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## SANTA LETTERS

Not Too Much, Is It Santa!

Hico, Tex., Dec. 19, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a blackboard, a tractor, and some house shoes. Papa and Mama said they were going to tell you to bring me a carpenter set and a doll. Santa, I hope I haven't asked for too much. Please bring me some fruit and candy.  
Yours truly,  
GERALD WAYNE HICKS.

Doll, Dishes, Guitars, Etc.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 19, 1942.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school. For Christmas I want a doll and a cradle, some dishes, and a little guitar, and also some fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my brothers.  
Your friend,  
ELVA JEAN GRANT.

Two "Pretty Good" Children

Hico, Tex., Dec. 21, 1942.  
Dear Santa:  
We are two pretty good little children! I, Harold Don, want you to bring me a football, Tinker Toys, and a coloring book. I, Sue Lynn, want a doll and doll buggy and lots of fruit and candy.  
Please remember our big brother, also other little children.  
Your little friends,  
HAROLD DON AND  
SUE LYNN GREGORY.

Her Tree Will Be Ready

Hico, Tex., Dec. 18, 1942.  
Dear Old Santa Claus:  
Just want to tell you I still live where I did last year and will have my Christmas tree up and waiting for you on Christmas eve. I wish you would bring me a doll and a cabinet. I need a pair of gloves to wear to school, too. I saw a pretty red and blue pair in town one day. Hope you will bring those. Please bring me anything you think I would like, and oh yes, I would like to have a new coloring book. Santa, I hope you get around to see all the boys and girls who are looking for you this Christmas.  
Be waiting for you.  
BETTY JO MCCLURE.  
P. S.: You might bring me a story book—just any kind. Love,

From a Fourth-Grader

Hico, Tex., Dec. 19, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am in the fourth grade at school. I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a football, apples, oranges, candy and bananas.  
EUGENE SMITH.

Short and Sweet

Hico, Tex., Dec. 19, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a pair of house slippers and little gloves, apples, oranges, candy and bananas. Your little friend,  
LEONA SMITH.

Helps Daddy and Mother

Hico, Tex., Dec. 21, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy seven years old. I have tried to be a good boy. I help my mother and daddy do the work. Please bring me a pair of boots, an air gun, a ball and bat, some candy, fruit, and nuts.  
I hope I haven't asked for too much, so you can bring them all.  
Your friend,  
JERAL WAYNE JACKSON.

Three Pages—But She Wrote Big

Hico, Route 1, Dec. 21, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. I like my teacher. I have tried to be a good little girl. Won't ask for very much. Just leave me something nice for a girl my size to play with, and some fruit and some candy. Be sure and don't forget my little sister, Clara Grace. She is seven months old. Bring her something to play with and apples and oranges. And don't forget my big sister and three brothers.  
Your little friend,  
LORETTA HYLES.

Remember the White Brothers

Hico, Tex., Dec. 21, 1942.  
Dear Santa:  
We are brothers, seven and five years old. Please bring Garvis a fort of soldiers and a cannon. Bring me, Russell Nolan, a cowboy's outfit, an airplane, or whatever you have left when you get here. Please bring us fruit, nuts, and candy, too. Oh, yes, Garvis wants some Crayolas and I want some darts for my pistol. Thank you. Your friends,  
RUSSELL NOLAN WHITE  
AND GARVIS WHITE.

Don't Forget Uncles in Army!

Hico, Tex., Dec. 20, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me an Army Nurse Set, some story books and if you see something else a little girl my size could use please bring it too. If you have some extra fruits, nuts and candy, you could bring them.  
Thank you, Santa.  
BONNIE EVELYN PIERCE.  
P. S. Don't forget my uncles in the Army.

## Once More the Christmas Message Shines



## Farm Mobilization Day Announced for Jan. 12 by President

College Station, Dec. 21.—Kick-off of next year's agriculture production program will be staged throughout Texas on January 12. Proclaimed as national Farm Mobilization Day by President Roosevelt, all farm communities are being urged by the Texas USDA War Board to hold appropriate meetings on the designated day and lay plans for next year's production program.

In county-wide and community meetings, agricultural leaders, farmers and ranchmen will discuss ways and means of insuring maximum production of vital foods needed in the war program. The Board said.

"In the President's proclamation, he recognizes the fact that food is just as essential to the war effort as are munitions and that's the way it should be," B. F. Vance, chairman of the board, said. Immediately following the agricultural meetings throughout the state, the biggest job agriculture has ever undertaken will get under way. Vance said in explaining that every rancher and farmer in the state would be contacted between January 11-31 as to production plans for the 1943 program.

Sign up of individual farm plan sheets will be conducted by county USDA War Boards in every county and community in Texas. When all data is completed on Texas' approximate 400,000 farms, the state USDA War Board will have a blue print of next year's anticipated production for the war program, the chairman said.

## Petrified Skull of Buffalo Found On Honey Creek Banks

O. F. Anderson, Route 5, who lives on the old Rowland Ranch near the headwaters of Honey Creek, some time ago noticed several bones sticking out of the ground on the banks of the creek. Sunday before last his curiosity got the better of him and he dug several feet to see what he could find.

Saturday he came to town with the fruits of his search—a large skull with horns, now petrified, but apparently belonging at one time to one of a herd of buffaloes said to have roamed this country. He also found several Indian arrowheads, one large buckshot and one lead bullet in the excavation. The rib bones of the animal fell to pieces when he picked them up.

Fred seemed satisfied that he had found the remains of a buffalo and it looked like that to the editor. He left his find at the office for the inspection of those who are interested.

## Feed Soldiers Candy, Then Him

Hico, Tex., Dec. 20, 1942.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me a tractor if you can find one, and some story books too. We have our Christmas tree up. I like nuts, fruits and candies. Please bring me some if you have some left for the soldier boys. Thank you.  
WELDON LA VON PIERCE.

