

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

The Devil's River News

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NINTH WEEK

1944 A. A. A. Program Begun

WILL INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION

The Agricultural Adjustment Agency Program for 1944 has been announced according to Miss Dessie D. Parsons, administrative officer of Sutton County. In discussing the provisions of the program she said, "The 1944 Program again calls for an increase in the production of food and feed crops needed in the war effort. While asking for all-out production to meet tremendous wartime requirements the 1944 Program also emphasizes the importance of balance. D. Parsons, administrative officer of production so there will be enough of the essential commodities needed to shorten the war and establish a sound peace."

With average weather, the suggested schedule of production should yield the largest food crop in the nation's history, which would be the eighth year in a row that American farmers and ranchers have exceeded the previous years' record-breaking food production. As a backbone of the Food Fight for Freedom Campaign, the nation's farmers this year are surpassing their 1942 total food production by 5 percent and the 1918 production which was the banner year of World War I by almost 50 percent.

Nationally the program would provide for a record-smashing marketing of meat animals to bring about a moderate reduction in livestock population. It is important that the abnormally large livestock population be brought into balance with feed supplies which are expected to be about the same as 1940 with the livestock population about 12 million head above normal, hogs marketed this year about 50 million above normal and poultry about 70 million above normal, sufficient feed cannot be produced to care for them. It has been possible to make these big increases because of the large supplies of feed stored in the ever-normal granary prior to the beginning of the war, but most of this surplus has not been withdrawn.

The practices selected for the 1944 Program are those which are needed, most to conserve and improve soil fertility, improve range and pasture land, prevent wind and water erosion and promote conservation and better utilization of water.

The limited practices are carried out according to the allowance set up for the individual farm. This allowance is the sum of the following figures: 75 cents per acre for each acre of cropland on the farm, plus \$1.50 acre for each acre of commercial orchards on the farm, plus \$1.00 per acre for each acre of commercial vegetable normally grown on the farm, plus 6 cents per acre for each acre of pasture or range land on the farm. The practices to be used for earning this production practice allowance are about the same as those used in 1943. Some few 1943 practices have been eliminated and two new practices have been added. Payment will be made for establishing a satisfactory cover of rye grass or small grains, except wheat, seeded in the fall of 1943, provided the small grain is not harvested for grain. The other new practice payment is for the harvesting of much needed legume and grass seeds. The new program year started on December 1, in Sutton County.

The unlimited practices are regarded as very essential to war production, and the government proposes to pay the farmer for all of these practices to the extent that they carried out on his farm, in addition to the payment earned on limited practices. The unlimited practices are terracing, drainage ditches, pasture mowing, elimination of prickly pear, cactus, mosquito, cedar and underbrush, and the construction of one tank or dam on each farm not in excess of 2,000 cubic yards of material moved.

Many of the rates of payments for carrying out practices have been increased above the rates in 1943 to partly off-set the increased cost of labor and seed. In order to be of further assist-

Sonorans' Brother Reported Missing, Believed Saved

Mrs. M. C. Scott and Mrs. B. D. Roberts of Sonora learned last week that their brother, T-Sgt. Lawson Johnson of Junction, who was reported missing in action after a raid on a Japanese base in the South Pacific on December 1, is probably now in an Army Air Force hospital, although critically injured. The extent of Johnson's injuries is not known, other than the above information, given in a telegram received from the War Department.

Sgt. Johnson was one of six survivors of a 10-man crew of a Liberator which crashed at sea near Salamos, New Guinea. The ship's engines failed and bad weather was encountered, after the ship was damaged by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot, First Lt. Richard Adams of Pine Grove, P., said, "We hit the water at about 120 miles per hour. When the plane struck, I lost control and she whirled around in a sort of loop and the nose broke off."

Lt. Adams said that both he and Sgt. Johnson were pulled from the plane by T-Sgt. Joseph Hatcher of Kilgore. The survivors were picked up by PT boats the next day. They had been on a raft.

Johnson was the radio operator on the ship.

Johnson's mother, Mrs. Kate Johnson of Junction, received the dispatch telling that her son was safe under a delayed date line of December 7. Later she received the wire that stated he was missing, under a date line of December 10. She feels, however, in view of the message of December 7, that he is safe.

Troop 19 Places 6th In District First Aid Meet

Members of Troop 19, participating in the district first aid contest held in Del Rio recently, took sixth place, the first four places going to Del Rio troops. The Junction troop won fifth place.

A dinner was served to the Boy Scouts and their parents preceding the contests and program.

A demonstration in first aid was given by last year's district winning team, which was composed of the following Sonora Scouts: Billy Wright, Taylor, George D. Chalk, Jr., Dickie Street, Tommy Bond, Cleveland Nance and Clayton Hamilton.

Members of this year's team were Tommy Bond, Jerry Shurley, Jimmy Lightfoot, James Theodore Hunt and David Shurley.

Parents attending the meet were Messrs. and Mmes. Bryan Hunt, Tom Bond, and Collier Shurley; also S. M. Loeffler, first aid instructor, Mr and Mrs. E. D. Stringer and Mary Elaine Stringer.

Happy Birthday

- Saturday, December 25—Jimmy Robson, Ben Cusenbary, Jon Barton Dunigan
- Sunday, December 26—Mrs. C. D. Wyatt, Lewis Rouche, Sallie Dawn Prater
- Monday, December 27—None
- Tuesday, December 28—None
- Wednesday, December 29—J. B. Renfro, George Lindon Hearn
- Thursday, December 30—Mrs. Lewis Rouche
- Friday, December 31—Mrs. Earl Merck, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. C. L. Young

ance to the farmer in carrying out the production practice program for 1944, the AAA will furnish certain materials and services, the cost of which, will be taken out of the farmer's payment that he earns. This makes it possible for the farmer to carry out these practices with very little immediate cash according to Miss Parsons.

