THE STRATFORD STAR

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Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, Thursday, December 25, 1941

\$626.54 Subscribed In War's Red Cross Drive

Sherman County went over the top in contributions to the first war time Red Cross call it was war time Red Cross call it was learned Tuesday morning with ap-proximately \$626.54 subscribed. The quota for the county was \$400.00 and many of the donations were made under the impression that if funds were raised above the were made under the impression that if funds were raised above the quota they would be held over in a fund for use in the following call. Chester Guthrie has been ap-pointed County Red Cross Cheir

pointed County Red Cross Chair-man. G. R. Garrison, Joe Duby and R. J. Davis convased the business district, raising \$316.50 for Precinct 4 Friday morning. County Chairman Chester Guth-

rie appointed County Commission-ers, W. T. Crabtree, J. T. Cartrite and W. W. Steel to head the drive and W. W. Steel to head the drive in each of their precincts. Pre-cinct 3 has reported donations of \$103.00, Precinct No. 2 reports \$109.54, \$60.54 of which had been in the bank as a Spurlock fund for over 20 years; and Precinct 1 has reported \$97.50. Becent reports have caused local

Recent reports have caused local Red Cross officials to believe that it may be necessary to send in all the money which has been sub-scribed immediately. Unless this reported new ruling is correct, the policy which was adopted at a meeting of Stratford business men Friday night will probably be car-ried out. Quotas for the county were figured for each precinct on a basis of population. It was understood that if more than enough money fo rthe current call was raised it would be held in a fund to be used at later dates when new calls are made.

Deadline Nears For Wheat And **Barley Loans**

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

Closing date on these loans is December 31, but grain sorghum loans, made available to Texas farmers for the first time this year, will be taken until January 31, according to Charles L. Thom-

Quotas and calls for men for military service will be strictly confidential, according to an order received by the local draft board Tuesday morning. No more post-ers will be allowed in the office listing men which have been se-lected for military. service. News which can be released at ers of the provide the provided the prov

into military service, and it is probable that the whereabouts of these men will not be made public Visitors at the well are slowing

The new order received by the board gave no explanation or reasons for the sudden change in pol-icy of Selective Service Headquarters.

Improving 1942 **Poultry Flocks**

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

working on an improvement pro-grom to provide stocks from high-producing and disease-free flocks," commer

31, according to charles L. Thom-
as, state AAA committeeman and
wheat grower from Pampa.
Through December 6, Commod-
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says. Best estimates indicate that
more than three-fourths of the
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THE STAR WILL CEASE SAMPLE COPIES OF WITH THIS ISSUE

Sample copies of the Star which have been going to homes of non-subscribers will cease with the current issue of the paper. There are no obligations to subscribe. But those who desire to become regular readers should place their subscriptions this week in order that the publication will be able to con-tinue serving them without interruption.

GULF DRILLING

Tuesday morning. No more post-ers will be allowed in the office listing men which have been se-lected for military. service. News which can be released at the present time will deal only with men who have been called into military service, and it is probable that the whereabouts of they could have been mudded off Visitors at the well are slowing

to a minimum with the exception of a few who believe there is some-thing "phoney" about reports from

the well. 1 Oil Lease Filed Roy Sumers et al, sold to W. E. Benson and oil and gas lease on

the Northwest 1/4 of section 46 Block 1-C. W. E. Benson assigned the lease on the Northwest ¹/₄ of section 46, Block 1-C, to Frank Parkes.

Rising production and living costs, and expanded crop and live-stock production will make neces-sary the use of more short term breeders and hatcherymen who are the A. and M. College Extension

Credit institutions, especially commercial banks and Production

producing and disease-free flocks," he explains. As a guide in buying chicks, McCarthy advises following a rule used by livestockmen and get full information about the breeding and performance of the ancestry Heavy laying ability, like heavy production of milk and butterfat, is an inherited charac-teristic. Large production is not found in inferior stock, whether in poultry or cows. commercial banks and Production Credit Associations, have ample funds to meet the increased de-mand for loans, and little or no change in interest rates is expect-ed. Cost of credit generally takes between five and 10 percent of the ers and ranchmen, and a larger portion of the income of farmers who are heavily in debt, Timm

than by new construction, and through improved feeding of ex-

WAR DEPARTMENT WANTS **REGISRATION OF ALL** TRUCKS, BUSSES, TRAILERS

The War Department seeks to inventory-for possible use in the War emergency—privately and publicly owned trucks, busses, and trailers with a minimum capacity of 3,000 pounds. The National Defense Com-mittae for Toxos in collabora

mittee for Texas in collabora-tion with the Texas State Highway Department, the Tex-as Department of Public Safety, and the Works Projects Admin-istration, urges the owners of all with the Works the owners of all Buch vehicles to write the War Department, 1222 West Com-merce Street, San Antonio, Texas for questionaires. Such communications to the War De-partment should give the owners' exact mailing address

Those owners who have already received questionaires but who have not filled them out should do so immediately and mail them in to the above address

Station wagons are NOT to be registered for this purpose. L'P. HUNTER County Defense Chairman

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl three and a half years old. I have been trying to be good so will you please bring me a big doll, a bed, and a big red helpful suggestions. Only quality chicks should be considered. "By quality chicks I mean those which come from breaders and hatcherymen who are

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, doctor set, a cowgirl suit, and boots, and some candy and fruits. And do not forget my little sister or big sister, or Jesse. I have been very good, so bring me one of these things.

Yours truly, Virginia James.

Dear Santa Claus:

County AAA Committee Re-Elected Saturday

Men 18-64 Will Register; 20 To 45 May Fight

WASHINGTON.— Congress has cleared the way for a 4,000,000-man army by approving legislation requiring registration of all men 18 to 64, inclusive, and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, sub-

in the army would be ordered "in the light of the strategic situation as it develops."

Both houses agreed speedily on compromise amendments to the Selective Service Act which War Department officials said would make a total of 2,215,000 men available in the next few months, in addition to the 1,900,000 new in n addition to the 1,800,000 now in

uniform. Minimum Compromised

This included, experts said, 915,-000 men from 21 through 35 al-ready registered and listed as immediately available in Class 1-A. They estimated the new bill would provide an additional 600,000 Class

1-A registrants from about 20-year olds; 400,000 in the ages from 36 through 44; and 300,000 who have reached the age of 21 since the last registration was held. By compromising on a minimum age of 20 for active service-a year younger than the House desired and a year older than the Senate had voted—Congress cut off an additional supply of 600,000 poten-tial soldiers.

Dear Santa Claus:Please bring me a doll and some
doll clothes, and a set of dishes.
Your friend,
Julia Ann Crabtree.the marines 10,000.and other worthwhile projects. /
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trations will be taken in age clas-sifications at the discretion of President Roosevelt, with those subject to active service expected subject in active service expected

At a county-wide farmers meet-ing at the District Court room, Saturday, December 20th, R. C. Buckles, H. S. Hawkins, and W. A. Spurlock were reelected to serve as the Sherman County AAA Com-

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mittee for 1942. These men were on the committee at the time that the Sherman County Special Farm Program was started. The leader-ship of this committee and the cooperation that they have received 18 to 64, inclusive, and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, sub-ject to military service. Selective service officials at headquarters believe registration will not begin for several weeks. Although the new draft bill makes possible an army of at lesst 4,000,000, there is no way of telling whether that many men will ever be called to the colors. Secretary of War Stimson has said increases in the army would be ordered "in

special reference to preventing prairie fires as a feature of the Farm Defense Program, was dis-cussed by A. P. Bralley, County Agent. The County Commission-ers will be in charge of fire prevention and control work in their respective precincts. Burning weeds and preventing fires is the responsibility of the individual cit-izens and not of the Commissioners, it was pointed out. However, anyone burning weeds in cleaning county roads, fence rows and fire-guards should cooperate with the Commissioners in preventing the spread of the fire to adjacent

land. Farmers were urged to buy or order machinery repairs from implement dealers, and repair machinery as soon as possible, in cooperating with the National Dein fense Program.