## Sunny Mingus, Sunset's Only War Refugee, Hails From Small Dutch Island Called Aruba, Ten Miles Off Coast of Venezuela

By MARTHA LEE WOOD  
[This story is taken from the school paper at Sunset High School in Dallas and refers to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Minus, granddaughter of Frank Mingus of Hico.—ED.]

Vivacious, blonde, attractive, poised, Sunny Mingus is Sunset's only war refugee. She hails from Aruba, a small Dutch island ten miles off the coast of Venezuela.

Sunny has lived in Aruba 12 years. Born in Wichita Falls, Tex., she moved to Dallas before she was a year old and stayed here until she, with her family, moved to Lago Colony, Aruba. Her father is an executive in the Standard Oil Company in Aruba and she with her four sisters and brother attended the private school owned by that company.

Sunny explains that in Aruba, the population is made up of Americans, Englishmen, Dutchmen, and Negroes. The natives speak a language called "Poppimento," a combination of Dutch, English, and Spanish. The island has very little vegetation, as it was formed by coral. The leaves and branches of the trees all point one way because of the strong winds that blow across the small fourteen-by-five-mile island. There is very little change in the temperature, which is about 80 degrees. "I am looking forward to seeing snow," says Sunny, "as this will be a new experience for me." She says she doesn't believe she will ever be warm again, as she can't get used to the Texas northers.

As there were only about 250 students in the combination grade and high school that Sunny attended, she says she feels dwarfed by the many people in Sunset. The high school in Aruba does not teach civics, clothing, home economics, and a few other of the courses offered at Sunset, but it does have a

wide variety of subjects. At present, Sunny is taking History 7 and 8 and English 7 and 8. She came to the U. S. in order to attend college, as Aruba does not have a college or university. She plans to study medicine at S.M.U. and the University of Texas at Galveston, after her graduation from Sunset in January.

When residing in Aruba, Sunny and her family usually visited relatives in the U. S. for three months every two or three years. Once, however, Sunny stayed a year and attended school in Hico.

For entertainment in Aruba, she played golf or visited the "club," made up of four buildings arranged in a square with an open theater in the center. This theater showed American pictures.

When asked how she liked the U. S., Sunny replied, "I like it very much. It is quite different from Aruba. The southern accent in Texas seems very funny to me, but I suppose I shall have to cultivate one, so I won't sound so different from everyone else."

The recent attack on Aruba by the Germans is described in this account written by Sunny a few days after it occurred.

"Well, the supposedly inevitable has come and Hitler has sent his submarines with his compliments to Aruba, Monday (Feb. 16, 1942) at about 1:30 I was awakened by a ship blowing short blasts. Then a terrific explosion and my room was filled with light. I got up quickly and rushed out on the porch just in time to see another ship explode and go up in flames. "I ran back to call my parents but they too had awakened. Then a third explosion occurred. The oil from the ships flowed out on the water and caught fire. It looked like a wall of fire across the water front. At first we thought that the fire would 'drift' down to the refinery but the tide carried it out past the harbor. The ships continued burning and at last one sank with a loud hissing noise. The other ship began to drift down toward Oranjestad. Later on we saw bright lights on the horizon, which we found out the next day to be another ship sunk by the submarine. A ship was torpedoed in the harbor, but the torpedo went straight through it, injuring no one and damaging the ship very little. Some tracer bullets were fired at the refinery but there was no damage done as the bullets went over the refinery and into the village, damaging a school but not exploding.

Thursday about 6:30 a. m. there were some more shots fired from our big guns at a submarine they thought they saw. A flare casing went through the magazine stand and through the attic on one side of No. 4 bachelor quarters and under the bed of a Dutchman on the opposite side, through a sewer pipe and a garage, damaging a car slightly. No one was injured."

Sunny left her family in Aruba and reached Miami, Fla., September 7. Her passport was confiscated when she reached the U. S. Sunny is now living with her aunt, Miss Alice Simpson, Sunset teacher.

## Warns War Workers To Show Their Social Security Numbers

Waco, Dec. 19.—"For the first time in their lives, hundreds of people—men and women, boys and girls—are entering paid employment in order to help win the war by relieving manpower shortage and to permit other individuals to enter the armed forces of our country," said J. Gordon James, manager of the Waco, Tex., office of the Social Security Board. "It is to this group that I direct this message which has to do with social security account numbers and Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance for the worker and his family."

Continuing, Mr. James called on all workers to be certain to show their social security account numbers to each employer. He stated that anyone not now having a social security account number should secure one before reporting for work on any job covered by the law. Applications may be presented in person at the office located at 605 Superior Building, Waco, Texas, or they may be mailed to that address.

It was emphasized that only through having a social security number and making certain that it is entered on the employer's records could the worker be assured of receiving credit for all wages paid. The total of the wages received by the worker is used in calculating the amount of the retirement benefit he may receive at age 65 or the amount of survivors' benefits to which his family may become entitled on his death.

Department, drug, and novelty stores dealing in Christmas merchandise were urged to require each additional person employed during the holiday season—part time or full time—to present his social security account number at the time his name is placed on the payroll of the employing firm.

## Most WAACS Have Father, Brother or Husband In Service

Dallas, Dec. 21.—That family the serviceman left behind when he went off to war is eagerly seizing the opportunity now offered to women by the Army to follow him into service.

This is one of the prime motives impelling young women to enroll in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, interviews with applicants being processed at the WAAC recruiting headquarters here, under the command of Col. Claude K. Rhinehart, district recruiting and induction officer, reveal.

More than half the applicants give as their reason for joining the WAAC the fact that they have a husband, brother, or father, or other relative in the armed forces. They want to back up these fighters to the utmost, and WAAC service offers a splendid opportunity.

