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\$350,000 Bonds Can't Be Kicked Back On Co. Signed—Texas State Highway Commission—Read All About It



DUST BOWL'S COME-BACK PAYS REWARD

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24.—The Dust Bowl is coming back, but years will be required for complete recovery, declares E. R. Henson, coordinator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in an article appearing in a recent special edition of the Land Policy Review.

The magazine, copies of which have been received by Director H. H. Williamson of the A. & M. College Extension Service, is a publication of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington. It contains thirteen articles devoted entirely to farm activities and questions in the plains region. These deal with emergency farm programs, reorganization of farms, migration, estimating crop production possibilities, revegetation and grassland agriculture, and several other subjects.

Henson in his article reviews some of the problems and struggles that the Plains area has gone through in the past years of drought, dust storms and crop failures, and says:

"Yes, the Dust Bowl is coming back, but the fact alone means little. It will take years for complete recovery. Nature needed centuries to clothe the soil. In a few crop seasons man destroyed that cover by plowing. And now years more are required, even with the best help of agronomy, botany, and ecology, to bring the denuded acres to their best permanent use. We cannot say that the Dust Bowl has regained its economic health until its own people can stand alone and work alone.

Among other contributors to the magazine are Lionel C. Holm, director of the Farm Security Administration in Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. Holm reviews the progress made since 1933 in helping 75 representative farm operators to shift from a cash crop system to a diversified livestock and food crop system. About 400 of these "unit reorganization" loans have been made in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He shows how farmers thus assisted were able to buy additional cattle, cut certain financial obligations, and increase their net worth.

H. H. Fennell, Amarillo, regional conservator of the Soil Conservation Service, presents an article on dryland farming. Among other contributors to this issue of Land Policy Review are Lewis T. Nordyke, staff writer of the Amarillo Globe-News; Mrs. Elsie Marley of Amarillo; and several speakers who appeared at the grassland conference in Amarillo.

Copies of the special issue of Land Policy Review may be secured from the College Station headquarters of the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade and I am 7 years old. I want a doll, a desk, and a Bible with my name on it.

Your little friend,
Martha Lynn Crabtree.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a set of building blocks and a pair of house shoes. Bring my little sister a nigger doll with pig-tails.

Your friend,
Paul Chaffin.

Henry R. Fields, Harveyville, Kansas, arrived Monday for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Norman Bridwell.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tuesday, 'Christmas In July', with Dick Powell and Ellen Drew.

Wed. Matinee 3:00 P. M., Wed-Thurs., 'Knute Rockne', with Pat O'Brien.

Friday-Saturday, 'Ride Tender Foot Ride', with Gene Autry.

Sunday-Monday, 'Rhythm on the River', with Bing Crosby.

Tuesday, 'Invitation to a Murder', with Thomas Mitchell and Jeffrey Lynn.

Jan. 1-2, 'Here Comes the Navy', with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien.

BONDS ASSUMED BY STATE CANNOT BE KICKED BACK ON COUNTY TAXPAYERS.—Signed TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION!

Brady Gentry, Chairman of the Texas State Highway Commission and R. L. Bobbit, Member of the Highway Commission stated to representatives of the County in Austin the latter part of last week: "If the State Assumes Sherman County's \$350,000 in Road Bonds, IT IS A PERMANENT LEGAL OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, AND THE BONDS CANNOT BE THROWN BACK ON THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY. IN VOTING THE BONDS SHERMAN COUNTY HAS ALL TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE."

FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT SEE:

County Judge F. B. Mullins,
County Judge Elect L. P. Hunter,
J. Burton Craig,
County Com. Sam E. Wohlford,
County Com. E. E. Hamilton,

who were in Austin for an interview with state officials.

The \$350,000.00 Road Bonds up for election passage or rejection December 31 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE UNTIL THEY ARE ASSUMED BY THE STATE in the form of the Board of County and District Indebtedness, a subdivision of the Texas State Highway Commission.

JOE NELSON, CHIEF AUDITOR of the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness, gave the following information as to the number of counties in the State of Texas benefitting from the 1c deferred gasoline tax: "244 counties of the 254 in the State of Texas are receiving the benefits of the 1c deferred gasoline tax for paved roads at the present time. (This does not include counties voting and issuing bonds at the present time.) 159 Counties now participating and including all of the larger counties of the State will still have Bonds eligible for retirement by the Bond Assumption Law fund in 1955. Sherman County's road bonds are being voted not to exceed a 20-year period, which would mature them not later than 1960, BUT the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness reserves the right to set a shorter time to retire the bonds and Chief Auditor Nelson, who also encouraged passage of the \$350,000.00 Bonds in Sherman County SAID THE BONDS RETIREMENT TIME WOULD BE 16 YEARS, Or in other words in 1956 Sherman County's \$350,000.00 Bonds would be paid in full by the 1c State deferred gasoline tax at the same time 159 or more other counties with eligible roads bonds are being paid.

As the necessary legal wording on the ballot may be confusing to voters we publish a sample marked ballot showing how to cast your ballot FOR the BONDS for those who wish to study the ballot before voting. The grim words printed in legal form on the ballot are as necessary as getting up to go to bed in the upper-birth of a Pullman and getting down to get up after sleeping in the upper birth of the Pullman. Casting your ballot in favor of this issue merely gives the

State Highway Commission the privilege of USING BONDS TO PAVE SHERMAN COUNTY ROADS, (the State cannot vote bonds, they must be voted by the counties and the State Highway Commission has the privilege of assuming the bonds, and THEY CANNOT BE KICKED BACK ON THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENT AFTER THEY ARE ASSUMED!

SAMPLE BALLOT

FOR—the issuance of bonds and the levy of Ad Valorem taxes in payment thereof.

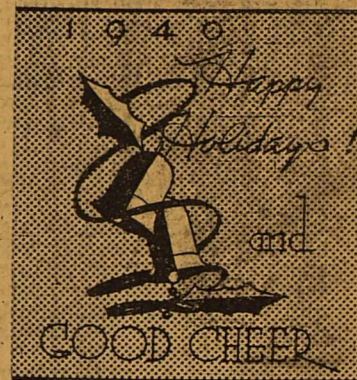
THE BLACK LINE APPEARS WHERE EVERY VOTERS SCRATCH SHOULD PROPERLY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; But You may scratch out this entire last sentence on the ballot if you wish and your Vote Will Be Certain to Be Counted in Favor of the Bond Issue which will be paid by the State and Pave 34 Miles of Sherman County Roads without 1c Cost to Sherman County Taxpayers; And place the County in a position to continue its road improvement program for the benefit of every person living in the county or owning property therein.

of Ad Valorem taxes in payment thereof.

Voters realizing that the passage of the Bond Issue in Sherman County is STRICTLY A COURTESY SHOWN THE TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER THAT VOTES CAST AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE WILL PLACE FUTURE ROAD BOOSTERS FROM SHERMAN COUNTY IN THE FOLLOWING POSITION WHEN THEY APPEAR BEFORE THE TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION REQUESTING A ROAD AT SOME FUTURE DATE: (VOICE Of The Texas Highway Commission IF BOND ISSUE SHOULD FAIL TO PASS): WE OFFERED YOU \$350,000.00 WORTH OF BONDS IN 1940 WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE COST YOU A CENT AND YOU REFUSED TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF CASTING YOUR BALLOT FOR THE BONDS WHICH WE WOULD HAVE PAID FOR THE PAVING OF THE ROADS. THE COUNTY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING BONDS, THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DOES NOT HAVE THIS PRIVILEGE. HOW CAN YOU ASK US FOR BONDS WHEN YOU REFUSED TO ASSIST US IN GETTING THE FUNDS FOR PAVING ROADS IN YOUR COUNTY WHEN ALL YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE DONE WAS TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF CASTING YOUR BALLOT FOR THE BONDS WE OFFERED TO PAY FOR YOU AT THE ELECTION HELD IN SHERMAN COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 1940. THE POLLS WERE OPEN IN ALL FOUR PRECINCTS AT YOUR REGULAR VOTING PLACES."

