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HOME ON LEAVE



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WACS In Britain Refuse Chance To Come Home

By Dudley Ann Harmon, United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON (UP)—WAC headquarters in the European theater got a shock the other day when they announced that applications would be considered for return to the United States to study at Officers Candidate School.

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THE WEATHER

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WACS ALL FOR CIVILIAN LIFE AFTER THE WAR

Fort Ogyethorpe, Ga. — (UP)—Will mustered-out female soldiers be de-feminized after the war? The answer from the third Wac Training Center at Fort Ogyethorpe, Ga., is a loud "no". Headquarters of the Wac camp have announced the result of a recent survey among 100 Wacs chosen at random.

In answer to the question: "What will be the effect of military living on women in the service? Will they be willing to pack their uniforms in moth balls and put on an apron again after the war? Will they be willing to settle down to quiet civilian offices again?" the Wacs had a ready answer.

"We'll go on being women," one said. "When I get home I'll cook all my favorite dishes let my hair grow long, make a new curtain for the living room, buy a pair of high heeled blue sandals, and never get up at six o'clock as long as I live."

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For Once the Infantry Don't Mind Mud



These doughboys are en route to a rest base after the fight to capture New Georgia Island from the Japs. Riding in jeeps these jungle warriors of ours are shirring a sea of mud toward the landing ship (LST) from whose big maw this picture was taken. Their job done for the moment they will enjoy a well earned rest. They are pushing the Japs slowly northward in the South Pacific Islands campaign. The War Bonds you buy are backing the attack.

Americans Are Dying in Italy



These honored dead are lying in a field on the outskirts of Caserta, Italy, where they fell fighting the Nazis. Sgt. R. Strebe, of Washington state, is checking the bodies before burial. There was no Armistice for these boys—only death. You can help win this war and get it over sooner by your purchase of War Bonds.

Lt.'s Wife Whacks Gong Husband Won

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Back in 1931 the Japs gave Frank E. Walton, Jr., a gong for swimming victories in Tokyo. Sound of the gong, they said, would bring victories, and it looks like they were right.

For every time Walton's wife, Carol, beats the gong—which she does quite frequently—the "Black Sheep" squadron is kicking the Japs around in the South Pacific. Walton, now a first lieutenant, Air Force, in the Pacific, won the gong by defeating Japan's best backstroke swimmers in a 100-meter race.



American infantrymen duck as they fire their mortar at a Jap position on New Georgia Island in the South Pacific. Shattered palms in the background give some idea of the ferocity of the fight for New Georgia Island. You can get in the fight to get it over, too, by buying more War Bonds.

FRENCH COAST TARGETS HIT BY RAF, YANKS

LONDON, Dec. 24. (UP)—Mysterious targets along the French coast were blasted by American bombers Thursday, and it is believed that objectives were likely the installations of the touted German rocket guns, the Nazi secret weapon.

The Allies are officially silent on the nature of these raids, but the London press, on the basis of neutral reports that the Germans were installing rocket guns in this Axis territory closest to England, has informally named the area after the high-powered rocket gun it is said to shelter for assault on Britain.

Bomb-carrying American thunderbolt fighters attacked the important German air base near the town of Gilze and Rijen in southern Holland, while the northern French targets of RAF medium and light bombers included a camp near Merlimont, a small coastal village nineteen miles south of Boulogne, and two railway junctions, it was announced. One medium bomber was missing from these operations.

British coastal guns pumped shells for an hour and a quarter across the strait of Dover and an enemy convoy was believed to have been the target. German guns on the French coast replied to the bombardment.

Merlimont is just south of Etaples on the coast of the Pas De Calais area nearest to England where the mystery targets are believed to be located.

Amid growing signs that these targets, whatever their nature, were of great importance, RAF heavy bombers were disclosed to have attacked objectives in northern France along with others in western Germany Wednesday, indicating the big planes may also be taking part in the assault on the rocket gun coast.

The specific targets were not announced, but it was noted that it was unusual for the British four-engine planes, with their great bomb capacity, to turn from their night offensives against German industrial cities such as Berlin to join in hitting the northern French areas under assault by the medium daylight bombers.

Two College Girls Rival Gridmen

ITHACA, N. Y. (UP)—Two members of the so-called "weaker sex," Violet Kissell of State Island N. Y., and Kay Camerato of New York City, have strength indices as high as most football players.

Physical fitness tests given the two Ithaca College girls by Isadore Yavits, varsity soccer, basketball and track coach, show strength indices of 2,574 for Miss Kissell and 2,427 for Miss Camerato.

Yavits says that he figures that any man with a score of 2,500 has the power to make a college football team. Only two players he adds, on last year's varsity basketball team had strength indices as high as the two girls.

It's All Because Of Christmas Time FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—The inevitable has happened. One of Fort Worth's "pistol packing mamas," officially a new member of the police force, gave her first ticket to a woman.

Christmas 1943 And What It Means to Me

Christmas is more than a Christmas tree and its decorations. It is more than the giving and receiving of gifts. It is more than the happiness of a home and of children, love, and friendship. It is even more than all of these together.

For the first time in my life, there will be a vacant chair around the table for Christmas dinner. Because of that, I am not asking for dolls or toys this Christmas. The things I want now aren't so easy. If I were to write Santa a letter, I would ask for a world at peace, and all men and boys reunited with their families. No more killing or the taking of lives, no hunger or misery anywhere.

I want to be able to grow up into a world of the four freedoms, a free world of opportunity and responsibility. A year ago I would have still wanted toys, but the war has struck close to my home. Now my family buys more bonds, hoping and praying for a speedy victory. We're praying for that boy 'over there' whose Christmas altar might be a tree trunk in a jungle. If he is along side us praying too, that will make it a happy Christmas.

MY Christmas will be the day peace is won. Written by Betty Moore, 7th grade, Young School, Ranger, Texas.

Mexico Begins Power Project Utilizing Snow

MEXICO CITY (UP)—Melted snow from the summit of Iztaccihuatl—whose three peaks look so much like the head, breast and feet of a woman that it is called the "sleeping lady"—may soon provide hydro-electric power for four states under a project now being studied by government engineers.

The plan to utilize run-off from the thick snow cap that blankets the Mexico City landmark this year around for producing electric power is unique on this continent.

The proposed works would cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000 pesos (about \$6,000,000) and would increase the output of electricity in the states of Puebla, Mexico, Morelos and the Federal District approximately 75 per cent according to government engineers.

Scores of these engineers and geologists have for sometime been conducting investigations of the feasibility of the plan and recently it was decided to carry it out with the backing of government as well as some private capital.

By a series of tunnels into the mountain water will be conducted through a network of canals encircling the peak into reservoirs. From the reservoirs it will be forced through pipes down a 500-foot drop through giant turbines. The waters will later be piped throughout the surrounding district for irrigation and private uses, according to the plan.

It has been estimated that the sun melts as much as 600 cubic meters of water every minute of the Iztaccihuatl snow bank, all of which is now going to waste.

Nearly 1,000 men, including military, forestry and irrigation engineers, are already at work on the preliminary phases of the project. Many of them live in crude huts and tents on the mountain slopes.

Coast Guard Cook Retires

Quoddy Head, Me. (UP)—Boatswain's mate R. W. McLean has retired after 24 years as cook at the Quoddy Head coast guard station. And during this time he estimates he has served more than half a million meals and has washed a pile of dishes as high as the Eiffel Tower.

EVERY TYPE ALLIED PLANE THROWN INTO BIG OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Dec. 24. (UP)—American heavy bombers swarmed into the unprecedented aerial onslaught on the French "rocket coast" for the first time today after British night raiders strewn flaming destruction through Berlin with more than 1,000 tons of bombs.

The Allies were hurling every type of plane in their British arsenal against the Pas De Calais area of France, across the narrowest stretch of the channel, in their biggest and most concentrated and most sustained bombardment.

Four-motored bombers of the United States Eighth Air Force made their first attack on the strip of gun-studded continental soil. American Marsuader medium bombers struck at the same area. The skies over the straits of Dover tumbled all day with the beat of motors as Allied bombers and fighters shuttled back and forth ceaselessly, carrying the attack on the French shore to a new peak of intensity and just its fifth day.

The Dutch Anoda News Agency reported in London that intensive strategic German forces were busy not by strengthening defenses in Holland and intensifying measures of repression against the civilian population.

Big British bombers still were returning to their bases from the heavy attack on Berlin when the daylight formations headed for France.

The aerial traffic picked up again gradually until the American heavy bombers escorted by fighters, crossed their bombs on the Pas De Calais strip around midnoon and dawn.

Marsuader medium bombers of the Eighth Air Force, also accompanied by Allied fighters, joined the big parade.

Early reports made no mention of the specific targets. Speculation over the aerial concentration on the French coast had dwelt on possible targets that the Germans had mentioned their "secret weapons," a rocket gun for bombarding London and other objectives in Britain.

EISENHOWER IS TO COMMAND THE INVASION

HYDE PARK, N. Y. (UP)—President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as commander of the forthcoming Allied invasion of Europe.

The announcement followed weeks of rumor and speculation on the subject of who would be given the command, and London was reported earlier to have said officially that Gen. Eisenhower would get the appointment.

The decision to place the veteran of the North African, the Sicilian and Italian campaigns in supreme command of the invasion evidently was made sometime ago, but for unannounced reason was withheld until today.

Late Bulletins

WASHINGTON (UP)—Spokesman for the brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the brotherhood of locomotive engineers announced at the White House today that they will call off their scheduled strike and submit the matter to President Roosevelt's arbitration.

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New Christmas Story About Music Brings Back Sailor's A Sick Seaman and a Piano Will to Live and Be Happy

By HELEN ESSARY Central Press Columnist

WASHINGTON—And now—Christmas! Another Christmas in which to try to be merry. Preachers of the Gospel will rise in their pulpits and speak of "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men." They will struggle to argue phrases to hide the grief which they as men of God must feel as they contemplate human beings, millions of human beings, hysterically working to create a hell on earth for each other, and calling the hell, progress.

At desperate day, this Christmas will be in the all out war. And yet through the thick despair you may catch as I did, the light of hope and kindness. Like a good candle shining in a dark and wicked world.

A Shining Light The seaman, we will call him Seaman Johnson, was one of those cases described in this war as the mentally depressed. The music that saved his mind was made on "The Little Brown Piano," a gift of the Red Cross Society and given by the society to the medical center. The piano has become in my Christmas story, if this were a classic drama it would be the deus ex machina.

