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## Agricultural Group Names New Officers

### Annual Election of Committeemen and Delegates is Held Last Friday and Saturday

Annual election of committeemen for 1942 of the Wheeler County Agricultural association was held last Friday and Saturday. After tabulation of all ballots cast the following persons were declared elected as community committeemen:

Briscoe—Tom E. Laman, chairman; S. B. Davis, vice chairman; W. O. Traylor, member. Alternates are L. R. Barry, J. B. Oswalt and C. C. Curlee.

Wheeler—Vernie B. Hardcastle, chairman; Richard I. Neeley, vice chairman; W. A. Scribner, member. Alternates are J. H. Gordon, Gordon Whitener and Leonard F. Rathjen.

Twitty—Gilbert E. Shaffer, chairman; Jack Clark, vice chairman; Frank O'Gorman, member. Alternates are Claude Davis, Philip I. Bentley and Thomas J. Daughtry.

Shamrock—Howard F. Leake, chairman; F. J. Bailey, vice chairman; R. L. Pike, member. Alternates are B. B. Jackson and J. W. Anderson.

Delegates elected to the county convention are:

Briscoe—W. O. Traylor, delegate; A. C. Higgins, alternate.

Wheeler—Zeb Baird, delegate; W. A. Scribner, alternate.

Twitty—Gene Shaffer, delegate; Tommie W. Henderson, alternate.

Shamrock—J. W. Stauffer, delegate; Earl Satterfield, alternate.

Members of the county committee for next year remain unchanged. They are: Clarence Zybach, chairman; R. C. Hawk, vice chairman, and P. L. Ramsey, member. Gene Shaffer is first alternate; W. A. Scribner, second alternate, and James A. Harris, secretary-treasurer.

## Crime Wave Develops in County Last Week

### Three Cars Are "Borrowed"—Two Shamrock Homes Lose Small Sum in Burglaries

Last week saw development in this county of a petty crime wave resulting in theft (or "borrowing") of three cars and burglaries of two Shamrock homes with loss of small sums of money. County peace officers advise citizens to exercise precaution in keeping their cars and homes locked.

Of the three cars stolen, two disappeared in Wheeler and one in Shamrock, where two homes were also entered and small amounts of money taken from each last Wednesday night.

Cars belonging to H. M. Wiley and L. J. Hudson were taken, apparently in a "borrowing" prank. Although both machines have been recovered with little or no apparent damage, the act of taking them is just as much a crime as if the cars had been taken clear out of the county.

The Wiley car, which disappeared from the owner's garage early last Thursday night, was found the next morning right here in town. Remains of sandwiches and other signs pointed to use by joy riders, possibly youngsters. The car belonging to Hudson was recovered Saturday morning at Shamrock.

A car belonging to Walter Pendleton, jr., of Shamrock was missed last Thursday night and found later parked on another street.

A burglar or burglars entered the Troy Israel and Mrs. James F. Shortt homes at Shamrock on Wednesday night of last week, taking purses containing money.

A member of the sheriff's force says citizens can help curb the incipient crime wave by remembering to lock home and car doors, thereby making it more difficult for thieves to enter.

No arrests have been reported in any of the instances mentioned.

## ALLISON YOUTH IS MEMBER WT BOND-STAMP COMMITTEE

Jim Dukes of Allison, a senior at West Texas State college, has been appointed to the student-faculty committee that will promote the sale of defense bonds and stamps on the campus.

Since the emergency, various committees have been formed to deal with any problems which may arise.

The defense stamp committee mapped out a campaign and assigned tasks to various members of the group. A booth in the administration building and posters to aid in the sales have already been constructed and considerable progress is being made.

## County Ginnings Pass 10,000 Mark Dec. 1st

### Leads Last Year's Yield on Same Date by 2,591 Bales—75% or More Harvested

With 10,365 bales of cotton ginned in Wheeler county to Dec. 1, this year's yield was leading that of 1940 by 2,591 bales, according to a census report released Dec. 11 by J. D. Walker, special agent. A local ginner estimates that 75 per cent or more of this year's crop has been harvested.

Although slow in getting started, picking since late November has gained momentum and many farmers and gin operators still predict the largest crop here in several years.

Total ginnings for the state on Dec. 1 was 2,143,443, as compared to 2,847,999 a year ago.

December 1 ginning figures for counties in this section of the state are:

County	1941	1940
Collingsworth	12,110	11,798
Childress	22,217	11,149
Cottle	18,971	11,442
Donley	5,992	6,923
Gray	1,647	1,989
Hall	29,065	18,056
Hardeman	12,532	9,239
Motley	9,218	8,146
Wheeler	10,365	7,774

## James A. Harris, Miss Adams Married Sunday

James A. Harris and Miss Jeanette Adams, both of Wheeler, were united in marriage Sunday evening, Dec. 21, in a twilight ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, in Childress. The vows were read by Rev. Carter, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends.

The bride was charming in a white satin dress, with shoulder length veil of lace and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom was garbed in conventional dark clothing.

Mrs. Vernon Johnson was matron of honor and Cameron Harris, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple left on a short wedding trip to Houston and other southern points. They expect to return to Wheeler Dec. 29.

Those attending the wedding from Wheeler were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Wofford, Misses Sybil Gidden and Lois Hodges and Harry Wofford.

Mrs. Harris has been employed for several months in the Farm Security administration office here. She plans to continue in that work for the present.

Harris is administrative officer of the Agricultural Conservation association with the AAA program and has quarters in the county agricultural building. He assumed his duties here early in October, succeeding B. A. Zorns, who went to Roberts county as agent. Harris came here from Bonham county.

## Grass Fire Alarm Monday

Burning grass adjacent to the Judge D. A. Hunt and W. B. Wileman homes, on South Canadian street, Monday caused an alarm to be turned in for the fire truck, which rushed to the scene to find the blaze under control.

Sparks from a trash fire at the rear of the Hunt home ignited the grass.

## Emler Granted New Trial

In the closing session of district court here Saturday, Judge W. R. Ewing granted a new trial in the case of John Emler on a plea of absentee witness unable to be present. Emler was convicted by a jury early last week. He was charged with theft of certain welding equipment. His new trial will occur in a future term of court.

## GIRLS EYE THE TIMES WINDOW LONGINGLY

Presence in The Times window of two identical entries cause the girls to eye it longingly—both items are mistletoe. One young lady, a little bolder than the rest, stopped this afternoon and suggested the symbol of Yuletide osculation should be placed over the door. When told some was there, she feigned alarm—but looked to see if it was—and not finding any, said she would be back later. One entry was sent to Mrs. O. O. Sandifer by her sister, Miss Margaret Watson, of Devine and the other was brought from Mineral Wells by Weldon Sandifer. An appropriate companion to the mistletoe is a sprig of holly, presented by Fred Ashley, who received a quantity of the shrub from "Old Kaintuck," his native state.

## Let The Almighty Rule



Christmas comes but once a year To bring this country hope and cheer; The anniversary of a birth And richest blessings here on earth.

Peace on earth, good-will to men Has always been our ardent yen; Yet through war and bitter strife, We hope to gain a better life.

We hope to set all nations free: Create a world democracy. And to this end we have set our heart, And pledged the nation to do its part.

With battles fought and shipping sunk, The world has all gone power-drunk.

What nation is so good and wise To rule the world—land, sea and skies?



So let us all most thankful be, And hang our stocking on the tree; And leave the power to One who has ruled The world since time begun.

—H. S. HOGUE.

## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE WAR RELIEF FUND HOLDS SPOTLIGHT HERE

### American Legion Members Solicit Donations—Amount Yet Far Short of Goal Set

Second in importance only to holiday activities in this community is the Red Cross campaign to raise the local chapter's quota of \$750.00 of the huge national war relief fund. Dr. H. E. Nicholson, chapter chairman, has enlisted the aid of various groups to secure the desired amount. Among these is the American Legion. Of this patriotic organization, whose members perhaps realize more fully than ordinary citizens the need of such a fund in war time, four men canvassed the streets here Saturday. These workers, Bill Lowrie, Claud Cox, Jim Risner and Aaron Williams, obtained over \$70.00 that day. Since then further solicitation has brought the total to \$81.04.

Grand total to date for the chapter, according to Nicholson, is slightly over \$150.00 in addition to the \$200.00 donation underwritten by the Lions club.

"If people could only realize the importance of this campaign, and the urgent need of the money," declared Nicholson today, "they would not have to be solicited but would voluntarily seek a worker and give all they could spare."

In that connection, subscriptions may be left with Chairman Nicholson, Jim Risner, C. J. Meek or either of the drug stores and it will be promptly forwarded to national headquarters.

A partial list of those donating to the American Legion committee are:

Annie Sivage, Earl Taylor, J. F. Rathjen, R. A. Lile, J. C. Bradstreet, J. H. Lowrie, Jim Risner, A. J. Williams, Claud Cox, H. H. Walsler, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. L. H. Davidson, Oren Horn, M. L. Clark, Roy Herd, Mrs. S. S. Sullins, J. T. Wallis, Clarence Zybach, Monroe Galmor, Ernest Dyer, E. M. Herd, C. A. Mason, C. A. Whitener, Marl Jaco, Nick Steadman.

Jim Clark, J. H. Freeman, Ben Wofford, Jud Johnson, Fred Rowe, Dewey Hampton, T. T. Patterson, Roy Weatherly, Gladys Gunter, Mrs. M. L. Gunter, Ina Fay Robison, Mrs. S. W. Shirey, Mrs. Maud Ragan, Miss Tamsey Riley, L. M. Newkirk, O. L. Tuttle, T. J. Austin, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. J. C. Moore, Mrs. Amos May, Mrs. Reuben May, H. S. Poole, W. E. Gaines, J. M. Russell.

Mrs. Floyd Atherton, Newman Riley, Jeff W. Turner, E. E. Farmer, J. D. Cornelius, A. C. Wood, W. L. Williams, C. W. Shaffer, E. N. Hamner, G. W. Mason, A. G. Anderson, Bob Ramsey, John Megee, R. B. Mann, C. C. Crowder, Edison Sorensen, J. H. Hale, Tom Britt, Ira Passons, Wheeler Hospital, Neva Sampson.

Puckett's Grocery, O. O. Sandifer, Wheeler Poultry & Egg, J. C. Moore, R. G. Russ, Otis Ford, Glen Porter, Max Wiley, B. F. Crossland, Bill Farmer, Wheeler County Produce Association, James Reed, S. T. Morgan, Perry Riley, Zeb Baird, George Topper and Tobe Frye.

W. J. Greenhouse, Mrs. M. E. Harville, P. A. Clepper, Mrs. Barton, Harold Hill, Evert Goad, C. M. Hampton and E. G. Pannell.

## PENNY PER JAP PLANE HELPS RELIEF FUND

Instigated by John Henry Watts late last week, the plan of a penny for each Jap plane reported downed has resulted in a nice addition to the Red Cross war relief fund. Watts adopted the method used in a number of cities and towns of placing glass jars with slotted lids at several convenient locations in the business district. The plan is for all who will to drop a penny in the receptacles for each Japanese plane reported shot down the previous day. On Monday of this week, Miss Clara Finsterwald, local Red Cross treasurer, reported collection of \$10.00 from the jars. Delayed reports of planes downed has hampered the work slightly, but the jars are in place for those who want to donate small change in hopes that more of the vultures will be shot down.

## Rationing Program of Tires Just Announced

Details of the rationing program to be put in effect by state and local rationing boards Jan. 4 for the allocation of automobile tires were received Tuesday by J. C. Boyd, jr., co-advisor of OPM district 9, at Wichita Falls.

Announcement was received there at the same time by Mayor W. E. Fitzgerald that Leon Henderson, director of the division of civilian supply, OPM, has extended the ban on tire and tube sales through Jan. 4, the date the rationing program is expected to go into effect.

Basic points of the program as outlined by the civilian supply office are: for the time being, production of new passenger car tires will be almost entirely eliminated and new truck tire production will be curtailed.

A monthly quota of tires which can be sold in the United States and its possessions will be determined on the basis of the amount of crude rubber which can be used in new tires.

Monthly quotas will be broken down into state and county quotas, primarily on the basis of commercial—no pleasure—vehicle registrations in each area.

State and local rationing boards will be set up through state defense councils.

Sales of new tires will be limited to individuals and agencies requiring them for the "maintenance of industrial efficiency and civilian health."

Controls also will be established over the sale of retreaded tires and the retreading of tires.

## Gilmore's Father Seriously Ill

Supt. J. L. Gilmore was called to Plainview Tuesday to see his father, Dr. H. Gilmore, of Turkey who has been seriously ill in a Plainview hospital since Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cole and daughters, Misses Susie Mae, LaRue and Annie Maurine, left Tuesday for Boswell to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

## Local Young Man and Shamrock Girl Marry

### Harrison Hall and Berniece Stevens Announce Marriage at Toyah—Solemnized Nov. 18

Harrison Hall, eldest son of Mrs. Joe Hyatt and grandson of Mrs. J. M. Porter, and Miss Berniece Stevens, daughter of Mrs. Carl Linker of Shamrock, have just announced their marriage on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Methodist parsonage in Toyah, with the pastor of the First Methodist church officiating.

