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SEVERAL FOOD ITEMS RETURNED TO RATION LIST

Virtually all point-free meats and canned vegetables will be back on the ration list by the start of the new year with some new point values effective Tuesday of this week and more to be effective Dec. 31. The new decision announced by OPA includes practically all cuts of beef, veal, lamb and pork as well as 11 major canned vegetables. The affected foods have been ration-free since last May.

The move also raised butter from 20 to 24 points a pound and cancelled all sugar stamps (including outstanding home canning coupons) except 34, effective last Monday at midnight.

Housewives were asked by the OPA to destroy all food ration stamps that became invalid Tuesday.

The request was made in order to prevent voided stamps from being used in food purchases either through accident or design, in violation of OPA rules.

OPA assured housewives that red ration tokens will continue good for meats, fats, cheese and butter. Grocers will continue to give them as change for red 10-point stamps. The use of blue ration tokens now is banned, having been discontinued in October when OPA began listing processed food point values in multiples of ten.

To clear up another point not brought out in earlier announcements, OPA said that changed point values for canned fruits do not go into effect until 12:01 A. M. next Sunday, although the new values for processed vegetables became effective Tuesday.

The ration stamps invalidated as of 12:01 Tuesday and which OPA asks that you destroy are: red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5; blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5; sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, along with all home canning coupons outstanding.

Stamps continuing to be good and those soon to be made good are: red stamps Z5, R5 and S5 which became valid Dec. 3. Red stamps T5, U5, V5, W5 and Z5 will become good on Sunday, Dec. 31. Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2. In addition, blue stamps C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2 will become good on Jan. 1. Sugar stamp No. 34; another sugar stamp will become good on Feb. 1.

The five red stamps, each worth 10 points, will give consumers 20 more meat points during January than they have had in previous months, but Bowles said the OPA had hoped to make it six red stamps. This was decided against, however, because of smaller supplies generally, and because lard, shortening, cooking and salad oils, some veal, lamb and pork are still point-free.

A new sugar stamp will become valid February 1, and will be good for five pounds, but it will be for a three-month allotment instead of two and a half months.

The OPA also announced that gasoline ration coupons B-4, C-4 and fourth quarter T coupons will expire at midnight Dec. 31.

COTTON GINNING REPORT SHOWS LESS COTTON GINNED

According to the Bureau of Census, 7,831 bales of cotton were ginned in Wheeler County from the crop of 1944 prior to Dec. 13, as compared with 10,152 bales for the crop of 1943 ginned by the same date last year.

Holidays and Special Events of New Year

The year 1945 is not a leap year, so February will again have the usual 28 days. The holidays and special events for the new year will be as follows:

- Lincoln's birthday, February 12; Washington's birthday, February 22; St. Patrick's day, March 17; Easter, April 1; Mother's day, May 13; Memorial day, May 30; Father's day, June 17; Independence day, July 4; Labor day, September 3; Columbus day, October 12; Armistice day, November 11; Thanksgiving day, November 23; Christmas day, December 25.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Commissioned

Aubrey L. Leonard, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Leonard of Mobeetie has been commissioned as second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps. He was commissioned at Camp Berkeley on Dec. 22 after completion of 16 weeks schooling in O. C. S. He entered the service in May 1943 and is a graduate of the Mobeetie high school.

Lt. Leonard spent the Christmas holidays with his parents and other relatives in Mobeetie.

Promoted in Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy — Private First Class William T. McClain, son of Mrs. Hannah McClain, who lives in Wheeler, has been promoted to corporal. He is a half-track driver with a tank unit of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Wounded Slightly

Sgt. Samuel D. Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Grayson of Allison, was wounded slightly Dec. 10 in action on the Western front in Germany, according to a message received by the parents last Saturday. Sgt. Grayson is in the Infantry and has been overseas since last July. He has been in the army for two years.

Killed in Action

Mrs. Clarence Lee and Mrs. J. P. Green received word Tuesday that their nephew, Lavoe Holt, son of Mrs. Sam Holt of Springfield, Colorado and grandson of the late E. E. Holt, was killed in action in France. Young Holt had been reported missing since Nov. 9. He is a cousin of D. E. Holt of Wheeler.

Observe Anniversary

Somewhere in the Pacific
Dear Editor:
As one of the home town men now serving with the Seabees overseas, I hope you will be interested in printing the little news item below which was prepared by one of our fellows in commemoration of our birthday, December 28. It will give us and our families back home a great deal of satisfaction to know that the Seabees are being remembered. Thanking you for your cooperation, I am
Sincerely,
William G. Lane
Mobeetie, Texas

The third anniversary of the "workingest, fightingest bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 28 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction battalions.

Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

Every commissioned Construction Battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy-six per cent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee chief Vice-Admiral Ben Moreell, "The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them!"

KINGFISH IS MISSING

This Christmas was not a happy day for Jimmy Bronson Green because Kingfish, his eleven year old dog, was not present to share the usual joys of the day. Kingfish has not been seen by the family since Sunday morning. If you have seen or heard of the dog, please notify Jimmy.

My New Year

I am starting a new year. This period on which I am entering is a new era, different and more filled with possibilities than any similar period.

This is my year. I claim and accept both the opportunities and the responsibilities that it holds for me.

I enter upon this new year with an added capacity to avail myself of the privileges that it proffers.

Any errors that I have made in the past have no part in this new year, for the Spirit of God is an accurate guide for the work that the year may hold.

All the blessings of the last year I carry forward into the new, that they may add their richness to the store of good that awaits me.

All my past experience is now crystallized into new vision—clear and farseeing.

