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## Extra Long Staple Cotton Is a New Rio Grande Crop

PASO, Texas—Introduction of an extra long staple cotton "money crop" in a farm of the El Paso Rio Grande valley has received an added impetus, the announcement of plans for construction of a \$25,000 gin to handle the new grade.

Directors of the newly formed Rio Grande Gin association of White Plains, Texas, have ordered 10 tons of extra long staple cotton seed for planting next year and expect to establish the grade as a profitable crop in the valley.

They suggested the introduction of a study of extra long staple cotton at projects near Stafford and Phoenix, Ariz., where climate and soil conditions are similar to those here. Growers in Hudspeth county, Texas, and Dona Ana county, N. Mex., reported successful experimental planting of the grade.

Building of the new gin, association directors said, would encourage a wider planting of the extra long staple since it would eliminate the necessity of shipping cotton to distant points for ginning. Present valley plants lack special equipment needed to handle the extra long cotton.

The extra-long variety brings \$10 to \$110 per bale compared with \$45 per bale for regular staples on the present market. There is a strong demand for the extra long staple cotton because most of the U. S. supply now is imported.

## Children of Justice Turn Thespian



Their father is a Supreme Court member, but the children of Justice William O. Douglas lean more to the drama than to law. Mildred, 10, and William, Jr., 7, rehearse during the breakfast hour on parts they will play in annual International Children's Christmas broadcast.

## SMALL WELL IS COMPLETED BY HICKOK FIRM

Hickok Producing and Development company has completed No. 5 Grover Cleveland, seven miles northwest of Cisco, for 10 barrels of oil daily, pumping, and 10,000 cubic feet of gas. It is in section 477, SPRR survey. Pay was in lime from 3,084 to 3,876 feet, total depth.

In the northwestern part of Eastland county, J. O. Fox and associates No. 1 R. B. Wellington, "B" lease, section 2054, TERL survey, was dry and abandoned at 4,092 feet.

T. S. Holder and others No. 1 J. F. Nichols, S. H. Mines survey, two miles southwest of Pioneer, was drilling at 2,950 feet.

Reports on Stephens county wells were as follows:

Horwitz and Odum No. 1 T. J. Hawley, J. T. Thomas survey, west of Crystal Falls, still awaited potential production test. It had drilled 33 feet of lime to a total depth of 3,582 feet.

George Fagz was still testing 3,944 feet on No. 1 Richardson section 5, block 37, SPRR survey, seven miles north of Cisco. Spray of oil from the well had been reported.

Stedman Petrol company was drilling at 2,350 feet on No. 1 Powers, George York survey, about a mile north of Horwitz and Odum production.

Operators were drilling at 1,450 feet on the Pitzer and West and Bryson No. 1 N. G. P. survey, and others, section 67, BAL survey, southwest section of the county.

T. G. Shaw No. 2 Street, north-east part of the county in the G. Newton survey, was testing a showing from 2,584-90 1-2 feet. The same operator's No. 3 Street, same survey, was drilling at 1,600 feet.

## Reunited After 23 Years



Mother love spanned the years to aid a daughter in distress when Mrs. Mary Goodenough found the girl she had given in adoption 23 years ago and helped her win a divorce suit. Mrs. Goodenough discovered her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Briggs Dover, 26, living with her two children in a basement room in Detroit. Reunited, mother, daughter and grandchildren will live in St. Louis.

## No Paper Will Be Printed Christmas

No issue of this paper will be printed Monday, Dec. 25, in order that all employees may have the day off for Christmas. The next regular edition of the paper will be published Tuesday, Dec. 26, and will be distributed in the afternoon, as usual.

## FINNISH WAR ALMOST HALTS FOR ST. NICK

The war in Finland was almost at a stalemate tonight though the Russians continued a retreat in the Petsamo area, with the retreat now reported more orderly than before.

Russian claims that the Mannerheim Line had been broken in several places were stoutly denied from the front, as in some instances Finnish troops had advanced ahead of the lines in counter skirmishes. The Moscow radio admitted today that the Finns had enjoyed some minor victories and the severe winter weather was accredited with the delay in the Russian attack.

To date more than 250 Russian tanks have been destroyed, the Finns claim, with Robin Hood tactics being employed in many instances when soldiers dropped from trees on passing tanks, disabled their machine guns with clubs and forced the crews to surrender.

Finnish estimates of Russian losses ran as high as 50,000 killed since the start of the war, while Russian estimates run far below that number, the average between the two being about 30,000 killed, which some observers believe would be a fairly accurate figure. Meantime the Russians claim Finnish losses have run as high as 12,000.

In several neutral capitals, principally Stockholm and Oslo, it is reported that Russia plans to call a halt in the war until the winter has passed, digging in and attempting to hold what ground they have gained until the weather abates. Rumors have been heard that a purge of Russian officers has started, with many being executed.

The Murmansk-Leningrad railway, chief source of supply for the Russian forces, has again been bombed, while Helsinki reports another air raid, which did damage.

## WPA Writers Find Legends of City Are Not Always True

By United Press  
FORT WORTH, Tex.—WPA writers, compiling a history of the city to be published soon, explored several of the oft-repeated legends concerning Fort Worth.

There was a thrilling legend about a hurried meeting of the city council on the morning of July 19, 1876, called to extend the city limits one-quarter of a mile. The extension was made, so the old timers say, to allow the T. & P. railroad to complete its line into the city before the legislature adjourned. It would lose valuable land grants. The city was in danger of losing the coveted western terminus of the railroad.

So went the legend. WPA researchers, however, re-read the minutes of the council session on July 19 and found no mention of the legendary action.

Also exploded was a story told for years about Gen. Nicholas H. Darnell, then Tarrant county's representative in the state legislature.

It was said that Gen. Darnell was seriously ill, but he insisted on being carried on a cot into the house each day from July 3 to 19, 1876, to vote against an adjournment motion. Adjournment would have caused the T. & P. to abandon laying rails into Fort Worth.

Writers, who have delved into the records of 1876, failed to find mention of Darnell's dramatic action. Records showed that the general was officially absent on the days that he purportedly was carried into the house.

## Bed For An Invalid Built in NYA Shops Is Very Ingenious

A Ranger man, who has been paralyzed from the hips down for the past 10 or 12 years, should be happy today, and much more comfortable, thanks to H. A. Tillet, supervisor of the Ranger NYA metal shop, and his boys, who have constructed a hydraulically-operated bed, which the invalid can operate himself, raising, or lowering it to any position desired.

Tillet worked out the details of the bed after visiting the man at his home and finding that he could not change his position, and that there was often no one at home who was able to help him.

The bed is similar to that used in hospitals, except for the hydraulic apparatus at the side.

A small hydraulic jack was constructed and attached to the bed, on the right side. By opening or closing valves and operating the handle of the pump, the head portion of the bed can be raised to any position desired. Operation of another valve and the pump raises the lower portion of the bed at the knees, or both the head and foot can be operated at the same time. A seven-pound pressure on the pump handle will raise a 200-pound man, it was discovered when the bed was completed.

A reading or writing table was also been attached, which can also be raised or lowered to suit the need of the patient, and to conform with his position on the bed.

## Thief Who Supplies Bullets For War Is Caught In Texas

By United Press  
FORT WORTH, Texas—Police here this week opened a drive against a band of thieves which "furnish the bullets for Europe's wars."

Police this week captured what they believed to be the leader of a ring of scrap iron thieves. Robert Clay, 38-year-old negro, pleaded guilty to junk theft and was fined \$33.

Since the war started the price of junk has tripled. Local railroads have reported loss of several thousand dollars in rails and spare parts to junk thieves.

Crime rings, similar to auto theft and shoplifting rings of the past, have been formed to salvage all kinds of junk for "Europe's wars," police here say.

Clay's arrest opened a hole in the ring and apprehension of others was expected soon, police predicted.

## Fireworks May Be Banned By Law In Texas By 1941

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Texas—Christmas fireworks may be making their last stand in Texas. At least they are under their test period this holiday season.

State fire commissioner Marvin Hall hasn't decided yet if he will ask the next state legislature to pass a state-wide ban on fireworks. The legislature will not meet again until January, 1941, in regular session so Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel sticks to his decision against convening a special session, the kids can still count on shooting fireworks for at least one more Christmas.

Many cities already have ordinances prohibiting use of fireworks but there is lax enforcement of the ban. Hall is convinced that only a statewide prohibition would be effective. Many people have suggested such a law, Hall revealed, but he is not ready to advocate it without more data.

The fireworks users face an unusually difficult situation this year. Exuberant youths usually start shooting fireworks the day before Christmas. This year the day before Christmas will be Sunday. Campaigns already are being started in a number of communities to curb fireworks on Sunday, especially during the hours of church services.

At Gonzalez pre-Christmas fireworks shooters already have been responsible for church protests. One pastor reported the service had to cease until the noise quieted.

Statistics that have been gathered in the State Fire Insurance department indicate that a third of all fireworks sales in the United States are for Christmas celebrations in the South. In northern states the use of fireworks at Christmas is little known. The principal fireworks sales in northern states are for observance of Independence Day, July 4.

Strangely enough, fireworks are almost as unknown in Texas for July 4 as they are for Christmas in northern states. In a few places in the state night fireworks are a part of the usual July 4 program, but the use is limited.

## This Is Confusing But Still It's True

By United Press  
AMARILLO, Texas—This may be a bit confusing:

Carl Hinton received a letter from Carl Hinton and he didn't write it himself. The letter was from Carl Hinton, postmaster at Hinton, W. Va. It was to Carl Hinton, manager of Amarillo's chamber of commerce.

"His signature is even like mine," said Hinton, the Amarillo one. He had never heard of the Hinton Hinton.

The latter board of the chamber of commerce manager when he was elected commander of the sons of Confederate veterans. In his letter, the Hinton Hinton disclosed that he family originated in Virginia. So did the local Carl Hinton's.

The writer invited Hinton to speak before the Hinton Rotary club.

"I think I will," said Hinton.

## Christmas Traffic Accidents Begin On Friday Night

PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 23.—Mrs. W. M. Bailey, 30, of Todd City, was killed in an automobile collision Friday night. The driver of the other machine was charged with murder.

## Another German Train Is Wrecked

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The second disastrous train wreck in two days, and the 10th since the beginning of the war, was reported today from Friedrichshaven, where 50 were killed and many injured in a train collision.

Two station masters have been arrested, though it has not been revealed on what charges they were held.

It was believed that the wrecks were not caused by sabotage, but by crippled efficiency, caused by the war.

## Liquor Permits Are Not To Be Denied Highway Taverns

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Attorney General Gerald Mann today ruled that the state liquor control board could not refuse liquor permits to taverns or package stores located along highways.

Dr. Bradford, chairman of the board, had urged such procedure shortly after he had been sworn into office.

## German Ships Are All Ordered Home

PARIS, Dec. 23.—All German ships away from their home ports have been ordered back to Germany, with further orders to leave any if capture is threatened by enemy warships, it was reported here today.

## Toy Soldiers All Sold At London

LONDON, Dec. 23.—All the toy soldiers in London were sold with the latest rush of Christmas buying.

Troops from the trenches of the Western Front, at home on leave for the holidays, had completely bought out all stocks that had not previously been sold.

## Marriage Date Is Observed by Pair

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFadden of Eastland recently observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Eastland at which time relatives and friends congratulated them.

They were married Dec. 1, 1889 at Union. Of five children of the couple four are living. Descendants include 10 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. McFadden were born in Tennessee.

## Pilgrims Begin A Trip to Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 23.—Hundreds of pilgrims today began an annual journey to the Shrine of the Nativity for Christmas observance, despite wars that continue in other lands.

The pilgrimage this year is smaller than usual, but many will march the five miles to Jerusalem for prayers on Sunday.

## Club Will Meet On Wednesday Jan. 3

The Staff H. D. Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. M. White on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 2:00 o'clock.

Every member should be present.

## Wets and Drys to Seek More Changes In the Liquor Laws

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Tex.—Wets and drys alike are gearing for a fight over changes in the Texas liquor laws before the next session of the state legislature.

Session before last, the wets made an unsuccessful attempt to legalize cocktail bars for sale of mixed drinks. Last session the State Liquor Control Board sought more power to halt persistent liquor law violators, because it would have permitted a wet precinct within a dry county.

At the next session, drys will demand a ban on highway taverns and package stores and a law against having liquor in an automobile.

Dr. W. D. Bradford of Dallas, minister-chairman of the State Liquor Control Board, started the fight against highway drink establishments. He proposed that the board declare a policy against granting or renewing permits for them, as a safety measure.

The board has asked an opinion from the attorney general on its power to make any such discrimination. Previously Dr. Bradford had asked for a ruling on whether the liquor act under which the board functions is valid in permitting sales by the drink of wines and beer. He questioned it because the constitution declares against the "open saloon." Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said the law was valid.

## Germans Lose Huge Amount of Imports

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Allied seizures of German imports today was estimated officially at 735,000 tons.

The chief items seized included raw materials, oil and food, all bound for Germany for consumption, but which has been turned to use of the Allied powers.