OPA Officials To Meet Here

Between 50 and 75 Office of Price Administration officials, including county ration board members, district officers from San Antonio, and bankers from surrounding counties, are expected to attend the district OPA meeting which is to be held here Friday night, January 7, at 8 o'clock at the First National Bank.

Among those attending will be Ken Black, district officer from San Antonio, and the rationing board members from Kimble, Crockett, Schleicher, Edwards and Sutton Counties.

At the meeting local rationing problems and ration banking will be discussed.

Local Athletes Chalk Up 3 Victories Sat.

Last Saturday was a field day for the athletic department of the local high school. Three teams won as many decisive victories over a like number of teams from Rooksprings high school on the local gym floor that night.

Miss Kathryn Henderson's high-stepping volleyball sextet started the victories, when they crushed the fast Rooksprings team with a 46 to 31 victory. The local team played like veterans.

Pay dirt was hit a second time when Coach H. L. Lakey's hard-playing quintet was arrayed against the formidable Rooksprings club. The locals, playing slowly at the beginning, allowed the visitors to stack up a substantial lead in the first quarter of the game. The second and third quarters saw this gain slowly but surely dwindling. The Broncos were playing consistently for a gain. The fourth quarter opened with the locals still trailing by three points. The score was 15 to 12 in favor of the visitors. But at this point the Broncos definitely took charge of the ball and kept it in their own territory the greater part of the time, to chalk up three additional points and tie the score with only a minute and a half to go. It was then J. W. Pepper starred with a free shot and Gene Shurley with a field goal to total 18 points for the local quintet against 15 for the visitors. The going soured. The game was over. The Broncos had the third game of the season in the bag.

The third and last game of the evening was between the second string men from each team. The tilt was short and hard. The local boys evidently meant to live up to the reputation established in the previous games. At no time was there any doubt of the final outcome of the game. They played the ball from one end of the court to the other at will, and chalked up score after score. The net result of this game was 16 scores for Sonora and 4 for Rooksprings.

Misses Charlotte Kavanaugh and Sydney Weaver refereed the girls' game. Wilfred Berger called the boys' games.

LIONS TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS BASKETS TO CITY'S NEEDY FAMILIES

Between 15 and 20 needy families, in Sonora, will receive Christmas baskets of staple groceries and fruit this year from the Sonora Lions Club, according to George E. Smith, who is chairman of the club's welfare committee. Each year the club distributes baskets to the city's underprivileged families, paying for them with the money saved by dispensing with the luncheon during Christmas week and by donations given by other organizations and individuals.

Assisting Smith will be the other members of the welfare committee, and the Reverends F. L. Meadow, J. E. Eldridge and Carol Meyer.

Those who wish to donate to help defray the cost of the baskets may leave their checks at the bank, or give them to the members of the welfare committee.

Flu Incidence Great Among High School Students

Flu neared epidemic proportions in the Sonora high school this week, when 25 percent of the students were absent with flu. Superintendent E. D. Stringer said that probably the closing of schools Wednesday for the Christmas holidays had just prevented the closing of the high school because of the flu incidence, which had caused 22 of the 82 students to be absent by Tuesday afternoon.

To prevent the spread of flu, school officials canceled the high school party planned for Wednesday night, and Boy Scout officials canceled plans for the Christmas dance, which was to be given Thursday night.

Stringer reported that, in spite of the high incidence of flu among high school students, few cases had been reported in the Elementary School and the L. W. Elliott School.

St. Ann's Church Plans Christmas Eve Mass

Midnight Mass, the traditional Catholic Christmas service, will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church on Christmas Day. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, the faithful of St. Ann's Church will gather in the holy silence of early Christmas morn to greet the birth of the Infant Saviour.

At 11:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve night, a procession of angel-clad little girls will bear the life-like representation of the Infant Christ to a replica of the crib at Bethlehem. After the Christ Child is laid in the manger, the children and choir will join the angelic hosts to proclaim in sacred Christmas carols, "Glory to God in the Highest. And on earth, peace to men of good will. There is born to you today a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Immediately following the program of carols, the congregation will kneel in adoration with the shepherds of Bethlehem to assist at the celebration of High Mass, the official act of Catholic worship, to be sung by the Rev. Carol Meyer, pastor of St. Ann's Church.

The public, regardless of creed, is welcome to assist at the midnight service or at the other Masses to be celebrated at 8:00 o'clock and 10:00 o'clock on Christmas morning.

Scott Roberts Tells Of Experiences In Sicily On Radio Program

Corporal Scott Roberts, former Sonoran who took part in the invasion of Sicily with the Paratroopers, and who is now at the Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas, was featured on a radio program broadcast over KGKO, Fort Worth, on December 15. The program was broadcast by the Red Cross, with the purpose of boosting donations to the Blood Bank, which provides our men in the services with blood plasma when they are wounded. Corporal Roberts on this program revealed his part in the invasion, his experiences after being wounded and before he finally was picked up by an Allied Army hospital unit, and the part blood plasma played in saving his life.

Roberts, who has been in the Army twenty-two months, eight of them in foreign service, was in one of the first invasion troops to land in Sicily. He landed near Rabose, Sicily, after bailing out of the transport plane which had encountered anti-aircraft fire on the way over from the base in North Africa.

Roberts said of this, "I made my jump, and almost at the same time I hit the ground—in fact, I was unhooking my harness—a shell hit me. The concussion broke three ribs and caused me to hemorrhage in the right lung. I tried to get up, but couldn't. My right leg was hit. It was bleeding. . . in fact, I was lying in a pool of blood."

