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SHORTAGE OF TRAINING PLANES FOR AIR CORPS BOTTLENECKS EXPANSION

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series on army expansion progress as observed during a recent army-sponsored aerial tour of key posts throughout Continental United States.

By JOHN A. REICHMANN
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—All young men won to the glamour of the air service—aristocrat of all military branches—find their way ultimately to the "West Point of the Air" at Randolph Field, Tex., where they are taught basic flying.

Most of the cadets come from 18 private training schools where they have received 65 hours of elementary pilot training. The number of such schools soon will be increased to 29.

In this connection, the army is now conducting tests with youths who received their elementary training under the Civil Aeronautics Bureau to determine whether they, too, have sufficient preliminary work to make them eligible for Randolph Field training. It is believed that with a few minor changes the CAB training might do very well.

But in any case there is no lack of men to build up the proposed expanded air force. The army's worry is over the number of planes available for the task ahead. Possible future engine shortages seem the most likely handicap.

The present schedule calls for the training of 7,000 pilots in the fiscal year ending next June. The rate is expected to be stepped up even before this time to 12,000 a year. But to do this planes are needed.

At present the army concedes it has not enough basic training planes at Randolph Field. The number of men being trained per ship is above what they consider desirable. They have developed a relay system whereby maximum use is made of available planes.

When the young cadet arrives at his flight stage in the morning he looks at a chart. He sees just when he gets his plane, whether he is to be accompanied by an instructor or to solo. He is at or in his plane at the moment his flying time begins.

If he is due to go up later, he spends the intervening time in class. But when he lands at the end of the class period, he is ready and waiting to take it. Each plane is used between three hours and forty-five minutes and three hours and fifty minutes out of each four hours—the length of morning and afternoon training periods.

The cadet's basic training plane at Randolph—the BT-14—replaces the slow-going elementary commercial plane which he used in the previous 65 hour flight hours he had. It is a low wing monoplane of 400 horsepower which will do 170 miles an hour, is capable of loops, slow or snap rolls and Immelman turns. Each cadet must learn to execute these as well as to become familiar with the 60 gadgets on the instrument panel.

He must learn to read maps, fly cross country and obey orders. Each infraction of rules through his own fault is marked in stars against his name in the classroom. For each star he is fined 25 cents. The kitty is used at graduation time to give a party for the class.

On conclusion of his course, the cadet goes to Kelly Field nearby to be schooled in the army plane in which he will specialize—bomber, pursuit, observation, etc. Shortly the schedule will be changed so that he will go to his troops at once and receive this training there.

In anticipation of speeding up of the pilot training program, 11 new commercial schools will soon be given training contracts by the War Department. The basic school will then have to enlarge its school, but by then, officers hope, new training planes will be available.

The basic training school ultimately will accommodate 1,000 cadets at a time, in classes of 500 each. New classes will be spaced five weeks apart in the training period of ten weeks.

(NEXT: The Cavalry).
"DECORATION" PAINFUL
SAN FRANCISCO—John Paul, 18 months old, had some ideas of his own relative to "interior decorations." He swallowed a half package of his mother's best smoking dye. His face was sunken and his legs dark purple on the outside. With the aid of a stomach pump, his face returned to normal pink.

The Leaven of Christmas

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

In such words the angel reassured the trembling shepherds, that night in Judea so long ago when they were overcome by the glory of the holy night.

"On earth peace, good will toward men."

To untold missions across the world today those words must have a hollow and miserable ring. On earth peace—when there is no peace? Good will toward men—when men are killing and bombing and maiming?

Where is the good will, where the peace? Have men made a mockery of his promise, which came to them from a more-than earthly source so many years ago?

Blame the men, then, not the promise. For the earth is good, and productive, and splendid for men to live upon. Peace has been offered them; peace they could have, for the taking. But they would not have it. Good will toward men is nullified if there is no good will among men, and between men.

Christmas comes again, offering its bright promise of peace and good will. It is too much to hope that men throughout the world will accept it at its face value and instantly upon the midnight cease their warring and hating and killing.

But each and every man, woman, and child can, in some little private corner of his heart and soul, reflect some glow of the glory that night in Bethlehem.

Our own land is still at peace; here we can still strive for increasing grace and good will, for tolerance and understanding and love. Is there no ill will among us to be overcome, even to one another as countrymen? Let good will begin there to grow and spread like the leaven "which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

So with the precious leaven of Christmas-time, with its promise of peace and good will. Until that leaven has perished utterly, as long as men turn even for a day to Christmas and its promise, the world need not abandon hope that it will turn again to good will and peace.

250 BOXES OF GROCERIES ARE GIVEN NEEDY

The Christmas Cheer Fund was swelled to \$572.66 Tuesday afternoon by donations totaling \$22.75. It was reported by Lee Dockery, chairman of the drive.

At the same time Fire Chief G. A. Murphy, in charge of distribution of the boxes of groceries, reported that approximately 250 boxes, each containing 14 items, had been delivered. It was anticipated that several more boxes might be delivered to some families that had been overlooked in the final check-up today.

Contributions reported Tuesday included:
R. Y. Lindsey 50
John Kinde 2.00
A Friend 25
D. C. Singleton 1.00
Miss Joe Charette 1.00
H. Wilson 1.00
C. B. Osteen 1.00
W. H. Gay 1.00
Max Ohr 1.00
A. E. Crawley 1.00
Charles Sneed 1.00
Church of Christ 12.00

NO CHRISTMAS LETUP IN EUROPEAN WAR IS SEEN; BOTH SIDES PUSH FIGHT

Australians Like Fight In Libya a Reporter Finds

By RICHARD D. McMILLAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BEFORE BARDIA, Dec. 24.—Manned lines of British land and naval artillery today formed a flaming ring around Italians trapped at Bardia which are pounded day and night by British forces building up to a final attack on the ports.

The British attack on beleaguered Bardia was intensified following the arrival of fresh batteries of artillery and re-enforcements of infantry.

British Men of War off the coast and the British batteries ashore gave Bardia no respite from attack.

From an arid, windswept and dust-covered plateau, I watched the battle for Bardia throughout yesterday and well into the night. British shells fell with unerring accuracy upon pillboxes, trenches and gun positions outside and on the fringes of the town, from which shafts of flame from time to time showed the activity of Italian artillery.

The town itself threw up a pall of yellowish smoke which, with the dust and fumes from British artillery, obscured a flawless blue sky.

Some Italian shells dropped within the British lines, but the only damage came when 30 Italian bombers and fighters flew over the British artillery positions and dropped bombs, causing a few casualties. The guns were not harmed and they continued to fire into the Italian positions.

The Italian Savoia bombers remained over the British lines only a matter of seconds and then disappeared, pursued by British fighters.

Leaving the rubble and debris of what once was Fort Capuzzo behind me I walked down a road towards the front line.

I spoke to Australians in a small, isolated outpost burrowed in sand beside the road. As we talked a lot of Australian artillery moved up.

"We Australians have been waiting a long time to get into this fight," one said. "We have been sweating on it."

Other Australian units were moving up quickly from the rear to join in the battle for Bardia. I saw long convoys of artillery, tanks and anti-aircraft guns. Every Australian wore a broad smile and gave the "thumbs up" greeting with real gusto.

I had reached the front lines before Bardia after 150 miles of travel by motor car through the old British lines in Egypt and then across 60 miles of what had been no-man's-land.

We traveled an almost trackless desert through thick clouds of sand. First there the ruins of Sidi Barrani and then of Sollum.

Sollum was a heap of ruins. Every house showed signs of the deadly accuracy of British naval gunfire. Ruined walls still carried inscriptions in praise of Premier Benito Mussolini, Italy and King Victor Emmanuel.

There were no civilians left in Sollum. But there were plenty of British troops. They looked as though they had been working in a flour mill, so coated they were with desert sand.

A well-known American war correspondent and I bathed in the sea before the ruins of Sollum.

From Sollum we took the road leading over the desert escarpment and crossed from Egypt into Libya.

On all sides we saw portions of the abandoned Italian war machine—cannons, small arms and anti-aircraft guns. They had been scattered in great profusion. Wrecked airplanes littered what once had been Italian airdromes.

Fort Capuzzo had been blasted from the earth. Little remains except an Italian eagle on a memorial. There was a shell hole in its breast. As I write the guns on land are roaring, and out at sea warships are moving up to give Bardia another dose of British naval marksmanship.

HICKOK PARTY HELD
The annual Christmas party for the employees of the Hickok companies in this section was held at the Cisco Country Club Monday evening at 7:30.

The program included sound pictures, dancing, specialty numbers and refreshments. One hundred and fifty or more attended.

A warring Europe paid little heed today to Pope Pius' pre-Christmas plea for peace based on justice, friendship and economic collaboration as Germany and Britain exchanged blows by air and the British and Italians continued to fight in Libya.

Great Britain tensely prepared against the possibility of a Christmas invasion, which the German high command had warned would be launched whenever Hitler gives the word.

The Pope, speaking by radio from the Vatican, had reflected the sorrows of the nations at the traditional time when good will and good cheer usually prevail, but he offered five principles for ending the hatred, injustice, mistrust and defiance of the moral precepts.

Only a few hours before he spoke tremendous blasts of death-dealing bombs had fallen as the Royal Air Force plunged over German invasion ports on the French coast, as German bombers continued to mark the British Christmas with heavy raids, renewing the big-scale attacks on Manchester, southern towns and raids on a coastal town that was believed to be Portsmouth.

Meanwhile a Christmas message went out to the German people from General Field Marshal Walter Von Brauchitsch, who termed the English Channel as a wall of water that will protect Britain "so long as it suits us." He said that just as the Maginot Line protected France only until the Nazis could seep through the Low Countries, so the channel would prove a defense for Britain only so long as the German people willed it to be.

German troops, the commander said, are "burning" to come to grips with the British and they will, when the Fuehrer gives the order.

Dr. Paul Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, also broadcast to German children who have been evacuated in immense numbers from German industrial cities.

"This is bad," he told the children in his talk, and told them they could not go home for Christmas. "We can only limit your sacrifices," he added.

In the Mediterranean British artillery naval guns laid down an unceasing barrage on the Italian base at Bardia, but no definiteness was received of any British advances further into Libya in the direction of Tobruk or Derna.

Roosevelt Says It Won't Be a Merry Christmas For All

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"It can't be a merry Christmas this year," President Roosevelt said at dusk this evening, "but it can be a happy one if men and women resolve to strive for a more peaceful and a better world in the Spirit of Christ."