## Observation Flight By French Reported

PARIS, Dec. 23.—All was quiet on the Western Front again today, though a war communique reported an observation flight by 180 French airplanes, which flew over the German lines. No casualties were reported among the fliers.

## Corsicana Keeps Old Hitching Rack

CORSICANA, Texas.—Neither gone nor forgotten are Navarro county's horses.

County Judge Paul Miller ordered re-installed a hitching rack for horses near the courthouse in the course of street improvements.

"And I'll add a sign for autos mobiles to steer clear of the horse rack area, too," he said.

## Petit Jurors For Term Are Selected

Names of petit jurors to serve during the January term of 88th district court were drawn Friday by a commission appointed by Judge B. W. Patterson.

The January term of the court is composed of the months of January and February.

The petit jurors will serve the second, third and fourth weeks of the term. The new court term begins Monday, January 1.

The commission was composed of J. F. McWilliams of Eastland, C. E. May of Ranger, George Boyd of Cisco and Tobie Morton of Morton Valley.

## Santa Claus Rides A Big Fire Engine

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—Santa Claus rode down the streets here today in a shiny red wagon, instead of a sled.

One of the firemen at Station No. 2 was playing Santa when a fire alarm was turned in. He jumped to the wheel of Engine No. 13 and dashed through the streets to the scene of the fire, his white whiskers flowing in the breeze.

He removed his beard when he arrived at the fire.

## Liquor Stores May Be Without Permits

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Expiration of 3,500 liquor permits on Jan. 1, today caused many holders of permits to worry about renewals.

Bert Ford, liquor administrator announced today that only a skeleton force would be maintained at his office over the holidays and the force would not be enough to renew all licenses expiring on the first of the year.

## Watchdog Watches Thieves Rob Auto

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 23.—A woman shopper left all her Christmas packages in her car, and left a German police dog on guard.

When she returned to the car thieves had stolen not only the packages, but the dog, too, she reported to police.

## THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Sunday fair, warmer in Panhandle.

## Funeral Held For J. T. Vessels, 68

TRENT, Dec. 23.—Funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church here for J. T. Vessels, 68, resident of this section for 32 years who died at his home here Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. T. J. Young, Baptist pastor officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Anderson, Methodist pastor. Burial was in Trent cemetery.

He was born June 4, 1871, at Lawrence, Tex. He was married to Belle Ivy Jan. 22, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Vessels lived at Merkel before moving to Trent.

Survivors are the widow, six children, 17 grandchildren and a sister. The children are W. A. Monahan, D. H. of Lubbock, E. of Eastland, H. T. of Trent, B. of Merkel, B. T. of Royalty, Mrs. R. J. Harris, Trent; Mrs. H. A. Holt, Gainesville, and Fanny Vessels, Trent.

## Staff H. D. Club Has Christmas Party

The Staff H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Wayne White Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 2 p. m., for the Christmas tree and party, with the tree and room very colorfully decorated. A program was led by Mrs. Opie Leary, then Santa Claus came and distributed gifts to each one present.

Visitor: Mrs. Buster Shugart; Members, Mrs. T. A. Udey, O. T. Hazard, C. L. Henderson, Floyd Crawley, Pat Smith, Tom Leary, W. T. Dunson, R. F. Barber, W. H. White, Opie Leary, S. T. Williams, Helen Pope, John White, M. O. Hazard, Donnie Parker; Miss Sarah Mac Barber and the hostess, Mrs. Wayne White.

## Increase Shown In Oil Production

The American Petroleum Institute reported Saturday that average daily crude oil production for the week ended Dec. 16 was 23,950 barrels, an increase of 800 barrels over the previous week.

For the four weeks ended Dec. 16 the daily average was 21,550 barrels as compared with a daily average of 20,200 barrels the week ended Dec. 17.

LETTER TO SANTA  
Dear Santa Claus: I would like a Buck Jones cowboy chaps and gun and holster and a hat and a cowboy shirt. Be sure and remember the other little boys and girls. Your friend, Junior Smith.

## Basket Fund Has Gone Over the Top

Lee Dockery, chairman of the annual Christmas basket drive, announced Saturday afternoon that a total of \$550 had been collected by the committee. This exceeded the goal set by the committee, and allows distribution of more than 250 boxes of groceries.

In making the announcement Dockery stated that he wanted to express his thanks, and the thanks of the entire committee, for the splendid cooperation received throughout the drive.

## Adult Night School Observes Holidays

The adult education class that meets each night in the old Liberty Theatre building, dismissed for the holidays Friday.

School will be resumed on Jan. 2, 1940. New classes will be organized in shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, at this time.

Every adult who is not in school is eligible for this work. No tuition is charged.

The school is being conducted by a university degree man, with years of experience, having hundreds of men and women holding responsible office positions throughout the state who have been trained under his supervision.



### There's Comfort, But No Surplus, For Man in Middle

By NEA Service

Cleveland, O.—There is a mathematical spot in the exact center of economic life in the United States—and Harry Frowen, Cleveland motor plant worker, lives on it with his wife and children.

Mr. Frowen is Mr. Average American come to life, and his wife is Mrs. American. They're the folks the politicians talk to and about, the people in the middle of everything, a dot on a financial graph turned into flesh and blood; they're American life itself.

Studies by the Department of Labor in 54 American cities showed the average American earns \$1160 a year, has a wife and two children, lives in a rented house and eats dessert once a day. He's in the very center of the earning scale; half the workers of the country make more, half make less. And that's Harry Frowen, his wife and the two little Frowens.

#### HERE'S AVERAGE LIFE FOR AVERAGE MAN

Just how is life on \$1160 a year? Well, for the Frowens it means health, comfort, some small luxuries—and no leeway.

Mr. Frowen qualified for the average over a five year period,

### Here's Story of Average American Family Come To Life



Payday conference of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frowen and their children: \$1160 a year provides health comfort—and a lot of fun.

during which his yearly income varied but a trifle from the Department of Labor figure. But because Mrs. Average American does

the family budgeting and most of the buying, this is Mrs. Frowen's story.

Harry's weekly salary would take him out of the \$1160 annual income class if he worked every day. But "auto plants close at times, so it pulls his average down again.

#### NO NIGHT LIFE FOR MR. AVERAGE

Night clubs are out, of course, and so are fancy clothes. Mrs. Frowen has no fur on her winter coat, but she dresses comfortably. She has two nice dresses, Harry has one Sunday suit, the children—Jackie, 2, and Elaine, 7—are comfortably dressed.

The Labor Department found the average family spends \$38.75 a month for food. Mrs. Frowen buys carefully and gets off for about \$35. The average rent is \$19. The Frowens pay \$26. The Frowens average \$2.50 monthly for medical service, \$5.50 monthly for recreation, \$95 yearly for clothing, \$15 yearly for gifts.

On paper they have money left over each month. Actually it has gone for incidentals. Like college boys they live more or less from week-end to week-end.

Harry's job is "hard—he's a "trouble shooter" in the rear axle department of a truck factory—but come Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. relax and have a swell evening for themselves.

#### SOMETIMES THERE'S A NIGHT OUT

Harry and his wife do the marketing early and have supper with the kids. If it's really a big night, they call in a neighborhood colored girl to watch the children, and go to a show. On rare occasions the factory U. A. W. holds a dance.

Most Saturdays they sit at home and Mrs. Harry does the mending while Harry reads western stories.

Sunday morning, Harry sleeps until 11. In the afternoon the family goes for a ride in their 1935 car. In the summer it's to a sandlot ball game, in the autumn to high school football.

"We were lucky to have a car when we got married," says Mrs. Frowen. "Harry trades his car in every couple of years on another second-hand one."

#### TIME PAYMENTS BUY FURNITURE

"We're buying a refrigerator on time and we've almost paid for the washing machine. The furniture is ours, so we can get a nicer apartment for the same rent we'd pay for a small furnished one."

"Harry goes to school one night a week. He's learning to make machine tools and read blueprints. He wants to learn a trade so he won't be a laborer all his life."

Food? The diet, she said, is simple.

"The children get a good breakfast—orange juice, toast, an egg and cereal. Harry gets coffee. I usually go lighter. At lunch Jack and Elaine have soup, milk and

cookies or sandwiches. Harry takes sandwiches and fruit, and I have something from the icebox when I think of it. In the evening we all have meat, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and coffee."

The Frowens have been married eight years. They don't care about Dr. Townsend's pension plans, and they don't care about the war except in one way: it means more work, fewer layoffs for the factory.

They love each other and are happy. There's a lot of fun to be had on \$1160 a year.

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#### GREETINGS

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and a Happy New

DR. A. K. WIER

1939



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Christmas Is Here And A New Year Is Dawning

In Christian countries the world over the day we look forward to with the same eager anticipation is Christmas.

The New Year is peeping above the horizon and will soon be here with its awakening of ambitions, its store of good resolutions and its golden opportunities.

May you have a Cheery Christmas and may you live life to the fullest during the New Year.

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- ROY GRAY
- BUFORD WAGGONER

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With Christmas and New Year just around the corner we are reminded of the friendship that has made our success possible.

We trust that the Yule Season will be one of the merriest and that the New Year holds many good things in store for you.



### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

We wish to pause in our happy Christmas celebration and say to our friends far and near that we are thinking of you and want to thank you for your good will during the past and that we are looking forward to a continuation of friendship and association with you and yours.

May your happiness be manifold and untold blessings come your way through Christmas 1939 and the entire year 1940.

EASTLAND IRON & METAL CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pullman

EASTLAND

#### LIFE IS SWELL

As we come to the end of the year and look back we can recall new friends made and old friendships strengthened by our pleasant association during 1939. Then we look forward to a New Year with our old friends and to meeting new ones and the opportunity we have of serving all, and we feel that life is really worthwhile.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

LANGSTON'S BARBER SHOP

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P. C. Long

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL RANGER AND WEST TEXAS

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#### GREETINGS

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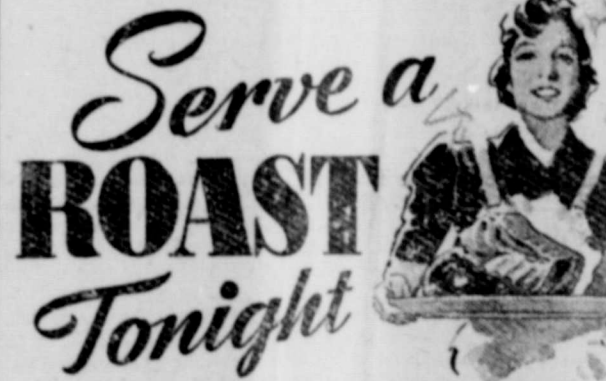
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SERIAL STORY

SANTA CLAUS BROWN BY MILDRED GILMAN

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YESTERDAY, Carter goes to Donaldson's home, demands a chance to buy toys...

CHAPTER IX

THE Carter living room was bare and quiet when Carter and Jerry entered...

"Come and help," said Carter. "You remember Jerry Donaldson?"

Jerry and Carter had begun to fill the stockings and empty the bags of toys...

"Jim," she inquired hesitantly, "you paid for these yourself?"

"I did—shoveling snow," answered her husband proudly.

"They finished their work quickly and stood back to admire."

"You'd better sit down, Mr. Donaldson," Mrs. Carter said.

"You look weak. It's been a dreadful night for all of us. How is Mr. Brown?"

"I hope—he's better," Jerry replied.

"His wife hasn't come home the whole night," Mrs. Carter continued.

"I hope he hasn't taken a turn for the worse."

Jerry swayed slightly. "Guess I will—take a little rest," he said.

"You, too, papa, you must be half dead," said Mrs. Carter.

"You'll be tired after all that shoveling. I'll have to spend Christmas Day rubbing liniment on you."

Jerry and Carter sat down and fell asleep in their chairs almost immediately...

"Bless their little hearts," she murmured drowsily.

"Aw, baloney," said Pete, deservingly. "There ain't no Santa Claus. We won't have nothin'."

They were on their way downstairs. "Gee," exclaimed Joe, "don't I see trying to tell you outside?"

earlier, Mrs. Brown, your daughter Frances isn't doing as well as you thought...

"She isn't even an actress. She's been out of work for five months—all that time you didn't hear from her..."

"Shhh, don't let papa know she isn't a famous actress. It makes him happy thinking of her doing so well. He's—"

"Mama—come here, close to me," Santa Claus Brown called from his bed...

"Looks as if my work is just about done. Where's Frances, mama? You're sure she's coming?"

Mrs. Brown smiled. "She'll be here any minute now," she said.

"But, she's so sorry not to have written, but it's just as we thought. That poor girl's been so busy she didn't know which way to turn..."

"Our daughter's—coming—home," Santa Claus Brown smiled happily.

A CLOCK struck six. Christmas bells began to peal merrily.

The light of dawn, just breaking, shined into the living room of the Carter home...

"Come quick," Betty cried to her brothers. "He's been here. I heard him! I saw him! I was going to wake you up but I was afraid he'd be scared away."