The Sonoran said that he remained there alone for eight hours,

School Holds Christmas Program

A Christmas assembly program, under the direction of Miss Annie Duncan, was held Wednesday morning in the High School Auditorium. Musical numbers were directed by J. Thomas Ratliff, accompanied by Mrs. Everett L. Ellis at the piano.

The program opened with the assemblage giving the "Pledge of Allegiance," led by Alain Boughton. Jo Ann Featherston gave a reading, "The Night Before Christmas," and Kathryn Ross spoke on "The Origin of Christmas Festivities."

The Rev. F. L. Meadow, who spoke on Christmas also, was the featured speaker.

The program ended with the singing of several patriotic and Christmas songs.

Brown Attends FBI Meeting

Leo E. Brown, Sutton County sheriff, was among the 60-odd peace officers from West Texas attending the District Three quarterly FBI-peace officer conference held in Ballinger last Friday, December 17.

Lectures and demonstrations were given by E. C. Dorris, FBI agent at Abilene, and R. G. Danner, special agent for the FBI at Dallas. Dorris, in giving a judo demonstration, showed how a trained person can disarm a criminal; however, it was stressed that the necessary tactics may be fatal, and the officers were warned not to use them except in extreme cases.

Also attending the conference were Brooks Powell, highway patrolman of Ballinger, and Glenn Warner, Texas highway patrolman of San Angelo, both of whom are former Sonorans.

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas night by the Reverend Evans H. Moreland of Brady. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service.

The public is invited to attend the service, and a cordial welcome awaits those who come.

Sanford Trainer, who is studying a radio course at Love Field, Dallas, is in Sonora to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer.

Teachers Visit Families, Friends Over Holidays

SCHOOL TO OPEN AGAIN JAN. 3

When the Sonora schools turned out for the Christmas holidays Wednesday afternoon, the majority of the faculty members left to spend their vacations with their families. The holidays will continue through New Year's, opening again on Monday, January 3.

Those who will spend their holidays with their relatives are Miss Emma Blundell, who will go to Lockhart to visit her brother and his family; Miss Christine Boone, who will be with her parents in San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ball, who will visit with Mrs. Ball's father, J. M. Duncan, at Florence; Mrs. Ruth W. Bourn, who will be with her sister in San Angelo; and Miss Annie Duncan, who will spend part of her time with her brother, Joe T. Duncan, in San Antonio, and part in Devine with her sister, Mrs. Earl Russell, and family.

Also Ben Featherston and family, who will be with his parents in Coleman; Miss Sally Cobb, who will spend the holidays with her family in Marlin; Miss Evelyn Emmet, who will be with her parents in Stephenville; Misses Ura Mae and Ruby Nell Haggard who will visit their mother and father in Abilene; and Miss Katherine Henderson, who will go to Hamilton to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dowe Henderson.

Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh will divide her holidays between visits with her brother in Austin, and her parents, who live in Round Rock. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lackey will visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ward, and family, in Devine; Miss Mildred Mund will be in Eldorado with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mund; Miss Anne Palmer will visit her brother in Comanche; Miss Janie Rogers will go to her parents' home in Stephenville; Miss Frances Probandt will be with her family in San Angelo, and Miss Nita Thomerson will visit with her parents in Christoval.

Those who will probably remain in Sonora are Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tant, Mrs. M. O. Britt, Miss Wilma Elliott, Mrs. Harold Evans and Mrs. A. E. Prugel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stringer, and daughter, Mary Elaine, will visit Mr. Stringer's mother, Mrs. W. A. Stringer, in Hamilton.

Miss Emma Hamilton and Miss Margaret Barton have not stated where they will spend their holidays, and Artie Joy, school custodian, said that he would remain here to go deer hunting.

District Agent Made Extension Service Officer

James D. Prewitt, for the past several years well-known district A. & M. Extension Service agent in this area, has recently been appointed assistant director of the A. & M. Extension Service, with headquarters at College Station. Prewitt, a native of West Texas, having been reared at Pecos, is familiar with the problems of ranchers and farmers. He is a stockman, having recently purchased a farm in the Dodge community.

Named as head of the Extension Service was E. R. Eudaly, farm specialist. Prewitt will assume duties immediately, replacing George Adams, who has served since last August when the college board failed to re-elect as director, H. H. Williamson, who had headed the Extension Service for 32 years.

Miss Sannie Jeanne Allison, who is a high school student at Stephens College, Missouri, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Allison through the holidays.

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Another Christmas it will be the battlefields, not the homes, which will be quiet.
 A friend sent me a Christmas card bearing these words:
 "These are trying days, but we shall win . . . These are strenuous days, but we have the strength to bear . . . These are busy days, but we have the capacity to smile. These are responsible days, but we shall accept them. . ."

SONORAN BUYS TOP BULL AT LLANO SALE

Top bull at the Llano County Registered Hereford Breeders Association sale Monday was bought by R. A. Halbert of Sonora for \$1,300. The bull, Star Domino 72nd, was bred by Winkels Polled Here-

ford Ranch.

Thirty-two bulls sold Monday at an average price of \$393, and several of them for \$750.

A record crowd of buyers was in attendance at the sale, and the auctioneer was Earl Gratin. Alex Hardin, president of the association, was in charge.

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Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

PRETTY FAIR RECORD

Upon my request in behalf of one of my agricultural friends, Jesse H. Jones supplied some figures on the business record of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He said that the RFC had made loans to banks—some of them in West Texas—aggregating \$2,024,000,000, of which one billion nine hundred sixty-one thousand dollars of 97 percent has been collected. The remaining \$63,000,000 is being liquidated according to terms of the loan. The net loss written off definitely to date is only \$226,157—that out of two billion twenty four million dollars.

Apparently there is sound business reason for this Texan to be among other things, Secretary of Commerce and chairman of the RFC.