Michigan Helping Aliens to Prepare To Become Citizens

LANSING, Mich.—The state department of public instruction has a new program of adult education under way in an effort to intensify citizenship training.

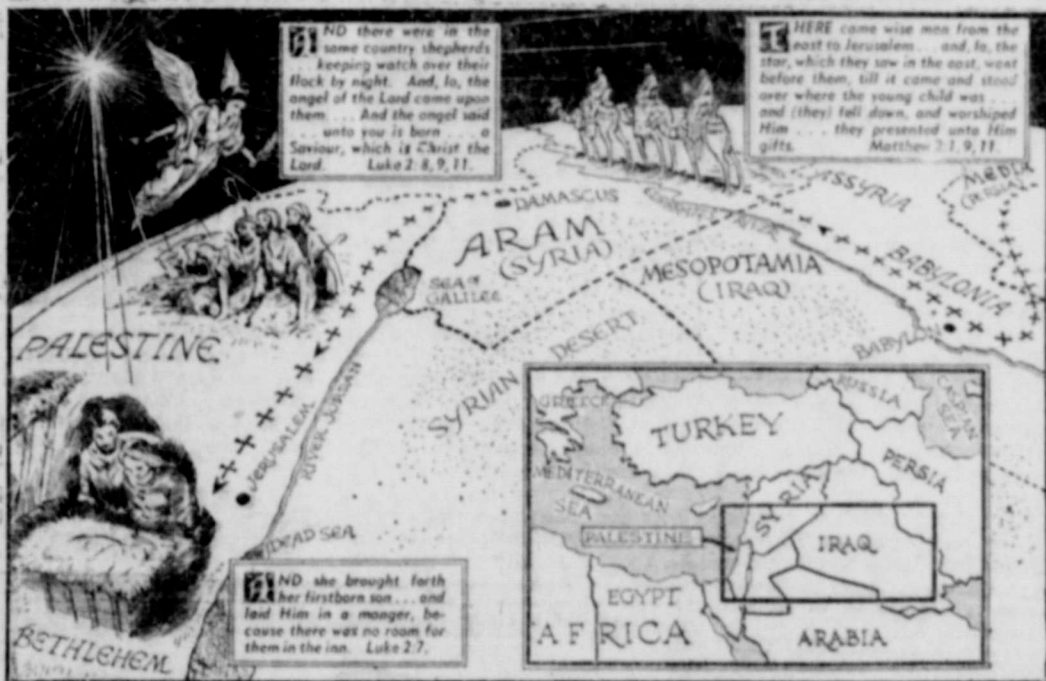
Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent of public instruction, issued a bulletin to all school administrators to cooperate fully with the education division of the Works Progress Administration in sponsoring citizenship classes for aliens who would be cut off from employment if they did not have their final papers.

"Recent developments excluding aliens from certain government work and from some private employment has precipitated a new problem," Dr. Elliott said. "Many aliens have never been given a chance, in our educational system, to become citizens."

"In times of emergency, it is not enough that we become cognizant of a lack of instructional services but rather, that we set into motion machinery to discover the citizenship needs in the communities and make use of all educational services available—local, state and national."

He said cooperation of the WPA education division would be sought and co-sponsorship secured to provide accommodations for the classes and resources necessary for such a program.

Christmas Story Map Follows Wise Men's Trail



Geography played a part in the Christmas story, for the trail taken by the Three Wise Men to the scene of the Nativity at Bethlehem was across the desert and oil lands of our modern Near East. Picture map shows the route of their journey from the land of Media, now Persia.

War News Mingles With Pealing Bells Over Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25.—War news blaring from a loudspeaker in the public square mingled ironically with the sound of the bells of the Church of the Nativity on Christmas Day as they peal out a message of hope to a warring world—hope of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Although the sounds of battle are on other fronts, war restrictions make this Christmas almost entirely a local observance. Again this year, very few of the pilgrims, who once thronged this hamlet where Christ was born, will be able to come here to worship.

The Holy Land is not in the war zone, but air raid warnings stand by siren sounders, strict blackouts are observed, and as a constant reminder of the conflict, exiled soldiers of Czechoslovakia, Poland and France stroll about the streets.

The Pilgrims who are here will journey afoot, astride donkey or by bus the five miles from Jerusalem past the Tomb of Rachel and the shore of the Dead Sea to the Courtyard of the Nativity.

Carols will be sung in all European languages until the start this afternoon of the Pontifical Mass, which will be celebrated by Luigi Barlassina, the Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land. His retinue will appear far more Anglo-Saxon than a year ago and Italian priests and nuns will be conspicuously absent.

The Christmas Eve ceremony proper will begin later in the evening back of the Church of the Nativity.

Just before midnight, high mass will be started. The bells will ring out as the sacred day arrives and at the climax of the ceremony the curtain above the tabernacle will be withdrawn, revealing a figure of the Christ Child as the assembly intones: "Blessed be He who cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest."

The crowd will prostrate itself as the Patriarch raises the figure and leads the way down the narrow stairs to the Holy Crib, where tradition says the Son of God lay in a manger. Smoky lanterns will light the Crib. The Star of Bethlehem in the pavement is illuminated by an everlasting flame.

The Patriarch will place the little figure reverently in a manger and mass will be repeated. More masses will be celebrated until Christmas Day is over.

Hawaiian Volcano To Become Fort

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—Hawaii's famed Punch-Bowl, an extinct volcano overlooking the city to the east, soon will be fortified with a battery of four 155-millimeter guns, it was learned today.

Not since the reign of King Kamehameha III, who hauled a brace of muzzle-loaders there in 1843 when the English seized the islands, had the punch bowl been fortified.

Not since the reign of King Kamehameha III, who hauled a brace of muzzle-loaders there in 1843 when the English seized the islands, had the punch bowl been fortified. Maj-Gen. Fulton Gardner said the fortifications was a "routine step" in the Hawaiian Islands' expanding defense.

Lindbergh Praises Stand of Committee On Aid to Britain

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charles A. Lindbergh said today that the statement made yesterday by William Allen White has "given us new hope for a United America at a time when union is essential."

White, yesterday, said his Aid Britain Committee is opposed to America's entry into the war, repeal of the neutrality act, or sending Americans to fight in Europe.

Two Gunmen Held In Kidnaping of 5 After a Gun Battle

DUNCAN, Okla., Dec. 24.—The county attorney filed an armed robbery charge against two men today, after a gun battle in which they had both been superficially wounded before their capture.

Jess LeRoy Jones and William Silas McGee were captured here after they had allegedly kidnaped five persons in a wild dash across Northern Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

Turkey Shortage Is Felt At Houston

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—The worst turkey shortage in history hit the Christmas tables here today.

Wholesalers, retailers and farmers reported there were few birds available and that the supply had been exhausted by early afternoon Tuesday.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy with variable high cloudiness Wednesday, becoming cloudy in southwest portion. Little change in temperature.

New British Ambassador To U.S.



Lord and Lady Halifax Leaving Parliament.

Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary since before Munich, is to be the new United States Ambassador from Great Britain. He replaces Lord Lothian, who died in Washington recently, and will arrive in this country after the first of the year.

Small Suburb Ready For A World Crisis

AUDUBON, N. J.—This small suburban borough is ready—almost to a man—for any international crisis that may develop. One hundred and fifty men

and women have enlisted in the Audubon Home Defense and Auxiliary Movement and are receiving military, first aid and home economics training. A squad of nearly 100 men, ranging in age from 17 to 65, drills once a week on the high school athletic field under a retired army sergeant.

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Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

All Together, Now—Pull!

Speculation about the American defense effort may now be put aside. We have the verdict of the man best qualified to know. And his verdict is "Not good enough."

William S. Knudsen, production member of the Defense Commission, has made, so to speak, his report on the first six months of the arms production program. And his considered verdict is that, particularly in the vital field of airplane production, we have fallen 30 per cent short of the goal.

The basic reason for this shortcoming, Knudsen says, is that industry and labor, "the two most important elements," have not been "sold" on the gravity of the situation.

Knudsen believes that there are certain fields in which the only way a marked and immediate increase in production can be shown is by working six or seven days a week instead of five. When such specific situations are uncovered, it should be done. There are plants not yet working three shifts which can be placed on this basis. Every situation is its own problem, with varying degrees of urgency and varying degrees of unused productive capacity. It seems certain that more centralized power must be established to iron out quickly specific kinks in the production line.

This does not mean that all social gains of shorter hours and better conditions must be thrown down the drain at once. But the power to increase the pressure at certain points where the bottlenecks are narrow must be granted soon. The situation has become such that unused capacity can no longer be tolerated.

Knudsen is dead right when he says that the public generally is 100 per cent behind the defense effort. And he is right again when he says that "the only way to get this program going is to get a concerted effort and a cooperative effort—an incentive fired with the spirit of sacrifice from everybody from the bench to the manager's desk."

It is not too much to say that the whole future of free government hangs on what the United States is able to accomplish during the next six months. We believe that the American people are prepared to make any required sacrifices to win through on this front, provided that the sacrifices are evenly distributed.

The armament effort is the joint effort of all the American people, not of classes or groups. It is for their joint safety as a people.

They have never failed before to do what was necessary to be done. They will not fail today.

Corset production in England is to be cut 50 per cent. Anyway you look at it, the women get a lacing.

War is a gamble and a lot of countries are going to find out that gambling debts are hard to pay.



Season's Greetings!

FOR THOSE WHO APPRECIATE THE BEST—

We want to wish for you the best Christmas you've ever known and may you have a prosperous and happy new year. We will give you our best in service during the coming year.

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The Night Before Christmas



Perils Are Few To Test Plan Pilot

By United Press
WICHITA, Kas.—The life of a test pilot is not half as dangerous as the general public believes, Martin Brown, nationally known test pilot, said in an interview here.

In fact, technical knowledge and its application are as large a part of his job as is the actual flying of newly turned out planes. Brown pointed out that the test pilot's job starts when the plane is being assembled. The pilot must check each part as it goes into its place. When the plane is completed, the pilot then re-checks for flaws.

In this re-check, Brown said, the motor is tested, gasoline oil lines examined, controls are tried, the landing gear is checked for efficiency, radio and electrical systems must be in first class shape and last, the propeller is tested.