"Aw, baloney," said Pete, deservingly. "There ain't no Santa Claus. We won't have nothin'."

They were on their way downstairs. "Gee," exclaimed Joe, "don't I see trying to tell you outside?"

talk like that—yet. Wait and see—he might—"

They came into view of the living room. They did not see their parents nor Jerry...

"Pop never could have bought all this," he exclaimed. "Betty, did you say you saw Santa Claus? No pipe dream?"

"I saw him," Betty cried excitedly. "I heard him."

"Yes, he did," she replied. "Then he thought he could make a go of an engineering job..."

"Your husband tells me he used to work at the Palais Royale."

"Yes, he did," she replied. "Then he thought he could make a go of an engineering job..."

"How would you like to be floorwalker, Mr. Carter?" Jerry asked him.

"Floorwalker?" Mrs. Carter's tone made the job sound impressive.

"That's fine. Just have to stand and look handsome. That'll be easy for you, dad. And, she put an understanding arm around him..."

"Good old mistletoe," he smiled. "How about a little real Christmas spirit?"

The door opened and Alice Banks came in.

(To Be Concluded)

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS

Comic strip 'OUT OUR WAY' showing Santa Claus and children. Santa says: 'SURE I'LL PUT 'EM ON AN' COME OVER TO YOUR HOUSE...' Children reply: 'I SURE WILL-- YOU GOT TO HAVE SOMEBODY OUTSIDE TH' FAMILY DO IT--'

Comic strip 'NOTED MONUMENT' featuring a crossword puzzle and a cartoon of a girl asking 'GOSH, DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S GOING TO ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT?'.

ALLEY OOP By Hamlin

Comic strip 'ALLEY OOP' showing a man and woman in a boat. The man says: 'KICK MY TEETH IN, EH? WHAT DO YOU THINK I'LL BE DOING WHILE ALL THIS TAKES PLACE?' The woman replies: 'WELL, I'LL BE...'

RED RYDER By Fred Harman

Comic strip 'RED RYDER' showing a man and a woman. The man says: 'NO, LITTLE BEAVER, RED RYDER HAS NOT BEEN HERE-- YOU SHOULD BE HOME IN BED!' The woman replies: 'BUT ME WORRY-- ME NOT GO HOME TILL ME FINDUM HIM, MISSY JO JEAN!'.

November Livestock Shipments Slumped; More Hogs Bought

AUSTIN, Tex.—Following heavier shipments early in the season, November movement of Texas livestock to interstate points and the Fort Worth stock yards slumped 21 per cent...

SCHOOLEY BAKERY advertisement featuring a 'Greetings' card and the text: 'MERRY XMAS To All We are thankful of the nice business you have given us and will continue to do our best to please you.'

Peace On Earth advertisement featuring a drawing of a child and the text: 'The angels sang this hymn on a night many years ago, after they had announced the birth of the one who would become king of the universe and bring everlasting peace.'

WALKER PONTIAC CO. advertisement for the 1940 Pontiac. Text: 'EXTENDING YOU--- The warmest greetings of the season, with kind thoughts for your welfare and happiness. An invitation to visit our store regularly and give us an opportunity to serve you. SEE THE NEW 1940 PONTIAC IN OUR SHOW ROOM. WALKER PONTIAC CO. South Rusk and Pine Ranger, Tex. MARATHON PRODUCTS'

Whiskey Banned In 1882 But Arrest Is Not Made Until '39 advertisement. Text: 'FORT WORTH, Texas — On Sept. 23 the Mansfield Justice Precinct voted against the sale of whiskey and more than fifty years passed before the first arrest was made for bootlegging.'

USED TIRES advertisement. Text: 'All Sizes and Prices New Brunswick Tires with 12 month road hazard guarantee at a very low price. Also New Batteries. HOME OWNED, yours at BATED THREE USED. BILL'S I EARNEST Texas Company Products'



### Payroll Stepup NYA Planned Christmas Season

AUSTIN, Texas.—The payroll division of the National Youth Administration will step up its output between now and Christmas in order that 6,000 of the 17,000 Texas boys and girls engaged on NYA works projects, who normally would receive their pay check immediately after Christmas or New Year's day will be paid by December 23 and December 30, State NYA Administrator J. C. Kellam announced today.

and arrangements with the U. S. treasury and post office departments to expediate wage payments and delivery of checks has assured this procedure, Kellam said. This will permit delivery by December 23 of all checks normally delivered through December 26 and delivery by December 30 of all checks normally delivered by January 2. Usually each work day in the week is payday for some group of NYA workers in order that congestion and delay may be avoided.

"In order that NYA youth may earn the maximum pay to which they are entitled to share with their families during the holiday season, they are also being afforded full opportunity to make up allowable lost time through the rescheduling of work hours," Administrator Kellam said.

### Marine Recruiting Office at Abilene Is Being Opened

Because of an shortage of applications for service with the United States Marine Corps received from young men of West Texas during the latter part of the closing year, Captain J. D. O'Leary, Officer in Charge of Marine Corps Recruiting Stations in the state of Texas, has established a permanent recruiting office in Abilene. Information may be obtained at the post office.

This new Marine Corps station will offer thousands of young men the chance to investigate the career opportunities offered by the U. S. Marine Corps and save them the added expense of traveling to a more distant city for entrance examinations.

### Philadelphia Navy Yard Reaches New Peak of Employment

PHILADELPHIA.—Civilian employment at the Philadelphia Navy Yard has reached an all-time peak of 11,028.

Under construction are the 35,000-ton battleship Washington and two destroyers, the Rhind and the Buck. The 45,000-ton battleship North Dakota will be started shortly, and the keel of the mine-layer Terror will be laid this autumn.

During the World War, civilian employment in the industrial department reached a peak of 9,600 and the aircraft division 3,556, but not at the same time.

### Winter Weeds Make Good Cattle Grazing

EL PASO, Texas.—A good stand of winter weeds—which are depended upon to tide over cattle until the first grass of spring—is sprouting on West Texas ranges, stockmen report.

### Could Hold Reunion In City Hospital

FORT WORTH, Texas.—The Pampell family could almost hold a reunion at the hospital here. Two brothers, C. W. Pampell, 25, of Crane and Vernon Pampell, 30, of Fort Worth were confined simultaneously after operations. Their grandmother, Mrs. Luella Pampell, 82, slipped and fractured her hip. She was taken to the same hospital.

### Un-American Team Picked by Paper Is First Announced

AMARILLO, Texas.—The Amarillo Daily News, "after reviewing a season of unexcelled scrimmaging," has picked its "all un-American team."

Adolph Hitler, the paper said, "was a cinch backfield man. We put him at right half but some thought he should have been named quarterback, because of his uncanny ability to dope out crushing plays and then have someone else execute them. Known affectionately to his teammates as 'Der Fuehrer' or 'Little Fuzzy', Hitler was credited with providing the margin of victory against Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland, Danzig and Memel."

The News said that because it was a season when "every publication worth its salt picked an all American team, this newspaper herewith presents its candidates for the first all-un-American team in the nation's history."

**The Team.**  
Left end—George Bernard Shaw, "really an Englishman, but a decided disliker to things American." He's been on the team so long there are cries of "professional" being raised.

Left Tackle—Vlacheslav Molotov, Russian premier and foreign minister. "He has an uncanny ability to stick his nose in every statement emanating from the Russian coaches' office."

Left Guard—Wilhelm Goering, Nazi No. 2. "Impressive so far this year only because of his ability to throw his weight around. Famous for his aerial attack."

Center—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted American draft dodger. "Playing a waiting game in the German clubhouse before coming back on the field and being smeared for a four-year loss."

Right Guard—Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister. "Great on running interference for Halfback Hitler."

Right Tackle—Harry Bridges, West coast maritime leader. "Lost plenty of yardage in the showdown game against Uncle Sam, but called the American team a bunch of 'easy dopes'."

Right End—Joseph Goebbels, German propaganda minister. "Doubles as publicity man for the German team. He's little but shifty and has uncanny ability to run backwards while talking his opponent out of tackling him. Has decided fondness for girl friends of members of the second team, was almost expelled twice for late dating co-eds after hours."

Quarterback—Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American band now in Sing Sing prison. "A remarkable handler of money on a dry field. Lost to the team through a two and one-half to four year 'scholarship'."

Left Halfback—Josef Stalin, Russian dictator. "Just made the team this year after a couple of seasons of watching tactics of Right Halfback Hitler."

Fullback—Earl Browder, American communist party leader. "Earl has been injured in almost every game he's played this year because of his uncurbed desire to talk out of turn in the heat of the struggle."

Referee—Congressman Martin Dies. "In a walk."

### Pageant of Army Is Scheduled Jan. 1st

EL PASO, Texas.—Troops from Fort Bliss will present a pageant of the American army during the Southwestern Sun carnival parade Jan. 1. Soldiers will march in uniforms representing the Revolutionary war period, that of the War of 1912, an dthose of the Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American and World wars. The parade will be held in connection with other Sun Carnival events, climaxed by the Sun Bowl game pitting Catholic University of Washington D.C. and Arizona State College of Tempe, Ariz.

### Grants Restraining Order to Decker

Judge George L. Davenport of 91st district court has granted a writ of injunction restraining T. S. Wilhite or his representatives from interfering with M. H. Decker and the Magnolia Pipeline company in the removal of a pipeline from land of Decker.

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

G. Alfred Brown, Pastor  
Church School 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Service 11 a. m. There will be a violin solo by Jack Pearsall, accompanied by Mrs. Frank S. Pearsall. "Christ Is Born" will be the pastor's theme.  
There will be a special dramatic Christmas Vesper Service from 6:00 until 6:45 in the evening, instead of the regular evening service. Everyone is invited.

### Legal Records

**New Cars Registered**  
Chevrolet sedan, Dick Weekes, Ranger; Staggs Chevrolet Company, Strawn.  
Plymouth sedan, Gordon P. Davis, Cisco; Carroll Motor Co., Cisco.  
Ford coupe, Homer Rasco, Gorman; King-Ball Motors, Eastland.  
Chevrolet sedan, S. L. Bourland, Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co., Eastland.  
Chevrolet sedan, Mrs. M. Rose, Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co.  
Ford truck, L. T. Rasco, Gorman; King-Ball Motors.

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Chevrolet sedan, Truett LaRoque, Odessa; A. G. Motor Co., Cisco.  
Pontiac sedan, Charles T. Lucas, Eastland; Muirhead Motor Co., Eastland.  
Ford sedan, W. J. Greer, Carbone; King-Ball Motors.  
Ford tudor, C. H. O'Brien, Eastland; King-Ball Motors.  
Chevrolet sedan, E. K. Smith, Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co.  
**Marriage Licenses**  
C. B. Welborn and Mrs. Rill Jackson, Eastland.  
Alton Clark and Miss Will May Allen, Cisco.

Merry Christmas  
If You Have the Peace and Joy of Christmas and Continued Blessings During The New Year  
TEXAS CONSOLIDATED THEATRES  
B. E. GARNER, Mgr.

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
Time deal gently with you and yours. May Christmas bring untold joys and may the New Year open its doors of golden opportunity that may prosper is the wish of each employe of this firm to each of you.  
MARTIN & NOTGRASS  
The Friendly Store  
PHONE 79 RANGER

Your friends and neighbors in the Texas Electric Service Company wish you a Merry Christmas!  
THROUGH the holidays, as always, those of us who maintain your electric service will be on duty doing our part toward making your holidays more enjoyable  
CUSTOMER SERVICE  
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THANKS A MILLION  
and  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Millinery and Accessory Shop  
HAMILL'S  
Next Door to Arcadia — Ranger, Texas  
Open Sunday Afternoon from 1 o'clock On

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
THE spirit of Christmas is abroad in the land, and it is a good spirit, one all of us do well to nurture, that it may be among us in this world of war and strife long after the season which generated it has passed.  
All of us—the Company, employees, service stations and dealers—close the year, then, with best wishes to all of you, our friends and neighbors, for  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
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You may bring your prescription here with the assurance that they will be Correctly Filled—just as your doctor ordered! Only registered pharmacists compound our prescriptions!  
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### Most of Gasoline Tax Does Not Go To State Highways

AUSTIN, Tex.—The motorist who drives into a filling station and pays five cents a gallon tax on his motor fuel feels that he is

paying for state roads. When he hears how much gasoline tax is collected he wonders where all the roads are. The State Highway Department has felt called upon to make the situation clear. It has issued a pictorial statement showing where the gasoline tax dollar goes.

Out of the 5 cents a gallon tax paid by the motorist, one cent is the federal tax remitted to Uncle Sam. On each dollar accumulated out of the remaining four cents a gallon tax, the chart shows that only 42 cents goes to the state highway fund.

Refunds paid to purchasers of exempt gasoline tax 14 cents out of each dollar. Motor fuel entered at \$51,574,914 paid in at filling stations as state tax in the last fiscal year, highways emerged with only \$21,708,416, for Texas' 22,345 miles of state highway.

A psychiatrist advises women to baby their husbands. This does not mean encouraging them to take to the bottle.