Hall was graduated from the Wheeler high school in 1939, having taken an active part in school affairs and athletics, lettering three years with the Wheeler Mustangs in both football and basketball. He held several class offices during his school work here. In the fall of 1939 he enrolled at Texas A. and M., attending school there his freshman year. Hall transferred to Sul Ross at mid-term and has attended that college three semesters.

Mrs. Hall graduated from the Shamrock high school in 1940. She held a prominent place in school activities, including drum major of the Irish Band during her four years in high school and was a member of the Irishettes, girls' basketball team. She enrolled in Sul Ross at Alpine for the fall semester, 1941, where she has continued active in all school affairs.

Both young people will continue their school work, at least until mid-term.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have many friends and acquaintances in Wheeler and Shamrock who wish them happiness, long life and success.

## Enlists In Navy



Gene Worley, representative to congress from the Panhandle, enlisted in the U. S. navy on Tuesday, according to reports received here. By his action Worley fulfills a pledge made during his campaign—that if he voted for war he would join the armed forces. The day following his vote for declaration of war, Worley sought enlistment in the army and in the air force, but was refused by both services. In enlisting in the navy he asked assignment to action. He will be granted a leave of absence by congress, holding his seat in the house open. His office staff will remain on duty.

## Panhandle Lawmaker to Active Navy Duty

WASHINGTON.—Representative Gene Worley, Texas, disclosed Tuesday that he had enlisted in the naval reserve corps and had been ordered into active duty.

Carrying out a campaign promise to volunteer if he should ever vote for war, Worley late Monday took the required oath and was commissioned a lieutenant commander. After a brief period of instruction here he will go to the West Coast for a new assignment.

He was the second Texas member of congress to go into active service with the navy. The other was Representative Lyndon B. Johnson, a lieutenant commander in the reserve corps for several years, who completed his instruction period here Tuesday and left by plane for San Francisco.

During the past two weeks Worley had been turned down by the army, when he attempted to enlist first as a private and then for pilot training in the air corps.

Worley is 33 and married. He said his office would be kept open and that he would remain in as close touch as possible with it during his service.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caviness of Amarillo came Wednesday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Irons and family.

## Pre-Holiday Events Prove Success Here

### Over \$26.00 Worth of Poultry Given Away Saturday—Santa Hands Out Treats Yesterday

Wheeler's two pre-holiday events, the "poultry throw" last Saturday and Santa's visit here yesterday with treats for all children under 14 years of age, were both pronounced highly successful.

While not as large a crowd was present for the poultry distribution as in former years, it attracted good attention and resulted in plenty of action as the turkeys, guineas and chickens were released from the roof of the court house.

Some of the fowls made excellent flights, giving the "chasers"—mostly boys and young fellows—a good run for their meat.

The 10 nice turkeys, one dozen guineas and a large number of chickens represented slightly more than \$26 in value.

## Santa Draws Huge Crowd

Encouraged by reasonably mild weather, accompanied by thinly overcast skies, people of the Wheeler trade territory were present for Santa's visit at 2:30 yesterday afternoon in one of the largest crowds seen here for some time.

Distribution of nearly 850 bags containing generous treats to youngsters of 14 years and under was a great success and proved anew the popularity of this pre-holiday event sponsored by Wheeler merchants, business and professional men and women.

## LARGE SALES VOLUME

Proprietors of several stores, merchandising various lines, reported a large volume of sales on Saturday and Wednesday in particular, although no complaint was voiced at patronage during the entire holiday season. In many instances, practically all holiday merchandise was disposed of and heavy sales of staple commodities were made. Much of this business is attributed to published assurances of good stocks and selections at prices comparing favorably with any other town in the Panhandle.

Another proof of the drawing power of Santa Day was evident this year—for a second time—when it was held on a day other than Saturday. When it was started seven years ago, Saturday was selected as the best day, but shifting of Christmas throughout the week caused a change to be made.

Saturday is generally recognized, in this part of the country, as the day when rural residents "go to town" for their regular or special shopping and to visit and mingle with neighbors and friends. Santa's visit was timed on Wednesday this year at the request of merchants who helped make the affair possible and was prompted by perfectly laudable mercenary motives. Brief inquiry yesterday following the visit by Santa elicited from merchants expressions of complete satisfaction with results of the event as a pre-Christmas attraction, both from the standpoint of showing their appreciation to shoppers in the surrounding trade territory and from the shoppers' response.

As in former years, pleasing comment was heard on the smooth and orderly plan of handling the crowd and distributing the treats; also the fact that not the slightest ripple of disorder or friction marred the occasion.

This time, C. J. Meek functioned efficiently as master of ceremonies in the absence of C. G. Miller, who was assisting with publication of The Times a day early so the force could enjoy Christmas Day. Meek handled the job so nicely that he is liable to find it permanently his. He was, like other directors of the event, ably assisted by a number of willing helpers who joined Old Santa in handing out the treats.

Meek, as master of ceremonies, and Miller as committee chairman, wish to express their appreciation to all who helped in any manner to make Santa Claus Day the fine success it proved to be.

In conclusion it should be emphasized that the whole pre-holiday program was entirely harmonious in every particular and received the widest possible general co-operation, resulting in an effort of which Wheeler may justly be proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Dunn of Moebette were in Wheeler Tuesday, visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee.

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## LET'S SETTLE DOWN—HYSTERIA HAMPERS—DOUBTS DISARM

This is going to be a long war and a hard one. President Roosevelt has told the nation so, and he is in a position to know what he is talking about. It is time we accepted the inevitable and settled down to it. We did not want this war. It was handed to us, on the chin. Desperate and treacherous little men crossed the seas to give it to us—with an olive branch in one hand and a knife up the sleeve of the other.

Those are the men we are fighting. We are committed to wipe out such international gangsters of every breed. We can't afford to waste our nervous energies fighting or rumor-mongering among ourselves. We spent a lot of time and nerve force arguing whether Japanese planes have actually scouted over the West Coast.

Army and naval coastal commands passed out that warning. They are our defenders. They know. We don't. Their word is good enough for us. Yet some of us said this was a "dress rehearsal" trick. It wasn't. Agencies of free American communication—newspapers and radio—did their job as quickly as possible to spread that warning. They feel too deeply and too earnestly their duties in this time of stress to dignify complacent can't-be-so-wisecracs with argument.

It was while complacent wisecracs argued in their armchairs that the axis gangsters without warning have struck nation after nation which are their slaves today. America does not intend to be caught napping.

But if some of us have been too complacent others have been too overwrought.

Again the experience of other lands in this war can help us. Britain was overwrought when the first raiders came. But after bitter confusion and hysteria, Britain settled down to calm, grim determination. She forged a new spirit for tremendous tasks out of the anger she had wasted against blasting bombers.

Instead of arguing who caused

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initial defeats she rose to the epic job at Dunkirk and the rearming afterwards. Her example shows it's time for us to settle down to serious war, to save emotional energy for the job at hand.

Civilians serve in modern war as well as soldiers. Let us face whatever comes with the same steely calm that the soldier and sailor presents at call to battle stations.

We can't be told what is going on when the information will serve the enemy. Let us not fill the necessary gap in information with stupid doubts or the tongue-clacks of rumor mongers. We have been called to war and the president in his call places his trust in our stamina.

Let us forge that stamina at once from all the reserves of character that our freedom and good fortunes have stored in American hearts.

### LET'S ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Back in the old days when Southern farms mainly produced cotton and corn, there was always a fine vacation time in midsummer after crops were "laid by." Cotton and corn were planted rather early and by good cultivation might be pretty well freed of grass and able to shift for themselves by mid-July.

In these days, however, when we grow a greater variety of crops and animals, when tobacco calls for summer care on so many farms, and when worms, wilt and weevils have multiplied, we have no such mid-summer rest period. . . . a period for rest, reading, playing and hitching up the horses and going off to see our distant friends and kinsfolk. So there is all the more reason for farmers taking a real vacation at Christmas time.

Let's take time to see our parents if they are still spared. Let's take time to see our children if they have left the old home nest. Let's take time to see our older kin who may think we've forgotten them, and old friends and schoolmates we used to know.

Let's also see what we can do to carry Christmas cheer to the homes of people less fortunate than ourselves—the sick, the poor, the aged. We like the landlord who always has Christmas presents for his tenants and their children. And there may be others we used to know who would be made happier for weeks by receiving some small remembrance.—The Progressive Farmer.

### TRACTORS, MULES, DEFENSE

A serious shortage of tractors, according to a trade magazine, is in prospect for American farmers. Due to priorities and defense program needs, sharp curtailment of tractor output has become necessary.

The normal solution of the problem for the farmer, a return to horses and mules, is barred by the fact that the number of work animals has been dropping steadily, year by year. There are not nearly enough horses and mules available to meet the needs of both agriculture and the army. It takes about three years to rear a mule. Assuming that breeding stock is to be found, no appreciable reduction of the shortage would be possible before 1944.

The farmer who has a serviceable tractor would do well to give it excellent care. The farmer who has breeding stock would do well to consider the increasing demand for work animals. Meanwhile the problem of farm power is due to be given more constructive thinking than has been accorded it for some time.

It is conceded that tractors are more efficient and economical than mules for many farms. Out of that fact has come the assumption that the mechanized equipment is best for all types of farms. That assumption will not stand analysis. Too often, it has been taken for granted that because a tractor is profitable for a 640-acre farm, it can likewise justify itself on a farm of 160 acres. One widely used argument for the

tractor is that it saves time in plowing, seeding and cultivating. Many a farmer has heeded that argument without giving thought to the question whether he can put the time he saves to profitable use.

Too few farmers, especially the smaller ones, have kept books on the comparative cost of tractors and mules. The initial investment in two teams of 3-year-old mules is not far from that involved in buying a new tractor.

Six years later, the mules are worth more than they cost at the start. But the tractor, in many instances, has lost most of its value. The upkeep of the tractor has required cash outlay for gasoline, oil and repairs. The upkeep of the mules, if their owner raises his own feed, has required very little expenditure of cash.

There are many kinds of farms and many types of farming where operation of tractors is profitable.

No one with even a sketchy understanding of present-day agriculture would argue that tractors should everywhere be displaced by work stock. But we believe that a studious approach to the question will make it plain that there are tractors on too many farms where mules or horses should be providing the traction.

If the impending shortage of tractors and the current lack of farm work stock bring about a closer look at the arithmetic of the problem, American agriculture will be better off in the long run.

### COST OF TOTAL WAR

No one can visualize a hundred billion dollars. Such a sum of money does not exist in cash. Yet that is what we are to spend in the next two years on a gigantic Victory program!

The Saturday Evening Post recently told what this will mean. The most money ever raised in a single year by the government, through both taxation and borrowing, was \$17,000,000,000. That is but one-third of the amount that must be raised in each of the next two years. And no one knows what new demands the future will bring.

That does not mean the job cannot be done. It can be done. But, to quote the Post, "Let us not be deceived. It will hurt. We cannot give one-half of our total income to it and keep our present standards of living. Taxes will have to be increased until the beet is white, and borrowing may have to be carried to the point of compulsory lending, as in Great Britain; but when the money that can be raised by these means is not enough—and it will not be enough—then it will be necessary for the government to command labor and materials by further means, and the test of further means will not be whether they are sound according to the rules of money, but only whether they are effective."

We are in a total war now, and everything we have must be given to winning a total victory. The job of the American government must be to establish a war economy that will prune non-defense spending to the very limit and will do away completely with pork barrels and log-rolling and all the other costly techniques of politics.

Not even a start has yet been made in that direction. Yet one solitary tax nicker should be spent now for any non-defense activity that can be eliminated or deferred. We must accept unprecedented taxation—and at the same time we must know that the tax money is spent for purposes which are vitally necessary.

Only if that is done can we win the war and avoid the bankruptcy that always comes to the profligate.

Carson county has been assigned a quota of \$1,100 for the emergency fund of the American Red Cross for services to armed forces and for relief for distressed civilians.—Panhandle Herald.

## Pertinent Paragraphs from Panhandle Press

Items of interest culled from newspapers on The Times' exchange list.

Ernest Stovall, assistant superintendent on the community building received word Wednesday morning that his brother, Pat Stovall, was one of the Americans to lose his life in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sunday, Dec. 7. The latter, who was with the U. S. Marines, was a gunner stationed on the U. S. S. Arizona, which was destroyed by the Japanese.—Wellington Leader.

Harry L. Farrell trapped a wild cat, Monday night on the Tom Conatser ranch. This cat was spotted and weighed 20 pounds. A coyote trap was used and concealed in a sand rat's hole. Conatser was very much surprised to learn that such an animal could be found on the ranch. Farrell says he has the trapping rights on the Conatser ranch and has trapped coyote, possum and muskrats.—Canadian Record.