CLUB SHOW SUGGESTION
 Although it has been shown recently that big slaughterers can pay high premium prices for the champion baby beeves of the major club boy stock shows, it still isn't so certain that the new live animal price ceilings won't interfere with the small county and sectional shows.

But Arval Erickson, head of the OPA meat price section, offers a suggestion:

"If there are no big slaughterers to bid for the champion animals—of course, a small or occasional slaughterer couldn't pay 50 cents a pound for baby beef and stay within his prescribed price spread—why not let the hometown business and civic groups effect the same result by posting higher cash premiums? The club boy would get the slaughterer's best price plus the prize money."

If the price controllers decline to grant a blanket exemption for club boy stock, this alternative may be worthy of adoption.
 QUIET CHRISTMAS

This week-end brings around another Christmas. But to all Americans—and to Texans as much as any—it will be a quiet Christmas. To many it will be a sad Christmas. There will be empty chairs around the dinner table. Finding it thus, let us pray and work toward the goal of victory, the victory which will assure that on

Boyd Caffey arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with his family. He has been employed in Geneva, Utah.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CHOICE MEATS

CAULIFLOWER, Head	19c	SABROSA CHILI, 5 Pts. 1b	29c
PIE PUMPKINS, No Pts. 1b	5c	DRY SALT JOWLS, 1 Pts. 1b	15c
CARROTS, Bunch	7c	FRESH BRAINS, No Pts. 1b	15c
CELERY, Stalk	19c	FRESH BACK BONES, No Pts. 1b	7c
AVOCADOS, Each	10c	PORK CHOPS, 8 Pts. 1b	32c
ENGLISH PEAS, 2 lb	35c	BEEF ROAST, 7 Pts. 1b	30c
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A Merry, Merry Christmas

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Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS

by
BOYCE HOUSE

Mark Twain, in the judgment of your columnist, was the greatest of American writers. While of course he was not a Texan, there is the spirit of the Southwest sweeping through his pages, and his humor is of the gusty, hyperbolic quality of our section.

There was the time that he was employed to dig a railroad tunnel through a mountain, and he enjoyed the work so much that, after he had dug through the mountain, he just kept on and dug two miles of tunnel through the air!

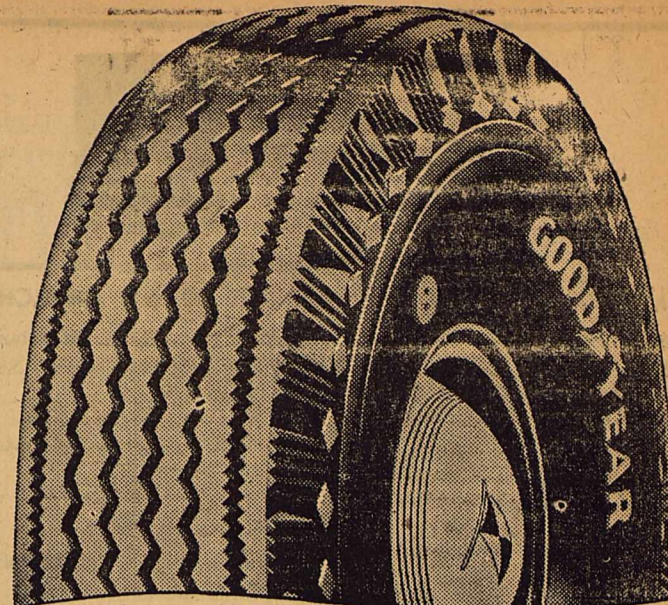
And he told about a steamboat, of very light draft, that was sailing up the river in the darkness and when dawn came, it was three miles out on land, having sailed through the dew—which naturally evaporated when the sun came up and the boat was left stranded on the prairie!

I've always liked his description of a voyage on which the weather was so cold that the captain's shadow froze to the deck, and members of the crew had to chop the shadow loose with axes!

Mark Twain not only wrote humorously -- he talked the same way. When a member of a hotel lobby group told a particularly incredible yarn, Mark turned to a friend and said, "You believe half of that, and I will believe the other half."

He lived next door to Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and liked to look over the novelist's fine library. One day the doorbell rang, and when Mrs. Stowe went to the door, a servant from the Twain home handed her a note and a package. The note read:

"Dear Mrs. Stowe: This morning I visited your library, and my wife is shocked at my rudeness in failing to wear a necktie. Therefore I am sending you a necktie. Please keep it an hour -- which was about the length of my visit-- and then return it to me."



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Merry Christmas, everybody!

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of the
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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 24, 1943 The Devil's River News

Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—
Men's Bible Class 9:30
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:54
Youth Fellowship 7:15
Evening Worship 8:00
Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church. — 7:30
Cordial welcome to all.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Rev. H. E. Moreland
Evening Services, second Sunday each month 8:00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Evening Preaching 8:30
Training Union 7:30
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30
Brotherhood, first and third Tuesday 8:30
W. M. U. each Wednesday 3:00
School classes, and a pageant, "The Birth of Christ", was given by members of the intermediate class. Bags of candy, fruit and nuts were given as refreshments.

Methodists Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party and program was held at the Methodist Church Monday night.

Various numbers were given by the beginner and primary Sunday

Boy War Stamps and Lick The Other Side!!!

Music Club Meets With Mrs. Locklin

Mrs. D. L. Locklin was hostess and Mrs. E. D. Stringer was co-hostess when the Music Club met for a Christmas program Thursday night, December 16 in the home of Mrs. Locklin.