A Carnegie Corporation official assails the "preposterous" number of academic degrees awarded. They're almost as easy to get as driver's licenses.

### Texas Youths at Work, In School, Filmed In Colors

AUSTIN, Tex.—Young Texans on the campus of the University of Texas who attended school by working part-time on an NYA job "got into the movies" this week when Captain Frederick B. Hyde of Washington, D. C., completed shooting several hundred feet of color film to be used as part of a complete story in technicolor covering NYA student aid work over the nation. J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator announced Wednesday.

Previous to his visit to Texas, Captain Hyde made pictures in California, the University of Wisconsin, Ohio State University, Indiana University and at the University of Minnesota. The Texas pictures, he says, will complete the reel giving a cross section story of NYA student aid activities over the country. Captain Hyde left Austin Tuesday for College Station where he will shoot an additional 200 feet of film at Texas A. & M. College before returning to Washington.

"I am astounded at the possibilities for development you people have at the University of Texas," Captain Hyde said. "In Texas, you have a veritable empire to be developed." He pointed out that in his opinion the newly created Latin-American institute was one of the most important steps in recent years in American education and expressed enthusiasm at the excellent facilities available for fostering better Latin-American relations through the university.

The veteran photographer has already made color shots of La Villita, the Spanish village restoration project in San Antonio, which he said he considered highly significant in that NYA youth were being given an opportunity to help in restoring the old Spanish settlement to its original simple beauty.

### Boxing, Wrestling Rules Formulated

AUSTIN, Tex.—Rules and regulations issued by the wrestling and boxing division of the State Labor Department contain these provisions:

No promoter shall permit a boxing contract between a man and a woman.

No promoter shall permit cold drinks nor beverages of any kind to be served in bottles in his arena. Such drinks must be served in paper containers.

For boxers, wearing of white trunks is prohibited, also wearing the American flag as a belt. However, wearing national colors of cloth is permitted. Mouthpieces, when used, must be white or flesh colored.

Managers and seconds are forbidden to toss a towel into the ring in token of defeat.

No one may enter the ring wearing a sweater, robe or jersey carrying any advertisement, other than the name of the contestant. In case of serious injury to contestant the referee is automatically suspended until investigation determines if the injury was a result of his negligence or incompetence.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Wednesday, testimonial service, 8 p. m.

Public cordially invited. "Christian Science" 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: "Break man" (page 560).

forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem" (Isaiah).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ" (Revelation 12:10).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The greatest miracle, to humankind, is divine Love, and the necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in the human mind" (page 560).

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

### And Best Wishes For a HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish for you and yours the very best Christmas that you have ever had.

New and Used Tires Used Parts, Used Cars

Pink Stafford Motors

Pink Stafford, Mgr.



### For Our Patrons And Friends—

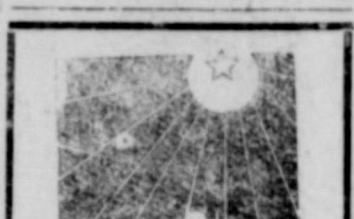
May you have a Christmas of joy and a New Year filled with the good things of life.

We consider it a privilege to serve you.

FRASIER HATCHERY

Box 532 Ranger

### TRY A WANT AD



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

An Old Fashion Wish From the Heart

MERRY CHRISTMAS

- and a - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. (Rip) Galloway and Family



### TO OUR FRIENDS

... Both Old and New

May Santa fill your sock from toe to top with bundles of Christmas cheer and happiness galore.

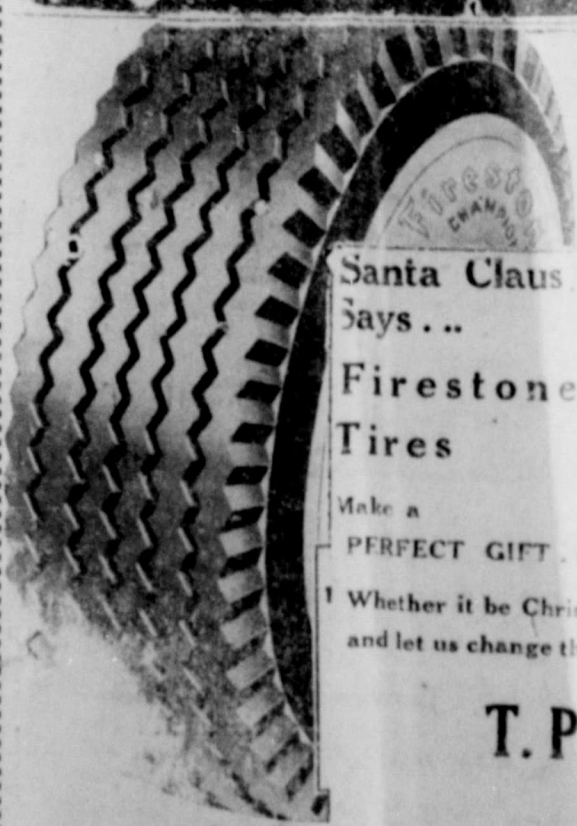
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For Value! Safety! Price!



Santa Claus says...

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Make a PERFECT GIFT...

Whether it be Christmas or the Fourth of July, Drive by and let us change the old ones for a set of new Firestones.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Best Wishes For the NEW YEAR

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Prestone \$2.65 Per Gallon

Firestone Batteries Radios, Spark Plugs and Other Firestone Accessories

Firestone Super Pyro Gallon \$1

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### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

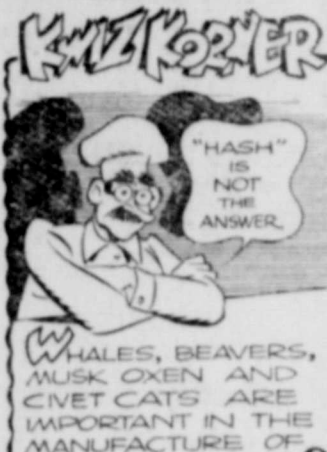
By William Ferguson



FOUNDERS TREE, A REDWOOD NEAR DYERVILLE, CALIF., WOULD REACH TO THE 30TH FLOOR OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING.



IN RUSSIA, SANTA CLAUS IS KNOWN AS FATHER FROST.



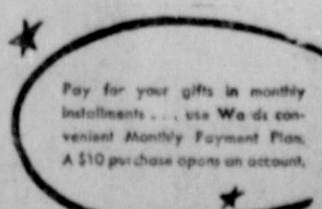
WHALES, BEAVERS, MUSK OXEN AND CNET CATS ARE IMPORTANT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WHAT PRODUCT?

ANSWER: Perfume. Each of these animals produces an aromatic substance used as a fixative base.

Try Our Want-Ads

# GREETINGS To All Our FRIENDS And CUSTOMERS Everywhere

We feel that you are due our very best wishes for this holiday season and the New Year. It is with all sincerity we greet you and wish for you the very best of everything during Christmas and the New Year. We thank you for your loyalty during the past and hope to serve you during the New Year.



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# Society Notes

## Engagement of Miss Beach Announced

Mrs. Will Beach announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Beach, to Mr. Orval Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Harrell, Eastland.

## Woodmen Circle Have Christmas Party

The Julia Alexander Grange No. 1954 of the Woodmen Circle met the past week for a joint Christmas party for the lodge members at the home of Mrs. W. H. Mayes, Eastland. The hall was attractively decorated in a Christmas theme of silver and blue with a color decorated tree on which members placed a gift, forming the center of the decorations. Games were enjoyed which refreshments were served. Those from Ranger attending were: Edna Williams, Thelma Rott, Lillie Wilson, Mrs. M. Robinson and Alpha Hart.

## Society Personal

Mrs. Ven White, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. Dreinhofer of Amarillo arrived today to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dreinhofer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kindel and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomas have as their guests the holidays Miss Ben Kell, Mrs. Esther Dickenson, Mrs. Boss Dickenson, Miss Paula Kell and Mrs. Lucy Thomas, all of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Thompson of Tulsa, family of Ranger, are the guests of their son, Leo Thompson, Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gregg are spending the holidays in Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson of Eudora, N. M., the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mayes are spending the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mayes in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. San Antonio, N. M., is visiting relatives in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of Kingfisher and friends in Ranger, are spending the holidays in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McClister of Fort Worth are spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. McClister.

Mrs. W. B. Hasenfuss spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hasenfuss.

Mrs. Ben Rigby will spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blum of Abilene, former of Ranger.

Mrs. Letta McCleskey, who is in Draughon's Business College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCleskey.

Mrs. Raymond Cole of Fort Worth, Ark., are visiting with friends in Ranger.

## Chatter Box

We've been worrying ourself into a positive fever in the last few days because we did not have time to do all the little deeds we wanted to do and among the worries was the problem of not finding time to send Christmas greetings to all our friends. So, we're judging a bit and sending our sincere good wishes to one and all. This season in its modern streamlined sense takes in so much but when boiled down to the meaning back of every effort at this time we find the age old spirit behind it all—the spirit of peace and good-will and may these be yours throughout Christmas and the New Year. . . . On reading of the way the Finns have repulsed the Russians, someone remarked, "and the Finns are the only one of the Allies of the last war that kept up their payments on the war debt to the U. S." Brings to mind the old saying, "Honesty is the best policy." . . . A man about town who is retiring, on the first of the year, from many years of service with a company for which he has done a good job, told us that he didn't want anything said of him in the paper. We won't but his initials are J. R. and the "Mc" in his name isn't Scotch. . . . Walter Winchell has nothing on us. That left finger sparkler we spoke about several weeks ago is right where we said it would be. . . . A young man we know, for whom wedding bells sounded last night, threatened to break our neck if we mentioned his name in this column. Of course we're not going to place our neck in jeopardy, but he forgot to forbid our mentioning the lady, who was Miss Whalen of San Antonio and is very attractive, from the glimpse we had of her. Incidentally, she appears to be one that wouldn't encourage the young man in his ego about his ability as a "neck cracker" . . . Better watch your step, Dr. . . . Someone musing recently wondered if the colored Santa Claus has white whiskers. . . . The fine art of living, we think, is found in being able to adjust ourselves to the circumstances which come our way. . . . Santa Claus, visiting in a neighboring town, Friday, stopped a small boy and asked what he wanted for Christmas. The little boy looked up with a perplexed expression and said, "Gee whizz, haven't you gotten my letter yet?" . . . We have borrowed so many lines of a special type of colored pencil leads from our editor that he gave us a package of them for a Christmas present with the remark "Now, at least I'll have a peaceful New Year." . . . A Merry, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

## Just a Bit Personal . . .

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Yonker are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Shreveport, La.

Buster Higdon, who attends Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Higdon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Felner have returned to their home in Wilson, Oklahoma after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rigby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Alice Louise are spending the holidays with relatives in Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davenport are the holiday guests of Mr. Davenport's mother, Mrs. Lottie Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Heatly and daughter, Mary Katherine, all of Denton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McAnelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill left Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives in Royce City and Windom.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Nichol and children of San Antonio will arrive Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Mills of Freer arrived Saturday for a short visit with Mr. Mills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills.

## Our Warmest Greetings

For our friends who have stood by us in the past and have made our business what it is today. We feel we owe our best service to you and will strive to merit your loyalty and patronage.

May Your Christmas Be Bright and Cheery  
**THE REDING BEAUTY SHOP**  
315 Pint Street Phone 34

## A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Bright smiling faces remind us that the merriest season of the year is here. Approaching is the day we look forward to from one year to the next. We are hoping this year will give you a day of manifold blessing and happiness.

MAY YOU HAVE A BOUNTEOUS NEW YEAR  
We expect to see you often during 1940  
**BLACK & WHITE GROCERY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wes Marshbanks, and Salada

## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May time deal gently with you and yours. May Christmas bring untold joys, and may the New Year open its doors of golden opportunity that you may prosper, is the wish of each employe of this firm to each of you.

## ANDERSON-PRUET


Colonel Sales and Service

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE SAME CHRISTMAS TREE HAS SERVED IN THE STROM FAMILY, LINDBORG, KANS., FOR SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS! IT WAS MADE OF WIRE, WOOD AND PAPER BY ALEXANDER STROM, KANSAS PIONEER, IN 1871.



WACO, TEXAS, GETS ITS NAME FROM THE GUACO PLANT.



I AM THE LARGEST LIVING ANIMAL IN THE WORLD! SCIENTISTS CALL ME A "CETACEAN"

ANSWER: Whale. Not only is it the largest living animal, but the largest ever known to exist.

## Season's Greetings

At this Yule Time—when our thoughts are of those near and dear to us—we want you to know that our wish is only for good cheer, good fellowship, and happiness to everyone into whose friendly hands this message may fall —

**THE EUREKA TOOL CO.**  
E. F. Arterburn, local manager.



WE WISH YOU, OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS, A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
**RANGER FURNITURE EXCH.**  
Colonel Brashier—Felton Brashier—Bill Brashier  
F. P. Brashier, Jr.—Leo Hurst

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones will have as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. John Summell and daughter, Donna Rae, of McCamey; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sullivan and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheelon of Dallas.