Flaming Peril Is Risked By Man To Save His Peg Leg

By United Press
TULSA, Okla.—Eli Reynolds' house caught fire and he was badly burned when he rushed back into the flames to save his leg.

The leg, an artificial one, Reynolds carved in his spare time to replace one which he considered too heavy for comfort. When his house blazed, the only thing he worried about was that leg.

He was trapped in the burning house and neighbors dragged him to safety after hearing screams.

Reynolds is a 63-year-old former cowpuncher. He lost his right leg in New Mexico 33 years ago when cattle rustlers shot him in a gunfight.

He was out in the yard "boiling potatoes with the packets on" when he saw the fire sweeping his house. "I rushed in," he said. "When a man sees all he's got going up in smoke, you can't keep him out. I don't know what happened next."

As for the leg—I'll make me another one.

planes, Brown said: "It is not the intention of the test pilot to try to tear the plane to pieces, but to check its airworthiness and to put it through maneuvers that will exceed the strain on parts in the hardest commercial flying."

The usual test for commercial planes includes steep banks, stalls, short dives and barrel rolls.

At the completion of the instrument check, the plane is ready for its performance test, in speaking of testing commercial



At this Yuletide season we are happy to again send our Greetings and Best Wishes for All Happiness and Success for Each and Every One of You!

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But rather, we're wishing for you an old fashioned Christmas of Good Health, Good Cheer and Prosperity.

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SPEAKING OF LASTING-

Just as the spirit of Christmas lasts from year to year and each day through the year, our wish for your success and happiness is not merely for the holiday season but one that lasts throughout the year.

GOOD CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ALL OF YOU!

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Greetings and Best Wishes To All of Our Friends and Customers

At this season when the spirit of Christmas is in all our hearts, we realize how much we depend on your loyalty and patronage for the success of our business. With a heart full of gratitude we give you our unbounded good wishes for a

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Here's Wishing You A Very, Very Merry Christmas!

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to continuing that service.

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BEST WISHES

We are happy to have had the opportunity of serving you. The pleasure it has given us has been a rich reward. May the Holidays bring Good Cheer, Peace and Happiness.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell and Employees

Society Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deckery left Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones have as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sullivan and son, Richard, of Levelland; Mr.

and Mrs. John Sunrall and daughter, Donna Rae, of McCamey; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hasenfus of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheelon of Dallas.

Ted Spaulding of Gordon is a medical patient in the City-County Hospital.

M. A. Glenn is critically ill in the City-County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Heatley and daughter, Miss Mary Katherine,

Sioux Chief Now 'Corporal Bear'



Meet a real 100 per cent American soldier. He's Standing Bear, hereditary chieftain of the Sioux Indians, whose father participated in the Custer massacre. Standing Bear is a corporal in the 163rd U. S. Infantry, composed almost exclusively of men of Indian blood.

He and Mrs. Stanley McAnelly, are Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones.

Jerry Cramer of Strawn, who recently underwent surgery at the City-County Hospital is improving.

Adrian Pounds, who has been a patient in the City-County Hospital, was dismissed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Thomas left Tuesday to spend Christmas in McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill left Tuesday for a visit in Fort Worth and other points.

Mrs. Ed McGown of Amarillo is the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. K. S. Jones.

Misses Catherine and Dorothy Brown of Austin will arrive this afternoon to be the guests of Miss Catherine Jane Conley.

Miss Wanda Choate of Oden is a patient in the City-County Hospital.

J. W. Ligon of Eastland is a patient in the City-County Hospital.

Mrs. E. R. Hohert of Eastland was dismissed from the City-County Hospital, Monday.

Buddy Vinson is a medical patient in the City-County Hospital.

Ralph Glover is a patient in the City-County Hospital.

Felton Harbin is a patient in the City-County Hospital.

W. C. McFadden and Floyd Smith, who have been patients in the City-County Hospital were dismissed Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Thompson and children, Tommy and Penny, of Kilgore are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan of Dallas are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews and daughters, Jane and Ann.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Shirey of Midland are Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Downtain.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stafford left Monday to spend Christmas in Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crews and children, Joann and Billie, are spending the holidays in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. John Hamilton of Midland is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport.

Mrs. J. E. Blaylock of Midland is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jay.

Selected 'Miss Fashion Future'



Whose flocks of New York's most beautiful models gave her strong competition, but comely Frances Frodden, above, won out—and is now the city's "Miss Fashion Future of 1941." In contest sponsored by the Fashion Group, she'll compete with Miss Fashion the national title.

WISHING YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

At Christmas time we review the past years and count our blessings again. Our greatest asset has been your friendship, and we take special pleasure in this greeting as a small token of our appreciation of you and your good will.

There are so many things we would like to say to each of you—personal wishes created by our mutual friendship. These things are in our heart and you will know that this simple greeting covers them all.

We sincerely wish that this Christmas may bring you Peace, Prosperity, Health and Happiness in fullest abundance.

KILLINGSWORTH'S



... and we mean just exactly that—"Merry Christmas!" May the fire on your hearth glow more brightly because of the happiness your friendship has brought to us in the past. And may the joys you so richly deserve be many and lasting.

CLARKE MOTOR CO.

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A merry, Merry Christmas to everybody! May this joyful season find you blessed with the presence of your loved ones, happy in your work, secure in your home, ambitious for the future and full of the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day in the year.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

We appreciate the fine patronage that you have given us during the year and we hope that we may continue to serve you.

We are grateful, too, for this great land of ours in which it is possible to observe this great Christian occasion.

May the full significance of the day and all that the spirit of Christmas means, fill your lives today.



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MERRY

Christmas

TO YOU

MOST cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve—and it is with all sincerity and gratitude . . . that we wish you all the joys of this merry and festive Holiday Season

MAY it bring you good cheer, peace and every happiness to abide in your heart.

TO ALL—near and far—"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!"

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Mrs. Jane Carver	R. B. Stroud
Mrs. Jack Urban	Johnny Allen

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Special network of 33 Texas stations has been created to broadcast the game

between Amarillo and Temple for the University Interscholastic League's 1940 Football Championship of Texas. This is the largest network ever created in Texas to broadcast a single football game. The game will be played in Dallas, at the Cotton Bowl, Saturday, December 28. The kick-off has been scheduled for 2:00 P. M., and the net-



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Bowl fans will see plenty of these players in the major games on New Year's Day. Left to right: Bob Sufritze, outstanding guard in the Tennessee line, faces Mission College in Sugar Bowl at New Orleans; Len Eshmont, shifty Fordham back, opposes Texas A. & M.

at Dallas Cotton Bowl; Roy Petch will be at quarterback for Nebraska Cornhuskers in Rose Bowl tilt with Stanford; and Augie Lin, Georgetown's great guard who will see action against Mississippi State Bulldogs in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

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FIRST—rub throat, chest, and back with Vicks VapoRub at bedtime.
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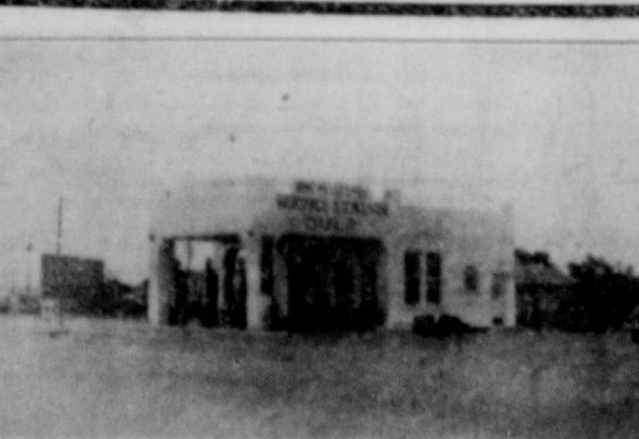
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GREETINGS TO OUR MOST OF FRIENDS—

To you who have made possible the growth of our business by your friendship and trade we extend a wish that is sincerely given that you may have a Christmas of joy and cheer and a SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

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Raymond Eakins, Prop.



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ROY McCLESKEY SERVICE STATION

PHONE 567

Dec. 31 Deadline For Application for Parity Payments

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—With only a few thousand cotton parity payment applications not yet signed by cooperating farmers, AAA officials this week re-work will go into operation at 1:50 P. M., with Vee Box giving pre-game color and activities. Play-by-play narration will be given by Cy Leland. The game may be heard locally over KRLD and KGGK.

Whistling Arrow Is A Forefather Of The Screaming Bomb

CHICAGO. — The dreaded "scream" bomb had as its antecedent "Manchu bodyguards" to frighten people off the streets as the emperor rode by, according to C. Martin Wilbur, of the Field Museum.

Hunter Misreads A Sign At A Farm

HASTINGS, Mich.—Michigan conservation officers found a hunter who, without heed to who might be watching, was tearing a sign from a post.

Coventry Is Not Worse Than Texas Highway Shambles

AUSTIN, Tex.—The shambles of Coventry and Polesmouth have nothing on Texas, Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, observed today in announcing that the automobile blitzkrieg has virtually shattered the state's two-year record of decrease in traffic deaths.

Urges A Traffic Court for Bicycles

LE ROY, N. Y.—A bicycle traffic court may be established here to provide "better enforcement" of bicycle rules and regulations set up by village trustees a few years ago.

Army Prefers the Range Horse for Its Cavalry Units

TONASKET, Wash.—Shades of the old horse-trading days of the West were revived here when army officers came to this little cattle-range town to buy horses for the cavalry.

Lieut. Col. William H. Dean of the remount station at San Mateo, Cal., supervised the purchasing activities and acted as final judge of the animals that were brought from near and far by ranchers and cattlemen of the United States and Canada.

CANBERRA, Australia.—The Federal government has launched a program to make Australia self-sufficient for all drugs procured from plants. These include opium and its derivatives, strychnine, quinine, chinchona and ephedrine. Four hundred and fifty acres have been planted in poppies alone for the country's opium needs.

Greetings

Greetings for a very happy Christmas. We wish you joy as unremitting as the good will that has marked our mutual respect through these years.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Just to thank our friends and customers for their continued good will and patronage—and to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity.