On the program were Cynthia Ann Hall who sang "Away in a Manger", and Connie Mack Locklin who played a piano solo entitled "Santa and His Reindeer". Mrs. S. M. Loeffler and Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh played a duet, "O Holy Night", after which group singing was led by Mrs. E. D. Shurley, Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, president, presided at the meeting. Christmas games were enjoyed by Mmes. I. B. Boughton, Maysie Brown, W. E. Caldwell, Dan Cauthorn, B. H. Cusenbary, G. H. Hall, S. M. Loeffler, A. E. Prugel, E. E. Sawyer, Edwin Sawyer, Rip Ward, Shurley, F. O. Marvin, E. K. Polley and Helen Graves.

Norris Loeffler Honored With Birthday Party

Norris Loeffler was honored with a Christmas party on his eleventh birthday by his mother, Mrs. S. M. Loeffler, Thursday afternoon, December 16.

Indoor games were enjoyed by the guests, and refreshments of birthday cake, sandwiches and drinks were served to Jimmie Morrow, Lolla Mae Wilson, Patsy Moore, Martha Lou Orr, Ernest Carroll, Stephen John Stanley, Hamby J. Howell Jr., Darlene Barrow, Carrie Sue Wyatt, Max Darrell Murray, Alice Prater, Dale Griffith, Peggy Sue Baker, Flora Dell Davis, Peggy Ann Wilman, Turner Friess and Carlos Loeffler. John Lee Nisbet who has been in a San Angelo hospital for two weeks recovering treatment, returned home last Sunday. Although he will be confined to bed for several days yet, his nurse, Miss Laura Mason, reports that he is improving nicely and resting well.

B. H. Cusenbary Home Scene Of Bridge Supper

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron held high club and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shurley won high guest prize when Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary entertained their bridge club with a supper in their home Friday night, December 17.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. P. J. Taylor, Frank Bond, Shurley, E. D. Stringer, J. B. Ross, Dameron, Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Boughton and Mrs. Ella Wallace.

Mrs. S. Farmer Again To Head TSGRA Auxiliary

Junction, Dec. 16—Mrs. Sayers Farmer of Junction was selected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary at the annual convention in Ft. Worth December 6-8.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Water Valley, first vice-president; Mrs. Phillip Thompson of San Angelo, second vice-president; Mrs. C. T. Holkamp of Junction, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Guy Nations of Maryneal, parliamentarian; Mrs. Felix Real, Jr., of Kerrville, historian; and Mrs. S. S. Bundy of Roosevelt, secretary-treasurer.

In a two-day session of the Auxiliary, which included business and social events, Mrs. Farmer gave a detailed report of the work done by the organization in the past year, and Mrs. Bundy read the minutes of the past meeting. The Auxiliary also donated \$350 to help soldiers who are convalescing in Army hospitals in West Texas.

Mmes. Howell, Cusenbary Hostesses To Woman's Club

Mrs. J. F. Howell and Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, assisted by Mrs. W. M. Penick and Mrs. Lea Allison, were hostesses when the Sonora Woman's Club held a Christmas program at the club house Thursday, December 16.

The Reverend F. L. Meadow, speaker for the occasion, gave a talk on "What the Churches are Doing to Promote Peace". Miss Marjorie Dameron played two piano solos, "Snow Bells" by Tschaikovsky and "Aragonaise" by Massenet, and Christmas carols were sung by Frances Atchison, Bernia Dawn Gibbs, Josette Bough-

ton, Geraldine Meckel, Cynthia Milton, Wanda B. Cook, Marguerite Howell and Marjorie Dameron, accompanied by Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh at the piano.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stringer, Mmes. Harold W. Evans, W. L. Bohm, H. L. Lackey and Misses Ruby, Nell Haggard, Katherine Henderson, Evelyn Emmett, Mildred Mund and Janie Rodgers.

Members present were Mmes. G. H. Hall, H. V. Stokes, Edwin Sawyer, Dan Cauthorn, E. E. Sawyer, I. B. Boughton and Miss Emma Blumhoo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HONORED BY WIENER ROAST

The San Antonio park was the scene of a wiener roast Thursday afternoon, December 19, when Mrs. W. L. Davis entertained the Intermediate Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church. Present were Kathryn Ross, John Drenhan, Frank Bond and Ann Featherston, Sydonia Nichols, Tommy Bond.

Here, Martin, Billy Jo Barker, Clay Atchison, III, Charles Lee Cusenbary, David Shurley, Basil Hahert, III, Kathleen Schwiening, Homer Davis, Johnnie Smith, John Wesley Joy, Jackie Sharp, Pat Derrell Alley, Frances Caldwell, John Drenhan, Frank Bond and Tommy Bond.

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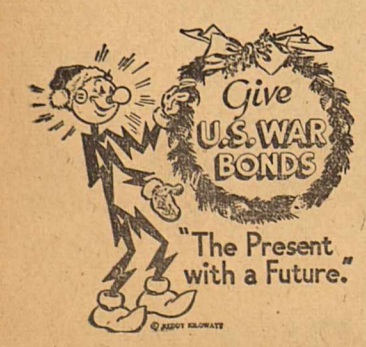
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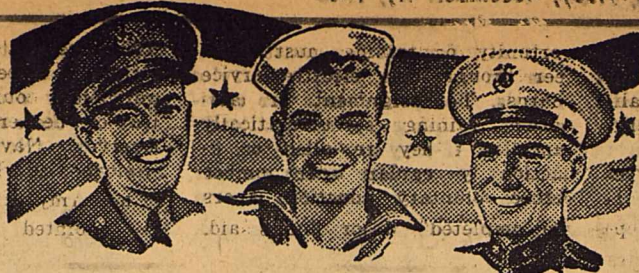
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

In The Service

Home From The War

Monroe Puryear, F 2-c, left last Friday for New York City, where he was to report for duty with the Navy after a 10-day furlough here, with friends and relatives.

Joe B. Logan, apprentice seaman with the Navy, who is studying at Baylor Dental College, Dallas, arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Joe B. Logan. He will remain here until Wednesday of next week.

