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Germans Widen Breach in 1st Army Line

PROGRAM BY HARMONY GIRLS SUNDAY P. M.

Christmas Music To Feature Program Presented at 5:00 at M. E. Church, Miss Drago Directing.

The Harmony Girls, under the direction of Miss Wilda Drago, will present a program of Christmas music at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. This organization is well known over a hundred mile radius and continues this year among girl's choirs as the best. Young ladies from nearby towns are included in the personnel.

For many weeks the Harmony Girls have been rehearsing for this occasion. Disciplined work has gone into the many hours to produce in final form music that is well done in every way. On last Sunday night they sang in the Methodist church in Breckenridge; following the program Sunday afternoon they will go to Cisco for an evening presentation.

All churches of the city have received special invitations to participate in this program.

The outstanding attraction in the program is the use of "The Hallelujah Chorus." This is the inspiring music from "The Messiah" by Handel. The full program is as follows:

Prelude
Selections from "The Messiah" (Handel) Violin Octette.
Hymn
Prayer
Offertory
Two Christmas Carols, Violin Octette, arr. by Saenger.
Christmas Music—The Harmony Girls.

Group I
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"—Mendelssohn.
"Silent Night"—Gruber.
"The First Noel"—Old English Carol.

Group II
Music by Bliss
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks"
"Angels from the Realms of Glory."

"O Holy Night"
"Glory to God."

Group III
"The Hallelujah Chorus" (from "The Messiah")—Handel.
Benediction
Choral Response
Miss Wilda Drago, director.

Barbara Grist, accompanist
Martha Jane Morehart, Rosemary Bruce, soprano soloist.
The Harmony Girls
First Sopranos—Rosemary Bruce, Emily Joanne Grissom, Mary Catherine Hoffman, Lynn Castleberry, Patsy McCrea, Bonnie Wilson, Betty Reuver, Lorraine Hewett, Dorothy Grant, Patsy Davis, Dolores Williamson, Betty Overby and Betty Harckider.

Second Sopranos—Billie Jean Hall, Barbara Hogue, Mary Jane Wilson, Dorothy Anderson, Dorothy Nell Pugh, Mary Ellen Winn, Shirley Franz, Betty Sue Armstrong, Yvonne Hazelwood, Ann Maddrey, Linda Fee, Sandra Coplin and Jerlene Spee.
Altos—Martha Jane Morehart, Billie Beall, Gladene Womack, Cathryn Shepard, Minta Sam Herling, Barbara Patterson, Paula Duncan, Mary Martha Ball, Mary Joe Isenhour, Betty Pickens, and Margaret Mitchell.

Octette—Miss Wilda Drago, Rosemary Bruce, Billie Beall, Billie Jean Hall, Serippy Cluck, Minta Sam Herling, Dorothy Nell Pugh, Emily Jean Grissom.

Bar Association Will Honor O. C. Funderburk

The Bar Association of Eastland County will honor Judge O. C. Funderburk with a steak supper and smoker Friday night at 7:30 on the Connellie Roof Garden. Earl Conner, Sr., president of the Bar Association, has announced that there will be no set program.

Judge Funderburk is retiring after many years as Associate Justice of the 11th Court of Civil Appeals.

MISSING IN ACTION



PVT. TURNER OF EASTLAND IS MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Turner of Route 1 Eastland, were notified by the war department Monday that their son, Pvt. George W. Turner has been missing in action in France since November 23.

Pvt. Turner entered the service of the United States Army on March 5, 1943 and received his training at Camp Roberts. After entering the army he transferred to the paratroopers and was in that service at the time he was reported missing in action.

He attended school at Harlingen and Eastland and before going into service was employed at the North American Aircraft plant in Dallas.

Eastland Man Is Promoted By Gas Company

According to the December issue of the Blue Blaze, Lone Star Gas System publication, announcement of the appointment of G. M. (Cowboy) Hargus, a native of Eastland and brother of Mrs. Claude Boles of Eastland, as oferman of the Groesbeck pipeline district has been announced by R. Vandereock pipe line superintendent. The appointment was effective Nov. 1.

Mr. Hargus joined the Lone Star as welder in August 1934 and the following February was named Welder foreman. Prior to joining the Lone Star he was employed by the Oklahoma Contracting Company, the Humble Pipe Line Company and various other contractors. He is a graduate of Eastland High School, as Mason and active in Red Cross work. Mrs. Hargus is the former Miss Stella Richardson of McKinney.

Ex-Service Man Now With Lamb Motor Company

Gordon Clark recently discharged from the United States armed services, is now employed as service station man at Lamb Motor Company.

Clark enlisted on November 20, 1942 and served with the First Construction Battalion on the construction of various bases, landing fields, etc. Hewaswounded on July 19, 1943, while serving on Guadalcanal and was in United States hospitals until September, 1944, when he was given an honorable discharge. He is married, has a baby. The family resides in Eastland.

Eastland Lions Enjoy Musical Program

The Lions Club held its regular meeting Tuesday. Bobby Jones had charge of the program, and presented little Misses Shirley and Barbara Hightower in several accordion and vocal numbers.

The club has decided not to meet next Tuesday, on account of the Christmas holidays. Lion Earnest Jones will have charge of the program for the next meeting, which will be held Jan. 2nd.

MRS. CRANE TO BE BURIED IN EASTLAND SUN.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Hazel Jones Crane, who died Tuesday morning in San Diego, California, are scheduled to be held at the Methodist church in Eastland sometime Sunday with the pastor Rev. L. Durwood Flemming, officiating. Interment will be in the Eastland cemetery.

Mrs. Crane, the former Hazel Jones, daughter of Mrs. Ora B. Jones of Eastland and the late J. A. Jones was born in Eastland County on January 23, 1907. She has one son, Jack Ried Roper, by a former marriage, and who is now serving with the United States Coast Guard. Other survivors include her husband, George Crane, her mother and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. T. B. Scott Hanger; Thebert D. Jones, Ranger; Mrs. Joe Driskill, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Joe Lobaugh, Taft; T. A. Jones, Odessa; Gwendolen Jones of Oskaloosa, Ohio, and Lt. Billy Jones of Harlingen.

Miss Gwendolen Jones, who was scheduled to leave Oskaloosa, Ohio Wednesday for Texas where she is to be connected with the Texas A. & M. College, will be in Eastland for the funeral. All other members of the family are expected also.

Maverick Fans Present Coach With \$150 Gift

At a special assembly meeting at the high school on Wednesday the supporters of the Eastland Mavericks presented Coach "Chief" Warden with a gift of \$150.00 in appreciation of the marvelous work that he has done the past season in carrying the Mavericks to their first district championship in history. The presentation was made by Jimmy Harkrider who presented a card and the money on the behalf of the donors. Each donor had donated five dollars and affixed their signature on the card that was presented. The Mavericks won the district 10-A championship but lost the bi-district game to a superior Ballinger eleven.