Officers and Employees of the

COMMERCIAL STATE BANK

Crime Is Unusually Light at Christmas Season, Chief Says

The week before Christmas has been unusually free of crime, Chief of Police Guy Pledger stated Tuesday, with not a case of splitting or petty theft of

packages from automobiles being reported during the rush shopping season. This is unusual, Chief Pledger stated, as there are usually from one to half a dozen shoplifting cases reported and investigated, and thefts of packages from cars usually runs higher during the Christmas buying season than at any other time. The boys have been unusually good about shooting fireworks in the main business section of the

town, Pledger stated. He said that when fireworks first began to make an appearance the boys who had them were warned not to shoot them in the business section of town. With few exceptions the boys obeyed the warnings. A large number of firecrackers have been shot already this year, many in the downtown area, but in all but a few instances the boys have gone to nearby alleys or have gotten well out of traffic before shooting them. In past years there have been a number of minor injuries caused by fireworks being shot in crowds on Main Street, but none were reported this year, Pledger said.



Wider Training In Army Is Forseen

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Rep. James W. Wadsworth, Geneseo Republican and co-author of the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Act, envisions a time when every young American will receive military training "as part of life's education."

Describing the selective service measure as "temporary," Rep. Wadsworth believes a permanent system of compulsory military training is needed to fill "the last gap in a realistic policy in line with principles advocated by Washington and Jefferson."

"Under the national defense act of 1920," he explained, "only the problem of recruiting was left unsolved, other provisions for military action being provided in skeletonized form. If Congress makes some form of selective service permanent, it will mean that every young man at a certain age will take training as part of life's education."

System Ready To Check Ohio River

CINCINNATI, O.—A radio-telegraph system to keep communications open in time of flood and other emergencies in the

SOLAR ORB

HORIZONTAL

1 Solar orb.
4 It is a heavenly body.
10 New England (abbr.).
11 Type standard.
12 Parts of locks.
13 Reverence.
14 Hooked projection.
16 Broth.
18 Corrupt.
19 Grieved.
20 Withered.
21 Senior (abbr.).
22 Earth.
24 Noun ending.
25 Organ of vision.
27 Saucerlike dishes.
29 Weapon.
30 Mast.
32 Kite end.
34 Punishable with death.
37 Aspect.
39 Long poems.
40 Gold quartz.

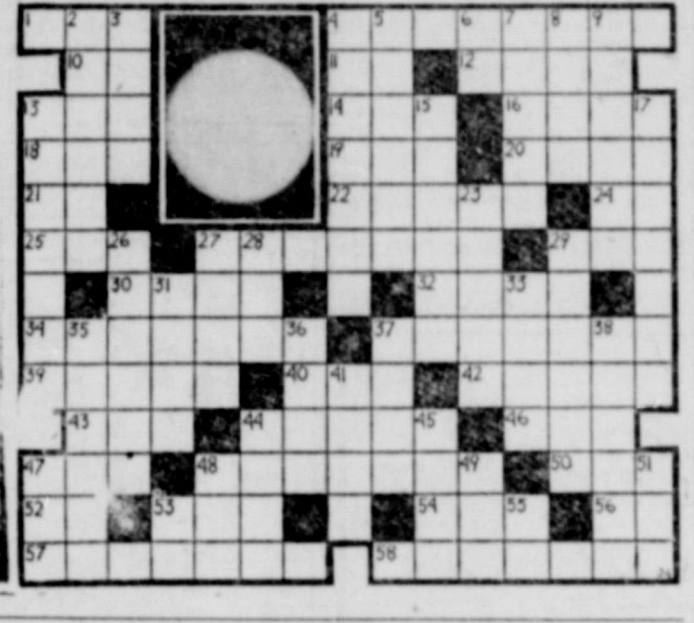
Answer to Previous Puzzle

9 Unscrupulous money lender.
13 To scold.
15 To scold.
17 Lets.
23 Erects.
26 Discerned.
27 Taps lightly.
28 Constellation.
29 Winged.
31 Iberian person.
33 Cow-headed goddess.
35 To place opposite.
36 Easy gait.
37 Small aperture.
38 Stair posts.
41 French coin.
44 Steak.
45 Suture.
47 Courtesy title.
48 Chum.
49 To stop up.
51 Grief.
53 Exclamation.
55 Pronoun.

VERTICAL

2 Not cautious.
3 Want.
4 Envoys.
5 One that unites.
6 Into.
7 Gastropod.
8 Instrument.

Ohio river drainage area has been placed in operation. Col. E. H. Marks, army district engineer here, said that the system will be manned at all times, ready for 24-hour emergency duty. It will be used for regular messages in normal periods. While essentially a telegraph system, radio telephone is provided for patrol boats in flood emergencies. There are 24 stations.



Dear Friends:

In the midst of the tragedy of war, the Christmas season for joyousness is with us again. Temporarily setting aside all thoughts of this tragedy, we extend our hand to you in greetings.

We can't say what the future holds for humanity, but come what may, we have a profound faith that all will yet be well in this world of ours. We pray that you have this same faith.

We thank you for your cooperation and confidence in us during these four months. We want your good will, we need it and we shall strive in the future to continue to be worthy of it.

We hope that 1941 will prove to be a good year for you and yours and that the blessings of peace will come to all the peoples of the world.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAMILL'S, INC.

Stockholders and Employees
Ranger, Texas

Greetings For Christmas

We wish for you the realization of SUPREME HAPPINESS in the real spirit of Christmas. May each day through the New Year bring pleasures and worthwhile achievement.

PARAMOUNT TAXI

Phone 1 Jim Toland

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Merry Christmas TO EVERYONE

We wish for you every happiness that is possible for you to enjoy on this greatest day of the year. Your local patronage makes us especially happy today and may we continue to merit your confidence.

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WISHERE BEST WISHES 1940

With a genuine appreciation of our very pleasant relations, we extend to you the Season's Greetings. We wish you all the holiday joys, with an abundance of Prosperity in the New Year.

PORKEY PIG

WHEREVER YOU GO YOU HEAR YULETIDE GREETINGS AND FEEL THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

At this season of the year we see signs of festivity, colored lights, shining tinsel and we hear the merry greetings of the season. In the spirit of Christmas we extend our heartiest greetings of the holiday season. We hope Saint Nicholas will fill your stockings with a long-lasting store of health and happiness and that when the new year comes, with its inspiration for greater accomplishments and achievements, it will bring you the choicest blessings you have ever known. Though the expression be old and though the words be worn by time, still we cannot think of anything that could express our feeling toward you at this season more than the simple but sincere message Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

WICHITA FALLS & SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY

M. M. DUTTON, Local Agent
Phone 70

six of 250-watt power and 18 of 100 watts. Six are land stations and the rest on boats. The chief stations are located at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Huntington, Louisville, and Nashville. Work is progressing on a chain of 14 stations of 15-watt power at dams in the Muskingum Conservancy District, to be used normally to send news of rainfall and water stages. It's time for dad to pick out a present for sonny that he'll enjoy himself.

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Liquid Tablets
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Try "Rub-My-Tum's" Wonderful Lintment!

HERE WE ARE . . .

To say "Merry, merry Christmas to you"—and when the holiday is over, we'll still be here to serve you!

ROBINSON'S GROCERY

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Aishman and Employees.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1940

To the hundreds of you—with and for whom we have labored, and learned to love, we take this opportunity of sincerely wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

DR. A. K. WIER

Season's Greetings to Our Patrons

And All of Our Friends We have enjoyed our association with each of you, and may we continue to serve you in the same way.

Black and White Grocery and Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Marchbanks
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May We Remember

That true spirit of Christmas is one of unselfish service. It is the only way to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child. May this Christmas be one of Good Luck, Good Health and Prosperity.

GHOLSON BEAUTY SHOP

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And still have nice appearing shoes. This price you pay depends on the quality of leather you choose. A trial will convince you. Ask about our hand-tooled belts and leather goods.

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PARAMOUNT HOTEL

Society Notes

Special Program at Mid-Week Service

A special Christmas program has been arranged for the mid-week services of the First Baptist Church. The program will be presented at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the church.

Gulf Employees Entertained

Mrs. Glen West and Mrs. J. D. Speers entertained at the home of Mrs. West with a Christmas party Friday night for members of the Gulf Employees Club.

The home was attractively decorated with Christmas greenery, red candles and yellow mums. Christmas stockings hung from the fire place mantel.

The evening was spent in playing games of forty-two, at the close of which gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments in the Christmas motif were served to 25 guests.

W. M. U. Has Royal Service Program

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the church for a Royal Service program, which was given by the Christina Donath circle with Mrs. Duncan as chairman. The program was opened by a prayer by Mrs. Bob Hodges, and the group singing of two songs.

Morris Jeffries brought a special devotion. Those on program were Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Bob Hodges and Mrs. Walter Davis. A short business meeting was held after the program.

The meeting was closed by a prayer by Mrs. Rodgers.

L. L. L. Union Entertained

The L. L. L. Union of the First Baptist Church, met at the home of its counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ringold, for a Christmas social after the presentation, at the church, of the Christmas pageant, Sunday evening.

The group enjoyed an hour of games, after which gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments were served to the following present: Mrs. C. L. Jackson, director for the Young People's Department; Misses Mona Robinson, Velma Brown, Ora Mae McGee, Claudie Mae Perdue, Eunice Presslar, Marie Myrick, Eys K. Reese, Mr. Dan Milmo of Cisco, a former member of the union, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ringold and Curtis, Jr.

The Union presented its counselors and hosts for the evening with a beautiful Mexican pottery condiment set, and Mrs. Jackson.

Chatter Box

Of course, we're wishing you the very Merriest Christmas possible and when you read the following we think you'll be more grateful than ever that you are Americans living Christmas day in a country not at war. . . . Once again Mrs. C. D. Alworth has arrived from Rumania for a visit with her husband's family and consented to see us and answer our questions. Mrs. Alworth left for the U. S. October 14 and arrived in New York December 19. She left Rumania and went to Constantinople, from there to Baghdad by train and by plane from Baghdad to India, where she embarked on an American cargo vessel for America. There were 160 passengers on the ship, mostly women and children, evacuees from Persia, but all English and Americans. The trip which required five weeks was made without excitement except that they saw the Queen Elizabeth docked in Cape Town, its destination undisclosed. Mrs. Alworth pointed out that she did not leave Rumania by choice but by request. As an English subject she was advised by the London Foreign Office to leave and it was also found before she left that the Rumanian government was eager to rid of all Englishmen. Mr. Alworth in the director, presented them with a lovely cut glass complete stand, for which the counselors very graciously thanked each.

was allowed to remain as he is an American. Incidentally, she says that Germans do not bother Americans in Rumania, and she has no fear for the safety of her husband who is employed by an American oil company. In speaking of the oil in the country she said it was available to the Germans but that transportation is in such a confused state and with the Danube freezing over now there will be no chance of their getting it.