S-Sgt. Melvin (Buster) Shroyer is at home this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Shroyer.

Lt. Harrell Espy, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, arrived last Sunday on a 15-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy, over the holidays. He will leave here on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week to report back for duty.

Vernie Logan, who serves with the Navy, arrived home this week to spend the holidays with friends and relatives here.

Miss Marjorie Reba Nisbet, student at the University of Texas, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Williams of San Antonio, and her cousin, Mrs. T. A. Williams, Jr., arrived here Wednesday to spend the holidays with Miss Nisbet's father, John Lee Nisbet, and with her grandfather, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell. Mr. and Mrs. John Aldwell Nisbet of Baton Rouge are expected in today to spend the holidays with the family.

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The following is a letter received recently from Lt. Jimmy Taylor who is stationed overseas with the Army Air Corps.

"We had a little snow this morning, but it didn't stick. Believe that winter is just about here. It has been cold and wet here for a week now.

"I have been having a grand time dancing here. Imagine we will have a pretty good time celebrating Christmas if something doesn't interfere. We are getting pretty busy, as you probably know. "Don't forget to write and tell me all the news."

The following letter was received recently from Lt. Seren Trainor, Army Nurse, serving in England:

"Well, it is now almost 2 o'clock, A. M., and at midnight, I began a night duty, my first in the European Theater of Operations. "I don't believe I told you, but only six of us live in our hut now. One girl moved out. It's much nicer with only six girls. I guess I should say 'was', as we now have a certain plan, which makes all the extra room at the front of the hut. At the foot of each bed is a footlocker, and by each

bed is a chair and bedside table. With a footlocker being placed at the foot of the bed, there's about enough room for a flea to pass. Seems as if we could arrange our huts like we want them, as they're our homes, but other people have other ideas. Guess we hafta have something to gripe about, though.

"Every nurse that has had a cold is now receiving ultra-violet ray treatment, which is a good idea, as we hardly ever get any sunshine. I've only had a couple of treatments, and I'm already a little browner. I'm glad we're getting them, 'cause I'll be paid enough when I get home. "It gets colder every day. I'm sure, if it didn't rain so much. I wish we had ended up in a hot climate. I believe, I could endure the heat better than the cold. "I never have told you anything

about our work, have I? The wards are all in separate buildings, 28 beds in each, with two private rooms. Each ward is about 15 or 20 feet apart. I have two wards. I'm working on medical wards—nasopharyngitis, influenza, etc., so there really isn't much to do. We haven't any charts to keep, only temperature graphic sheets. The food is brought from the mess hall, and the nurse helps to serve the trays. About the worst job is keeping these stoves fired up. The corpsman takes care of that, but poor thing, he has to fill them about every 30 minutes.

"Life, Time, Newsweek and the Reader's Digest are now being published in small sizes for people overseas. Really makes it nice to be able to get them to read.

"I had a letter from Mrs. Britt, Miss Annie and Mr. Stringer. They were nice, and I surely appreciated them.

"Saturday night we went to a party that some Paratroop officers gave. It was in a rectory, a big building and very beautiful. We had ever so much fun, but due to transportation, didn't get home until almost 4 o'clock in the morning. I was fairly sleepy the next day, but it was worth it.

"The Saturday night before we went to a party they gave, which was in a castle. It is owned by a man who owns a tobacco company here and who is part owner of the American Tobacco Co. Rumors have it that he's worth 80 million dollars. Incidentally, he is a lord. The English government rents a

lot of these castles to the U. S. for housing our troops. Wish you could see this 'joint'. The grounds are elaborate. It dates back to the 14th Century. The ceilings are real high, and in the dining room the walls are covered with guns and armored suits which knights used to wear. The gun collection is supposed to be one of the largest in England. The doors leading into the rooms are about four times as large as one of ours. There's a key to each room, and the keys are three or four inches long. I'd give anything to get my hands on one. Most of the furniture has been removed and replaced by Army cots, etc., but the chapel is the same.

"Can you imagine living in a house with a chapel? There's a huge organ, one of the largest I've ever seen. One of the men played it, and it was beautiful. The fireplaces are immense things,

U. of T. Plans Educational Help For Veterans

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20—With several score of ex-service men of World War II already back in school, the University of Texas is stepping up its plans to welcome large numbers of veterans in the near future.

Few of those who have already returned to the campus have been in combat duty, so that these early arrivals are not in serious need for assistance in readjusting themselves to campus life.

Most of those now in school are men who have received honorable discharges after relatively short periods in training camps or college training programs, either through the Army's normal re-trenchment program or for physical disabilities which were not caught in time to prevent induction.

But as increasing numbers of wounded from battlefields of Europe and the Pacific are returned to the United States for hospitalization, the University can expect increasing numbers of new and old students to resume their education as soon as they are released from hospitals, points out Assistant Dean of Men H. R. Gipson.



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with iron grates and hand carving of the facings. There's quite a tale that goes with one of them. It seems that, years ago, the eldest son of the family fell in love with his cousin and they were married. The girl, since she didn't love her husband, began associating with his brother, who was younger. She had a child, which her husband believed was the brother's, so he had the brother thrown in prison and 'cut off without a shilling', and so they say, threw the child in the fireplace where it burned to death. Quite fantastic, but the Britishers go for tales like that. Everything, even inanimate objects like trees and rocks, I believe, has a history behind it on this island."

Gipson is already making plans to offer every assistance to these returning veterans in adapting themselves to University life.

The University administration, too, is making preparations for the return of ex-service men (and women). University Vice President J. Alton Burdine recently conferred with officers of the Veterans Rehabilitation Administration in regard to maturing plans for the proposed federal program of education.