The story began the day the piano was wheeled into one of the mental wards on its tour of good will. From another wing of the hospital another patient, we shall name him Seaman Miller, was invited to play for the mentally depressed. For the mentally depressed, "understand, there is no set treatment. Sometimes kindness and encouragement—which is kindness—restores their war-shocked nerves. Sometimes a piano, music, the sound of a voice, lifts the distress that is clouding the spirit of the man who has seen more of misery than his soul can endure.

Miller, the patient from the outside ward, had already helped many of his fellow patients. He was a fine musician and a willing one. Wherever he and the piano went they took with them a little forgetfulness from pain and anxiety.

In the ward of the mentally depressed musician Miller found little response. Not at first. Somebody would suggest "Give us 'Oh What a Beautiful Morning,' or maybe 'Dixie.'" But the suggestions would be half-hearted. Probably they came from the nurses. Not the patients who were gathered in a big circle listening, faces expressionless.

Then slowly, warily, one of the mentally depressed edged his way from the outside fringe to the circle through the crowd, toward the front row. After a while he moved to the piano and stood beside the piano.

It was Seaman Johnson, one of the most hopeless of the men in the ward. Johnson, the lad who lost interest in everything. He was one of those "hard-to-reach" patients—the recreational workers talk about. Johnson was an exaggerated case of the hard-to-reach. He had decided he did not want to live. He was doing nothing to help himself get well.

Musician Miller at once noticed the boy standing by the piano. His attitude and the sudden life in his expression showed that he liked music with the sort of liking musicians feel. Miller asked the boy to play. The boy declined brusquely and hurried off into the back of the listening circle.

A Red Cross worker had watched Johnson at the piano. Here perhaps was a chance to give the poor fellow an interest that might help him get well. She got permission to take the Little Brown Piano to an open ward.

There she and musician Miller persuaded Seaman Johnson to at least sit at the piano to get the feel of the keys under his hands. For a few moments he sat without moving.

Then one finger found a key. Another. And another. Moving slowly, awkwardly, fearfully as if they were rediscovering a lost world. Suddenly the boy Johnson got up from the piano. "It's no use!" he said lifelessly. "I've forgotten everything!"

The other patients had heard the few frightened notes. They realized that Johnson was somehow coming back to life. They clapped their hands and shouted "Give us some more!"

Johnson sat down again. At first his fingers faltered as they did before. As if they suddenly understood the touch of ivory, they began to play music. Beautiful music. The sort you listen to in big concert halls. Chopin, Grieg, Mozart and Beethoven.

"Why, you can really play, mate!" exclaimed musician Miller. "Where'd you study?"

CHARGES TREND TO SOCIALISM



FIRST ANNOUNCED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE in the 1944 elections, Republican Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio and Mrs. Becker pose for photographers in their New York home last night before the candidate addressed the Pennsylvania society in New York. Bricker charged that unless many New Deal policies are reversed they may "lead to socialism."

The Battle Is Over For These Two Doughboys



Given first aid by their buddies these two wounded infantrymen wait in the jungle of New Georgia Island for the arrival of the medical. Sgt. Morris Hale, left, and Cpl. Hollis Templeton, right, were wounded in action against the Japs. Are you backing up these jungle fighters by buying more War Bonds? U. S. Treasury Department

ETTA KETT comic strip by Paul Robinson. Panel 1: Hey, Etta, the so-called bands here—all set and rarin' to give out solid. Panel 2: Club members and guests—meet tonight's master of ceremonies, smiling Mike Wylin. Panel 3: At ease, kids. Panel 4: His nibs the mayor couldn't come to our grand opening, but he sent over his speech on a record which we'll play on the juke later. Panel 5: First I'm going to give you two words of advice. Panel 6: Let's dance!

THE LONE RANGER comic strip by Fran Striker. Panel 1: This place mysteriously old legend tell of many people who never come out of here! Panel 2: It's a mystery to me I came through here once, but now there's no sign of an opening! Panel 3: I'm sure it was here that I came through! Panel 4: We hear um men beyond wall! Panel 5: I hear them! The whole railroad crew is in there somewhere, trying to find gold that doesn't exist! Panel 6: There they go, the gold-crazed fools! Right straight to their destruction! Heh! Heh! Heh!

Little Annie Rooney and Bradon Walsh comic strips. Little Annie Rooney: Panel 1: I'll be very happy if you really mean you want to join the circus as a common laborer. Panel 2: Yes, dad—I've been sponging on you too long! Panel 3: At a boy! Bradon Walsh: Panel 1: I'm just another sucker who discovered the name "Primrose Path" should be changed to "Poison Ivy Parkway." Panel 2: Gee, zero, look! There's Mr. Carny's son workin' with the roustabouts—he used to say only mules an' fools worked for a livin'!

Tomorrow is a lovely word by Marie Blizard

Roommates and cousins. BETH KINNAN, serious-minded and straight and... ANDREA BARNER, rather self-centered and selfish, find that the tension surrounding America's impending entrance into the war is beginning to affect their lives. For three years Beth has been going with JIM RONALD, who still has not been too successful in getting ahead in the world, while Andrea has been attracted by DENNIS ARCHER, 15 years her senior, but wealthy and interesting—and also married. SYNOPSIS: Beth again meets Vernon Blake, the young western she met before on the train to Washington. This feeling of gratitude was mixed up with liking, with a pleased sense of companionship, and Beth would have enjoyed it to its fullest if she had not, woman-like, been aware that she was beginning to fill the proportions of a dream girl in Vernon's thinking. At first she thought that he, like herself, was just lonely, but after the first two weeks when they were seeing Washington together, he said to her one night, "I've got an invitation for you. Bert and Marion have heard so much about you they want me to bring you out to the house for dinner Sunday." "Marion?" Beth asked. "My brother's wife. She's a Washington girl, born here. You'll like her, and I know darned well she'll like you." "Oh, Vernon, then you could have known lots of girls in Washington!" "Not like you," he said. Another gold star went up beside Vernon's name in her memory. It was a pleasant feeling that a boy like Vernon would prefer her to all the girls he must have met. Beth was beginning to think she was a very lucky girl. One night, after she'd written Andrea a glowing letter, telling her about how much she liked her new job and Washington, she began to think of her luck, stringing each contribution on a mental thread. First there had been the fortuitous, if sad, circumstance of the judge's death. Then there was the little legacy of the money she had tucked away into a savings account. Three hundred dollars was no great fortune unless one considered it in the light of that nest-egg that so few working girls can count upon against a day of need. To Beth, it was a large fortune indeed, although her salary was \$32 a week. Then there was the meeting with Dennis Archer. She thought of him often, and each time with increasing understanding. Once she had blamed him for his relationship with Andrea, but now she had come to understand loneliness, and she felt that Dennis might have been lonely, having a wife who cared so little for him that she preferred a life away from him. She could understand why Andrea's young loveliness must have become poignant to him. She could understand all too well, how winsome and charming Andrea could be. Anyone would be drawn to Andrea with her warmth, her gaiety. After that, Beth thought of Vernon and how he had changed everything for her by just being there. By all the nice things they did together. And bringing her to his brother's house, where she had made friends at once with Marion Blake. Nor was Marion now the only girl friend she had in Washington; the other girls in her boarding house had taken her in, and she was finding it fun to share their confidences and pursuits. Two or three times a week she had dates with Vernon. On other evenings, the hours flew by with the girls who were her neighbors. Beth learned to play bridge and gin rummy. She got some knitting from the Red Cross, and knitted for hours, listening to the radio, or read books from a neighboring circulating library. She had almost no time to think of things she had left behind—of Andrea, or of Jim. But when she did, when Jim's face, when the memory of the times she'd shared with him, came back to her before she went to sleep at night, or sometimes when she was walking with Vernon, she could not remember that she was lucky. For it was then that the same old thing came over her, and she knew that no girl could call herself lucky once she had met the man who possessed her heart, and then lost him. It was then she called on herself for courage, reminding herself of the trials but true fact that time was the healer. As long as she could build a life for herself which had no associations with the part of her life that was all Jim, she would work out a plan that must lead to happiness as well as contentment. No girl could go on forever, having her heart jump into her throat every time she saw a pair of broad shoulders in khaki. There were so many khaki-clad shoulders in Washington, that Beth's heart should have been worn out within a week. Of Jim there was always news, for Andrea was a faithful correspondent. Jim had been to Pennington for two leaves since Beth's departure. He "always asked for" Beth, and urged Andrea to have her join them when Andrea got to Abington for a week-end. Andrea was saving money to buy some fall clothes so that she could make a trip in October, and would Beth like to join them then? Andrea added that Jim would get a date for Beth. Beth wrote, thanking both Jim and Andrea for the invitation, declining politely, and thanked her lucky stars that she wouldn't have to see them until Christmas, which she was planning to spend in Pennington, and at which time she hoped to have prepared herself to keep the corners of her mouth up. Christmas, when she would be remembering another Christmas, was not a holiday she anticipated. October came and Andrea wrote that she had a new dress, and a holiday from Wednesday to the next Monday because of inventory, and was going to Abington on Tuesday, but would arrive in Washington on Saturday to spend Saturday and Sunday with Beth, and wouldn't that all be fun? Beth had her misgivings. (To Be Continued)

Protests Raise



STRONG OPPOSITION to a senate-adopted resolution authorizing an eight-cents-an-hour wage increase for non-operating railroad workers is registered by Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson, above, in testimony before the house interstate commerce committee. Members of the railroad brotherhoods have voted to strike on Dec. 20 because they haven't received high enough increases. (International)

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BENES ARRIVES IN MOSCOW FOR SIGNING OF PACT



RUSSIAN GUARD OF HONOR is reviewed, above, by President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia, right in group, as he arrives in Moscow for the signing of Czech-Soviet 20-year mutual assistance pact. Left to right with Benes are A. Lozovsky, assistant Soviet commissar for foreign affairs; Vyacheslav Molotov, commissar for foreign affairs, and Marshal Klement Voroshilov, war commissar. The treaty is expected to help solve eastern Europe's post-war problems. (International Radioshots)

(Editor's Note—The following is a Christmas poem by Dolliee Davis Smith, Texas Poet Laureate.)