The joy of achievement in the new year beckons to me, and with courage and assurance I step forth into its activities.

With the new year I enter into a new covenant with my senior partner, God, and under His direction my success is assured.

I thank God for this new year.
—Contributed

Farmers' 1944 Income Tax Return Due Jan. 15

Texas farmers are required to file with the collector of internal revenue on or before next January 15, a declaration or estimate of their income tax for 1944. Then a final return for the calendar year 1944 is due on or before March 15, 1945. The Victory tax as such is eliminated this year, but the normal and the surtax remain.

However, farmers may if they desire, make the final return by January 15 in place of the declaration. Tyrus R. Timm, economist in farm management for the A. and M. College Extension Service, says that this is the thing to do when possible. Most farmers will know enough about 1944 transactions to make their return by January 15, he believes.

A farmer must pay all of his tax due not later than January 15 regardless of whether his return is a declaration or the final one. Of course, if he made an earlier declaration and this is a corrected one previous payments are subtracted from the total tax bill and he merely pays what remains.

Three points should be remembered in making an income tax return as a farmer, namely, who is a farmer under the new tax bill; who makes a return; and personal exemptions. Uncle Sam who is particular, defines a farmer as one who obtains at least two thirds of his income from farming or ranching. Farm operators who have worked part time in war plants, on highways or at other jobs off the farm should find out whether they belong within the "farmer" class before filing a return.

Married or single farmers who made adjusted gross incomes of \$500 or more must file. The "adjusted gross income" is the total income for the year less business expenses. The adjusted gross income for a farmer who had no outside income would be the same as his net farm profit calculated on form 1040-F.

Personal exemptions are somewhat different from those of last year. Under the normal tax the taxpayer and his wife are allowed exemption of \$500 each, but none for dependents. For the surtax, however, the personal exemption is \$500 each for the taxpayer, his wife and dependents.

BINGHAM-BOWERS CASE RESULTS IN HUNG JURY

In the district court here last week the case of Jack Bingham vs. Aubra Bowers, which was turned over to the jury Thursday, resulted in a hung jury.

The case is a suit for damages, allegedly resulting from an injury, said to have been received by Bingham in a rodeo at Allison in September, 1940.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tillman were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tillman and family of Lefors, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Broome and daughter of Borger, Pvt. Lee Holdsambeck and Pvt. Jim Denendorf of Camp Berkeley and Louise Tillman of Abilene.

J. A. Callan, Wheeler Pioneer, Passes Away

John A. Callan, resident of the Wheeler community since 1907, passed away at the family home here at 9:20 Saturday night following a paralytic stroke, the fourth he had suffered in the past two years. He was seventy-one years of age. Mr. Callan engaged in farming until about two years ago when ill health forced him to give up his work and he and Mrs.



MR. AND MRS. J. A. CALLAN

Callan moved to town. Only 16 months ago, Aug. 8, 1943, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with all of their eleven children present. They were married in Bosque county in 1893.

The wife, eleven children, eighteen grand children and two great-grand children survive. The five sons are Herbert of Shamrock; Martin, Clayton, Elvold and Wilton of Wheeler. Daughters are Mrs. C. H. Smith, Portales, N. M.; Mrs. J. P. Goodwin, Meridian, Okla.; Mrs. W. C. Riley, Elkart, Kans.; Mrs. A. N. Cox, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Russell Barker, Shamrock and Mrs. J. M. Liles, Twitty.

Three brothers, R. C. Callan, Junction, Texas; Emmett Callan, Valley Mills, Texas and Floyd Callan, Dallas; three sisters, Mrs. Wyatt Sharp Caralton, Texas; Mrs. Charles Dyer, Caralton and Mrs. Joe Fellman, Junction, also survive. Six of the grand sons are in the armed forces.

Mr. Callan had been a member of the Methodist church since early in life. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge about 40 years.

Funeral services were held from the local Methodist church at 2:00 p. m. Christmas day with the Rev. Hugh Hunt, local Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Wheeler cemetery with the Hunt Funeral Home in charge.

Palbearers included Matthew Cantrell, Shelby Pettit, Fred Farmer, Ernest Lee, Narville Arganbright and George Porter. Flower bearers were Mesdames Shelby Pettit, Matthew Cantrell, Ford Newkirk and Ray Erington.

Mechanics And Electric Welding Courses Begin Here January Second

The mechanics and welding courses conducted by Otis Reid and Joe Tilley last fall will be re-opened Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, at the high school agriculture shop, Jack Spence Agriculture instructor and local supervisor, stated this week.

These courses are free to anyone wishing to get cars and tractors repaired or for those having any other type farm machinery needing repair.

The courses are financed by the government and sponsored so men and women may get training in welding and that farmers and others needing equipment repaired may have it done.

Mrs. Bertha Lewis of Eloy, Arizona is spending the holidays in Wheeler.

Evonne Hubbard, Carl Davis, Mary Alice Waters and Lloyd Johnson motored to Shamrock Monday night and attended the picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tarter and Jack spent the holidays in Wellington.

Farmers Elected As Committeemen To Serve Under '45 AAA Program

The following farmers were elected to serve as county and community committeemen during the recent elections held in local communities throughout the county and each committeeman will assume his duties immediately after the first of January that meets the qualifications of a committeeman. All farmers that qualify shall be those who have earned a payment under the 1944 AAA program, and one that meets all other qualifications of any elected officer.

If any farmer fails to meet these qualifications he is automatically disqualified any alternate elected will assume his duties. Any community committeeman elected as county committeeman will serve as county committeeman and alternate committeeman will fill vacancy, V. B. Hardcastle, administrative officer, said today.