The vast majority of Rumanians hate the Germans but there is a small minority sympathetic to the Nazis and they are engaging in sabotage. Personally, Mrs. Alworth has a bitter dislike for the Germans and in proving her point told of the inhuman treatment administered to innocent Englishmen who were taken prisoners in Rumania. These men, plant and petroleum engineers for oil companies were arrested by the Iron Guard and accused of being English agents plotting to destroy the oil fields, when as a matter of fact the destruction of the fields had been planned by the British, Rumanian and French governments prior to the fall of France, but the plan had been abandoned when France fell. So men who had nothing to do with the plan were imprisoned, chained, beaten, starved and otherwise mistreated.

Of her own people in England, she said that so far as she knows they have evaded injury through two raids but that an aunt in London had her home completely destroyed in a raid while the people next door were killed in the same raid. She is emphatic in

May Be Chosen Envoy to Britain



Norman Armour, above, U. S. ambassador to Argentina, is reported being considered to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as American envoy to Great Britain. Armour, member of Chicago packing family, is a veteran career diplomat.

her statement that the British people are NOT downhearted but

they are bitter and enraged and determined to see it through, whatever the outcome.

When asked if the English expected America to enter the war the Englishman felt as she does that America is of greater aid to England out of the war but sending everything that it is possible for us to send in the way of supplies and equipment, England must have our aid to win.

She is glad to get back to America and spoke with obvious emotion over the splendid way in which Americans are joining in to aid the suffering of the English. On every hand in New York, she says, there is evidence that the people are fighting to help her countrymen, and for this she is sincerely grateful.

In reply to our question about Christmas, we were told that she left too early to know to what extent it would be observed this year but pointed out that not much attention was paid to Christmas in Rumania. The New Year and Easter are the festive days in that country.

Just a Bit Personal . . .

Aric Sharp and Gates Barker, members of the Furman University football team, are visiting relatives in Ranger over the week-end.

Boy Stevens of Greenville, S. C., is visiting relatives in Ranger during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Catherine Jane Conley of Austin and Frank Conley of Dallas are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conley.

Miss Camilla Hunt of Fort Worth and Bob Hunt, a student at the University of Oklahoma, are the holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. Susan Hunt.

JOY TO THE WORLD 1940

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

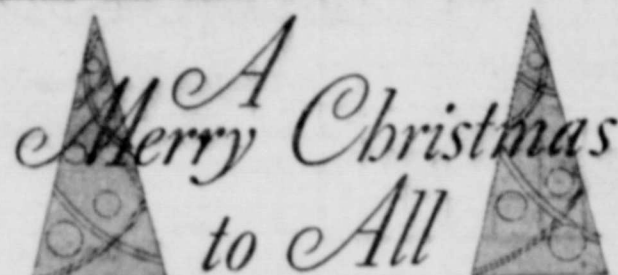
WEST TEXAS HOSPITAL



This is a good old fashioned, American Christmas for all! Greetings of the season to you—and may all your wishes be fulfilled—December 25th—and over after. Old time Greetings! In other words—a very merry Christmas to you and yours.

IZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Izetta Smith, Mgr.



May all the joy that it is possible to pack into one short day be yours on Christmas 1940. To our many friends who have patronized us so loyally we extend a special greeting and hope that we may continue to merit your trust.

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HEAR GENE SING:
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"SOME DREAM TWICE"
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THE MUSICAL OF OUR EXCITING TIMES!
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The "Down Argentine Way" girl... more torchy, more glamorous, more dazzling!

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Surpassing "Alexander's Ragtime Band" success!

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The comic who has just come into his own!

JOHN PAYNE
It's a new romantic thrill when he makes love to K-K-K-Katy!

TIN PAN ALLEY

ALLEN JENKINS ESTHER RALSTON NICHOLAS Brothers BEN CARTER

Directed by Walter Lang
Associate Producer Kenneth Macgowan
Screen Play by Robert Ellis and Helen Logan - Based on a story by Pamela Hestie
A 20th Century-Fox Picture

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"Labor and Defense"
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

ARCADIA

MAY ALL THE JOYS OF THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 1940 BE YOURS!

WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATIONS WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU.

SWANEY'S PHARMACY

1940

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are deeply grateful that we and all other Americans still enjoy the peace and good will of Christmas, and may the spirit of the day fill you with joy and happiness!

Wholeheartedly we wish for you, our friends and customers, a Merry, Merry Christmas.

CALVERT'S SERVICE STATION
Gerald Calvert, Prop., and Employees

A German Circus Stranded By War Vexes Canadians

By United Press

AMHERST, N. S.—The Canadian government has control of a menagerie, but the animals are eating and eating and the expense is causing concern to officials in charge of alien affairs. The circus is owned by Capt. William Schultz, a German animal trainer, who was interned last

June just as he was ready to put his show on the road and just before he was to receive his naturalization papers. Orders have been given by the custodians of alien property in the Maritimes to sell the circus. Capt. Schultz, the original owner of the show, came to the United States first as a wrestler. Then he acquired an interest in animals and developed a small circus of his own, with performing lions, dogs, ponies, mules and horses. At one time he played in Madison Square Garden as well as at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, and it was in 1932 he had the feature act at



In our firm resolve to dedicate our services to you, for this year and many more, we take this occasion to express our warmest greetings for a very merry Christmas.

Mrs. Gay's Eat Shop

Hodges Oak Park School
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



the Nova Scotia Exhibition in Halifax.

Last winter, when Capt. Schultz had the circus in winter quarters here, a fire caused the death of a valuable chimpanzee and a score of monkeys. A little later he lost four of his lions, but a female lion was saved and gave birth to cubs in the spring.

Last fall after the show had entered winter quarters again an elephant, Lindy, started to take a big barn apart—simply in a playful sort of way. While this damage was being checked up one of the bears escaped and had to be shot. Then a second bear got loose and mauled a keeper, and also killed one of the lion cubs.

This bear also had to be destroyed, although Ottawa had advised against such action, thinking the bear could be put in some zoo. However, after the bears had proved ugly and had been destroyed, word was received to execute the two animals.

Concerned over the expense of maintaining a circus owned by an alien, the federal department has decided to sell the circus. The proceeds will be earmarked to the credit of Schultz.

The old trainer, when he is released after the war, still has to stand trial in Amherst on an assault charge. A bench warrant has been issued by Sir Joseph Chisholm of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia when a grand jury returned a true bill against Schultz, charging him with assisting an Amherst farmer, Lester Teed.

REDEEMS 1901 COUPONS
By United Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Alabama has honored a \$12.50 bond coupon which fell due in 1901. The original \$500 bond had been paid long ago, all except the one coupon, discovered amongst old letters by a Montgomerian.

Mobilization For Infantile Paralysis Fight Is To Start

NEW YORK—Mobilization for the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign was speeding to completion this week as leaders in business, the sports world and women's activities prepared for a record-smashing drive against the crippling disease.

Messages from all parts of America informed Keith Morgan, National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday that the nation is solidly determined to fulfill this year's slogan, "Help the

Youngster Around Your Own Corner."

Among the first to give his full support to the drive was former postmaster James A. Farley who accepted the chairmanship of the National Sports Events Committee. Farley will work in close cooperation with Grantland Rice, Chairman of the Sports Council who has completed a program of 1,884 events to raise funds for national defense against infantile paralysis.

In accepting the chairmanship, Farley told Morgan that "sportsmen always bat high in the league of kind-heartedness. You can be sure that there will never be any batting slump as they step into this battle."

Try Our Want Ads.



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

extend cordial Yuletide greetings to you and yours

IN APPRECIATION---

Of our most cherished possession, the spark that keeps us in a happy state of mind, the spice that gives us new zest in our work. Again may we say—our most cherished possession—is YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

In appreciation of this we extend our warmest and sincere greetings for the holiday season and New Year.

RANGER INSURANCE AGENCY

Lloyd L. Bruce, Life
Helen Dawley, Sec.
C. B. Praet, Automobile and Fire
Phone 141

Greetings At This Joyous Season

For you we give our best wishes for a day filled with good cheer—and the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all great days.

MRS. BELL'S CAFE

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Society Notes

Special Program at Mid-Week Service

A special Christmas program has been arranged for the mid-week services of the First Baptist Church. The program will be presented at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the church.

Gulf Employees Entertained

Mrs. Glen West and Mrs. J. D. Spicers entertained at the home of Mrs. West with a Christmas party Friday night for members of the Gulf Employees Club.

The home was attractively decorated with Christmas greenery, red candles and yellow mums. Christmas stockings hung from the fire place mantel.

The evening was spent in playing games of forty-two, at the close of which gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments in the Christmas motif were served to 25 guests.

W. M. U. Has Royal Service Program

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church met Monday after-

noon at 3:00 o'clock in the church for a Royal Service program, which was given by the Christina Donath circle with Mrs. Duncan as chairman. The program was opened by a prayer by Mrs. Bob Hodges, and the group singing of two songs.

Morris Jeffries brought a special devotion. Those on program were Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Bob Hodges and Mrs. Walter Davis.

A short business meeting was held after the program.

The meeting was closed by a prayer by Mrs. Rodgers.

L. L. L. Union Entertained

The L. L. L. Union of the First Baptist Church, met at the home of its counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ringold, for a Christmas social after the presentation, at the church, of the Christmas pageant, Sunday evening.

The group enjoyed an hour of games, after which gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments were served to the following present: Mrs. C. L. Jackson, director for the Young People's Department; Misses Mona Robinson, Velma Brown, Ora Mae McGee, Claude Mae Perdue, Eunice Presslar, Marie Myrick, Eva K. Reese, Mr. Dan Milmo of Cisco, a former member of the union, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ringold and Curtis, Jr.

The Union presented its counselors and hosts for the evening with a beautiful Mexican pottery condiment set, and Mrs. Jackson.

Chatter Box

Of course, we're wishing you the very Merriest Christmas possible and when you read the following we think you'll be more grateful than ever that you are Americans living Christmas day in a country not at war.

