gifts, brought none so precious as the heritage of Christian life which is ours. In humbleness and gratitude we pledge ourselves to the Golden Rule on this Christmas, 1941.

BLACKWELL SANITARIUM

Dr. Geo. Blackwell Dr. Ed Blackwell
Dr. Verle Rodgers
Staff of Nurses Office Force

News of Carbon

Harry C Hall of the Lew Foot Flying Service at Grapevine came in Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Neil Eaves and George Gilbert, Tarleton students, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Georgia Davis has gone to Houston to spend a week with her son Kenneth, and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greer drove to Abilene Friday for their daughter, Joy Dene, a student in Draughon's Business College, who is home for the holidays.

Misses Martha B. Gray and Jaunita Tucker, Tarleton students, are here for the two-week's intermission for Christmas.

Miss Joyce Wadley, Home Economics teacher, left Friday for her home in Arlington where she will be with her parents for the holidays. She was accompanied to Fort Worth by Barbara Baird, who went on to Waxahachie to visit her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Black and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Jackson were recent visitors of their son and brother, Jack Black, in Breckenridge.

Miss La Rue Ussery is home from her teaching duties at Alameda.

Mrs. Mandy Townsend is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Phillips, in Fort Worth.

Miss Rae June Stubblefield of John Tarleton is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield for the Yule holidays.

Coach Bolger left Saturday for a visit with his parents in Waco for Christmas.

Miss Marian Gilbert who is studying in NTSTC at Denton came in Saturday for the holidays with her parents.

Misses Virginia and Yvonne Morris, Cisco Junior College students, are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Morris, for Christmas.

Tommie Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Morris of Carlsbad, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, came in Friday night for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Walter Greer, and family.

Mrs. Iva Maness is up from Fort Worth to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lovett, and other relatives.

John Edward Trimble was in Waxahachie over the week-end.

Study Club Has Yule Party

The annual Christmas party of the '38 Study Club was held Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. V. Baird as house-hostess and Mmes. Jackson, Jr., C. C. Gilbert and Henry Hines, the social committee as co-hostesses. During the evening the guests, Christmas Carols were heard in subdued tones.

The gloom of weather and world conditions to some extent were shut-out and the Yuletide spirit was brought within the artistic settings of Christmas greenery and snow scenes flanked with burning tapers in the chosen colors. The motivity scene and the beautifully lighted Christmas tree made a striking background.

In a brief business period a good report was given on the progress of the Red Cross membership roll call. The club members as a whole are sponsoring the drive and are making good progress with it. The club also voted all-out aid in assisting Mrs. Stubblefield, chairman of knitting and sewing.

Roll call responses introduced many original and good Christmas thoughts.

It could be said that the keynote of the social committee was to dispell gloom and strike a humorous note, for humor was interspersed in the contests and in the reading "The Night Before Xmas," a parody by Mrs. Jackson, Jr., and read by Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield, and Mrs. Jackson, Sr., was chosen to give a Christmas story from which she climaxed with a note of mirth the handing out of gifts from the tree. Many pretty and useful gifts were given. The refreshment plate of tea dainties bore an artistic favor of a mound of snow on green leaves holding a lighted white taper and was made by Mrs. Gilbert. Every club member was present.

Dr. and Mrs. Jackson Entertain

Last Thursday evening from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Jackson entertained the social department of the '38 Study Club with a Christmas party. A Christ-

mas scene, colorful fruit and potted plants added the decorative touch to the house. Five tables were used in the living room for "42" and a jolly good time was enjoyed by the "club family." At the close of the evening of games refreshments of sandwiches, party cookies and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greer, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Poe, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Jackson, Mrs. George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield and Dr. and Mrs. Jackson. Climaxing the evening of fun Mrs. Stubblefield read a poem—a "Take Off" on the club members in the exaggerated opinion of their husbands.