Still another University agency, the Educational Policies Committee, headed by Graduate Dean A. P. Brogan, is including in its study of long-range programming a number of phases of veterans' training, including the matter of credit to be allowed for training received in the armed forces and a testing program as a basis for according such credit.

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Air Force Open To Civilian Navigators

Major Vincent D. Philips, Commanding Officer of the San Antonio District Army Recruiting Office, announced today that the joint Army-Navy Personnel Board has approved the voluntary induc-

tion of Civilian Airline Navigators between the ages of 18 and 38 and the enlistment of physically qualified, for duty as Aircraft Observers with the Army Air Forces.

"Civilian Airline Navigators between the ages of 18 and 38, in order to take advantage of this op-

portunity for training, must volunteer through their selective service boards. The assignment for navigation training is automatically cancelled if they are called for induction by regular order number before voluntary induction papers are completed", Major Philips said.

"These men, at the successful completion of a specialized navigation proficiency course, will be qualified for the aeronautical rating of Observer (Navigator) and commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Army of the United States or appointed Flight Officers",

Major Philips continued. The responsibility for selecting these qualified men between the ages of 18 and 50 to be inducted or enlisted for Aircraft Observer training, rests with the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces.

ONCE AGAIN



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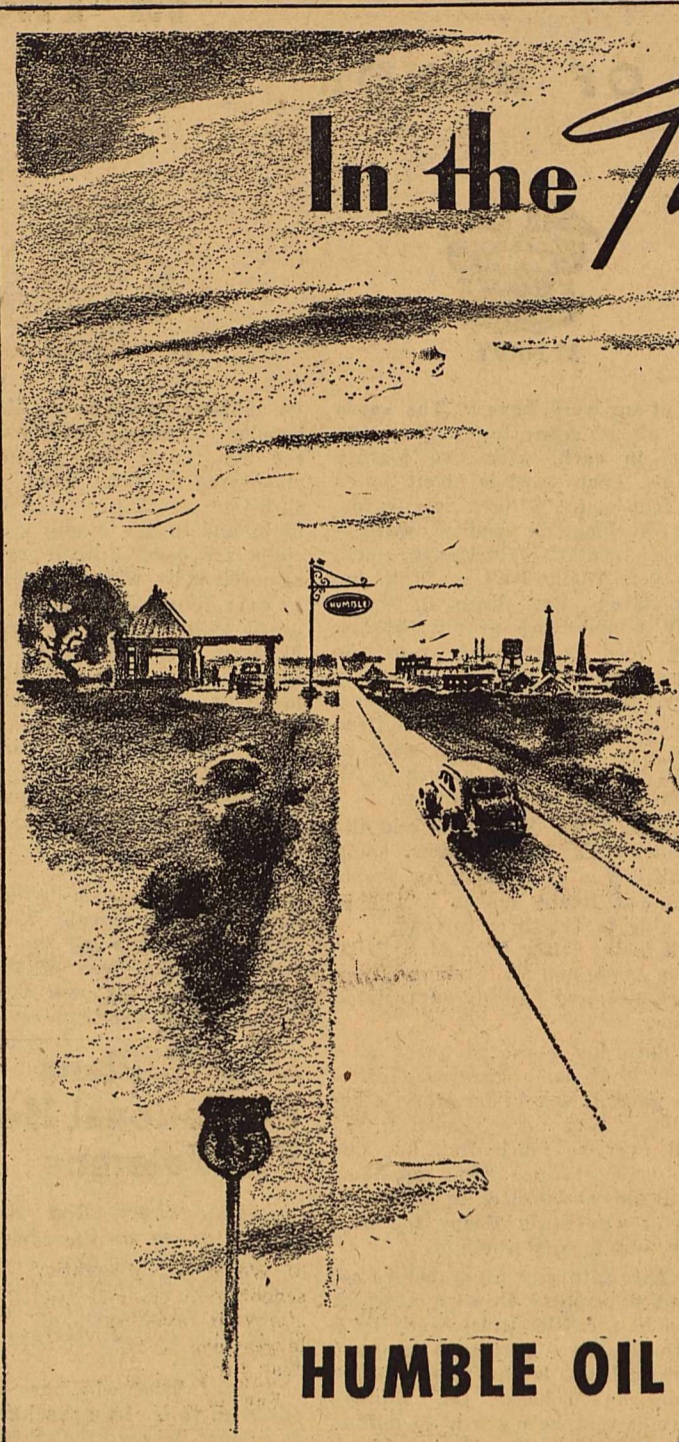
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In the Twilight... of 1943

... 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.

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Sonora Lions Club

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Son of a gun



The registered Angora goats raised by the Halberts, Senior and Junior, are gaining fame for something else, it would seem, besides their fine, long hair etc.

Two of the Halbert billies have been given to the Annapolis Naval Academy, Maryland, for mascots for the football team. Now, the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi has one, which they have named Gilbert.

It seems that on a Friday, two or three weeks ago, Jimmy Blaylock, former manager of an Ozona hotel who is now manager of the Aviation Cadet Recreation Center, Corpus Christi, wired Buzzie Stokes a billy was needed for a mascot in a parade the cadets were having the following Sunday. Buzzie contacted the Halberts, and Gilbert was soon on his way.

A letter received last week from Blaylock states that Gilbert is getting better care than most of the civilians around there, as "he has between 500 and 600 cadets to care for him, no matter which battalion he is with for the month. There is no doubt that he will be taken care of, for there is a must to keeping him well-fed and taken care of. If the boys neglect their duty, they get 50 demerits and 50 hours marching on the ramp."

—(*&½lb ?*½&—

Son-of-a-gun ran an article not long ago about the citizens who had killed deer this season, but no mention has been made of those who have tried and tried—to no avail. One of these is W. P. McConnell, who has recently moved to Iraan, but is still claimed by Sonora. Mac, so we hear, can put a bullet right through the head of quail, dove or squirrel, but can't get a deer. Someone suggested that he has a case of "buck ague".