Once again Mrs. C. D. Alworth has arrived from Rumania for a visit with her husband's family and consented to see us and answer our questions. Mrs. Alworth left for the U. S. October 14 and arrived in New York December 19. She left Rumania and went to Constantinople, from there to Bagdad by train and by plane from Bagdad to India, where she embarked on an American cargo vessel for America. There were 160 passengers on the ship, mostly women and children, evacuees from Persia, but all English and Americans. The trip which required five weeks was made without excitement except that they saw the Queen Elizabeth docked in Cape Town, its destination undisclosed. Mrs. Alworth pointed out that she did not leave Rumania by choice but by request. As an English subject she was advised by the London Foreign Office to leave and it was also found before she left that the Rumanian government was eager to be rid of all Englishmen. Mr. Alworth

the director, presented them with a lovely cut glass compote stand, for which the counselors very graciously thanked each.

was allowed to remain as he is an American. Incidentally, she says that Germans do not bother Americans in Rumania, and she has no fear for the safety of her husband who is employed by an American oil company. In speaking of the oil in the country she said it was available to the Germans but that transportation is in such a confused state and with the Danube freezing over now there will be no chance of their getting it.

The vast majority of Rumanians hate the Germans but there is a small minority sympathetic to the Nazis and they are engaging in sabotage. Personally, Mrs. Alworth has a bitter dislike for the Germans and in proving her point told of the inhuman treatment administered to innocent Englishmen who were taken prisoners in Rumania. These men, plant and petroleum engineers for oil companies were arrested by the Iron Guard and accused of being English agents plotting to destroy the oil fields, when as a matter of fact the destruction of the fields had been planned by the British, Rumanian and French governments prior to the fall of France, but the plan had been abandoned when France fell. So men who had nothing to do with the plan were imprisoned, chained, beaten, starved and otherwise mistreated.

Of her own people in England, she said that so far as she knows they have evaded injury through two raids but that an aunt in London had her home completely destroyed in a raid while the people next door were killed in the same raid. She is emphatic in

May Be Chosen Envoy to Britain



Norman Armour, above, U. S. ambassador to Argentina, is reported being considered to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as American envoy to Great Britain. Armour, member of Chicago packing family, is a veteran career diplomat.

her statement that the British people are NOT downhearted but

they are bitter and enraged and determined to see it through, whatever the outcome.

When asked if the English expected America to enter the war she replied that she thought most Englishmen felt as she does that America is of greater aid to England out of the war but sending everything that it is possible for us to send in the way of supplies and equipment. England must have our aid to win.

She is glad to get back to America and spoke with obvious emotion over the splendid way in which Americans are joining in to aid the suffering of the English. On every hand in New York, she says, there is evidence that the people are fighting to help her countrymen, and for this she is sincerely grateful.

In reply to our question about Christmas, we were told that she left too early to know to what extent it would be observed this year but pointed out that not much attention was paid to Christmas in Rumania. The New Year and Easter are the festive days in that country.

Just a Bit Personal...

Arie Sharp and Gates Barker, members of the Furman University football team, are visiting relatives in Ranger over the week-end.

Roy Stevens of Greenville, S. C., is visiting relatives in Ranger during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Catherine Jane Conley of Austin and Frank Conley of Dallas are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conley.

Miss Camilla Hunt of Fort Worth and Bob Hunt, a student at the University of Oklahoma, are the holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. Susan Hunt.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WEST TEXAS HOSPITAL



This is a good old fashioned, American Christmas for all! Greetings of the season to you—and may all your wishes be fulfilled—December 25th—and ever after. Old time Greetings! In other words—a very merry Christmas to you and yours.

IZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Izetta Smith, Mgr.



May all the joy that it is possible to pack into one short day be yours on Christmas 1940. To our many friends who have patronized us so loyally we extend a special greeting and hope that we may continue to merit your trust.

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"You Say The Sweetest Things" by Maxie Gordon and Henry Warren

EXTRA! MARCH OF TIME "Labor and Defense"
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ARCADIA

MAY ALL THE JOYS OF THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 1940 BE YOURS!

WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATIONS WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU.

SWANEY'S PHARMACY

1940

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are deeply grateful that we and all other Americans still enjoy the peace and good will of Christmas, and may the spirit of the day fill you with joy and happiness!

Wholeheartedly we wish for you, our friends and customers, a Merry, Merry Christmas.

CALVERT'S SERVICE STATION

Gerald Calvert, Prop., and Employees

A German Circus Stranded By War Vexes Canadians

By United Press
AMHERST, N. S.—The Canadian government has control of a menagerie, but the animals are eating and eating and the expense is causing concern to officials in charge of alien affairs. The circus is owned by Capt. William Schultz, a German animal trainer, who was interned last

June just as he was ready to put his show on the road and just before he was to receive his naturalization papers. Orders have been given by the custodians of alien property in the Maritimes to sell the circus. Capt. Schultz, the original owner of the show, came to the United States first as a wrestler. Then he acquired an interest in animals and developed a small circus of his own, with performing lions, dogs, ponies, mules and horses. At one time he played in Madison Square Garden as well as at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, and it was in 1932 he had the feature act at

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



the Nova Scotia Exhibition in Halifax.

Last winter, when Capt. Schultz had the circus in winter quarters here, a fire caused the death of a valuable chimpanzee and a score of monkeys. A little later he lost four of his lions, but a female lion was saved and gave birth to cubs in the spring.

Last fall after the show had entered winter quarters again an elephant, Lindy, started to take a big barn apart—simply in a playful sort of way. While this damage was being checked up one of the bears escaped and had to be shot. Then a second bear got loose and mauled a keeper, and also killed one of the lion cubs.

This bear also had to be destroyed, although Ottawa had advised against such action, thinking the bear could be put in some zoo. However, after the bears had proved ugly and had been destroyed, word was received to execute the two animals.

Concerned over the expense of maintaining a circus owned by an alien, the federal department has decided to sell the circus. The proceeds will be earmarked to the credit of Schultz.

The old trainer, when he is released after the war, still has to stand trial in Amherst on an assault charge. A bench warrant has been issued by Sir Joseph Chabolin of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia when a grand jury returned a true bill against Schultz, charging him with assisting an Amherst farmer, Lester Teed.

REDEEMS 1901 COUPONS

By United Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama has honored a \$12.50 bond coupon which fell due in 1901. The original \$500 bond had been paid long ago, all except the one coupon, discovered amongst old letters by a Montgomerian.

Mobilization For Infantile Paralysis Fight Is To Start

NEW YORK—Mobilization for the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign was speeding to completion this week as leaders in business, the sports world and women's activities prepared for a record-smashing drive against the crippling disease. Messages from all parts of America informed Keith Morgan, National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday that the nation is solidly determined to fulfill this year's slogan, "Help the

Youngster Around Your Own Corner.

Among the first to give his full support to the drive was former postmaster James A. Farley who accepted the chairmanship of the National Sports Events Committee. Farley will work in close cooperation with Grantland Rice, Chairman of the Sports Council who has completed a program of 1,884 events to raise funds for national defense against infantile paralysis.

In accepting the chairmanship, Farley told Morgan that "sportsmen always bat high in the league of kind-heartedness. You can be sure that there will never be any batting slump as they step into this battle."

Try Our Want Ads.



Mr. and Mrs. R. V. (Rip) Galloway and Family extend cordial Yuletide greetings to you and yours



In our firm resolve to dedicate our services to you, for this year and many more, we take this occasion to express our warmest greetings for a very merry Christmas.

Mrs. Gay's Eat Shop

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay

IN APPRECIATION---

Of our most cherished possession, the spark that keeps us in a happy state of mind, the spice that gives us new zest in our work. Again may we say—our most cherished possession—is YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

In appreciation of this we extend our warmest and sincere greetings for the holiday season and New Year.

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Miami's Build A Colony In Bay

By United Press
MIAMI, Fla.—A group of Miami-ans have started a colony out in Biscayne Bay—a cluster of "shacks" on piles in 5 feet of water—11 miles from the mainland and telephones.
Started four years ago, the colony now has nine houses supplied with electricity by small gasoline-

powered generators and hot water by solar heaters. Visitors can drop in only by boat.
The latest addition to the colony is a new \$250,000 clubhouse dedicated in its midst last month and designed to provide entertainment for residents and their guests.
Leo Edwards, a Miami automobile dealer, found four years ago that he could lease land covered with less than 6 feet of water for \$1 a year per acre. He leased 100 acres and built a home. Others who wanted to "get away from it all" followed him.

SERIAL STORY

CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

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YESTERDAY: The children are waiting at home when Hugh and Martha Connelly return. They drove home with Valerie Parks, a girl in whom Jerry shows considerable interest. They brought Mary Wade, president of the society. Home with them Christmas Eve's ritual is upset when Jerry leaves to see Val, and the twins rush away with dates. Only Mary remains, asks the doctor if she may help.

JERRY'S SURPRISE CHAPTER III "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Jerry burrowed deeper into his pillow, pulled covers up over his black head. "Go 'way. Lemme sleep."

"Merry Christmas, son," Dr. Connelly sat on the bed. "Time you were up. It's 10 o'clock. You'll have to hurry to make church service."

Jerry mumbled something unintelligible from the depths of his pillow, and the doctor persisted his voice low and calm. "The girl brought their dates to mid-night service—Mother, Mary and I were there—so you'll have to go along. Kathleen's been demanding that you get up for an hour—wants to have Christmas, open presents. . . . But Mother won't let her. . . . Come on, son. Never sleep so late on Christmas. You used to be beating a drum 4 o'clock."

Jerry rolled over, battling consciousness. Finally he opened his eyes. "Oh, good morning, Dad—ah—Merry Christmas." He glanced at the clock. "Four hours sleep. Train was late. Don't want about church. Went with Val and her folks last night. Ooooooh!"

"Roll out, boy. Cold shower a cup of coffee will fix you. Hustle now, Santa Claus has been here."

"Do we have to sing?" She demanded as they all gathered around the tree.

"We always have," Martha answered.

"But, Mother, it's old-fashioned—kind stuff. Besides, I've got to hurry. Tim's taking me skating at 11:30." Then, anticipating her mother's reaction—"We'll be back in plenty of time. Dinner is at 2, isn't it? I'll work up an appetite."

"No dates for dinner," Mrs. Connelly's lips set in a firm line. "Christmas belongs to your family. Tim should be with his."

"Cleo!" Dr. Connelly interrupted, sighting danger signals—"Santa seems to have left something here for you."