**Grisham & Grisham**  
Fifth Floor  
Eastland National Bank Bldg.  
Phone 252 Eastland, Texas

### TO MY PATRONS AND FRIENDS

May You Have a Christmas of Joy and a New Year filled with the Good Things of Life. Consider It a Privilege to Serve You.

### PARAMOUNT TAXI

Phone 1  
R. E. "Jim" Toland Day and Night Service

Merry Christmas — and — Happy New Year



May Santa Claus be as good to you as you have been to us all the year. The holiday season is always one of joy . . . so we join with all Ranger in wishing you much happiness.

May the New Year bring forth many improvements for all of us.

PHILLIPS 66  
**AL TUNE SERVICE STATION**  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Tune and Al II

**CHRISTMAS WISHES**

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR GREETINGS AND LET US THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE

## GREETINGS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

May this Christmas be a happy one and may you receive a great deal of the good things the New Year has to offer.

**E. P. (Press) MILLS GROCERY**  
E. P. (Press) Mills, J. E. Hall, Elmer Bankston  
Miss Edna Mills



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE**

We are told that highly valued things usually come in small packages. In this small ad we make our wish for you.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!"  
**RANGER STEAM LAUNDRY**  
Phone 134  
A. N. Bradford and Employees



## WE SELECT THE BEST

As we gaze into the crystal of the future we see much happiness, good fortune and a host of friends. These are the objectives we have selected for you during Christmas and the coming year.

We appreciate your cooperation during the past and extend you a cordial invitation to visit us often.





### South of Texas Has A Big Stake In Oil Industry

DALLAS, Texas (Spl.) — The oil industry in Texas has a big stake in the welfare of the state, which already has a \$230,000,000 annual production, declared George Gibbons, executive vice-president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association, in an address here.

Gibbons told the Civic Federation of Dallas that the maintenance of a public attitude that will encourage development and expansion of the industry means profitable employment and greater opportunity to engage in individual business enterprise for the oncoming generation of Texans, both in oil and in other industrial activity that will develop in Texas, with public encouragement.

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We would like to take this means to express to our customers that we appreciate their business and that we look forward to serving them. Then forgetting the commercial side we want to sincerely wish for one and all a—

JOYOUS YULETIDE AND A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS

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### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With Christmas at hand and New Year just around the corner, we are reminded of the friendliness and unselfishness that brings us closer together in spirit at this season.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND MAY YOU HAVE HAPPY, HAPPY DAYS AHEAD

### L. H. FLEWELLEN

### Undulant Fever Is Contracted From Several Animals

"Brucellosis (undulant fever) is caused by a germ found in hogs, cows, sheep, and goats. In human beings the disease is known as undulant fever; in animals, Bangs' disease or contagious abortion. The condition was formerly termed Malta fever. Man acquires undulant fever as the result of direct contact with infected animals or following the use of raw dairy products from infected dairy cows," states Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Though brucellosis, or undulant fever, is reported every month of the year, case records show that it occurs most frequently in July, August, and September.

"Since 1924 when two deaths were reported in Texas from undulant fever, the disease has been reported in 1925, and annually from 1929 to 1939. In the ten years' span 1929-1939, the prevalence of undulant fever has increased from three cases in 1929 to 293 cases so far reported for the year 1939. A significant upswing in reporting the disease was noted when in 1937, 190 cases were reported as compared with 1936, when 43 cases were reported.

"State gross production tax, at 2 3/4 percent, 15,333,421; State regulatory tax, at 3-16 of one cent per barrel, \$892,862; State franchise, gross receipts, social security, permits, car and truck licenses and gasoline taxes paid by the industry on gasoline used by its own vehicles, \$3,432,625; State ad valorem taxes, \$4,886,380.

"To this must be added \$19,545,520 of ad valorem taxes paid to local sub-divisions of Texas that are empowered to levy taxes, making the total \$44,090,808. Dividing this figure by 476 million barrels of oil produced in 1938 gives an average tax figure of 9.3 cents that was paid on every barrel of oil produced.

"Studies projected for 1939 on the basis of the 1938 tax rolls indicate at this time that the total State and local taxes this year will average a least 9.8 cents per barrel. This is the highest tax collected on oil among all of the oil producing states."

"Pointing out that the potential profits of the industry are still largely underground, in the form of oil reserves, Gibbons stated that under proration it will be many years before the average oil operator can recover his original investments in wells.

"We have seen our market demand in Texas shrink by 50 million barrels with the past two years, due largely to the fact that other oil producing states have the advantage in their proximity to consuming markets, transportation rates and taxation," Gibbons said. "Unfortunately, Texas has no monopoly on oil production. Within a short time, much new production has come into the picture in Illinois, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi and Nebraska. Some of these states have no restriction on production, and all have lower tax rates than Texas."

Permanence of the oil industry, he said, is assured by the fact that there are now proved reserves sufficient to maintain present production rates for 21 years in Texas, with much exploration and development under way that will largely increase these reserves. Latest figures, Gibbons said, show there is oil or gas production in 147 counties, with exploration under way in 98 additional counties, leaving only nine of the 254 Texas counties without oil exploration activity under way at present.

### Predictions for 1940



STALIN WILL FIND HIMSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



HITLER WILL FIND HIMSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



MUSSOLINI WILL FIND HIMSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



CHAMBERLAIN WILL FIND HIMSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



LITTLE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE WILL FIND THEMSELVES IN A TOUGH SPOT



JAPAN WILL FIND ITSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



CHINA WILL FIND ITSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL FIND ITSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT



DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL FIND ITSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT

"Because of its nature, the disease is more prevalent on farms than in cities, with the exception of packing house workers. The handling of infected cows or sows or the animals at the time of birth represents hazardous types of contact. The germs of undulant fever enter the body through the mouth or skin; therefore, care should be used in handling animals known to be infected, and dairy products from the same source should be pasteurized if used.

"More men acquire the disease than women, and adults seem more likely to have it than children.

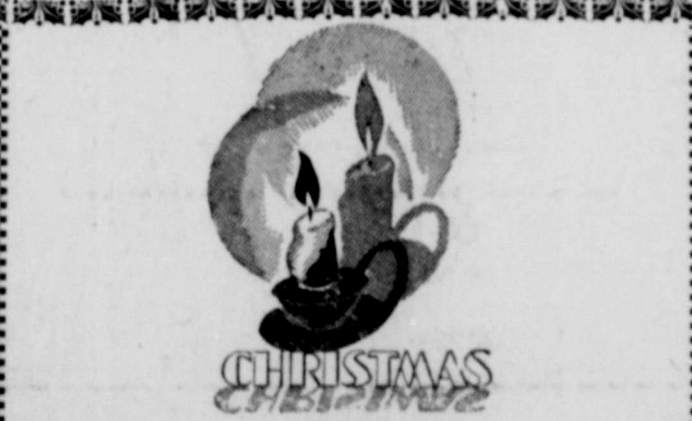
"Undulant fever is so named because of the wave-like variations in temperature. The symptoms include rising temperature, loss of weight and strength, chills, sweats, and joint pain. The mortality rate of undulant fever is comparatively low, but the disease itself possesses symptoms which may persist for a number of weeks and even months before normal health and strength are restored. The patient often appears fresh in the morning, but is extremely fatigued by afternoon.

### TRY A WANT AD



Best Wishes of the Season! Merry Xmas To One and All!

**A. J. Ratliff**  
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Merry Christmas L. R. PEARSON Ranger Texas

### MERRIE-MERRIE

### CHRISTMAS HAPPY HOLIDAY

With Christmas and New Year just around the corner, we are reminded of the friendliness and unselfishness that brings us closer together in spirit at this season.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND ALL IN ALL MAY YOU HAVE HAPPY, HAPPY DAYS AHEAD.

### TEXAS SERVICE STATION

Frank Penn Onis Mills

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Christmas brighten the lives of those around you and thus enrich yours, and may the New Year bring opportunities that will afford you pleasure and profit, is the wish of

### RANGER AUTO PARTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly

### GREETING

May Your Christmas Be Different

May this Christmas not only be one of mirth and joy but may the blessings and benediction of peace be felt in your heart that you may understand the true meaning of Christmas. May your burdens be made light and contentment be yours.

We appreciate your kindness and friendship at all times and especially at this season are we reminded of it.

### HIWAY EAT SHOP

A GOOD PLACE TO EAT  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swoveland, Prop.

### CHRISTMAS JOY

BEST WISHES TO ALL!  
 May happiness be with you and yours at all times!

### H. P. EARNEST

Consignee  
 Texas Company Products

### A Two Way Wish

We offer our best wishes in word and in spirit. We wish for your success and happiness during Christmas and 1940, and it is a wish straight from the heart. We seek your patronage during next year in order that we may serve you.

Thanks for the many kindnesses during the year.

### CARL PAGE PLUMBING

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page and family.  
 Phone 240  
 109 N. Hodges St.

### A Friendly Greeting to You and a Sincere Thanks for Your Patronage

### CITY TAILORS

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### WINTER HEALTH

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

At this stage of our journey through the year we would like to pause a moment and exchange a word of good cheer with our fellow travelers. So to all who have helped make the past year a successful one we give our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### MRS. BELL'S CAFE

It is with sincere thankfulness and appreciation for the many favors you have bestowed upon this business and each one of us individually, that we extend the season's greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bell and Jackie



### German Learned of American Dinners In a Prison Camp

By United Press  
FORT WORTH, Tex.—Willie Wachter learned all about Christmas turkey dinners from a sea gull.

Twenty two years ago when U-boats first made headlines Wachter was a German civilian prisoner of war on the Isle of Man in England. One of his fellow-prisoners was an American, but German-born.

The American prisoner, whose name Wachter can't remember, told the other prisoners about Christmas dinners in America. And "he was determined to have a Christmas dinner even if he couldn't have the traditional turkey," Wachter said.

The German-American took a fishing line and hook, baited the

hook with a scrap of meat and threw it into the air.

"The sea gulls were thick above our heads, and he kept throwing the hook at them until one swooped down on the scrap of meat and was hooked."

The fish-hook hunter cleaned the gull and roasted him with at least fifty pair of hungry eyes gazing on that bird," Wachter said.

"And we were hungry enough to grab a part of it for ourselves, but we didn't because we respected that prisoner's attitude toward a Christmas that we didn't understand."

Five years later Wachter emigrated to America. Today he is a chef and he believes he has probably cooked as many turkeys as any man in Texas.

"But to this day I can't look at turkey in the face without thinking of roasted sea-gull."

### Ex-Slave Outlives One of Her Children

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Lucy Crayton, an 105-year-old ex-slave, today has outlived one of her two children.

Lucy, who collapsed recently when told of the death of her daughter Clara Raleigh, 78, lives with her other daughter, Ann Rolla, 74, also an ex-slave.

The Craytons worked for the late Sam Easley on a plantation in Williamson county many years after the slaves were freed in 1863. A year after the death of Ann's husband in 1918, they moved to Fort Worth.

### Honest Man Tells Why He Ran Light

DALLAS, Texas—An honest man stood before city court Judge Joe Hill.

"Why," asked Judge Hill of an aged negro, "did you drive your car through a red light?"

The negro scratched his head. "I done it," he said, "because I didn't see the policeman at the corner."



### SALEM NEWS

Rev. Anderson, the Methodist pastor, filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Curtis, Grady and Ruby Redwine attended E. Y. P. U. at Alameda Sunday night.

Those attending the play at Alameda Monday night reported a real good play.

Hubert Raney and Hubert Able have been working on tanks the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Fonville have moved on the Moore place where Mr. Covert lived last year.

Mr. Barber's brother and family of Big Spring have moved on the Fonville place where S. J. Fonville lived last year.

Mrs. John Ivey and Mrs. Zela Perrin were at their parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Sparger, last week, and canned a yearling.

Funice Maye Yancey's cousin of Gorman visited her the first of the week and attended the play at Alameda and visited school Tuesday.

Mrs. R. M. Redwine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redwine.

Curtis Redwine visited Carter Hart in the Alameda community Sunday. Carter has been out of school the past few days on account of sickness.

Mrs. Ellen Williams visited Mrs. Yancey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yancey visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yancey, Sunday.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A. E. CRAWLEY  
Ranger Postmaster



Our THANKS To You

We wish we could thank each one of you personally for your kindness but this cannot be done so please accept our sincere wishes for a Bright Christmas and may the New Year bring material success.

**Roy McCleskey Service Station**  
24-Hour Service  
New Strawn Highway  
Phone 567  
Roy McCleskey



FROM US TO YOU

... the day and season of peace and joy ... May you have peace and prosperity, health and happiness. This is our Christmas wish for you. We appreciate the nice business given us and trust to serve you in the future.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

... and Happy New Year to all Eastland and adjoining counties.

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Starts Tuesday! ... Ends Saturday, December 30th!