—(*&½lb ?*½&—

The Christmas season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendly associations and kindnesses of the past. To our friends who have made our task a pleasant one, we thank you and wish for you and yours the merriest of holiday seasons. In the New Year, may you have the best of everything.

And especially at this season, we think of the men who have gone from our community into the armed forces—and of the families they have left behind. Your success is our success, your dreams our dreams. Our New Year's wish for you is that you will each remain safe, wherever you are, and that the next Christmas and New Year will find you again with us here at home.

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RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

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49 Years Ago

Ladies who attend the ball at the court house Christmas night will confer a favor on the News man by bringing with them a description of their costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mayfield left for Bosque County Thursday where they will spend the holidays.

H. P. Cooper, the cattleman, was in Sonora Thursday. He will spend the holidays among his old friends at Brackett.

T. D. Newell bought Mrs. Mahlmann's ranch on the divide for \$1,000, also 68 head of cattle at \$8 a head.

F. M. Wyatt has enclosed his feed yard with a solid fence and intends moving his blacksmith shop to the corner.

Mr. Patterson of Bell County, father to Mrs. T. T. Thomason, is in Sonora for the holidays.

W. F. Decker moved the blue house he recently purchased from F. M. Wyatt, to his lot opposite his livery stable on Main Street, Friday.

Coleman Whitfield, the sheepman, was in from his flocks this week and reports sheep doing well.

Horse races, games, turkey shooting and sport of all kinds at Sonora on Christmas day.

Fred Berger, Majordomo for G. Hurber, the North Llano sheepman,

was in Sonora this week for supplies.

Ira Word, who has been attending college at Brownwood, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with his folks. He is accompanied by his cousin, Robert Word of Brownwood.

Reverend W. G. Cooke and family arrived from D'ndera Thursday and are residing in Gus Batte's house.

A. W. Pride returned from a trip to Cameron with a bunch of horses. He says there is no market for horses between Sonora and Cameron.

Mark Baugh has opened a fruit, vegetable and confectionary store next to the Postoffice, where he will be pleased to have you call when wanting anything in his line.

Miss Mollie Lee and Professor J. A. Tippit were united in matrimony at McKavett, Wednesday night of this week. The News extends the usual congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Sheriff McConnell returned from a business trip to San Angelo Friday.

Judging by the number of loaded wagons arriving from San Angelo for the ranches of the Sonora country, the city of the Conchos is doing an immense supply trade.

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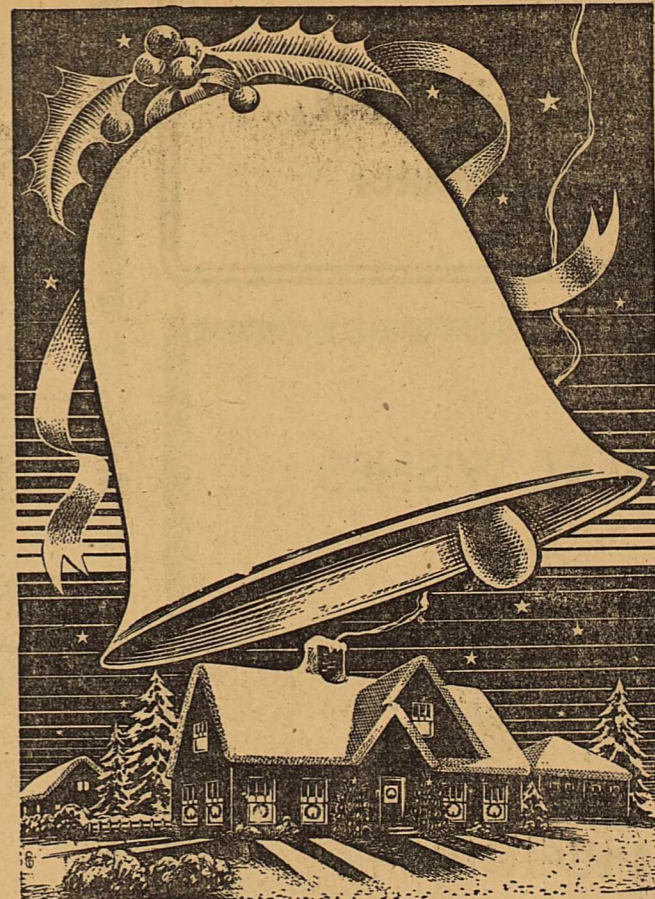
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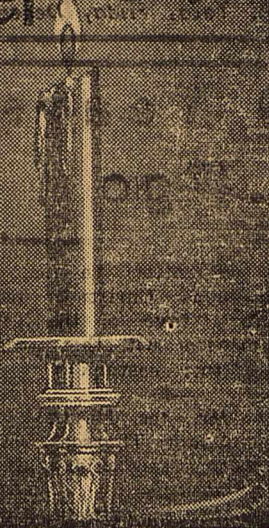
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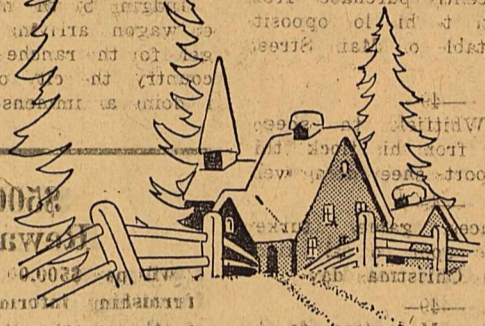
A S WE ENTER INTO another Holiday Season we wish to extend our profound thanks for the gracious friendships we have enjoyed.

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In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

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