Cast Your Ballot For The \$350,000 Bond Issue December 31 and Place Sherman County in the Ranks of those who Believe Those ARE Helped Who Help Themselves. REPRESENTATIVES TO AUSTIN WILL DISCUSS BOND ISSUE AT COURT HOUSE IN STRATFORD THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:30 O'CLOCK FOR PUBLIC

A meeting for the benefit of Taxpayers will be held at the Courthouse in Stratford Thursday night at 7:30 at which time County Judge F. B. Mullins, County Judge Elect L. P. Hunter, J. Burton Craig, County Commissioners Sam E. Wohlford and E. E. Hamilton will give in detail the information given them in Austin on the safe status of supporting the \$350,000 Road Bond Issue in Sherman County. After the detailed report has been given to the audience, they will answer any questions which voters may care to ask them on questions which may have arisen in personal conversations during the discussion of the bond issue with their friends.



WTCC GUARDS AGAINST RISING STATE TAXES

W. T. Martin, Stratford West Texas Chamber of Commerce Director, heartily endorses the WTCC Legislative program for better business handling of taxpayers money in the program described in the following statements:

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce program and campaign for more business-like administration in the Texas state government has been taken directly to taxpayers' groups from 120 towns in the past three weeks. And the response, said WTCC Manager D. A. Bander in a statement from the Abilene headquarters, "has been gratifying responsive fully up to our expectations."

The regional chamber is pushing for passage by the coming legislature of a bill covering its financial reorganization plan. The problem, the legislative remedy and the benefits expected to accrue have been explained to and discussed with taxpayers' groups in 31 regional meetings held throughout West Texas.

Explanation Of Plan
The reorganization bill, now being written, will provide for the continuous and responsible supervision of the state's receipts and expenditures through an executive budget. It will set up a closely thought out system for centralized purchasing of supplies, materials and equipment, and integrated centrally controlled accounting system kept on an accrual basis, and better auditing and independent post-auditing of expenditures. It will set up a system for closer coordination of the staff services of the state. It calls for a civil service system for state employees based on merit and competitive examination. It seeks reorganization of the state's administrative agencies, now numbering more than 100, into not more than 18 departments. And it provides for complete information on administrative affairs to the legislature for policy determining purposes.

Two new agencies are created under the plan. One is a governor's cabinet, an advisory board composed of the constitutionally designated executives of the state all of whom are elective officials except the secretary of state, and of the appointive departmental executives representing the major functions of the government. The bill provides that the governor will organize the cabinet and be its presiding officer.

The other new agency is a department of finance and control charged with the responsibility of carrying out the objective of the act. By the act the commissioner heading the department will be an appointive officer, by the governor, to be confirmed by the senate. The department will be composed of budget, personnel and purchasing divisions, also a division on reorganization and efficiency. Job of this division will be to study the constitutional duties of all state agencies; report on duplications, wastes and inefficiencies; submit plans for reorganizing and consolidating the administrative functions; and serve the legislature in an advisory capacity.

Governor And Legislature
"The very essence of the plan, said James D. Hamlin, chairman of the WTCC's public expenditure commission, is making the governor really the chief executive and giving him the machinery with which he can be a chief executive, as is very definitely prescribed in our constitution of Texas. At the same time the plan provides a sound system of checks against the misuse of executive authority by making the governor responsible to the people through the legislature, which is the other constitutionally designated policy determining agency of the state.

Again, said Hamlin, the plan is built within the terms of the constitution. Finally, it is not in any sense startling, revolutionary or even new. Mainly it is a composite of the best features of reorganization plans on practice in other states, notably Minnesota, Nebraska, Kentucky and Virginia. In these states inspiring results are being won, and we can do the same in Texas, in ending overlapping and duplications of effort, in checking of wasteful spending, in all around efficiency, and in tremendous savings to the taxpayers."

Miss Maurine Reeder And Lester Plunk Married Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder of Perryton announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Maurine, to Lester Franklin Plunk, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Plunk of Stratford. The couple was married in the home of Rev. McBeth, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dumas, Saturday.

Those accompanying the couple were Misses Marijo Brown, Billie Merle Hester, Betty Rhea Lee, Messrs. Baskin Brown, John Steel, and E. W. Butler, all of Stratford. The bride wore a powder blue ensemble with black accessories. For something old, she carried a lace handkerchief of her aunt, Mrs. C. V. Collins.

1 Gas Consolidation Agreement Recorded By I. T. I. O. This Week

The Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company filed a gas consolidation agreement with Mrs. Hattie Westland et al. on the West 1-2 of section 333, Block 1-T, with County Clerk J. R. Pendleton this week.

S. J. Farris is working in Daltart this week assisting linemen in rebuilding a permanent highline to replace the one destroyed by the snow storm several weeks ago.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS TONIGHT

Christmas Tree programs featuring Sunday School students will be held at each of the churches tonight. The public is invited to attend the Christmas features at the church of their choice.

Mrs. W. G. O'Brien returned Friday from a month's visit with relatives in Wichita Falls, Dallas and McKinney, Texas. Mrs. O'Brien went by air plane with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander to Wichita Falls.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS UP

The Santa Fe Railway System carloadings for the week ending December 14 were 19,897 with 19,164 for the same week in 1939.

Christian Church
(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)
Bible School 10:00 A. M., J. R. Pendleton Superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Junior Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs. C. R. Bomer Sponsor.
Intermediate Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs. S. J. Calvird sponsor.
Senior Endeavor 6:15 P. M., R. C. Buckles Sponsor.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Choir practice Wednesday 7:00 P. M., Mrs. Frank Judd Leader.
Booster Choir Thursday 4:00 P. M. at the parsonage.

A Christmas of cheer and goodwill and a joyous New Year to everyone. We are about to celebrate an event of supreme significance in the history of mankind, the birth of our Lord and Savior. At this season of the year people forget themselves and unselfishness is the ruling motive of lives of multitudes. Good-will is in the air and the spirit of love prevails. This Christmas should be especially significant to us in view of the situation in other nations. Sometimes we are tempted to think and speak in fatalistic terms. We wonder if we will be led into the great war and what will become of civilization. This is just where the great fact of the birth of the God-man, and the events that followed, enter in. The angels heralded the birth of Christ with the words "on earth, peace, good-will toward men." Sometimes our way is dark and we cannot understand, but "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." It may be necessary for us to take up arms against a force that blasphemes

the Holy name of the God we love, a force that would blot out everything that is near and dear to our hearts. We may be called upon to suffer untold privation, but let us not lose sight of the fact that God in His own good time, when man is ready, will usher in an era of peace and good will throughout the world.
Our Christmas program will be presented Tuesday night, December 24, at 7:00 o'clock. The program committee is preparing a program in which the scenes of the Bible story of Jesus birth will be depicted.