The Eastland High school boys and girls basketball teams will go to Carbon tonight (Friday) and engage the boys and girls teams of Carbon at 7:30 in a non-conference affair.

Robt. McGlamery Now Capt. In Air Transport Com.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlamery of Eastland have received word that their son, Robert McGlamery, was recently promoted to a captaincy in the Air Transport command. He is stationed at Miami, Florida, and has been in the service since May, 1942. He graduated from Officer's Training School October or November of 1942 with Clark Gable, the former movie actor.

Captain McGlamery was publishing the Alice Echo, and had just received the Dallas News Cup for the best weekly newspaper in Texas when he left to join the Air Transport Command.

Local Nazarene Church To Have Xmas Program

The Nazarene Church of Eastland will present a special Christmas program Dec., 24th. The pastor will talk on the Christmas story, and the Young People's Department will unite with the Sunday School in presenting a program of special interest. It is to be entitled "A Christmas in India" and everyone is invited to attend. Those on the program committee are Mr. Alpha Elder, the Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Gordon Whitley, and Mrs. Alpha Elder.

HOME AFTER 2 YEARS



Truman E. Davis Buried Tuesday In Eastland

Funeral services for Truman E. Davis, who died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery.

Mr. Davis was born October 1, 1885 died in San Francisco on December 15 and the body was returned by train for burial in Eastland.

Survivors include five brothers, W. J. Davis, of Ranger, Rayford Davis of Hart, Texas, Floyd Davis of California, Elvis Davis of Harlingen, and Albert Davis of Harlingen; three sisters, Mrs. Bertie Connell of San Antonio, Mrs. Stella Chenault of Harlingen and Mrs. Jessie Crotchet also of Harlingen.

Eastland Man's Sister Buried In Dallas

Funeral rites for Mrs. Cora Jane Puett, 69, who died Tuesday at her home in Dallas, were conducted Thursday in Dallas and burial was in the Grove Hill Cemetery.

The deceased former Miss Clara Jordan, was born at Garza, present site of Lake Dallas. She was a sister of J. N. Jordan and of Mrs. Amanda Rogers of Eastland, and of Mrs. Ruth Weaver of Carbon. Other survivors include a son, Marvin B. Puett, Sr., Dallas a brother, J. B. Jordan of Monahan a grandson and four great grandchildren.

Local Schools Close Until 2nd Of January

The pupils of Eastland schools will have twelve days this year to forget about their studies and enjoy the Christmas holidays. They were dismissed early Wednesday afternoon, and W. G. Womack, school superintendent, has announced that classes will not be resumed until Jan. 2nd.

CHURCH PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be given at the Church of the Nazarene Friday night at 8:00 p. m. The program will be composed of songs, readings, and a short dialogue. Trials of Christmas shopping.

The public is invited to attend the program.

MENTAL QUIRKS ARE AIDED AT SPEECH CLINIC

CLEVELAND (UP) The correction of speech difficulties will go a long way toward clearing up many mental and nervous disorders Miss Amy Bishop, director of the speech clinic at Western University here, believes.

"By improving speech," she says, "a person turns himself inside out and stops him from thinking so much about himself and starts him in a career of being a more satisfactory sound-producing instrument."

The Western Reserve clinic—in operation slightly over a year—has treated more than 2,000 men, women and children of whom more than 100 have been psychiatrists or psychologists.

Miss Bishop says one of the so-called "psychological cases" lost his voice entirely when he tried to deal with a unique personnel problem in his establishment.

"When he tried to speak," she says, "the best he could do was to talk in a whisper."

His voice-producing mechanism was normal and his difficulty was "only emotional" and a series of voice treatments and exercises corrected the fault and the man can now deal with his problems in a normal way, she says.

Gorman Man's Nephew Killed In Action

GORMAN, Tex., Dec. 20—Barney Stephens received word Monday that his nephew, Sgt. Melburn Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Tucker of Arlington, formerly of Gorman, had been killed in action over Germany on November 20th. This was also his 21st birthday.

Sgt. Tucker spent most of his life in Gorman graduating with the 1930 High school class. He entered the service immediately after finishing high school. He trained in the air for three years before going overseas in July of last summer. His parents had been informed recently of his winning the six medal.

C. D. Everton Of Kokomo Buried Last Saturday

GORMAN, Tex., Dec. 20—Funeral services were held Saturday at the Simpson cemetery for C. D. Everton, 63 who passed away in the Kokomo community Friday morning. Rev. Willie Skaggs officiated. Pallbearers were Rufus Crawley, John Timmons, J. L. Morrow, Dwight Bryant, Albert Hendrix and John Donnellson. Burial was in the Simpson cemetery.

Mr. Everton, a resident of this county for over 40 years, helped with the harvesting of peanuts Thursday. He took seriously ill that night and lived only a few hours.

He is survived by his wife, and the following children: Lois Everton of Dallas; Cyrus Everton of Hamden; Mrs. Lewis Fagan of Cisco; Mrs. Finis Johnson of Eastland; Elmer Everton of Arlington; Mrs. Charley Goodwin, Edna Everton and Lena Lee of Gorman.

Eastland Rites Due Today For Joe A. Dunham

Funeral services for Joe A. Dunham, who died first of the week at his home in San Antonio were due to be held in Eastland sometime today (Fri.). The body arrived in Eastland over the Texas and Pacific railroad Wednesday.

Opens New Studio



Skeet Richardson, owner of Eastland's newest studio, has been engaged in industrial photography for Swift and Co. at Fort Worth for the eight years previous to his resignation in April to open a commercial portrait studio in Ft. Worth.

His work at Swifts included commercial, news, portrait, illustrative, copy and color photography. He was also associate editor of the Swift's Plant publication for a number of years and served in the time office and personnel department.

Mr. Richardson formerly owned a weekly newspaper in Haltom City, Texas and is a member of Photographer's Association of America. He is a strong advocate of photography at its best, and as soon as additional modern equipment can be obtained, it will be added to the studio.

Mr. Richardson plans to cooperate with the newspapers in this county and will furnish them with late news pictures obtainable with the modern equipment of the Eastland studio.

NORTHERN LINE HOLDING BUT NAZIS THREATENING A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH ON SOUTH LINE

Russians Make Gains Along Hungary-Slovak Border; Eighth Gains In Italy and Jap Targets Raided By Superfortresses

PARIS (UP)—German armored spearheads have driven 30 miles inside Belgium, Supreme Allied headquarters reported today, severing the main lateral Liege-Arlon highway. Shaeff reported that both flanks of the 60-mile Nazi offensive front are becoming stable, but characterized the center of which is pointed for the Adennes Gap and Sedan "still most fluid."