"LIGHT OF THE EAST"
By Dolliee Davis Smith
Texas Poet Laureate
The earth is void of laughter
and of light;
Yet aching heart and empty
dream ignite
And blaze the hollow shell of
great desires
For gifts that gleam. And
Peace is on that pyre!
Still Christmas dawns in richer,
fuller chime
Than ever in the history of
Time!
A deeper joy—with meaning
strangely clear.
Now fills the breach in merriment
and cheer.
For there can be no gaiety in

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

ALLIED BIG SHOTS confer only three at a time. This should convince even the most optimistic Nazi that the boys don't meet just to try out some new contract bridge systems.

Christmas cards continue to show all eight of those steeds pulling that famous sleigh. No reindeer rationing for Santa.

The Japs know enough about baseball that they should realize what happens when the other side keeps advancing from base to base.

A Canadian hunter bagged three deer with three shots in 20 seconds. What was he doing the other 17 seconds? Just loafing around?

A midwestern thief, a news reporter, stole a consignment of cheese. At last, suggest Grandpappy Jenkins, a rat with all the instincts of a mouse.

Only Nazi Ambassador Frank von Papen got any benefit out of his stay in Turkey. It was a nice place to be during the Berlin blitz.

The copper one-cent piece will again be minted in 1944. Guess we'll have to change that old saying to read: "A GOOD penny always comes back."

BALKAN POT BUBBLES, BOILS



LIVING UP TO TRADITION as the storm center of Europe, the troubled Balkans are bubbling and boiling with restrained and not-so-restrained revolt against their Nazi masters. In Yugoslavia and Greece, of course, guerrilla warfare goes on against the Germans, but trouble has extended to the satellites, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, as well. All have been warned by the Allies that they will receive a full measure of Allied wrath unless they withdraw from the Nazi camp. Sofia, Bulgarian capital, has received sample bombings. The situation is shown in this map. (International)

pain
Nor in the sphere that War has
made profane.
Despondency and sorrow's solitude
Will take no superficial inter-
lude
Of jingle bells nor lavish
carnal feast!
This day each heart shall face
the Sacred East
From whence the symbol of
His love shall rise
And burst in splendor over
Christmas skies!

To silently proclaim this Holy
Day
For Christ in Christmas cannot
pass away.

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PHONE 109

FALLEN NAZI--SYMBOL OF HIS HOMELAND'S FATE



ALL THE COCKINESS, all the "superman" spirit are gone from this captured German soldier as he re-linches in the mud of Italy after his capture by the British Eighth Army. He finally has realized that perhaps Germany is going to lose the war to the United Nations. (International Radiophoto)



Something to look at is Ingrid Bergman in technicolor in Paramount's "For Whom The Bell Tolls" which has been booked in to the Arcadia theatre here, beginning Wednesday. Gary Cooper plays opposite Miss Bergman.

ARCADIA SUNDAY AND MONDAY



LOVE OR LUNACY? It's the wild cry of a "girl-crazy" cowboy... but one clear-eyed daughter of the west ropes and tames him!

Mickey ROONEY
Judy GARLAND

GIRL CRAZY

STARRING TOMMY DORSEY and Orchestra
G. STRATTON
Dag. RAULIN
Nancy WALKER
G. KIBBE

WAC C. O.



COMMANDER of the only permanent tent encampment of WACS, on the North African coast, is Capt. Elizabeth G. Taylor, above, former principal of Swainsboro, Ga., high school. (International)

PERSONALS

Lt. Henry C. Richey has been visiting Mrs. Richey and their young son, Mrs. Richey is the former Melba Dean Morgan.

Ensign Evis McKelvain who is stationed with the WAVES at Houston is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McKelvain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry are spending Christmas in Waco.

Flight Officer George A. Woods, temporarily stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., is here for a twenty-one day visit with his wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamick.

Mrs. John M. Gholson has as her guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gholson of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cherry and daughter, Jo Ann, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blair of Houston and Mrs. Ralph E. Rolfe of Houston.

Store Owners Thank Customers For Cooperation

Mr. and Mrs. George Fongler, today expressed their appreciation to their customers for their consideration of the employees of the store during the disturbed days which followed the recent fire in their store.

FACTOGRAPHS

Long before Britons or Americans learned to play polo, natives of Afghanistan, Persia and India developed the game in their mountain haunts. Teams of rival tribes held a tournament every year at Mazar in northern Kashmir.

Buyers in Mexico are said to be seeking nearly every article under restricted production in the United States for shipment to the latter country.

Nest in Pittsburgh, Brownsville, Pa., founded in 1785, is the oldest town west of the Alleghenies.

New York state has about 800 miles of navigable ocean, lake and river waterways.

Society, Clubs

CLASSIFIED Birthday Party Given on Thursday

FOR SALE—Five room modern house in Olden. Located on high way, extra land and outhouses. C. E. May, Insurance, Ranger, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two late model 3-4 ton pickups—Extra good rubber and low mileage. Priced to sell. Price Crawley Motor Co., Ranger, Texas.

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers \$25 each and up. Shipped COD, if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McCraw, New York.

CLEARANCE on all present stock of wall paper. Jack Williams Wallpaper Store.

FOR SALE—Sewing machine \$15 and up. F. U. Bourland, 100 South Rusk Street.

FOR SALE—Pianos. Will give Terms. F. U. Bourland, 100 South Rusk Street.

FOR SALE—Late model bicycle, Goodyear, perfect condition. 516 Mesquite.

FOR SALE—Home-canned fruit and vegetables in glass jars. 1314 Spring Road, Ranger.

THOSE OF you who enjoy poetry for yourself or holiday giving will be pleased with my new book, STARLIGHT IN TEXAS. 151 poems also my biography and picture. Price \$1.50. BRICE WALKER, P. O. Box 223, Ranger, Texas.

Gholson Hotel & Apartments

Only few 2, 3, 4-room apartments left. See them and get moved before winter sets in. Here you have janitor, elevator and telephone service, and all utilities paid.

SEE US TODAY
Gholson Hotel
Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Jones

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barker.

Miss Helen Dawley and her mother, Mrs. Hugh Dawley, have as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dawley and family of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Braddy and sons of Monahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Ball of Dallas arrived Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barker.

1st. Lt. Rex Alworth and wife of remote Texas, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Alworth on Strawn Road.

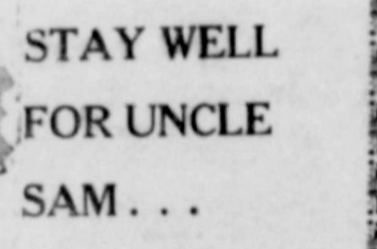
Mr. and Mrs. John North and son, Bobbie, of Crane are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. North's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

James Ferris, seaman first class, who is stationed at Freeport is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthew and daughters, Misses Jane and Anne, left Friday for Dallas where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan.

Miss Hazel Barker left Friday to return to Dallas after a visit

There's a Shortage of Doctors and Nurses!



STAY WELL FOR UNCLE SAM...

Today, every illness that causes you to go A.W.O.L. from your war job is a saboteur! With so many doctors and nurses gone to war, it's your duty to PREVENT ILLNESS! And we have everything from Vitamins to Vaccines to help you do the job!

DO YOUR PART . . . KEEP FIT OIL CITY PHARMACY

PHONE 24 RANGER

ARCADIA

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

At Last You Can See It ...after three years of production

Paramount's color-glorious masterpiece arrives to take its place as one of the greatest entertainments this city has known.



FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS
GARY COOPER - INGRID BERGMAN
Produced and Directed by Sam Wood
IN TECHNICOLOR

Road Show Engagement

Shows At 12:30-6 and 9 p. m. -PRICES-
Matinee 75c
Evening \$1.20
MEN IN UNIFORM .. 50 & 75c

NOTICE

Eastland, Wichita Falls and Gulf Railroad Company hereby gives notice that on the 10th day of December 1943, it filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, permitting abandonment of its entire line of railroad, extending from Marsum to Ringling Junction, a distance of approximately 26.62 miles, all in Eastland and Stephens counties, Texas. File number 14432.

W. M. U. TO MEET MONDAY MONDAY—
W. M. U. will meet Monday afternoon at 4:00 in the home of Mrs. Joe N. Graham, 808 Cherry street, for a Royal Service Program. The Alma Jackson Circle will have charge of the program.



With Friendly Greetings For CHRISTMAS And Best Wishes For The NEW YEAR

CLYDE S. KARKALITS
Tax Assessor - Collector

INSURANCE!

FIRE AUTOMOBILE CASUALTY

Protect Yourself and Your Country Against Loss .. Insure your Barn

RANGER INSURANCE CO.

T. J. ANDERSON C. B. FRUET



GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS

We take this means of entering your happy family group at this Yuletide and bring our warmest wishes for you. We trust that this Christmas will be a joyous one, and that fond thoughts of it will linger in your memory.

EARL CONNER

CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Alcohol From Paper Mills Is Gaining Support

NEW YORK (UP)—"Chemical and Engineering News", publication of the American Chemical Society has reported that a possible "acute alcohol shortage" will spur agitation for making industrial alcohol from waste sulfite liquor at pulp mills.

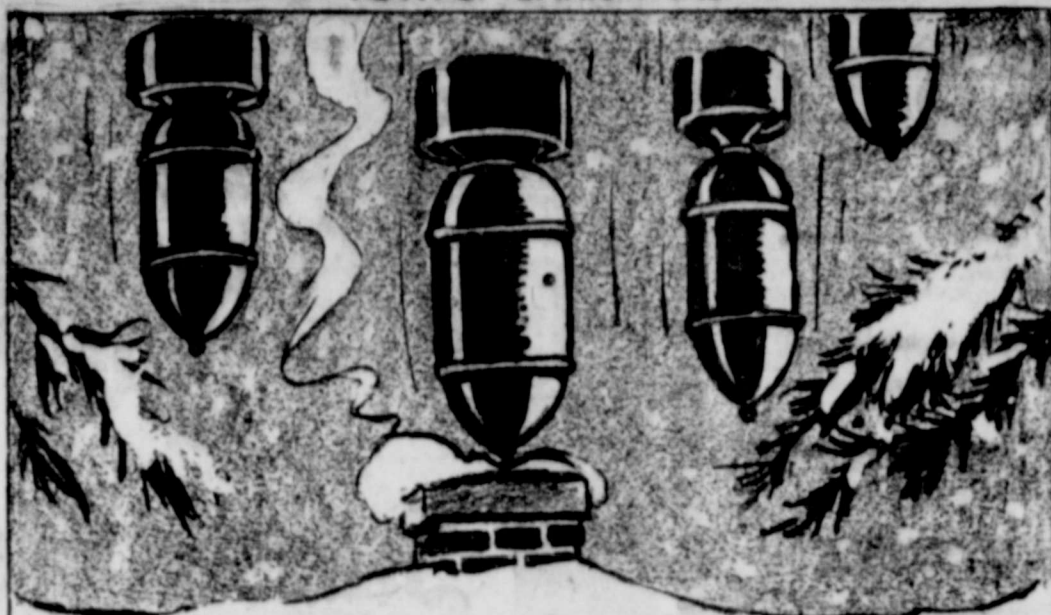
Lynne M. Lamb, Washington correspondent for the journal, said in a survey on current conditions that "emphasis is again being put on synthetics in vital industrial components — fuel, alcohol, rubber."