Church Of Christ
Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Communion 11:45 A. M.
Young Peoples classes 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Song drill Thursday evening at 7:30.
Services will be held at Lewie Brannan's home Sunday.
Mid-week services have been dismissed for this week.
The public is invited to any and all services.

WHEAT PROGRAM CHECK-UP TO START SOON

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 26 — The 1941 wheat program is under way. With most of the wheat in Texas already seeded, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's performance checkers this week begin the detailed task of checking compliance with the program. In a series of meetings starting December 2 officials from the state AAA headquarters in College Station are instructing county employees and committeemen in the proper procedure for measuring wheat acreage planted in the State. C. H. Mosely, state compliance supervisor, has announced. In District 1, the Panhandle, five meetings will be held, the supervisor said, with county administrative officers, performance supervisors, one county committeeman and time clerks from four of five counties attending each. In District 3 two meetings will be held with representatives from nine or ten counties attending each. The meetings were held December 2 in Pampa, December 3 in Perryton, December 4 in Dalhart, and December 5 in Amarillo, December 6 in Childress, December 10 in Graham and December 11 in Benjamin.

After these two districts have been covered, Mosely said, the instruction schools will move on through Districts 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10, comprising the wheat section of Texas. The series will be finished in December in time for similar schools to be held in commercial vegetable counties starting in January.

What Kind Of People Are Club Women?

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 26. — How old are home demonstration club women? How many children do they have? How long have they been club members? What are their families' annual incomes? These are some of the questions the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College asked of home demonstration club women in 193 clubs in one county in each of the 12 extension districts. Findings of the study have been compiled by Louise Bryant, extension specialist in home management. She found that 22 per cent of the home demonstration club women in Texas are below 30 years of age, 29 per cent are between 30 and 39, 24 per cent are between 40 and 49, 17 per cent are between 50 and 59, and 8 per cent are over 60 years of age. Forty-four per cent of the club

women answering the questionnaire reported the family's net cash income for 1939 under \$500, while 31 per cent said their families' income was between \$500 and \$1,000. About 1 per cent said their families' incomes were between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for 1939, and only six per cent of the women listed their family incomes above \$2,000 for the last calendar year.

More than half of the women questioned have been in home demonstration club work from one to five years, while about one-fourth of them have been club members from five to ten years. Not quite a fifth of them, about 17 per cent have been identified with home demonstration activities for more than 10 years.

Figures show that there is about one and one-third child per family, and about 25 per cent of the children in club families are over 19 years of age," Miss Bryant commented.

Call For Young Men Interested In Army Aviation

The Army requires a number of young men for enrollment as Flying Cadets in the Air Corps. These Cadets who qualify will be given a complete course of Army Aviation training and with a view to appointment as Reserve Officers in the Army Air Corps.

While training, Flying Cadets are paid \$75.00 per month, food, clothing and medical attention furnished free. They are given as thorough a course of training (about 9 months) as can be obtained anywhere.

Qualifications
Ages 20 to 27, unmarried, first class physical condition; Two years college or written examination in lieu thereof.
For application blanks, see your

Postmaster or write U. S. Army Recruiting Officer, Lubbock, Texas.



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS—

The Holiday Season would not be complete unless we wished for all our friends "A Merry Christmas" and thanked them for all the favors they have shown us in the past.

May the Christmas Bells bring to you:

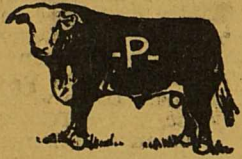
- Happiness
- Success
- Health
- Prosperity

Each member of this firm pledges himself to continued effort that your good will and friendship may be deserved in the future, and that we may be privileged to serve you again.

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The Christmas Story is ever new because it comes from the heart, just as the privilege of wishing you a "Merry Christmas."

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WE CAN'T MEASURE—

the pleasure we have had in being a part of this community, in serving you, and in adding in our small way to your life.

Neither can we measure the esteem in which we hold your friendship, and the pleasure with which we look ahead to continuing this association in the future.

We welcome this opportunity to greet each one of you, to wish you all possible happiness and good luck, and to say— Merry Christmas.

Brown's Food Store

MERRY CHRISTMAS

So that we may not overlook any of our many friends we take this opportunity to wish all of you a "Merry Christmas." We sincerely hope that good fortune will follow you in all your plans during the coming year.

Van B. Boston

Our daddies said tell you...



Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

"...and they said tell you we're glad you use 'lectric lights, and 'frigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They 'preciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that 'lectricity is so cheap and ev'rybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mamas don't work so hard any more since they got 'lectric servants in the kitchen.

"There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use 'lectric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"

Our Local Offices Will Be Closed Christmas Day

West Texas Utilities Company

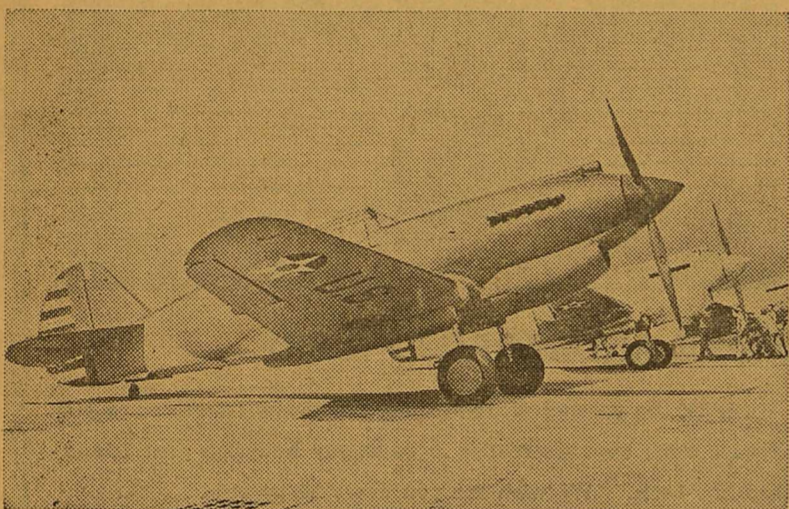


Commanders of Four U. S. Air Districts



The four major generals in command of the four air districts into which the United States has been divided are shown here. Top, left, Maj. Gen. B. K. Yount, commanding general of the Southeast air corps district. Top, right, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry (N. W. district); bottom, left, Maj. Gen. James Chaney (N. E. district); bottom, right, Maj. Gen. Jacob Fickel (S. W. district.)

U. S. Releases Planes to Greece



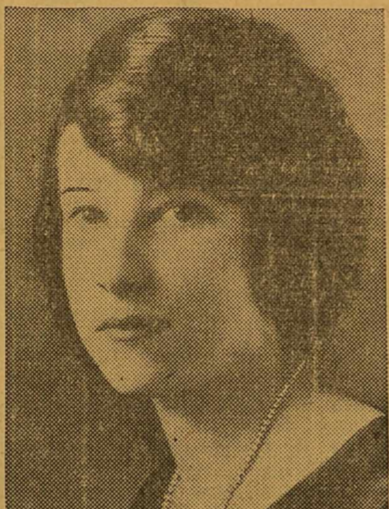
In a swift execution of aiding the nations fighting aggression, the United States government has released to Greece 30 P-40 pursuit planes, pictured above, for immediate delivery. The planes, rated by air experts in America as possessing greater speed, maneuverability and stamina than Italy's best, mount four wing-contained machine guns each.