Also being a WAAC is a sure cure for loneliness. A WAAC leads a busy, exciting life, with study, physical training, drill and work to keep her mind occupied, and her surroundings are pleasant. WAAC morale is as high as that of any branch of the service.

Any unencumbered woman citizen between the ages of 21 and 44, inclusive, of good health and character is eligible. There is no limitation as to race, creed or color.

## Care Necessary In Handling Rabbits Until They're Cooked

Austin, Dec. 21.—During the winter months hunting rabbits is a popular sport and a wild rabbit makes a very fine food, but according to the State Health Department, extreme care should be used in the handling of wild rabbits to prevent a possible infection with tularemia.

"Those little cotton tail rabbits are not always as harmless as they look," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "for some of them are infected with tularemia. This serious disease which is also known as rabbit fever usually is acquired by human beings through contact with infected rabbits, or through contact with the infected insect that spreads it from animal to animal."

Dr. Cox cautioned that hunters should shoot only the frisky rabbits that run away. A rabbit without the energy to scamper away from the hunter is likely to be a sick one that can transmit tularemia to those who handle him.

"It is necessary to handle the uncooked rabbit meat cautiously," Dr. Cox said. "The use of rubber gloves will protect your hands since the germs may enter the body through any cut or scratch however small if the rabbit is handled without gloves."

"As a further safeguard, rabbit meat should be cooked very thoroughly so as to destroy any disease producing germs that may be present. This means that it should be cooked at a boiling temperature for at least 20 minutes before cooking it to your individual taste."

## Big Plans Made For "Victory Christmas" Out At Camp Bowie

Camp Bowie, Dec. 21.—Carrying out the idea of a Victory Christmas so future years will be brighter and merrier, directors and hostesses of the service clubs, USO clubs and the American Red Cross have banded together to present a giant week of Christmas festivity. Beginning today and carrying on through the New Year, the program, under the supervision of Lt. M. F. Ober Wegner, Special Service Officer, and arranged by PFC Lloyd Pantages, includes activity at the theatres, the chapels, the service clubs and the USO clubs in Brownwood.

Top-notch event will be one that's strictly G. I.—the Christmas dinner served at all the mess halls. The menu is as follows: Roast young turkey, sage dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, giblet gravy, creamed corn, buttered cauliflower, cranberry sauce, buttered peas, lettuce and tomato salad, apple pie, ice cream, rolls, butter, candy, nuts, lemonade and coffee.

Men who prefer dining in homes may contact the service clubs in answer to the bids received from Dallas and Comanche relative to soldiers having Christmas dinners with families. Large bids already have been received, the most of them already filled.

Among the outstanding events scheduled are—"Christmas Time In Swing," a jamboree of music, dancing and comedy prepared by the colored troops of Camp Bowie under the direction of Cpl. Lloyd Squarer, 49th QM Regt., featuring a cast of 20 performers. This show has already played at the Cordell St. USO Club and the Red Cross Auditorium and proved a mad melee of entertainment.

The City Recreation Group from Fort Worth—a group of outstanding younger talent—includes an eight-year-old singer and dancer named Carmen Hinds and a boogie-woogie band featuring Mickey Canteri as trumpeter, the boy with the real hot lick, also the V-ettes, a group of teen-age dancers.

The Hardin High School Choral Group of Brownwood, 32 colored singers, will go through the wards at the Station Hospital singing Christmas Carols and will later appear at Service Club No. 1.

The 42nd Field Artillery Revue headed by Corporal Raymond Rengo, is a combination swing and concert orchestra, including a cast of 40 soldier performers.

The USO-Camp Show, "Junior Miss," a legitimate play straight from Broadway carries a barrel of laughs and features Broadway stars.

Christmas Bingo games at the service clubs will include as some of the featured prizes a free telephone call home.

"The Yuletide Follies," presented at Service Club No. 1 by the 12th Field Hospital, includes those merry-makers who put on "Folies Bergere," that riotous show featuring a chorus line of 180-lbs. to the man.

The monstrous grab-bag and Christmas party includes presents and refreshment booths of all kinds at the service clubs, all generously donated by the citizens and merchants of Brownwood and nearby communities.

The long Christmas program for the patients at the Station Hospital has been arranged through the efforts of the Gray Ladies and the Red Cross Directors. The opening of the new recreation hall for colored troops in the Station Hospital will be held Dec. 24.

Decorations and trees will be provided by Brownwood merchants, and plans have been made for soldiers to help with these decorations.

The directors and hostesses involved said that these gigantic plans for Christmas have been made for their soldiers in order to provide a home during the holidays and to recollect for their soldiers what freedom means in America.

**JOE GISH**

**SOME DAY A STACHOO WILL BE ERCTED FOR THE ONLY HOT THINKS OF A BETTER SAYIN' THAN "WE'RE PACKED"**

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"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given."

Isaiah 9:6



May the Light of Happiness  
Shine for You on Christmas Day  
And Throughout the New Year

TABOR PRODUCE

CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS

We realize more than  
ever how much it means to  
have the friendship and  
good will of folks like you.

Please accept our sin-  
cere thanks and our good  
wishes for a Prosperous  
NEW YEAR

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THE FAIRIES

Published by Students of  
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SENIORS

The seniors have been studying  
Shakespeare's drama, "MacBeth."  
We regret, though, that one of our  
buses has been late because of a  
breakdown on one line, and nearly  
half of the class has had to be  
tardy the first period. Because of  
this irregularity we are changing  
our class period temporarily un-  
til we can get parts for the bus.

Everyone is anticipating a very  
happy Yule Tide, even though we  
shall miss greatly those loved ones  
of ours who are in the armed  
forces.

George Glenn has been absent  
now for quite a while, and we  
suspect he is making some extra  
money for Christmas spending.  
Those whippers which you have  
been cultivating since school be-  
gan, George, are beginning to  
arouse questioning of the sort:  
"Twinkle, twinkle, little hair; how  
I wonder what ye air down below  
the lips so brave—why in the  
dickens don't you shave?"