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SALE! NATIONALLY FAMOUS  
**Pacific Mills**  
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Regularly 59c!  
You Save 18%! **48c**

Buy several ... for months ahead!  
New Spring prints in button-to-waist, coat styles, and others! Exceptionally well made dresses! Tubfast! Sizes 12 to 20; 38 to 44; 46 to 52.

SALE PRICED DEC. 26-30 ONLY!

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SALE! PRINTED COTTON  
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Save up to 44% on these charming housecoats! Some styles have bustle backs! 24" zippers! Wrap-arounds! All with wide, sweeping skirts! Tubfast! Sizes range from 14 to 44.

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PUMPKIN PIE from an old-time recipe ... with tasty seasoning and flaky crust ... each ..... 30c

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**MRS. HIGDON'S CAFE**

**FINEST MEATS FOR YOUR FEAST!**



QUALITY AND LOW PRICES

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Great as a novel... Greater as a motion picture!  
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Interference with a Plan radio appeal for help from rest of the world was probably engineered by Russia who does like tattletales.

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Your Chiropractor  
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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
—and—  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
After the show pay us a visit. Sandwiches, cold drinks, smokes and fire works.  
We are grateful for your many kindnesses during the year  
**ARCADIA**  
Sandwich Shop

**BE SAFE!**  
What a great feeling that you have been able to save a LIFE by being careful.  
Don't forget to play safe with your property also.  
INSURE  
**C. E. MAY**  
Insurance in all its branches.

  
Our Christmas Message To You  
At this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness that lasts not merely through the holiday season but throughout the year 1940.  
**JACOBY SERVICE STATION**



**Campus Apples Are Sold On Honor Plan**

By United Press  
AUBURN, Ala.—Alabama Polytechnic Institute has initiated a new kind of honor system. Sophomore Tom Rowan opened several neat orange-and-blue lunch stands on the campus, spread large, red apples on them and placed signs reading, "Honor system—5 cents."



**A Merry Christmas And A Bright New Year To You**

We feel that our business is yours as well as ours because of what you have put into it and we look forward to pleasant relationships with you in the future.

**C. J. MOORE AUTO MART**  
Hudson Cars

And to the voters of Ranger A Merry Christmas . . . Yours for better Streets.

# ...Merry Christmas...



(15th Century "Nativity" by Francesco di Pietra Santa, Rome)

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east of Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

"And in Bethlehem, in the land of Juda Art not the least among the princes of Juda: For out of these shall come a Governor, That shall rule my people Israel."

THEN Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till

it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



**Merry Christmas**

That you may have all the joys and fun of the holiday season and that the New Year will hold happiness and success for you is the wish we have for you on this Christmas. May we have the joy of serving you in 1940.

**Gholson Hotel Coffee Shop**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Toti

**Philadelphia Navy Yard Reaches New Peak of Employment**

By United Press  
PHILADELPHIA—Civilian employment at the Philadelphia Navy Yard has reached an all-time peak of 11,038. Under construction are the 35-

000-ton battleship Washington and two destroyers, the Rhind and the Buck. The 45,000 ton battleship North Dakota will be started shortly, and the keel of the mine-layer Terror will be laid this autumn.

During the World War, civilian employment in the industrial department reached a peak of 9,600 and the aircraft division 3,556, but not at the same time.

**Life Is a Fight---for 33-Ounce Baby**



Science rallied all its resources to fight for the life of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rickard of North Scituate, Mass. Born 11 months prematurely and weighing only 33 ounces, doctors gave her a 50-50 chance to live. She is pictured in her tent in a Providence, R. I., hospital, where she gets oxygen through the tube and is fed alternate "meals" of brandy and goat's milk every three hours.



**May This Be A Season Of Joy For You**

We would wish for you at this time abundance of good cheer and prosperity during the New Year.

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For Moving  
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**His Home In Wales A 57-Letter Word**

By United Press  
ALBANY, N. Y.—Second Officer Evan Rees of the British freighter Rudby hove to in Albany's deepwater port and said he was from Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogoch, Wales—57 letters and pronounced in one breath.

Geographers concede it is the world's longest place name. The Welsh village, in the United States, would be named something like "Smithville-by-the-Creek-near-the-old-West-Road-to-Grantsmond."

**Smaller Junk Heaps A Prosperity Sign**

By United Press  
LORAIN, O.—Service Director Paul Mikus, who judges the economic condition of the country by the condition of the city's rubbish, believes this city is on the way to recovery.

"The junk piles are smaller," he said. "That is because the people, having more money, buy less canned food and eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. Hence, fewer cans, smaller junk piles."



We wish it were possible to see each of you personally and extend our greetings for the holiday season, but that cannot be done, so we take this means of thanking you for your loyalty during the year just closing and to wish for you and yours a joyous Yuletide and material gains during the approaching New Year.

**VANCE BLAUSER**

Distributor  
**MRS. BAIRD'S BREAD**  
Ranger

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Blausser



**May Good Health — and — Happiness**

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And Happy New Year To All

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—and—

**A New Year of Happiness And Bounty**

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**Christmas Greeting**



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Bring the family in for that old fashion Christmas dinner and all that goes with it.

**PARAMOUNT HOTEL and COFFEE SHOP**

B. C. JOHNSON and All Employees



...MERRY CHRISTMAS... and a Happy New Year To All



**J. E. MERONEY, Wholesale Distributor**

Sinclair Station Operators and All Employees



SERIAL STORY

SANTA CLAUS BROWN BY MILDRED GILMAN

BY MILDRED GILMAN  
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YESTERDAY: Santa Claus Brown, awaiting the coming of his daughter, clings to life. Mrs. Brown lies to him about the girl's success. At the Carter home, Christmas happiness reigns when the children had their toys. Jerry offers Carter a job at the Palais Royale. Alice Banks comes in.

CHAPTER X

ALICE BANKS entered the Carter living room with her gifts for the children's Christmas. She stopped, amazed at the outlay of toys, even more amazed at the sight of Jerry.

Jerry went to her, took her in his arms under the mistletoe, and kissed her, tenderly. He spoke in a low voice, only for her ears.

"I almost killed Santa Claus—I've been trying to take his place ever since . . . finish up his job for him. Alice, he gave me a wonderful Christmas present—he brought me to my senses—he gave you back to me. God bless Santa Claus Brown!"

Betty stared at them, open-mouthed with astonishment.

"My teacher and Mr. Donaldson love each other! Mother, look!"

Mrs. Carter tried to divert Betty's attention back to her toys. The boys, desirous of love-making, paid no attention to the couple.

Jerry was so full of enthusiasm that he might as well have been alone in the room with Alice.

"Alice, when I take that job in dad's basement, will you struggle along with me? Furnish a little bungalow on installment—furniture from Donaldson's Palais Royale. Begin right at the bottom with me. We'll have to—pop's set on it."

"You're forgetting," Alice laughed, "I'm not social register enough for your mother."

Jerry kissed her again.

"It's time all of us took mom in hand and taught her a few plain facts about living," Jerry said.

"She'll be so tickled having her little boy Jerry behaving like a human being again—she'll forget

all about the social register. Underneath mom's human and sweet—you'll see, darling. Just take a chance. Leave it all to Jerry. We better go right over and wish 'em a merry Christmas. They've probably called every bar in the state, looking for me."

Betty handed Alice some sleighbells.

"Here's some wedding bells for you, Miss Banks," she said, and added wistfully, "Aren't you going to teach us any more?"

"You'd outgrow me in another few months anyway," Alice smiled. "You'll have other teachers, dear." She hugged the child.

They looked around suddenly to find Mrs. Deakin and "Deadbeat" Middleton standing in the doorway, looking astonished at the festive early scene in the Carter living room.

Mrs. Deakin quickly recovered her composure and addressed her audience.

"We've been at the hospital all night. Santa Claus Brown is—"

"You're standing under the mistletoe, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. Carter interrupted her quickly.

"Deadbeat" Middleton instantly rose to the occasion and kissed her. She blushed furiously.

"Looks like the Christmas spirit's taken possession of everybody," Mrs. Carter said, smiling.

"I think Santa Claus Brown had a finger-in all-of this. Run along you two love birds," she said turning to Jerry and Alice.

"Break the good news to your parents."

ALICE and Jerry ran out laughing, hand in hand.

Betty went to the window and looked out.

"I wish Santa Claus Brown was here," she sighed wistfully. "He always comes in Christmas morning and looks at our presents and shows us how to work things, and fixes 'em when we break 'em, and

"He's hurt," her father told her. "He had an accident. He had to go to the hospital."

There was a soft knock on the door, and Mrs. Brown entered slowly. Everyone greeted her.

"How's your husband, Mrs. Brown?" inquired Mrs. Carter.

"He's—just fine—" Mrs. Brown replied, with a far-away look.

"You mean, he'll—live?" cried Carter, and looked relieved.

"Oh, yes," nodded Mrs. Brown, "he'll live," and added, half to herself—"always."

"I'm glad Santa Claus Brown is all right," said Betty. "Daddy said he got hurt bad."

Mrs. Carter walked over to Mrs. Brown and put an arm around her.

"My Frances is coming in on the noon plane," Mrs. Brown told her.

"If Santa Claus Brown is all well and isn't going to die, why doesn't he come here?" Betty demanded with childish insistence.

"He always came here first thing Christmas morning. I want to show him all my presents. I never did get such wonderful presents before."

"Well, you see, dear," Mrs. Brown said softly, "he had to make a trip back to the North Pole."

"But Daddy said Santa Claus Brown was in the hospital—"

Betty began, and stopped short. The sound of sleighbells drifted in from the street outside.

Betty ran to the window and looked out. She peered up and down the street. She couldn't see Santa Claus, but she knew those must have been his sleighbells.

She knew Santa Claus Brown must have gotten up from his hospital bed, put on his Santa Claus uniform, and, once more his usual happy, jolly self, ridden away in his sleigh drawn by reindeer.

She was almost sure that she heard him call back, as his reindeer galloped north.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

(The End)

"OUT OUR WAY"

BY WILLIAMS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

1939 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



Dutch Artillery Tests Defense Power of Flooded Areas



Troop movements in northwestern Germany keep Holland on the alert with her flood defenses. A battery of Dutch artillery tests effectiveness of purposely inundated areas near the border.

Soy Bean Menu Is Offering Cereal And "Meat" and Beverage

By Carlton Price  
SHEVILLE, N. C. — It used to be that a self-respecting cow wouldn't eat the lowly soy bean unless it was exceedingly hun-

gry. But today this once-detestable food is being made to perform a variety of dietician functions at the home of Jay N. Judd. Judd is a farmer. He also is one of the growing battalion of men who have taken upon themselves the job of preaching the gospel.

"The soy bean is the greatest health food on earth. Eat it!" And Judd practices what he preaches. In some form, soy bean is the base—and after an embellishment—of three meals a day seven

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS

days a week in the Judd household. He's manufacturing about two dozen different products from the peanut-sized bean, and that's just a beginning of what he hopes to do during the next few months.

Judd says there's a "gold mine" for the Southland in this crop if the people can be convinced that the bean is good. Extensive consumption of the bean, he asserted, has greatly improved his health.

"Two years ago," he said, "I was a walking skeleton. Look at me now."

Today he could pass for a boxer or football player.

"Well," he continued, "I have soy bean to thank for it. I was really in bad shape. Then a friend of mine recommended a sort of drink made from extract of soy bean flour. I liked it so well that I decided to start making my own."

"There was an old automobile parked out in my garage that I didn't have any use for. So I rigged it up with a mill I'd bought and started feeding this contraption with soy beans I'd bought from farmers."

Since that time, hundreds of bushels of soy bean have passed through the mill making the flour from which a strange assortment of foods is derived.

"There's soy bean milk, for instance," Judd said. "Not only does it look like cow's milk but it actually curdles when it gets a few days old. From this milk my wife makes cottage cheese, butter, and several other things."

"Then there's soy bean oil. We use that for making mayonnaise, seasoning cakes, flavoring salads and ordinary cooking purposes."

Used as Malt Also

"Soy bean malt serves the purpose of standard malts. We have a soy bean breakfast cereal from which we make muffins. Our pancakes are made of soy bean flour."

"As a matter of fact, you can almost add 'soy bean' to everything we eat."

Even coffee is being made from the bean at Judd's home. Actually, it doesn't taste like coffee but—take it from the Judd family—it makes as tasty a beverage, hot or cold.

Soy bean—crushed and baked by his particular formula—often serve as the meat dish on Judd's table. Judd says it tastes like pork, "only it's better."

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



Friends and Lovers of the Kingdom

Text: Matthew 13:54-14:4; 15:29-31

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D.  
Editor of Advance

THE little hill town of Nazareth, something over 50 miles north of Jerusalem, has become the most famous little place in all history—unless, of course, one should except the village of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. But Bethlehem, despite its fame, was only incidental in the life of Jesus. His parents did not reside there, and, in fact, their presence there at the time of the birth of Jesus was that of travelers for whom there was not even room in the inn or in any proper place of accommodation.

They returned to Nazareth, their home, after the flight to Egypt, and it was here that the childhood and young manhood of Jesus were spent. Thus it is that, although we speak of "the Babe of Bethlehem," we speak almost invariably also of "Jesus of Nazareth" when we refer to His earthly life and mission.