The Germans have made a 25 mile breach in the First Army's lines in central Belgium and Luxembourg, field dispatches reported as heavy American reinforcements poured into the western front to stem the undiminished offensive.

The dispatches indicated that the enemy's drive was being held on the northern part of the Belgian sector facing the vital American supply center of Liege, but was threatening a major breakthrough farther south.

The Russians made further extensive gains along the Hungarian-Slovak border, but Stockholm heard reports that the Germans were planning an offensive in the east to match the one in the west.

Berlin reported that the Red Army had resumed its offensive in western Hungary, between Lake Balaton and the Danube, with ten divisions.

TOKYO radio announced that formations of British carrier based planes raided Sa-hang, important Sumatra harbor and air base Thursday night—Japan time.

Tokyo gave no details of the raid.

The Allied Eighth Army in Italy punched through strong German resistance to cross the Lamone river three miles northeast of Faenza, and captured two villages in an advance of 2 and 1-2 miles northwest of the city.

American Superfortresses carried the Pacific war to the Japanese again today, hitting the war production center of Makden in Manchuria, and Tokyo reported that two pairs of B-29s dropped bombs in two districts of south-central Honshu, one of the Japanese home islands.

The raids, which were augmented by Liberator assaults on Japanese bases in the Volcanos, came as Gen. MacArthur's forces on Leyte completed the destruction of the Yamashita line and pursued the isolated enemy groups in the northwestern corner of the island.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UP) Philip Fedele, father of 14 children, has eight sons serving in the armed forces—which is believed to be a new record in Monroe County.

Seaman 2-c Samuel Fedele, 17 was the last to join. The other fighting Fedeles are: Seaman 2-c Joseph, 36 father of three; Pfc. August, 35, father of two; PFC Nunzio, 27, who has been overseas 27 months with Army engineers and is a veteran of 14 engagements in Africa, Sicily, Normandy and Germany; Sgt. Vincent, 24, father of a 21-month-old daughter with the Medical Corps in China.

Marine Cpl. Anthony, 23, a veteran of Peral Harbor, Guadalcanal and Tulagi, is being treated for malaria at a Portsmouth, Va., hospital; Pvt. Patrick, 21, is in an Army Air Forces gunner school in Texas, and Marine Pvt. Jerry, 19, is believed to be in the Palauli-land in the Pacific.

Mrs. Fedele died eight years ago and it's a little lonely for dad Fidele, who misses his sons. But daughter Josephine helps carry the burden: she writes daily letter to the five boys overseas, and letters every other day to the three in the States.

Dad Fedele promises the biggest and best celebration—a regular feast for all—when his boys come home.

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Christians Believe 'Universal Joy' Comes With Acceptance of Christ

Text: Luke 2:10-11; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing.

It was thus that Isaac Watts wrote in the great hymn, that with its reverberating tone, ANTIPOCH, has been sung around the world with fervent exultation. It emphasizes the theme of our lesson, for its note is that of universal joy, and the universal joy is in the coming of Jesus, the King.

That universal joy was first proclaimed in the carol of the angels, heard by the shepherds in the field. "Behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Those are universal words, and the angels might have added to all people, of every time.

Jesus brings joy because He saves from sin. Broken and discouraged men and women, who had lost heart and hope, have found new life as they have looked to Him. "Joy shall be in heaven," said Jesus, "over one sinner that repenteth." But there is joy in the soul of the sinner himself. Nor need we think of sin in terms of gross, degrading, befouling characters and actions, when we stress the joy of redemption. There are respectable sins, sins of pride and pharisaism, and intolerance, that are none the less sins against God and against man, and hurtful to the sinner, who is often least conscious of sin, in alienating him from God and man, and in limiting his life's outlook and work.

PAUL was such a sinner, zealous, living in all good conscience, but in his blind devotion persecuting his fellowmen, hateful instead of loving, holding the garments of those who stoned Stephen to death, as it says under that Paul after his conversion...

about joy? He knew the joy of having his spiritual blindness removed. He wrote of "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Why should he not? It was the joy of a great, overwhelming experience.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." It was John who wrote those words, but they accord with the words in which Paul described the same rich experience. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things have passed away, all things have become new."

And this stresses the positive joy that Christ brings. It is joy not only in what the Christ saves us from, but in what He saves us to. "I am come," said He, "that they might have life, and may have it more abundantly." The joy that Christ brings is in the consciousness of a right direction of living, in the sense of life as worth while, and of life at its best, as the working out of God's plan. Here there is no defeatism, no apathy, no half-heartedness. Life is a daily prayer, and what a prayer! Daily bread is the sustenance of great endeavor, and great goals—the Kingdom of God, and the making of earth like heaven.

THERE will be joy in this Christmas season; but how much of it will be the truest and highest joy of all? My heart goes out to the thousands in America today who are seeking joy in ways of escape, in noise, and excitement, and intoxication. Poor souls! They don't know what they are missing. They don't realize that they are seeking escape from life, instead of accepting life and finding its deepest joys. To them Jesus says as He said to those of old, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life."

Perhaps some will heed, and find their part in this universal joy. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

State Loses Suit For Title To Padre Island

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—The State of Texas lost its suit for title to Padre Island in the Gulf of Mexico today when the State Supreme Court affirmed decisions adverse to the state in the district court at Corpus Christi and the Court of Civil Appeals at San Antonio.

The decision was made in a 53-page opinion written by Judge C. S. Slatton.

The suit was against Alberto Balli of Travis County and 245 others. They held the island through Padre Nicolas Balli and his nephew, Juan Jose Balli, to whom a grant was made by the Governor of Tamaulipas, Mexico, before Texas became a Republic. The certificate of title was lost with other documents when a ship sank in 1850.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Following are some letters for Santa Claus sent by Eastland children:

Dear Santa: Hello Santa, I am glad to see you back in Eastland again. I have been a good little boy all year. I am six years old. I go to West Ward School. Miss Moon is my teacher. I haven't missed a day or been tardy yet. I made A and B report card. I mind my mother and daddy. I want some apples, oranges, nuts, and candy. A little car, a little air plane, and a pair of shoes.

Goodby Santa Roy Hogan 917 W. Main St.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old. I would like to have quite a few things for Christmas. This is my list: a doll house, purse, dishes, and a lot of candy, fruits, and nuts. Don't forget my big sister, she is writing you a letter too.

Your little friend Betty Lou Walker

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old, and I help my mother and I think I am pretty good so I am going to ask you for a few things. I would like a doll and a telephone and some dishes and that is all.

Thank you very much, Your little friend Margret Alford

DEAR SANTA

I will be so glad when Christmas comes I can hardly wait. Do you think you could bring me a doll, doll bed, and sewing set. I am looking forward to those.