There is a rumor going around  
that Maudie is eager for school to  
be out, though it is not mid-term  
yet. Could it be that Maudie likes  
cranberries that well and wants to  
get a job harvesting in Mass.?

Winnie, too, is stuck up—in  
chewing gum—we hear. Why not  
pass it around, Winnie? We hear  
there is going to be plenty now.

Lola Mae is becoming quite a  
woman of letters lately. Cheer up,  
Lola. Maybe he will fly down for  
Christmas and you may spend  
your holidays joyfully riding  
horses.

Peggy, are you still planning to  
go to Dallas Christmas?

Elverne doesn't seem too happy  
about the Christmas holiday ar-  
rangement. We kinda have a sneak-  
ing idea that he wants to get this  
race for valedictorian over and  
get into other things.

We have been practicing some  
Christmas carols to sing on our  
hay ride Thursday night. Let's all  
hope for a warmer night, for  
twelve miles is a long way on a  
wagon. Some of us may want to  
hit the hay before we get in.

JUNIORS

Say, which girl in Iredell School  
is sporting a 1944 Fairy High  
School ring?

Dorothy Duncan's brother, Andy  
Duncan, who is in the Navy and  
stationed at San Diego, California,  
has recently been home on a fur-  
lough.

Some of us are becoming noted  
lecturers and advertisers in our  
English class; in fact, we prac-  
tically had a War Bond Rally in  
class Monday. We are happy that  
we are all partially helping in  
retaining the liberties we now en-  
joy by buying stamps and war  
bonds.

Christmas is just around the  
corner, and we are expecting a very  
jappy week of holidays. We realize  
that having a home and being  
able to spend our holidays quietly  
is much more than our friends and  
loved ones abroad are able to do.

Several of us have been holding  
our noses lately because some of  
our boys have been hunting pole  
"kitties."

We have been playing volley ball  
lately, and we surely have fun—  
even though several of us have  
practically broken our fingers and  
wrists.

SOPHOMORES

Wonder Why—  
Ruby wanted to see the Hico  
paper so badly?

Everyone is wearing ribbons  
this year?

Patsy Ann wasn't in school last  
Tuesday?

Nelda Joy got a letter from  
Hico?

Frank got his boots?  
We shall all be glad when  
three weeks tests are over?

EIGHTH GRADE

There are many hushed whis-  
pers in the air these days. Every-  
one is so secretive that we dare  
say Santa will be coming soon,  
and we can hardly wait until he  
makes his appearance. Some of us  
think we have been too mean for  
Santa to bring us anything but  
an all-day sucker.

THIS  
WEEK  
IN  
WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—A  
general reshuffling of war produc-  
tion orders, including the cancella-  
tion of some mammoth projects  
and the expansion of others, has led  
to considerable speculation here as  
to just what is behind it. The new  
plan for 1943 is being dictated by  
the War Production board.

In general, the new plan seems to  
call for the discontinuance of cer-  
tain construction projects already  
started but which would require  
many months for completion—pro-  
jects such as new factories and new  
shipyards, which would demand  
large amounts of material and many  
hours of labor to bring to the stage  
where they would be turning out  
war equipment. Instead of using  
materials and manpower on such  
projects, the WPB seems to be con-  
centrating on getting maximum  
output from factories and yards al-  
ready in operation.

Some observers hint that this  
may indicate a more optimistic  
opinion on the part of war leaders  
as to the length of the war. So far  
the President and most others  
who have the facts in Washington  
have refused to make any predic-  
tions as to how long it will take  
to defeat the Axis, but lesser au-  
thorities here recently seemed in-  
clined to agree with the head of  
England's War Production board,  
Sir Oliver Lyttleton, who admitted  
the possibility that the European  
phase of the war could be complet-  
ed next year.

It is known that Donald Nelson,  
head of our War Production board,  
has been working very closely with  
Mr. Lyttleton, so that those who  
hold to the opinion that we are  
now planning for a shorter war  
have a strong argument on their  
side in quoting Mr. Lyttleton's op-  
inion.

However, a more plausible ex-  
planation of the shift from long  
term planning to concentrated, im-  
mediate production is the known  
fact that we are now on the offen-  
sive whereas we were on the de-  
fensive when the original commit-  
ments were made by the WPB. Be-  
ing on the offensive naturally calls  
for quickest possible delivery of  
equipment to our fighting forces. So  
if we are faced with shortages of  
material and manpower, it is only  
common sense to devote all possi-  
ble energy to immediate output  
and let long term programs wait if  
necessary.

Without too much to go by, some  
analysts here have it all figured  
out that Italy will be out of the war  
by spring, Germany will be defeat-  
ed by the end of 1943 and Japan's  
defeat will come around the end  
of 1944 or the beginning of 1945. Al-  
though it is comforting to picture  
such a schedule, it seems foolish to  
put much stock in it since there  
are so many things which can hap-  
pen which will speed or delay the  
results.

But not since the war began has  
there been such a show of confi-  
dence here that victory is in sight,  
even though its final accomplish-  
ment may yet be a long way off.

Production goals for next year  
will be far greater than the high  
ones which were set for 1942, and  
there is no doubt that in 1943 our  
production of planes, tanks, ships  
and guns will outdistance the Axis  
to the point that they will realize  
defeat is inevitable. Mr. Nelson  
has requested all war production  
workers to start the year off with a  
bang by working all day on New  
Year's day. It is apparent now  
that any day of delay is paid for  
in lives of American soldiers and  
sailors and there is no doubt that  
the war factories will use New  
Year's day to get in an extra blow  
at the Axis factories. The workers  
now turning out planes at the rate  
of well over 100 a day we cannot  
afford to sacrifice that many planes  
in order to give our production  
army an extra day of rest.