"One phase of the situation is renewed agitation for manufacture of industrial ethyl alcohol from waste sulfite liquor at paper mills," he continued.

"The War Production Board has had before it for nearly two years plans of one or another pulp mill company to put this process into use to supplement industrial alcohol supplies," Lamb disclosed. "The supporting argument," he said, "was that such alcohol could be produced at from 18 to 20 cents per gallon, which compares with the pegged prices paid by the government for alcohol it has been getting, approximately 50 cents, and in some cases probably higher."

"However, for various reasons, materials were refused for construction of such facilities. . . . Some question has been raised also, as to whether the process would produce alcohol as economically as was claimed. Now, the possible shortage, coupled with the fact that a plant in Canada built about the time the WPB refused to allocate materials for an American project, has been apparently successful, has given supporters of the proposal new grounds for attack."

"TOKYO CHRISTMAS"



May the Star of Bethlehem Light the Way to a World of Peace and Good Will and Make Your Heart Warm With Its Promise On This Christmas Day, Is Our Sincere Wish.

We have enjoyed association with you during the past year and we promise every effort will be made during the twelve coming months to serve you as efficiently as has always been our custom.

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY
PHONE 61



A Happy Holiday Season Here's Wishing You

As we relax on this Christmas and turn away from worry and work we look to the finer and sweeter sentiments of life. Yes, the Christmas Spirit brings out the best in us, takes us from the plane of every day to a feeling of Joy and Happiness.

May This Christmas Be Unusually Happy for You Is Our Wish

WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU OFTEN IN 1944

C. E. MAY
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
RANGER, TEXAS



Just to Say MERRY CHRISTMAS to All-HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is always a pleasure to meet our friends and to have the satisfaction of being able to serve you.

J. D. HEYES, Prop.
212 MAIN STREET TELEPHONE 310

RANGER JEWELRY CO.
WATCHES DIAMONDS
GIFTS FOR EVERY OCCASION



MUCH CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS

The happiness we gain during Christmas is measured by the amount we distribute, as happiness comes from making others happy. May you have a large part in making many hearts glad, is our sincere desire at this season.

MAY THIS HAPPINESS LAST THROUGH A BRIGHT YEAR OF HOPE

We would like to thank you for every courtesy shown us in the past year.

BLACKLOCK FEED STORE
PHONE 112

Buy only what you need . . . but

BUY QUALITY

QUALITY BUYING IS WARTIME THRIFT

"Food will win the war and write the peace." But only if there is full cooperation on the part of every housewife in America. Do not buy foods just to use up ration points, or because it's a bargain in points or money. Buy wisely . . . and buy only what you need. That's playing fair.

A. H. POWELL Grocery & Market
Phone 403



WE HEAR FAMILIAR REFRAINS:

**"JINGLE BELLS"
"NOEL"
"SILENT NIGHT"**

We are reminded that Christmas is here again with its gaiety and its nobler thoughts and deeds. That you may enjoy this Christmas in its full richness is our wish.

STAR DRY GOODS
MAIN STREET RANGER

A YULETIDE WISH FOR YOU PERSONALLY

Wherever you may be at this time we extend our greetings and wish for you all the joys of a Happy Christmas and may each day of the coming year grow brighter one by one.

This occasion brings to our attention the fact that we can express openly our appreciation of the kindness you have shown us during the past year. Thanks a lot. We promise to merit your continued loyalty in the days to come and give our best in service, and we hope 1944 brings better things in this respect.

MRS. HIGDON'S CAFE
And Employees



THE OTHER WISE MAN

Is known today for the humble service rendered those who needed him. Serving others which includes giving is the keynote of Christmas that you may have that joy that comes from serving your country and fellowman is our wish for you on this Christmas Day, 1943.

H. H. Vaughn Service Station



Is What We Are Wishing For All Of Our Many Friends At Home And Abroad.

More Than ever We Feel A Deep Appreciation For The Joys Of CHRISTMAS.

C. J. MOORE AUTO MART



HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

We would like to contact each of you personally to wish you a Merry Christmas, but since we cannot do this we take this means to say it and to thank you for your patronage, and ask for the pleasure of serving you in the coming years.

C. E. MADDOCKS AND CO.



To All Our Friends And Patrons May You Be Truly Joyous On This CHRISTMAS DAY

And bear in your mind and hearts the blessings which we enjoy through the gifts bestowed upon us by the birth of Christ whose birthday we hail today.

A & P FOOD STORE
ARLIE CARVER MANAGER



This is the high tide of the year, Christmas, steeping every heart in the benevolent spirit of Him whose birthday it is.

May the day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your desires.

HARRY WARNER MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warner and Wayne

Buy DEFENSE BONDS And STAMPS

8 Days Under Fire



EIGHT NERVE-SHATTERING DAYS were spent in the middle of an Italian battlefield under constant fire by Mrs. Rosita Caputi, above, a New Yorker, but the wife of an Italian naval officer believed killed aboard the battleship Roma. Mrs. Caputi told British soldiers who found her that she and her 16-month-old baby lived in a cave with 40 peasants for eight days while the battle of the Sangro river raged. (International)

Sees No Mad Rush Or Post-War Buying

Champaign-Urbana, Ill. (UP)—Consumers who have been cautious buyers during the days of wartime rationing will continue to be "easy" after the war, according to the University of Illinois bureau of economic and business research.

Dr. John F. Bell, acting director of the bureau, predicted that the anticipated postwar rash of buying "may not be so mad as some sellers seem to expect."

Bell reasoned that after the war "we shall pass from the present sellers' market into a buyers' market." He said the difference is "probably as much psychological as economic," since buyers who feel they possess the advantage are quick to exploit it.

He also warned consumers not to expect their "dream car" ready for immediate delivery at \$500 when prices come. That time may be "years" away he said.

Bell said the buyer's accumulated war savings will also deter a buying spurge. Families who have learned the value of accumulating savings for the first time "now know that money does not have to be spent the same week it is earned." They will be less likely to dig into their savings after the war, Bell said, to spend it "promiscuously."

KEEP ON... Backing the Attack! WITH WAR BONDS



Never Before Did The Privilege of Saying MERRY CHRISTMAS To Our Friends Mean More, For The Spirit Of The American Christmas Is The Same Spirit That Spurs Our Men On The Fighting Front So To Those At Home and Those In Foreign Lands We Wish The Best That Is Possible.

EDWIN GEORGE GULF CONSIGNEE



May you have a joyous Christmas which will leave pleasant memories and give hope for a brighter tomorrow.

We are wishing the best of the season for you and

TEXAS DRUG STORE 105 MAIN STREET RANGER, TEXAS PHONE 264

Yuletide Greetings To All



And may the days ahead fulfill the common hope of us all for Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

And in the spirit of the Christ whose birthday we celebrate, we offer each of you our deepest Best Wishes at Christmas.

A. H. POWELL GRO. & MKT. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell

Season's Greetings. Warmest best wishes of the season to you and yours from this company and its employees in the armed services and on the home front. We join you in the earnest hope that 1944 will be a year of decisive Victory leading to lasting peace and happiness for all. COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY. We Thank You for Your 1943 Patronage

Dr. W D McGraw Optometrist 211 WEST MAIN EASTLAND, TEXAS Full Time in Eastland Eyes Carefully Examined. Glasses Guaranteed to Fit ECONOMY PRICES

WINTER IS HERE So is the threat of Influenza and Pneumonia: See that your resistive power is what it should be. Take Chiropractic Adjustments, to build and maintain that resistance. YOUR CHIROPRACTOR—E. R. Green, D. C. 434 Pine St.—Ranger, Tex Killingsworth's

BURIAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE 129 MAIN STREET PHONE 29, RANGER, TEXAS SECURE A POLICY NOW It is better to have and not need it than to need it and not have it.

GIFTS THAT LAST See our selection of Gifts for everyone on your Xmas Shopping List.— A small payment will hold any article.— If It's New, We Have It— D. E. PULLEY Diamonds—Watches—Jewelry Watchmaker Jeweler 203 Main



Our Boys Are Relying On US To Keep Up Morale-Do Our Bit

They rejoice to think of the good American Christmas back home that the enemy can never bomb out of existence. That War Bond you are giving for Christmas brings "Merry Christmas" to our boys and to our folks at home by helping to shorten the war.

We appreciate the hearty cooperation of all our customers during the past year and we shall continue to give you our very best service.

ELMARTIN CO

The Friendly Store

CHRISTMAS IS ONE OF THE FREEDOMS

WE LIVE AND DIE FOR

Wherever our boys are on the globe they know we are keeping alive the Christmas spirit and what it stands for just as we know they are doing the task set before them. So let's make it—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for your patronage and we invite you to visit us often in the next year.

J. C. Penney Co.

Joe N. Graham, Mgr.

"Butch" Missing



RELATIVES of Lieut. Comdr. Edward H. "Butch" O'Hare, above, have been notified that he is missing in action. The Navy air ace received the Congressional Medal of Honor for shooting down five Jap planes in the battle of the Coral sea. (International)

Hodges Oak Park School News

Editor—Ralph Gay, Associate Editor—Jimmie Heintz.

Reporters — Glenna Weaver, Betty Jean Dickson, Richard Martin, Ralph Gay, Robert Martin.