Ouida Garrett, Carbon, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl six years old and I am a good little girl. I dry dishes for my mother and I want you to bring me a birthstone ring. The 23rd of this month is my birthday, and I would like a doll and a doll bed and that is all.

Thank you very much, Elizabeth Ann Alford

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old and I am a good little girl. I would like to have quite a few things for Christmas. I would like to have a ring, purse, dishes, puzzle, gloves to wear to school and a lot of candy fruits, and nuts. Please don't forget any of the boys.

Your little friend Betty Lou Walker

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Your friend, Betty Robinson

CO. LIVESTOCK SHOW TO BE HELD IN CISCO

CISCO, December 14 — The spacious new county implement barn and sheds, now under construction on South D. avenue in Cisco, will be the site of the 1945 Eastland County Livestock Show, which will be held sometime during the latter part of February 1945.

This was announced after the meeting of the County Livestock Show association at Eastland Tuesday had awarded the show to Cisco. Decision was made on the flip of a coin after both Ranger and Cisco had asked for the show. Under the rules of the association the 1946 show will go to Ranger. The site for the show, made available through the courtesy of County Comm'r Arch Bint, is ideal for the purpose. The large implement barn will provide warm shelter for meetings and for judging in the event of cold weather, while the sheds will give ample room for penning the entries. The are will be fenced.

F. D. Wright of Cisco was chosen president of the show, and the following vice presidents elected: Fred Brown of Eastland; Dr. Bob Hodges of Ranger; Frank Robertson of Rising Star; Dr. Georgece, and Arlin Bint.

Blackwell of Gorman; Buck Weston of Carbon, Kid Moseley of Olden; Till Wheat of Morton Valley, and C. F. Ervin of Desdemona. B. A. Butler of Cisco was made secretary-treasurer.

Three hundred dollars will be appropriated for award money, Cisco's share of this — \$200 — already is raised and earmarked for the purpose.

Judges, show superintendents and other officials of the show will be chosen by the president, secretary, County Agent Floyd Lynch and the vocational agriculture teachers of the county. This group will also select the date for the show. This date will be sometime in advance of the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. The committee set a meeting immediately after the first of the year to make these selections.

Representing Cisco at the meeting of the association Tuesday were M. D. Fox, vocational agricultural agent; B. A. Butler, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Rising Star; Dr. Georgece, and Arlin Bint.

Ranger was represented by R. B. Thomas, vocational agriculture teacher and Johnny King.

From Eastland were Fred Brown, W. B. Pickens, J. U. Johnson, E. L. Miller, K. H. Tanner and County Agent Lynch.

With the 24th Infantry Division in New Guinea, Sergeant Frank P. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Ranger, is still adding to his five overseas stripes by continuing to serve with the seasoned 24th Division. This veteran Texan is in a traditionally famous, old line, Field Artillery Unit, and was in the initial engagement of this jungle-trained Division with the enemy. Sgt. Smith has not forgotten the scenes he witnessed on December seventh 1941 at Pearl Harbor, and intends to see that the Japs will never forget it either.

"Red" as he is still called, worked at the "Rockier A" Shell McDowell Ranch before enlisting for duty in Hawaii. While on a brief furlough to Sydney, he saw much of Australia's cattle country and missed no opportunity to see some of their rodeos.

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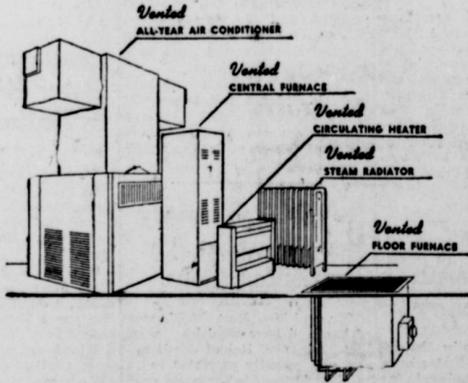
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CARBON

CARBON, Dec 20 — Mrs. D. M. Collins and grandfather, J. G. Nowlin, returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where they went in response to a message that Daniel Nowlin was in a very serious condition after an operation for appendicitis at the Harris Mem-

orial Hospital. Although Davis is reported to be improving his grandfather, J. G. Nowlin, returned to Fort Worth to be with him over the week-end.

Mrs. Ben Stephenson and Mrs. R. K. Justice attended funeral services for Mr. R. D. Everton at Kokomo Saturday afternoon.

Miss Olga Underwood arrived

home from A. C. C. at Abilene Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie B. Poe went to Denton Friday and their daughter Bonnie Jean Poe returned home with them for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ree June Stubblefield, who is teaching in Orange, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield.

Mrs. Buster Whitesides and Miss Whitesides of Spic Springs were in Carbon on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ford spent the week end in Royalty visiting his brother, A. H. Ford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Hamilton of Olden visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins Sunday afternoon.

Sgt. Herman Sisk, who has been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lonnie Hill and Mr. Hill here, has returned to the Pacific coast. Sgt. Sisk spent several months in India and in hospitals

there and in the United States. After returning to the coast he has again been hospitalized.

Edwin Boon Phm. 1-c came in on furlough Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boone. Edwin wears the battle stars on his ribbin for service in the southwest Pacific. He also has been awarded the purple heart.

Prts. Tommie Nicholas and Basil White left Sunday for Camp Ord, California, after spending a furlough with their relatives here.

Glen Ford was in Stephenville, Brownwood and Fort Worth this week.

Cpl Edward Jackson came in from a furlough in Louisiana to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Jackson and other relatives.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

I expect the Ranger Times was the first paper in West Texas to charter an airplane in order to "cover" a football game. The Bulldogs were playing the Steers at Big Spring; so Publisher Walter Murray, because of the publicity value of the stunt, hired a plane; and your columnist (who was then the editor - managing editor - city editor - sports editor)

climbed aboard. All went well until we sighted Big Spring and then Pilot Travis Boggs made a sharp right hand turn without taking me into his confidence and the plane tilted at such an angle and with me not strapped in that I found myself looking into the upturned faces of had arranged, however for a pool way below. I really "pulled leather" and barely escaped joining them.

When we landed, Editor Stanley Norman who was on hand to greet us, remarked: "That looked like a sharp turn to us on the ground." My reply was that I was like the negro who went for a "hop" over an airport and the pilot cut all kinds of turns and then after one particularly sweeping loop, straightened out and yelled, "I'll bet 50 per cent of those folks down there thought we were falling then." His dusky passenger answered, "Yas, suh, and 50 per cent of them up heah thought the same thing."

On the return flight, before we reached Ranger, darkness had fallen and the landing field was not equipped with lights. The pilot day, the flier confessed: "That of gasoline to be in readiness, with the airport mechanic to set a match to it when he heard the motor approaching. The blaze looked mighty comforting to me.