The USDA Board called attention to the Government's need for

additional supply of 600,000 poten-tial soldiers. But with 100,000 youths turning 20 every month, Congressional leaders said there was every rea-son to believe that the army would get all of the men it could equip and train as fast as it could handle them. Under recently-approved legislation the navy could obtain up to 50,000 of the selectees and the marines 10,000. **41,000,000 On Record** Registration of 23,500,000 men

Please bring me a doll, electric iron, and a little drum. Don't for-get my little brother. He wants a popgun, blocks and a doll. Your little friends, Sarah and Tommie Lavake.

LETTERS TO SANTA Dear Santa:

and the license numbers of vehicles.

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cotton and wheat mature on de-mand or April 30, 1942, and grain that they are heavy layers. sorghum loans mature on demand or June 31, 1942.

Wreck Victims **Recovering Rapidly**

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton and Mrs. F. A. Judd, who are in the Moore County hospital as the result of injuries in a car wreck about two weeks ago, are reported to be get-ting along nicely.

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Communion Services 11:45 A. M. Young People's Bible Class 6:30

-Evening Services 7:30 P. M. Song Practice Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

You are cordially invited to come P. J. Pronger and be with us at each and every In Toronly II service and always welcome.

Apples occupy more refrigerated warespace in the United States each year than any other single item.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight and Thursday, "Dive Bomber," with Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray.

Fred MacMurray. Friday and Saturday, "Dress-ed To Kill," with Lloyd Nolan and Mary Beth Hughes. Sunday and Monday, "You'll Never Get Rich,' with Fred As-taire and Rita Hayworth. Tuesday, "Rags to Riches," with Alan Baxter and Mary Carlisle.

Carlisle. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, "Smilin' Through" with Jeanette Mc-Donald and Brian Aherne. Saturday matinees discontin-ued until further notice.

sizable percent can be accredited to Texas farmers,' Thomas said. With 18,795,375 bushels of wheat is the key, and quality doesn't employment fortify this conclusion.

With 18,195,375 bushels of wheat in regular, warehouse, excess and Federal Crop Insurance loans, Tex-as wheat farmers already have been advanced 18,406,284. Most popular among wheat farmers is the regular warehouse loan which leads the field with 21,933 loans on 16,089,397 bushels. FCIC loans in-clude 2,315 loans on 1.243,275 bushels "Investigate before you buy

isting livestock rather than pur-chases of additional animals, Timm points out. shels. Only 19 excess wheat loans have been made in Texas. Barley loans have been made on 1,209,099 bushels for a loan value of \$482,113.63. Loans on barley, cotton and wheat mature on de-that they are beau from the stock. **They Practice** What They Preach

Goule Sends **Greetings** To Sherman County

Arrel Cummings and son Emerald, who were in Paint Rock, Texas last week end visiting with his Boother, N. M. Cummings, met E. Goule, former Sherman County Agricultural Agent, now with the S. Army.

Mr. Cummings said he tried to answer all the questions he could as to how the crops turned out and current conditions. Goule sent back word of his best wishes and that he hened to see many of the that he hoped to see many of the boys again, but not in Sherman out that as a whole the 762 com-

County.

In Temple Hospital

P. J. Pronger, who underwent an operation in a Temple, Texas hos-pital last week, is reported to be word received by relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pronger are in Temple with him.

Methodist Church

(J. B. Thompson, Pastor) Sunday School: 10 A. M. Morning Worship: 11 A. M. Ser-non subject, "The Year Ahead.' Evening Worship: 7 P. M. Christmas Tree: Wednesday short. 7 P. M.

spent by consumers for food goes to the farmer. The remainder pays for processing and distribu-Farmers do r

Dear Santa:

I have been a very good boy. want a tricycle, nuts, fruit and candy

Your friend,

rest of the boys and girls. Don't forget my sister. Your little friend,

Bernadeen Carter. If you tell others to conserve Dear Santa:

building allowances available to them. The AAA makes payments to farmers who adopt approved conservation practices so as to Your little friends, Juanell and Janell Mixon.

Christian Church

Missionary Council The Council met at the Church mitteemen had spent a lot more money on conservation than they at 2:30 Wednesday. President, Mrs. Keenan, had charge of the business session. The meeting was money on conservation than they wirs. Receasion. The meeting was earned from the AAA. In fact, they put 64 percent more money into conservation than they were into conservation than they were more money by Singing "All Hail The Power," followed with prayer by Mrs. Bernard Dovel. Secretary, Mrs. Harmon Lowe, read the min-

The total maximum soil-building and range-building allowance for the committeemen in 1940 was \$71,846, Lloyd said, while the amount of conservation work done was concurb to conservation work done amount of conservation work done am Bernard Dovel.

Song: "Joy to the World," by the to group. ian Talk: "A Christmas Message,"

to be listed first. Hersshey said that men in the latter groups would be added to the lists of those already classified under the 21 through 35 age limits worth. He stated that the state bership on record and that the county group planned to have a membership campaign soon after

A clause in the new bill provides that elective state officials shall Oklahoma line at Kerrick. Texas State Highway engineers

8, or who die or are totally disabled within the next 120 days without obtaining such insurance.

J. W. Blaine Taken At Claude

J. W. Blaine, wanted for writing hot checks, was arrested at Claude, Texas and will be taken to McKinney, Texas for trial. An order for his arrest was filed with local officers several days ago.

Loan Or Instalment Sales Firms Must File By December 31

It is necessary for all persons and organizations subject to the provisions of Regulation W of the earn 118,128, or \$46,282 more than
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Mrs. Odis Bryant gave a very in-teresting talk on "Christmas." Talk: "Christmas Spirit" by Mrs. Leslie Parker. Duet: Mrs. L. B. Chaffin and Harmon Lowe.

Senate had sought to strike this out in order to give local draft boards more discretion in such matters, but conferees killed the matters amendment.

If you tell others to conserve their soil, then you'd better practice what you preach. That's evidently the isentiment among the 762 AAA county committeemen in Texas, three in each county, who try to get Texas farmers to practice conservation methods of farming and earn the soil building allowances available to building allowances available to bear Santa:

Dewight Peterson Will be Returned

To Iowa Prison

Dewight Peterson, 19, of Des Moines, Iowa, who plead guilty to charges of robbing the Taylor Mercantile, will be returned to the custody of Iowa officials where he is wanted as an escaped convict from the State Reform School for Boys.

Christian Church (L. B. Chaffin, Minister)

Bible School 10:00 A. M. J. R.

Pendleton, Supt. 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 6:00 P. M. Evening Worship 7:00 P. M. There will be no orchestra prac-tice until after the holidays.

Our Christmas program will be given Wednesday ev o'clock December 24th. Wednesday evening 7:00

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 A. M. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

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was enough to earn \$118,846, Lloyd said, while the amount of conser-vation work done was enough to

AAA would pay for, while 275 fell short. So(as a matter of record, some of the 487 earned two or three times their allowance in order to bring the total figure in

Farmers do not need to get pri-About 3,000 farms in the U. S. are now included in the boundries of soil conservation districts.

PAGE TWO

Frankie Mae Dodson **Chosen County 4-H** Gold Star Girl

Frankie Mae Dodson, member of the girls 4-H club in Texhoma, has been selected as the Gold Star Girl of Sherman County. This is an honor, for only one girl in each county may be chosen. To be se-

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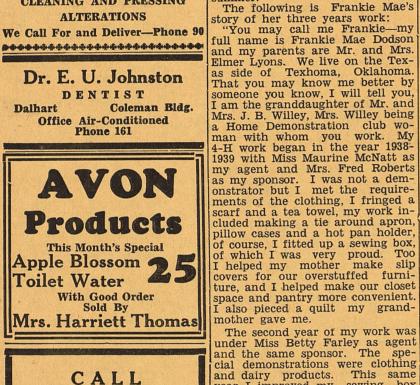
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may be the very best Christmas you have ever had.

