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British Warned Of Likely Reprisals

RAIDERS TAKE TOLL OF MANY NAZI PLANES

Northwest Germany Target For Continuation Of Air Offensive

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP)—United States Eighth Air Force heavy bombers and fighters shot down thirty-eight German fighter planes Wednesday as they attacked targets in Northwest Germany in a continuation of the mighty Allied air offensive against Nazi Europe.

Twenty-one heavy bombers and four fighters were lost on the raid. Gunners aboard Flying Fortresses and Liberators shot down twenty-three enemy planes and lightning fighter pilots bagged fifteen. The assault, the eighth Air Force announced, was carried out by large formations of the American heavyweights.

Wednesday's victories made a total of 282 German fighters shot down in seven missions this month by heavy bomber gunners and fighter pilots. A total of 117 heavy bombers have been lost on the raids, all but one against Germany.

The bombers encountered heavy clouds, possibly explaining why the Eighth Air Force for the fourth time this month did not immediately identify the targets. It was revealed earlier Wednesday that under its policy of conservation no announcements would be made until full results of the bombings were determined.

It was revealed for the first time Wednesday that a Dec. 13 raid on northwest Germany was directed against the port of Kiel. The Americans struck after R AF Mosquito bombers had kept the sirens wailing in Western Germany Tuesday night with attacks on unspecified targets, made without loss.

Heavy bomber crews indicated that at least two separate targets were attacked Wednesday.

Returning American flyers reported that attacking the southern most of the two targets they met only a few German fighters which were unable to pierce the American fighter screen. Although heavy clouds obscured results, they said black smoke was beginning to sift up through the overcast as the last bombs were dropped.

Another formation which went to a neighboring target to draw off the German fighters met persistent attacks from almost 100 enemy planes. The Luftwaffe apparently attempted a new tactic with single-engine Focke Wulfs and Messerschmitt fighters trying to take out the American fighter escorts while twin-engine Junkers night fighters plunged in on the bombers.

Among the men on the raid was former movie star Capt. James Stewart.

Capt. Walker M. Mahurin of Fort Wayne, Ind., the leading American fighter ace in the European theater, ran his total bag to fourteen planes, shooting down 2 Focke Wulf 190's within two minutes.

RAF Mosquitos, Bostons and Typhoons, escorted by RAF fighters, hammered military objectives in northern France.

The American heavyweight raid was the second in three days. They hit Bremen with 1,200 tons on Monday, start a mighty twelve hour assault with the RAF followed through by hitting Frankfurt with more than 2,240 tons in a night assault.

United States headquarters lifted the secrecy that has surrounded one of several mystery missions this month, announcing the Kiel attack.

That was the sixth American raid of the war on Kiel and headquarters revealed the heavyweights dropped 900 tons of fire and explosive bombs, causing heavy damage in the port. American fighters which escorted the heavies made their deepest penetration of Germany thus far—550 miles from the British coast.

The delayed identification of

33 STATIONS TO BROADCAST FINAL GAME

A special radio network of thirty-three stations has been arranged to broadcast the final game for the Texas High School Football Championship between Lufkin High, of Lufkin, Texas, and San Angelo High, of San Angelo, Texas.

The game will be played in the Dal-Hi Stadium, Dallas, on Saturday, December 25th. Ves Box, who is one of the ace football reporters, will cover the play-by-play description of the game, with Charles Jordan, equally as well known, handling the color and descriptive accounts of the participating teams. The broadcast will begin at 2:30 p. m.

The thousands of football fans who will be unable to attend the game in Dallas, on account of wartime transportation difficulties, will be able to hear the play-by-play broadcast over the following stations:

Dallas, KRLL 1080 kc.; Ft. Worth-Dallas KGKO, 570 kc.; Ft. Worth KFJZ, 1270 kc.; Abilene KRBC, 1450 kc.; Sweetwater KX OX 1240 kc.; San Angelo KGKL 1400 kc.; Big Spring KBST, 1490 kc.; Midland KRLH, 1230 kc.; Lubbock KFYO, 1340 kc.; Amarillo KFDA 1230 kc.; Pampa KPND, 1340 kc.; Vernon KVWC, 1490 kc.; Wichita Falls KWFT *20 kc.; Sherman KRRV, 910 kc.; Paris KPLI 1490 kc.; Texarkana KCMC 1450 kc.; Corsicana KAND 1340 kc.; Palestine KNET, 1450 kc.; Lufkin KRBA 1340 kc.; Tyler KGKE 1490 kc.; Longview KFRO 1570 kc.; Waco WACO 1450 kc.; Temple KTEH 1400 kc.; Austin KNO W 1490 kc.; San Antonio KABC 1450 kc.; San Antonio KTSA 550 kc.; Houston KXYZ 1320 kc.; Beaumont KFDM 560 kc.; Corpus Christi KRIS 1360 kc.; Weslaco KRGV 1290 kc.

W. J. Barnhill Is Buried In Ranger Monday at 2 p. m.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pentecostal Church for W. J. Barnhill, who died in Ranger, December 19.

Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery and Rev. Kinsfather was in charge of the services. Morris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Death followed a major surgical operation which was performed after the deceased had been stricken. He was born in Grimes County, March 11, 1884 and had lived in Ranger for the past four years. He was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Survivors include the widow, Mary A. Barnhill; two sons, W. J. Barnhill, Jr., of Houston and Bob Barnhill of Ranger and two grand children.

Pallbearers were Jim Milstead Grover Jennings, Frank Keener, John Pierce, Joe Roper and Lonzo Sides.

Jugoslav Civilians Being Evacuated

LONDON (UP)—German troops are evacuating the Jugoslav civilian population from areas along the Adriatic coast to forestall aid to possible Allied landings there, free Jugoslav quarters reported today.

Unofficial reports said that populations of Dalmatia and Montenegro were being moved to a distance 37 miles inland.

The target was an indication of the Eighth's restraint in making claims when poor visibility obscures target areas. It previously had been announced that five bombers were lost on the Kiel raid. Two mystery raids still are on the target list—Dec. 5 against France, and Dec. 16 against northwest Germany.

CHAIRMAN URGES BUYING OF MORE BOND

Cyrus B. Frost of Eastland County chairman for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, has issued an appeal the people of the county to express the spirit of the season by the purchase of more bonds and stamps.

Following is the message which is addressed to the people of the county through the newspapers of the county:

The Christmas season is here. With it comes the spirit to give. It has been said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Perhaps more than at any other period in our life do we have an opportunity this Christmas season to make the most worthwhile gift and in most cases the recipient of our gifts can be those who are near and dear to us. Eastland County's quota for the month of December of W. Stamps and Series E. F. and G Bonds is \$54,700.00. We could have no better gift. These bonds can be bought for our loved ones who are now engaged in the various War services for our country, some are still in the homeland but many, many more on all the fighting fronts in this World War. Then, too, some have already made the supreme sacrifice and we might purchase bonds as a memorial to those who have already given up their lives in the great cause of world freedom. Under the tax laws you may give to any one person not to exceed \$3,000.00 and it will be free from gift taxes. Why not buy a bond today for your boy or girl or that brother or sister or of husband or wife, thus remembering such one with a valuable gift that will be so useful in the years immediately ahead.

I want to thank your valuable paper, the War committee in your town and the citizens generally for their noble response in putting over all heretofore War loans and monthly quotas, and I feel sure that you will not let the month of December be an exception.

The beginning of the end of this terrible conflict has started and we here at home do not want to leave undone one single duty that devolves on us to help our boys and girls bring to the quickest close possible this soul stirring conflict.

Very kindly yours,
Cyrus B. Frost
Eastland County Chairman

John L. McKelvain In Navy V-12 Unit

One hundred and sixty eight Texans are members of the Navy V-12 unit at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Lieutenant Commander Marvin L. Lewis, USN (Ret.) commanding officer, has announced.

Among the students is John Lee McKelvain, 910 Cypress, Ranger. NTAC, located midway between Ft. Worth and Dallas, is one of the selected colleges where apprentice seamen in the V-12 program are studying curricula designed to train future Navy and Marine Corps officers.

There are three major objectives of the program. First comes education; second, a sound physical training program designed to fit the students for the rigorous demands of war; and third, military training. The latter is sur-borinated to the former.

RATION REMINDER

Gasoline—In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

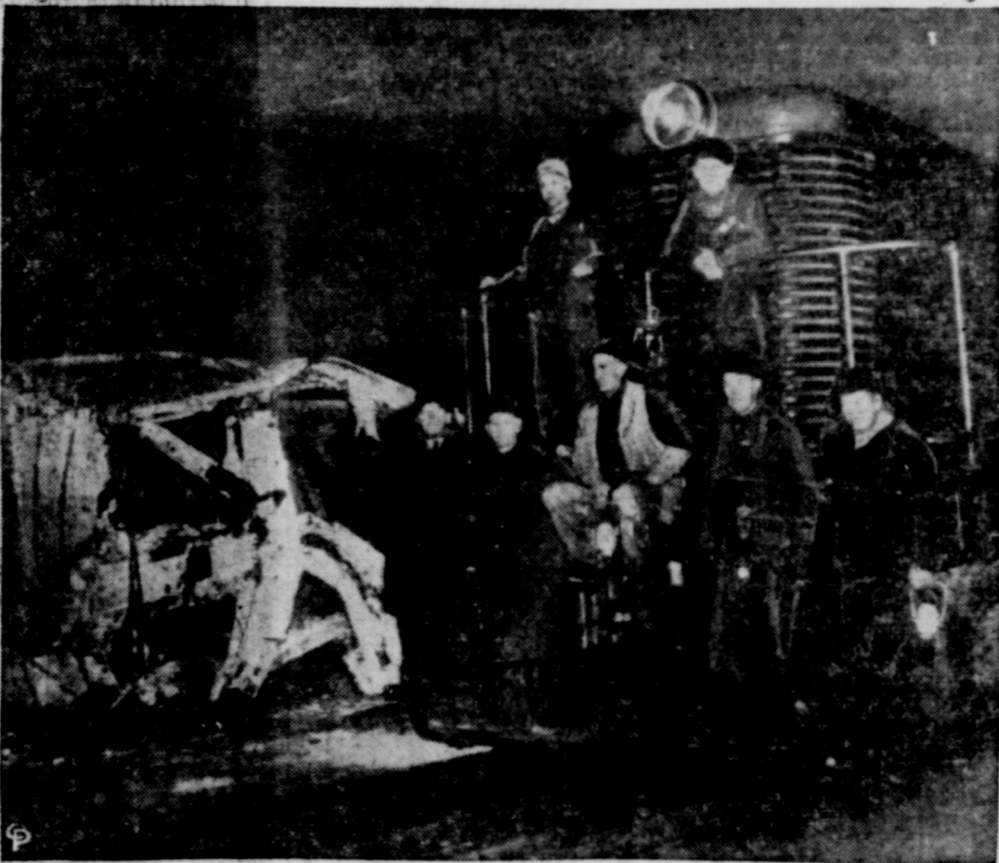
Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in Book Three is good for 1 pair.