Aiding British



Somewhere in England . . . Native Indians have flocked loyally to the banner of the British royal air force, lending their abilities to Britain in its fight for life against Germany. This Indian pilot is having a mug of hot coffee after a flight.

Released by Nazis



Mrs. E. Deegan, U. S. embassy clerk in Paris, who was held by Nazis and later released. It is thought she was accused of aiding British officers escape from France.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says: Washington, D. C.

McGRADY SELECTION The selection of E. F. McGrady to advise the war department on labor relations couldn't have been improved upon, from the government's point of view. From Mr. McGrady's, it may not be so hot. Eddie is a dollar-a-year man. He can't afford to be that except on a part-time basis.

After a life of unselfish service for labor unions at wages far below his worth, he was getting on. He had family obligations. In addition, he is the easiest "touch" I know. If you are out of luck, all you have to do to get McGrady's money is to ask him for it. So he didn't have anything put aside.

The RCA did one of the most intelligent things in recent industrial management. It employed this great union labor leader to keep its labor relations straight, made him first a director and later a vice president and paid him a salary commensurate with other first lieutenants of Mr. Sarnoff. RCA would not willingly lose his services, and Mr. McGrady can make belated preparations for his old age.

For these reasons, it would be unfair to require him to give up that job. It would also be unnecessary, because if the war department is wise it will keep out of labor disputes. Keeping out wouldn't take too much of McGrady's time.

Except at the arsenals, and to a limited extent elsewhere, the war department is not an employer. It procures its supplies from contractors. They will get into some disputes. There will be some strikes. Some of them will delay the rearmament program. But it is not the army's business to horn in. That is the business of Sidney Hillman's labor organization or the Perkins conciliation service.

Army officers are not fitted by training, background or office to conduct themselves well in the heat or emotion of a strike situation where you can't move men by yelling. "Squads right." If the army doesn't push this porcupine over to the departments where it belongs, or if it permits them to push it over to the army, some soldier is a sucker. It is a safe bet that it won't be done while McGrady is there, and that if it is done he won't stay there.

'APPEASEMENT'

Out of the administration are coming private warnings that one great American danger just now is organization and daily growth of "appeasers" and their cunning propaganda to stir up public sentiment for "appeasement."

It isn't easy to define just what is meant by this use of the word. Appeasement, as a by-word, grew out of the series of settlements with Hitler acceded to by France and England, whereby they welched on the alliances France, at least, had made with such little nations as Austria and Czechoslovakia, in order to "ring Germany in a cordon sanitaire of steel" and to preserve the provisions of the treaty of Versailles.

They tossed those little nations to the Nazi wolves quite obviously because there was nothing else they could do. They had allowed themselves to become too weak and Germany to become too strong to do anything else. The very word "appease," taken with the circumstances of those settlements, implied that there was some right on the Nazi side. The appeasing concessions were used not as a truce to gain time for all-out defense. They were used as a narcotic assurance to the British and the French of "peace in our time," with an effect that they went on snoring while Germany became stronger and stronger.

Some of us began to insist that we prepare, years before Munich and with growing insistence ever since—insistence on our own weakness, on the great threat growing in the world and the absolute necessity for American rearmament.

Many, if not most, of those who took this stand believe we are not even yet arming effectively. We have preceded and supported every move to speed and increase total defense to the point of American invincibility on this side of the world.

Our only point of difference with other equally earnest and sincere Americans is that we do not believe in either the necessity or the wisdom of scattering our defense over more territory than we can guard, do not believe in putting our country into a military situation in which its defense depends on the strength or weakness of others—their blunders or successes.

We do believe that, whether Britain wins or does not win, we shall never be safe again without adequate defense of our own, that part of our strength is our financial soundness and that we cannot weaken it by undertaking to finance the wars of others at a cost which, in a long war to which we are a party, could rise as high as one hundred billion dollars.

If that opinion and record is what is meant by "appeasement," we regard the word as an epithet without argument.

GRASSROOTS by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

A FARM PLAN TO PAY FOR WHAT'S GROWN

DURING THE PROGRESS of the presidential campaign, Wheeler McMillen, editor in chief of "Farm Journal," sent to all candidates for congress an outline of a new farm plan, which he calls the "incentive payment plan."

American agricultural imports amount to about one and one-half billion dollars a year. Practically all of that could be raised in this country if the farmers were encouraged to do so.

Mr. McMillen's idea is to pay farmers for raising the things we now import, instead of paying them for not raising products of which we have a surplus. For example, we import large quantities of castor beans and castor bean oil. Castor beans can be raised in practically all sections of the United States. Mr. McMillen would offer farmers an incentive by paying them for each acre of castor beans they plant and assure them the American market for their product. He knows such a positive program would appeal to farmers more than the present negative one of paying for not doing things.

Our agricultural imports cover a wide range, including such items as vegetable oils, flax, hemp, coarse wools, wood pulp, sugar, etc. With the incentive payments, Mr. McMillen also proposes to pay farmers for farm and soil improvements.

Such incentive payments, while greatly reducing the cost to the government, would add materially to the present farm income and would appeal to farmers. It would remove all semblance of farm regimentation.

Wheeler McMillen knows farming—dirt farming. He has spread manure and guided the plow over his own acres in Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey. He knows farm people. He knew them as the editor of an Indiana country weekly newspaper, and as editor of "Farm Journal," numbers his farmer friends by the thousands. As organizer and president of the American Chemurgic conference, he knows the application of farm products to industry. It would be well for any political party to listen to this man when he talks of farms and farming. He can give them pointers on castor beans and other possible farm crops, and on what the farmer thinks about.

MACHINES COME FIRST IN PREPAREDNESS

MACHINES AND MEN, not men and machines, are the component parts of the army of today.

Machines come first, they are the first essential. Without machines—guns, tanks, motorized transport, planes—men are helpless and defenseless.

Man all the Atlantic seacoast with men only and they could not prevent the landing of an invading force prepared with both machines and men.

We will not stop enemy airplane raids with pieces of stovepipe as anti-aircraft guns. Our infantry will be worthless if equipped with pieces of gas pipe, instead of rifles. Our artillery cannot prevent the enemy's advance with logs mounted on wheels, instead of modern cannon. Walls without modern guns behind them are not worth much as fortifications.

To be effective, the soldier of today needs accurate and complete knowledge of the mechanized equipment with which he is to fight, more than to execute four's right or four's left. He must know how to aim a rifle. He will not learn that with a piece of gas pipe. He must know the mechanism and operation of an anti-aircraft gun. He will not learn that with a piece of stovepipe.

To assemble an army of a million or more men into whose hands we cannot place the modern equipment that is needed in today's warfare, is putting the cart before the horse.

To put an army of a million men into camp and maintain it for a year will cost at least a billion dollars. Why not put that billion dollars into equipment and when we have it, then call that million or more men into camp to teach them how to use it? Our first job is to provide the machines of war for our men to use.

GOOD VISION

FRANK EDGEComb, blind editor of the Geneva, Neb., Signal, sees ahead only a better and brighter future for America. He gets a truer view through his mind than many of us get through our eyes.

SEES PERIL IN GIVING UP THE PHILIPPINES

CAPT. JOHN CRAIG, of underwater movie fame, has just returned to this country from a photographic expedition through the Philippine islands. He is strongly urging that America hold onto the island of Mindanao in that group.

The Moro natives insist they will never submit to being ruled by the Tagalogs of Luzon; that the American government promised to retain the island, and they submitted to American rule on that basis.