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lected, the girl must be the out-standing club girl in the county and she must come up to high numpking. We used from our garpumpkins. We used from our garstandards. She must have been a standards. She must have been a club member three or more years and must have successfully com-pleted a demonstration to be eli-gible. A gold pin awarded by the 4-H Club Fund of A. & M. College will wide 4-H meeting next summer and recognition will be planned for the Gold Star Girls at Short Summer. The following in the second star of the first bunch The following in the second star of the first bunch the second star of the second star of the second star the following the second star of the second star of the second star the second star of the

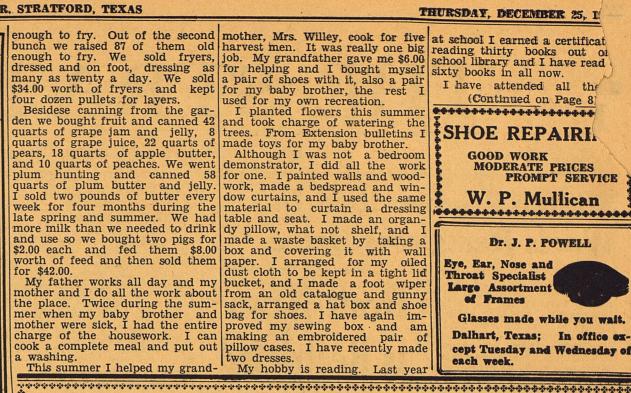
summer. The following is Frankie Mae's

Christmas



At this Yuletide season we are happy to again send our Greetings, and Best Wishes for All Happiness and Success for each and every one of you.

Walden Electric Co.





Against the background of Christmas is the ideal of a world at peace. This ideal has nourished the Christmas joy of countless millions since the days when shepherds first tended their flocks on the plains of old Judea.

It is this peace of spirit in all its fullness that we wish you now, as, mindful of a whole year of pleasant relations, we pause to express our appreciation.

May you all enjoy a truly Merry Christmas this season.

Panhandle Power & Light Co.



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HOMER BLAKE

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PRONGER BROS Stratford, Texas Registered Hereford Cattle



Brands -- P-- left side left Ranch 8 mHes south of Stratford.

for our milk, and I made butter three times. We made pop-corn cottage cheese every week. I earn-ed a pin for this years work and exhibited my pillow, tea-towel and luncheon cloth in the Fair at Stratford.

year I improved my sewing box and made not only the three re-quired articles of clothing, which

were a bib-apron, slip, and yo-yo

pillow, but I made a tea towel, em-broidered pillow cases, two pair of underwear, dress for my baby brother and a luncheon cloth of unbleached domestic with appli-

que flowers and bias tape edge. Daily I used my quart of milk. Je improved the method of caring

My third year began with Miss Mabel Martin as my agent and Mrs. George Roberts as my spon-sor. Soon the motto, pledge, club prayer and emblem were no longer strange words to me, for we learn-ed the meaning of them. We work-ed with bedrooms and gardens this time and I was the garden demonstrator. I started out with raising a garden of beans, 300 onion sets,

English peas, black-eyed peas

Notice! New Law Requires CERTIFICATE **OF TITLE** When Registering Your Automobile

Owners of Motor Vehicles purchased after January 1, 1936, must have a Certificate of Title before license for the 1942 registration can be completed.

The certificate of title should be in your possession at all times while driving your automobile. Therefore we suggest that you not wait until you are ready to register your car before determining if you have a certificate of title in your possession.

It takes time to obtain a certificate of title, and if you wait until you are ready to register your car before obtaining a certificate of title, you may not be able to complete registration until after the deadline for registration.

Remember a car purchased after January 1, 1936 cannot be registered without a Certificate of Title. A fee of 50 cents is required for each application of title.

J. W. Garoutte SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR SHERMAN COUNTY

All MANTANA MANTAN THE SPARKLE **CHRISTMAS**



A WORLD AT WAR may yet find a sparkle in Christmas! To the youngsters of West Texas-and all America-this tradition of light, and happiness, and cheer, and good will toward men remains as a glowing reality. For that reason, believing there must always be a Christmas, we consider our job even more essential this year: Helping to keep alive the sparkle of the Christmas spirit through plenty of good light while also serving our nation's armed forces who are fighting to preserve not Christianity alone but our old time Freedom and Democracy as well.

West Texas Utilities Company

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1941

CHANGED CITY

town one week; next week it was a

war town. The change is partly a

matter of visible things, partly things that are felt without being seen . . . Khaki-clad soldiers, with

tin hats and bayonets, patroling two abreast between the White House

and the state department . . . Darkness over the Capitol dome, where

searchlights are blacked out, for the duration . . A jam of volunteers for Civilian Defense . . . New flags delivered at Civilian Defense head-

quarters, two for LaGuardia's car,

two for Mrs. Roosevelt's car, six for

the motorcycles . . . The residence

of German correspondent Kurt Sell

is raided at night and Sell is taken

Though the department of com-

merce deals with such innocuous

subjects as census figures, its great

steel doors are locked, and guards

demand credentials at the main en-

trance . . . Women fliers of Ameri-ca call a hurried meeting to speed

up plans for training . . . An extra detail of police strolls on the south grounds of the White House, last

trampled by egg - rolling Easter

In his press conference, the Presi-

. . . Four plainclothesmen,

dent's voice is so grave and low that a newsman calls out, "Louder,

in two cars, sit parked all day on

Waterside drive, where the bank rises sharply on the back garden of

the Japanese embassy . . Even Falla, the President's Scottie, feels the change, for the White House guards have less time to play with

him, and he curls up disconsolate in

his green dog-house, just back of the

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JAPANESE SPIES

Dies had investigators make a thor-

ough survey of Japanese activities along the West coast. The results

eventually were suppressed by the

state department and the President

himself, but a brief summary of

them indicates that some parts of

the United States face a dangerous

problem when it comes to fifth col-

Hitler had many agents planted

through Norway, France and the Low Countries when he attacked,

ond generation Japanese born in the

United States. The Dies report

shows that 200 key Japanese have

been decorated by the emperor dur-

ing the past two years and that many Japanese are in close co-op-eration with the homeland through

the Central Japanese association

which has been directed by consu-

Dies agents have collected photo-

lates in California.

Last summer Congressman Martin

President's office.

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Washington has changed overnight. Washington was a boom

Adaman Club Greets New Year on Summit Of Lofty Pikes Peak

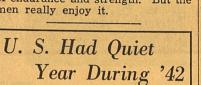
While most people will be celeorating New Year's in comfortably warm homes, theaters and other amusement places, a small group of men will be battling bitter cold and high snow drifts as they climb to the top of Pikes peak.

Every year at the stroke of midnight on New Year's eve members of the Adaman club set off a huge display of fireworks from **the sum**-mit of Pikes peak. The **mercury** has fallen as low as 40 **degrees be**low zero during the nine-mile climb, and the wind blows relentlessly atop the 14,110-foot peak.

Early in the afternoon of December 31 the hardy group will leave Colorado Springs. They will ride in automobiles as far as Manitou Springs which is located at the base of the peak. Their ride ends here, and they begin their long climb.

At first the climb is easy, but after the Half Way House is passed the climbing becomes extremely difficult. Snow drifts are more than 20 feet deep in places, and the in-cessant north wind whips the snow particles with great force.

In addition to a food supply, each man carries his share of the fireworks. The trip is a gruelling test of endurance and strength. But the men really enjoy it.



No one knows what the year 1942 will bring, but '42 exactly 100 years ago was a relatively quiet one for the United States.

In that year the national debt reached the high level of more than \$13,594,000. La grippe (influenza) was prevalent throughout the country. This year also saw Charles Dickens visit the United States, and the Horatio Greenough statue of General George Washington was placed in the federal Capitol.

Other events of national importance which occurred exactly one century ago follow:

March 31-Henry Clay of Kentucky resigns from the U. S. senate. May 2—Col. John C. Fremont commenced an exploring expedition to the Rocky mountains.

June 29-President Tyler vetoes the tariff bill.