County Committee

Elected were: Gilbert E. Shaffer, chairman; Cecil O. Martin, vice chairman; Tom E. Laman, member.

Community Committeemen

Allison: Bob Taylor, chairman; Tobe G. Frye, vice chairman; Robert P. Grayson, regular member. Briscoe: Thomas A. Treadwell, chairman; Spencer B. Davis, vice chairman; Ernest T. Zybach, regular member. Mobeetie: Hill M. Trimble, chairman; Tom E. Laman, vice chairman; Alfred M. Hill, regular member. Union: Jesse R. Patterson, chairman; James H. Gordon, vice chairman; Aubrey B. Lancaster, regular member.

Wheeler: Cecil O. Martin, chairman; George W. Lamb, vice chairman; Claud R. Cox, regular member. Kelton: Charlie M. Lang, chairman; Clifford A. Mason, vice chairman; John D. Baird, regular member. Center: Merrion C. Watson, chairman; Gilbert E. Shaffer, vice chairman; Leonard Mills, regular member. Twitty: James E. Baker, chairman; Frank T. O'Gorman, vice chairman; Troy F. Welty, regular member.

Magic City: Albert N. Williams, chairman; Paul E. Bentley, vice chairman; Michael Mertel, regular member. Heald: John R. Terry, chairman; Robert L. Griffin, vice chairman; Cecil F. Seago, regular member. Shamrock: John W. Glasscock, chairman; Archie P. Bumpers, vice chairman; Herbert V. Vermillion, regular member. Bethel: Errett S. Harvey, chairman; William R. Wood, vice chairman and Roy Oswald, regular member.

Shamrock Cage Meet Will Be Jan. 12-13

Dates for the Shamrock High School Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament have been set as Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13, Coach Bob Clark announced this week.

Teams from 16 towns have already sent in their entry cards, Clark said, and invitations have been sent to several others which are expected to be on hand for the big event.

Towns entered to date are: McLean, boys and girls; Groom, boys and girls; Childress, boys; Kelton, boys and girls; Miami, boys; Wellington, boys and girls; Briscoe, boys and girls; Canadian, boys and girls; Shamrock, boys and girls; Wheeler, boys and girls; Samnorwood, boys and girls; Lefors, boys; Vega, boys; White Deer, boys; Mobeetie, boys and girls; Memphis, boys.

Play will begin Friday morning at 9 o'clock and three sessions will be held morning, afternoon and night, during each of the two days.

Trophies will be awarded first, second and third place winners in the boys and girls divisions and silver basketballs will be presented individual players picked on the all-star teams.

Teams outside 40-mile radius of Shamrock will be furnished rooms Friday night, but due to the many players participating in the tourney, those living within 40 miles of the city cannot be accommodated with sleeping quarters.

Officials for the tournament will be Pete Holt and Bill Lynch, both of the Childress Army Air Field, and Orville Keys, Shamrock.

All entries must be in not later than Friday, Jan. 5, Coach Clark said.

HOLIDAY HIGHWAY FATALITIES TOTAL FIVE IN COUNTY

Five traffic fatalities have occurred in Wheeler county since Saturday night when three soldiers and one civilian were killed in a head-on collision 10 miles east of Shamrock on state highway 66 about 11:30 o'clock. Six soldiers were in a car going east and three civilians were in the other car proceeding west, according to a state highway patrolman who investigated the accident. Condition of two soldiers and two civilians, critically injured in the traffic mishap was reported slightly improved late yesterday.

Cpl. Jack Forrester of Tulsa, Okla., remained in St. Mary's Hospital in Shamrock but Pvt. J. R. Willis of Pauls Valley was removed to the base hospital at Amarillo Field, where all the soldiers were stationed.

George Meathenia, Jr., and Tex Crabtree of the Shamrock area remained in the hospital at Shamrock.

Killed in the crash were Pvt. William F. Stevenson of Maplewood, Mo., Pvt. Clarence Haines of San Jacinto, Cal., Pvt. L. T. Carter of Stratford, Okla., and Lee Russell of Shamrock.

CHARLIE HAMPTON KILLED

More tragic to those of the Wheeler community was the death of Charlie O. Hampton who died at the local hospital at 8:30 Monday night as the result of being struck by an automobile while on his way home after eating Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hampton of Wheeler. Mr. Hampton resided just north of Shamrock.

The accident occurred about 4:30 p. m. some six miles south of town when Hampton stopped his car on the edge of the highway and got out, started across the road to get water for the radiator and was struck by a south bound car, strangely enough, driven by another Mr. Hampton, Rev. Clifford Hampton of Ft. Worth. The Clifford Hamptons were returning home after visiting his sister, Mrs. George Porter, and family.

In trying to avoid hitting Hampton, the car that struck him was turned completely over, but fortunately, its five occupants were almost unharmed. Witnesses said the driver did everything within his power to avoid hitting the man.

Mrs. Hampton, three grandchildren, and their daughter, Vera, were in the car.

Hampton, for whom funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, is survived by the widow and ten children, his parents, two brothers and two sisters, Chester Hampton and Mrs. Vera Galmor of Wheeler, Dewey of Allison and Mrs. Maggie Rathfon of Chelsea, Okla. The children include eight sons and two daughters and are Guss, Cedervale, N. M.; Grover who is in service overseas; Gilbert, Pampa; Wade, Borger;

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Bond Quota Surpassed By Ten Thousand Dollars

County War Finance Chairman Robert Holt stated this morning that the county's quota of \$335,000 in the Sixth War Loan had been exceeded by some \$10,000. Approximately \$165,000 has been invested in E Series bonds compared with a quota of \$155,000 for this type.