Meats, Fats—Brown Stamps L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1, 1944. Brown Stamp R becomes good December 26 and remains good through January 29.

Processed foods—Green Stamps D, E, and F in Book Four are good through January 20.

DARING OF SIX SAVES SCORES IN WAR PLANT BLAZE



COURAGE OF THESE SIX MEN in coupling a switch engine to a flaming car of magnesium chips and hauling it away is credited with probably saving the lives of scores of workers in the aircraft engine plant at the Ford Motor company's River Rouge plant in Detroit. Thousands of workers were enabled to flee to safety although a section of the plant was badly damaged. Pictured on the switch engine next to the burned car are, left to right, bottom row, Harry Springer, George Fedraw, William Hopkins, Alfred Hall and Milton Jamison; top, Harry Nelson and Norman Gidday. (International Soundphoto)

AMERICAN BOMBERS PAY VISIT TO JAPS AT HOME



UP IN SMOKE go Japanese bombers on the Shinchiku airdrome on the island of Formosa, southwest of Japan proper. The bombers were set afire by a low-level fighter plane attack before the U. S. Fourteenth Army Air Force bombers made their bombing runs over the target. U. S. and Chinese planes are expanding their operations in China. U. S. Army Air Forces photo. (International Soundphoto)

County Livestock Raisers Organize An Association

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association was organized at a meeting held at Eastland, Texas, on December 17th, 1943, at ten o'clock a. m. Officers and directors of the association are:

Officers: President, Dan Childress; Vice-President, Dr. Bob Hodges; Secretary-Treasurer, W. E. Tyler. Directors: George Fee; Oscar Schaffer; Guy Henry; Buck Weston; Dr. Ed Blackwell; C. F. Ervin; A. V. Clark; L. A. Bennett; R. H. Hodges; W. H. Jackson; T. L. Wheat; John McKinney; G. P. Miteham; Dr. F. E. Clark; Henry Reed; F. E. Richardson; F. M. Spurlin; Sutton P. Crofts; H. L. Ratliff; Fred Brown.

Problems and events which the group listed for advancement of the Livestock work in Eastland County were:

1. Control of lice, ticks, worms, and grubs.
2. Purchasing of feeds advantageously.
3. Brush eradication.
4. Adequate supply of stock water on every farm and ranch.
5. Selecting of better sires and culling of herds.
6. Improving permanent pastures.
7. Providing temporary pastures.

Preacher "Pounded" By Members Of His Congregation

Members of the local Church of Christ did it again.

Monday night they came into the home of their preacher, A. F. Thurman, and "pounded and pounded" he and his good wife into a state of thrills far beyond words to express.

This has been done often for them by the Church since Thurman has been in the service of the Eastland church, which is nearing a total of eight years. He was with this work in the years of 1923, 24, 25, and was recalled in 1939.

"We love the Church and her people and Eastland and her people, and can't think of any people with whom we could be happier," Mr and Mrs. Thurman said.

8. Holding an annual show, Field Day and Barbecue.

Enough Rotenone has been purchased by the livestock men to treat 1,375 head of "grubby" animals.

The membership fee is \$1.00 annually. Any producer of livestock—whether it be beef or dairy cattle, sheep or goats, or hogs,—may be come a member by sending your membership fee to the secretary, W. E. Tyler of Rising Star, Texas.

Consecration Of Memorial Plot Made Sunday p. m.

A consecration of a memorial plot to Kenneth Boyd Tanner was made Sunday afternoon in the Eastland cemetery. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Daniel Barron, pastor of the Eastland Methodist church. Only immediate members of the family were present. Sunday marked the first anniversary of the official news of Kenneth's death.

He was killed on September 16, 1942, while serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force in a raid over Germany.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Tanner of Eastland and was born July 27, 1917, in San Antonio and came to Eastland when 2 years old.

Late Bulletins

WASHINGTON, (UP)—President Roosevelt today issued a stern warning to railroad labor and management representatives to reach an agreement in their wage dispute immediately.

LONDON (UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill is making "steady progress" in his recovery from pneumonia, an official bulletin said today.

Farmers Offered Temporary Work On Railroads

Farmers may register for temporary local railroad work at Eastland, Texas, at the County Agent's Office on Tuesday, December 28th, 1943.