August 9-Maine boundary established by the Webster-Ashburn treaty between the United States and England. August 30-President Tyler signs

but the Japanese, according to the Dies report, start out with 150,000 of their countrymen in the United States. These are all Japanese citi-zens, and do not include 50,000 secthe tariff bill. September 29-Order of the Sons of Temperance organized in New York

Columbus Achieved 'Greatest Discovery'

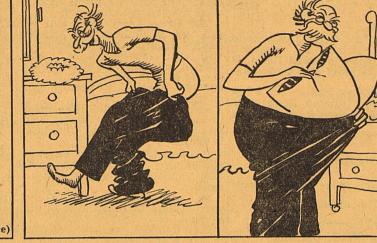
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one marked by a great observance of some sort for the achievement of Christopher Columbus in 1492. For

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A General Quiz

The Questions

1. How many times was Wil-liam Jennings Bryan defeated for the presidency of the United States?

2. Members of the Caterpillar club are what? 3. What is the weight of a base-

ball? 4. The word Bible is derived

from Greek and Latin words meaning what?

5. How many rooms are there in the White House?

The Answers

Three times.

2. Aviators who saved their lives by parachute leaps. 3. A standard baseball weighs

five ounces. 4. Books (Biblia, after the Phoenician city Byblos, whence papyrus was exported).

5. About 50 rooms, counting kitchens, valet bedrooms and corridors used as sitting rooms.

The year 1942 would ordinarily be

graphs of various Japanese truck gardens operated alongside oil tanks and strategic railroads. Also they report 5,000 Japanese residing on terminal islands in Los Angeles harbor, where are located strategic oil tanks, Reeves field and a shipbuilding company. Oil storage tanks blown up in the harbors would endanger all of the Los Angeles area. The most revealing documents seized by Dies' agents are maps, showing all the U.S. strategic points and fortifications, and a naval manual showing the size of all American naval vessels.

The naval manual, published in 1941, is so up to date that it even shows latest models of U.S. mosquito boats together with the Presidential yacht Potomac and the plan of U. S. airplane carriers. The location of guns, engine room, etc., is indicated alongside the photograph of each vessel. It must have taken Japanese agents months or years to collect this data.

* * * **KNEW FORMATIONS**

Another Japanese map seized by Dies' agents is revealing in the extreme. It shows the layout of the American fleet in a typical battle formation near Hawaii. U. S. naval officers confirm the fact that the map correctly shows past naval maneuvers.

The documents show the details of Pearl Harbor, the Panama canal, San Francisco, Manila, Guam and Vladivostok. They also give the normal crusing radius of the U.S. fleet out of Honolulu, together with the normal location of airplane carriers, cruising battleships, scouts and aux-iliary transports. Maps also show the whereabouts of submarine cables, mines, channels, wireless stations, Japanese consulates and air bases all along the West coast.

WAR CHAFF

It was significant that Japanese

struck first not at the Philippines,

which is armed to the teeth with

heavy bombers, but at Hawaii. Ha-

waii had sent its best war planes

on to the Philippines . . . If the

might have been better prepared.

Constantine Brown, foreign affairs

expert of the Washington Star, pre-

dicted war with Japan 10 days in

advance and named Sunday, Decem-

ber 7. as the starting date.

1942 rounds out 450 years since the discovery of America.

In 1892, on the occasion of the four hundredth anniversary, the Chicago fair, one of the most re-nowned in the world, took place. But for World War II, 1942 would have brought about another significant celebration.

Even as it is, there is some talk of paying due honor to the great navigator who, in 1492 like the world we know in the dawn of 1942, also had his "darkest hour" before the light burst on a new world. Joaquin Miller wrote of this hour

in Columbus' life-and it could be symbolic of the arrival and hopes of the year 1942. The poetry follows:

lows: Then pale and wan he kept the deck And peered through darkness. Ah, that night, of all dark nights And then a light—a light.

It grew, a starlet flag unfurled It grew time's burst of dawn— He gained—a world He gave that world its grandest lesson. On—and on!

U. S. Only Sixth Rate

In Eyes of Father Time Although the United States leads the world in many ways, it is about sixth rate in the eyes of Father Time. He brings the new year first to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he finally gets around to this country. Then for three more hours the people of California must be satisfied with 1941 before they receive the fresh new year of 1942.

When the new year is born it will be 7 a. m., December 31, in our eastern cities; 6 a. m. in the central time zone; 5 a. m. in the mountain zone; and 4 a. m. in the Pacific coast states.

Early Scots Used Bible For Glimpse Into Future

A glimpse into the future was believed possible by the early Scots who turned to their Bibles on New Year's day.

The sacred book was laid upon the table, opened at random and a navy had read the newspapers it finger was placed on the printed The entire chapter was then page. read, and the message it held was then believed to describe in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.



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By

J. Millar Watt

C. M. Payne WNII

WHAT, AGAIN?

"I hear back at colson is lege." "No-quarter-back."

girl. "Last night I dined with Lieutenant-well, you don't know him, but he's awfully sweet—and we went to several places I don't suppose you've ever heard of, and finished up

at a funny little club, but I didn't hear its name. All right, mummy?' know."

her daughter.

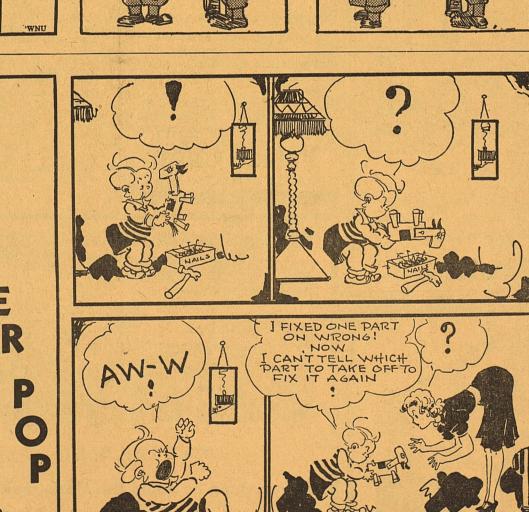
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mother, but I should like to know

where you go," said Mrs. Slowe to

"I know I'm an old-fashioned

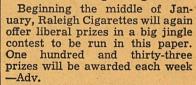
"Of course, darling!" replied the



LAST DANCE



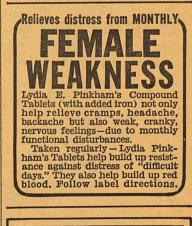
Big Chief-Now, daughter, I want you to stop going out with that lat-"Of course, dear. I just like to est flame of yours, his rhumba dance is a disgrace to the tribe.





Public Servant

He who serves the public is a poor animal; he worries himself to death and no one thanks him for it.-Goethe.



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CHRISTMAS

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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,



Miss Jerry Kelp and Mrs. Jack Dettle were guests of relatives in Guymon Friday and Saturday spend the holidays with her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Plunk, Enid, Oklahoma, arrived Monday to spend the holidays with his par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Plunk and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston and Mrs. Mollie Davis were visitors in Mr. and Cagle. Phillips, arrived today Miss Bobbie Wiginton and W. F. Wiginton spent the week end with relatives in Altus, Oklahoma.

Alfred Pronger and Billy Pendle-Mrs. Mollie Davis were visitors in Amarillo Monday. ton arrived home Friday evening from College Station for the

Miss June Beth Keener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keener, is on the sick list this week. Mrs. C. A. Wilson and son, Gene Wilson, visited relatives in Guy-

Miss Bettie Lou O'Brien and Mr. Miss Bettle Lou O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ingle, Los Angeles, California, arrived Saturday for a visit with relatives here. Miss O'Brien is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, and Mr. and Mrs. Ingle are visiting her mother, Mrs. Tim Flores. Arthur Lee and Bill Ross drove to Lubbock to bring home Miss Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and daughter, Patricia, of Canadian arrived Sunday to spend the holi-days with Mr. and Mrs G. L. Tay-Miss Caroline Hunter of Flag

to Lubbock to bring home Miss Lorraine Ross for the Christmas New Mexico. Mr and Mrs. M. F. Lorra holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace and children left Friday for Nash-ville, Tennessee for a visit with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster were visitors in Amarillo Saturday

evening. Clay Spurlock, who is teaching in the State Teachers College at Conway, Arkansas, arrived Satur-day to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spur-Mr. and Mrs. doe Brown and

Nr. and Mrs. J. E. Crabtree announce the birth of a 6 pound 13 ounce daughter, Kathryn Elaine, December 19, at Dalhart. Mother and daughter are getting along and daughter are getting along family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bran-nicely. Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Miss Bettie Lou O'Brien, and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien were visitors in Amarillo

Monday J. E. Brannan and Johnny Willey returned home from Lub-bock where they have been attend-

. B. Willey. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Looney Amarillo, are here for a visit with

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Puckett. Mrs. Floyd Phillips and Mrs. Lloyd Dovel of Petersburg, Texas

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THE STRATFORD STAR, STRATFORD, TEXAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick daughter and Cagle, Phillips, arrived today to spend Christmas with Mrs. W. R. Gamble and family. Mrs. Mary Nan Gamble and Miss Keith Ann Gamble, of Fort Worth, will be here for a visit during the holiday holidays. season.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris left Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas with her relatives in UP NEXT?