Hospital News

Mrs. Henry Meadows of Allison entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 23.

Mrs. Murel Trout of Mobeetie entered the hospital for treatment December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Reeves of Shamrock are the parents of a son born Dec. 24.

A. H. Asbery of Borger entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 24.

Jodie Gabriel entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 25.

Frances Porter of Santa Rosa, New Mexico underwent a tonsillectomy Dec. 26.

Vondell Hodge of Laketon entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 26.

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Says**

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning,
The form of the new year arise;
He stood like a statue adorning
The world with a background of
skies;
There was courage and grace in his
beautiful face,
And hope in his glorious eyes.

"I come from Time's boundless for-
ever."

He said, with a voice like a song:
"I come as a friend to endeavor,
I come as a foe to all wrong,
To the sad and afraid I bring prom-
ise of aid,
And the weak I shall gird and
make strong.

"I bring you more blessings than
terrors,
I bring you more sunlight than
gloom,
I tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's
tomb;
I reach you clean hands and lead on
to the lands,
Where the lilies of peace are in
bloom."

Being Sensible

We admit we were worried about
the young men of tender draft age not
entering college this fall, but instead,
marking time before military service
by working. The civilian student fig-
ures he might have a semester in col-
lege and then breaks up the course
by donning his uniform. The war job
also offers an attractive salary. But
even so, any time spent in college is
that much nearer a goal when peace
comes and the student returns to the
campus. An educator suggests that
college gives a boy something to
think about as he sits in an army
camp or on a ship and recalls those
days back home, something to plan
towards. It is encouraging that many
16 and 17-year old high school stu-
dents heeded such advice, have decid-
ed to get what education is possible,
however short it may be until they are
called to serve their country.

Pacific Gains

As we read of each advance in our
hold on Japanese islands in the Paci-
fic, we more fully realize how man
overcomes distance, due to our pro-
gress by air. That which was weak-
ness shortly after Pearl Harbor has
become great strength today. What
seemed formidable and unequal then,
in the way of equipment and men,
has been overcome. Look today at
those atolls where fresh troops and
veterans of early fighting are forcing
the Japs to defeat. Our progress is
bringing us closer our goal, we are
knocking on the front door of Japan.
The price has been paid in blood
since our advance first started 16
months ago. As we press on, as we
outfight the enemy, we grow encour-
aged, but Wheeler county will not be
over-confident and not let up in buy-
ing War Bonds — and holding them,
until the courage and fortitude of
these Pacific warriors of ours bring
us final victory.

Folks I'll tell you: My Grandpa
thought a lot of Grandma. He said
she was a woman that did not need
to eat onions to give her strength.
She was one of them religious church
women that believes in keeping the
preacher fat to please the Lord; and
thinks it a sin to lie to anybody ex-
cepting her husband.

Grandpa said he figured church
people was all alike til he found out
different. He said the poor church
people give suppers to feed the rich
church people and the rich church
people pay the preacher to pray for
the poor church people. My little
poem today will be:

Joy
Most things have ways of showing
joy
There's signs that never fail,
The horse nickers for his feed
And happy doggies wag their tail.

Little flowers bloom out for joy
When they have had sunshine and
rain,
And little children smile with hap-
piness
Even when sick, and racked with
pain.

But man alone controls his smile
I never knew just why,
Don't trust him, little sister
Unless the smile comes from his
eye.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Verna Hielt of Cheyenne,
Okla., spent Saturday in the O. D.
Arganbright home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dison and sons
visited their parents in Amarillo and
Hale Center Sunday and Monday.
Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs.
M. O. McKay over the holidays were
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Asbery and
daughters of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs.
G. A. Asbery Jr. and daughter of
Lela, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Asbery and
daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Alton H.
Asbery and children of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Denson and
children spent Monday in Amarillo.
Mrs. Parilee Harris and Fredrick
of Canadian spent the Christmas
holidays with her mother, Mrs. Linda
Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Simmons of Tu-
cumcari, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs.
Jack Simmons of Melrose, N. M. ar-
rived Monday for a visit with Mr.
and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Pfc. Max Wiley spent the week
end here with his wife and his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley.

Miss Lottie McIlhany of Shamrock
and T.Sgt. Grainger McIlhany were
visitors in the M. McIlhany home
during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waters and
children spent Monday with Mrs.
Milt Hathaway in Mobeetie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swarouth and
sons of Longview visited Mrs. Mattie
Womack and family last week end.
Mrs. Ernest Dyer visited Mrs. Neva
Sampson in Mobeetie Sunday after-
noon.

Mrs. Jessie Phillips of Pampa ar-
rived Monday for a short visit with
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter.
Mildred Watts of Dumas spent the
week end with Reba Wofford.

Mrs. Buford Conwell and sons are
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
S. G. Holley, in Littlefield.

Mrs. Al Watson and Jewel Polk of
Pampa were week end guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Ed Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hampton
and children of Ft. Worth were week
end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George
Porter and children.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holt, Robert
and Margaret Ann, visited Mr. and
Mrs. E. S. Carr in Pampa Monday.

Milton Webb and children of Ama-
rillo, Mr. and Mrs. Lee George and
daughter of Allison, Mr. and Mrs.
Roy Wileman of Altus and Mrs. Reba
Lowry of Ft. Worth spent Christ-
mas with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wile-
man.