Miss Vivian Talley of the Railroad Retirement Board and O. E. Rodden of the War Manpower Commission advised the Agricultural Victory Council at a meeting held Friday, Dec. 17th, that they could use any number of farmers that desired to work for a few weeks. They will be paid 46¢ per hour for eight hours and time and half over time. The local tracks are in need of repair according to Miss Talley, Field Representative.

Any farmers can get a temporary release from the farm for this work and may return to his farm when needed.

It is the thoughts of the Agricultural Victory Council that local temporary work will help to stabilize a farmer's operations, thereby making it possible for him to remain on the farm with his family where he is so badly needed in this all-out food production program.

Any man with a 2-C or a 3-C Classification may work on this job if he will advise his draft board of his intentions, according to Mr. Leon McPherson.

The 1944 Food Production Goals for Eastland County are approximately the same as they were in 1943, is the information that J. D. Guy, Triple A Chairman, gave the Victory Council at this meeting.

L. F. Johnson, of the Kokomo Community, says that the labor situation will be more acute in his community in 1944.

Sixty-five leaders and interested people attended this meeting. The 1944 Victory Council Officers were elected. Cecil Shults of Rising Star is president; C. F. Jones of Tudor is vice-president and Mrs. John Live of Alameda Community is Secretary.

Treasure Hunter Seeks Gasoline

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—U. S. District Attorney Clyde O. Eastus has received many strange requests during his tenure of office, but he believes this one tops all of them.

A so-called "treasure hunter, prospector and inventor" in Moreno, Ariz., wrote Eastus recently requesting that the district attorney locate some gasoline ration tickets "in some good honest way so I can hunt some buried treasures."

DESTRUCTION IS PROMISED LONDON BY A NAZI OFFICIAL

LONDON, Dec. 23, (UP)—Gen. Sir Frederick Pile, commander of anti-aircraft forces in Britain, today warned that the Germans can and probably will give England a retaliating bombing in the near future.

Addressing anti-aircraft personnel, Pile said—"I have always believed this heavy bombing we are giving Germany may eventually bring some sort of reprisal—and I do not think it is too far away. "If he—Hitler—liked, he could collect sufficient bombers to give us a good pasting."

Reports from Stockholm said that Berlin dispatches reported today an official prediction by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman that "terrible destruction" will be brought down upon London within two or three months in retaliation for Allied air raids.

Commenting upon an alleged American press statement that "Berlin in ruins is a milestone on the way to victory," the spokesman told foreign newsmen that the same statement would be applied in retrospect to London within the next two or three months.

Marriage License Issued From Office Of The County Clerk

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:

Bar Levers, Rt. 1, Eastland, and Wills Dell Watson, DeLeon. Frank Gryder and Mrs. Nell Gryder, Ranger.

Marvin L. Edwards, Winchell, and Alvaria Segars, Charles Sullivan, Ranger, and Nelda Myrie Bishop, Ranger, Andy Leflore, Roswell, N. M., and Dorothy Cook, Ranger. Pedro T. Munoz, San Marcos, and Lillian Gomez, Albert P. Miller and May Ruth Musick, Ranger. Elmo E. Evans, Eastland, and Bettye L. Cheshire, Cisco. J. R. Blackwell and Juanita McGaha, Rt. Ranger.

Late Bulletin

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The Agriculture Department reported today that hog production after reaching an all-time peak this year will decline by approximately 16 per cent next spring, four per cent less than the reduction re-

GREETINGS

Warmest best wishes of the season to you and yours abroad and on the home front.

THE WEEKLY CHRONICLE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Jones.



The Methodist Broadcaster
Weekly News Of
First Methodist Church
J. Daniel Barron Pastor

RECORDS BROKEN

We sent in this week 63 subscriptions to the Southwestern and the Christian Advocates. As far back as our records are available, that doubles, trebles, and quadruples, what we have done hitherto in this matter. Much credit for this excellent achievement goes to Mrs. Ida B. Foster. We know those who receive these church papers will be benefited by them. It would be helpful if the subscribers would pass on their papers to those who are not taking them.

ANOTHER HIGH MARK

Your church this year will send to the Methodist Home at Waco at least \$300.00. That also doubles previous high marks for us and in some instances trebles the amounts. Much credit for this good work goes to the committee on hospital and home—Grady Pipkin, W. B. Pickens, John W. Turner, and Mrs. George E. Cross. We thank all who had any part in the offering and especially those who are not members of the church.

SERVICES LAST SUNDAY

Many have called in this week to comment upon the splendid services in the church last Sunday. All of us should be grateful for a church enable of enjoying such services. The cantata in the afternoon was the last word in good things.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Activities for all ages will be held at the church from nine till midnight on New Year's Eve.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Sunday morning we shall conduct a New Year's service. "Ours For The Taking" will be the sermon subject.

VESPERS AT FIVE

At five o'clock the topic of the service will be "Therefore, We Rejoice..."



May your Christmas be merry and may your blessings be many in the coming year and in each year that follows.

Harrison's Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harrison



We have enjoyed your patronage and we are looking forward to continued friendship and cooperation in the New Year.

Beskow Jewelry and Optical Co.



May your Christmas stocking be filled to overflowing with Joy and Happiness—and may the New Year bring Victory.