McLean, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey, Miss Bettie Reese and Gordon Morse

children, Pampa, will spend Christ-mas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cromer. Mrs. Love is Mrs. Cromer's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Brooks and Miss Mae Gay left Tuesday evening for Haskell, Texas to spend the Chrismas holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John Bird and Roberta Jean left Monday for Hous-

to spend Christmas with relatives

in Haskell and Seymour. Miss Mildred Pendleton, Lubbock is spending the holiday season with home folks.

Mrs. J. B. Wash and daughters and Mrs. Areace Le Bleu were in bock where they have been attend-ing college Tuesday morning. J. E. Brannan will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan, and Johnny Jo Willey is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Willey

here Mr. and Mrs. Horace Walker and children left Saturday for Mississ-ippi, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Ida F. Wray will have as her guests for the Holiday season her sons, John Wray from Alexandra, Louisiana, and George Wray from Fort Worth, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Love of Goodwell, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foreman and family will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. I. W. Foreman and sister, Miss Grace Foreman. Miss Nettie Beth Everett, Ama-rillo business college student is spending the vacation with her parents Mr and Mrs. P. K. Furefit

parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Everett. Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mary Eliza-beth Brown and Albert Ross were visitors in Dalhart Tuesday after-

noon. Mrs. W. N. Price, Mrs. Earl Riffe Mrs. C. T. Watson, Charlotte Wat-son and Jeanne Price were Ama-rillo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Taylor and children returned home last Thurs-day. Miss Doris Blevins returned with them for a visit in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cameron and son. Harold, Mr. and Mrs. J G. Clark and Mrs. C. E. McKee visited in Pampa Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges and

daughter left Saturday to spend the holiday season in Corsicana, Texas with relatives.

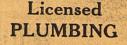
Misses Mary Woodford Kidwell, Jo Bryan and Joyce Ann Billington students of Canyon, are spending

the Christmas holidays with home

Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives in Santa Anna, Texas. Gene Harrison, George Allen, Lubbock, and James Arthur Illion Lubbock, and James Arthur Ullom, A. & M. students, are home for the

UP NEXT? The oil industry has perfected a "defeathering wax" and two men, using the wax, recently picked 500 chickens in an hour. The birds come from the killing room on an overhead conveyor, pass through a water bath of 128 degrees, and then through the wax bath, which is held at 130 degrees. After the wax has been solidified by a cold

wax has been solidified by a cold



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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 has brought to us in the past. And may the joys you so richly deserve be many and lasting.

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folks Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Calvird left Tuesday for San Angelo to spend Christmas with their daughter and

Mr. and Mrs. Cone Donelson and son, Skelleytown, spent Sunday with their parents, Mrs. Donel-Season. Will serve Christmas lunch from 11 A. M. until 2 P. M. Christmas Son and son remained for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Judd and son left today (Wednesday) for day season with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster, Dal

hart, and Miss Alice McAdams of Amarillo will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Sallie V. Mc-Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cromer,



MAY THE BEST

of everything be yours this Christmas is the sincere wish of every person in this organization.

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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.

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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 years.

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THE STRATFORD STAR, STRATFORD, TEXAS



"In spite of hell and high water!"

he concluded as the room cleared of

vibrations. "It'll take me days to

straighten out this tangle and it'll

only take Van Hassek a few hours

to run up here with his motorized

"General Hague probably has told

you, sir," Flagwill said, "that we've

got to hold on this line. The coun-

try is in an uproar and everyone

"Sure we've got to hold!" Lannes

raged. "But don't forget that fifty

thousand men are fifty thousand sol-

diers only when they're shaken down, organized, supplied, and

The Army commander stalked to a wall map and pointed to his dispo-sitions and immediate plan of ac-

"Mole is taking an artillery lac-ing at this minute, which means at-

tack on him at daybreak. With the

reinforcements I've sent up, he must

hold on the Colorado as long as

possible. Then he's got to fight de-

laying actions and make another desperate stand behind the Brazos.

Somehow Mole must delay Van Has-

sek at least three days, maybe for

a week, until I can get in shape to

take the enemy on here in front of

Dallas. It's going to cost us a lot

in Washington, sir, feels we've got to have a victory."

and mechanized outfits!"

ready to fight."

tion.

INSTALLMENT FIFTEEN and Bravot, two enemy officers, but his

them.

THE STORY SO FAR: More than 200,000 foreign troops which had been secretly transported to Mexico suddenly invaded the United States. Intelligence Officer Benning had discovered their plans while a spy in Mexico City where he had gained the confidence of Fincke

* CHAPTER XV—Continued

The boat bobbed across the harbor; Benning decided that Bravot must be headed back for some secret rendezvous in New York, a part of some crafty maneuver to cover his littered trais. In that event Benning decided to strike in the darkness the instant the launch reached shore.

A few minutes later the launch swerved sharply out of its course and slowed down. Benning saw the massive shadow of a ship looming over his head. A voice called down from above. Bravot got to his feet, edged his way to the bow. A boatman made the launch fast to the ship's ladder. One by one the passengers swung onto the ladder and were swallowed up by the night.

"Go ahead, Bromlitz!" a voice commanded when Benning hesitat-

Fincke caught Benning's arm, gently forced him forward. Benning made a swift estimate as he stood in Indecision. Quickly he saw that but one course lay ahead. In the bobbing little boat he knew he would stand no chance if he put up a fight for possession of the craft. As for swimming ashore, even the strongest swimmer could not expect success in that feat tonight.

Benning swung to the ladder and mounted to the deck. Close behind him came Fincke. On the deck there was a glow of light from an incandescent.

Inside the Austrian tossed off his coat and stretched himself. His face now was exuberant.

"Himmel, but what a comfort, Bromlitz!" he exclaimed with a vast sigh of relief. "Now a fellow can take a free breath."

Fincke paused to give Benning a knowing wink.

"What does it matter if we're sitting over a cargo of high explosives, eh, Bromlitz? It'll not blow up until we give the command-and that'll play the biggest card in the whole Van Hassek deck! Cheer up, Bromlitz, in ten days from now you'll be back with your girl in Mexico City!'

Now it was all to clear to Benning. Fincke at last had vitalized the meaning of this cruise, the reason for his own restless misapprehensions. This ship, with its cargo of explosives, clearing New York with papers for San Francisco, was part of an intricately laid plot to destroy the Panama Canal and strip the Atlantic seaboard of the protection of the United States fleet.

CHAPTER XVI

General Hague nervously paced the floor of his office despite the

unearthed a vast spy ring. Benning conwarnings had gone unheeded. Foreign forces led by Van Hassek pushed retinued to pose as a friend when he unexpectedly met Fincke in Washington, and accompanied him on a mysterious lentlessly forward. His troops were vastly superior in numbers and equipment mission which took them aboard a small boat in the New York harbor. to the American forces which opposed him. Returning to New York, Benning Now continue with the story. * * * * * * * * *

that set the earth shaking under | the field telephone. "I can't hold another minute! I hope you have strong reinforcements for me at the Brazos.

"All right, Mole, use your own judgment," Lannes retorted. "But no matter what it costs, we've got to delay Van Hassek until I can get my Third Army ready to stop him!'