Although government offices are  
working night and day to complete  
plans for 1943, congress is on a hol-  
iday—it having been generally  
agreed that no legislation of any  
importance would be considered  
until the new congress convenes in  
January. The only major legisla-  
tion to start the year off with was  
President's request for power to  
suspend laws governing the move-  
ment of property and people in and  
out of this country. This was final-  
ly killed in committee, by the house  
ways and means committee, which  
agreed unanimously that it couldn't  
be put through congress even in  
modified form before the present  
session is ended.

Before killing this measure,  
which would have given the Presi-  
dent complete control over tariffs  
and imports and exports, the com-  
mittee had drafted the part of the  
bill which would have given the  
President the power to scrap immi-  
gration laws.

Since there was considerable op-  
position to this measure by the  
present congress, it appears doubt-  
ful if the new congress, which will  
include many additional opponents  
of the President, will pass such a  
"power" measure without consid-  
erable modification.

For all practical purposes, how-  
ever, legislation must, from now  
on, be thought of in terms of what  
the new congress will do about it  
since the few present members,  
who are still in Washington will  
just mark time until the end of the  
year.

In per capita state support of  
public schools, Texas is among  
the leading states of the nation.

DON'T SCRATCH! Our Paracide  
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the itching of Eczema, Itch, Ring-  
worm and other minor skin irrita-  
tions. Remember it must relieve  
you—or your money refunded.  
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Store. (Adv.—38-16tc)

HOUSE AND HOME  
by Mary E. Deque

"Peace on Earth, Good Will To-  
ward Men." It's the real meaning  
of the Christmas spirit, isn't it, and  
it's worth repeating over and over  
again as we marshal our forces to  
cook and serve our Christmas din-  
ners.

If your forces have weakened a  
bit, due to a faithful and capable  
helper in the kitchen for years past,  
here are a few suggestions that will  
make your tasks much easier.

On the day before Christmas stuff  
your turkey or whatever fowl you  
plan to have. Truss him and sew  
him, spread him with softened but-  
ter or margarine, cover with waxed  
paper and put him in the refrigera-  
tor all ready for the oven. You  
will have to allow an extra half  
hour when you come to roasting  
on account of the thorough chilling.  
Figure on from 3 1/4 to 4 hours for  
an eight-pound bird.

Make the cranberry jelly, clean  
the celery, wash the lettuce and put  
it to crisping, put the olives and  
relishes in the refrigerator, look  
over the linen and silver and dishes  
and glassware to be sure it's ready  
to use, make the salad and des-  
sert or do as much toward them as  
possible—in short do everything you  
can on Thursday so that on Christ-  
mas morning you won't find your-  
self frantically working against  
time in the kitchen while you want  
to be in the living-room with the  
family.

There are ever so many ways you  
can save yourself, too. If your  
family is small and your time is  
crowded you can buy delicious  
plum pudding all made ready to re-  
heat for serving. Or you can steam  
fruit cake and serve it in place of  
plum pudding and no one will be  
the wiser.

You can buy cranberry jelly  
ready to serve, too.

When the dinner is served and  
eaten, the aftermath of dishwash-  
ing comes. But if everybody turns  
the work is done in no time.  
However there are a few things you  
can do to expedite matters.

As soon as you empty a cooking  
pan, put water in it. This makes  
the washing of pots and pans so  
much easier that it's a kitchen  
"must!"

Before anybody starts washing,  
scrape the dishes, rinse them un-  
der the faucet and stack them in  
orderly piles.

Then if you have plenty of hot  
water and fresh dish towels it's  
amazing how fast the work goes.  
Usually one person washing can  
keep up with two wiping. Particu-  
larly if there's a fourth person put-  
ting things away.

So even if your cook is gone but  
the Christmas spirit prompts you  
to invite guests for dinner, don't  
hesitate.

Cordial  
Christmas  
Greetings



and  
A Happy  
New Year

This firm extends  
to its friends and pa-  
trons its best wishes  
for a Happy Christmas  
and trusts that our ser-  
vices will merit the  
continuance of your  
good will.

The loyalty of our  
friends has been of  
material benefit in  
bringing us a little  
closer to our goal of  
achievement.

We are glad that  
this particular world in  
which we live, has  
friends... and  
CHRISTMAS!



D. R. PROFFITT

Your Friendly Magnolia Dealer

WE'LL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

OFFICIAL  
TIRE INSPECTION STATION

Let Us Help You  
KEEP YOUR CAR  
IN SERVICE  
For the Duration



Hang up  
the Old Sock

★  
TEXACO  
GAS  
AND  
OILS  
★

—And we'll take great delight in filling  
it full of good wishes for you and yours.  
As we do so, we pledge continued effort  
on our part to merit your good will in  
the years to come.

WILLARD LEACH SERVICE STA.

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS



Once more it is our pleasure to extend  
the compliments of the Yuletide  
Season to our host of friends in this  
community. It is a very pleasant and  
cheerful custom to renew these as-

sociations—that's why we await  
Christmas time with eager anticipa-  
tion.  
You have been good to us—may old  
Santa be just as good to you.

Teague's Variety Store

A FRIENDLY GREETING



As you eagerly await the occasion of an en-  
Season with your friends and family .  
trust you will pause just long enough to  
these few words of Christmas cheer from the person  
this firm.

To have served you in the past has been a decided pleasure,  
prompting us to express a Christmas Greeting that  
with it our best wishes for the coming year. The friend-  
ships formed these past twelve months, combined with those  
friendships of long standing, lead us to again renew our  
pledge of service.



Barrow Furniture Co



# TO YOU

whose friendly support has contributed so greatly during the past year, may we extend a cordial and appreciative thanks. May your Christmas be happy and the New Year prosperous.