What Christmas Means To Me
Christmas will mean a lot to me, but to others, well, there may be some sorrow, some grief, for a son across the ocean, not to be able to get the real meaning of Christmas. Remember the boy across the street? Of course you do he fought to make us true and free. This boy will never come home again nor will he ever see the end. Think, America, of the boys you loved over in some foreign land, they, in a trench they

hovered. But again we will win, and when we do, it won't be true, that there will be nothing left for the Japs to do. But all you see, put to think about the boy across the sea. Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Mr. Barnes Donates Christmas Trees

We wish to thank Mr. Barnes for his donation of six Christmas trees to the Hodges Oak Park school. This is indeed a very fine spirit of cooperation and teachers and pupils appreciate it very much. Thank you again, Mr. Barnes. —Richard Martin.

PTA Program Well Attend'd
The Hodges Oak Park PTA felt greatly honored Tuesday afternoon when they had the first and second grades to present the Christmas program. It consisted

of a number by the Rhythm band. After the program Rev. Engle delivered a very fitting speech and Christmas carols by the entire on the "Freedom of Religion" grades. —Richard Martin.



LET EVERY HEART BE GLAD!

CARRY on the tradition that is America. Be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and hope for Victory in 1944!



BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

BROWN TRANSFER

Raymond Brown

Back The Attack



Merry Christmas

There Will Always Be a

Christmas IN America

And our Best Wishes go out to you during this Christmas Season

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Galloway



MAY THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM LIGHT THE WAY TO A WORLD OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL AND MAKE YOUR HEART WARM WITH ITS PROMISE ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY, IS OUR SINCERE WISH.

WE HAVE ENJOYED ASSOCIATION WITH YOU THE PAST YEAR AND WE PROMISE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SERVE YOU AS EFFICIENTLY IN THE FUTURE AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR CUSTOM.

GHOLSON BARBER SHOP

L. E. Gray Toney Lewis

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

These words express our sincere message to you though the expression be simple and somewhat time worn.

May this day be for you one of unusual happiness and as we greet the New Year we trust it will bring you better days.

We hope the New Year will offer us many opportunities to serve you that we may show our appreciation of your kind patronage.

DR. PEPPER Bottling Company

M. L. KING

It is your duty..



TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER, HAPPIER AND GAYER THAN EVER BEFORE FOR THOSE AT HOME.

We hope our Friendly Greeting will help to make this Christmas a little happier for you and those you hold dear. That the warm glow of kindred hearts as they gather around your festive board may be a beacon to guide you through a New Year of gladness and joy that will grow brighter as each day of 1944 goes by is our Sincere Wish.

To those who have made our business good we express our appreciation and to all of our friends we extend an invitation to visit us.

HAMILL'S, INC.

Audrey Yonker—Gertrude Henry—Thelma Van Bibber—Hildegarde Larson



SINCERE GREETINGS

We feel that our friends are worthy of our warmest and kindest greetings and so with all sincerity and in the heartiest possible way we say

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL NEW YEAR"

WOOD PRODUCTION SHOP

Mr. and Mrs James Smith

291 Pine

Phone 202

Chicago Firm Spurring Output Of Penicillin

CHICAGO (UP)—Through the construction of a \$400,000 addition to the plant of Abbott Laboratories production of penicillin will be increased about 40 times, announced S. Dawitt Clough, the laboratories president.

The Army and Navy want all the penicillin that can possibly be produced, he said, because medical men have demonstrated that this chemical substance is more effective in combating certain types of infection than various other drugs.

Chemists and bacteriologists of Abbott Laboratories perfected a method of producing penicillin by refining the fluid extracted from a greenish soil culture. Clough said his firm is now the largest penicillin producer in the Middle West.

The scarcity of penicillin pre-

vents its use in civilian cases, and the present supply is distributed only under the direction of Dr. Chester S. Keefer of Evans Memorial hospital in Boston.

Dr. Keefer authorized the use of penicillin only in civilian cases, he said, because of a fear that the drug would be used for the patient's ultimate recovery.

Penicillin is produced by taking a certain amount of starting material from which the spores of the fungus are taken from a Fleming strain of Penicillium. The spores are then used in a mold. Four cultures are necessary to produce an expanded enough to yield several hundred pans in which the final growth incubates.

Dark brown liquid saps from a mold and collects in the bottom of the pan. To be used, the strain of fungus is liquid and about 60 gallons can be obtained under existing conditions, and at least one quart of penicillin results after refining. The complete process of penicillin is sealed

in ampules for medical use every week.

Extreme care must be exercised in penicillin production because many bacteria produce enzymes which destroy this medical product. While in the several stages of growth, penicillin must be kept at even temperatures as the chemical is highly sensitive and must be kept chilled.

TOOK 260 YEARS TO SETTLE PROVIDENCE, R. I. (UP)

The boundaries of the nation's smallest state—Rhode Island—wasn't settled until 260 years after its founding.

The long delay was due mainly to the vaguely-worded deeds which the early settlers received from the Indians when they acquired land. One early resident once remarked that in his day the boundaries might as well have been marked by "a bramble bush on the north, a bluejay on the south, a hive of bees on the west and five hundred foxes with firebrands tied to their tails on the east."

Service Men's Domestic Ills Lead Legal Cases

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Domestic complications of service men outnumber other types of knotty problems which the University of Texas Legal Aid Clinic currently is handling, Clinic Director W. W. Patterson has announced.

Providing free legal advice to service men and indigent civilians, the senior law students serving in the clinic's third year of operation have dealt with all sorts of litigation.

Service men, hundreds of whom are stationed near Austin, will account for most of the 300 cases presented this year, Patterson estimates. Their problems deal with custody of children, divorces, allotments, probations of wills and

other family matters.

Civilian litigation generally concerns land title, applications to change a name, and citizenship applications. Students do all of the legal research on cases accepted, and when a case goes to court, they accompany the trial attorney to observe. Students may not practice until state permission is received.

Patterson said the clinic, only project of its type operated by a university in the state, operated in cooperation with the bar association. Started originally as an extra-curricular activity, the clinic is now a regular law course, Patterson said.

It has three purposes: to provide practical experience for students, to relieve lawyers of a heavy load of free legal work, and to help indigents as a means of "preventing a miscarriage of justice."



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 on the whole calendar.

LANGSTON BARBER SHOP



HEARTY GOOD WISHES

If we could be toastmaster at your Festive Board we would favor you who have been so kind and considerate at all times during the past year with our wishes for good health and long happiness at this store with many thanks.

We gratefully acknowledge your consideration of Christmas and through the New Year.

NEAL'S LAUNDRY

300 N. Austin Street, Ranger, Texas



TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

We Offer Here Our Most Sincere Wishes For The HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS EVER—

WEST TEXAS HOSPITAL



PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL.

At this Christmastide as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace we are drawn closer together in a common cause—the cause for Freedom and peace. May this land of ours be ever bound together by a desire to give individuals the Christmas joy and contentment that is their rightful heritage.

MAY JOY BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS AND IN THE NEW YEAR

It Is Always a Pleasure to Serve You.

E. P. MILL'S GROCERY & MARKET



We can't Think Of A Cherrier Greeting Than—

A Very Merry Christmas

AND

A Bright And Prosperous

NEW YEAR

GODWIN FURNITURE CO.

STRAWN ROAD



In characteristic American fashion we put aside those things which trouble us and this anniversary of the birth of Christ, the Saviour of the world, we wish for one and all—

A TRULY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

RANGER AUTO PARTS

Mr. and Mrs J. J. Kelly Jimmie and Richard



MAY WE COME IN

Thank you. We just couldn't pass up this opportunity to step into the warmth and cheerfulness of your home on this Christmas and extend our Greetings to you and yours.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE ONE OF JOY AND YOUR NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS

RANGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P. E. MOORE, SECRETARY

Heartfelt Greetings



THIS holiday season is filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence in ultimate Victory, the day when "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" will again be a happy reality.

But with peace, as in wartime, food will continue to be the world's most vital necessity. We here in America are faced with the great responsibility of providing Food for our Allies... Food for the Nations freed from tyranny... and Food for our own People. We must observe the rules of fair play—Produce, Conserve, Share and Play Square—in order that starvation and want may not stalk the earth.

Never before has the job of supplying fresh fruits and fresh vegetables been more important than it is today. It is a job that must and will be done by the established trade in the proven system of efficient distribution.

We extend Heartfelt Greetings and Good Wishes to all of our friends in the Southwest. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you through home-owned independent retail dealers with the finest fresh fruits and fresh vegetables for your good health and enjoyment.

Identified by Home-Owned Independent Retail Dealers

fresh-from Keith's

Listen for the Whistle KEITH'S FRUIT EXPRESS 8:15 A. M. MON.-WED.-FRI.

KGKO—570 On Your DIAL

For Peculiar Enjoyment HEAR SUNDAY SERenade 1:00 P. M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEN E. KEITH COMPANY

Largest Distributors of Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables in the Southwest DALLAS - FORT WORTH - LONGVIEW - ABILENE - LUBBOCK - WICHITA FALLS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Comes the Message Once Again
Of "Peace On Earth,
Good Will to Men."

May its blessings, warm and true,
This Christmas Day abide with you.

BELL'S SHOE REPAIR SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell

A VERY MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Of Our Many Friends—

At home and in foreign lands it is our duty to keep
up our American traditions in spite of all efforts to
destroy them.

We rejoice in the privilege of being able to say
and mean it, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

MODE O' DAY

MRS. LILLIAN KIRK



We are happy to be able once a-
gain to wish all of our many fri-
ends a truly Happy American
Christmas and to express our faith
in the one whose Birthday we cele-
brate.

H. P. EARNEST

TEXACO CONSIGNEE



MAY GOOD CHEER VISIT YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

It is pleasant indeed to remember our old friends and to greet new
friends at this time and to wish each of you the best of Holiday Hap-
piness.

We're truly grateful for your patronage in the past and we are anxious
to be of future service to you.

SWOVELAND'S CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Swoveland and Employees

Hi-Way 80

EMBRACES CAUSE OF IT ALL



FERVENT EMBRACE is given Anthony Van Arkel, 26, above, by Rosalie Walsh, his 21-year-old sweetheart, as a Chicago jury returns the verdict that she is not guilty of murdering a rival, Alberta Morrow. Miss Walsh said that Miss Morrow was shot when a gun she was using to frighten Van Arkel was fired accidentally. The couple said they plan to be married soon. (International Soundphoto)

CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker

Alameda school pupils had their
Christmas tree and presentation
of gifts at the High School Tues-
day morning. Classes are dismis-
sed until after the holidays.