New Year's RENDEZVOUS

"ONLY a year, my dear," he pleaded. "Twelve months to prove that I'm a new man—for myself, for the world and, above all, for you."

That was last New Year's Eve, the day Joe walked out of prison a free man. Margie met him at the big iron gate, a puzzled and frightened boy wearing an ill-fitting suit. His debt was paid.

Twelve worried months Margie had waited, praying each night that, wherever he might be, her Joe was safe on the narrow path. And now his year's probation was up.

The clock struck eleven thirty and Margie turned on the radio. Back east, in New York, it was already 1941. She should have arranged to meet Joe there; it would all be over now!

At eleven forty-five her heart beat furiously. "Please, God," she prayed. "Make him come to me at midnight!"

Suddenly she heard a furious clamor in the hallway. Then a knock, nervous and sharp. The knob turned, and suddenly she saw Joe, his eyes wide and his face dead white.

"Margie!" he cried. "Hide me quick. The cops are after me but I didn't do anything. . . . Honest!"

"But Joe!" she answered. "Why should you hide, then?"

"Please, honey, don't argue!" His hands were trembling.

While the midnight bells tolled outside, Margie rushed him to the unused closet off the hall. Then she



While the bells tolled outside, she rushed him into the closet.

went calmly back to the living room and sat down.

A second later they came, two burly Irishmen.

"—A young fellow just come in here?" one asked.

"Ah, er, yes," Margie began. Then, resolved: "You'll find him in the closet."

"Ye'll have to come along, too, young lady!" the copper said. And a few minutes later they were driving to the police station. Joe, beside her, was silent.

"I'm sorry, Joe," she offered. "But I couldn't marry a dishonest man."

He didn't answer. At the station they were whisked into a small room. It was strangely quiet, Margie thought. In a corner two men were whispering and suddenly one of them walked over to her chair.

"Know what ye've done, young lady?" he asked ominously.

"I've done nothing," she replied, thoroughly indignant.

"Yes ye have!" he insisted. A faint smile crept into the corners of his Irish mouth. "Ye've got yer-self a husband!"

Suddenly the room was filled with laughter and the next thing Margie knew Joe was kissing her again and again. When she finally looked around they were alone.

"Oh, Joe," she sighed, "then you really haven't done anything wrong?"

"Of course not, dear!" he answered. "I'm a detective now—have been for the last six months since I helped the cops smash a burglar ring."

"But Joe," she moaned, "to think that I refused to hide you back at the apartment. I—I'm not worthy, Joe."

"Don't worry about that, Margie!" he replied. "I'm not a crook myself, any more, and I wouldn't want to marry one!"

Out in the captain's office a far-away radio brought the sound of revelry. Marg looked at her watch. It was one o'clock in the morning now; in the Rocky mountains they were welcoming the new year.

"Honey," she said, "let's pretend we live in Denver."

"And why?" asked Joe.

"Because it's New Year's Eve there now, and you've just come back to me!"

A Resolution

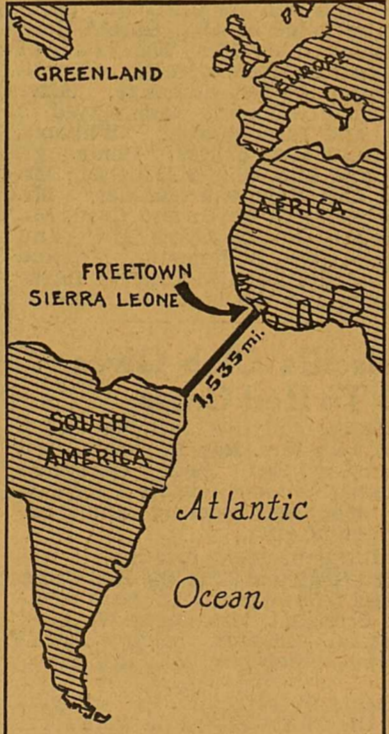
Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can. Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge. Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid of if it were the last hour of my life.

—JONATHAN EDWARDS.

Pre-wars Football Classics That Hail the New Year! U. S. 'Listening Post'

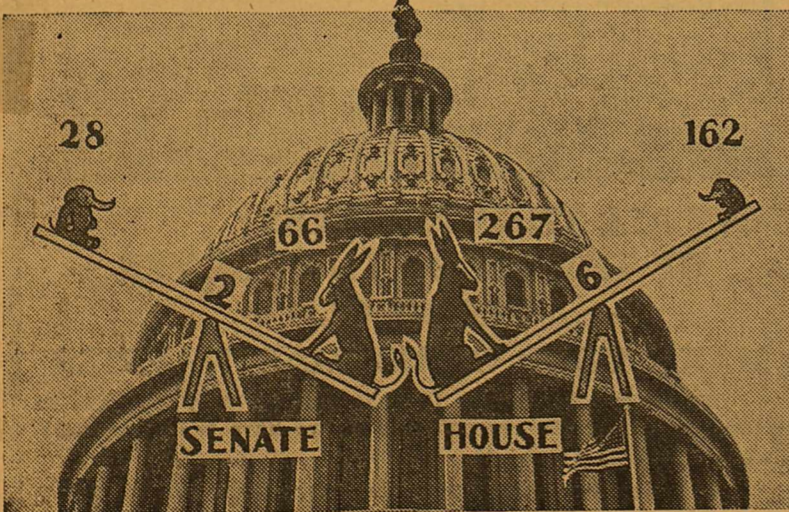
Gridiron Classics: BOWL GAMES (Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl), and a map of the Atlantic Ocean region.

The principal grid battles which will be fought throughout the nation on January 1, New Year's day, are shown in the center panel. As in other years, capacity crowds are expected to witness these football classics in the great stadia, four of which are here shown. A festival, typical of the region, will precede the game at each of these focal points to which the eyes of the nation's football fans will soon turn.



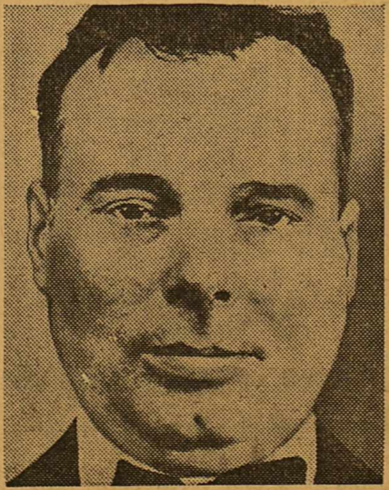
On January 1 the U. S. will establish a consular "listening post" at Freetown, Sierra Leone, British West Africa, whence the air distance to South America is shortest.

77th Congress Convenes



As a result of the November 5 election, the new senate which convenes January 3, will be composed of 66 Democrats, 28 Republicans, 1 Progressive, and 1 Independent, against 68 Democrats and 25 Republicans since November 5. The new house will have 267 Democrats, 162 Republicans and 6 others, against 260 Democrats, 167 Republicans, 4 others and 4 vacancies since November 5.

A Case for Damages



Alex Ripan, 49, (above) of Indiana Harbor, Ind., worked 12 years in a Michigan prison, for a crime he did not commit. Friends will ask the legislature convening at Lansing, Mich., January 5, for \$10,000 damages.

Read Star Ads — It Pays

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster, Dalhart, and Miss Alice McAdams, Amarillo, will arrive today (Tuesday) to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler will spend Christmas day in Skellytown with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cone Donelson and son.