Week end visitors in the D. E.
Holt home were Mr. and Mrs. Clar-
ence Holt and children of Stinnett,
Mr. and Mrs. Damaris Holt and chil-
dren of Pampa.

Mrs. J. C. Bowerman and children
spent the week end with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Anderson,
of Kelton.

Carrol Pettit of Arlington is visit-
ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby
Pettit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mann and chil-
dren, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherly
and children and Mr. and Mrs. Wel-
don Weatherly and children were
guests of the Joe Tilley's Monday.

Mrs. Alwyn Savage and children
spent Sunday night and Monday with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dy-
sart in Mobeetie.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wofford and
son of Lubbock, Mrs. C. N. Wofford
and Reba were dinner guests in the
Ben Wofford home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Green spent the
week end in Little field with Mrs.
Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G.
Holley.

First to See Year

The little British colony on Han-
son Island, in the Chathams, 414
miles southeast of Wellington, New
Zealand, will be the first to greet
1945. It is just east of the inter-
national date line, from which all
time is reckoned.



**'For hope shall brighten the days to come
And memory gild the past'**

Free men can hope and plan
and achieve—and we Ameri-
cans are free!

As the old year wanes, hope
springs up afresh, and the de-
termination to do better in
1945 than ever before rises
buoyantly. That your fondest
hopes may be fulfilled during
the coming year is the earnest
wish of

CITY BAKERY

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williamson

Happy New Year



This charming young daughter of
a marine corporal is all set to wel-
come the advent of 1945. Judging
from her attentive look, she is wait-
ing only for the 12 o'clock whistles
heralding the arrival of the new
year.



WHAT'S ahead?
That is the un-
spoken question in
the mind of every
thoughtful person.
We hope for a
much brighter
future... look for-
ward to it eagerly.
The handwriting is
in the sky.

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over, Spirit of Youth! All aboard
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business or other non-
dwelling property! Are
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WHEELER EIGHTH GRADE HAS XMAS PARTY

The eighth grade class of Wheeler school met at the home of Patsy Hunt Thursday night for a Christmas party. Those enjoying the evening were: Patsy Noah, Patsy Williams, Georgia Gay Porter, Peggy Rodgers, Patsy Hunt, Melba May, Yreva Carter, Wanda Sue Weeks, Wilma Lee Weeks, Jane Weeks, Eugene Hubbard, Violet Gaines, Bill Robertson, Nathan Barr, Anetta Weatherly, Margaret Ann Holt, Billie V. Brown, Harold Hardcastle, Horace Lee Regan, Nellie Threet, Lawrence Tipton, Richards, Dwayne Jackson, Richard Lee Gaines, Wanda Shirey, Doris Marie Regan and Cortland Savage.

G. A.'s MEET WITH EDNA FARMER

The Girls Auxillary of the Baptist Church met in the home of Edna Helen Farmer Tuesday night of last week for a Christmas program and social. Patsy Wiley read the Birth of Christ from the Bible and Dolly Douglas read a Christmas poem. A gift exchange was enjoyed by Betty May, June Johnson, Margie Esslinger, Coene Carter, Patsy Wiley, Betty Hix, Hazel Fay Lee, Dolly Douglas, Josephine Noah, and the hostess, Edna Helen Farmer.

M. Y. M. ENJOY SOCIAL FRIDAY

The Methodist Youth Missionary enjoyed a gift exchange and social at the home of Betty Hix last Friday evening. Those attending were Dolores Ahler, Edna Helen Farmer, Patsy Wiley, Melba and Helen Little, Josephine Noah, the hostess, Betty Hix and Mrs. W. F. Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beene and children of Andrews, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott and children of Amarillo and Lt. and Mrs. E. C. Pennick and children were holiday visitors in the D. O. Beene home. Mrs. Pennick and children remained for a longer visit.

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—starring—
VAN JOHNSON
JIMMY DURANTE
Wed. — Jan. 3-4 — Thurs.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Pettit Christmas day were Mrs. C. B. Nash, Harold Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Pettit and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smotherman and Miss Gladys Pettit of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Charnal Miller and children of McLean visited relatives here last week end.

Mrs. Ted Clay returned to Phillips Monday.

Henry J. McDonald of Shamrock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Green Saturday night and Sunday.

Frank Mitcham of Pampa and his son were Wheeler visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Nelson Porter and daughter, Frances, of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie and son, Marion, visited from Sunday until Tuesday with Mrs. Guthrie's mother in Plainview.

Dan Weeks of Amarillo visited in Wheeler Friday.

Naomi Merritt of Siloam Springs, Arkansas is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dennis of Canyon were week end visitors in the Jesse Dyer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt and son of Grenville, New Mexico are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Hershel Gill and Mrs. H. O. Strout of Miami were Wheeler callers Friday.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brittain were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brittain; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cooper of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brittain of Kelton.

Word has been received here that Pvt. Herman A. Floyd, son of Mrs. Myrtle Henson, formerly of Wheeler, has been wounded in action while serving with the armed forces in Europe.

Mrs. P. H. Scott of Shamrock spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Barton, and family.

Sgt. Edward Silk of Pampa visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Walker and the Stiles ranch from Wednesday until Monday. Other week end guests included S/Sgt. Hugh Best, Sgt. Elic Forsberg, Pvt. Robert Evald and Pvt. Wesley Gilguy.

Holiday guests in the Floyd Pennington home were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johnson and Elsie Jo of Ft. Worth, Lt. J. D. Johnson of Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Okla. and Mrs. Mollie Grainger, who has been visiting in Ft. Worth and will return to her home in Mobeetie.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stevens and son returned to Pomona, California Tuesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marl Jaco. Mrs. Emit Rider and children accompanied

them and will make their home with Mrs. Stevens and son as Mr. Stevens will enter the armed forces soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Green and son of Phillips are visiting in the J. P. Green home this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cantrell, Rose Ann and Linda Ruth of Shamrock were week end guests.