We made a perfect landing. Next day, the flier confessed: "That blaze was so bright it blinded me and I had to land by guess."

Anyhow, the Times had made newspaper history by chartering a plane to cover a high school game. How's that? Oh, Ranger won.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If a man wants to be a success in life, he should choose his grandparents with great care."

Alphus R. Smith With U. S. Marines

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed) — Marine Sergeant Alphus R. Smith recently was promoted to his present rank from corporal.

Sergeant Smith, saw his first action in the Pacific when he landed with assault troops on Guam. He is now a section leader in a heavy mortar platoon.

The husky Leatherneck attended Eastland High School before entering the Marine Corps in December 1941. His mother, Mrs. Eunice L. Smith, now lives at 512 South Doughtery Street, Eastland.

HAPPY HOLIDAY BETTER NEW YEAR

The Season's Best to Our Customers and all Their Friends

Tom Lovelace Transfer And Storage

Phone 314

306 N. Lamar

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE'LL KEEP IT HERE

In spite of our trials and consternation the ideal of Christmas with its spirit of devotion to home and country must be upheld and we—the

American people can give what it takes to make Christmas in the homeland what our boys "over there" want it to be.

Your loyalty to us in a business and friendly way is greatly appreciated and we assure you we will endeavor to give most efficient service these times will permit.

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SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH FLOWERS

Christmas flowers are so appreciated! Give truly beautiful potted poinsettias—the traditional Christmas flower. For that special dance we've corsages of roses, geraniums and orchids. We've lovely cut flowers too for gifts or to dress up your home for the holidays.



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PHONE 140

EASTLAND, TEXAS

WE SINCERELY HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE THE BEST YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN



We hope, too, that 1945 will be a New Year full of thrilling experiences and many opportunities for success.

To you, our loyal customers, we ask that you accept our thanks for your loyalty and patronage and we assure you that we will be able to serve you in a more efficient manner during the coming year.

Our words are not mere trite expressions, but we want you to know and realize just how sincere our thoughts are for you when we say.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU

Eastland National Bank

MEMBER FDIC W. C. CAMPBELL, President RUSSELL HILL, Cashier GUY PARKER, Vice-President J. T. COOPER, Asst. Cashier FRED BROWN, Vice-President.

This advertisement is approved by the Office of Economic Stabilization

To Our Friends Everywhere

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

May this day, Christmas, 1944 be long remembered as a day of Happiness and Cheer

We would feel that we had not been grateful if we failed at this time to express our thanks for your friendship and patronage. It is our privilege to serve you at all times.

Linkenhoger Truck and Tractor Company



We wish our customers and employes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Connellee Hotel & Coffee Shop MR. AND MRS. DON C. HILL

TO OUR FAITHFUL CUSTOMERS AND LOYAL EMPLOYEES MUIRHEAD MOTOR CO.

Best Wishes To Our Customers Beskow Jewelry & Optical Co.

And A Happy New Year

Many thanks to our customers for your steady support during the past year, and many sincere wishes of the season to all. Be seeing you soon!

WILSON'S VARIETY STORE

MR. AND MRS. R. N. WILSON



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STAFF NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard visited with their daughter, Mrs. Sam Fonville and Mr. Fonville of Ranger, on last Tuesday afternoon.

L. S. Echols had business in Eastland last Monday.

Almus Hensley, of Eastland was in the community on business last Monday.

Cecil Alford attended to business in Ranger last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald visited D. W. Boon in Ranger last Wednesday evening. Mr. Boon recently returned to the states from service in the armed forces over seas. He is visiting with relatives in Ranger.

Mrs. Mary Pope, of Anson, is a guest in the home of her son, Tom Pope, this week.

John W. Thurman was a business visitor in Ranger last Saturday.

Wesley Taylor, of Eastland, was a business visitor in this community last Monday.

Lance Powell had business in Eastland last Tuesday.

attended the funeral of C. D. Everton at the Simpson Cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Everton died early Friday morning at his home in the Kokomo Community. He has a wide circle of friends who extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Staff Baptist Church on Sunday night December 24th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were business visitors in Olden last Thursday.

Rufus Jordan has been ill in the Blackwell Hospital at Gorman the past week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

C. L. Henderson and family shopped in Eastland last Saturday evening.

Cecil Kemer had business in the community last Wednesday.

Miss Ima Little was the guest of Miss Ettoy Scitern of the Kokomo Community Sunday.

John Kirk of Gorman was in the community last Saturday on business.

Jasper Phelps and family left for Slaton last Friday where they

A number from this community will make their home. Our best wishes go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thurman were business visitors in Gateville last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald visited with Mrs. C. D. Everton and family in the Kokomo Community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duncan shopped in Eastland Saturday.

Mrs. Cecil Alford visited in DeLeon with her grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Greenwalt, from Tuesday until Thursday of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Mrs. R. A. Parker were Ranger visitors Saturday evening.

Tom Pope visited his son, Royace Pope and family of DeLeon Sunday.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 24. The Golden Text is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. 4194
GUARDIANSHIP OF HOMER COURTNEY CALLAWAY, a Minor,

and HERBERT ROBERT CALLAWAY an Epileptic.
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
GUARDIAN NOTICE ON APPLICATION TO EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE.

Notice is hereby given that I, Henry Callaway, guardian of the estate of Homer Courtney Callaway, a minor, and guardian of the estate of Herbert Robert Callaway, an epileptic, filed on the 8th day of December, 1944, an application in the above titled and numbered cause for an order of the County Court of Eastland County, Tex., authorizing me as guardian of the estates of said wards to make an oil, gas and mineral lease upon such terms as the Court may order and direct, covering all of the undivided interests of said wards in the oil, gas and mineral rights in the following described land in Eastland County, Texas: 160 acres being the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 462, S. P. R. R. Company Survey.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge in the County Courtroom at the Courthouse in the town of Eastland, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the 4th day of January, 1945.

Henry Callaway
Guardian of the estates of Homer Courtney Callaway, a minor, and Herbert Robert Callaway, an Epileptic.

Semi-Final Games To Be Broadcast Friday, Saturday

Friday, Dec. 22 at the Yellow Jacket Stadium in Port Arthur, Lufkin High school will play Port Arthur in one of the Semi-Final games in the play off for the Texas High school football championship. Ves Box will do the play-by-play reports, and Dave Russell is assigned to report the high lights of the game. This game will be broadcast starting at 3:10 p. m. over 18 stations, including KPAC Port Arthur, 1250 kc.; KRBA Lufkin, 1340 kc.; WACO Waco 1450 kc.; KBWD Brownwood, 1380 kc.; KAND Corsicana 1340 kc.; KNET Palestine 1450 kc.; WRR Dallas 1310 kc.; KNOW Austin, 1490 kc.; KTBC Austin 590 kc.; KRIC Beaumont 1450 kc.; KWBU Corpus Christi, 1010 kc.; KTRH Houston 740 kc.; KTSA San Antonio 550 kc.; KABC San Antonio 1450 kc.; and KRGV Weslaco 1290 kc.