A Hall county young man, who was out on parole from the state penitentiary, has been released under pardon for the specific purpose of serving in the army, according to T. J. Dunbar, chairman of the Hall County Parole board. This is the first case in Texas of releasing a man who was under conditional parole pardon from reporting to board representatives regularly so he might join the army. The young man is Oda Hawthorne of Turkey.—Memphis Democrat.

The defense training school, which has been in session during the past ten weeks in Miami, with Buford Low as instructor and Zack Jagers as supervisor, will close next Friday night. The school, which was conducted under government supervision, has been highly successful, with an average attendance of more than 20 men taking the 10-weeks course of instruction, and who will receive certificates when examinations are passed.—Miami Chief.

Democracy must be a more wonderful form of government than many of us realize. If it wasn't it could never survive the nuts that get appointed to good jobs and fine positions under it.—Tulia Herald.

Actual construction work on the filling in of all gaps in the pavement on State Highway No. 117 between Perryton and Follett was started Dec. 10, by J. E. and Harry Barnhill, contractors. The unpaved portion of the highway between these two points totals 20,223 miles. Work was started at the end of the pavement two miles northeast of Perryton and will be completed to the Ochiltree-Lipscomb county line at Booker.—Higgins News.

The county commissioners court in regular session this week began setting up a plan for collection of delinquent taxes in Cottle county. County property owners owe approximately \$175,000 delinquent taxes and officials expressed the opinion that in view of good crops and fair prices this year, owners should be in a position to pay back taxes.—Paducah Post.

Either in a spirit of prankness or downright thievery, dozens of bulbs from the Christmas lighting on Perryton streets have been removed. Regardless of the reason for the theft, it is nothing but plain stealing and the guilty culprits should be arrested and subjected to the same treatment as any other thief. There should be an open season the year 'round on "Smart Alecks" just as on other varmints.—Ochiltree County Herald.

Back in 1937, Judge King and some more of us were talking about the foolish idea of allowing Japan to ship out scrap iron from our nation in their preparation for war. In this column on August 7, 1937, appeared the following item: "With the shipments of millions of tons of scrap iron to Japan, the time will shortly come when your son may be shot with your 1930 model auto." At that time, great steamers were loaded with scrap autos at Houston, passed through the Panama canal, and went directly to Japan. That's what they are using on our boys in the Philippines today.—Donley County Leader.

Frank Gilvin of Amarillo, 42 years old, was arrested about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning on the highway east of Quitaque on a charge of automobile theft. He was driving the vehicle, a 1941 green Plymouth sedan, when overhauled. The car, belonging to Neal Bogard of Clarendon, was stolen from its parking place on an Amarillo street while the Bogards were doing some Christmas shopping.—Quitaque Post.

Man hours has been declared the need to bring victory to the forces of democracy. It is now time to forget short hour days and five-day week and work on an all-out basis for victory.—McLean News.

# Public Weigher

ACCURATE WEIGHT MAY MEAN DOLLARS TO YOU!

Accurate weighing may make you money on your loads. The Wheeler public scales, recently installed on the west side of the Wheeler Cotton Oil Mill, will appreciate your patronage and give you accurate weights, which may mean dollars to you.

Let me do your weighing.

## W. A. (Uncle Bill) Genthe

Certified Weigher

Wheeler

Texas



MAY THIS CHRISTMAS

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MERRY ONE

and

1942

the Happiest and Most Prosperous of all years.

## PANHANDLE SERVICE & STORAGE

PAUL BRANNON and CURTIS POND

# A Joyous Noel

To our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends, we extend a hearty Christmas Greeting and a host of good wishes for the New Year.



## T. L. GUNTER

Tax Assessor-Collector

Bill Perrin, Deputy

Doris Hooker, Deputy

Ina Fay Robison, Deputy

J. B. Zeigler, Deputy

Gladys Gunter

## GREETINGS



# Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Among the gifts we have received none are more appreciated or more highly valued than those enjoyed during the year just passing—your friendship and the privilege of serving you. So it is with utmost sincerity that we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Crump-Mundy

Service Station

## ROGUE THEATRE

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The management and personnel of the Rogue Theatre wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere desire that each and every one of you enjoys a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year holds in store for you all that your heart may desire.

THE GUTHRIES.

Charlie Ellen Phil  
Ruggles Drew Terry

in

## THE Parson of Panamint

A rollicking—rip-roaring—bang up good western—everyone will enjoy it!

Fri.-Sat. Dec. 26-27 Sat. Mat.

Greer Walter  
GARSON PIDGEON

in

## Blossoms in the Dust

IN TECHNICOLOR

One of the best pictures we have had the privilege of presenting this year—don't miss it!

Pre.-Sun.-Mon. Dec. 27-28-29

JUDY CANOVA

in

## Duddin' Head

Another BIG BARGAIN NITE show—you will laugh and forget all your troubles!

ADMISSION 11c-15c

Tuesday Bargain Nite Dec. 30

Edward Loretta Robert  
Arnold Young Preston

in

## The Lady from Cheyenne

A new—different—tantalizing Loretta—a lone gal against the world—come see her!

Wed. Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Thur.

**Local News Items**

Misses Betty Finsterwald and Rosa Byrd of Amarillo spent the week end in Wheeler with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tolliver of Mangum, Okla., came Sunday and spent the day with his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tolliver.

Dr. M. M. Meeks and son, Stanley, of Canadian stopped in Wheeler Sunday and visited young Meeks' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crump.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller and son, Bill, spent Sunday in Elk City, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cailoutte and her mother, Mrs. H. E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie and son, Marion Lee, motored Sunday to Tulia and visited her mother, Mrs. P. L. Wimberly, and children until Tuesday.

Earl Gilmore, who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, came Saturday evening to spend the vacation with his parents, Supt. and Mrs. J. L. Gilmore, and friends.

Miss Gayle Wilson, who attends teachers college at Denton, came home Saturday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, and children.

Sgt. Jack Pitcock of the Air Corps Basic Training school, Sherman, came Sunday to visit his father, Homer Pitcock, and Mrs. Pitcock at Wheeler and other relatives at Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hard and Mrs. Burl Lewis of Drumright, Okla., came Sunday to spend Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wofford. Mrs. Wofford is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hard.

Max Britt and Harrison Hall, who are attending Sul Ross at Alpine, came home Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. F. Witt came home Saturday from Amarillo, where she had been visiting relatives the past two weeks. Her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Smith, and family brought her home and visited until Sunday with Mrs. Smith's brother, C. B. Witt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Merriman and daughter, Miss Florence, spent Friday night in Pampa with their daughters and sisters, Mrs. J. M. Turner and Mrs. Herman VanSickle, and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Merriman and Florence also spent Saturday in Amarillo, returning home that night.

**GET QUICK PORK**

Send your hogs to market in jig time with the fine finish that brings premium prices. Customers who use Watkins Mineral for Hogs tell me they save money on feed and get their hogs to market faster with finer finish by feeding it. Try it on yours and see what it will do.

**Harley Patterson**

Your Watkins Dealer

Wheeler Texas

**Modernize YOUR Garage at Low Cost**



**WHY PUT UP** with the trouble and inconvenience of old-fashioned, or new, untried garage door equipment? At surprisingly low cost we can convert your present garage doors into the most convenient and up-to-date style, with a set of genuine Hall "Overall" Garage Door Hardware. The doors go up, overhead, and out of the way. A child can open and shut them with perfect ease. Once installed, you will never have any more garage door trouble as there are no springs or complicated parts in "Overall"—so there is nothing to get out of order. You will like "Overall." Ask us about it!

**J. C. Wooldridge Co.**  
the MARLOW DILL, Manager  
structed 108 Wheeler

**Red Cross Call to Service**



**YOUR RED CROSS NEEDS YOU!**

The dramatic poster by James Montgomery Flagg is the first war poster of the new World War. It is an appeal for a \$50,000,000 American war relief fund to feed, shelter, clothe and give medical aid to American men, women and children bombed by the enemy. It is an appeal for funds to provide comforts for our American Army and Navy, and for welfare work for our troops at home and abroad, and their families on the home front. President Roosevelt asks you to give. Your dollars will serve humanity. Give through your local Red Cross Chapter.

**WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES MANY CONTEST ENTRIES**

**Total of 101 West Texas Towns in Area Defense-Preservation Unity Competition**

Final official entry list in the West Texas chamber of commerce Defense and Preservation contest stands just over the century mark, announces the regional chamber.

As the deadline came—set for Dec. 1 by the WTCC's house of delegates at the recent Midland convention—the contest books showed a total of 101 West Texas towns, from the largest to among the smallest, entered in the year-long inter-community competition. Announced objective of the contest is the stimulation of greater, more unified participation in national defense and in West Texas territorial activities—this through the region's chambers of commerce and Public Affairs committees. To date, 145 of these committees, with total membership of 1,113, have been created.

The contest will close late in 1942. The announcement of the four winning towns, with award of \$500 in prizes, will be made at the WTCC's fall convention at Waco.

"The response from our towns has been remarkable," said J. Thomas Davis, WTCC president. The Defense and Preservation contest, he said, is a unique method for securing widespread co-operation of business men and chambers of commerce in the West Texas territorial program, as well as for national defense. Also, he said, it should solidify business interests and leadership through the chambers of commerce, "for more and better business leadership is one of the needs of the hour," he asserted.

**Three Divisions**

The contest rules recite that competing towns will be judged on a per capita effort-and-result basis on three classifications of activities. These are civilian and military, production defense and territorial preservation. A weight of 30 grade points will be given to each of these groups, with an additional 10 points for chamber of commerce leadership shown in organizing the community's participation. Judging will be by a committee of three state or national officials and three West Texans appointed by the president of the WTCC.

The rules state that specific items for competition will be announced periodically by the regional chamber, through president's news letters. Four of these communications, listing six competitive activities, already have gone to the towns. They call for action by the sponsoring groups—by passage of strong resolutions or by other actions—as follows:

Demanding an end of strikes in defense industries, with enactment of national legislation to curb labor abuses.

Asking congress to support President Roosevelt and the budget

bureau in drastically curtailing all non-defense federal expenditures.

Third, on the WTCC's long campaign for equality of freight transportation charges, calling for independent Texas participation in the interterritorial rate investigation now being made by the Inter-state Commerce commission.

Asking the Texas Railroad commission to represent this state in all matters in the national rate investigation.

Calling on congress to put pressure on the federal price administration for an increased price on crude oil and the elimination of price differentials and discriminations against portions of West Texas.

Urging local merchants and newspapers to put over the recently launched campaign promoting the buying of cotton-made gift goods for Christmas, as a means of increasing consumption of the South's No. 1 staple.

Response to these initial calls "already has been unusually gratifying," said WTCC President Davis. "Our towns are swinging into action on a wide front and in a big way. As the sponsoring agencies notify our headquarters office of action taken on items designated for competition, this will be placed in their contest records for judging at the proper time."

**IT'S YOUR LIFE**

**Texas Safety Association**

Are your feet killing you? Maybe they aren't yet—but one out of every four persons killed in traffic accidents this year have walked to their deaths.

Among the objectives of the December Traffic Safety Emergency campaign is the prevention of 52 pedestrian deaths which are expected under the present accident trend.

Thirty-one of the pedestrian fatalities are expected to occur on city streets. Twenty-one are due along the rural highways.

The main reason for these deaths will be that the pedestrian forgot to be careful. Unless in extreme cases such as in drunken driving, the machine isn't going to seek out the pedestrian. The latter, through carelessness, usually puts himself into a hazardous position.

At night when the majority of rural pedestrian fatalities occur, the victim might have avoided the accident had he worn something white that would reflect the beams of the approaching headlights.

A good rule to follow for any highway walker is to use the left side of the highway, facing traffic.

The best rule for the city pedestrian is to "watch while you walk." Never depend on the driver. Play it safe.

And then, maybe, your feet won't kill you!

**Pleasant Hill**

(By Helen Waldo)

Jimmy Hill spent Sunday with his grandmother and uncle, Mrs. B. W. Hill and son, James.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Caswell, J. B. Rodgers and Clifton Patterson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Patterson and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Erwin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mason. The party motored to Pampa in the afternoon to attend the ordination services of a friend, Frank Morgan.

Miss LaVerne Cox spent Sunday evening with Leode Revious of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker and children of Los Angeles, Calif., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caswell and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herd and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gaines and children spent Sunday with Otho, Alpha and Darlene Gaines.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradstreet and James Edwin Cox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Levitt and children of Allison and brought back their grandchildren, Billy, Jerry and Shirley Jo, to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Grimes and daughter, Billie Sue, and Helen and Melba Waldo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Caswell and daughter, Carol Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherly and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Weatherly and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Waldo and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Shirey of Wheeler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tuttle of Kelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Patterson and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loubet Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anglin and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anglin.

Miss Helen Waldo spent Saturday night with Wilma Dean Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Mason and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Miller of Pampa.

Clifton Patterson spent Saturday night with J. B. Rodgers.

Mrs. Edd Garner is on the sick list this week; we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anglin and children spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones and daughter, Dora Ruth, of this com-

munity moved Saturday to Shamrock, where they will make their home.