Don't Forget Your Health

"Despite the fact that America is at war, this Nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of Happiness and Good Will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Doctor Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their minds and bodies are unmercifully punished and sometimes irreparable damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Overheating, crowded living conditions lack of exercise, and over-heated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against undue excitement and late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas holidays, whether in food or drink, is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health and strength



Christmas Greeting!

May Happiness and Good Cheer Be Yours Throughout The Year

Merry Christmas

UNDERWOOD GRO. & MARKET

American Labor Must Meet Challenge

With the United States forced to fight the war in two oceans, American labor must meet the challenge with courage and faith similar to that of our armed forces already engaged at sea and in the air, Sidney Hillman, Associate Director General of the Office of Production Management, declared in a special message to American workers. Mr. Hillman's message follows:

as well as that of his neighbor, to conserve and bolster the health and manpower of our country, Doctor Cox said that from a standpoint of patriotism alone every Texan owes it to his country to promote good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

mocracy. Today our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and industrial workers share the front line of battle.

"Our fighting force rely on your skill and your energy for the implement of war. The workers of this nation will prove that free Americans can outproduce, as they can outfight, any combination of slave peoples. Ours is a sacred task which we must consecrate mind and heart and hand.

"We will have to do the best possible job on the assembly line, in the pit at the throttle. No obstacles must be allowed to interfere with our war effort. We will face hardships and make sacrifices.

"This is war—a people's war—a war of the common man against old tyranny and new barbarisms. Labor is more united than ever before in this great war undertaking.

"All labor has pledged its fullest cooperation and participation. Ours is a labor movement unwavering in its devotion to the aims of freedom and in its determination to keep America strong and free. Joined in this high purpose, labor can help not only to crush the Axis aggressors, but also to build a new world of peace and security. The time is now. Democracy's destiny is in the balance. Labor will never fail the cause of freedom."

SEE THIS QUICK RELIEF FOR COUGHS

DUE TO COLDS

Take one dose of Mentho-Mulsion. In minutes this soothing, palatable mixture coats and soothes irritated throat membranes. Mentho-Mulsion sends nine medicinal ingredients into system to soothe nature and tickling phlegm which helps quiet nervous system. Show your doctor Mentho-Mulsion's ingredients listed on the label. You must be satisfied with Mentho-Mulsion or money returned, no questions asked. 60c and \$1.00 sizes.

Relieve stuffy nose due to cold with Mentho-Mulsion. Mentho-Mulsion soothes and relieves more easily. Ask your druggist.

FIRST DOSE

MENTHO-MULSION Starts Relief

DEALERS EVERYWHERE

MEHAFFEY'S SERVICE STATION

Mobilgas . . . Mobiloil

Washing and Greasing a speciality

Tires . . . Batteries

Accessories

Your business appreciated

PYORRHEA MAY INVITE NEGLECT

Are your gums unsightly? Do they itch? Do they burn? Druggists return money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

FOSTER DRUG STORE

DO YOUR MEALS TALK BACK?

This is often a symptom of acid indigestion. Sour, gassy stomach and heartburn frequently follow unwise eating and drinking. ADLA Tablets relieve quickly. Get ADLA from your druggist.

FOSTER DRUG STORE

M. L. STUBBLEFIELD

Diseases of Infants and Children

Phones: Res. 55 Office 45

Gorman, Texas

WHY ON EARTH DO THEY DO IT?

...shop around for low-cost insurance

When you buy insurance because it's cheap, it's like buying a cheap pistol for self protection. If you have to hold off a bandit, you want a weapon that will do the business. If you aren't going to be held up, why spend any money at all to protect yourself? The catch is, you don't know.

Moral: Be sure your insurance is COMPLETELY dependable. We'll be glad to tell you anything you want to know about it.

YOUR NEARBY NEIGHBOR

J. E. Walker, Jr.

DRS. GEORGE & EDWARD BLACKWELL

Dr. George Blackwell Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

Dr. Edward Blackwell Surgery and Gynecology

Gorman, Texas

WILLIE CLARK

Wants to do your LIGHT & HEAVY FREIGHT & DRAY-HAULING

Gorman, Texas



Around Your Tree

... we hope you find all the good things you've been wishing for. And somewhere among them look for our best Christmas Wishes for you. We're sending 'em to you.