CHAPTER XVII

Benning woke from a brief fretful sleep and went to a porthole. There was a bright sun rising across a smooth sea. He calculated from the speed of the freighter that the craft must be well down the coast of Virginia, perhaps off North Carolina and not far from Cape Hatteras. For a time last night he had flirted with the desperation of jumping overboard on the chance of making shore. Now he had given up hopes of being rescued by the Navy.

He was mulling at the porthole when a figure passed along the boat deck close to his eyes. The fellow wore a black mustache, dark hornrimmed glasses; his clothes were seedy and his shoulders sagged. But

Benning said to Fincke. The Austrian hotly admonished,

'Don't talk so much, Bromlitz! How many times have I got to tell you not to mention names?"

"I thought we were clear of all that trouble," Benning retorted. "Not with a brand-new crew on

the boat. We still got to watch our tongues." You think these sailors aren't

Bravot's men?" 'Just use your bean, Bromlitz.

Sailors wouldn't hardly sign up to get blown to hell, if they knew the score."

"I presume," Benning sneered, "the captain and crew don't even know what their cargo is?"

"The skipper knows, and a few of his good men. For two years Schmolz has been laying his plans for just this cruise."

The door of their cabin banged suddenly open. A chunky man with a squarish, rough-hewn, leering face swaggered in. The fellow wore a dirty cotton suit and an officer's cap, and bristled with authority and short temper.

"Who are you two?" he demanded, searching first Fincke's face, then Benning's.

The Van Hassek spy leaped to his feet and gave the identification formula. Benning was more leisurely in rising to identify himself. He life."



Lesson for December 28

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THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

LESSON TEXT-John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:1-5. GOLDEN TEXT—In my Father's house are many mansions.—John 14:2.

fices of business and industry are being paid from \$17 to \$35 a week. Hope is something this world desperately needs, and which it has all but abandoned. Little wonder when Wilmington may, and do, dress in coveralls; they change shirts posone recalls that the usual meaning sibly once a week; they wear of hope is hardly more than "wishcoarse, unshined shoes; they enjoy ful thinking" without any real confithe lower rentals of the rural disdence-and that such hope as men tricts. have, has been only in their fellowmen, who have so often grievously if he is to hold his job, must have failed them.

The Christian's hope-ah, that is something quite different. To him hope is certain expectation resting on the assured Word of God. Such a light only shines brighter as the darkness deepens. As the lights of men's promises and purposes flicker and die out, the hope of God's people shines like a beacon in a dark and stormy night.

How appropriate that we should use the last Sunday of this year to mize in every possible way. The white collar man has paid the bill. remind one another of that hope, to trim the lamp, as it were, for even brighter shining, as we cast its beams out into the unknown year just ahead. There are three great and helpful things in this lesson.

I. A Sure Promise of Heaven (John 14:1-3).

We are not forgetting that for us who love the Lord there is the bless-ed hope of His return. He is coming again (v. 3). But whether we have the joy of being caught up to be with Him ,or go by way of death, we have a sure promise of the eternal dwelling place which He has prepared for us.

"Let not your heart be troubled" -the very words come like the balm of Gilead upon our restless, troubled lives. Faith in God and in Christthere we have the sure anchor of the soul. He has promised. We may count on His fulfillment. We show our faith in our fellowmen by trusting their word, even though they often fail us. Shall we not then fully trust the omnipotent, never-failing God?

II. A Safe Way to Heaven (John 14:4-6).

Our Saviour has not just gone before us and bade us follow as best we may, but He is Himself the Way. Having Christ, we have the way. Observe that He does not say that He is the "way-shower," as one religious system names Him. He is not just an example, or the masterteacher, or a martyr to a holy cause. He is "the way, the truth, and the

guessed that the intruder was Schmolz, skipper of the ship. "I don't like your looks!" the fel-bur M. Smith points out that "the Note, too, that no man comes to low blurted, fixing Benning with glinting green eyes. apostle Paul in his epistles constant-ly emphasizes the truth that we have



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ON A BIG munitions plant being

Wilmington, Ill., carpenters are paid \$25 a day; men trundling

wheelbarrows or working with pick

In Chicago, 50 miles away, the

clerical forces working in the of-

The carpenters and laborers in

The clerical worker in Chicago,

a clean shirt every day; he must

wear a white collar; there must be

a crease in his trousers; his shoes

must be kept cleaned and shined;

he must pay the much higher rent-

als of the city. His income will

average about one-sixth of that of

To meet the ever-increasing de-

mand of taxes and labor, and to

industry have been forced to econo-

He is the "forgotten man" of today.

DOOR COUNTY, Wisconsin, that strip of land that separates Lake

Michigan from Green Bay and of

which the town of Sturg on Bay is

of the second and third generations

of the original settlers. These farm-

ers, many of them with kinfolks in

the countries enslaved by Hitler,

are enjoying the opportunity of

building sub-chasers to destroy Ger-

man submarines. At the shipyards

in Sturgeon Bay, far removed from

the scene of conflict, is being built

a fleet of the little boats that are

destined to see service in the Atlan-

tic, and the yards are manned by

Scandinavian, Belgian and Dutch

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A FEW NIGHTS AGO I sat in an

audience, the men of which consist-

ed largely of big game hunters, sol-

diers of fortune, explorers-men who had been to the uttermost ends

been filled with hair-raising adven-

was a little, happy-faced woman and

Ozark hills people and their simple. uneventful lives, of pet lambs and

puppy dogs, of quiet evenings be-

The speaker of the evening

'TAKE TO THE HILLS'

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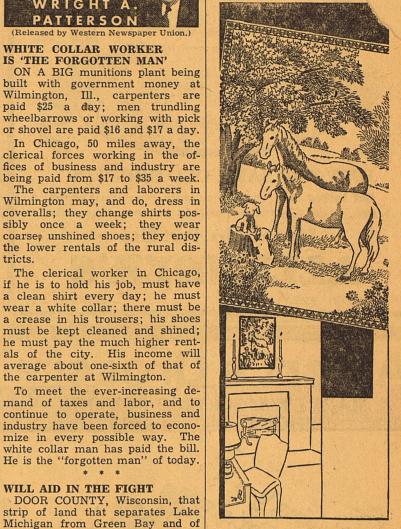
the carpenter at Wilmington.

or shovel are paid \$16 and \$17 a day.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 25,



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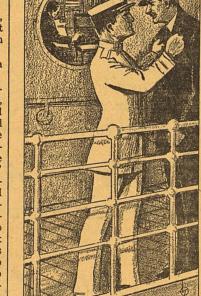
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Tenderness of Life

What seems to grow fairer to me as life goes by is the love and grace and tenderness of it; not its wit and cleverness and grandeur of of the earth and whose lives have knowledge—grand as knowledge is—but just the laughter of little children and the friendship of friends, and the cozy talk of the her subject was her mountain farm fireside, and the sight of flowers. home in the Ozarks. She talked about and the sound of music. the charming characteristics of the





"Take your hands off my coat."

of men, Flagwill, a lot of men! But I want you to go out and see the tuation for yourself — and tell Hague why I'm forced into these desperate delaying actions out in front!"

the profile was not to be mistaken. "You knew Bravot was aboard?"

long days of driving toil and anxiety that had drained his energies to the point of exhaustion. The last troop trains had moved south with the force of fifty thousand men that was to stop Van Hassek on the Fort Worth-Dallas line. But reports from the south shook him with new misgivings and he had sent for Colonel Flagwill.

Young Benning got away this morning for Mexico City, didn't he?' Flagwill's face dropped. "Sorry, General. Benning has vanished in thin air. Not a word from him all day.

"Benning missing?" Genera Hague scowled incredulity. "That doesn't sound like Benning."

'I authorized him to follow a Van Hassek agent aboard a Norwegian tramp freighter, thinking we'd get a haul of spies. A destroyer overhauled the boat last night after it sailed, only to find Benning was not aboard as planned. The ship's captain claimed not to have seen anyone resembling Benning." "Nothing should have prevented

Benning's flight to Mexico City, Flagwill," Hague complained. "All right, let's hope he turns up soon.'