Saturday, Dec. 23, 17 radio sta-

tions will broadcast the other semi-final game of the Texas high school football championship that will be played at Ownby Stadium in Dallas, between San Angelo high and Highland Park Scotties. Charlie Jordan will give the play by play, and Zack Hurt will describe the high lights of the game. The broadcast will start at 2:29 p. m. over KGKL San Angelo, 1400 kc.; KRLD Dallas, 1080 kc.; WER Dallas 1310 kc.; KGKO Ft. Worth, 570 kc.; KFJZ Ft. Worth 1270 kc.; KGNC Amarillo 1440 kc.; KRBC Abilene 1450 kc.; KPYO Lubbock 1340 kc.; KPDN Pampa 1340 kc.; KVWC Vernon 1490 kc.; KWT Wichita Falls 620 kc.; KBST Big Spring 1490 kc.; KRLH Midland 1230 kc.; KXOX Sweetwater 1240 kc.; KRRV Sherman 910 kc.; KPLT Paris 1490 kc.; and KCMC Texarkana 1230 kc.

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Eyes Carefully Examined.
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We now have on hand a large supply of these sweeps in the I. H. C. and also the Webly. We are offering the above attractive price to our customers to pass on to them the advantage to be had in quantity buying. These sweeps are hard to get and the supply that I now have on hand will in all probability be all that I will be able to get for the coming spring and summer. Take advantage of these prices and we will both profit.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



The Best of the Season to Everyone.
HOLD WAR BONDS
For HIS sake, don't cash your war bonds.

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Get Coffee that's

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The hearty, robust flavor is sealed in the coffee bean until the minute you buy A&P Coffee. No loss of flavor due to pregrinding days or weeks before the coffee is sold. Result? Finer, fresher flavor in every cup you drink.
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Yes, at the time you buy, fresh A&P Coffee is ground to your order... just right for YOUR coffeepot.
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That's what we call this exclusive A&P method of roasting—that brings beans to flavor-peak.
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You can depend on A&P Coffee to deliver that "pick of plantation" goodness every time!
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Mellow... rich... winery. There's a blend of A&P Coffee that will exactly suit your taste. And the correct blend will give you deeply satisfying flavor in every cup!

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For car and truck brake drums. You do not have to remove the tire.
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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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MERRY CHRISTMAS
And A HAPPY NEW YEAR
To Our Customers and Employes.

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Baptist Church
H. J. Starnes, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
10:55 a. m.—Morning worship.

Church of Christ
Corner Daugherty and West
Plummer Streets
Bible Classes 10 a. m.

First Christian Church
J. B. BLUNK, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Church of God
At Lamar and West
Valley Streets
W. E. Hallenbeck, Pastor

Church of The Nazarene
Rev. Fred Fike
Service Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

St. Frances Catholic Church
Service Sunday at 11:00 A. M.
By Father Donnelly.

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The Baptist Herald
First Baptist Church

H. J. Starnes, Pastor

Dear Church Family:

I wish I might have the privilege of seeing each of you personally to extend to you Christmas greetings. Since that is impossible please accept this as personal good wishes and season greetings.

It has been well said that there is something appropriate in celebrating the birth of our Lord in the darkest season of the year.

We have come to know you better and to appreciate you more during the year fast coming to a close.

Let me wish for you, my people,—and not for you only, but for every citizen of Eastland—

WTCC TO BACK
MOVE TO AID
TEXAS COTTON

Southern cotton is in a dangerous economic position, said Senator George Moffett.

Moffett said: "The hearings, just concluded, before House Chairman Steve Paces (of Georgia) committee emphasized the need of heavy research for new uses of cotton and expansion of old uses, as well as the need for regaining at least a part of the export market."

Principal threat overhanging the cotton industry, as stressed before Paces' house committee, are the growing encroachment of synthetics and present higher than world prices for American cotton.

Christmas, May the New Year bring you the desires of your hearts and may the spirit of good will continue throughout 1945.

There is one announcement that needs to be stressed through this column this week. That is our Student Night program on Sunday night, December 31.

We observe White Christmas Sunday morning. Let everyone bring a gift in cash or merchandise for the Orphan Home.

Iceland Vital
Cog In Flying
Planes Across

MEEKS FIELD, Iceland (UP)—They are still pouring the big bombers into Europe to pulverize Germany's resources to wage war.

A youthful pilot of one ship, who cannot be named, said he had flown from Goose Bay, Labrador in approximately 11 hours.

He appeared perfectly confident, and reassured to believe that there had been only 13 accidents in 7,500 crossings by tactical aircraft.

This incident was typical of what goes on here at this base, where Lt. Col. Hugh R. Gilchrist, Clinton, Okla., is ATC commander and Lt. Col. Roger H. Kruse, formerly of TWA and former resident of St. Louis and New York, is operations officer.

As We Approach the Holidays
And New Year -
We naturally expect to hear of numerous car accidents as there is more driving at this season of the year.

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The Methodist Broadcaster

Weekly News Of
First Methodist Church

L. Durwood Fleming, Pastor

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WILL BE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!!

Christmas Sunday coming on Christmas Eve is a very fine time to pay our homage to the world's most observed birthday.

Then in the afternoon at 5:00 the Harmony Girls will present a program of Christmas Music and we want the church full for this occasion.

So Sunday will be a great day; at least you can help make it so!

The base provides many services. Pilots and navigators are briefed on the course to Britain and shown pictures of the approaches.

Eastbound the base is used primarily combat craft, as the larger transports usually fly direct from Newfoundland to Britain.

One of the key responsibilities is maintaining unique relationship between the Iceland government and American armed forces here by invitation of the country.

Best Wishes for the
New Year
MICKLE HARDWARE &
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Relief At Last
For Your Cough
Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Methodist Home for Children at Waco and individual gifts are still coming in to boost the overall total to comply with a generous offering.

We are proud of our church's response to the Methodist Home Christmas offering and express a genuine gratitude to every person who made a contribution.

A "watch Night Service" will be held in our church on New Year's Eve beginning at 10:30 P. M.

More details of the program will be worked out at a meeting in Dallas December 16 of the Advisory Committee.

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Plan Natural Gas
Line From Texas
To West Coast

MIDLAND, Tex. (UP)—Negotiations are underway by the Metropolitan Natural Gas Co. of Midland for construction of a 26-inch gas line from the Permian Basin of Texas to Los Angeles, Cal., a distance of approximately 1,100 miles.