NAZARETH ought to have been proud of a youth who showed such remarkable character and genius as Jesus displayed, when at the age of 12 he discussed the matters of religion with the best informed of Jewish religious leaders. They ought to have been proud of Jesus, when as a young man who had already begun His ministry He returned to His home town and, going into the synagogue which He had been accustomed to attend, taught them with words of wisdom.

They were, in fact, astonished at His teaching; but, far from rejoicing that one of their own town should be so remarkable, they resented His words and all that He did with the contemptuous questioning that small town people often have for the products of genius in their own communities, especially before the young geniuses have attained fame.

These people in Nazareth were not, after all, very much differ-

ent from the people in other communities. Instead of accepting Jesus for what He was and glorying in the fact that so unusual a youth should have come among them, they were astonished. They said: "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary?" They referred also to His brethren in a passage that gives us greater information than we have elsewhere about His family and home life of Jesus.

These people of Nazareth made the common mistake of judging from outside appearances. They had things all defined and labeled in their own minds, and when something outside the range of their experience and ideas happened they did not know how to judge its real worth.

It is a great gift to be able to appreciate men and events for what they are, without some determining label. The man who attains to conspicuous character and fame is not great because the world recognizes him; he is great because of what he is and what he does. It is a sad saying in our lesson that Jesus, the great wonder worker, could not do many mighty works in His own community because of the unbelief of His fellow townsmen and their hostile attitude.

These who were the neighbors of Jesus ought to have been the true friends of the Kingdom. But the Kingdom had other and more intense foes. There were those like Herod, the ruler of the region, who feared and opposed the Kingdom because the wrongfulness of their own lives was re-

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The heaviest budget-cutting yet seen under the New Deal is now being worked out between the White House and the budget director, according to reliable sources within the administration.

President Roosevelt wasn't fooling when he said he was going to slash expenditures next year. The blue- penciling now going on is raising howls of anguish all over town. Savings contemplated are said to run to hundreds of millions, with some of the most sacred of New Deal "pets" feeling the ax heavily.

As an indication that the President is really determined to cut, it is reported that even the Civilian Conservation Corps—apple of the President's eye, and one of the most widely-praised of all New Deal agencies—is going to take a substantial slash.

Another New Deal favorite is the National Youth Administration, which has \$100,000,000 to operate on this year. Reports are that it is going to have to get along on \$70,000,000 next. The Farm Security Administration, which got \$198,000,000 this year, has been warned to expect a reduction to about \$125,000,000.

WPA, spending \$1,477,000,000 this year, is also said to be in line for a slash, although the extent of the projected cut is not known.

Grants-in-aid made under the Social Security Board—sums allotted to the states for old age assistance, aid to the blind, and allotments for dependent children—are expected to be reduced by 10 per cent. For these grants this year there was appropriated \$278,000,000.

It is not only the emergency bureaus and agencies that are affected. Budgets for the regular departments are also being pruned heavily; a common question among under officials in the departments these days is, "How in

the world are we going to operate next year?"—indicating at least that the word has gone out to some ruthless cutting is to be done. Even such organizations as the old-line research bureaus in the Department of Agriculture, for instance, have been warned to expect reductions, and to plan the next year's work on the basis of completing all projects now underway but not to start any new ones.

One report has it that such bureaus are slated to receive less than in any year since pre-New Deal days. Incidentally, certain veteran government employees—"career" men who have been in service since before the New Deal—take such reports so seriously that they are now quietly looking for jobs elsewhere.

One thing that adds to the pessimism of the various bureau and department people is the fact that if these reductions are made by the White House they won't be able to squawk. When Congress proposes to slash the appropriation for a given department or agency, the officials involved can issue statements protesting that their essential work will be ruined. But if the President proposes the cuts, no one dares to say a word.

How far it will go is a question. Next year is an election year, and there is a tendency here to look on these reductions as campaign material. It is even suggested that they can be nullified by the simple process of having bureaus and departments simply go ahead and spend their whole year's appropriation in the first six or eight months, trusting to a deficiency appropriation—which would be voted after the election was over—to make up the difference.

Congress can checkmate that very easily, however, by stipulating the rate per month at which each appropriation may be spent. If it actually votes the reductions, and doubts the administration's willingness to abide by the result, it will probably do just that.

WILD LIFE

December 1 mark the opening of fur season in Texas. Many Texas boys will earn money by going into the field with their gun and dog and traps in an effort to lure the fur bearing animals into traps, and thereby mark the beginning of a successful fur season. It appears that the fur market will be as low as it was last year, and probably due to this fact, fewer boys will trap or take fur bearing animals.

Boys and men who expect to trap this year are warned to be sure and obtain a trappers license before setting the traps and having the furs in your possession. It is necessary for every person who traps regardless of age or where the furs are taken they must have a trapper's license. Fur buyers are warned not to buy furs from one who does not have a trapper's license.

It is against the law for one to have or catch beaver in this section of Texas, however, there are only a few. Other fur bearing animals found in this section of Texas are: skunk, opossum, mink, ring-tail, civet cat, weasel, fox, coon, wild house cat, few badger in the western section. Possum hides

may not be bought or sold this year due to the action of the past legislature in making the possum or wild animal a game animal. Other game animal hides may not be bought or sold.

\$33,000 Industry  
Last year during the two months of trapping season, December and January, the six counties that worked, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Callahan, Eastland and Erath, produced about \$33,000 worth of furs. How many industries in those counties netted that much in a two month period? It is really a big money deal and a resource that few people think of as profitable business. Let every one help keep it going.

Tuskegee Band Trip Halted by Warfare

By Lester F. Cox  
TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Twice a European war has come between the Tuskegee Institute band and a trip abroad.  
Back in 1917 plans were being made for the band to tour Europe, but the World War interfered. Negotiations were resumed last summer, but the new war broke out and negotiations were suspended indefinitely.



### Mabank Girl Is Winner of Contest With Safety Essay

WASHINGTON. — Margery McKeen of Mabank, Texas, is the winner of ten dollars and a silver medal which will be awarded to her by State Grange Master Ralph Moore of Granger, as first prize in the Texas Grange safety essay contest. The awards have been sent to State Master Moore by the Highway Education Board, which assisted in conducting the contest.

Miss McKeen's paper is titled, "Making Rural Communities Safe Through Grange Activities." The contest is a part of a nation-wide Grange program of highway safety through which the farm organization has sought to lower the toll of rural highway accidents.

After winning first honors in the state, the Mabank girl's paper was entered in the competition for national honors along with the winning essays from 34 other states. Other winners in Texas were Malcolm Collins, of Elmdorf, whose essay won second prize; Mabel Metzger of Converse, winner of third place, and D. F. Orts, Gonzales, fourth prize winner. They will be presented with bronze medals inscribed with their names.

The Grange safety essay contest is conducted annually by The National Grange in cooperation with the Highway Education Board, of which Thos. H. MacDonald, Commissioner of the Public Roads Administration, is chairman.

The contest this year was entered by Grange members less than 18 years of age in the more than 8,000 Subordinate Granges throughout the country.

The winning essay in each subordinate unit was sent to the state judges, who selected the best paper and submitted it to national judges for further elimination.

The judging committee, appointed by National Grange Master Louis J. Taber, this year selected Arthur W. Pryor, of Fredonia, Kansas, as the first prize winner in the national competition. Their decision was made before the official announcement of the state winners in order that Pryor might attend the national sessions of the organization in Peoria, Illinois, last month. In addition to the trip to Peoria, Pryor was awarded a gold watch.

Second prize in the national contest was won by Viola M. Grunow of Cologne, New Jersey, who received 50 dollars. Irma McGreevy of Hamilton, Ohio, took the 40 dollar third prize, and fourth and fifth awards of 30 and 20 dollars each, went to Donald Sinclair, Vista, California, and Forrestine Wallace, of El Reno, Oklahoma.

Incidentally, wasn't here another war somewhere along the Western Front?

### Electric Range Is A Baby Incubator

By United Press  
HAZELTON, Pa.—An electric range was pressed into service

when Patricia Adams, 8 1/2 pounds, was born. The afternoon was cold and the doctor, fearful of a biting wind, ordered the baby wrapped in blankets and held in front of the range.

The oven switch was turned to "preheat" and Patricia baked comfortably for a half hour in the arms of her grandmother. An Ohioan became mayor of his town by flipping a coin, which is probably how most voters cast their ballots.



### OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the New Year bring to each of you lots of happiness and cheer!

### MODERN COURTS

Mrs. H. E. Snyder and Family



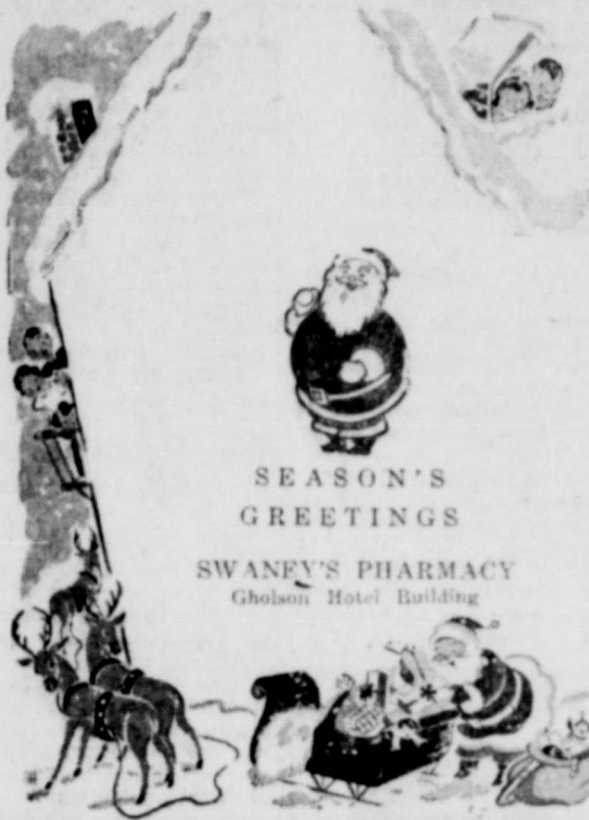
### Season's Greetings

and BEST WISHES to OUR FRIENDS

May this Christmas Be one of real joy and Happiness

### Mrs. Gay's Eat Shop

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

SWANEY'S PHARMACY  
Gholson Hotel Building

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO EVERYONE

"Peace On Earth

Good Will To Men"

Each year we hear this message and it brings gladness to our hearts. May peace and good will reign supreme in your heart at Christmas and may the New Year open its gates of happiness for you and yours.

### LLOYD L. BRUCE

"Life Insurance Service"



# A Merry Christmas Wish

## From Your County Officials and Court House Friends

From all angles, living among you has been a most grateful privilege and a pleasure. At this Christmas time we feel the spirit of your friendship and confidence and we sincerely trust that we can serve you with the sincerity of purpose that you demand of us as your public servants. There are no closed doors in our building and we are always glad to welcome you for any purpose and at any time of the day or hour.

May the spirit of Christmas stay with you throughout the coming year, and guide you to greater health, wealth, and contentment than you have ever known.

**GEO. L. DAVENPORT**  
Judge, 91st District Court

To all my friends—may this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to each and every one of you. And may the coming year be one of lasting joy.

**OMAR BURKETT**  
Representative, 107th District

May the kindly light of love and friendship lead us on through the Yule Holidays to happy years of good fortune and happiness for the rest of our lives.

**B. W. PATTERSON**  
Judge, 88th District Court

I wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless holiday cheer be ever yours. I am especially grateful for my faithful friends.

**JOHN WHITE**  
District Clerk

It is my hope that you may have a Christmas filled with the good things in life, including good health, abounding happiness and long-abiding prosperity.

**P. L. CROSSLEY**  
Representative, 106th District

It is a privilege for your County School Superintendent to greet you on this another Xmas. May you and yours enjoy an old fashion holiday and may peace and plenty be your portion on this occasion.

**T. C. WILLIAMS**  
County School Superintendent

To my many friends, young and old alike—I wish the season's greetings, with the hope that our friendships may increase throughout the coming year.

**LOSS WOODS**  
Sheriff, Eastland County

Well, folks, another year is drawing to a close and once again it's time for Santa. I join today in the wish that you may enjoy a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**EARL CONNER, Jr.**  
Criminal District Attorney

May the joy and happiness of this Christmas season hover over you throughout the coming year. I pledge myself to strive harder than ever to merit your confidence.

**DON PARKER**  
County Auditor

The good will of the Christmas season reminds me of your good will throughout the year. You have my heartfelt thanks, and best wishes for happiness, prosperity and success.

**W. S. ADAMSON**  
County Judge

ALL IS WELL . . . ALL IS BRIGHT . . . And from our hearts we wish you a Merry Christmas and joy and good will in everything you do. I am deeply grateful for your fine cooperation all during the past year.