Flagwill drove at once to Bolling Field where a fast new O-47 observation plane put him in the air short. ly before dusk. Seven hours later, as the plane approached Dallas, a radio warning told the pilot to avoid the Dallas airport and put down at an emergency landing-field south of the city.

The savage winks of detonation bombs caught Flagwill's eye as his plane drove past the city. No sooner had his plane roared to a stop in the emergency field than his ears rang with the bedlam of air bombardment over Dallas. A staff officer from Army headquarters was waiting for him.

"Dallas and Fort Worth are taking an awful beating tonight," the staff officer reported. "We're forced to detrain troops and impedimenta north of the city. An hour ago a bomber registered on one of our troop trains-three hundred men killed. Things are in a pretty bad jam here, sir.'

"I'll be frank with you, Flagwill!" General Lannes said in a peppery, overwrought voice. "If Van Hassek sizes up this mess and hits us promptly, he'll roll up my Third Army in spite—"

Lannes' voice was drowned by the mighty crash of a heavy bomb

An hour of patient driving put Flagwill down the Army's projected front. Whole regiments stood about in the dawn, still waiting for orders and supplies. The men were tired and hungry. Shortage of ammunition was general, even in the infantry. Ammunition was reported available at the railhead, but the railhead was swamped with demands and there were insufficient truck trains at present for all purposes.

As the sun shot over the horizon, Flagwill turned back to the Lannes command post. Squadrons of American combat planes had combed the air of Van Hassek's night hawks and the day had guieted down to a rumble of artillery columns and hum of friendly planes.

Given a day or two, Flagwill concluded, the hastily assembled Third Army would shake itself down. American ingenuity somehow would overcome the shortages of supplies. motor vehicles, the obsolescent organization tables, the unco-ordinated staffs, outmoded weapons, the lack of training in team-play of higher units. At least the officers had sound academic training in the science of war.

General Lannes, his face flushed and harried, his eyes distended, sat feverishly at the end of a field telephone as Flagwill re-entered the command post. After a staccato, fretted exchange he hung up the receiver and got to his feet.

"Van Hassek is driving at Mole with everything he's got this morn-ing!" Lannes roared. "Only the regiments I sent up to him last night kept Mole from being cracked up early this morning. Says he'll be lucky to hold on till nine. My God, Flagwill, this mess is going to cost us five thousand men, maybe ten!" By eight o'clock, Mole saw he could hold no longer. Ghastly losses were multiplying, his flanks were threatened. Now the American air service held the supremacy of the air immediately over the heads of Mole's troops, which made possible

the dangerous operation of daylight withdrawal.

"I'm pulling out of here now, Lannes!" he shouted fiercely over

NEXT WEEK Another Absorbing Installment glinting green eyes. "Don't worry about him, Cap-

tain," Fincke promptly intervened. "He's a major-the two of us been working together in the United States.

ear ruminatively and gave Benning a parting glare in which there was mingled distrust and dislike.

"Major or no major, there's something about your looks I don't like," he grumbled.

Their noon meal was brought in by an American deckhand, Grimes. After luncheon, Fincke went out on deck for exercise. With the complication of Bravot's presence on the ship, Benning knew he must keep to cover during daylight. Also that he must strike against the Van Hassek spymaster without delay if he expected to survive this cruise for many days.

Benning sweltered in the torrid little cabin through an insufferable day. With full darkness he examined the mechanism of his automatic pistol and went out on deck. As he suspected, Bravot was living in the captain's quarters. Looking in the porthole he saw Bravot sitting alone on his berth, his face cold and imperturbable as he listened to the news from the Texas front.

Blare of the radio blotted out oth er sounds on the deck and Benning was not conscious of the figure driving down on him along the dimly lighted deck until stout fingers closed on the lapel of his coat.

He turned to see Schmolz glaring at him out of eves that seethed with rage.

"See here, Schmolz!" Benning shot back hotly, "I'm not one of your deckhands. Take your hands off my coat! If you object to my listening to the war news over your radio, why don't you post an order to that effect?"

"Listen all you want to," Schmolz mumbled, cooling perceptibly at the rebuff and releasing Benning's collar. "But keep away from in front of my stateroom after this. I don't allow nobody to do that."

As Schmolz swaggered into his room with a muttered imprecation, Benning returned to his cabin. For some time Benning waited in tense readiness for eventuality. He knew that if Schmolz communicated his suspicions to Bravot, prompt and disastrous investigation was sure to follow.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

access to the Father only through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:13, 18; 3:15; Heb. 7:25; 10 19-21). Jesus is not one way to God, He is the only way to God. Men Schmolz rubbed a cauliflowered cannot come to God through anyone, but only through Christ.'

Someone may say, "That's very true, and wonderful. I am a Christian, and I have Christ who is the way. But what is heaven like?

III. A Symbolic Picture of Heaven (Rev. 22:1-5).

First of all there is "life"-the river of life, the water of life. In heaven there is no death, but only eternal life, blessing, peace, and joy. In this world man lives under the constant shadow of death as the enemy which hurts, destroys, and reminds him of sin. But in heaven all is life through eternity. When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun." Then we have what Dr. A. C. Gaebelein calls "the seven glories of the redeemed" (vv. 3-5). Let us enumerate them. (1) "No curse"perfect sinlessness. (2) "The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein"-giving perfect and blessed government forever. (3) "His servants shall serve him"-in perfect, unhindered, untiring service. Heaven will not be idleness (perish the thought!), but blessed and happy service for God. (4) "They shall see his face"—an eternal, undimmed vision of God. (5) "His name shall be on their foreheads"-speaking of eternal ownership and possession. (6) "There shall be night no more" -God is the light throughout eternity. No more darkness to fear. (7) 'They shall reign forever and ever. Few of us would care to reign in this world, for that brings only sorrow and trouble, but to reign with Him, that indeed will be eternal blessedness.

So then we have-a sure promsie of a heaven to which we have a safe way, and concerning which we have such blessed knowledge. But what good is the promise if we do not accept it? What good is the way if we do not receive Him? What good is there in knowing about heaven unless we are going there? 'Everybody talks about heaven, ain't going there" sings the folk Are you? Or are you only song. going to talk about it?

fore the fireplace in a log house of wild flowers and fruits, and she held that audience of "he" men as no lion hunter had ever held them. She demonstrated that it is the simple pleasures that have most appeal. The speaker was Mrs. Marge Lyon, author of "Take to the Hills.

HOME OF REAL CULTURE

OUR GREAT CITIES have no monopoly on culture. It is not a product of the night club, the cocktail lounge or the off-color theatrical production. It is a product of the schools, the churches, of a cleanliving, home-loving people, such as those found in the rural sections of America.

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The American rural community is the real home of American culture.

NATIONAL INCOME

THE department of commerce tells us the national income in 1902 amounted to \$17,900,000,000 and in 1940 it was \$73,800,000,000. In 38 years we had multiplied the national income more than four times: we had more than four times as much to divide in 1940 than in 1902. That was accomplished despite wars and depressions. It was accomplished under the American system of free competition.

MORE THAN JAP CAN CHEW

WITH HIS BIG TEETH, the little brown man of the Pacific will find he has bitten off more than he can chew. When the end is reached, the Japs will be back on their is-They will have lost Korea, lands. Manchukuo, their foothold in China and Indo-China, and the hundreds of small mandated islands in the Pacific. The war they so treacherously started will set them back to the days of Perry, and Japan, as a great nation, as a world power, will pass from the picture.