Miss Onetta Patterson spent Saturday night with Geraldine Oglesby of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Orblee Gaines of Gageby spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gaines.

Nothing is easier than to cheat an honest man.—Spanish Proverb.

About 107,000,000 pounds of mutton tallow oil are consumed annually by the petroleum industry, largely for lubricating greases.

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

The creditor always has a better memory than the debtor.—Spanish Proverb.

**What About The Old Folks?**

When they're not so active anymore and spells of constipation annoy them with dizziness, heartburn, headaches, or torturing gas pains, get ADLERIKA. We have many letters from thankful users who are far past middle-age. Your druggist has ADLERIKA.

City Drug Store

**WISHING YOU a MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and a



The traditional greeting, "Happy New Year," is more than a formality with us. Into the greeting we put sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity. Also, the occasion allows the opportunity to express appreciation for friendship and goodwill displayed by those who have had need to patronize our concern in the past.

To these and to all friends everywhere, we want to admit our earnest efforts toward satisfactory service in all dealings heretofore and to pledge our utmost in maintaining the pleasant relations of days gone by as we enter upon the activities of 1942.

**Wheeler Cotton Oil Co.**



**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.



TEXAS-MIDCONTINENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

### Hybrid Corn Proving Benefits to Farmers

Hybrid corn is on the march in Texas. According to E. A. Miller, agronomist of the A. and M. College Extension service, this new type of corn is "one of those magic developments by plant breeders which will mean millions of extra dollars for the farmers of this country."

The northern corn belt states got the jump in growing hybrid corn because suitable strains for Texas only became available in 1940. On the other hand the leading corn belt states, put it into production several years earlier and this year the eight largest producing states planted nearly 70 per cent of their 41,570,000 total corn acreage to hybrid corn. Iowa the leading corn state planted 95 per cent of its corn acreage to hybrid corn in 1941.

Unfortunately, Miller says, the amount of Texas hybrid corn seed still is limited, only about 8,000 bushels being available for 1942 planting from certified seed growers and from the Agricultural Experiment Station of Texas A. and M. college. Hybrids developed for northern states have not been as satisfactory here as the strains developed in Texas.

Plant breeders of the Texas Agricultural Experiment station began work in breeding hybrid corn 15 years ago, but they were careful not to release any strains until their merits had been proved. The 8,000 bushels which are available to Texas farmers will plant about 64,000 acres, or less than 2 per cent of the 4,632,000 acres planted to corn in 1941.

Experimental tests and demonstrations on farms have shown that the increased yield of hybrid corn developed in Texas was as large in this state on a percentage basis as in the corn belt states. In both cases the average increase was about 20 per cent on an actual weight basis. B. H. Carter, a demonstrator in Hamilton county, reports that he obtained a yield of 52 bushels an acre with Texas hybrid, as compared to 45 bushels with a northern hybrid and 40 bushels with a native yellow dent.

Considering the increased yields of the new strains, Miller predicts that growing of hybrid corn in Texas will now increase rapidly especially on the better types of soil where good yields may be expected.

### Progress Reported in War Relief Fund Work

Thomas W. Lamont, financier of New York, was named chairman of the American Red Cross \$50,000,000 War Fund Advisory committee and Sloan Colt, New York banker, was named chairman of the War Fund committee. Chairman Norman H. Davis has announced. Colt will maintain headquarters at the Red Cross during the campaign, Davis said.

President Roosevelt today signed a proclamation on the Red Cross War fund, in which he stated, "I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success."

The race among the 3,700 chapters of the Red Cross to be the first to report "over the top" resulted in a tie between three chapters, the Red Cross announced, with notification time to national headquarters to be worked out later as to which deserved first honor.

Nuckolls county, Nebr., chapter wired: "Raised war fund quota today. Am sending quota of \$1,700 at once." McIntosh county chapter, Darien, Ga., wired: "War relief fund goal of \$500 completed 2 p. m. Thursday in poor McIntosh county, Hurray." Jackson Hole, Teton county, Wyo., chapter wired: "The smallest in the state, no enemy aliens registered here, begs to report a 100 per cent response to the Emergency Relief drive. Over the top on quota as of Dec. 10. Sic 'em, Norman. Here's a mark to shoot at."

Individual contributions from many persons were received at national headquarters, as well as in the chapters. A check from an anonymous donor for \$15,000 was the second contribution received. Four others for \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$500 were handed in at the Red Cross headquarters information desk.

Young Han Choo, describing himself as a "man without a country," a Korean whose country was seized by the Japs in 1910, sent a check for \$10. "I know we will win this war in the end," he wrote, "God bless America and all that she stands for."

A check was received for \$25 from the men's organization of the Keane agency of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company.

B'nai B'rith, the oldest and largest national Jewish service and fraternal organization, notified Chairman Davis of a \$5,000 contribution and stated an additional \$45,000 was pledged on behalf of the B'nai B'rith units throughout the country.

Typical messages from the hundreds of Red Cross chapters were as follows:

"Dickens County chapter, Spur, Texas, will raise quota. We are 100 per cent behind you and our president. We pray God's blessings upon you in this, our great nation's crisis."

Chaves county, N. Mex., chapter wired: "Raised first \$1,600 in 30 minutes." Chapter's goal is \$5,000.

Yanceyville, N. C., chapter wired: "We the citizens of Caswell county are gathered for this opportunity to serve our armed forces and our country. We accept with deep feeling of responsibility our share in the Red Cross drive. We are not a large community but in this hour of danger we are backing our government to a man. Fully aware of the service of the Red Cross in this present emergency we expect to fill our quota in the shortest possible time."

One New York state chapter wired that a man who had been in the export scrap iron business personally delivered a sizeable check to the chapter, remarking, "And now I feel better."

Wheeler Times Wantads are result getters and cost only 5c a line.

### On the Home Front

Permanent exhibits of items needed for the army, navy and maritime commission, where manufacturers may see and examine the articles to determine whether they can produce them will be established in the South and Southwest soon after the first of the year, according to announcements from the Division of Contract Distribution, OPM. The war production "market places" will be established in key cities throughout the nation, including Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis and Denver. The exhibits will show currently needed items and will be changed from time to time to include new needs and to remove those items for which sufficient manufacturing facilities are found.

On finding items that he can produce the manufacturer will be given assistance in placing bids and obtaining further information by field offices of the Division of Contract Distribution. These offices, now available to give assistance to manufacturers seeking war production work, are located in New Orleans, Shreveport, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and El Paso, also other key cities throughout the country.

Additional areas in the Southwest have been designated as defense housing areas, where priorities assistance may be received to obtain materials needed in defense housing construction, according to the regional Office of Defense Housing Coordination at Dallas. Newly designated areas include:

LOUISIANA—Sterlington, Monroe and Bastrop.

ARKANSAS—Helena, West Helena and Pine Bluff.

Oklahoma—Chickasha, Muskogee and Choteau.

TEXAS—Corsicana, Mission, McAllen, Edinburg, Terrell, Uvalde and Waco.

It also has been announced that a publicity-financed defense housing project of 140 shelter units soon will be constructed by the Federal Works agency at Lubbock, Texas, for civilian employes and army personnel at the new Lubbock air school. In addition, construction of 255 units by private funds has been recommended.

Governors and more than 20,000 mayors and other public officials have been sent appeals for assistance in the national waste paper conservation campaign by Leon Henderson, national director of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply. The appeal included suggestions that:

All public institutions and buildings stop burning waste paper; all public officials lend support to the conservation campaign; charitable organizations, collectors and waste dealers be encouraged to increase their efforts behind the drive; organizational and public support for the campaign be enlisted; help of business enterprises to conserve paper be enlisted; householders be asked to stop burning waste paper and to sell it or give it to one of the collecting agencies. One of the slogans in the war conservation campaign is that "Waste is Sabotage."

Children should be kept busy doing useful things during war times, and should be taught to keep calm and cool, the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense advises.

Many of the Red Cross local chapters can use the services of children volunteers, the civilian defense statement said. Children also can help in collections of scrap paper, scrap iron and other needed waste materials which may be sold to local scrap or junk dealers.

"By giving the child some special duty at home, such as turning out unneeded lights to conserve electricity, the child will have a real feeling of responsibility," the statement said. "The most important thing of all is to make your children self-sufficient. Above all, keep the children busy at real things so that they feel important. This, more than anything else will keep them free from fear and panic."

### MUST ACHIEVE BALANCE

With a state of war existing in the nation, congress is being urged to curtail production which is not directly in line of war activities. Now let's see about this.

Today not more than 25 per cent of the production of the United States is for war purposes. It is hoped to push this up to 50 per cent by 1943 if the war continues that long. Only a small per cent of the people of the nation can engage in war industries. Only a very small per cent of the small business concerns are equipped for war orders.

Those who are not engaged in war activities must have means of livelihood. To curtail production of business outside war activities would throw thousands of men and women out of work, adding to relief loads of all communities. Furthermore, it would reduce their purchasing powers so that they would be unable to support the Red Cross, invest in Defense Bonds and engage in other war activities.

In England only 40 per cent of industry is engaged in war production. The balance of the people must live, even though the nation is in a death struggle with Germany.

### Local News Items

Terrell Gunter has been ill this week with the flu.

L. D. McCauley, manager of the Cicero Smith Lumber Co. at Mobeetie, was a Wednesday business visitor in Wheeler.

Dr. and Mrs. V. N. Hall were Christmas dinner guests of his brother, Dr. J. A. Hall, and children in Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Crowder received a letter Sunday from their son, J. B., who is in the U. S. navy, informing them that he was doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lile of near Hereford were called to the bedside of her father, J. A. Callan, Monday night. He has been ill since last week.

Weldon Sandifer of Mineral Wells came Tuesday to join his wife and daughter and spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sandifer and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wallis, Murrieta, Calif., announce the arrival of a daughter, Sandra Lee, Dec. 17. Mrs. Wallis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyatt, living west of Wheeler.

Miss Capitola Wilson, who is attending Texas university, came home Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, and sisters, Misses Maxie Lee and Gayle.

Mrs. Grady Camp and daughters, Barbara and Sharon, of Amarillo came Wednesday to spend Christmas with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Irons, and daughter, Miss Pauline.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Whitson and children, Bobby and Barbara Jean, of Lakeview came Wednesday to spend the holidays with her sister and husband, Sheriff and Mrs. Jess Swink, and daughter.

Lewis Atkins left Friday for Nacoma to spend Christmas week with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Atkins, and other relatives. He spent Friday night in Wellington with his father, Paul Atkins.

Mrs. W. E. Collins left Wednesday for Hugo, Okla., to spend Christmas with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nash, and children and will remain for several weeks there and with other relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Denham and daughters, Mrs. Terrell Gunter and Mrs. H. H. Corbin, Amarillo, motored Tuesday to Canadian and visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Eldon Johnson. The former's grandson, Alvin Denham, accompanied them.

Misses Genevieve and Louise Britt came home Sunday from Georgetown, where they are students at Southwestern university, to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britt, and brother, David, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. F. Witt left Wednesday for Dallas to make an extended stay with her daughter, Miss Lita Witt, and J. M. London and Spencer London and their families. The London men are brothers of Mrs. Witt. Mrs. Witt will visit relatives in Amarillo and Groom enroute to Dallas.

Tris Hooker, who is attending Compton, Calif., Junior college, came home Tuesday to spend two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hooker, and sisters, Miss Doris and Von Eva, and brother, Odous, and other relatives and friends. He has been gone a year and a half.

## Merry Christmas Happy New Year



During the past year we have been the recipients of good patronage and many favors by customers and friends throughout the Wheeler trade territory. And now, with the approach of a New Year, we wish to acknowledge these things and express appreciation for them.

We wish also to take advantage of this opportunity and extend sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous 1942 to all of you—customer, friend and acquaintance. We hope to merit your continued patronage and shall strive diligently to do so. Our growth and prosperity is closely linked with the goodwill and confidence of our patrons and to further develop and strengthen these assets during 1942 shall be our constant aim.

### Nash Appliance & Supply Co.

Zenith Radios—Case Farm Machinery  
Firestone Tires and Auto Supplies

Phone 68

Wheeler

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



At the approach of another New Year we wish to extend the season's greetings and express sincere appreciation to the many farmers and others whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past year. We have enjoyed a nice patronage in 1941, the business showing a substantial growth, which is a source of genuine satisfaction. And now, during 1942, we hope to have the privilege of serving all present customers, together with a large group of new ones.

### Wheeler County Produce Assn.

NARVILLE ARGANBRIGHT, Manager

Phone 142

Wheeler

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We are always glad when it's Christmas; this year more than ever before because hearts now heavy with the burdens of an infamous war against free peoples will be lightened as we pause and reflect that December 25, this year, is the nineteen hundred forty-first birthday of Him who first brought peace to a troubled world.