Majestic Cafe

Ernest and Sam

The Baptist Herald

Rev. Homer J. Starnes Pastor
First Baptist Church

The Christmas spirit prevailed in the service last Sunday. The church had been so beautifully decorated for White Christmas. The atmosphere in general was helpful to the service. The response to the White Christmas offering was splendid. Almost \$100.00 in addition to gifts contributed. This will be sent to the Buckner Orphan's Home at Dallas to help the boys and girls there to have a good Christmas.

The Cantata given by Miss Drago and the Harmony Girls at the Methodist church was lovely in every way. The singing and music could not have been better. It is splendid for people to serve the Lord with beautiful and trained voices. Miss Drago is to be commended for her fine work.

Our students and some of the soldier boys will be home for the holidays. We trust they will be in the services of their church while in Eastland. We miss our young people. We are glad that these young ladies can prepare themselves for more effective service in the world. Let us pray that soon our young men will be permitted to return to normal life and the preparations for life's work.

We are near the close of another year. It is a good time to take stock to see how far we have gone during the year. Have we accomplished the maximum in living and service? Have our lives blessed others? Is the world a little better for our having lived in it this year? Let us look back over the

past year just long enough to see our mistakes and then make them useful for better things as we face the future. 1943 has been a tragic year. It has seen much suffering and sorrow. Let us hope for better things for 1944. May it bring peace and rejoicing to anxious hearts.

The pastor wishes to take this means of extending Christmas greetings to all who read this column. Our almost one year in Eastland has been pleasant. Not only have the members of the Baptist church been cordial and friendly, but others as well. We count it a privilege to work with a lovely people as we have had the opportunity to do. May Christmas bring much joy and happiness, and the New Year bring the best of contentment and peace.

Back The Attack

J. W. Cooper
Notary Public
Eastland, Texas.

Knights of Pythias meet every Tuesday night at Castle Hall, South Side of the Square
Tom Lovelace
K. R. S.



Wishing You A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

FROM
Tom Lovelace
Transfer & Storage.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lovelace

Butler Plumbing & Electric Shop

Carl Butler

PERSONALS

Sgt. J. Smith of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, visited his sister, Mrs. Ethel Shoemaker and other relatives and friends.

E. E. Freyschlag with the Red Cross at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, is here for the holidays with his family.

Mrs. James Birmingham returned Tuesday from a visit with her husband, S-Sgt. James Birmingham, at Colorado Springs. Sgt. Birmingham is a member of the Ski troops at Camp Hale, Colorado.

Pete Andrews of the Naval Reserve and attending the State Medical school at Galveston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Andrews.

L. A. Lowimore of Plainview is visiting his son, L. C. Lowimore and family here this week.

Mrs. Mike Andrews visited friends in Gorman Monday.

Buy War Bonds



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOHN HART

SHERIFF



Wishing you a bright and happy AMERICAN Christmas. the ability to understand and appreciate the Blessings of FREEDOM for which we are fighting, the courage to give everything you have to the fight now and in the coming year.

KING MOTOR CO.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happiness, gaiety, and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, children's happy voices, bells ringing overshadow the heavy spot in our hearts. We put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow and we realize that we have much for which to be thankful today.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

W. C. CAMPBELL, President; FRED BROWN, Vice-President; GUY PARKER, Vice President and Cashier; RUSSELL HILL, Assistant Cashier; J. E. COOPER, Assistant Cashier; MISS ROBERTA KINNARD, Bookkeeper; MRS. ALBERT TAYLOR, Bookkeeper; MRS G. A. PLUMMER, Bookkeeper.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS—

We have enjoyed serving you and we're looking forward to continued friendship and cooperation in the New Year.

HARKRIDERS DRY CLEANERS

James Harkrider Noble Harkrider



May the glad spirit that fills the air be yours throughout the happy holiday season and the year '44

PERRY BROS.

5-10-25 Cents Store
Miss Louise Harris

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kilgore, children, Gayle and Glenda, of Brownwood are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor, South Seaman street.

Chief Petty Officer M. H. Perry and wife of Great Lakes Naval base, are here for the holidays with Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor, South Seaman street.

Lt. Winston Churchill Castleberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry, has been placed in charge of personnel of the air-transport division of Army Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Spivey of Denison, are parents of daughter, born three weeks ago. Mrs. Spivey is a sister of Mrs. J. Daniel Barron and has often visited in Eastland.

L. S. Nichols, mechanical engineer in the navy, and who has been in the South Pacific, will be a guest of his sister, Mrs. Neal Moore, and Mr. Moore, Christmas. Mr. Nichols who has been in the Navy two years has seen service in many of the major battles of the South Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore will have as their guests Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stansbury, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols of Fort Worth.

Virgil Seaberry, V-12 in the U. S. Navy at Macon, Georgia, is here visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. V. T. Seaberry. He will return to his post first of the week.

Mrs. Neal Moore and Brother, L. S. Nichols, will visit with relatives in Austin and Houston after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Perdue left Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Weecott in Odessa.