Miss Marijo Brown, Groom, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston will spend Christmas in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin have as their guest, her father, Mr. For-

HOLIDAY SPECIAL PRICES

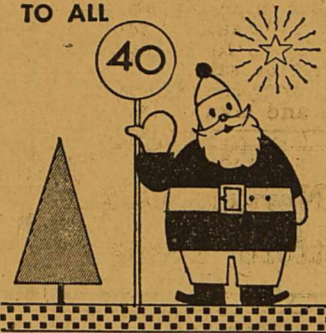
On Shelton, Bonat, and Helen Curtis PERMANENTS

PHONE 17 Pioneer Barber & Beauty Shop Dorothy Cooper and Virgie Green OPERATORS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

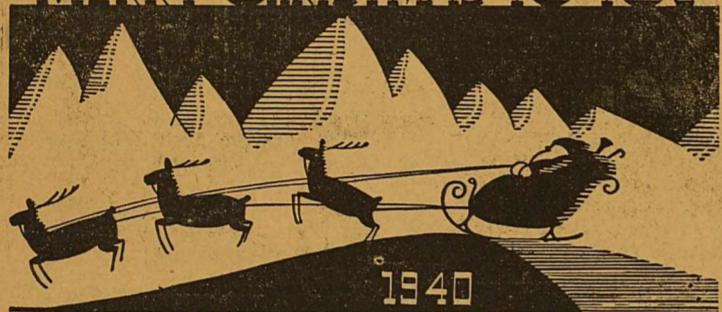
There are so many things we would like to say to each of you— personal wishes created by our mutual friendship. These things are in our heart and you will know that this simple greeting covers them all. We sincerely wish that this Christmas may bring you Peace, Prosperity, Health and Happiness in fullest abundance.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



Drugs & Drug Sundries — Fountain Service YATES DRUG

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU



AND ALL GOOD WISHES

Charles Dickens wrote: "I have always thought of Christmas as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable pleasant time."

That expresses our idea of Christmas better than any words we might write. And because your friendship in the past has made our Christmas happier, we take pleasure in extending these greetings.

Riffe Bros. Inc.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



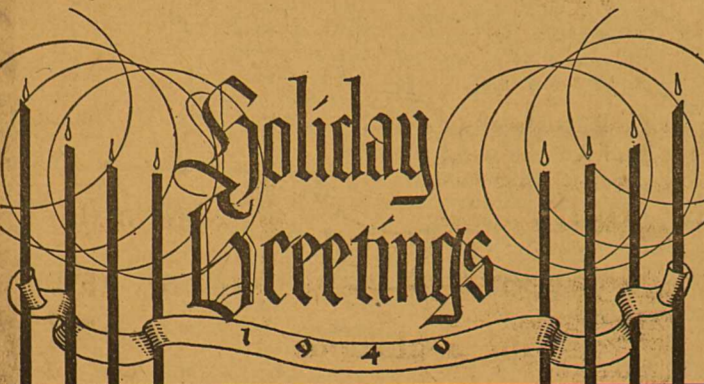
YEAR AFTER YEAR

TO EACH OF YOU

And we mean just exactly that — "Merry Christmas." May the fire on your hearth glow more brightly because of the happiness your friendship as brought to us in the past. And the joys you so richly deserve be many and lasting.

WILL BE CLOSED AFTER 3:00 P. M. CHRISTMAS DAY

Palace Cafe



MAY THE BEST OF EVERY THING BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS is the sincere wish of every person in this firm.

What happier thought to share with you at this season than the mutual regard which has made our relations so pleasant in the past, promises the same confidence between us in the future.

May this 1940 Christmas be the happiest you have ever known.

Bennett Implement Co.

After His Visit



tenberry of near Greenville, Texas. L. M. Price and W. C. Martin were in Pecos the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick and son, Phillip, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton, G. L. Taylor, J. R. Pendleton, J. W. Garoutte, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price attended the funeral of Milton Tatum in Dalhart Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conde Donelson left Monday to spend Christmas in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Norman, Jr., left Monday to visit relatives in Tahoka, Texas.

Miss Oleta Gilley left Sunday for Denison, Texas to spend the holidays with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price were in Amarillo Friday on business.

Mrs. Emily Hall, Amarillo, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Parker, Mr. Parker and family.

Miss Kathryn Bonar left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wellmaker in Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and children will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins in central Texas.

I. D. Divine, Mrs. Emma Brown and Mrs. Maude Yates, Texhoma, visited friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates visited relatives in Texhoma Sunday.

Misses Geraldine Kelp, Marcella Garrison, and Bobbie Wiginton visited friends in Dalhart Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey will spend Christmas day with relatives in Dalhart.

Arthur Milton, who is taking inventory of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. yards in this district, is expected home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pronger attended the funeral of Milton Tatum in Dalhart Friday.

Charles W. Mason, NYA representative, Amarillo, was a business visitor here Monday.

General Repair

LATHE WORK—DISC ROLLING Arc and Acetylene Welding L. M. FEDRIC

WORK PANTS AND SHIRTS TIES and SOX N. D. KELP

Cleaning and Pressing BARBER WORK

STYLED TO PLEASE EACH CUSTOMER We Appreciate Your Patronage Turner Barber Shop

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Located on South Main Street INSURANCE

Farm and City Property. Also Business looked after for non-residents. Arthur Ross Stratford, Texas

Walden Electric Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we review the past, we realize how much you and other friends like you have contributed toward our success, and pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to even greater service in the future.

Walden Electric Co.

George Riffe New

Manager Of The Stratford Grain Co.

George Riffe, Tyrone, arrived this week to assume the management of the Stratford Grain Co. L.

WANT ADS

FLOWERS: Call Mrs. H. M. Brown.

FOR SALE: Baled Alfalfa Hay, 7 miles northwest of Lamar, Colorado.— A. C. Ellenberger, Wiley, Colorado. 10-5tp.

P. Hunter, former manager will take over his duties as county judge January 1.

J. W. ELLIOTT

ATTORNEY And Counsellor at Law STRATFORD, TEXAS

Dr. E. U. Johnston

DENTIST Dalhart Coleman Bldg. Office Air-Conditioned Phone 161

AND OUR BEST WISHES

Most cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve, and it is with all sincerity that we wish you all the Joys of the Holiday Season.



1941's Finest Studebakers On Our Display TOC Service Station

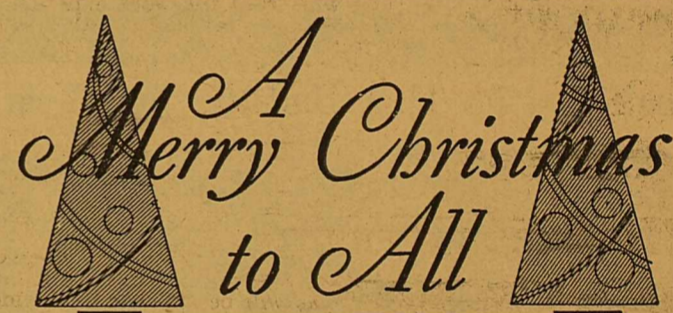
JOY TO THE WORLD 1940



MORE AND MORE SINCERE

With the passing years are our Christmas Greetings to you, because every year we realize more keenly how rich your friendship has been. We wish for you every Happiness.

Stratford Grain Co.



OUR WISH FOR YOU

May your Christmas this year be a time of happiness and jollity, a time for renewing old friendships, a time when everyday cares may be forgotten and the true spirit of the Yuletide season be realized.