The cook bustled from the kitchen. "He did! Well, what you know about that. That Santa man

never forgets Cleo. Praise Lawd!" "This has been going on, just like that, ever since I can remember," Jerry whispered to Mary. His arm was around her, drawing her into the family circle. "They love it—Dad and Mother, and Cleo, too. Wait until she opens her envelope. It's good, even after 20 times."

"Christmas means so much to your family, Jerry," Mary answered, as Cleo bustled with tissue paper wrappings, shouted gleefully as each gift was revealed. "We never had much of that—moving from Army post to Army post. I'm beginning to realize just what I've missed."

Cleo was gathering her packages, thanking each of them—even Mary had not forgotten her—and opening her envelope, which she well knew contained a bill—

"Lawdy, Doctor Hugh," she began. "It's five—My Goodness—It's TEN Dollars!"

"CHRISTMAS giving was over. In the basement garage, Jerry and the twins sat, loving and admiring a new convertible coupe, trying to decide whether to drive out into the snow, or keep it 'way and new."

Mary and the doctor sat before the fireplace. "It was so very nice you to include me in everything," she said. "I hated to intrude, a stranger, into your Christmas—but I'm glad, now. I never saw how much a family Christmas could mean. Little traditions fit up, from year to year."

The doctor patted her hand, strangely. "Mary, you haven't seemed like an intruder, even to other and myself. Martha and I am jealous of these Christmas celebrations. We've kept them in our own home, and the children's and parents have always come to this is our own family day, but you seem to belong to us."

"I haven't felt like an outsider, and this is the happiest Christmas I've had in years. I can remember only a few before Mother died. Then Dad was transferred from station to station. There were Christmases in Shanghai, in the Canal Zone, one in the middle of the Pacific. And a terrible one, in New York, with my brother, Bill. Our first one without Mother or Dad. Bill came down from the Point and I left boarding school. It was awful!"

"I can imagine," the doctor agreed. "Sometimes, I wonder if Jerry and Kathleen and Sheila realize how much they will miss these celebrations. I hope Martha and I can see them establish their own homes, gather their own children around a Christmas tree. It's not so difficult to carry on, with little children to think of."

The Quarterdeck Club was built by Edward Turner, a retired business man. Visitors are "piped" aboard, a ship's bell tolls the time

of day and, like an ocean liner, all lighting units, refrigeration and water are self-contained. It takes an experienced pilot to

"We've built up a traditional system of gifts in our family," Dr. Connelly went on. "Each one receives something to wear, something to eat, a book to read, a bit of nonsense, cash in an envelope, and a family gift, like Martha's new coffee service. We all combine to buy that. I like it!"—he laughed—"keeps me from getting nothing but socks and neckties."

"It's grand—grand," Mary whispered, eyes shining. "I have another gift for you. Wait here, I'll get it."

She was back in a few minutes, handed him a worn, fountain pen-like case. "It's Dad's thermometer. He carried it for years. He was a physician, too. Medical Corps. I want you to have it. Really I do."

The doctor started to object, then omitted. "I believe I understand," was all he said.

DR. CONNELLY pushed back his chair, patted his stomach gingerly.

"Mother, if I ate one more bite, you'd have a dying doctor on your hands. Don't try to tell me Cleo cooked that turkey. I know you did it. And why did you have to make such good pudding—Oh, boy—!"

"I didn't know I could eat so much," Sheila chimed in.

"It was a perfect meal, Mrs. Connelly," Mary added. And Jerry nodded. "Swell."

Martha Connelly took these compliments easily. She would have been disappointed if they had been omitted. But her eyes showed concern as Jerry left the table.

"Something's worrying Jerry, Hugh," she said softly. "He's lost his appetite. Perhaps you'd better talk to him."

"All he needs is sleep—he was up all night, and most of the night before, too."

But Jerry gave them an answer almost immediately.

"Come on in," he called from the living room. "Connelly family conference. You, too, Mary." He stood before the mantel, waiting until all had gathered around him.

"Go ahead, son," Martha urged. "I don't know just how to begin, so to avoid long explanations, I'll get it over in a hurry." Jerry stared at the end of his cigarette, then met his father's eyes.

"Dad, Mother, I don't want to seem ungrateful. You have to know it sometime—it might as well be now. I'm not going back to school."

(To Be Continued)

said. "I don't think there's anything unusual or ghastly in the hobby."
The collection began when Harry Foe, walking along the Sciota river, found a skull on a gravel bank. He gave it to police.

Miss Lesco, who is an assistant to a doctor, asked for it and officials gave it to her.

Then Sheriff Joseph Vincent presented her with a skull found by two fishermen on a river gravel bar near a sand and gravel plant. As other skulls were found

from time to time, they were given to the young woman.

"City police, the sheriff's department and the coroner have promised to help build my collection by turning over any skulls which come into their possession," Miss Lesco said. "I hope some day to have a really large and varied collection."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To You and Yours



In humble gratitude for your generosity and good will we wish you the very merriest Christmas you have ever known. Your loyal patronage makes us especially happy today and may we continue to merit your confidence.

COFFMAN BARBER SHOP

Walter Coffman, Prop.
Burt Thurmond

In The Spirit Of Good Old St. Nicholas We Greet You



We have heard there is no Santa Claus, but we have definite proof there is. How could there be so much joy, love and merriment without the Spirit of this our kind and genial old friend.

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MRS. HIGDON'S CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Higdon and Family and Employes

Christmas Greetings



OUR LATEST LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:-

When you are making your rounds this year and bring gifts of joy, reserve some of your choicest gifts for all these friends of ours.

We think they have been the finest and most loyal group of friends and customers you will find anywhere on your rounds. They deserve the best so don't spare your good things when you drop around their way.

P. S. Give them our Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN GOOD WILL

To all our many patrons a very merry Christmas. May it be a forerunner of continued prosperity, good health and success.

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Season's Greetings to Our Patrons

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy Yuletide holiday. May you enjoy the full beauty of this most joyous of seasons.

Mrs. Harrell's Cafe

"Next Door To Recreation Building"

Harrell's Dairy

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell

Girl Collects Skulls of Humans As Hobby

By United Press
CHILlicothe, O. — Geraldine Lesco collects skulls for a hobby.
"Some people save coins, stamps, paper match covers and the like—but I have skulls," she

MERRY - MERRY CHRISTMAS

To You—Our Customers and Friends

THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD WILL OF THE PAST YEARS

RANGER FLORAL CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Surbrook
Member F. T. D. Phone 77

MAY THE PEACE AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP OF THIS 1940th CHRISTMAS DAY BE YOURS IN FULLEST MEASURE.

Also may the New Year Bring Much Happiness to All.

MRS. AND MRS. L. H. FLEWELLEN



May the day be filled with joy and gladness!
C. E. MAY, INSURANCE



To All Our Good Friends . . . and may this 1940th Birthday of the Christ Child be a day of Peace and Good Will for All!

Red Horse Service Station

On Highway 80 - East of Main Street Crossing . . . Ranger

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This year we want to top all records and wish for you the Merriest Christmas you have ever had.

Our humble duty and privilege is to serve you to the best of our ability.

Collins Garage & Service Station

T. J. Collins and Employes



SEASON'S GREETINGS

MR. AND MRS. L. R. PEARSON AND FAMILY



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

Sincerely and whole heartedly we express the season's greetings to you.

MAY SUCCESS BE YOURS IN 1941

JOY DRY CLEANERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Joyner and T. C. Weaver

Season's Greetings to Our Patrons and All of Our Friends



MAY THIS CHRISTMAS 1940 BE THE HAPPIEST OF YOUR LIFE

And may you continue to prosper and enjoy the freedom of this great land of ours.

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Christmas

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TO OUR FRIENDS

... eel right at all unless we
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... greetings and best wish-
... this glad season.

COMMERCE

LEAS E. MOORE, Sec.-Mgr.

Christmas

If ever there was a need for faith, now is the time. Much of the world is torn by war. Men in whose hearts there is evil have gained power. Those who toil, in fields and factories; women in the home; little children visited in their innocence with disaster—none have escaped suffering in those lands where greed has swept over all the land. Perhaps the time has come for the testing of spiritual values. Perhaps only those who truly believe, and are willing to fight for their faith in the good, the generous the kindly way of life will ultimately survive. Let Christmas then, be the symbol for renewed faith. Christmas, that most Holy Day, when a little Child was born, touched with God's own hand in blessing, that He might grow to manhood a Man among men, a Leader in the way of life that is righteous, and gives to every man his just share of this world's goods.

Remembering His word, we can feel certain that the evil will perish, drowned in that very misery they have brought down upon their fellow men. The evil shall be swept from the earth, and the good shall arise from their suffering, to see the dawn of a happier day. He was once a tiny child, like the millions of little children still secure in our own country today. In His name, let us make this Christmas our time to pledge ourselves to the continued safety of our boys and girls—for they are the men and women of the future; who will carry on the spirit of American democracy, which gives to all people the right to live the good life, the free life—without the tormenting kind of "right" and "wrong" conceived by dictators who allow no faith among their people—but demand blind following.

He was a just Leader, men and women in all walks of life followed Him because He preached man's inherent right to a happy life. On this day—Christmas—the anniversary of His birth, let us reavow our faith in His word.

Ranger Daily Times
Eastland County News

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either temporarily or permanently unfit for active service.

While those being called before medical boards under the present selective service law include a greater proportion of acceptances than was the case 23 years ago, the percentage of rejections so far reported, despite the small sample from which figures to date have been obtainable, indicates that an approved physical condition is lacking in too great a proportion of the young men called.

ed," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"If this age group, in the age bracket where the physical condition normally should be at its very best, indicates a certain amount of physical inefficiency, the question naturally arises: what is the physical status of the older men and women in America? In the present preparedness program, this query is important," Dr. Cox points out.

While there is no desire to imply that the general health of either adult America or adult Texas is unsatisfactory, there is reason to believe that, good as it may be on the average, there is room for improvement. Of course, it is not expected that physical use of any or all kinds of stimulants, and obtaining the amount of sleep required nightly should go a long way toward realizing

ask that the best physical condition corresponding to age be attained by every one.

Barring fundamental defects and chronic conditions, the vast majority of middle-age men and women can achieve top-notch vigor, if lacking it. Moreover, it would be wise to maintain robust health not only for the best that will be experienced, but for any eventuality that the future may bring.