Help Them Cleanse the Blood of Harmful Body Waste

of Harmful Body Waste Vour kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as Nature intended—fail to re-move impurities that, if retained, may poison the system and upset the whole body machinery. — Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength. — Other signs of kidney or bladder dis-oto frequent urination. — There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is viser than neglect. Use Doards Pilks, Doars have been winning

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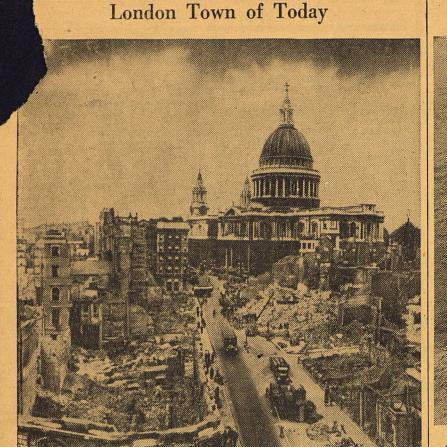
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9 When we go into a store, prepared beforehand with knowledge of what is offered and at what price, we go as an expert buyer, filled with self-confidence. It is a pleasant feeling to have, he feeling of adequacy. Most of the unhappiness in the world can be traced to a lack of this feeling. Thus adverlising shows another of its manifold facets—shows itself as an aid toward making all our business relationships more secure and pleasant.



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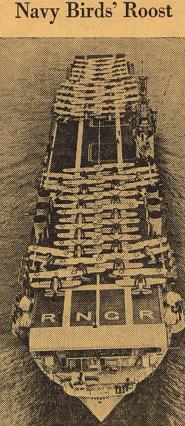
A striking photograph of the city of London, looking toward St Paul's cathedral, which was damaged by Nazi bombs earlier in the war. The city has not been bombed for many months, and much of the debris has been cleared away, but there is still "plenty of room for improvement."

Bomb-Barricade in San Francisco



Following almost nightly air raid alarms and blackouts of San Francisco since the start of the war, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has installed a sandbag barricade across the front of their building. Workmen are shown here erecting the wall of sandbags, which will protect vital telephone equipment from possible enemy bombs.

American-Built Planes Over Malaya



A striking view of the U.S.S. Ranger, aircraft carrier of our navy, with a part of her brood of planes clustered on her flight deck. This photo appears in the U.S. naval aviation issue of Flying and Popular Aviation magazine.

Explains New Draft



Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, who says the draft is to take only men 21—35 now, and the 18 to 64 registration is for preparedness.

Spies Convicted

military information to Germany

are shown filing from the Brooklyn,

N. Y., federal court, under guard,

after a "guilty" verdict was ren-

Farewell Kiss

dered.



Signs of Zodiac Had Significance In Middle Ages

The peculiar figures constituting the signs of the Zodiac are generally looked upon merely as a curiosity today, but they once were credited with strange powers.

During the Middle ages the 12 signs were supposed to influence human life. As a result each sign was connected with a different part of the body in addition to being associated with various months of the year. The Zodiac itself is an imaginary band in the sky within which lie the apparent paths of the sun, moon and major planets.

Unlike the present calendar which will begin the new year 1942 on January 1, the Babylonian year began in April.

Because rams were sacrificed to the gods during this month, it was associated with Aries, the ram.







DECEMBER Sagittarius, the Archer



JANUARY

Capricornus, the Goat

MAY

JUNE



Leo, the Lie Aquarius, the Waterman



SEPTEMBER MARCH Virgo, the Virgin Pisces, the Fishes



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A teaspoon of salt added to the water in whch eggs are boiled makes them easier to remove from the shells.

In mixing flour and water for gravies, use a fork or egg beater to make it smooth and free from lumps.

BRAVO for the new silhouette— shaped by this long, torso-molding top, low waistline and full, swirling skirt! If you are out to get the world by the tail you simply must have one of these dirndl frocks—and it is typ-ical of the young spirit of the ical of the young spirit of the times that you'll probably be your A termite shield must be made of some material that ants cannot work through. Metal is the best one, because ant-tight joints can own dressmaker and turn out this style perfectly for yourself! Pat-tern No. 1479-B offers nothing be made in metals.

> Celery leaves, sprigs of parsley and slices of onion may be used effectively and economically to season soups. Add the seasoning to the soup while it is cooking and strain it before it is served.

Be sure to arrange the dishes cooking in your oven so that there is plenty of space between them and the food will brown evenly. "Oh, we merely ask a few or-

If you like a faint flavor of onion rub a slice of onion around your salad bowl or serving dish. The resulting flavor is light, but satisfactory. Garlic, used in the same

manner, requires much more

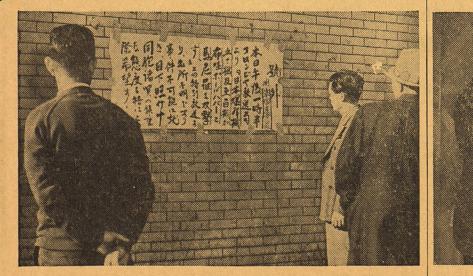
careful handling, since fewer peo-





Here we see American-built fighting planes sweeping over the dense Malayan jungle in the Singapore area. These war craft are now serving with the British Royal Air force, and giving battle to invading Japanese forces in this strategic area. The ships are Brewster Buffaloes and they are giving a good account of themselves.

War News Comes to Little Tokyo



This sign in Japanese is on display outside a newspaper office in Los Angeles' Japanese colony, which is known as "Little Tokyo." Only a scattering of persons were on the streets in Little Tokyo as residents of that section read this news of the war's beginning. After reading the at Penn station, New York. It may message they went quietly home.

A U. S. sailor, summoned to return to his post following the attack on Hawaii, kisses his girl good-by be a long time letween kisses.

"What type of questions?" "What type of questions?" "Well," replied the alienist, "this sort of thing: Captain Cook May (Taurus, the bull) brought made three voyages around the the approach of summer with the sun being conceived as a bull who world and died on one of them. Which was it?" plowed his way among the stars.

"Oh, I say," objected the official, "I'm afraid I've forgotten which one it was."

Perhaps Official Wasn't

A famous alienist met a certain

prominent official. After some discussion on the mentally un-

"Doctor, how do you really tell if a person is insane?"

dinary questions which ordinary

Very Good at History

sound, the official asked:

sons of Zeus and Leda. The backward motion of the crab was associated with July (Cancer, the crab), the month when the sun began to retreat toward the horizon. Culmination of the sun's heat

June (Gemini, the twins) was represented by Castor and Pollux, twin

came in August. This was represented by Leo, the lion-the ancient

symbol of fire. September (Virgo, the virgin) celebrated Ishtar's descent into Hades in search of her husband. The ancients recognized the balance of day and night which occurred during October (Libra, the balance). Scorpio, the scorpion, symbolized the darkness of November following the decline of the sun after the autumn equinox. December was represented by the figure of the

archer, Sagittarius, god of war. January (Capricornus, the goat) symbolized the nurse which cared for the young gods of the sun. Even the weather was recognized

by the men who drew up the signs of the Zodiac. February (Aquarius, the waterman) was associated with the heavy rains which periodically flooded the Nile river. March (Pisces, the fishes) marked the month when labor was resumed in the fields.

It is believed that Homo Signorum, or Man of Signs, was originated about 1300 A. D. The actual signs of the Zodiac, however, were known for many centuries before.

Famous Scotch Bun A famous Scotch bun made entire-ly of egg and chopped fruit enclosed in a crust appears bountifully during New Year week.

Two-Week Celebration

Fourteen days are needed in Japan to celebrate the coming of the new year. During the festival streets are made lively by stiltwalking, top-spinning, jumping, ballplaying and rope-pulling. While the youths are enjoying the

outdoor sports, the older people write New Year's poems or play games. After two weeks of revelry the festival is brought to a close by burning the kado-matsu and other decorations put up for the celebration.

ple enjoy a garlic taste.

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Shakespeare Garden

The Shakespeare garden in Lightwoods park, Birmingham, England, is one of the most comprehensive flower beds of its kind in existence, having more than 200 of the 214 plants that he mentions in his dramas, says Collier's. Visi-tors can even buy a guide book containing the names and locations of the plants, the plays in which they are mentioned, the speakers of the lines and the words spoken.

> Do You Like Jingle Contests? Beginning the middle of January, Raleigh Cigarettes are starting anther series of weekly contests for hose who can supply the best last ine to a jingle. Over 100 liberal prizes each week. Watch this paper for details .- Adv.



Man's Right to Speak I disagree with every word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.-Voltaire.





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heart to truer loyalty and ner sympathy. My health to efficient living in service to my home, my commun-(Agents note) Frankie Mae is 12 years old and in her story she did not tell that she planned and su-

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