Mrs. Harold Nash and Garth spent the holidays with her mother in Oklahoma.

Holiday guests in the Lem Guthrie and Lee Guthrie homes were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Edmondson of Tipton, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson and Jovena of Eden, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dirrickson of Matador, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Guthrie and Gale of Erick, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lemmie Day of Lubbock and James Lee Day of Alva, Oklahoma.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Guy Robison arrived Thursday of last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robison.

Pauline Miller of Edmond, Oklahoma is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Breeding and children of Andrews county were week end guests in the D. A. Hunt home.

Dinner guests in the R. B. Leonard home Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patterson, Maxine and Evelyn; Mrs. W. A. Leonard and Billie; Mrs. Bob Gray of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson, Marcella and Madge; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Newman and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leonard; Anell Alexander of Mobeetie and Lt. Aubrey L. Leonard of Camp Barkeley.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lesser Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willard, Mrs. Leo Hubble, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parks of Gladewater, Walter Parks of Reed,

Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roper and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Errington and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lesser of Shamrock, Mrs. Ruby Green, Mrs. J. B. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Craig and Lewis spent the Christmas holidays with their son and brother, Cadet F. B. Craig, who is stationed at Pecos, Texas.

Mrs. Artie Lee Hunt and Maurine Hunt of Lubbock visited friends and relatives here from Friday until Monday.

Amy Sue Beckett is visiting her parents at Sherman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Little, Melba and Helen visited relatives in Cheyenne, Oklahoma during the week end.

Times Want Ads get Results!



ALL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!



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MEMBERS INVITED

We are now accepting members in the Wheeler County Health Service and we hope to be able to accept all families in this area who want the protection offered through the association regardless of whether you are living in town or on a farm since the only requirement is that your principal income be either directly or indirectly from agriculture. The new year's operation began Dec. 1, and to get the benefits offered for the entire year you should make out an application and pay your contribution at your earliest convenience. You may do so by coming to the office in Wheeler. We'll be glad to help you.

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L. R. BARRY, Manager



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Another year is knocking at the door. Let us give it a royal welcome.

We look forward to 1945 with the firm belief in better things to come. And we want to express our deep appreciation to each of you for having contributed in such an important way to our continued success in this community.



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When all is said and done the eternal quest of human beings is for happiness. Our wish for you in 1945 is for more happiness—more than you have ever known before, whether that happiness be in gainful occupation or the attainment of some long desired goal.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS
(By Times Correspondent)

Pvt. Vincent Smith of Fort Sill spent the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Green of Pampa spent the week end in the George Arrington home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baily of Amarillo spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Walker spent Monday in the Jim Henderson home.

Mrs. Mahan and Sgt. Cliff Mahan of Wichita visited in the Pierce Walker home from Tuesday to Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ford spent Christmas day in the Mrs. I. E. Howard home.

Dean Collins and John Hodges were in Wheeler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway spent Christmas day in the Mill Hathaway home.

Pvt. and Mrs. J. W. Seitz and son, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lancaster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Seitz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meadows and daughter visited in the Jeff Seitz home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baird were honored with a farewell shower in their home Tuesday evening of last week. The evening was spent playing forty-two and visiting. Cookies and sandwiches were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Trimble and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totty and son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Grimes and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Pierce Walker, Mrs. Eula Trimble, Mrs. Mahan, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Burke and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clebe Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baird and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burrese have moved to the Baird place.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway were in Wheeler Friday.

Pvt. and Mrs. J. W. Seitz and son returned to Camp Hood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roberts of Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roberts and son of McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Seitz spent Sunday in the W. H. Roberts home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ford were in Pampa Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate of Dumas spent Christmas in the A. C. Rhody home.

Miss Angela Duncan, Miss Juanita Walker and Stacy Arnold visited in the R. C. Carter home Monday evening.

Mrs. Alfred Hill and sons spent Christmas with her mother and father at Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson visited in the Doc Trimble home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Murrell and family of Clovis, N. M., visited relatives here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of Wheeler, Pvt. and Mrs. Vincent Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Thomas and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas and baby spent Christmas in the W. B. Thomas home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roberts, Briscoe, and Mrs. Eula Trimble visited in the Ernest Moore home Sunday evening.

Pvt. Carlton Murrell returned to Clovis with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Murrell for a few days visit.



Pvt. Charles Ray Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Riley, and James Montpass of Camp Fannin who played when the 13th Regiment football team from IRTC at Camp Fannin clinched an unbeaten, untied season Nov. 25 at Tyler high school stadium before a crowd of 500 persons by clinching the army league championship with a 30 to 0 victory over the 12th Regiment.

Pvt. Riley, who was a three year letterman on the Mustang team, scored a touchdown in this game. He is substitute for right half back.

Young Riley spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents and other relatives.

Gray-Wheeler Doctors Name New Officers For Medical Society

Gray-Wheeler County Medical Society held their regular monthly meeting in Pampa, Thursday night at 7:45. A dinner was served at the Court House Cafe, those in attendance were Drs. W. Purviance, R. M. Brown, C. E. High, P. C. Christian, C. H. Ashby and R. L. Wilder of Pampa, G. R. Walker, H. E. Nicholson of Wheeler and Dr. E. A. Rowley of Amarillo.

The scientific program and business session were held in an office of the city hall.