In all probability minor adjustments only will be necessary to change fairly good health into the most satisfying type. Intelligent attention to the quantity and quality of the food intake, the daily walk, or other exercise in the outdoors, moderation in the use of any or all kinds of stimulants, and obtaining the amount of sleep required nightly should go a long way toward realizing

Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



units, the combined switchboard at the Boulder Dam power station will contain more than 5,000 meters, relays and switches. Placed end-to-end, they would form a row 7 1/2 feet high and 850 miles long and would require some 90 miles of wire for connection.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Christmas is always a time of rejoicing, a time when we pause from work and think of our loved ones and friends in a special way. In a very special way we are thinking of you this Christmas. We desire for you and yours all the good things of life. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To You All!

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Several Peaks Will Get New Names Soon

By United Press ALBANY, N. Y.—Two New York mountains are getting new names.

The Federal Board of Geographical Names has approved changing the name of Middle Dix, the 4,044-foot central peak of the Dix range in Essex county, to Hough mountain. The change honors Franklin B. Hough (pronounced Huff), a pioneer in forest conservation work.

Another change, proposed but not officially approved, is to rename Bald mountain in the town of Warrensburg, Warren county, to Jimmie Cameron, pioneer woodsman. There are several "Bald Mountains" in the state.

Also under consideration is changing the name of Stony Point on Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, on the eastern point of the entrance to Wilson Bay in Lake On-

the maximum health goal. It is disregard of one or more of those basic requirements that often represents the difference between superior well-being and slow-gear vitality.

Consequently, if upon reflection of one's daily habits, a barrier to good health is spotted, it not only will be patriotic, but will be to the greatest personal advantage to remove it.

tario. The point would be called Dahlen Point in memory of an early missionary. Another Stony Point nearby, at the entrance to Henderson Harbor, leads to confusion with the Cape Vincent Stony Point, according to local residents.

"Electrical Brains" Are Made for a Dam

PITTSBURGH.—Two steel-clad switchboards—so sensitive they have been termed "electrical brains" by engineers—are being constructed here for use at Boulder Dam, in Colorado. With installation of the new

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We appreciate the happy association with our patrons during the past years, and solicit the opportunity of serving you in the future. We thank you one and all, and extend our warmest wishes for your happiness during the Christmas season.

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R. S. Balch, Mgr.

Yuletide Greetings And Best Wishes



Christmas in the Old-time American Spirit

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TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

A. N. Larson, Mgr.

Tiny Community Bids For Power

By United Press
GRAND COULEE DAM, Wash. The tiny community of Nespe-

lem, 15 miles from here, probably will become the first electric power customer of the multi-million dollar Grand Coulee dam. Officials of the Bonneville-Grand Coulee authority have approved a contract with the Nes-

pelem rural electrification district to buy Coulee power when available. The district is building a 46-mile powerline from the damsite to various parts of the Nespelem valley.

All bedrooms in a home should be accessible without going through another bedroom, according to Farmers' Bulletin 1738-F, which gives suggestions for building rural homes economically.



GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS JOY

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."—Matt. 2:10.
May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace and happiness

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The spirit of Christmas is one of unselfishness, happiness, peace and contentment.

And may each of you enjoy this Christmas to the fullest.

For this Christmas should mean to each of us more than those of the past when we realize the freedom we have to enjoy it and the bounty with which we are blessed.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY!

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Christmas Cheer and joy throughout the coming year is our sincere wish for each of you.

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

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OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO OUR PATRONS

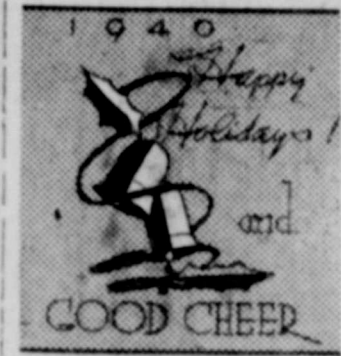
In gratitude for your splendid support we wish for you everything that is near and dear to your heart to make this the best Christmas that has ever come your way.

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TO OUR FRIENDS

We Sincerely Wish That This Christmas may bring you an abundance of Health, Happiness and Prosperity!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely appreciate you, our customers and friends and wish for you the best that Santa can bring.

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Farmers Also Can Check Defenses On Natural Enemies

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. — Defense is the watchword of the nation and it is timely for farmers to check their defense resources against natural enemies. Tyrus R. Timm, Extension Service economist in farm management for Texas A. & M. College, says, every farm family should determine what it will need in combating offenses in the form of insect infestations, machinery obsolescence, feed shortage, equipment breakdowns, and livestock diseases.

"Take an afternoon and count and study the condition of the items comprising your farm property," he suggests. "In the case of land, for example, ask yourself how terraces are holding up; what fields are showing signs of washing; are contours indicating deeper coverage of grass in pastures?"

In the care of buildings, machinery, equipment and supplies every farmer should note what repairs will be necessary and potential trade-in value of old equipment for new models, Timm explains. Numbers of livestock and quantities of stored crops on hand, together with their condition, should at least be reviewed. Maybe some will be reminded they haven't enough feed to care for livestock on hand. Cash owned and cash owed are important captions in any inventory statement, but to gauge progress by increase in cash on hand, or to measure loss by additional debts incurred, without taking into consideration decreases or increases in the value of all property owned, is to invite false conclusions, the economist warns.

This process is comparable to the stockkeeper's annual "stock taking," without which he lacks accurate information concerning his profits and losses.

To assist farming in making their annual inventory, they may obtain free from county agricultural agents a bulletin prepared by Extension Service specialists

and entitled: "How to tell whether you went forward or backward on your farm last year." A more detailed bulletin on the subject may be obtained from the U. S. D. A., Washington. It is titled "Farm Inventories."

CAT FALLS 75 FEET, UNHURT

By United Press
READING, Pa.—Labby, a six-week-old kitten, was uninjured in a 75-foot fall from a window

ledge after a charwoman unknowingly locked her out. Labby, a technician's pet whose name stands for Laboratory, showed no ill effects from the fall.



"Merry Christmas

The words we use are time worn and say what we have said before, but we feel no other words are adequate, so we say from our hearts—

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YULETIDE GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS

We wouldn't feel right at all unless we took this opportunity to give you our sincere greetings and best wishes of this glad season.



RANGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Merry Christmas TO EVERYONE

As another glorious Yuletide season arrives and we look back upon the many friendly relationships we have enjoyed with you, our customers, during the past year, a warm glow of appreciation comes over us. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you and we hope we have done it well. To please you is our constant aim.

May your Holidays be happy days and may good health, prosperity and contentment abide with you in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MAY HAPPINESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT MANY MORE TO COME



The time of year has come again when we can forget business and exchange a friendly word of greetings. Our community and friends mean much to us and we want you to know we sincerely appreciate our association with you.

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Doctor Warns of New "Fad Diets"

By United Press
CHICAGO.—Persons who indulge in "fad diets" which advise excessive consumption of carrots or orange juice may de-

velop yellow patches on the palms of their hands or soles of their feet, according to Dr. William S. Becker, University of Chicago dermatologist.

Speaking at the third annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology here, Dr. Becker said that carrots and oranges contain a yellow dye called "carotene"

which, if used to excess, cause yellow patches to appear on the skin.

In like manner, drugs containing large amounts of silver, gold or mercury compounds "often produce weird changes in the color of the skin when used indiscriminately and over a long period," Dr. Becker said.

Certain nose and throat sprays and eye washes, particularly old fashioned remedies, contain silver compounds which may give the skin a blue-gray color, he said. Silver compounds also are used to treat syphilis and may have the same effect on the skin.

Gold compounds sometimes are used to treat arthritis and tuberculosis, Dr. Becker said.

Other types of discoloration which Dr. Becker discussed included sun tan, freckles, and albinism.

Sun tan, he said, is due to an increase of melanin, the natural skin pigment, caused by the action of sun rays. When the melanin is not evenly distributed over the skin but bunches up in small areas, freckles—or tiny spots of sun tan—result.

Albinism, or white patches on the skin, is due to lack of melanin and may be inherited or be acquired. The cause of the acquired type, known as "vitiligo," is not yet fully understood, he said, but has in many cases been correlated with mental and nervous disorders.

Vitiligo may be cured, Becker said, but hereditary albinos have a permanently bleached skin which can only be remedied by staining the white patches with various dye compounds prepared for that purpose.

The Camera Hobby Has a Slangue

By United Press
NEW ORK.—"Say, you're pretty nice for an eagle-eye," co inform a "snapper," you're not intending to Broadway double-talk but to some of the newest slang in the American language. It's the slangue of the amateur photographer and it has received official recognition as an American sub-language by "American Speech," linguistic quarterly published by the Columbia University Press.

What the "shutterbug" said to the "snapper," was this, trans-

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

lated into the language of the layman:

"For someone who tries to catch people in embarrassing positions, you get poor angles."

"Shutterbug," and "snapper" are, of course, two of many terms for amateur photographer.

Other in a list compiled by Robert Johnston, chairman of the speech department at Morgan Park Junior College, include film-burner, expo-ham, glo-worm, hi-lighter, repro-fuser, clicker, and photo-bug.

Special terms are applied to types of amateurs. A "distorter" is one who specializes in freak angle shots; a "stripper" is one who specializes in nudes; a "mug johnnie" is a portrait specialist; and an "ampro" is the amateur who regards himself a greater artist than a professional.

The glossary of work words include:

Shoot, to take a picture; sitter, the central object of a picture; standup, a full-length picture;

mug, a portrait; dodge, to hold back light passing through a negative; pan, film sensitive to light of all colors; cheesecake, glamour picture; n.e., no color film; ortho, film sensitive to all colors except red; raw lights, uncovered bulb; five-point, refers to light on forehead, nose, chin and two cheeks; guillotine, device for trimming pictures; bald skies, pictures taken without a filter so that clouds do not show; darkroom widow, of a camera fan.

Rochne Trophy To Go To Minnesota

By United Press
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Minnesota will get permanent possession of the Knute Rochne Memorial trophy at ceremonies tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8. Minnesota's Gophers gained permanent possession by winning its

third national championship within seven years to hang up the best 10-year record in collegiate football.

Tentative plans call for Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen"—Elmer Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller and Jim Crowley—to present the trophy which they donated to sport.

When the season started this year Michigan and Southern California also had two legs on the trophy, but Minnesota won permanent possession by going through the season undefeated.

The largest sweet potato producing state in the union is a title claimed for Georgia, yet shipped only 22 carloads to commercial concerns last year. The Cracker and his spuds are not parted.

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THE DAY AND SEASON OF

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