## Burden's Feed Mill

# Hearty Christmas Greetings

AND  
*Best Wishes*

FOR THE

*New Year*

## Geo. Jones Motors

HICO, TEXAS  
GOOD USED CARS

### Millerville

By  
Chas. W. Giesecke

A fine rain fell Saturday night and Sunday night. A few peanuts yet to be threshed. The weather has been fine. Most work has proceeded rapidly.

Pvt. Albert Bullard was up a few days ago from Camp Hood. He secured rooms and his wife returned with him to be there as long as he is stationed at Camp Hood.

Mr. Frank Rainwater who has been living on the Roberson farm for several years, has moved to Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams and children of Clairette have moved back on the C. H. Miller farm and the children are in school again at Hico.

Jess Barbee went to Fort Worth with some horses last Wednesday. W. J. Nix was in Stephenville last Wednesday on business.

Mr. G. W. Phipps played a Christmas trick on a 'possum Friday morning. His dog had treed, and he got up to investigate and found Mr. O'Possum in a tree high and handsome. He went after the early morning prowler and he and his dog made short work of the chicken eater.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Glover have sold their farm of 120 acres to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Higginbotham. The Glovers have bought the Justin Bullard residence in Hico and will move there within the next few days. We regret to lose these good people out of our community, as they have lived here more than fifty years. We are glad Clarence and his family will be permanently located.

E. B. Conner will leave for Seymour this week. His wife has been out there the past three weeks. Her health has been bad the past four months, and it became necessary for them to be near their children. He will return in a few days to lease his farm and attend to business before moving.

### Altman

By  
Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Mrs. Stuart Partain and Billie Helon Upham of Waco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Yoakum were Hico shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Mr. Sim Everett at Carlton Saturday afternoon.

James Horace Clifton who is attending Tarleton College at Stephenville, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton.

Mrs. Pete Mobley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Charlie Harvey of Electra, Mrs. Earl Fine and Mrs. Homer Strickland of Cleburne spent Monday night in the home of their brother, H. G. Land, and family and attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Rev. Books, at Carlton Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

### Carlton

By  
Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Jong Henry Clark and Aubrey Duzan were business visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday.

W. P. Barnett was a business visitor in Denver, Colorado, last week.

Misses Gwendolyne and Maxine Fine were Hamilton visitors Wednesday.

Milton Whitehead and Al Montgomery were in Gatesville Saturday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas of New Home were in Carlton Saturday attending the funeral of Mr. S. B. Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sears of Hico spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bell and son and Dorothy and Loretta Whitehead were Dublin visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roach of Stephenville were in Carlton Saturday.

Miss Mary Louise Fine who is attending college in Brownwood spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ligard Fine.

### Sim Barton Everett

Our community was saddened last Thursday when we learned of the death of our friend and neighbor, Mr. S. B. Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Everett moved from Carlton to Las Cruces, New Mexico, in November, 1941, and seemed to be getting along well in their new location, and enjoying better health.

Mr. Everett was born in Bosque County, Texas, August 23, 1859. He moved to Hamilton County in 1871.

He was married to Miss Ludie Richbourg Dec. 19, 1888. Mr. Everett was converted and joined the Baptist Church about 1897 at Carlton, Texas.

He is survived by his wife and children: H. M. Everett of Stephenville, Mrs. C. Y. Smith of Denton, S. W. Everett of Hico, Mrs. Lester Lackey, Mrs. Ross Styles, and Claud Everett of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Grandchildren are Lee Roy Everett and Shirley Jean Everett, Mrs. Kenneth Rutledge, Charles Stiles, Bobbie Dean Everett, and H. M. Everett Jr. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, J. Everett of Quanah, Will Everett of Carlton, Mrs. Maggie Canafax of Carlton, Mrs. Joe Lynch and Mrs. Hattie Sowell, both of Carlton.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Blair of Cisco, Rev. F. W. Thrash of Hico, Rev. R. H. Gibson of Carlton, and Rev. S. W. Miller, Carlton pastor, at the Carlton Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Burial was in Carlton cemetery. Mr. Everett passed away Dec. 17 at 6:05 a. m. He belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge.

We wish to express our sympathy to the bereaved ones. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR HICO REVIEW CLUB

A group of hostesses, including Mrs. Harry T. Pinson, Mrs. Boyd Greenway, Mrs. Annie Currie, Mrs. S. E. Blair, and Mrs. Guy Aycock entertained members of the Review Club with a dinner party at the Home Eco. cottage at the school last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The table was centered with a lovely little Christmas tree with colored streamers ending in place cards for each guest. After dinner Christmas games were enjoyed.

Members present were Mesdames Louise Angell, R. B. Jackson, Ralph E. Perkins, O. G. Collins, Webb McEver, N. M. Colwick, Appleby, D. R. Proffitt, I. L. Lasater, Marvin Marshall, E. H. Henry, and the hostesses.

The fisherman who used to catch old brass beds and tires can hardly wait until spring.

### NEWS ANALYST



NORTON MCGIFFIN

Norton McGiffin whose interesting analysis of the latest news from world battlefronts and from Washington is heard daily over the Texas Quality Network—comprising stations WFAA, Dallas; WBAP, Fort Worth; WOAL, San Antonio; and KPEC, Houston—Mondays thru Fridays at 12:30 noon. McGiffin makes the news more interesting by giving it a human touch, and presents his stories about world personalities in the headlines in a most interesting way.



# SINCERE WISHES

for a

## JOYFUL CHRISTMAS and a very Happy New Year

It is with all the earnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter into

the spirit of this occasion with your loved ones and friends. And though there are gaps in our community life, let's think of those far from home with a feeling of pride, and carry on here at home while our thoughts are with them.



The Present . . .

With A Future!