Perry Feed Mill



FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

FULL of Good HEALTH, Good CHEER, Good FORTUNE and Friendly COMPANIONSHIP!

"We Appreciate Your Business"

Blair Grocery
Marvin Blair, Manager



America's Second Line of Defense

Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

The Texas oil industry to a man is on the job.

The Gorman Progress

Devoted To The Interest of Gorman and Gorman Trade Territory

Published Every Thursday

Clara Towsead Cockrill, editor-publisher; Billy Hamrick, assistant.

Advertising rates upon application

Entered at the Postoffice at Gorman, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter Under the act of Congress of March 3, 1897.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper, will be gladly corrected upon due notice of same being given the editor personally at the office at Gorman, Texas.

My Week by Eleanor Roosevelt

PHYSICAL FITNESS
Late one afternoon I flew over to Philadelphia to take part in the beginning of their National Defense week. Mr. John Kelly was in charge of the evening. There had been street races in the afternoon for boys, and, while I was there, the prizes were given out to several individuals and teams.

They had some wonderful high school bands, as well as police and firemen's bands. I had to catch the 9:15 plane back to Washington, so I missed the greater part of the exhibition, but the glimpse of what the young people could do was a great satisfaction. I felt there was potential strength there which could be translated into sound and healthy bodies as they grew up.

I feel that our physical fitness program should serve to awaken interest among young people and their elders to look into all available sources of material.

PLEDGES OF FREEDOM
Carl Sandburg has just sent our Office of Civilian Defense two short pledges, which I hope people will copy and carry around with them. The first is: "I pledge myself to be a little thoughtful every day about the meaning of freedom and how and why I am a citizen of a republic of free men and women, and how and why men and women fought and fought yesterday for my freedom today."

If we bear this in mind, I think we shall have a greater sense of responsibility about the preservation of our freedom today.

Mr. Sandburg's second pledge reads as follows: "I pledge myself to do a little thinking every day about the need of discipline and how, in a time of national danger more than ever, my own rights as a citizen are tangled and interwoven with the rights of others and these rights always deserve a decent respect."

HEALTH PROBLEMS
In New York city I went to America's Town Meeting of the Air. I enjoyed the program very much. As so often happens, I felt that many sides of the problem of health could not be covered, even in as long a period as we had on the air.

One thing I felt needed emphasis, namely, that the workers themselves, through their labor union organizations, are doing a great many things to improve their

health. It seems to me that the employer has an obligation to use every safety device possible to prevent accidents and has an obligation to initiate other programs, with the idea of social welfare always in the background and the realization that health is a stepping stone to all real welfare and security.

But the employees also have a responsibility for plans and programs which they can work out themselves, or in co-operation with the employer. I think a shining example of this is Mr. David Dubinsky's International Ladies Garment Workers union, which has worked out programs for both health and recreation. They are valuable mentally, spiritually, and physically.

WOMAN'S LAND ARMY
I have had so much enthusiasm over the suggestion that a Woman's Land Army might be needed. I know there are a great many women and young people who would welcome preparing for some definite thing. It is not in the province, of course, of the Office of Civilian Defense actually to carry out a program, but we hope before long to be able to suggest ways in which people can fit themselves to do whatever emergency work may be required in their communities when the summer comes.

There will be parts of the country where it will be possible to provide paid workers for farmers who need help. Wherever that is possible, it should be done. Volunteers may be needed in various specific ways, but they will be of value only if they have trained and disciplined themselves to stand outdoor work.

NEW YORK 'HOUSECLEANING'
I found myself one day devoting my time to catching up on the mail and doing various things in my house in New York city.

My husband holds over my head the fact that if these houses are sold, I shall have to leave them at very short notice. Since we have always kept certain things in locked closets, I fill up my spare minutes and hours trying to decide what to do with things that have a certain sentimental value and, which, perhaps, none of our children will have any real use for now, or in the future.