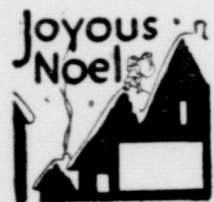
Christmas has lived through the assaults of tyrants innumerable who tried to destroy everything we hold dear; Christmas will live after the Hitlers of today have long been forgotten.

Let us enjoy the blessings of today in full measure, facing the future and a New Year unafraid.

### IN APPRECIATION

To those of you who have favored us with your patronage the past year we wish to extend our sincere thanks. We hope our treatment of you was such as will merit your continued patronage in 1942 and the years to come. If we have not had the privilege of serving you, we invite you to come in.

MRS. LINDAY CLAY OWNER  
CECIL DENSON MANAGER  
**Food ELAY Store**  
FREE DELIVERY  
WHEELER, TEXAS



### GREETINGS—

At this radiant season of good cheer, when business cares and worries are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts and deeds, we sincerely wish you an old-fashioned joyful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



### Title Abstract Co.

C. J. MEEK, Mgr.

Wheeler Texas



In keeping with the season, we wish to extend Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings to customers and friends and wish for them during 1942 health, happiness and prosperity. We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the many favors which have come our way during the year now drawing to a close.

As in the past, so in the future, our constant aim will be to supply quality merchandise at economy prices. You are invited to visit us often and inspect the new items received from time to time.

Again our sincere greeting is

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

## J. P. Green & Sons

RADIOS—HARDWARE—IMPLEMENTS—PAINT



### NEW YEAR JOY

May It Be Yours to the Fullest Extent

It is our hope that 1942 will bring you a bountiful fullness of peace, happiness and all the things of your heart's desire.

### J. M. BURGESS

Shoe and Harness Shop

**WOMEN'S CLUBS AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

**TURKEY DINNER AT CRUMP HOME LAST SUNDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crump were hosts at a delicious turkey dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley and daughter, Miss Gloria; Thurman Atkins and son, Thurman, 3rd.; Mrs. Virginia Tisdal and Mrs. Stuart Tisdal and daughters, all of Shamrock.

**MRS. MAX WILEY HOSTESS TO KAPPA BETA CLUB**

Mrs. Max Wiley gave a Christmas party and gift exchange Monday evening for members and friends of the Kappa Beta club at her home on North Canadian street. Table games furnished diversion of the evening. A delicious plate dinner was served to Misses Bonnie Adams, Evonne Hubbard, Ina Fay Robison, Helen Green, Mary Eunice Noah, Lois Farmer, Sybil Gidden, Elva Willard, Leona Crossland, Florence Merriman, Arlie Lee, Mrs. H. E. Nicholson and the hostess, Mrs. Wiley.

**MISS GREEN HOSTESS TO BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB**

Miss Helen Green was a charming hostess at a Christmas dinner-bridge in the J. P. Green home Friday evening for members of the Business Women's club. Miss Marguerite Ficke won high score and Mrs. Max Wiley won low. The group sang Christmas carols and gifts were exchanged. Attending were Mesdames R. H. Forrester, C. B. Witt, Elsie May Hood and Max Wiley, and Misses Blanche Grainger, Marguerite Ficke, Leona Crossland, Pauline Irons, Lois Hodges, Mary Eunice Noah, Clare O'Gorman, Ina Fay Robison, Wheeler and Miss Willetta Templeton, Shamrock and the hostess, Miss Green.

**BLUE BONNET STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Blue Bonnet Study club of Mobeetie met Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. French Bristow for its annual Christmas party. Roll call was answered with letters to Santa Claus. An interesting Christmas program, with Mrs. Ralph Oldham as leader, was given. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. R. C. Martin, Mrs. H. L. Daughtry, Mrs. G. L. Key and Mrs. Oldham. Eugene Matthews favored the group with a vocal solo. Christmas carols were sung by the group with Mrs. H. L. Flanagan as leader and Mrs. O. W. Elliott at the piano. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the members. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames H. L. Daughtry, John Dunn, O. W. Elliott, J. M. Finsterwald, H. L. Flanagan, Willard Godwin, Fred Harris, G. L. Key, H. C. Martin, H. E. Matthews, G. W. McLain, Ralph Oldham, Emmitt Tabor and the hostess. The next meeting will be Jan. 7 in the home of Mrs. Emmett Tabor.

**STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

The Stitch and Chatter club met Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. E. G. Pettit for a covered dish dinner and the exchange of Christmas gifts, with Mrs. Annie Sivage as co-hostess. During the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. E. G. Pettit, president; Mrs. Annie Sivage, vice president, and Mrs. D. O. Beene, secretary. The club will meet on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays next year. Members and guests were Mesdames D. O. Beene, S. P. Hodnett, W. H. Black, Percy Farmer, H. H. Walser, J. F. Witt, Frank Noah, W. E. Bowen, J. L. Bailey, Harold

Shively of Wheeler; Mrs. Frank Bowen, Kansas City, Mo., and the hostesses, Mrs. Sivage and Mrs. Pettit.

**Mobeetie Happenings**

(By Times Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Farrell and son, Jack, of Pittsburg, Penn., are visiting her mother, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. McLain this week.

Miss Geardean Sims is visiting relatives in Electra this week.

Roscoe Thomas and son, Harry, motored to Olton last week end, to attend to business. The Thomas family is planning to make Olton their home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tarvin and children, Helen and Edna, arrived Saturday evening from southern California for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fultz.

W. C. Stoneman of the Gageby community, was a visitor in Mobeetie Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sims and daughter, Willetta Sue, of Compton, Calif., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Sims and other relatives and friends.

Ed Tarvin and Jingles Beck attended to business in Amarillo Monday.

Visitors in the M. S. Beck home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beck and son, Stanley, Mrs. Boyd Beck of Magic City, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Beck of Corn Valley, Misses Mittie Beck and Juanita Wade, Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. Jingles Beck.

Miss Elizabeth Green of Lamesa is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fultz were hosts Sunday to their three daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tarvin and children, Mrs. Eula Trimble and children and Mrs. Isabel McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coleman of Berger, visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Arnold, Sunday.

Carl Chaudoin of Quail transacted business in Mobeetie Friday.

Mrs. T. A. Gilbert of Reydon, attended to business in Mobeetie Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Willford Jones of Allen, Okla., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts, Mrs. John Pugh and Ollie Walker of southern California, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Wilbur Moore, of Lubbock is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boots Moore, during school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnston motored to Pampa Tuesday to meet their son, J. T., who is planning to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Friends of Adrian Love were glad to hear that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Love, of Tehachapi, Calif., have received word that he is all right after the murderous attack on Pearl Harbor, where Adrian is stationed with the U. S. navy.

After two weeks visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Sims and other relatives and friends, Wilton Sims has returned to Bakersfield, Calif., where he is employed.

Mrs. John Gilliam and Miss Ina Fay Robison of Wheeler visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robison, Sunday.

Miss Zelma Elliott of Floydada is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Elliott, during the holidays.

**Jowett Jottings**

(By Times Correspondent)

Miss Betty Finsterwald of Amarillo spent Saturday night and Sunday with her father, A. Finsterwald. Miss Marge Bruton spent Saturday night with her sister, Miss Oviline Bruton, at Wheeler.

A. I. Baird attended to business in Canadian, Saturday.

Marie Finsterwald visited with Marge Bruton Friday afternoon.

Billy Jean Baird spent Saturday night with her cousin at Wheeler.

Miss Nellie B. Candler is home on a visit from Denton, where she has been attending college.

Anita O'Brien has returned home from Amarillo, where she visited her grandmother, Mrs. Elna O'Brien. Her sister, Joan, came with her to spend the Christmas and New Year's vacation. Joan will return soon to Amarillo, where she will go to school.

Anita O'Brien and Marie Finsterwald visited Marge Bruton Monday afternoon.

Joan and Anita O'Brien visited Laverne and Marie Finsterwald Monday afternoon.

Marie Finsterwald, Anita O'Brien and Marge Bruton visited with Nellie B. Candler late Monday afternoon.

Bernard Wilson, who is home from the army, is visiting his parents this week. He is stationed at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Baird visited in the Philip Clepper home late Monday afternoon.

**WOMEN WORK ON FARMS TOO!**



Women do many farm chores, and with boys being called to the colors likely they'll do more in the future. Those with such active jobs will do well to investigate some new work clothes designed by the Bureau of Home Economics, advises Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist for the Texas Extension Service. At the left is a one-piece cotton coverette made for chores such as milking, gardening and tending the chickens. For heavier farm work is the field suit worn by the girl on the right. It has slide fasteners which close the legs at the ankle and half sleeves.

**Local News Items**

H. J. Garrison has been quite ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Porter are driving a new 1942 areosedan Chevrolet car this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hall and Bill Miller were in Lefors Monday night and visited with Mrs. Madge Page and son, Amos.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Badley and daughter, Delaine, of Levelland came Sunday to spend a few days attending to business and visiting with friends.

J. M. Newman of Vaughn, N. Mex., came Thursday of last week to make an extended stay with his sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Beaty.

Miss Lutie McIlhany, Shamrock, came Wednesday to spend Christmas with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. McIlhany, and daughter, Miss Mary Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Marion of Ada, Okla., came Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Crowder, and daughter, Miss Marion Crowder.

Mrs. Henry Dyer of Mountainburg, Ark., returned home Thursday of last week after spending three months with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Risner, and children.

Miss Joy Bill Riley, who is teaching school at Smyer, came Saturday to spend Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Riley, and children and her aunt, Miss Tamey Riley.

Mrs. H. H. Corbin, Amarillo, came Tuesday and visited until Wednesday evening with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Denham, and father, A. Denham, and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Gunter.

Miss Colleen Morris, Amarillo, is spending the Christmas holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCasland. Miss Morris came Saturday as far as Shamrock with her aunt, Mrs. Marshall Adams.

Miss Edna Helen Blackman, Pampa, came Friday and remained until Monday as the house guest of Miss Marcella Farmer, who with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer, took Miss Blackman home Monday.

Miss Marguerite Seedig, who is attending college in Oklahoma, came home Saturday to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Seedig, and family and her grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Alexander, near Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conwell and children and her brother, Henry Davis, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Conwell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Miller of Phillips were in Wheeler Saturday, shopping. They also visited during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dillon, and family at Allison and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Miller, northeast of Wheeler.

Mrs. Mary Pitcock and daughter, Miss June, of San Bernardino, Calif., are expected to arrive this week end to visit the former's mother, Mrs. J. R. Brown, and other relatives at Shamrock. Also a son and brother, Sgt. Jack Pitcock, who has been stationed at Sherman but is spending the holidays with his father, Homer Pitcock, and wife in Wheeler.

**Prompt Registration Trucks, Busses Urged**

Whether they realize it or not, thousands of Texans are hindering the War department's national defense efforts, State Police Director Homer Garrison declared today.

The Highway Traffic Advisory committee to the War department, of which Garrison is Texas chairman, sent inventory cards to all owners of trucks and busses in Texas several months ago. The survey was designed to provide the War department with complete information on the availability of vehicles which might be used to transport troops, materials and evacuees in case of need.

"The owners of about 100,000 vehicles still have not filled out and returned these cards," Garrison said today. "Texas, which has the highest ratio of men in the armed services, is lagging far behind other states in the simple matter of a truck and bus survey. If our young men are willing to offer their lives for their country, surely the truck and bus owners should be willing to say whether they will agree to lend their vehicles to the government."

The cards should be returned to the War Department, 1222 West Commerce, San Antonio. Any owner who has not received his card should write that address and ask for one.

**Texas Requires More Windbreak Plantings**

A windbreak to protect shrubs and flowers about the homestead is needed in every section of Texas. That's advice from Sadie Hatfield, extension service specialist in landscape gardening, who explains that the destructive mechanical action of wind often mars the beauty of shrubs by distorting their shapes and destroying the blooms.

In addition, tender plants are hindered in growth or may be killed by the wind.

Unless there is a natural windbreak to protect the farm homestead, planting one is the logical first step in landscaping a home. It will pay special dividends by breaking the force of the wind and modifying the temperature, thereby increasing the comfort of the family.

A combination of well adapted trees and shrubs should be planted for the windbreak. Among those which have been used successfully

for this purpose are desert willow, tamarix or salt cedars, native pine, lilac, fruit trees, and many other plants native to the locality or well adapted. In areas free of root rot, the Chinese elm is a strong favorite because of its rapid growth.

All plantings should include several varieties of trees, because it is unwise to depend on any single variety, the specialists says.

Altogether 3,703,466 cotton mattresses made under the government's mattress program have been delivered.

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Thanks are extended to all whom we have had the opportunity of serving in 1941 and previous years, and we hope our service and efforts have met with your approval to the extent that our pleasant relationship may continue for many years to come.

Finally, the management and employees of this store wish you and yours an abundance of life's richest blessings, including a liberal and overflowing measure of happiness, contentment, peace and prosperity during 1942.

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**Yuletide Greetings**



**Happy New Year**

We send to you, our friends and neighbors, a hearty wish for a joyous Yuletide. May it be the happiest of your experience. And may the New Year hold an abundance of prosperity and happiness. To those of you who favored us with your patronage in the past we extend our sincere thanks. We hope our treatment was such as to merit your continued patronage during 1942 and the years to come.