Mr. L. Short, wife and son Virgil, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moser, in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Driscoll of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Theibert Jones of Ranger, T. P. Scott and family of Ranger, will spend

Christmas Day here with their mother, Mrs. Ora B. Jones

Miss Gwendolyn Jones, daughter of Mrs. Ora B. Jones, who has been working on her master's degree at the University of Iowa, Ames, Iowa, has completed her work and accepted a position as demonstration-agent-at-large of the State of Iowa, with headquarters at Ames.

Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, who has been ill for sometime, has returned from Amarillo and is at the home of her son, Omar Mickle, here. She will be glad to see her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wingate will have as their guests this week her mother, Mrs. S. L. Coffman of San Diego, California and sister, Mrs. Fred Harrell and family of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Benbrook and son, Allen, of Austin are here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Halkais are parents of a son, Ernest Jr.

born Monday morning at the Payne Hospital, and weighing 6 and one-half pounds at birth.

Miss Lela Mae Smith, teacher in the school at Iran, is here for the holidays with her father, Walter Smith.

Miss Martha McDonald of Sweetwater is here this week visiting her father, Homer McDonald and friends.

James Reeves of El Paso is here spending the holidays with his father, Conard Reeves, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eulon Reeves.

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We extend our sincere wish that your holiday season and the year to come be filled with much happiness and joy.

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Marcus Grieger

SEASON'S GREETINGS!
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy Prosperous New Year.

MUIRHEAD MOTOR CO.

WISHES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Wishing you a bright and happy American Christmas, the ability to understand and appreciate the blessings of freedom for which we are fighting, the courage to give everything you have to the fight now and in the coming year—and above all VICTORY and the speedy return of loved ones.

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Genuine I-H-C Parts

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"GREETINGS"

REDDY KILOWATT, your electrical servant, is a busy individual these days, but he isn't too busy to extend to you and all his other friends a sincere Christmas greeting. He'll be working for you on Christmas Day as usual, bringing light and cheer to help make the day a happy one for you and your family.

REDDY also extends Christmas greetings in the name of the folks of Texas Electric Service Company, both the 302 men and women now serving in the armed forces, and the 922 employees who are carrying the extra burdens of supplying dependable electric power service to many war industries in this part of Texas.

Don't waste Electricity just because it isn't rationed—use what you need, but need what you use.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
J. E. LEWIS, Manager

A Free American Christmas And Our Best Wishes

This is our greeting to the finest people in the finest land in the world. Your spirit of patriotism pervades everywhere and speaks in action as well as words the Christmas Message of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." No foe can deny us the right to observe Christmas in our usual way.

Your loyalty and patronage is an asset to our Business and we take this means of expressing Our Appreciation.

Eastland Iron and Metal Co.

Mr. and Mrs. HENRY PULLMAN

EASTLAND

TEXAS

Keeper of Cats In Post Office Shorn of Job

MEXICO CITY, (UP)—The news that they are going to repair the floors in the capital's

post office building struck a sad note in the heart of Carlos Herrera Ramos—keeper of the cats. For many years Carlos has been in charge of an army of feline beauties who were listed on the postoffice budget as "guardians" and divided five pesos worth of meat daily. Theirs was the job of running

down the hordes of rats and mice that sifted through the ancient floors into the mail rooms. When Carlos was put in charge of his "army," it was decided cats were cheaper than new floors. Something had to be done to combat the serious menace to letters and packages.

Whether or not the extra day's salary he was receiving as cat superintendent would be deducted from his paycheck was still to be decided.

So, sometime early next year, Postmaster Marin intimated he Carlos—keeper of the cats—will continue to receive the have only his humdrum job of post money as sort of a pension for office janitor to occupy his time. faithful services rendered.



All of us wish all of you a Very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

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Milton J. Gaines

Eastland, Texas



LAND OF HAPPY HOMES

Ours is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. God has bountifully bestowed many blessings upon us. Let us put our trust in him and be glad this happy Yuletide Season.

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Corner Main and Green Telephone 9507
Eastland, Texas



Best Wishes For The Holidays

To all the people of Eastland whether at home or on fighting fronts, we wish the utmost in happiness to last through the holidays and '44.

Castleberry Feed Store

FRANK CASTLEBERRY



LET EVERY HEART BE GLAD!

Carry on the traditions that is America. Be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and hope for Victory in 1944!
BEST WISHES

FOR A JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS

MANHATTAN CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Andrews
Jim George



Merry Christmas

To our friends and patrons at home and in the service.

Toombs- Richardson Drug Store



TO WISH YOU

Good Cheer at Christmas
and Throughout the New
Year.

D. L. HOULE SHOP



TO OUR FRIENDS...

We looked around for a Christmas Card—
That we could send to you,
But we couldn't find a single one
That somehow seemed to do.
And we would feel that something had been left undone were we to overlook this opportunity of thanking you for the business you have sent us in the past. Your patronage has been very much appreciated—and we hope to serve you often in the future.
So we say MERRY CHRISTMAS—to you and to yours,—our sincerest wish will not come true unless 1944 brings happiness to you.

Faithfully,

WARREN MOTOR CO.

305 East Main — Phone 9506

Eastland, Texas

Dodge and Plymouth Sales and Service

Have a Coca-Cola = Haere Mai! (BE WELCOME)



... from Wellington to Wilkes-Barre

The Yank in New Zealand quickly wins a friend when he says, "Have a 'Coke'". From the equator to the poles, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—the tie that binds good neighbors.