The cookie baking by the com-
munity women went over in a
grand way. Sugar was distributed
by the USO, for the cookies and
the candy to be made and sent to
Camp Bowie to convalescent sol-
diers. There were 969 cookies
baked and 15 pounds of candy,
an assortment of approximately
360 pieces, made and sent this
week.

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

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

Richard Myrick was ill the lat-
ter part of the week.

Mr. Lonnie Martin is still un-
able to be up and about very
much.

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

Lynn (Tookie) Walton, who
was burned 3 weeks ago, is still
a shut-in and would appreciate
a hello from friends.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker
were Eastland visitors Friday, also
Cullen Lockhart.

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

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

Mrs. Leo Myrick and family
visited Mrs. Earnest Calvert Thurs-
day night.

Charles Sullivan and
Nelda Bishop were married at 11:
00 o'clock Saturday at the bride's
home near Cheaney. The new-
weds are to live on the Thebert
Jones place.

The S. A. Davis family were in
Ranger Saturday, as was Miss
Mayo Miller.



HOLIDAY GREETING! Best Wishes For A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hang up the stockings and settle yourself very
comfortably, because we've asked old Santa Claus
to deliver to you everything that make this
the best Christmas that has ever come to you.

We would not forget to add our wish for unbound-
ed success through fifty-two weeks of the New
Year.

A. L. STILES, Service Station
HIGHWAY 80 AT MAIN STREET CROSSING



We Think Of Our Friends With Kind Thoughts

At This Happy Yuletide Season and Take This
Means of

Sending You Our Greetings

It is with a glow of pride we think of our friend-
ships. We enjoy knowing each of you and we feel
that we have no regrets when we look back to our
business associations with you during the past
year.

OUR WISH IS FOR YOUR HAPPINESS AT
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Horwood and son

GREETINGS With The Accent ON PEACE

"Peace On Earth" was the song heard on the
Judean hillside long ago. May its echo resound in
these trying days until the whole world vibrates
with the desire. Then will our Sacred Christmas
Season be in perfect harmony with the ideal for
which it was founded so long ago.

For those around your fireside this Christmas
and for those who might be absent we extend
our greetings and best wishes.

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE HAPPY

We Appreciate Your Kindness And
Your Patronage.

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AND EMPLOYEES

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That Joy Be Yours This
CHRISTMAS TIME

We are deeply grateful for the blessings that have
come our way in the past. Particularly are we
grateful for friendships that have meant so much
to us personally as a firm. Through these friend-
ships life has been most enjoyable together with
the knowledge that we are satisfactorily serving
these same friends. With a continuation of these
fine relationships we look forward to a successful
year in 1944.

J. E. Meroney

Agt.

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Highway 80 West



LAND OF HAPPY HOMES

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

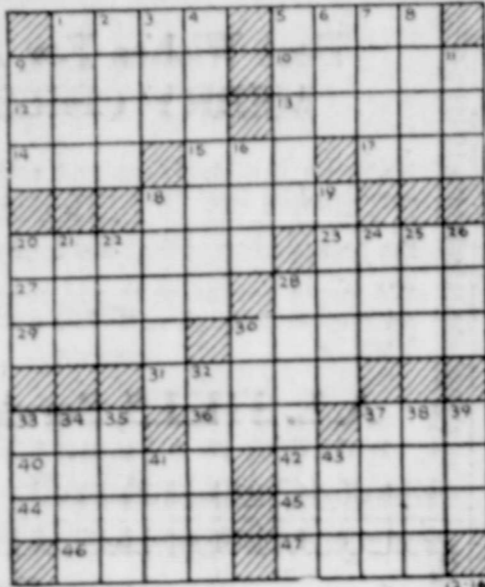
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Musical instrument 5 Carriage 9 Nobleman 10 Ascends 12 Fruit of the oak 13 Urge forward 14 Lair 15 Possess 17 Firmament 18 Subside 20 Actually 23 Witty saying 27 Semblance 28 Pack animal 29 Dollar (Sp. Am.) 30 United States territory 31 Defamatory statement 33 Herd of whales 36 Size of type 37 Exclamation 40 Sprite (Shakespeare) 42 Set solidly in a bed 44 Dance 45 Inflamed spots 46 State flower (Utah) 47 Greet DOWN 1 Confront 2 Metal 3 Because 4 Uplift 5 Publish 6 Border 7 Vipera 8 Humble 9 Not good 11 Foxy 16 Route 18 A fixed star of Perseus 19 Like in value 20 Free 21 Ostrich-like bird 22 River (Swiss) 24 City (poss.) (Bib.) 25 Vex 26 Blue grass 28 A flaw 30 Boy's nickname 32 Eskimo house 33 Gun (slang) 34 Parrots 35 Explosive charge in water 37 Hillside, dugout 38 Part of the foot



Yesterday's Answer
39. Public notices
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CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

ALVJV TD WP CQV SLTML JVVRTQPW
ZPVD WPA FVMPBV—VJCBND.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: OF ALL ANIMALS MAN IS THE LEAST SUITED TO LIVE IN FLOCKS—ROUSSEAU.
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Treasure Hunter Seeks Gasoline

PORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—U. S. District Attorney Cloyd O. Easton has received many strange requests during his tenure of office, but he believes this one tops all of them. A so-called "treasure hunter, prospector and inventor" in Moreno, Ariz., wrote Easton recently requesting that the district attorney locate some gasoline ration tickets "in some good honest way so I can hunt some buried treasures."



I'm taking time off to say:

"GREETINGS"

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

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



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MERRY



CHRISTMAS

We Wish For You Much Christmas Joy and Cheer

Good Luck—Good Health Happiness FOR THE NEW YEAR

Texaco Service Station FRANK PENN

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



GRATEFULLY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH YOUR LOYALTY WE HAVE PROGRESSED DURING THE PAST YEAR. SO WE HAVE RESERVED OUR BEST WISH FOR YOU OUR CUSTOMER AND FRIEND. MAY GOOD THINGS COME TO YOU AT THIS CHRISTMAS.

ROY McCLESKEY Service Station

Highway 80 Ranger, Texas.

Expressing Sincere Good Wishes



"MAY YOUR DAY BE MERRY AND BRIGHT"

They are words of a popular song, but they express our wish for this Christmas Day. The privilege we have of remembering our loved ones and friends with tokens of love and friendly greeting make it a great event of each year... A day we look forward to and cherish.

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

And A New Year Full Of Happiness

WE WISH THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS

Whatever your station in life, to young and old, to rich and poor, to all who have honored us with your friendship, good will or patronage, to all men everywhere, we extend our cordial greetings of this holiday season.

May this 1944th birthday of the Prince of Peace bring you an abundance of the finest blessings that the world has to bestow. May you be surrounded by your friends and loved ones, and may you go onward into the New Year filled with the spirit of hope, confidence and courage to meet life's problems day by day.

In the spirit of warm appreciation for the consideration you have shown us in the past, we wish for you a Christmas and a New Year that will be the best you have ever had.

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FURNITURE

Professor Says It's 2 To 1 prediction on the basis of 1895-1941 records in this community only, but he said there is no factor likely to cause serious deviation elsewhere in Pennsylvania and nearby states.

Dr. Hans Neuberger, Pennsylvania State College geophysics professor, uttered his armchair prediction on the basis of 1895-1941 records in this community only, but he said there is no factor likely to cause serious deviation elsewhere in Pennsylvania and nearby states.

Neuberger said that in two out



GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION

There is something about the Yuletide that lifts our hearts and minds from every day cares to a gay and friendlier mood. We realize at this time how much our friends have meant to us during the past year.

We appreciate you and wish for you the very best Christmas and New Year you have ever had.

GEORGE L. DAVENPORT

Judge 9th District Court

CHRISTMAS DAY IS OURS



To do with as we see fit and it shall continue to be so just the same unselfish, loving and thoughtful spirit of Christmas will remain.

On This Day We Wish You ALL THE JOYS OF A HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON

ARCADIA SWEET SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU IS FULL OF SINCERTY

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 on the whole calendar.

MRS. HARREL'S CAFE

MR. AND MRS. R. E. HARRELL



On The Same Friendly Day In The Same Friendly Way We Wish You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

EASTLAND IRON & METAL CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pullman

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR



GREAT JOVIALITY is registered by both President Roosevelt and House Minority Leader Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, above, as the chief executive is greeted by Capitol leaders on his return to Washington from the Allied conferences in the Near East. Standing in the background is Representative Sol Bloom of New York. Note the president's plaid shirt. (International Soundphoto)

of three years since 1895 when September rainfall was below normal a "green" Christmas followed. The chances are 2 to 1 against a "white" 1943 Yuletide because September's .72 of an inch precipitation was far under the normal 2.33 inches, Neuberger explained.

URGENT!

SAVE USED FATS FOR GUNPOWDER

Bring them here!

Museum Employee Has Collectio Of Rare Guns

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—The tales of "Pistol Packin' Mama" have made the rounds, but there is yet the story of a "Pistol Packin' Papa" who owns more than 100 guns but doesn't "pack a rod" and whose first name is Jesse James.

Howard is the last name of Jesse James. Mild-mannered and soft-spoken, he hails from Valley Mills near Waco, and is an employee of Texas Memorial Museum, a University of Texas graduate geology student, and a collector of ability.

Swiss President



NEW PRESIDENT of neutral Switzerland is Dr. Walter Stampfli, above, member of the Swiss federal council since 1940 and head of the department of public economics. (International)

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While his conglomeration of rare things includes stamps, coins, butterflies and Indian lore, Howard's prize possession is a 120-year-old muzzle-loader handed down by his great grandfather.

Naturally, the rifle is treasured for sentimental reasons, but Howard still hunts with it because of its extreme accuracy.

Howard's gun collection runs the gamut, from an aged matchlock rifle—the first type of gun ever used—to modern firearms. He traded a British soldier in India some rare U. S. stamps for the matchlock, which is fired with a fuse.

The studious collector defends the Jesse James of old who was renowned for his train robberies and gun toting.

It was the "damn Yankees" Jesse hated—not the railroads—because he thought those up east and north were wrecking the south, Howard says.