During the years we have been a part of this community we have formed many friendships, and for them we are deeply grateful. It is not often that we have an opportunity to express this gratitude, and that is why we are happy at this time to extend to each of you our very sincere wishes for A Merry Christmas.

May it Bring You all your heart's desires — May it be the very best Christmas you have ever had.

Lowe & Billington Motor Co.



MAY ALL THE HAPPINESS OF THE STORY THAT NEVER GROWS OLD

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS HAPPIER

We are happier for the thought that we have been able to serve you during the current year as we have been for many years. That pleasure has given us a richer reward.

As you gather around your Christmas feast, you will know we are thinking of you and wishing for you the Choicest Blessings of the Season.

Taylor Mercantile Co.



RING OUT THE OLD MESSAGE

Time cannot lessen the comfort that comes with the centuries-old words—"Joy to the World." In them we find a message of hope and promise especially needed these days.

Events cannot completely dim the spiritual renewal we find each year in the Christmas story. Men come and go, nations rise and fall, clouds may darken the sky for a time, but the Story of Bethlehem is eternal—growing stronger with the passing years.

We count it a privilege to be able to again extend our Christmas wishes to the many friends we have made in this community, for in friendships we find the worth-while things of life.

And with all sincerity we extend our greetings, and wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

Foxworth-Galbraith Lbr. Co.

The Stratford Star

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Pronger Bros. Report Recent Cattle Sales

Sales made recently of registered cattle by Pronger Bros. include: E. M. King, Jr., Dyersburg, Tenn.

35 heifer calves; T. C. Killebrew, Siloam Springs, Ark., 25 heifer calves; Mrs. Ira Heard, Refugio, Texas, 35 heifer calves; C. H. Lupton, Victoria, Texas, 35 heifer calves; Judge McDade and Sons, Dumas, 31 heifer calves; Earl Kelly, Las Vegas, N. M., 20 2-year old heifers; Roy Lynam, Watrous, N. M., 10 yearling bulls; Dick Jones, Beeville, Texas, 30 bull calves; W. L. Foster & Sons, Sterling City, Texas, 20 bull calves, 2 yearling herd bulls; D. D. Fast, Hooker, 2 bull calves; Fred Barby, Beaver, Okla., 2 bull calves; E. H. Brainard & Son, Canadian, Texas, 15 yearling bulls; E. D. Daugherty, Casper, Wyoming, 30 head bull calves and yearlings; John C. Burns, Ft. Worth, 33 bull calves and 3 yearling herd bull prospects for the 6666 ranches; Hinnant Bros., Alice, Texas, 15 Bull calves.

Texas NYA Lowers Youth Age Limit To 16 Years

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. — Unemployed boys and girls in Texas who are 16 years of age, out of school, in need, and who want the work experience provided on National Youth Administration projects are now eligible for such employment, J. C. Kelam, state NYA administrator, announced today.

With the minimum age requirement for work on NYA projects reduced from 17 to 16 years, approximately 127,000 Texas boys and girls become eligible for NYA employment, Kelam said.

With funds that are available, the National Youth Administration in Texas will be able to provide employment for 15,000 of these young persons at any one time, it was pointed out.

"As youth go off NYA projects into private industry or are select-

ed for military service, other eligible youth in the State will have the opportunity to replace them," Kellam explained.

\$11,000.00 In A.C.P. Checks Distributed During The Week

Approximately \$11,000.00 in 1940 A. C. P. checks arrived at the County Agent's office this week and are being distributed among Sherman County producers.

Build AAA Committee Office In Courthouse

A petition has been built in the room across the hall from the Sheriff's office this week and a new door made to provide an office for the meetings of the County AAA Committee.

The County Agent's office will be closed Christmas and New Year's day.

Cocke & Braden Get U. S. 287 Paving Contract to Moore Co.

Cocke & Braden Construction Company was awarded the paving contract Friday to complete paving on U. S. 287 in Sherman County for a distance of 7 1-2 miles to the Moore County line.

Work is expected to start within 20 or 30 days.

FARM, RANCH AND HOME FACTS

By ERNEST GOULE
(County Agricultural Agent)
And Miss MABEL MARTIN
(County Demonstration Agent)

While any time of year is a good time to visit a nursery or to explore field corners and pastures to discover attractive shrubs, and trees, this time of year has three definite advantages for the amateur gardener. While we have no native trees or shrubs here many of us will spend part of Christmas where there are some. Ask yourself "will this grow in Sherman County?" and if it will, beg borrow or steal it.

Now it is easy to distinguish between evergreen trees and shrubs and those which lose their leaves.

This is a good time to observe brilliant fall colors of various plants and choose the most attractive ones to give bright spots in the landscape when flowers have quit blooming.

And third, shrubs and trees may be taken up and transplanted now with more certainty of success than during the summer or spring.

"Shrub hunting, like deer hunting, can be fun and frequently it's more successful."

Acid Foods Not Harmful

An idea many persons are sold on that "we eat too many acid foods" is without foundation. Persons so obsessed shun oranges, tomatoes and other good foods for fear of acid. The taste is acid, but actually these foods tend to counteract acidity. There is no need to worry about acid-forming and base forming foods if one has a well-rounded diet that includes plenty of milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and cereals with some meat, fish or poultry. It is better, to focus attention on adequate diets than to fret about acid-forming diets.

Another false food idea is that different kinds of fruits should not be eaten together on account of possible danger in combining the different acids. There is no possible harm in fruit.

Argentine wheat production is not constants, but over a period of years the total yield does not equal that in Kansas and North Dakota.

Notice Of Road Bond Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF SHERMAN)
TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY

AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 31st day of December, 1940, in Sherman County, Texas, to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by said County in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, gravel or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property within said County, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 29th day of November, 1940, which said order is as follows, to-wit:

ORDER OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF SHERMAN)

ON THIS the 29th day of November, 1940, the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas convened in Special session, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse at Stratford, Texas, the following members of said Court, to-wit:

F. B. MULLINS, County Judge.
SAM WOHLFORD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.
J. T. GARTRITE, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.
J. A. LAYTON, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.
E. E. HAMILTON, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

being present and participating, came on to be considered the petition of G. L. Taylor and Fifty-nine other persons, and which said petition is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY FOR AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY ROAD BONDS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF SHERMAN)

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, resident qualified property taxpayers voters of SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, respectfully pray your Honorable Body to order an election to determine whether or not the bonds of said Sherman County

shall be issued in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$350,000.00) bearing interest at a rate of not exceeding FIVE PERCENTUM per annum, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, serially, or otherwise, not to exceed Twenty (20) years from the date thereof, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the following roads in said County, to-wit:

From the town of Stratford in an easterly direction to the county line, and

From the town of Stratford in a northwesterly direction to the county line.

And whether or not a tax shall be levied on all taxable property within said County to pay principal of and interest on said bonds, pursuant to authority conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State

J. W. Norvell, M. D.
Stratford, Texas

WATSON GROCERY AND MARKET



We Wish You Every Joy And Pleasure

During This Holiday Season And May the Spirit Of Christmas Remain With You

We are Grateful for Your Friendship and Loyalty. We Pledge ourselves to strive even harder than ever before to merit your confidence and loyalty.

Merry Christmas

Is a time-tried sentiment, 'tis true; yet with the passing of the years its meaning grows. May the joy and happiness of this Christmas Season stay with you during a glorious—

Happy New Year Of 1941

May happiness and good health come to you in abundance—may prosperity smile on you—may contentment be with you all through 1941. That's our New Year Wish for You.