## Barnes & McCullough

"Everything to Build Anything"



Christmas comes and reawakens the appreciation of happy relationships . . . rekindles the warmth of friendships made during the time it has been our privilege to serve you

To those whose friendly support has contributed so greatly to our welfare, we extend our most cordial appreciation.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year



## Burrus TEXO Feeds

And Your Local Distributor

## Keeney's Hatchery and Feed Store

"The Friendly Store"

# Christmas Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

IN times like these, friendliness and neighborliness take on a new and deeper meaning. We are all drawn closer together and we realize anew that cordial and mutually helpful relations with our fellow men have a value far above material things.

It is with this thought in mind that we extend our thanks to you, not only for your patronage, but for the friendship and courtesy you have shown us. We have enjoyed the privilege of serving you and we hope we have done it well.

Our warmest best wishes go out to you and yours this Christmas season and in our hearts is the hope we know finds an echo in yours—that 1943 will be the year of final victory and that "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" will again be restored to the world.

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Hico, Tex., Friday, Dec. 25, 1942.

BOOKS WANTED FOR SOLDIERS

Plans are now being organized for a nation-wide "Victory Book Campaign" to be carried on from January 5 to March 5, 1943.

This year the committee is asking the people to sacrifice the books which they themselves consider the most interesting, rather than the ones they would like to get cleaned out of the house.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By now, many of the shelves in stores where Christmas gifts are sold are looking like Mother Hubbard's famous cupboard.

In spite of shortages in many lines of goods, it is evident that the people of this town, as well as those in other towns all over the country, are this year playing Santa Claus with bigger packs than they have ever before put under their family Christmas trees.

Part of the reason for this, of course, is the greatly expanded income which the people as a whole have enjoyed during 1942.



Funeral Services For Aged Pioneer Held Saturday

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Hico Cemetery for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Blue, 88, who died at 6 p. m. Thursday at the home of her grandson, Lonnie Jenkins, and her daughter, Mrs. Laura Frances Jenkins, on Kessler Boulevard, Dallas.

If You Run Out Of Gas On Highway Here's What To Do

If you run out of gas while out on the highway, and many cars do, here's how you can get it. You may either come to the garage or have it delivered to you on the highway.



Marvin ("Bud") Ward of golfing fame, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air corps and is now stationed at Santa Ana, Calif.

Bill Veck, young boss of the Milwaukee Brewers, is branching out. He has formed a partnership with Rudy Schaffer, his general manager, to promote professional basketball.

Bathless Groggins says—



Yep! I'm back at work again. I figure on buyin' lots of War Bonds to help our boys. Don't forget—we're all supposed to be signed up for 10% by New Year's!

MT. PLEASANT INDUSTRIAL CLUB MET WITH MRS. CLARK. The Mt. Pleasant Industrial Club met December 16 with Mrs. O. J. Clark.

The ladies present were Mrs. Cecil Parks, Mrs. A. B. Clark, Mrs. Leslie Arrant, Mrs. John Abel, Mrs. Grady Wilson, Mrs. C. Parks, Mrs. Herman Dennis, Mrs. Ted Arrant, Mrs. Cost Clark, Mrs. S. N. Akin, Mrs. Jack Sheppard, Mrs. Emmett Anderson, Mrs. A. W. Rachuis, Mrs. Henry Davis, Mrs. B. L. Hargrove, Mrs. E. Z. Brummett, Mrs. Bert Lambert, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. H. R. Brummett, Mrs. J. W. Abel, Mrs. Wauwic Ogie, Mrs. N. H. Connally, Mrs. W. T. Slater, Miss Nora Abel, Miss Willola Slater, and the hostess, Mrs. O. J. Clark.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. We were happy to have as visitors Mrs. Cecil Parks, and Mrs. C. C. Parks of Fair, Mrs. Grady Wilson, Mrs. Henry Davis, and Mrs. N. H. Connally of Hico.

FASHION for today PATRICIA DOW



8242 \$12.40 The Coat Dress. Pattern No. 8242—For smartness any time of the year we suggest the coat dress.

Form for requesting the coat dress pattern, including fields for Name, Address, Name of paper, and Pattern No.

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING INFORMATION

The rates below apply to classified advertising rates, and two- and three-time rate, etc., apply only to ads scheduled consecutively.

Table with columns: Words, 1t, 2t, 3t, 4t, Add. Rows: 1-10, 11-16, 16-20, 21-25.

An error which affects the results of an ad entitles the advertiser to an adjustment for one week only.

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE: \$45.00 Lady's Coat with fur collar, in good condition, \$10.00. Frank Mingus, Phone 172.

CUSTOM PLOWING for cash, feed or livestock. FOR SALE: pair mules \$75.00; Jersey cow and mottled faced heifer calf, \$55.00; seven weaned pigs \$5.00 each. See J. P. Prater at S. E. Goodloe farm. 1p

FOR SALE: Boy's bicycle in good condition, good tires. Mrs. Rollie Forgy. 30-tfc.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: '29 Buick Sedan with five good tires. D. R. Proffitt. 30-tfc.

BARGAIN FOR SALE: 5-room house in Cox-Weaver addition, fair condition, 3-acre lot. Ralph Phillips, Iredell Rt. 2. 29-4p

FOR SALE: One new heavy wool overcoat. T. J. Snellings. 29-tfc.

A SHETLAND PONY for sale or trade. Hester Bruner, Rt. 1. 29-1p

SEE BROOKS HILL, 2 mi. E. of Carlton, for springing Hampshire sows. Will sell 1 or 15. All subject to register and bred to registered Berkshire boars. All vaccinated. This is their first pigs. Price \$50.00. This crop of pigs will more than clear a fine brood sow. I have 30 head—too much labor for an old man. 28-tfc.

BOYS' LIFE advertisement featuring a tree illustration and text: 'There is a tremendous need for a clean, wholesome and educational, yet entertaining boy's publication.'

A Joyous Noel advertisement for Magnolia Products, featuring a winter scene illustration and text: 'We sincerely hope your Christmas will be filled to overflowing with happiness and good cheer.'