Dr. Rowley, who is councilor for the Panhandle district, talked on the pending legislation in relation to state medicine, pre-marriage examinations, pre-natal examinations, the Standard Health Unit bill and the Basic Science Law.

The following were elected to office for the year 1945: Dr. C. E. High, president; Drs. W. Purviance and Joel Ziegler, vice presidents; Dr. H. L. Wilder, secretary-treasurer, Dr. H. E. Nicholson, delegate to the State Association; Dr. R. E. Brown, alternate delegate to the state association.

The next meeting will be held in Pampa January 16, 1945.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our husband and father. We are grateful for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. J. A. Callan and Children



A Thought for New Year's

The year that is behind us is dead; we can do no more with it.

But the year ahead is a virgin page; we can inscribe it as we will.

So, all together now. Let's all do all we can to help make 1945 a much happier year for everybody.

HOMER MOSS

COUNTY ATTORNEY



THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

This is the sincere New Year wish of



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Wishing you a Happy New Year

In so many joyful ways, One that fills your heart with gladness

Through a year of happy days.

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County Judge

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	23¢		21¢		23¢
48 Ounce Box	MOTHER'S OATS WITH PREMIUMS	48 Ounce Box	QUICK I. G. A. OATS		22¢
	33¢				
15 Ounce Box	BRAN FLAKES GOLD TOST	TWO 11 ounce Boxes	CORN FLAKES GOLD TOST	5 1/2 Ounce Box	RICE PIXIES GOLD TOST
	11¢		15¢		10¢
Quart Bottle	LAUNDRY BLEACH SNO-WHITE	Quart Can	FLOR-BRITE		LIQUID WAX
	10¢				49¢
TWO Cans	IGA LYE	22 Ounce Can	SANI FLUSH	THREE Cans	IGA CLEANSER Lemon Odor
	15¢		19¢		13¢
10 Ounce Package	RAISIN BRAN SKINNER'S				
	10¢				
12 oz. package	GRAPE NUTS				
	13¢				
No. 2 Can	PEAS IGA FANCY				
	17¢				
No. 2 Can	CORN IGA, Whole Grain				
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	15¢				

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SOY BEAN PELLETS

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Items of interest pertaining to the Wheeler Schools

(Intended for last week)

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 Sophomore Reporter.....Noi Lou Bolin
 Freshman Reporter.....Betty May

Cupid's Word in Wheeler High

By Ada Dell Goad
 Beware! Beware every one, because Cupid is working fast around Wheeler high. You all know just how fast "Superman" is don't you? Well, Cupid is twice as fast. He has arrows flying around every minute of the day, and he has all the boys combing their hair and all the girls putting on lipstick every few minutes. If you don't believe it, just watch Charles when a certain girl walks in, and look at that new wave in Leon's hair. Every morning when I start to school and Mom tells me good-bye, she always says, "Now watch that Cupid, and study your lessons good," but you know me. I never pay any attention to that Cupid guy. Looks like Cupid has really worked up a case between Lloyd and Mary Alice, don't you think? Jo Rean seems to be rather lonesome lately. Maybe Henry has been "two-timing." Just the other day Willie was sitting in the study hall. She had a far-away look in her eye. I saw a big tear roll down her cheek. It seems there is another girl around lately. Cheer up! Girl! You should be like me, never get involved with that Cupid, because I know just how quick he really is.

This and That

Quite a few "flunked" the book-keeping six weeks test. Could it be that it was hard, or was there something else wrong? Too many boy friends are coming home for Christmas, (I betcha).

Ida Mae seemed to have been happy Monday morning. Ida Mae, are you sure that package was from your cousin?

We wonder why Anna V. didn't want Mrs. Wiley to read the home-making grades out loud.

Richard why were you so interested in Charlene Monday? Could it have been that she knew something you wanted to know.

Doloris Watson visited dear ole W. H. S. Tuesday. Everyone was glad to see her. Well! Weren't they?

Traditional New Year's Gifts Were Sacred

The Druids distributed branches of the sacred mistletoe, cut with peculiar ceremonies, as New Year's gifts to the people and the Saxons observed the day with gifts and festivals.

The Roman custom of taking gifts to the emperor was introduced into England as early as the time of Henry III. Queen Elizabeth is supposed to have supplied herself with her jewels and wardrobe almost entirely from these gifts.

As late as 1692 the English nobility were accustomed every year to send to the king a purse containing gold. Under the Tudors and the Stuarts it was the habit of all classes to give presents to friends with the best wishes for the New Year.

Ladies received presents of gloves or pins which were then expensive. Sometimes the gifts were wrapped in money and from this practice we have the term "pin money."

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, I ask Thee
 For this New Year,
 An extra gift of courage
 My little trials to bear.
 I ask not for success;
 For wealth or fame or power;
 I ask for added faith
 To live life, hour by hour.
 Give me kindly thought, Lord,
 To use for charity.
 I want no gold to give,
 I'll spend kind thoughts for Thee.
 —Ruth Kichwine Smith.

We wonder why Virginia is looking forward to Thursday morning. Could it be because Carroll will be home Wednesday night?

Has everyone been thinking about all the ex-Seniors that will be home for Christmas?

Cupid has disappointed Melba so far. I wonder if she is looking forward to Lewis' homecoming?

Why all the moving in plane Geometry Tuesday? Noisy.

Edna and Johnny are still "that" way, we notice.

Peggy! Make up your mind, do you like him or not?

Freshman News

Boy! Are we glad six weeks test are over and Friday at noon school turns out for Christmas.

The freshman girls are trying to get through with their dresses in homemaking by Friday.