This particular day I found some very beautiful and large old tablecloths and napkins with handsome embroidered coats of arms, such as no one would think of indulging in at the present time. In fact, very few people who are economically inclined, use large or small tablecloths any more.

Also, most of us have learned to use paper in many ways which we did not consider possible in our grandmother's day. However, we may return to napkin rings and the careful use of napkins, since paper is now to be conserved.

I Give You Texas

How Methusalem could have lived 960-odd years without the solace of tobacco—or why he would have wanted to—is beyond me.

And how did the world get along till 1492 without sweet potatoes, 'possums, 'coons, roasting-ears, Irish potatoes, turkeys or watermelons?

Payments amounting to hundreds, and even to several thousand dollars, on an original loan of a trivial amount have come to the attention of the Better Business Bureau of Dallas, declares William Collier, executive vice president, in discussing the loan shark situation.



A sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a New Year enriched by the blessings of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

A. M. Thurman

County Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Here are a few typical, not extreme, cases: A sporting goods company employe borrowed \$40 because of illness in the family. After he had paid \$328, the loan company tried to get him fired, claiming he still owed the principal.

A taxicab driver borrowed \$25, paid \$169 and the loan shark claimed the borrower owed \$26.40—in other words that he still owed \$1.40 more than when he started. Even worse was the experience of a postal employe who borrowed \$25, paid \$448.50 and yet owed \$28.75, according to the loan company. An elderly garbage wagon driver had to have \$20 because of family illness. He paid and paid till he had been bled for \$672 and the concern claimed he still owed the original amount.

That the evil is widespread and is not confined to the so-called underprivileged groups is shown by the fact that complaints have been received from employes of almost every business and industrial firm in Dallas and, Collier continues, "from many of our professional, educational, governmental (federal, states county and city), and religious groups."

hauled and retooled for greater output while oil—the most vital war need of all—is being held down to the same sort of pinched-in flow that was resorted to nearly a decade ago to bolster crude prices through scarcity," says the Houston Post, editorially.

"Sufficient oil should be produced and ready to meet whatever call the emergency may create. Holding down production to boost prices would be as patriotic as a plow-under policy to make prices of farm products higher or to curb steel production for the same purpose; whereas the Department of Agriculture itself is sponsoring a vast, nation-wide program to whip farm production up to the very maximum and every effort is being made to increase the steel output."

Mexican Sayings:
Nothing is easier than to cheat an honest man.
He who has drunk his fill soon turns his back on the fountain.
The man who eats his chicken

MERRY CHRISTMAS to All

Similar is the story of the two farmers who fell out over a boundary matter. Brown said, "I'll sue in the county court." Smith answered, "If I lose, I'll appeal to district court."
"I'll be there."
"And if I lose there, I'll fight you in the court of appeals."
"Well, I'll be there."
"And then I'll take the case to the supreme court."
"All right, I'll be there, too."
"Then I'll fight the case plumb into h—"
"My lawyer will be there."

MR. and MRS. R. V. (Rip) Galloway

"The nation's machinery for producing all other natural resource materials and commodities needed for defense is being over-

Health Notes

In a special message from Washington, where he had gone to confer with national officials on civilian defense, Doctor Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, who was recently named by Gov. Stevenson as Chairman of Defense Health and Emergency Medical Care, today urged that every citizen of Texas register immediately for some type of civilian defense activity.

"The urgency of immediate civilian defense training is surely apparent after what has happened to the peaceful civilian population in our Pacific Island possessions. The grim reality of a total war declared against our people by a treacherous enemy changes vague plans for future defense into a present and urgent necessity for immediate action.

"The time for good intentions has passed," Doctor Cox stated. "This emergency makes action imperative. I know the people of Texas are ready and eager to serve, and the time for service has arrived.