Panhandle Power & Light Co.



COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
And Best Wishes that you and yours may have Happiness and Good Cheer.

Mack's Service Station



SINCERELY

Although we have been extending to you our Christmas Greetings for a great many years, we have found in them a continual pleasure, because they give us an opportunity to show in a small way our appreciation of your friendship.

This year, even more than usual, the practice of wishing you Happiness, Prosperity, and Success at Christmas seems more than ever appropriate. The troubled times through which we have been passing have made us even more keenly appreciative of your loyal friendship and your patronage.

We dedicate ourselves to greater service to you, to greater courtesies, to making our community a better place in which to live. Every person in this firm feels the responsibility and accepts it gladly.

Albert's Grocery
And Service Station



At Christmas Time

We review the past year, and count our blessings again. Our greatest asset has been your friendship, and we take special pleasure in this greeting as a small token of our appreciation of you and your good will.

J. W. GAROUTTE
Sheriff, Tax Assessor
And Collector

Notice Of Road—
(Continued from Page 5)
of Article 3, of the Constitution, and Chapter 16, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, at its First Called Ses-

sion in 1926. But it is herein expressly stipulated that if the proposition for the issuance of the proposed bonds is approved by the necessary vote of the qualified electors of said County at such election, the bonds will be issued and sold and the tax levied in payment thereof when and only when the County receives from the State Highway Commission and the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness definite assurance that the roads hereinabove described will be taken over, acquired, or purchased by the State of Texas, and that the principal of and interest on said bonds will be paid out of funds lawfully appropriated or set aside for that purpose by the proper State Agency; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as releas-

ing the Commissioners' Court, or any other county officials, from discharging and performing any and all duties devolved upon them by law in respect of the assessment and collection of the tax to be levied in payment of said bonds, in event the State of Texas should at any time in the future withdraw its aid to the County in payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

DATED this 29th day of November, 1940

WHEREAS, this Court has ascertained and determined that said petition is signed by more than fifty (50) qualified resident property taxpayers voters of said Sherman County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, this Court has also ascertained and determined that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Sherman County, Texas;

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED AND ORDERED by the said Court that an election be held in said Sherman County, Texas, on

the 31st day of December, 1940, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Sherman County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of \$350,000.00, in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the following roads in said County, to-wit:

From the town of Stratford in an easterly direction to the county line, and

From the town of Stratford in a northwesterly direction to the county line

said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum, and to mature at such times as may be fixed by said Commissioners' Court, serially, or otherwise, not to exceed Twenty (20) years from the date thereof; and whether or not an advalorem tax shall be levied, annually, upon the property of said Sherman County, Texas, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the annual interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds at maturity.

THE SAID ELECTION shall be held under the provisions of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, First Called Session, Chapter 16.

ALL PERSONS who are legally qualified voters of said Sherman County, Texas, who are resident property taxpayers of said County and who have duly rendered their property for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

ALL VOTERS desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And, those opposed to the proposition shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

THE POLLING PLACES and Presiding Officers of said election shall be, respectively, as follows:

COURT HOUSE, STRATFORD, TEXAS, Harry Ingham, Presiding Officer; RUBY SCHOOL HOUSE, Dan Foreman, Presiding Officer; LONE STAR SCHOOL HOUSE, J. B. Craig, Presiding Officer; and TEXHOMA, TEXAS, SCHOOL HOUSE, Rentie Hamilton, Presiding Officer.

A COPY of this order, signed by the County Judge of Sherman County, Texas, and certified to by the County Clerk, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

THE COUNTY CLERK OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, is hereby authorized and directed to cause said notice of election to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, in some newspaper of general circulation, that has been continuously and regularly published for more than one year previous to the date of this order, in Sherman County, Texas, and, in addition thereto by posting notices of such election at four public places in Sherman County, Texas, one of which shall be at the courthouse door of said County, for three consecutive weeks prior to said election.

The above order having been read, it was moved by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Layton that same be passed and adopted. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of said Court voted "AYE": Commissioners Hamilton, Layton, Cartrite, Wohlford; and the following voted "NO": None.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 29th day of November, 1940.

F. B. MULLINS,
County Judge, Sherman County, Texas.

SAM WOHLFORD,
Commissioner of Precinct Number 1.

J. T. CARTRITE,
Commissioner of Precinct Number 2.

J. A. LAYTON,
Commissioner of Precinct Number 3.

E. E. HAMILTON,
Commissioner of Precinct Number 4.

(Seal) (Com. Court Seal.)

The above and foregoing NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION is issued and given by me pursuant to authority conferred by the above and foregoing order of the Commissioners' Court of said County, and I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true, correct and complete copy of the order of said Court, ordering said bond election, and also, the MIN-

UTES showing the passage thereof. WITNESS MY HAND WITH THE SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, affixed, this the 29th day of November, 1940.
(Seal) (Com. Court Seal)
J. R. PENDLETON,
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas.
By Lelah Boney, Deputy.

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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist
Large Assortment of Frames
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WISHING ALL OF YOU
1940
BEST WISHES

WISHING ALL OF YOU —
Because it is impossible to greet each one of our friends personally, we take this opportunity to extend our Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.
We appreciate every courtesy you have shown, and we pledge ourselves to maintaining your friendship and good will.
We sincerely hope that your every hope may be realized during this Christmas time.

Cowdrey Hwd. & Impl.

THE SEASON'S BEST
1940
AS OLD FRIENDS
We again send our greetings with a full sense of gratitude for having been able to serve you, and to take part in the life of this community. May all the joys of the Yuletide be yours. May you find Prosperity, Health and Happiness in fullest measure.

Stratford Abstract COMPANY
J. W. ELLIOTT, PRESIDENT

MAY YOU HAVE ALL THE JOYS OF AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

Sherman County Abstract Co.
Royal Pendleton, Mgr. Stratford, Texas
Sherman County National Bank Building

HERE'S TO YOU AND YOURS —
To their continued happiness — to their increasing prosperity. The good wishes of this firm go to all the loyal friends at this Holiday Season.

Davis Motor Company

Wishing You Health, Happiness and Prosperity
1940

**With Our--
Heartiest Greetings**

As you gather with your loved ones this Christmas we send our sincere greetings, and wishes for your success and happiness.

Your thoughtfulness during the past year, your friendly courtesies we count as splendid things in our lives. Not all the gain in any business can be entered in a cash register, or written in a ledger, and we are deeply appreciative of your friendship — our most treasured possession.

We pledge ourselves in the future to even greater efforts to merit your continued confidence, to greater service to you and to the community.

**May Your Christmas Be Truly
Happy**

First State Bank

With Our Best Wishes
1940

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAY ALL THE HAPPINESS OF THE SEASON BE YOURS —
With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to you the Season's Greetings. We wish you all the Holiday Joys, with an abundance of Prosperity in the New Year.

Ross Bros. Dry Goods

**PROCLAIMING
A RIGHT ROYAL
CHRISTMAS**
1940

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are happy in the thought that we have had the privilege of serving you. The pleasure it has given us has been a rich reward.

As you gather around your Christmas feast, you will know we are thinking of you and wishing for you the choicest blessings of the Season.

W. T. MARTIN
Hardware - Implements
And Furniture

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE
1940

In the bustle of these days let us not forget the solemn significance of Christmas. And may it bring all of you the rich happiness you deserve.

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