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**Local News Items**

J. A. Callan has been quite ill since Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Weatherly motored Monday to Pampa and attended to business.

Miss Rose Erisman of Wellington spent Sunday in Wheeler with Miss Florence Merriman and other friends.

Miss Blanche Grainger left Tuesday for Comanche, where she will visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Newkirk and family of Amarillo came Saturday and visited relatives and friends during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johns and son, Keith, of Pampa were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patterson and children.

Miss Almada Wiley of Amarillo came Wednesday to spend Christmas with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley, and family.

Mrs. Ida May Jones of California came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Griffin, jr., left Sunday for Weslaco to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Griffin, and other relatives.

Mrs. Clarence Lee and son of Mobeetie and daughter, Miss Arlie, of Wheeler visited Sunday at Reed, Okla., with the former's brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stina Cain and daughter, Carol, are spending the holidays in Amarillo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Eckert, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Melba Wiley, a student at T. S. C. W., Denton, came home Saturday night to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley, and children.

Miss Marthals Wiley came home Saturday from McLean, where she teaches in the schools, to spend Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley, and children.

James Passons, student of A. and M. at College Station, came Saturday to spend the Christmas and New Year's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Passons, and other relatives.

Atty. and Mrs. Homer Moss and son, Stewart, left Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Moss, at Frankston and her father, Mr. Stewart, and children at Houston and other relatives at Crockett.

Miss Ruth Faust, a student of Texas Tech at Lubbock, came home Saturday to spend Christmas and New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Faust, and sister, Miss Joyce, and grandmother, Mrs. H. Flanagan, also other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stiles and daughter, Patricia Ann, of Oglesby came Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stiles, and children and sisters, Miss Beth Stiles and Dr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Walker, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lancaster and son, Richard, and grandsons, James and J. A. Lancaster, of Mobeetie left Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth, Dallas and Henderson. Geardean Sims went with them as far as Electra, where she will visit relatives and friends. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

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**Soil Program Leaders In First Annual Meet**

**Two-Day Sessions at Temple Stress Important Part Farms Play in Winning the War**

"You are the guardians of Texas soil, which is going to produce a vast amount of the food needed to win this war and to feed the wounded nations of the world when peace has returned. You are the generals on the farm front which sustains and strengthens our fighting forces wherever they meet the enemy."

That statement was made at Temple Tuesday when Paul H. Walser, state coordinator for the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation service, addressed supervisors of Texas soil conservation districts attending their first annual meeting. Approximately 300 supervisors, from districts covering more than 65,800,000 Texas acres, attended the two-day conference.

Walser emphasized the importance of the farm front when he said, "All of you know that food is a weapon without which no nation can win a war."

"By using conservation methods we can obtain more readily the increased production of foods needed by our armed forces, by our civilian population, and by our allies. We can achieve this increased production without impairing our agricultural production plant, our soil."

Texas soil conservation districts are peace-time organizations, but they are now important to the nation's war effort, the state coordinator declared.

"In spite of the short time since the soil conservation districts program began in Texas, landowners are studying, planning, establishing and maintaining something constructive, the conservation of our vital land resources," Walser said. "They are working together to combat a dangerous internal enemy of our nation, the enemy of soil erosion, depleted soils, floods, declining crop yields, decreased farm income and lower living standards."

Success of the soil conservation district movement, Walser said, must be attributed to the application of democratic principles to the organization and operation of a district. Farmers and ranchers, he explained, are working in groups and as communities to solve a common problem.

"The soil conservation district program will function with equal success as a part of our war-time effort," the state coordinator said.

"Conservation is as essential today as it was 10 years ago," Walser declared. "But today we are thinking of soil conservation as one way in which we can help to win the war, as well as a means of bettering agriculture and contributing to the welfare of those who depend directly or indirectly on agriculture for a livelihood."

Walser told the supervisors that their task is to make use of every available resource in helping farmers and ranchers to shift their production from a peace-time to a war-time basis.

"This change must be made the conservation way—by better farming methods and by establishing conservation practices—and not by plowing up more land," the state coordinator said, and reminded, "Irreparable erosion damage followed our World War I plow-up."

The meeting was conducted by the State Soil Conservation board, which administers the Texas soil conservation district law. W. W. Cardwell, Luling, is board chairman and V. C. Marshall, Temple, is administrator.

**Present Cotton Price Is Highest Since '29**

Texas farmers are receiving the highest price for cotton since 1929, according to Frank Seale, state AAA committeeman and cotton farmer of Robertson county.

The national farm program, plus marketing quotas, 85 per cent of parity loans, and increased domestic consumption have caused cotton prices to double this year, he said.

For the fifth consecutive year, cotton farmers will vote in a national marketing quotas referendum, Saturday, Dec. 13. Convenient polling places have been set up in every county and community in Texas for the record vote expected, Seale pointed out.

At the same time cotton farmers are voting on quotas, they will also be writing the fate of the loan program, the AAA committeeman said in pointing out that according to the AAA act, no loans are in effect when quotas are rejected.

Direct tie-in of quotas with the Food-for-Freedom campaign was explained by the committeeman when he said that any increase in surplus crops and decrease in crops vital to next year's production goals would cripple the whole national farm defense effort. If surplus crops such as cotton and wheat are held within circle of demand, he continued, sufficient acres may be released for production of commodities needed by the United States and her allies.

Aim of marketing quotas is to divide a limited market equally among cotton producers.

**Davis News**

(By Mrs. Zura Bullock)

The singing convention was well attended at Davis Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fletcher of Bakersfield, Calif., arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Bass, and Mr. Bass; Mr. Fletcher's parents and Mrs. Fletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale, of Sweetwater.

A. S. Anderson left Sunday to spend Christmas with his daughters, Mrs. Sutton Muse and Mrs. A. C. Shinn, and families of Portales, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Gordon and family, Mrs. W. J. Bass and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aderholt and son, Gary, of Mobeetie were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bullock.

Champ Davis is in the Erick, Okla., hospital. The community wishes him early recovery.

Mesdames Horace Anderson, Roger Smith and Luther Bullock were business visitors in Shamrock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merrick and daughter, Donna, attended the sale at Elk City, Okla., Tuesday. Mrs. Curtis Willoughby and daughter of Dozier were Wednesday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merrick.

Jack Bass attended to business in Sayre, Okla., Tuesday.

**Mountain View News**

(By Times Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Melton and son visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Melton. They also attended to business in Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Herd had as Sunday visitors their children, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carter of Lefors, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skaggs and son of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gatlin and son of Laketon.

Misses Eudell and Inez Hancock of Pampa are spending the Christmas holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baird and children and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burress and children are visiting relatives in the Rio Grande Valley and East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Williams in Pampa.

Miss Doris Key spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Key.

O. C. Walker, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts of California are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. V. Herd and Neil and Imogene were shopping in Pampa Monday.

**Mobeetie Happenings**

(By Times Correspondent)

**F. H. T. Meeting**

The Future Homemakers of Mobeetie met Dec. 18 to discuss the meaning of Christmas and to get some Future Homemaking pins.

There were two special songs by Mary Belle Heare and Mary Kathryn Miller. They were: "Taps to Reville" and "Any Bonds Today." The group joined in singing some Christmas songs.

The sponsor received a lovely gift from the girls.

Refreshments were served to 35 homemaking girls.

**F. F. A. Boys Give Entertainment**

Mobeetie and nearby communities were entertained last Friday night by the Callahan Brothers and other radio stars. The visitors gave away three pair of Wichita brand overalls. Those receiving the overalls were Homer Ruff, Aubrey Lee Leonard and Mrs. E. P. Ridgway. Everyone enjoyed the program and hope to see these radio stars again.

**Eighth Grade Program**

The eighth grade history class presented a play entitled "A Frontier Christmas," Friday afternoon, Dec. 19. The setting was a log cabin in the Northwest Territory about 1840.

Cast of characters included Mrs. Creighton, LaRue Flanagan; Mr. Creighton, Neal Herd; Martha Creighton, Lorene Gabriel; four children, Marion Ell Owens, Willie Mae Wright, Wanda Williams and Wylene Davis; Indians, Bud Carroll Scribner, C. W. Burch, Delmar Lee Thomas and Wallace Corse.

After the play the entire group joined in singing Christmas songs.

R. E. Matthews and daughter, Augusta, attended to business and shopped in Pampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Faye Bearden and children are visiting in Arizona this week.

Mrs. H. W. Goodner and son of Amarillo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Gober, and friends in Wheeler.

Miss Pauline Shelton spent Saturday morning with Mrs. N. M. Gary. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton and family spent last week end in Vin-

**Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR**



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cent and Reed, Okla., visiting their parents and relatives.

Leon Barton is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton. He is employed at Amarillo.

Roy Turner and wife took his mother to Wheeler Sunday for medical treatment.

Wylie Poe and wife returned to Mobeetie last Thursday to make their home. They have been living in Colorado.

Doug Baird and family left Saturday for the Rio Grande Valley to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Baird, and family.

Bob St. John of Lubbock is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. St. John, and family.

Miss Virginia Sue Crowell is visiting friends and relatives in Crowell this week.

Mrs. Dennis O'Brien left Friday afternoon to make her home in Pasadena, Calif., with her husband.

R. E. Matthews, jr., visited in the home of his parents last week.

Si Marchbanks arrived in Mobeetie last Saturday to spend the holidays with his wife. Mr. Marchbanks is a student at A. and M. college.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whitfield are spending the Christmas holidays in Carter and Weatherford, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hogue spent last week end with friends and relatives in Mobeetie.

Johnnie Reynolds and sister, Mrs. Guy Dixon, of Fairfield, Ill., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, and friends.

Betty Louise Hogan of South Texas is visiting friends and relatives in Mobeetie.

Mrs. Waldrop of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Ted Ewing, this week.

The grade school presented its Christmas play last Thursday night. A large group attended the program.

The senior class of Mobeetie high school met for a party at Denzil Leonard's last week. Refreshments were served to 18 members and visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Files and daughter, Gertrude, have gone to Calvert to spend the holidays with their youngest daughter, Faye, and family.

Miss Nadine Henderson spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Pierce Walker, and family.

Mrs. John Pugh and daughter, Miss Dorothy Faye, of Woodlake, Calif., are visiting friends and relatives in and near Mobeetie.

Mac and Drummond B. Thomas are visiting friends and relatives in Mobeetie.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ayers of Borger, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. French Bristow of Jowett.

Mr. and Mrs. Si Hooker were shopping in Pampa Monday.

Miss Maurita Dunn, a student at Lubbock, is visiting friends and relatives in Mobeetie and vicinity.

**Ship Railroaders by Truck**

Something in the nature of a traffic jam occurred here Sunday night when Clarence Schofield had to call two extra busses from Amarillo to take 56 Mexicans to Albuquerque. The funny thing about the matter was that the men were members of a railroad construction crew—Hereford Brand.

**Merchants are Losers**

Merchandise "Made in Japan" is being boycotted by many people. The theory is that the buyer is cracking the little brown devils on the chin by refusing to buy their goods. The tragedy is that the merchants of the United States bought and paid for the goods in good faith. They were trying to carry out the good neighbor policy and trade with our neighbors. If there is any loss,

it will be the loss of American business men. Naturally, merchants will not get any more Japan made goods now that war is on.—Canyon News.

Alcohol is a liquid good for preserving almost everything except secrets.—Gainesville Register.

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**Merry Christmas to All**



**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Many of the most valuable assets in business cannot be expressed in cold, formal figures. Among our most valued assets—to which this rule applies—are the goodwill and friendship of customers. The spirit of the holidays season revives appreciation of old associations and heralds the joy of adding new patrons. Retention of old associates and acquisition of new ones impose obligations of responsibility whose fulfillment throughout the year is a privilege which affords us pleasure and satisfaction. To one and all we extend wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Wheeler Gas Company**

WHEELER, TEXAS

**Greetings**

This company and its employes wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year



**Panhandle Power & Light Company**

### Petroleum Industry's Taxes Gain New High

Over \$100,000,000 Paid Annually by Texas Oil and Gas Interests Under Recent Increase

The Texas petroleum industry's tax bill is now more than \$100,000,000 a year, not including gasoline taxes paid by Texas motorists, Arch H. Rowan, Fort Worth oilman, told members of the standing tax committees of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association at a meeting in Fort Worth this week.

Texas oil producers alone are paying \$54,000,000 a year, an average of over 11 cents a barrel on all the oil they produce, Rowan reported. They recently received an increase of \$10,000,000 a year in state taxes, he noted.

"As an employer, I look at the 10 million dollar increase in terms of what that much money would mean to the men and women employed by our industry," Rowan said. "If that sum had been added to the payroll of the 40,000 Texans employed in producing oil, it would have given every worker an extra pay check of \$250 a year.