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It's natural for popular men to acquire friendly relations. That's why you Coca-Cola called "Coke"

PIGGLY WIGGLY

EXTENDS GREETINGS OF
THE SEASON

GRADY PIPKIN



AND MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE MANY IN THE COMING YEAR
AND EACH YEAR THAT FOLLOWS.

Burr's DEPARTMENT STORE

EASTLAND, TEXAS

CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker

Alameda school pupils had their



FROM

Texas Gas Engine & Tool Shop

D. E. Throne
Phone 137



Freyschlag Insurance Agency

E. E. Freyschlag
Carolyn Birmingham

Christmas tree and presentation of gifts at the High School Tuesday morning. Classes are dismissed until after the holidays.

The cookie baking by the community women went over in a grand way. Sugar was distributed by the USO, for the cookies and the candy to be made and sent to Camp Bowie to convalescent soldiers. There were 900 cookies baked and 15 pounds of candy, an assortment of approximately 360 pieces, made and sent this week.

The Home Demonstration Club also sent 12 gifts to be placed on the Christmas tree and it is hoped that by cooperation from all the clubs, there will be a gift for each soldier in the hospital. Cookies and candy too.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein, Guernsey & Ayshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with five heifers.—Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Girl's pre-war bicycle in excellent condition. \$35.00. Phone 684-W.

FOR SALE—Good used lumber. Phone 599-M. Mrs. C. A. Davis.

PHONE
Day Night
17 564

HAMNER UNDERTAKING COMPANY



GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

May the glad spirit that fills the air be yours throughout the happy holiday season and the coming years!

Western Auto Associate Store

Robert D. Vaughan
Owner
Eastland, Texas



CHERRY GOOD WISHES

For a Holiday Season filled with joy that will remain throughout the coming years of peace!

CLUB CAFE

CROWELL LUMBER CO.

FRANK CROWELL

Mrs. Luther Moody has had an attack of flu the past week, but is better at this writing.

Richard Myrick was ill the latter part of the week.

Mr. Lonnie Martin is still unable to be up and about very

much.

Mrs. Jess Blackwell is still being troubled with her arm which was broken several weeks ago. She and Mr. Blackwell, home lately from the hospital, would both enjoy visitors.

Lynn (Tookie) Walton, who

was burned 3 weeks ago, is still a shut-in and would appreciate a hello from friends.

E. R. (Uncle Bob) Underwood, 88, had a slight attack of flu last week, but is recovering nicely.

W. C. Calvert has been on the sick list the past week also.

Mrs. Alice Calvert and Mrs. Bill Tucker visited Mrs. Moody Sunday.

were Eastland visitors Friday, also Cullen Lockhart.

The Calvin James' of Dumas, Tex., were community visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and family visited the J. W. Case family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Leo Myrick and family visited Mrs. Earnest Calvert Thursday night.

After the Holiday Season-

... and around the first of the year is a good time to take inventory. This applies to the average person as well as the merchant who owns the big store. It's important, this annual check-up!

Then when you have finished your inventory, how about your protection in case of fire, windstorm, hail, burglary, theft and a hundred other hazards which we cover and protect your interest at small cost? Remember, if it's worth having, it's worth insuring!

-Earl Bender & Company-

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MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS AND CHEER

Greetings to you, one and all. May your holiday season be merry, the coming year filled with much Happiness.

AMERICAN CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and Employees

In the Twilight... of 1943

... we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with difficulty that we remember the details of that day: the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspoiled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to. But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

13,000 Texans United in the War Effort **HUMBLE**

Greetings to

OUR FIGHTING FRIENDS ABROAD

We feel a debt of gratitude to you for the Sacrifices you have made and are making to keep our beloved country—America—Free. Wherever you are, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

We sincerely wish for you the best things life holds. May your Christmas Day be a glorious one, and may your blessings continue. We want to take this means of expressing our thanks for your loyal patronage.

NEHI BOTTLING COMPANY

LOUIS PIPKIN
PHONE 129 — WEST MAIN STREET — EASTLAND, TEXAS

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

"A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m., on the 11th day of January, 1944 being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting.

GUY PARKER
Vice-President.

Dr. W. D. McGraw

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Eyes Carefully Examined
First quality glasses that are Guaranteed To Fit.
Thirty-five years successful practice in Texas.
211 WEST MAIN STREET
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(Fulltime now devoted to Eastland Office.)

SUSAN STEELE CLASS PARTY

Every happy afternoon was enjoyed by members and friends of the Susan Steele Class of the Methodist church when they assembled at the church for their Christmas party, December 16. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Sprays of

evergreens, with bright red berries, formed center pieces on many tables, which had covers of red. On one of the tables was a diminutive Christmas tree, around which were gaily wrapped packages.

Class president, Mrs. Annie Day, presided at a brief business session.

Society

Mrs. Gleason conducted the devotional at which Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. J. H. Taylor read a very impressive prayer by St. Francis. A prayer was read by Mrs. Gleason. Mrs. R. F. Jones read a selected article.