Outlining the three phases of civilian defense that he believed should be instituted at once, Doctor Cox included first aid training, the organization and training of nurses' aides, and emergency sanitary corps for every community.

"These duties are the personal responsibility of every man and no one else can shoulder them for you. Communicate immediately with your Mayor or County Judge, both of whom are acting as civilian defense coordinators. Mayors are serving as civilian de-

alone must catch his horse himself.

If you would know the value of a peso, try to borrow one.

He who makes more of you than he used to either would cheat you or needs you.

The creditor always has a better memory than the debtor.

A teacher asked, "Who was the first man?"
Jimmy replied, "George Washington, first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."
The instructor said, "No, Jimmy, Adam was the first man."
The boy answered, "Well, if you are speaking of foreigners, I guess you're right."

fense coordinators, while in rural districts, or unincorporated towns, the County Judges are acting in that capacity, Doctor Cox disclosed.

"Every resident of every community in Texas should communicate immediately with his civilian defense coordinator, and accept those duties which will enable him to best serve his country during this crisis.

"In order to afford yourself, your family and your country adequate protection," Doctor Cox asserted, "these activities must begin today."

Local Girl Joins Club
Members of the Eternas Club of John Tarleton College have pledged themselves one hundred per cent to perform any task assigned to them in defense of our county in its present struggle. Joe Stewart of Gorman is a member of the above club.



TO YOU AND YOURS IS OUR SINCERE WISH
Ritz Cafe

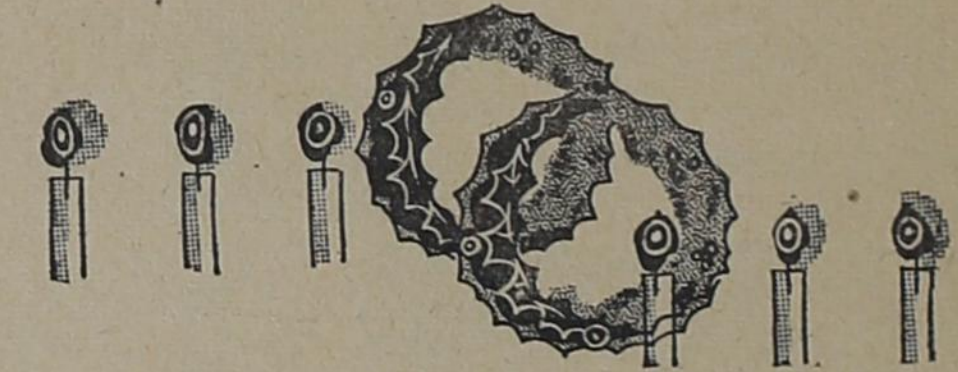


A Merry Christmas... And a Very Happy New Year To Our Friends

It has been our good fortune to do business with the finest folks on earth and the spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends.

It is a time we wish to tell you how we appreciate the courtesies you have shown us in the past year. We sincerely appreciate your friendship and good-will and we hope the pleasant relationship that has prevailed, will continue throughout the coming year.

JAY Grocery & Market



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

... And we do mean every one of our faithful friends, who during the past years have patronized us so regularly. We sincerely hope that we have served you well, and that in the future our friendships will increase and our hospitality grow.

KING THEATRE

JUST AN OLD-FASHIONED MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS
Corner Drug Store

a merry Christmas for all.

SINCERE BEST WISHES TO ALL OF OUR MANY FRIENDS ON THIS HAPPIEST OF DAYS... Use Mobilgas and Mobiloil During

1942
Magnolia Service Station
R. C. Mehaffey, Owner

AMBULANCE SERVICE
Day Phone 11
Nigginbotham Bros. & Co.
Night Phone 88-J
COMPLETE FUNERAL SERVICE

Here's To You!

MAY CHRISTMAS

Bring you Happiness which will continue through the NEW YEAR



Shell Machine and Welding Shop



There's nothing streamlined about this greeting. Everything about it is old—still it's sincere—Just a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OF YOU From ALL OF US

Cook's Garage Force

CLAYTON COOK BUCK FOSTER JIM BENNETT DOUGLASS FOSTER LOUISE BAKER



Merry Christmas Every One!