**GARLAND BRANTON**  
County Treasurer

With the entire world happy in the deep joy of Christmas time, I add my greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

**HENRY DAVENPORT**  
County Commissioner



THE COURTHOUSE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF EASTLAND COUNTY WHO SERVED IN THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918





**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU**

**OUR BEST**

The wise men of the East come to worship the Christ Child and bring their most precious possessions. The best is none too good for their king. The best is none too good for our customers so we wish for them the best Christmas they have ever known and a New Year filled with the best things of life.

**WILLIAMS' HARDWARE**  
Addie Williams, Prop.



**Best Wishes**

Good health and cheer to you all

**It's Just An Old Fashion Christmas Greeting**

**OIL CITY PHARMACY**

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford and Nick

**Most Tattooed Man Finds New Picture On Body at Times**

PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—In case things get dull this winter, Joe Simmons always can grab a mirror and take a look at himself in search of new scenery.

Joe, you see, is one of the world's "most tattooed" persons. On his body—and even in his mouth—are 4,871 different tattoo designs. He admits he "finds a 'stranger' among them occasionally."

Joe is wintering here. He is in a circus. Meanwhile, he works at tattooing others. He admits he is pretty good at it.

"There's one thing about the new deal," Joe said. "It has made a friend of every tattoo artist. After social security popped up, you have no idea how many people came to us to have their social security numbers put on their bodies permanently. They didn't trust their memory or their ability to keep from losing their cards."

Joe says that once he tattoos anyone, that person stays tattooed. "It won't come off, no matter

what you hear about buttermilk treatments. Surgery, too, can't bother a real tattooing job." Joe has 100,000 designs to offer customers. He makes a good suggestion chart himself. Ripley counted all his 4,871 patterns. He even has one tattoo—a pot—inside his lower lip. It's the name, in Chinese characters, of Hu Man Lee, from whom Joe learned the ancient art.

Another is nothing short of magnificent. It's called "Sinbad the Sailor in the Valley of Jewels" and covers most of Joe's back.

Once Joe tattooed three large initials on a man's forehead.

"That was in Milwaukee," Joe said. "I didn't want to do it, but the man insisted. He said that if I didn't, someone else would. His explanation was that he simply wanted his own initials on his forehead, that it was his forehead to do with as he pleased."

"I still think they were a woman's initials."

**War Headlines of 1870 Like Today's**

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—Mrs. V. F. King read this in her morning Fort Wayne Gazette:

"War—Reported Outrages by the Prussian Army."

And under a Paris dateline: "The removal to a safe place of the masterpieces of the Louvre has begun. The precaution is timely. Are not invasions of barbarians always fatal to arts and their most beautiful productions?"

The newspaper was dated Aug. 29, 1870, and referred to the



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS**

And may the day be one of real joy and happiness.

Thanks for the nice business given us during the year.

**MODE O'DAY**  
Ranger's Fashion Center



**Merry Christmas To All...**

... Again it is Christmas, with the opportunity it affords us to express to you our appreciation for past favors and patronage. We appreciate the opportunity of serving you and in all sincerity wish for you a joyous holiday season with peace and happiness throughout the coming year.

**TEXAS DRUG STORE**  
Jack Chapman, Prop.

France-Prussian war. In one instance it differed from the current European conflict.

The Prince Royal of Prussia declared: "Prussia makes war against the Emperor and not the people of France. The People have nothing whatever to fear."

Both sides reported atrocities. Americans in France were reported organizing an ambulance corps to aid the wounded of both sides.



**Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year 1940**

We wish to express our gratitude to our friends and patrons for their loyal support during the past year and trust that we may continue serving you during the New Year.

**SCOTT STORES**  
J. W. Blair  
And Employees

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To Our Friends Everywhere

May this be the best Christmas you have ever had.

**Oilfield Ignition Co.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grigolett



**GREETINGS TO ALL**

The angels sang hymns on a night many years ago, after they had announced the birth of the one who would become king of the universe and bring everlasting peace.

In commemoration of this birth we want to greet you. May you have Peace and Joy untold throughout this Christmas Season.

**Milton George Service Station**  
New Highway Opposite Main Street Crossing

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



**Loads and Loads of Christmas CHEER**

**And Happiness Throughout the YEAR**

**MRS. YOUNG'S BEAUTY SHOP**

PHONE 56 MRS. MARY YOUNG PHONE 56



**May Christmas 1939 Be Jolly  
May The Year 1940 Be Bountiful**

We appreciate you and the patronage you have given us during the past. We strive to be worthy at all times of your loyalty.

**RANGER JEWELRY CO.**

J. D. Heyes Mrs. B. C. Johnson

**Your Family Needs It Every Day!**



**REMEMBERING YOU AT CHRISTMAS**

With the cheeriest greetings and friendliest thoughts that your Christmas will be the happiest you have ever experienced.

That your New Year will be one continuous blessing through it entirely.

We hope you will accept our humble service during the coming year. Your every wish gives us a greater desire and opportunity to serve.

**CLEMMER DAIRY**  
J. H. CLEMMER and SONS



**FIRESIDE WISH**

The Yule log is on the fire. Christmas carols are being sung outside. The family is gathered around the fireside. In the window the candle is giving a friendly glow to the outside world. The tree is lighted and gaily decorated... there are gifts and surprises for everyone. Surely a happier or more peaceful picture could not be found. While you are gathered may we enter with our short message and word of good cheer—

To each of you we are wishing a Christmas of abiding joy and New Year of abounding joy. May we also express our appreciation for your patronage during the past season. It is through your loyalty that we are able to go forward and continually improve our service to you and your friends.

FOR BIGGER and BETTER MEAT VALUES CALL

**A. H. POWELL GROCERY & MARKET**

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell  
Phone 103 We Deliver



**Merry Christmas**

To close our books for the year without expressing our appreciation for the business you have given us would be to leave a debt unpaid. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you and we hope we have done it well for to please you is our constant aim. May happiness, contentment and prosperity be yours in brimming measure throughout the Holidays and in the years to come!

A Citizen and a Taxpayer  
**COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**  
Alert and Eager To Serve You



**Firemen Are Delayed  
By Muddy Shoes**

By United Press  
ORILLIA, Ont.—Answering an alarm in the residential district,



**CORDIAL  
HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
On this happy occasion  
J. B. Houghton, Prop.


**Houghton's  
Repair Shop**



As the Star of Bethlehem  
shines so brightly, may  
its rays spread joy and  
happiness for you at this  
Christmas time.

**CITY-COUNTY  
HOSPITAL**  
Anna Belle Kinney  
Superintendent

**OUR WISH FOR YOU**



May the Light of Joy and Happiness  
Keep Shining for You and Yours

**BRAD'S CAFE**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bradford

**FLOWERS**

It's the time of year for gaiety, for beauty...  
and what could express the feeling better than  
flowers? Always welcome in any home, flowers  
are a gift that lives, a gift that will be long re-  
membered.

CALL 77—WE WILL MAKE EARLY DELIVERY  
AGAIN WE SAY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL

**RANGER FLORAL CO.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Surbrook

**Hearty Greetings  
Best Wishes**



To you who have been so kind and considerate  
throughout the year 1939, we give our very best  
regards. We feel that you are more than custom-  
ers, you are our personal friends. May our friend-  
ship continue and may you have happiness and  
prosperity through Christmas and the New Year.

**GHOLSON BEAUTY SHOP**  
Mrs. Grace Taylor, Prop. — Gholson Hotel

**THIS CURIOUS WORLD** By William Ferguson

**The WORLD WAR IN EUROPE CAUSED DUST STORMS IN AMERICA!**  
BECAUSE OF THREE-DOLLAR WHEAT, FARMERS BROKE THE SOIL ON ALL AVAILABLE ACREAGE, AND SET THE STAGE FOR WIND EROSION.



**WIZKOPPER**

**MAN HAS LEARNED TO MAKE RUBIES EXACTLY LIKE THOSE MADE BY NATURE, BUT THE PROCESS IS COMPLICATED, AND THE STONES NO LESS COSTLY.**

**WHAT IS A GIBBOUS MOON?**

ANSWER: One that is between half moon and full.

local firemen arrived at the house to be greeted by a 70-year-old woman, owner of the building, armed with a broom.

Each fireman, as he ran up to the front veranda was ordered to stop, raise feet and submit to them being carefully brushed free of mud before being allowed to enter the house. Fortunately, the blaze was a minor one and the delay did little damage.

**Churchgoers Bus Bars Discussions**

By United Press  
ABERDEEN, Scotland.—Religious arguments are barred on the "churchgoers special," a bus which carries members of three sects to their own churches in the village of Keiss, Caithness.

Members of the Free Church,

the Church of Scotland and the Baptist Church mingle sociably during the ride, but avoid discussing religious subjects.

**Ex-Teacher, Now 95, Writes to Former Pupil, Aged Only 88**

By United Press  
BYRON, Mich.—Mrs. Jennie Welch, 95, who taught school near here 75 years ago, received a letter from one of her students, Joseph Wyckoff, St. Louis, who now is 88 years old.

He was a boy of 13 when he sat in the little schoolhouse at Wood-hull Township, but he behaved himself so well that his teacher still remembers him.

"I heard he was living in St. Louis, so I wrote him, I hardly expected he would remember me, but he did, perfectly. He was a good boy."

**Heatless Light Is Nearer Jap Claims**

By United Press  
TOKYO.—A young Japanese laboratory worker-claims to have made substantial progress in the scientific quest for a method of producing heatless light.

Hirochi Nakamura, 29-year-old research worker in the botanical section of Tokyo Imperia University's science department, announced that he had discovered a nutrient that will prolong the life of luminous bacteria found in sea water.

He said that he had been able to prolong the light-giving period from 10 days to more than six months, and also to intensify the quality of illumination.

**Big Breakfast Is An Aid to Pupils**

By United Press  
CLEVELAND, O.—Thirty-four school children are being used in an experiment here which may eliminate "bolts-and-run" breakfasts—at least if Elizabeth O'Neill first-grade teacher, has anything to say about it.

After just one week of "regular"



**Best Wishes For A Yuletide of Joy And A New Year Of Prosperity**

We are interested in your welfare and happiness, and shall make it our goal to please you in 1940

**GHOLSON BARBER SHOP**  
209 Main Street



**LISTEN**

Tune in on our broadcast of good wishes for you and yours at this happy Yule season. May your New Year bring prosperity and happiness.

**Drs. E. R. and Berta Green CHIROPRACTORS**  
209 Main Street

**MERRIE-MERRIE**



**CHRISTMAS**

THE SONG OF CHRISTMAS TIME MAY CHANGE BUT THE MELODY LINGERS ON

We may give our Christmas greetings in different words and in different ways, but behind each expression is a word of sincere appreciation and good will.

May this holiday season to all Ranger bring just the happiness and joy that will bring sunshine and satisfaction to all is our wish for you.

**WESTERN AUTO STORE**  
S. O. Montgomery



**A Warm And Friendly Greeting**

We want this message to convey to you our heartfelt desire for your mirth and good cheer during this Christmas time, for your good health, peace and contentment during the New Year.

It has been a pleasure to serve you. That we may continue so is our wish.

Washing . . . Greasing  
Kelly Springfield Tires and Tubes  
Sinclair Products

**LOVE & CRAWLEY SERVICE STATION**  
G. C. Love, Manager  
Corner Pine and South Rusk . . . Ranger, Texas

breakfasts, children in her class gained one-fourth to two-and-one-half pounds.



**EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY**

Every day throughout the year we are wishing the very best for the general welfare of you and yours, and try to add what we can to your happiness by serving you the best we possibly can.

At this happy season we want to make an extra wish for your happiness and success

Our shop is equipped with only the latest appliances in beauty treatment; our operators are skilled and know their business.

**IZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP**  
Opposite Young School  
Izetta Smith, Prop.



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WE wish to pause in our happy Christmas celebration and say to our friends far and near that we are thinking of you and want to thank you for your patronage during the past and that we are looking forward to a continuation of friendship and association with you and yours. . . . .

May your happiness be manifold and untold blessings come your way through Christmas 1939 and the entire year 1940. . . . .

**WICHITA FALLS & SOUTHERN RAILROAD**  
MACK M. DUTTON, Local Agent  
Phone 70

**Especially For You and Yours--**

Who have favored us with your patronage and friendly business relations we extend our heart-felt appreciation and good wishes.

We confess a certain partiality toward our friends and patrons and the many others who have been so kind to us throughout the year nearing its end. We hope your Christmas will be replete with everything that will make you happy.

**ROBINSON GROCERY**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robinson and Employees



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**With Sincere Good Wishes For Joyful Christmas**

This year has been one of unusual pleasure for us because we feel that we have been better able to serve you than before. We feel that it is our duty to improve our service that our business might prosper and grow and that by making such improvements that are possible we may show our appreciation to our steadily increasing number of customers for their patronage. Knowledge leads us on in the quest of perfection, but realizing our short comings such as are always present in any human service we take this means of wishing you all the health, wealth, and prosperity the New Year affords.

**HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT COMPANY**  
Calvin Brown, Manager  
Ranger, Texas Telephone 140