Sophomore News

It seems like all the sophomore homemaking girls and F. F. A. boys are looking forward to their Christmas party Thursday night.

English II literature class were proud of their four hundreds made on six weeks test. The ones that made the good grades were: Peggy Weatherly, Vendell Starkey, Ida Mae Martin and Floy Bradstreet.

Junior News

The Juniors have a theatre party planned for Wednesday night.

Senior News

The Senior class met last Monday afternoon to sign their names and choose their diplomas. We think the majority of them want a diploma in a folder similar to those the seniors got last year.

The class meeting was also to decide for a party the seniors hope to get up before school turns out for the holidays.

Basketball News

The girls or boys will not play any more games before or while we are turned out for the Christmas holidays.

DEPENDABLE IMMUNITY

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MOBEETIE HI-LIFE

Items of interest pertaining to the Mobeetie Schools

(Intended for last week)

Staff

Editor, Ray Jones; assistant editor, Leroy Patton; sports editor, George B. Dunn; reporters, Carl Carter, George B. Dunn, Harold Hanning, Juanita Alexander, Betty Jo Brewster, Clea Fae Davis, Freda Eubanks, Dorothy Goodnight, Maurita Lamont, Billie Lou Trimble, Juanita Walker.

Basketball Teams Go to Hedley

The Mobeetie basketball teams were fairly successful in the Hedley B Class tournament the past week end. Both the teams went to the semi-finals and were defeated there.

The girls played two games. The first, which was with Kelton, was taken by the Hornets by a score of 23 to 11. The girls traveling squad was Virginia Futch, Vera Mixon, Maurita Lamont, Betty Brewer, Belva Abbott, Helen Trout, Jimmie Shelton, Marion Owens, Mignon Calwell and Peggy Ware. The starting line up was Futch, Mixon and Owens at forwards; and Brewer, Lamont and Abbott at guards. The starting line up was the same for both games. The girls were defeated in the second game by a score of 21 to 26. The high point player in both games was Vera Mixon.

The boys played three games and lost only one. The boys played Lakeview and won with a score of 15 to 18. The starting line up was the same for the three games. The line up was Orvel Brewer, center; Wallace Corse and Louis Key, forwards; Leroy Patton and George B. Dunn as guards. The substitutes were Neal Herd and Vernie Mixon. In the second game, Mobeetie defeated Kelton by a score of 15 to 8. Corse was high point player in the Kelton game.

In the semi-finals, Hedley won by a score of 8 to 23. The boys held Hedley down to the score of 4 to 6 in the first half but in the last half they got away from the Hornets. The Mobeetie girls placed one girl on the all tournament team, who was Marion Owens.

The transportation was furnished by Al Ferguson, Mrs. Gatlin and Jack Davis. Mrs. Marchbanks, the girls coach, also went.

Abber and Jabber

Wonder how the Dunn and Mixon case is getting along? It seemed pretty hopeful at the Hedley tournament.

Why did Orvel want to ride back from Hedley with Mrs. Gatlin? Was it because that was the way Belva came home.

Why didn't Lindy Mason go with the Mobeetie girls? Is it because he likes the Wheeler girls better? Well that seemed to be the reason Saturday night.

Why is Quintis so happy? I guess it's because Ernestene is coming Christmas. Quintis what are Marjorie Green and Bonnie Prock and Wanda Williams going to do?

C. E. seems to be ill this week. Is it because Charlotte is moving? That's o. k. C. E. you can see her on Saturday nights.

New names acquired at the Hedley tournament—"Muscles" or "Muscle Bound" Patton. His muscles not only attracted attention, but also the lack of brain. Some Hedley people asked "Is he all there?"

Mrs. Marchbanks certainly must be the motherly type since all the children in Hedley came to her with their troubles.

English New Year

The English New Year celebration was changed from December 25 by William the Conqueror, because he was crowned on January 1.

New Year With Hindus

Among the Hindus the first day of the year is celebrated with sacrifice to the god of wisdom.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rowe and children of Pampa visited relatives in Wheeler over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mitchell were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mitchell of Shamrock.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Greenhouse were Verna Callan,

Mrs. Virgil Greenhouse of Memphis, Mrs. J. H. Ramsey of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenhouse and children of Mobeetie and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenhouse and children of Miami.

John Carter of Borger spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Ruben May and children spent the week end in Clovis with Mrs. May's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Reid.

Best Wishes for the NEW YEAR

Hope for Tomorrow

Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come.

It is our hope, too, that in the New Year we will be more than neighbors... that we will become better neighbors.

Season's greetings to one and all.

ALLEN KAVANAUGH
 County Superintendent of Schools

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We All Send New Year Greetings

All of our best wishes and all of our best efforts will be with you in the New Year as they were in the old. You can count upon us to do our utmost to deserve your continued confidence during 1945.

T. L. GUNTER
 Tax Collector-Assessor
 Wheeler County
 and
 Office Assistants

with liberty the theme...

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1945

'Let Freedom Ring'

As another New Year dawns we are thankful for the American heritage of freedom—thankful, too, for the friends who have helped us gain the manifold blessings of this freedom.

With this in mind we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

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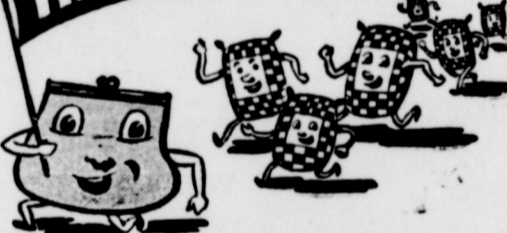
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