The devotional was concluded by repeating in union, the class motto. "I will help to promote His Kingdom by bringing sunshine into troubled hearts."—so appropriate at this season.

Then followed the social hour conducted by Mrs. R. F. Jones and Mrs. Y. A. Cathey. First on this part of program was the Christmas story, given in her own charming manner by Mrs. Gleason.

A comical story was read—each one having written a paragraph, describing episodes which happened on a very important journey of one of the class members.—(or ladies present.)

The class' unusual ability was demonstrated. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Roy Birmingham modelled, of chewing gum figures of two much discussed men of today, Hitler and Santa Claus. They were "works of art." Mrs. Johnson demonstrated her ability as a soloist.

Mrs. Day and Mrs. Birmingham displayed their culinary art by two pieces of toast "well done".

Several interesting readings

Christian Science Services

Lamar and Plummer Streets

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 26.

The Golden Text is: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The letter of Science plentifully reaches humanity today, but its spirit comes only in small degrees. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science is Love" (page 113).

Baptist Church

Homer Starnes, Pastor

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening worship

Monday:

3:30 p. m.—W. M. S. and G. A.

Wednesday

8:00 p. m. Mid-Week Service.

Thursday:

7:00 p. m.—Choir practice.

First Christian Church

Rev. A. J. Blunk Pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

Men's Bible class, Judge Clyde Grissom, J. E. Collins, L. L. Gattis teachers, 10 a. m.

Morning worship and communion service, 11 a. m.

Evening service 7:00 p. m.

Youth's Choir meets 8 to 9 p. m. on Fridays.

Missionary Society meets first Monday in each month.

Church board meets first Sunday night in each month.

The Church of God

At Lamar and West Valley Streets

W. E. Hallenbeck, Pastor

Program for the week:

Sunday

Sunday School—10:00 A. M.

Preaching—11:00 A. M.

Young People Meeting at 7:15 P. M.

Evening Services at 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday

Midweek prayer services at 7:45 P. M.

Church of the Nazarene

P. L. Pierce, Pastor

South Halbryan Street

Mass Christmas morning at 9:00 o'clock by Father Mallie.

Mass Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Father Mallie.

St. Frances Catholic Church

South Halbryan Street

Mass Christmas morning at 9:00 o'clock by Father Mallie.

Mass Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Father Mallie.

HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Martha Dorcas class of the First Methodist church had a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. William Jessop Thursday night, December 16. Little Miss Shirley Hightower entertained the class members with Christmas carols played on her accordion. Exchange of gifts from the beautifully decorated tree was enjoyed by the members and guests.

Refreshments of spiced tea, Christmas cookies, salted nuts and candied cherries, were served.

Mrs. A. J. Treadwell, president, presided over the business session

and Mrs. W. H. Mulling read the scriptures from the 21 Psalm.

A present from the class was sent to James McPherson, adopted by the class, to him at the orphan's Home at Waco.

Hostesses were Madames William Jessop, Frank Hightower, J. L. Cottingham, G. C. Looney, Jack Carothers.

IN HIGH PLACE

Miss Jean Marlow of Olden, who is attending Draughn's Business College at Abilene, is among the high ranking students whose names appear on the honor roll this term.



Merry Christmas

GULF OIL CORP.

M. L. KEASLER, Consignee.

F. W. GRAHAM.
FRANK HERNANDEZ.
LEE HOGAN



MAY YOUR ——— CHRISTMAS BE MERRY
And may your blessings be many in the coming year and each year that follows.

MILLER'S

5-10 and 25c Store



Happy Christmas Wishes

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS—
TO OUR EMPLOYEES.
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
Serving you and working with you has been a Pleasure!

Modern Dry Cleaners

J. B. JOHNSON R. A. P'POOL

Church of Christ

A. F. Thurman, Preacher
Corner Daugherty and West Plummer Streets

Sermon subjects for Sunday, December 26:

"Behold the man He's beholding the Treasury." 11 a. m.

"The whole church is under the charge." 7:30 p. m.

Come one—Come all—Glad to have you with us.



A Joyous Christmas
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
THE FASHION
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wolf
Mrs. Rozelle Uffelman
Mrs. Jeanette Harris
Mrs. Pearl Safley

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Saturday, January 1st.
NEW YEARS

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Their **CLEANING AND PRESSING NEEDS NOW**

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Harkrider Dry Cleaners Phone 20

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EXTENDS GREETINGS OF
THE SEASON
JOSEPH M. WEAVER

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Merry Christmas
May the glad spirit that fills the air be yours throughout the happy holiday season and the year '44.
CORNER DRUG STORE

SEASON'S GREETINGS!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.
Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.
— Phone 112
Eastland Texas

LYRIC
FRIDAY and SATURDAY

NOTE...
The management cannot be responsible for loss of sanity... due to this picture!

OLSEN and JOHNSON
CRAZY HOUSE
Merle O'DRISCOLL, Pat KNOWLES, Edgar KENNEDY, Franklin LANGBORN

SUNDAY and MONDAY

PAT O'BRIEN
The IRON MAJOR
with RUTH WARRICK - ROBERT RYAN - Leon Ames - ...

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RIP-ROARING ACTION!
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