"In looking beyond today, it is necessary to consider the effect of retrenchment of industry upon the men and women who look to such industry for their living and also what would happen to the community when industry is forced by excessive taxation to retard its operations. When we oilmen fight efforts to increase our tax load, we are not fighting for ourselves alone. We are also fighting to keep on our payrolls the men and women who have made it possible for us to operate our producing properties."

While oil production tax rates have been raised 45 per cent since 1935, total state and local tax revenues collected from Texas oil producers have jumped 90 per cent, Rowan pointed out.

"The fact that revenues have increased twice as fast as tax rates should make it evident to even the most skeptical advocates of higher tax rates that continued expansion of the Texas oil industry assures an automatic increase in tax revenue," he added. "Furthermore, as oil development spreads to new sections, it provides local tax revenues for many years to come through the establishment of proven underground reserves with taxable values.

"Next year, when nearly everyone will be paying federal taxes, every American will come to realize what taxes mean. I believe there will be a more sympathetic understanding of our state and local tax problems. Many citizens who have voted for various bond issues to provide new roads, courthouses, schools and other civic improvements, will begin to realize that somebody has to pay the bill in higher taxes. Many who have not been tax conscious in the past will begin to take a more active part in preventing unnecessary local expenditures and demanding more economical administration of local government."

### Helpful Suggestions on Choosing Poultry

Texas egg producers soon will begin buying chicks for their 1942 fall and winter laying flocks, and Geo. P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman of the A. and M. College Extension service, offers some helpful suggestions.

"Only quality chicks should be considered. By quality chicks I mean those which come from breeders and hatcherymen who are working on an improvement program to provide stocks from high-producing and disease-free flocks," he explains. As a guide in buying chicks, McCarthy advises following a rule used by livestockmen and get full information about the breeding and performance of the ancestry. Heavy laying ability, like heavy production of milk and butterfat, is an inherited characteristic. Large production is not found in inferior stock, whether in poultry or cows.

In this connection, McCarthy quotes figures from the Marketing service of the USDA that the average farm production per layer in the United States for 1940 was 101 eggs. By states, Massachusetts led with an average of 147, compared with Texas' 92. Pursuing this parallel McCarthy points out that Massachusetts producers paid 11.9 cents per chick, while the average price paid in Texas was 7.5 cents.

"Regardless," McCarthy says, "we have as good poultry in Texas as can be bought anywhere. Management, of course, is a big factor but I believe that Texas poultrymen can care for chicks as well as poultrymen in any state. Quality is the key, and quality doesn't come from cheap chicks. I am a strong believer in buying Texas chicks and not getting them too far away from home. We have breeders and hatcherymen who are doing an excellent job of improved breeding and are carefully testing breeding flocks against pullorum disease.

"Investigate before you buy. See to it that the hatchery is doing a real job of flock improvement, that their customers are obtaining good chicks from the stock, that they are healthy, and that they are being raised."

### WHAT TO DO IN AIR RAID

1. Above all, keep cool. Don't lose your head.
2. Do not crowd the streets; avoid chaos, prevent disorder and havoc.
3. Don't believe rumors—spreading false rumors is part of the enemy's technique.
4. Air raid warning signals generally are short blasts or rising and falling pitch or whistles or horns. The all clear is a steady tone for two minutes.
5. If an incendiary bomb falls, cover it with sand, or SPRAY it with a garden hose (never a splash or stream!). Switch to a stream to put out any fire started by the bomb. Switch back to a SPRAY for the bomb. A jet, splash, stream or bucket of water will make the bomb explode.
6. Under raid conditions, keep a bathtub and buckets full of water for the use of the fire department in case water mains are broken.
7. If you have a soda-and-acid extinguisher (the kind you turn upside down), use it with your finger over the nozzle to make a spray. Don't use the chemical kind (small cylinders of liquid) on bombs. It is all right for ordinary fires.
8. Should gas be used, go at once to the most "inside" room in your house (fewest doors and windows). Paste paper over glass. Stuff rags in window cracks and under doors.
9. Choose one member of the family to be the home air raid warden, who will remember all the rules and what to do.
10. Whether or not a blackout is ordered during a raid, put out all lights at once.
11. If a light inside the home is necessary, use rugs, blankets, portiers, over drapes, or curtains, arranged in double thickness over your windows. Don't crowd or stampee stores for special material. Be ingenious—improvise.
12. During a raid, remember to shut off gas stoves, gas furnaces, and gas pilot lights.
13. If bombs start to fall near you, lie down, you will feel the blast least that way, escape fragments and splinters. The safest place is under a good stout table—the stronger the legs the better.
14. Above all, keep calm. Stay home. Put out lights. Lie down. Stay away from windows.

### One Woman's Opinion

The flat statement that Home Demonstration clubs are doing the best group job in defense of democracy is made by Mrs. Walter Ferguson, in her column, "One Woman's Opinion," in the Washington, D. C., Daily News.

Mrs. Ferguson paid the clubs this tribute:

"A friendly reader puts me on a spot. She wants me to name the feminine organization which in my opinion is doing the best group job in defense of democracy. Because the times call for moral courage, I shall do so and duck. It is—the Home Demonstration clubs.

As you know, this group is composed wholly of farm women. The average city dweller, housewife or business woman is entirely out of touch with it. I know any number of intelligent club leaders who know nothing whatever about what it has done or what it is doing.

Well, take it from me, those women are doing plenty. All their activity is based on common sense, on actual community needs, and their aim is the preservation and defense of the American home; therefore as defenders of democracy I think they are tops.

They waste no time on abstractions. Theories which absorb so much of our club attention give way to hard facts, and facts with which their membership is familiar.

In short, these women are not busy improving other people, either on the opposite side of the continent or the opposite side of the earth—they are trying to improve themselves.

Their meetings are an exchange of practical ideas about practical subjects, subjects which women must master if they expect to function as good citizens—child training, sewing, nutrition, the preparation and preservation of foodstuffs, religious standards in the home, recreation, poverty and crime problems in their neighborhoods.

Maybe because most of them do their own cooking, they seldom eat at meetings. Also they take their children with them, which is bound to inspire in the youngsters a desire to imitate their elders—and isn't that the best way of teaching?

It seems to me this group of farmers' wives and daughters is working wonders in the interest of the national economy, and because it represents the roots of that economy—the stable, self-respecting, industrious American family—I believe it deserves to be named the most useful and promising of our many feminine organizations.

"Plasticized" Wood  
First plastics came out as a substitute for wood and now they're treating wood with plastics. It's called "plasticized" wood, if you're interested, and if you don't like that one they'll offer you "compregnated."

### NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION BY W.W. REID

Many churches throughout the United States are taking part in the campaign inaugurated by the American Library association and the Red Cross to collect some millions of books for the soldiers and sailors in camps, forts, and naval bases. The campaign begins on Jan. 12 and will run for two months or more.

Books and bound magazines may be taken to any public library where they will be sorted and repaired if necessary, and sent to the places where there is a demand for books by the men in service. "Plenty of good fiction, books on current affairs and up-to-date technical volumes are needed," says the Library association.

"All missions of the European churches in Asia and Africa and the Pacific Islands that were known to be in distress because of the war in Europe, have received sufficient financial aid to sustain all work that was essential to the life of the younger churches with which they were associated," reports Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, secretary of the International Missionary Council, which has raised funds in America and in Great Britain and her colonies to aid these Christian workers. Aid has been given to 120 missions of many races and denominations.

The Ministers' No War Committee, of which Dr. Albert W. Palmer, of Chicago, is chairman, has issued an appeal "to pacifists and non-pacifists alike to exercise good patience, forbearance and restraint" now that the United States is at war.

In urging that Christian fellowship be maintained in the local churches among those who hold different and conflicting views about any war, the committee admonished:

"Lift up ultimate Christian goals of a just and ordered peace. Avoid hysteria, persecution or denunciation. The hour calls for penitence, mildty, tolerance, spiritual poise, prayer, silence. Take time for further thought and consultation. 'Let the church be the church.' It must not bless war, but it must stabilize and comfort people forced into war. Do not be emotionally swept away. God lives. His moral laws abide. The Prince of Peace is still our guide!"

### Home-Making Hints

By MISS VERA MARTIN  
Home Supervisor, F. S. A.

#### Meat Canning

With the settled cold weather of December and January comes the season for home-slaughtering of meat. Next on many farm home-maker's calendar of special events is meat canning.

This year, as a result of the Food-for-Freedom campaign announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in September, home meat canning takes on added importance. For this program emphasizes the value of nutritious foods grown and preserved at home as a means of improving diets the country over.

In the past, canning centers for a community have been found to be an efficient way of putting up home-grown produce for families and for schools serving lunches. This year, with canning equipment limited in many respects as a result of the defense program, community centers can be valuable in making the best use of equipment on hand.

In the following paragraphs, canning specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Home Economics make recommendations for meat canning as of December, 1941.

Meat cannot be canned safely unless there is a steam pressure canner available in good condition. Only with steam under pressure is it possible to get the temperatures of 240 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit needed to make sure of killing the organisms likely to cause spoilage.

It is possible to can a great variety of meat products. But it is more economical of containers and equipment to can the meat alone—then combine it with other foods and seasonings when it is opened.

In a larger jar or can of meat, heat penetrates so slowly that much longer processing periods are necessary—so long they are impractical for home canners. If the heat does not penetrate so that all the meat is sterilized, spoilage results and the meat is wasted.

Meat usually is pre-cooked before it is processed. Quickest way to pre-cook it is to heat the meat in a kettle of water or broth until the red color is changed to brown. Frying is not a satisfactory way of pre-cooking the meat. For the brown crust that tastes so good if you eat the meat right away becomes hard and dry in the can and gives the meat a disagreeable flavor.

Meat should be kept cold until it is canned. But watch it carefully to make sure it does not freeze. Frozen meat may be canned, but it is not a high quality product.

### Movie Chatter

(By a Rogue)

#### Parson of Panamint

Do not be deceived by the title of the picture for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27. It is really a big-time outdoor western picture comparable to Western Union. The title is Parson of Panamint, and the parson referred to is sometimes called the "swearing parson" of real frontier days. The stars are Charlie Ruggles and Ellen Drew. So, just remember that we promise you a real outdoor picture of early pioneer life—something more than the usual Saturday western, and a picture that we know will please you in every respect.

#### Blossoms in the Dust

Many of the patrons of the Rogue Theatre will recall seeing Boystown and also Men of Boystown. All who saw either of these pictures had nothing but praise for them. And now comes Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with a picture that might be called the female boystown. The title is Blossoms in the Dust, and it exemplifies the story of the home for destitute girls in the same manner that Boystown told of the boys' home in Nebraska. However, Blossoms in the Dust has its background in Fort Worth, Texas, where the home for girls is located, and the entire film is photographed in glorious technicolor to further enhance its natural beauty. The stars are Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. So make your plans to see it while you may. We guarantee it to please in every way and you will miss something really worth-while if you fail to see it. The date is preview, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 27, 28, 29 at the Rogue.

#### Puddin' Head

Bargain Night patrons will more than get their money's worth when they see Judy Canova in Puddin' Head at the Rogue next Tuesday, Dec. 30. If you liked Lil' Abner or Arkansas Judge we know that you will be well pleased with Puddin' Head.

#### Lady from Cheyenne

Loretta Young, Robert Preston and Edward Arnold come to the Rogue Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1, in Lady from Cheyenne. This picture seems to have everything required of a good movie. It runs from the daring to the tantalizing, is interspersed with comedy, drama and fast action. We know you cannot miss on this one. So be there and enjoy a good time and forget your troubles.

Times Wantads—5c a line.

## Merry Christmas and HAPPY NEW YEAR

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year is our sincere wish. We hope that every day during 1942 will afford you and yours a new opportunity to seek the pleasant and beneficial things of life—and that such pursuit is bountifully rewarded.



This bank now sells Defense Stamps

### Citizens State Bank

Wheeler

Texas

### BEST WISHES

for This Happy Time

and the . . .

Best of Luck During 1942



Our holiday season wouldn't be complete unless we availed ourselves of this opportunity to express the hope you had a Merry Christmas and to wish for you a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year!

### Garrison Service Station

H. J. GARRISON DORSIE HUTCHISON H. J. GARRISON, JR.  
(Harry) Attendant (Jack)

If You Have Not Already Done So, There Is Still Time to Give



## A Gift



WORTH WHILE!



Head your Christmas shopping list with a year's subscription to

## The Wheeler Times

for that relative or friend (especially those who formerly lived in Wheeler county), or for your own family if not now receiving the paper; and don't forget that neighbor who frequently consults your paper. A subscription to The Wheeler Times is a gift that anyone will appreciate throughout the entire year.

No gift could possibly be more appreciated by that soldier or sailor away from home or that boy or girl attending college than a subscription to The Wheeler Times. The home town newspaper contains many interesting news items that the most careful letter writer would either not know about or would omit from a personal letter.

It contain NEWS of interest from all over the county; community and school news has a prominent place . . . FEATURES of genuine merit appear from week to week . . . and the ADS bring greater savings and opportunities to those living within reach of Wheeler, the county seat. It's an easy gift to buy—just tell us the name and address and we'll do the rest—without bother or further cost to you.