Chester A. King, Jr., president of the company, says the pipeline would cost \$40,000,000 and would have a capacity of 350,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Harris County has chosen crepe myrtle; Travis and Burleson Counties have adopted pyracantha. Bell, Brown, San Saba Counties also want crepe myrtle.

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WANTED—Used furniture, may be broken or unserviceable if sound. Freeman's Wood Shop, next door to gas office.

FOR SALE—Piano, Mrs. A. F. Taylor, 700 South Seaman, Phone 320.

FOR SALE—One and one-half miles from Ranger on Eckenridge highway, two acres, 6-room house, gas, water, lights, two wells, windmill two overhead tanks, forty fruit trees, berries, grapes. Fenced and cross fenced with net wire. Chicken and brooder houses. Barn. See Mrs. Lambert at Mickle Hardware Store in Eastland.

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 9th day of January, 1945 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.

WANTED—Farm hand, will finish good house with water and gas. Reasonable wages. Must have experience with livestock or agri. college training. References. R. E. Harrell, Box 35, Phone 9003-F12 or 417.

150 Acres well located well improved lots of water. 50 acres in cultivation, balance good grass. \$25 per acre. Quick sale and possession. Killough and Price.

WE are in need of residences both small and large what have you? Killough and Price.

FOR SALE—Westinghouse automatic electric range including cables. Mrs. W. C. Campbell.

FOR SALE—6 foot Fridge, china closet, washing machine. Bains Furniture Co.

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove, typewriter, tilt top desk, washing machine. Bains Furniture Co.

Mama's Sugar Says:
Merry Christmas
To Texans and Friends Everywhere
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Society

It Seems To Me

By Alta Starnes

"The Author and Journalist" writer's magazines reports on "Liberty" is recovering from reverses. The new editor Edward Maher, remarks that they have abandoned their flamboyant and sensational style for a high degree of editorial integrity. They now ask: will this contribution help our readers; not will it make readers want to buy our magazine. He adds that it is surprising but true that this policy has strengthened sales considerably.

But is it strange? No it is merely the effect of natural law in action. One who gives good measure, head ed up, pressed down and running over will also receive the same in recompense.

What a pity that people have been so slow to apply this law. To be sure, there are some individuals and firms who do.

When one serves the needs of others he too will find his needs met. Jesus stated this principle when He said:

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these other things will be added unto you."

Peter charges the early christians to "use your endowments in the service of others." One who has this attitude will always have the needed materials to carry on. Do you believe it? I dare you to give it a fair trial.

MRS. W. D. SPAIN ENTERTAINS WITH TEA

A twilight tea was held Wednesday evening for the Music club in the home of Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins. Mrs. Albert Gleason, mother of Mrs. Perkins, was co-hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, and tall Christmas candles in glass candelabra. The table was decorated with white flowers, white candles, and little white angels.

The program consisted of questions on the Bible and was held in the form of an old fashioned spelling match, with Mrs. Harry Woods asking the questions. Later Mrs. G. R. Wingate conducted a number of amusing games. Numbers were drawn and gifts were exchanged from a large Christmas tree, with Mrs. Winate and Mrs. Johnnie Aaron presiding as Santa Claus. The class presented Mrs. Henry Calloway with a special "going away" gift and the

teacher. Mrs. Woods, also received a special gift.

A large Christmas card was signed by all members of the class and sent to Rev. A. F. Thurman at Canyon, the former pastor of the Eastland Church of Christ. A special committee was formed to distribute baskets of fruit to the shut-ins of the church. Those appointed to the committee were Mmes. Johnnie Aaron, chairman, Ellis, Leon Bourland, W. A. Harris, R. B. Reagan, and T. E. Ward.

The class has decided not to hold their meeting until after the holidays are over. The date has been set as January 8th and is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

MRS. JOSEPH M. PERKINS ENTERTAINS MUSIC CLUB WITH TEA

The Thursday afternoon Club held its annual Christmas party at the clubhouse Tuesday night. A dinner was served to the members with their husbands as honor guests.

The clubhouse was beautifully decorated with a large Christmas tree and colored lights, and the two long tables in the center of the clubroom were decorated with ivy and tall red candles.

The arrangement committee was headed by Mrs. Dan Childress, as chairman. She was assisted by Mmes. B. W. Patterson, Fred Davenport, C. W. Geue, Dan Childress, Jr., and Jack Ammer.

Mrs. Ammer presided during the program, which followed a delicious turkey dinner. Mrs. Pickens, the president of the club, gave a Christmas greeting, and then, after a sing-song, Mrs. Jim Horton reviewed the book "Your Kids and Mine" by Joe E. Brown. Gifts were then exchanged from the tree by the twenty-four members and their husbands present.

The program had as its subject the composer Edward McDowell. An article on the McDowell colony was read by Mrs. T. E. Richardson, and a piano number, "Scott's Poem," by McDowell, was given by Miss Dorothy Perkins. Mrs. Giver Ginn sang three compositions by McDowell.

Mrs. W. E. Stalter presided at the tea table, and Mrs. Hollis Bennett and Miss Dorothy Perkins assisted in the dining room. Tea plates were served to thirteen members and thirteen guests.

SCALE RUNNERS MUSIC CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Judith Ann Brannon and Maxine Harbin were hostesses to the Scale Runners Juvenile Music Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brannon, Dec. 13th.

The house was decorated with evergreens and a beautifully lighted tree.

The president, William Aaron, presided. The program opened with the ensemble singing of "Silent Night," with Dorothy Throne at the piano. Piano solos were given by Herley Weaver, Milton Jones, Jerry Sims, Jana Weaver, Margine June Poe, Don Webb and Hubert Johnson. Christmas readings were given by Don Smith, Martha Sue Spence, Loretta Harris, Judith Ann Brannon, and Max-

ine Harbin. Heidi Throne and William Aaron played a piano duet.

The members enjoyed a gift exchange from the tree, and war savings stamps were presented to each pupil by Mrs. Taylor. Refreshments of sandwiches, green and white popcorn balls, cookies, and hot chocolate were served and plate favors of red whistles were given to the thirty-three pupils present. Visitors were Mrs. Aaron and Mrs. Cox of Stephenville, who is the mother of Mrs. Brannon.

The next meeting will be the tenth of Jan. at the home of William Aaron. The co-hostesses will be Dorothy and Heidi Throne.

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SOUTH WARD PTA MEETS IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

The regular meeting of the South Ward P. T. A. was held at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Johnnie Aaron presided.

The program opened with the singing of "Silent Night" and the members then presented the gifts they had brought for servicemen in hospitals. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Marvin Hood room, with Mrs. John D. Harvey presiding as chairman of the refreshment committee.

There were twenty-three members present, and the prize for the most mother's attending was won by Mrs. H. H. Durham's room. The next meeting will be held at Avalon Catalina Island, Calif.