Howard aspires to obtain his master's degree, then go to Columbia, South Africa, as a geologist with an oil company. But he doesn't want to forget his collections which he's been accumulating since the age of 12 and which formerly brought correspondence with people in Spain, Arabia, Java India and England.



IN COMMENDATION

of the Christchild who brought Joy and Peace and Good Will into the world we celebrate Christmas. May it bring these to your heart is our heartiest wish at this Happy Season.

THE PLEASURE OF SERVING YOU IS ONE WE CHERISH

HOMER SMITH

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



MAY YOU HAVE A WHOLESOME JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The real Christmas Spirit of sharing, unselfish giving, love and sacrifice mean more to us in these days than ever before. With a faith that never wavers and a perseverance that never ceases we will cling to these ideals that the American Christmas will ever be a bright and happy time.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE. WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO GIVE YOU OUR BEST SERVICE IN 1944.

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Churches

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. David M. Phillips, pastor
SUNDAY—
 Sunday school—9:45 a. m. Carl Page, act. supt.
 Morning worship—11:00 a. m. Sermon by pastor.
 Training Union—6:30 p. m. Joe N. Graham, Dir.
 Evening worship—7:30 p. m. Sermon by pastor.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON—
 Choir practice at the church at 2:30.
MONDAY—
 W. M. U. at 4:00 p. m. in home of Mrs. J. B. Houghton, Walnut St. At this time there will be a book review given by Mrs. George Robinson.
 Deacons' meeting at 8:00 p. m. at the church.
WEDNESDAY—
 Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30. You are urged to come and bring someone with you.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Alvin Bryson, English pastor
 (Across the street south of High School).
 Church school at 9:45 a. m. Mrs. Leslie Hagaman, general superintendent.
 Morning worship at 11 a. m. Vested choir led by Mrs. Hamer Hratley, Sermon by pastor.
 Evening worship at 6:15 p. m. Special music by the choir will feature this service. Sermon by the pastor.
 Women's Society of Christian Service every Monday at 4 p. m. Mrs. C. E. May, president.
 Board of Christian Education meets every Second Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.
 Board of Stewards—
 Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Al Larson, chairman.
 The choir has weekly rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Welcome to First Methodist Church.



SPILLING OF HIGH TEST GASOLINE on the flight deck of an American aircraft carrier brought all this intense activity by the crew, pictured busily swabbing the decks. Navy photo. (International)

Try A Want-Ad
Back in the World
WITH WAR BONDS

May your Christmas be brightened by the Hope that the New Year will bring the Joy of Peace

Swaney's Pharmacy

YOU'RE TELLING ME!
 By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

ONE OF JUNIOR'S Christmas toys this year is a railroad train carved from a solid block of wood. Dad will have a tough time trying to ruin that!

Life becomes ever more miserable for Hitler. Now he finds it tough to locate a rug for chewing that isn't a product of Iran or Turkey.

The Allies have a secret weapon the Axis forces cannot match: sincere belief in the cause for which they fight.

One of the gunners of a German bomber downed in the fighting in Italy is said to have turned out to be a girl. The Nazis must believe in that old adage of the female of the species being the deadliest.

The Jap propagandist is in a tough spot. How can he continue to lie about the "hundreds" of our ships sunk and yet insist our naval production is "way below expectations"?

That Christmas flower, the poinsettia, botanists tell us, is related to the castor oil plant. Someone's always taking the joy out of life!

It is no longer safe to say of anyone that butter would not melt in his mouth. He might demand that you give him the chance to disprove that.



A CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE

To Our Heroes On Land, On Sea, and In The Air
 To Our Friends Who Proudly Keep The Home Fires Burning
 Best Wishes For Christmas And A New Year of Peace and Happiness.

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GREETINGS

The board of trustees, faculty, office force, and the administration desire to express to you thanks for your splendid cooperation during 1943. It is the wish of each of us for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

A college education will pay a greater dividend in the future than in the past. Educational preparation for a post war period should be the aim of every high school graduate. Second Semester begins January 17.

GROVER C. BOSWELL, LL.D.,
 PRESIDENT

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL AT THIS YULETIDE SEASON

As the Shepherds heard the song of Peace on that first Christmas may this Christmas bring nearer to us the time when Peace shall again rule over the earth.

And on this Christmas Day we want to say "Thank You" to our many friends and customers who were so loyal and kind to us during the days of confusion which followed the recent fire in our store. You have made our Christmas brighter by your patience and consideration throughout our trial.

O. K. GROCERY AND MARKET

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 BILLIE DEAN BECK

May Christmas Bring Many Joys And Much Cheer to Brighten Your Way!



We trust that all the joyful experiences of the holiday season may be bound together to make one big volume of delights and its pages bring you happiness during the entire year of 1944.

Give us the opportunity to show you how well we are planning to serve you in our New Year.
 Phone 360 for Appointments

IZZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP

May Peace and Good Will Reign Again



As we extend our Greetings to you at this Christmas season may we remind you that we must all throw our very best efforts together for the hastening of the day when we shall again have peace and have our boys back in the warmth and security of their own homes

HENRY DAVENPORT

To Wish Our Many Friends A Truly Merry Christmas



May the love of freedom and peace which binds all of us in this great land be restored to the world through the one whose birthday we are celebrating today. And may those who are fighting for this receive His blessings this day.

LLOYD L. BRUCE

General Agent
 Reserve Loan Life Ins. Co.
 Phone 114

AT CHRISTMAS SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To our many friends at Christmas we send greetings and as the joy spirit of the Yuletide makes you happy may that same spirit manifest itself anew every day of the New Year.
 It is our pledge to the coming year to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has come our way by rendering satisfactory service to you at all times.

GRANT'S CAMP

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A Flaw in the Title—

... has been costly to many honest and sincere purchasers. Unlike the precious stone, the title with a flaw, in most cases, may be cured by means of the abstract and the attorney's opinion. A flaw in your right of ownership not only impairs the value of your investment but sooner or later is almost certain to cause you loss of time and money. In buying real estate, always demand an abstract.

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 1923—1943 Texas

Christmas Cheer FOR '43

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

As Christmas brings untold blessings in its spirit of unselfish love and kindly thoughtfulness. May you be blest by this spirit is our sincere desire.

THANK YOU FOR PAST FAVORS

COTTAGE CAFE

Mrs. W. W. Alexander Prop.



CHRISTMAS DAY IS OURS...

To do with as we see fit and it shall continue to be so just as the same unselfish, loving and thoughtful spirit of Christmas will remain.

On This Day We Wish You

ALL THE JOYS OF A HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON

We are always ready to transform our wish for your happiness into a reality, so call us often.

RANGER LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.

Calvin Brown, Owner



MANY, MANY THANKS

For friendly patronage and best wishes for Christmas and the year 1944

DELBERT D. CAPPS

110 S. Austin Street Ranger



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"AS TIME GOES BY" AND ANOTHER YEAR

Rolls along bringing the gay Christmas Season we hope it will be a splendid one for you, full of the deepest joys of life.

May We Continue In The Future As in The Past, to Serve You.

MONTGOMERY'S Western Auto Store

Deteriorates Japs



QUALITY of Japan's airmen is deteriorating rapidly, Capt. Richard I. Bong, above, of Poplar, Wis., tells newsmen in Washington after his return from the South Pacific. The captain should know, because he certainly helped put the Japs on the down-grade. A fighter pilot with 146 missions to his credit, he was shot down at least 21 Jap planes. U. S. Army Air Forces photo. (International)

WACS SURPASS SOLDIERS

Fort Monmouth N. J. (UP)—Wacs have a more realistic approach to the dentist's chair than their soldier brothers, according to Capt. S. L. Crason, of the dental clinic here, and consequently hold up better under drill.

"The Wacs come prepared for the worst and are surprised that it doesn't hurt more," Capt. Crason said, "while the soldiers expect to be let off lightly and are surprised if they are hurt."

Sweet Alice



MEET Alice Faye Harris, Jr. The little daughter of Film Star Alice Faye and Band Leader Phil Harris has had her picture used as the ideal healthy child in a series of dairy ads. The couple is expecting second child. (International)

Buy War Bonds

FDR says:

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Federal Funds Available For Maternal Care

AUSTIN, Tex.—Federal funds are now available with which to provide maternal medical care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces and for medical and nursing care for their infants, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has released funds to the Texas State Health Department with which to administer this program.

Two distinct services will be rendered under this program, explained Dr. Cox: complete maternity care for wives of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth sixth and seventh grades in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; medical and hospital care for sick infants under one year of age whose

fathers are within these four pay grades.

Maternity care as provided under this program will consist of medical care during the prenatal period, child birth, and six weeks thereafter—including any complications resulting from pregnancy. Sick infants will be given medical, hospital, and nursing care during the first year of life. Nursing care, in the home, will be made available by local health departments where there are established services. Beside nursing care will be provided only upon the recommendation of the attending physician.



Though Santa Claus is wearing a steel helmet this year, we still find it in our hearts to say to you that we are wishing you a very-

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PORKEY PIG

MRS. O. L. JUSTICE



OUR GREETING TO YOU

Because of your thoughtfulness and kind patronage our firm takes pleasure in this opportunity of expressing appreciation to you and to give our Best Wishes for Joy during these Christmas Holidays and Happiness during the New Year.

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Now is the time to repair your saddle and harness. You can get twice the wear with proper care—We have Neatsfoot Oil in any quantity you need—

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Don't be a Nazi agent. At your barber shop, in your office, at home, DON'T repeat idle gossip! DO spread the TRUTH actively!

For The Best Haircut In Town Come To

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Back The Attack

LET THE MERRY BELLS OF CHRISTMAS RING OUT



... let them ring out loudly and clearly — and may their silver voices convey to you the things that are in our heart—gratitude for your friendship—and the hope that this will be the gladdest Christmas you have ever had.

RANGER CLINIC

Dr. W. L. Jackson—Mrs. Al Tune—Miss Jimmie Todd



JIGG'S CAFE

Will be open all Christmas, serving Turkey and all the Trimmings.— Thanking You For Your Past Business

Pearl

Jiggs

Greetings

And May We Tell You How Truly We Wish For Each Of You a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS— And May Good Cheer Visit You Today

CURLEY'S CAFE AND EMPLOYEES



To the host of friends and neighbors who have contributed so much to the most worth-while things of my life.

I sincerely wish you much joy and pleasure on this occasion and may the coming years be the best we have ever known.