In Wheeler County, \$1.50 Year. Outside the County, \$2.00 Year

**LOCAL MASONS CONFER M. M. DEGREE AT PAMPA THURSDAY**

A large group of Wheeler Masons attended a regular meeting of the Pampa Masonic lodge on Thursday of last week. They took with them robes from the local lodge and conferred the M. M. degree in full regalia upon a candidate from the host lodge.

Those attending from here and their respective stations were: R. H. Forrester, W. M.; H. E. Young, S. W.; Lonnie Lee, J. W.; Lee Guthrie, S. D., and Murray Fuquay, J. D. Others included Fred Ashley, Loyd Lee, Charles Griffin, S. B. Davis, Mount Tipps, Joe Steele and Floyd Atherton, Wheeler, and A. J. O'Brien, Jowett.

Several Shamrock brethren also assisted in some of the minor parts. A fine turnout of visitors and Pampa brethren enjoyed a bountiful feast of roast turkey with accompaniments, after which short talks were made by visitors and brothers and a social hour of visiting was enjoyed.

Miss Betty Riley, a student at W. T. S. C., Canyon, came home Saturday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Riley, and children and aunt, Miss Tamsey Riley.



**Happy Christmas**

**Happy New Year**

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Lawrence Hatchery**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence  
Wheeler Texas

**Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year**



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who was born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet."—Matthew 2:1-5.



**Russ Dry Goods**

General Outfitters

"Always Something New"

**MRS. CARVER WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA**

In a letter accompanying her renewal to The Times, Mrs. Jess Carver of Merced, Calif., writes: "Please renew my subscription to The Times; I love to get news from the old home town. We are very worried, as I know so many others are, about this war. R. J. is on a submarine somewhere in the Philippine Islands area. He was at Manila the last letter I received. He has been in the navy about 18 months. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and the season's greetings to other friends and acquaintances, I will close."

**School Lunch Program Makes Rapid Progress**

**Great Expansion of Project Noted in Texas, With Rural Schools Maintaining Majority**

Undernourishment of Texas school children is being ameliorated by expanding the community school lunch and increasing the participation of pupils in it, according to Mildred Horton, vice director and state home demonstration agent for the A. and M. College Extension service, chairman of the state nutrition committee.

Miss Horton quotes L. J. Cappelman of Dallas, regional director of the Surplus Marketing administration, that in September, 1940, 110,884 Texas school children were receiving school lunches. By September, 1941, the number had increased to 171,394, or an additional 60,510 pupils "receiving an attractive, well-balanced school lunch each day." Effort is being made this year to reach about six million of the nine million American school children who are undernourished.

"The people of Texas, recognizing the problem of malnutrition among school children, are working closely with the government to wipe out this evil," according to Cappelman.

The Surplus Marketing administration supplies to the state department of public welfare the supplementary foods to be distributed to community school lunch programs in the state. Local civic clubs, PTA's and school organizations act as sponsors. In certain areas community sponsors can call upon such federal agencies as the Works Projects administration and National Youth administration for assistance in preparing and serving food and maintaining lunchrooms.

The South leads the nation in school lunch programs. During September about one and one half million pupils were served, 75 per cent of them living on farms in rural areas. More than three-fourths of the schools participating in the lunch program in Texas were in the rural areas.

**Loan Deadline Near on Three Farm Crops**

With only a few days remaining until closing date, Texas farmers are swinging into last stages of 1941 wheat, barley and cotton loan programs.

Closing date on these loans is Dec. 31, but grain sorghum loans, made available to Texas farmers for the first time this year, will be taken until Jan. 31, according to Charlie L. Thomas, state AAA committee man and wheat grower from Pampa.

Through Dec. 6, Commodity Credit corporation had made 724,385 loans on 1,352,199 bales of 1941 cotton in the country as a whole. The number of bales reported by the CCC falls below the 2,300,000 figure on the same day last year, but the higher price farmers are receiving for cotton this season accounts for a part of the decrease, the AAA official said.

"We don't have a final check on the number of bales of Texas cotton in the loan, but you can bet a sizeable per cent can be accredited to Texas farmers," Thomas explained.

With 18,795,375 bushels of wheat in regular, warehouse, excess and Federal Crop Insurance loans, Texas wheat farmers already have been advanced \$18,406,284. Most popular among wheat farmers is the regular warehouse loan which leads the field with 21,933 loans on 16,089,397 bushels. FCIC loans include 2,315 loans on 1,243,275 bushels. Only 19 excess wheat loans have been made in Texas.

Barley loans have been made on 1,209,099 bushels for a loan value of \$483,113.63. Loans on barley, cotton and wheat mature on demand or April 30, 1942, and grain sorghum loans mature on demand or June 31, 1942.

**Visitor Has Appendix Attack**  
Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Harris and three sons, Troy, Bud and Kenneth, of Plainview came Tuesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with the former's daughter and husband, Sheriff and Mrs. Jess Swink, and daughter, Marilyn Carol.

Kenneth Harris became ill with appendicitis that night and underwent an operation in Shamrock Wednesday morning.

F. H. Ing, living west of Mobeetie, was in Wheeler Tuesday on business.

**Merchants Must File Registration Report**

**All Firms Which Sell or Finance on a Partial Payment Plan Subject to New Law**

According to notice just issued, all merchants who sell or finance on an installment credit plan must execute form FR-563 and mail it to the Federal Reserve bank in Dallas before Dec. 31. Failure to comply with this notice makes a merchant liable to a fine of \$10,000 and a penitentiary sentence.

All retail merchants associations have been supplied with the prescribed form and those who need them may secure them upon application. Many persons and organizations have already filed the registration statement, but others apparently subject to provisions of the new law, have not filed their statements.

All who are subject to the provisions of regulation, and who have not filed registration statements, are urged to give the matter immediate attention. On Nov. 14 registration statement forms were forwarded to all names on the regulation W mailing list of the Federal Reserve bank of Dallas. Additional forms will be supplied upon request.

The general license heretofore granted will terminate at the close of business Dec. 31, 1941, for every person or organization which has not registered on or before that date in the manner prescribed.

**FORMER MOBEETIE BOY SAFE AFTER HAWAII RAID DEC. 7**

Postmarked Tehachapi, Calif., Mrs. Minnie Love, grandmother of the young man in question, writes as follows:

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Love will be glad to know they have heard from their son, Adrian, who is in the navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when the Japanese raid occurred there Dec. 7. Adrian is aboard the U. S. S. Whitney, Div. 4.

It was eight days after the attack before he was heard from. He wrote, "I'm well and safe; don't worry."

Adrian Love was born at Mobeetie and lived there until he was 17 years old, when he moved with his parents to Tehachapi, Calif., where he finished high school. In November, 1940, he joined the navy and was stationed at San Diego, where he entered radio school, graduating in June this year.

He was then sent to Pearl Harbor and has since remained. He received his third rating and considered himself quite lucky to get it so soon.

Last April while home on a few days leave, Adrian married Miss Myrtle Williamson, who graduated at Tehachapi the same year he did. She returned with him to San Diego, remaining there until he was sent to Pearl Harbor, after which she returned to Tehachapi to make her home while he is in the navy.

**Miss Chance Visiting Mother**

Miss Lucile Chance, county home demonstration agent, motored Sunday to Denton to spend the holiday vacation with her mother and other relatives. Mrs. J. E. Scott accompanied her and is spending the holidays with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Scott, and her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Bell, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Underwood and children, Bobby and Jolene, Levelland, and his father, J. W. Underwood, Amarillo, came Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trout and family. R. D. Underwood returned that night while the others remained until after Christmas.

**Letters to Santa**

(Although these letters were received too late for last week's paper, they will be published in the hope that Old Santa may have anticipated the wants of the writers.—Ed.)

Briscoe, Texas, Dec. 21, 1941  
Dear Santa:

We are three little girls, 7, 6 and 4 years old. We would like very much to have a doll and trunk apiece, one set of dishes, two telephones and one little piano. Don't forget our baby brother, 2 years old, who wants a truck. We hope every little boy and girl will enjoy a good Christmas. With love,

PATRICIA, DORIS and ALVETTA REEVES.

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 13, 1941  
Dear Santa:

We are a little boy and girl, aged 4 and 1, away out here in California who would like to be remembered. Also our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Turner of Whitesboro, and all our little cousins and all other little folks. Our mother, Mrs. Macy Sanders, is writing this for us. We wanted to surprise many friends at Wheeler, as we moved from there a year ago. Please be good to us, for we have been pretty good. Love,

BOYD and ANNA LEE SANDERS.  
4329 Park Blvd., San Diego.

**WHAT SAY YOU?**

**Power of Jehovah**

According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the West and his glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And a redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord. My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever.—Isaiah 59:18-21.

—W. J. BRUMLEY.

**BRISCOE SEVENTH GRADE GIVEN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Mesdames Fred Waters, Hollis George and Lee Barry, class mothers, entertained the seventh grade of the Briscoe school and a few friends at a Christmas party in the Barry home on Tuesday evening of last week.

A star suspended above the Christmas tree bore silent tribute to the Yuletide and that loving spirit of "peace on earth, goodwill to men."

The social hour was spent in playing games and enjoying the gifts which were exchanged by drawing.

Refreshments of apples and candy were served to Mary Helen Rogers, Mildred Rogers, Rozena Helton, Nelda Bess Barry, Ewing Barnett, Armell Sorensen, Mardell Sorensen, Jo Rean Moore, Coleen Wood, Emillie Seedig, Eddie George, Richard Hefley, Mary Alice Waters, Bill Price, Mary Ruth Evans, L. R. Barry, jr., Melvin Helton, Roy Harold Johnston, Grandmother Jones, Mrs. E. Seedig, Mrs. F. Hefley, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Price, O. C. Evans, Lee Barry and the hostesses.

**WANT ADS**

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford bulls; yearlings and past yearlings. S. T. Morgan, Wheeler. 44tc

FOR SALE—Pretty good second-hand "New Perfection" oil stove. Wheeler Gas Co. 51tc

FOR SALE—Heavy team, mare and horse, smooth mouth; weight 1,500 pounds; set chain harness; 80 R. I. Red March pullets, also 7 roosters, \$1.00 each. We are moving to Mobeetie. F. H. Ing. 212p

FOR SALE—Barred Rock roosters; "All-Star" Linstorm strain. C. C. Hallman. 21tp

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove, table top; good as new. T. J. Cole, jr. 21tp

FOR SALE—Fruit trees, shade trees, shrubs and evergreens. Will Warren, Wheeler. 42tc

**WANTED**

WANTED—To buy scrap iron. Will pay \$6.00 per ton. Bob Rodgers Blacksmith Shop, Wheeler. 52tc

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—3-room house with bath, \$15.00 per month; east part of town. J. D. Johnson, Wheeler. 49tc

**MISCELLANEOUS**

COAL—Let Crump-Mundy supply your coal needs. Crump-Mundy Service Station, Wheeler. 22tc

SALES and SERVICE—DeLaval cream separators. Terms as low as \$2.00 per month. Nash Appliance & Supply Co., Wheeler. 39tc

PUBLIC enemy No. 1—ALCOHOL 3150p



To each and every one of our many customers and friends we extend the season's greetings. This message is sent to you in appreciation of your very friendly patronage and with the sincere hope that the coming New Year shall be filled to overflowing with health, happiness and prosperity.

**W. E. Pennington & Son**

"Oldest Store in Town"



**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

This is a time-worn yet sincere expression, for which there is no better substitute, to express our appreciation to you—our customers. We feel that during this season of goodwill it is appropriate for us to tell you how grateful we are for the patronage and friendliness each of you have given us during the past year.

**McDowell Drug Co.**

We Fill Any Doctor's Prescription  
ANSEL McDOWELL, Manager-Pharmacist  
John Gilliam Miss Fern Smith W. E. Pennington

Mrs. H. Flanagan and daughter, Miss Delphia, went to Mobeetie Wednesday to spend Christmas with their son and brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Flanagan, and daughter, Miss LaRue.

Miss Maxie Lee Wilson of Abilene came home for Christmas and remained until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, and other relatives.

**The Season's Greetings!**

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we wish to also add our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our modest degree of success during the past year.

**J. C. Wooldridge COMPANY**  
MARLOW DILL, Manager  
Phone 108 Wheeler

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND Happy NEW YEAR**

**Thank You, Friends!**

The management of the City Drug Store is truly appreciative of the splendid way in which the people of Wheeler and community have favored us during the past year. We hope our service has been satisfactory in every respect and that you will continue the fine patronage of the past throughout 1942.

DURING THE NEW YEAR our motto will be, as always, SERVICE; and we expect to try harder than ever to bring you bigger and better lines of quality merchandise. To serve you will be our constant aim.

We'll be seeing you in 1942!

**CITY DRUG STORE**

LONNIE LEE, Manager—ALBERT HAYTER, Pharmacist  
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