To all our friends who have patronized us so generously in the past, it is time to express our hearty appreciation. We hope to continue our pleasant business relationship and serve you through 1942.

Foster Drug Co.



Hi, Neighbor!

We don't always see you as often as we'd like, and just in case we don't see you soon, we want to take this opportunity to wish you . . .

THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS EVER!

Clay Moorman Filling Station



BEST CHRISTMAS And NEW YEAR WISHES To All Our FRIENDS AND PATRONS Clark Flower Shop



A Merry American Christmas

As we pause on the threshold of another year, let us wish you a Very Merry Christmas and join you, as will every true American, in hoping our

American Way Shall Prevail

SUTTON BROS.

E. C. SUTTON MRS. HULON PULLIG W. A. SUTTON MRS. EARL PITTMAN LELAND WARREN LOUISE BAKER



To All Our Patrons and Friends

We hope to serve you in the future as we have in the past in pleasant business relationships.

Ross Construction Co.

T. S. ROSS

Gorman Texas



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TO All My Patrons WITH DEEP APPRECIATION HULON PULLIG

Personals

Jo and Billy Bob Stewart of Tarleton are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stewart.

Mrs. S. E. Richey and Wilma, Mrs. Hulon Pullig and Virginia were visitors in Eastland Sunday night.

C. W. Atchison of Kilgore is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Love, and family.

Virginia Pullig is here from Tarleton to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pullig.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wallace of Pasadena, Texas, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parr.

Billy Mack Smith of Tarleton is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mae Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Underwood.

Mrs. Carlton Bassett of De Leon was a Gorman visitor Tuesday.

Sam Richey is home from San Antonio to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Richey.

Mr. and Mrs. Check Smith and Bill, Earl Stone and Junior were visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Sanders and daughter, Norma Ruth, of Llano, were Gorman visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Hubbard Gilbert and daughter, Marian, of Carbon were Gorman visitors Monday.

Bob Brogdon, who was in the hospital several days with pneumonia, is at home now and is improving slowly.

S. E. Linder was a business visitor in Fort Worth Monday.



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR IS THE WISH OF ALL THE FOLKS WHO SERVE YOU AT

Allen's Grocery and Market

Mrs. Joe Hamilton and children, Carol Jane and Dickie, of Odessa are visiting her mother, Mrs. George Harwell, and will remain through the Christmas holidays.

C. L. Ponder left Sunday night for Fort Worth on business.

Dean Kirk was in Aiblene on business Tuesday.

Cooter Ramsey was in Ranger on business Monday.

Join the growing list of those who are buying defense stamps and bonds.



DEALERS EVERYWHERE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

E. A. Boaz Dry Goods



Listen, Santa Claus, I've been very, very good all year. I've cooked all my husband's favorite dishes and baked his favorite cakes. (And my Gas Range is ten years old this Christmas)—so ask him to get me a new automatic, oven control Range like you have in your window, will you? It's what I've always wanted and I can make still more good things in less time and with far less work. Tell him, Santa, please!



C. L. PONDER, Mgr.

GAS IS YOUR QUICK, CLEAN, ECONOMICAL SERVANT

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. "Ox" Emmons and Dianne of Hereford arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker.

Bob Stubblefield is home from Galveston for the Christmas holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Stubblefield.

T. C. Wylie was a business visitor in Cleburne and Fort Worth on business Friday.

Bud Smith was in Brownwood on business Friday.

Jerry Walker, who is teaching in Vernon, is spending this week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ponder and daughter, Claudine, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dixon and children were visitors in Proctor over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burks of Austin came Friday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rider. They will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Thompson and daughter, Janie, of Crane will visit her mother, Mrs. W. R. Eppler, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson from Wednesday through Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Statham went to Dallas Saturday to spend the holidays with her sons, Tom, and Milton of Corsicana.