Jan. 30th in the South Ward auditorium.

EASTLAND HIGH CROWNS KING AND QUEEN

Patricia Ruth Green, of the Senior Class, and Gordon Wayne Cooper, also a Senior, were crowned King and Queen of Eastland High School, in a ceremony held Monday night at the school auditorium. They were attended by a Prince and a Princess from each class, and by quite a number of Dukes and Duchesses. A very entertaining program was given by various members of the school body, and as a surprise ending to the ceremonies. Santa Claus, played by Harold Everett, came out on the stage and threw Christmas candy into the audience.

PENNY MANAGER ENTERTAINS STORE EMPLOYEES WITH DINNER

E. L. Miller, manager for the J. C. Penny store in Eastland, and Mrs. Miller, entertained the Company employees with a dinner and Christmas tree Friday evening December 15.

Those present were: Misses Claire Carter, Winnie Safley, Jane Matthews. Mrs. May Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bumpus and children, Richard and Betty.

The Christmas tree and dinner is an annual affair.

PERSONALS

W. C. Whatley was in Ft. Worth Monday attending a meeting at which the West Texas Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers was organized. The state convention will be held in Fort Worth on the 15th and the 16th of January.

Cpl. Mildred McGlamery, with the WAC at Fort Sheridan, Ill., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McGlamery, and sister Dorothy, who is also home for the holidays from TCW at Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ida Harris had as her guests Sunday and Monday, her son, Temple Harris, and his wife and son, who live in Ballinger.

IS IN TRAINING

Roy Roper, 403 North Ammerman St. Eastland is now in apprentice Seaman training at the U. S. Maritime Training Station, Avalon Catalina Island, Calif.

NEED FOR FAT STRESSED BY OFFICIALS

A joint statement of War Food Administration and War Production Board, released by the Office of War Information, today announced that full responsibility for the program of salvaging used fat has been transferred from War Production Board to War Food Administration.

"The importance of fat salvage in the government's overall fat conservation program is reflected in this change," said Roy W. Peet, chairman of the American Fat Salvage Committee "because the nation's supply of food fats is definitely dependent on how much used fat is returned for industrial use."

"Lee Marshall director of distribution for War Food Administration, minces no words in saying that if we are to avoid the necessity of going into reserve stocks for food fats for industrial purposes, household fat must come to the rescue of industry, and be fully utilized," continued Mr. Peet.

"Mr. Marshall also cites figures which indicate a reduction of about a billion pounds in the 1945 fats and oils supply as compared with 1944. This principally because of lower contemplated yields in some of the domestic oil seed crops a sizeable drop in the expected hog slaughter this fall and winter, and the continued unavailability of imports from the South Pacific.

"The change of sponsorship from WFB to WFA will interrupt no phase of the current fat salvage program. Volunteer local committees and field employees of War Production Board will continue as usual in all parts of the country and the Office of Price Administration will continue to allow two red ration points per pound for every pounds of used fat turned in.

"Mr. Marshall's statements are even more important when they are interpreted in this light of recent statements from General Eisenhower and General Somervell. Mr. Peet pointed out."

General Eisenhower appealed for "myriads of shells, guns, tires, blankets and planes for our fighting men," General Somervell declared the production of arms and equipment in this country is lagging on 40 percent of schedule, and that we need an immediate increase of 35 percent over our present output of heavy ammunition, 31 percent over the number of heavy trucks, and 35 percent in tanks.

"This appeal to factories to step up the production of war materials and to workers to stay on their jobs, means also that women must save and turn in more used fat in their kitchens.

"Every item called for by these generals require used fat either in its production or operation. If American soldiers are to have the supplies they need when they need them, civilians must do their part. There is no substitute in some cases evidence of car-

ful coaching by some GI jokester. The motive for gaining this linguistic ability has an economic basis. Quickly to analyze acceptable approaches for efficient removal of bakshesh from the soldier they son realize the old "no mummy, no poppa, no brother" attack had become obsolete. To attract attention many have adopted these words and phrases which they believed would do the trick—and it possibly has meant a few extra annas for them.

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Lt. W. B. Stewart is wounded in Belgium War

Mrs. Thelma J. Stewart of Route 2, Ranger was notified late Thursday that her husband, First Lt. William B. Stewart, has been wounded in action in the European war.

According to the message Lt. Stewart was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on November 27th. Further details as to his condition will be forwarded as soon as they are received by the war department.

India Urchins Cry 'Wares' in GI Slang

NEW DELHI (UP)—The American GI is leaving linguistic footprints as he passes through India towards Far Eastern battlefronts. Barracks phrases of the American soldier—and his slang—now are heard on the lips of many of the hordes of urchins who in Indian cities constantly and clamorously petition to shine the GI's shoes, carry his luggage, or lead him to interesting adventure (they say.)

Swear words like the common "hell" and "damn" are supplemented with other words and phrases seldom printed outside the ultra-realistic novel. However such phrases—denoting chagrin, etc.—sometimes are used incongruously and incoherently.

Often the words appear to be used without knowledge of their nature and without inflection. As Mark Twain explained to his wife when she attempted to break him of swearing by repeating his obnoxious phrases, "you have the words, darling, but not the music."

But at other times they are substituted for and integrated in Hindustani, even though it is one of the better mediums of invective and abuse for the adept.

While most of the words are too earthy to appear in print, ancient American slang phrases are also heard alongside the rougher elements of the language.

Such phrases include "hot stuff," "gee whiz," "you tellem, boy," all pronounced in a more or less understandable accent. Where these were picked up is not clear. You seldom hear the soldier use the phrases. So far no jive jabber has been noted.

In most cases the urchins acquired their "vocabulary" by overhearing passing soldiers and by listening to the conversation of their customers as they polish boots. On the other hand there their part. There is no substitute in some cases evidence of car-

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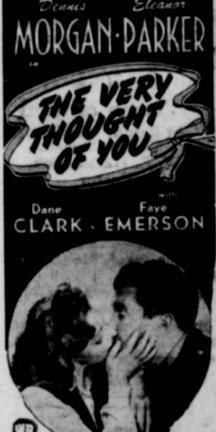
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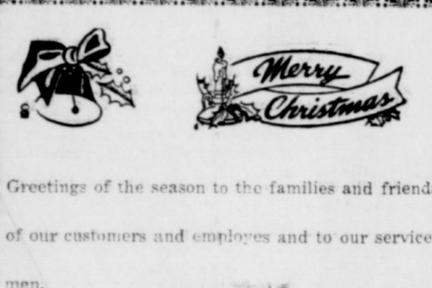
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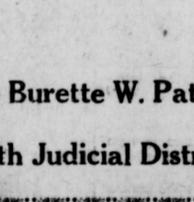
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