Sincerely,

DR. A. K. WIER

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May Peace and Good Will Reign Again



As we extend our Greetings to you at this Christmas Season may we remind you that we must all throw our very best efforts together for the hastening of the day when we shall again have peace and have our boys back in the warmth and security of their own homes.

MR. AND MRS. VANCE BLAUSER
DISTRIBUTOR MRS. BAIRD'S BREAD



AS TIME GOES BY

And another year rolls along bringing the gay Christmas Season - we hope it will be a splendid one for you, full of the deepest joys of life. May we continue in the future, as in the past, to serve you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
MODERN COURTS

Mrs. H. E. Snyder and family.

HIGHWAY 80 EAST

RANGER



THE WARM GLOW OF THE CHRISTMAS FIRESIDE...

Add the Yule log to the old fireplace and join in the sweet sentiment of this happy season. It is our wish that the warmth and glow of your fireside not only touch the hearts of your friends and loved ones near by, but reach around the world to carry the message of Christmas time to those loved ones who are not present. We see great news in store for 1944 and our New Year wish for you and yours is that you see the realization of your dreams and be able to do a bigger and better job in working for Victory, that will once more bring Peace on Earth and Good Will To Men.

LEVEILLE MOTOR CO.

Morris Leveille—Artie Campbell
Phone 217

To Our Friends Everywhere
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

May this day, Christmas, 1943 be long remembered as a day of Happiness and Cheer



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

The GLOBE

Mr. and Mrs. Saule Perlstein, Doris and Rheta Beth

LAFF-A-DAY



"Mrs. Welcher is the winner of the lucky drawing. Come up and get your pat of butter, Mrs. Welcher!"

CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker

Richard Tucker is doing jury duty at Eastland, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Campbell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Love, Sunday.

Mrs. Edna Alvis and family visited Sunday, in Stephenville.

Mrs. Marjorie Lamb and Mrs. Opal Minchew of Breckenridge visited with Mrs. Charles Calvert Friday. Mrs. Minchew also visited her aunts, Mrs. Julia Blackwell and Mrs. Margaret Duvall, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Melton have had her mother, Mrs. Wilson, as guest for the past two weeks.

Milton and Morris Underwood

were in Ranger and Eastland, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calvert visited the R. H. Myrick family awhile Saturday night.

L. Z. Melton moved his brother J. P. Melton and family to Stamford, one day last week.

Who said there isn't a Santa Clause? Not ye scribe! When told by one of the neighbors to help myself to the pecans on a tree. Well, we did just that very thing. Thinking all the while about those that we saw priced at \$1.20 per pound in the store, we couldn't help but feel gleeful.

So Merrie Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

Your Reporter.

Try A Want-Ad



In the Spirit of Christmas We EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GREETINGS

May your stocking be filled with a store of the good things of life—Health, Happiness and Prosperity—and may your New Year be one of much Joy

We Gratefully Acknowledge Your Consideration of This Store With Many Thanks.

Southern Ice Company, Inc



A greeting that ever endures

May all the joy of this bright Christmas Day come to you and your household and may our hopes to see America again living in a world of Peace, and our dreams of continued peace and prosperity for our great land come true.

L. R. PEARSON

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

This is a happy occasion, and because your patronage makes possible our very existence, we want to take time out from our Christmas rush to say sincerest greetings and may your Yuletide joys last through the year. From now until next Christmas, we shall continue to do our best for you.

PARAMOUNT HOTEL AND COFFEE SHOP

J. L. Latimer Mgr. Hotel
Noel Bell Mgr. Coffee Shop

Some Things Are Scarce At This Time
But Not Our—
MANY GOOD WISHES TO EACH OF YOU
MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU THE JOYS OF VICTORY!

In remembering our friends at this season we would like to express our appreciation for your kind patronage and we shall look forward to serving you again.

Prompt Printing Co.

P. C. MacDonald



"AS TIME GOES BY"

And another year rolls along bringing the gay Christmas Season. We hope it will be a splendid one for you, full of the deepest joys of life. May we continue in the future, as in the past to serve you

YOUNG'S BEAUTY SHOPPE

MRS. RUTH MUSICK
OLETA SHOEMAKER MRS. DAN MILMO
MRS. MARY YOUNG
PHONE 56



And Much Christmas Happiness

The happiness we gain during Christmas is measured by the amount we distribute, as happiness comes from making others happy.

May you have a large part in making many hearts glad, is our sincere desire at this season.

Red Chain Feed Store

G. C. (Lum) Love



WE'LL HAVE TO REPEAT

Because there's no new way of saying what we feel are the right sentiments of the season except—

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

A. J. RATLIFF

PHONE 109
FEED—SEED—FLOUR



We wish for all of our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous 1944.

WARREN MOTOR CO.

Dodge and Plymouth Sales and Service
Eastland, Texas

Christian Science Services

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

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

Among the citations which com-

prise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

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



Peace And Goodwill To All At This Christmas Tide

We are drawn closer together in a common cause—the cause of freedom and peace. May we be ever bound together by a desire to give individuals the Christmas joy and contentment that is their Rightful Heritage.

D. E. PULLEY

WACHMAKER — JEWELER



AN ABUNDANCE OF CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON FOR YOU—

Although our good wishes and kind thoughts are cherished for you, as other valued things at this time they are not rationed. We bestow them bountifully in our many good wishes for A MERRY CHRISTMAS

GHOLSON HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Jones



May you have a joyous Christmas which will leave pleasant memories and give hope for a brighter tomorrow.

We are wishing the best of the season for you and yours

Weem's Radio & Refrigerator Service

On Strawn Highway Ranger, Texas

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

A CERTAIN SPECIES of mountain goat, according to Factographs, prefers to live in torrid, barren Death Valley in California. Probably fed up with visiting relatives.

Grandpappy Jenkins is worried about a possible tobacco shortage. He'd hate to go back to corn silk and wrapping paper.

Mussolini has become the world's most notorious absentee—and how the Italian people love it!

Two California cities may join the major leagues after the war. Surely, Florida press agents won't take this news lying down!

Zsok Dumkopf bets the post-war bride will be surprised to learn that a pie crust is neither welded or riveted on.

The Japs, at war's end, must give up 3,000,000 square miles of stolen territory. Their loot, it seems, was too big to hide.

But those Nazi propagandists are having a hard time convincing those bombed-out Berliners that a roofless house is healthier because it lets in so much good, fresh air.

reaches humanity today, but its spirit comes only in small degrees. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science is Love" (page 113).

RATION REMINDER

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

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

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

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

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

Killingsworth's



BURIAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE 129 MAIN STREET
PHONE 29, RANGER, TEXAS
SECURE A POLICY NOW
It is better to have and not need it than to need it and not have it.



Greetings to

OUR FIGHTING FRIENDS ABROAD OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

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

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

NEHI BOTTLING COMPANY

PHONE 129 LOUIS RIFKN WEST MAIN STREET EASTLAND, TEXAS

Merry Christmas We'll Keep It Here

In spite of our trials and consternation the ideal of Christmas with its spirit of devotion to home and country must be upheld and we—the American people can give what it takes to make Christmas in the homeland what our boys "over there" want it to be.

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

strawn merchandise co.

STRAWN "Our 49th Christmas" TEXAS



CHRISTMAS CHEER IS NOT RATIONED

There is a super-abundance of Christmas Cheer for you during this entire Yule Season and our wish is that you have a—

SPECIAL ALLOTMENT OF JOY AND HAPPINESS

that will last you through the entire New Year. We particularly wish the best for you in grateful appreciation of your kindness during 1943. We look forward to serving you again.

JOSEPH'S

Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph, Azratt, Billie Jean, Fredie and Employees

Court Martial



COURT MARTIAL proceedings in San Francisco against Capt. Lindsay Howard, above, have brought charges that he joined the Army to get out of paying alimony to his divorced wife. Howard is charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman as the result of civil litigation between him and his ex-wife. (International)



Wishing you and yours every Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOHN HART

SHERIFF

Prize For Jeep Parts In Philadelphia, (UP)—Praise for the Army Jeep, developed by the U. S. Quartermaster Corps, has become a daily occurrence in mail from the fighting fronts.

Col. Fred A. McMahon, chief of the Philadelphia Ordnance District, reports commanders from all theaters of war sing the praises of the spunky little vehicle that refuses to bog down in the jungle, the swamps, the deserts or inside the arctic circle.

A transportation problem is too difficult for the jeep. They like abuse from dawn to dusk on the roughest terrain, and company repair shops to see to it that at no time is any repairable jeep kept out of action for any length of time.

Success of the jeep on the battle front reflects the responsibility taken upon itself by the Ordnance workers. Developed by the Quartermaster Corps, the job of

producing, maintaining and supplying the sturdy little vehicle was transferred a year ago to the Ordnance department.

Battle reports convince the Ordnance workers they've done a good job in the preparatory work that helped the blitz buggy stand up under crucial test of actual combat operations.

WINTER IS HERE

So is the threat of Influenza and Pneumonia; See that your resistive power is what it should be. Take Chiropractic Adjustments, to build and maintain that resistance. **YOUR CHIROPRACTOR— E. R. Green, D. C.**

434 Pine St.—Ranger, Tex.

MANY GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the time for enjoying our privileges of happiness, contentment, and the greatest privilege of all, that of serving others by giving gifts and doing kind deeds. We feel that this is the time to express to our friends appreciation for their loyal patronage.

MRS. GAYS EAT SHOP
HODGES OAK PARK

In the Twilight . . . of 1943

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

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

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

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

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



A FREE AMERICAN CHRISTMAS AND OUR BEST WISHES

This is our greeting to the finest people in the finest land in the world. Your spirit of patriotism prevails everywhere and speaks in actions as well as words the Christmas message of "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN."

No foe can deny us the right to observe Christmas in our usual way. Your loyalty and patronage is an asset to our business and we take this means of expressing our appreciation to all our friends.

CITY STEAM LAUNDRY

AND EMPLOYEES



TO YOU...

We Extend Our Usual Greetings of the Season

THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD MORE...

May Christmas Day be one of unusual happiness and joy—
May 1944 surprise you with all the goodness it has in store

ACCEPT OUR THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE IN 1943

H. G. ADAMS GROCERY & MKT.

PHONE 21

AND EMPLOYEES

WE DELIVER