Misses Polly Harpole and Katherine Northcutt of Snyder and Mrs. Beans McCasland of Cisco visited Miss Addie Haley Sunday afternoon.

Le Roy Wright of Dallas is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright, and other relatives and friends.

Sue Turner from Ranger was here Sunday visiting Mrs. Ralph Rider.

Junior Stone is here from San Marcus to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone.

Floyd Rider arrived Saturday night for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rider. Floyd is in the Quartermaster's Corps at Camp Wallace below Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lew's Williams and R. L. spent Saturday night and Sunday morning in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Blackwell.

Harold Mehaffey from Tarleton is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey.

Sam Ormsby from Hope, Ark., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ormsby.

Mrs. Gene Kinnison and daughters, Nell and Lila, left Monday to spend the holidays with relatives in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Chas. Hicks spent the week-end in Brownwood with her husband.

Graydon Baze arrived from San Marcus to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

Dewey Brogdon and son, Billy, and Mrs. Wilbur Williams drove to Fort Worth Monday to meet Mrs. ours on Monday. The early hours Denton, who will spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood are looking for their daughter, Mrs. Frossard, and her husband of Mount Pleasant for a few days visit this week.

Jean Childers and Gaylon Wright were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

Nell and Marjorie Reynolds of Cisco are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simmons, this week.

Neill Sutton of Tarleton is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baker visited relatives in Ranger Sunday.



Best Wishes
For Christmas
And
For 1942
TO ALL OUR PATRONS

Florentine Beauty Shop



In the hustle and bustle of business
With its slaving and craving grind
We are apt to credit success
To the works of our own hands and mind.

But we pause at this good-will season
To give credit where credit is due,
And thankfully say that our progress
Results from the friendship of just such folks
as you.

Smith Brothers Entire Gang

Check Smith, Imogene Love, Speck
Clark, Bud Smith, Clarence
Baze and George Brasher



Christmas Joy

May you find joy and contentment this Christmas, and all through the New Year. And may we say

Thanks to our Friends
for
Their Generous Patronage

ARTHUR BENNETT'S
STATION & GROCERY



Here's a wish for Christmas full of "sugar 'n' spice 'n' everything nice" . . . the grandest holiday you ever had!

Thomason Grocery



What's the News?

The news is this! We wish all of you the finest Christmas you've ever had, and that Old Santa is plenty good to you.

Doyle Linder

Agent Star Telegram

As the ties of friendship are strengthened at Holiday Season, so may our business association continue to grow in mutual accord and confidence in the New Year.

Rodgers Tailor Shop

Phone 20



CHRISTMAS WISHES
for
Our Patrons

May you enjoy the holidays to their fullest. May you receive all the blessings of Christmas Time. May you live long in wisdom and in health.

Post Office Force

MRS. MOORMAN
MRS. MORROW
OTHELL CLARK

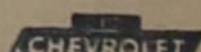
HERMAN WOOD
ROSCOE REEVES
WALTER DIXON



Air Express

Direct from the North Pole via Santa Claus Airlines for you: May your Christmas be jolly, and the Merriest ever!

"We Appreciate Our Patrons"

SALES  SERVICE

Gorman Sales Co.



For a
Merrier
Christmas

IS OUR SINCERE WISH

The employes, as well as the management of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., join in extending to their many friends and patrons their sincere wish for each and every one

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| I. C. UNDERWOOD | MURL SIMMONS | EARL PITTMAN |
| L. N. COLLINS | DICK FOSTER | DELLA PULLIG |
| J. FRANK DEAN | L. C. CHILDERS | ANNA LOU FINLEY |
| OLNEY BUCHANAN | WILLIE ECHOLS | MRS. C. UNDERWOOD |
| ERNE TODD | EFFIE BUTLER | CHAS. ROBINETT |
| CHAS. UNDERWOOD | AMOS EAKER | DOYLE BURLESON |

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Gorman,

Texas