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Stop Spending, and Save for the future. That has been good advice since biblical days. You cannot buy tires today, but you can start saving to buy that new set of tires when they go on the market again.

Advertisement for tires featuring an illustration of a car and text: 'JUST ARRIVED TIRES'.

The First National Bank HICO, TEXAS "Fifty-three Years In Hico"

To the People OF COMMISSIONERS PRECINCT 3, HAMILTON COUNTY:

This advertisement is run, not in a spirit of bragging about what I have done during my time in office, but in order to inform taxpayers and citizens of the shape of the precinct's business and how their affairs are handled.

MONEY RECEIVED table listing names and amounts: S. L. Lackey, mowing hay \$20.00; Dan Jagers, mowing hay 6.15; Hoover, mowing hay 10.00; Cone Patterson, mowing hay 4.00; W. H. Wolfe, mowing hay 1.00; T. L. Betts, mowing hay 15.00; R. W. Petty, mowing hay 2.15; G. B. Holladay, mowing hay 1.50; G. R. Holladay, mowing hay 15.15; A. J. Fields, mowing hay 1.87; S. E. Goodloe, mowing hay 16.12; Mont Young, mowing hay 2.50; S. R. Holliday, mowing hay 16.88; Erath County, road work 96.00; A. J. Patterson, terracing 22.50; J. R. Heliday, mowing hay 11.87; O. Longbottom, mowing hay 12.50; E. H. Couch, terracing 97.00; T. R. Thomas, terracing 10.00; Stroud & Petty, terracing 225.00; L. C. Jameson, mowing hay 15.00; Hartgraves & Allison, mowing hay 6.70; R. W. Hancock, mowing hay 2.50; R. L. McElroy, terracing 5.00; Randalls Brothers, terracing 5.00; City of Hico, street work 58.00; W. L. Grisham, terracing 17.00; B. H. Proffitt, posts 15.15; H. V. Hodges, terracing 84.00; Joe Sharp, terracing 28.50; Ida Conlsen, 15 posts 1.50; E. Bradley, mowing hay 6.25; Dr. Hall, fuel 67.75; A. J. Patterson, terracing 54.50; A. J. Patterson, terracing 4.00; May Russell, terracing 90.00; Claude Rainwater, terracing 8.75; Arthur Burden, hauling gravel 5.00; L. C. Jameson, terracing 10.00.

TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED \$1,310.69. DISBURSEMENTS table listing Labor 2,782.91; Gas & oil 586.18; Parts for trucks and tractors 211.94; Tires for trucks and maintainers 227.14; Blacksmithing and machine work 154.45; Lumber, wire, and nails 490.14; Truck hire 10.90. TOTAL MONEY PAID OUT \$4,782.95.

All machinery warrants due have been paid, although there is still some indebtedness against the machinery. There remains in the treasury at Hamilton \$4,238.63; in the bank at Hico, \$3,867.32; and a sum of \$700.00 owing for terracing (signed up by the Government). This makes a total of \$8,805.95 up to the 21st of December.

All money owing for highway right-of-way has been paid the last warrant of \$2,000 being taken up this month. This brought the total money spent for right-of-way to over \$8,000 all fully paid for and not a cent owing on this now.

A good part of my fuel oil, grease and lubricants to last several months are bought and paid for. The public is invited out at any time to inspect machinery and see how the work is handled by my operators.

In matters pertaining to road work and in those pertaining to finances and conduct of the county's business, I have tried during the time I have been privileged to hold the office to use the best of my energies and judgment. I am making every effort to handle the county's affairs in a business-like manner and welcome any constructive criticism or suggestion from taxpayers at any time.

Sincerely, R. W. HANCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct 3, Hamilton County

Telephone YOUR Xmas Greetings To Friends and Loved Ones in Near-by Points and Non-Defense Areas. AVOID PLACING CALLS TO WAR-BUSY CENTERS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. WE OF YOUR TELEPHONE COMPANY EXTEND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR PLEASURE DURING XMAS. GULF STATES TELEPHONE CO.

BUY WAR BONDS advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress.



MAY JOY THIS



CHRISTMASTIDE

attend you and may new found blessings make the New Year more bright.

We gratefully acknowledge your consideration during the past and solicit your continued thoughtfulness.

WALDROP'S TEXACO STATION

FIRESTONE NEW TIRES  
 FIRESTONE RETREAD SERVICE  
 FIRECHIEF GASOLINE ★ EXIDE BATTERIES  
 YOUR ALL-AROUND STATION  
 INSPECTION STATION NO. 17  
 PHONE 46

Personals.

Mrs. J. J. Harvey of Hamilton spent the week end here with her son, Tullos Carpenter, and family.

J. J. Smith is spending the week in Temple with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and family.

Mrs. Page Barnett came in Friday from Brady to spend the holidays here in the home of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Shelton.

Owen and Odell Welborn, students at Baylor University, were visiting relatives and friends here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Driver and daughter, Linda Ruth, of the Salem community spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Lucile Snyder.

Miss Louise Blair, a student at John Tarleton College at Stephenville, came in last Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair.

Miss Lola Mae Hendrix left Saturday morning for McGregor to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sites, and brother, Paul.

Claud Beck, who is attending John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, is here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beck.

Misses Mildred Bobo and Priscilla Rodgers, both students at TSCW at Denton, arrived last Thursday to spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobo and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-46c

Mrs. Ruby Willson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis, left Sunday to join her husband, Grady Willson, who is in a U. S. Army camp in California.

Glenn Marshall, who is a student at Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, came in Friday to spend the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall.

Rev. Ralph E. Perkins carried Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hall and daughter, Marjorie, to Mineral Wells last Thursday where Marjorie underwent a major operation in the Nazareth Hospital. At last reports she was improving nicely.

Mrs. Jim Thompson and son, Terry, who are attending school in Denton, came in Friday to spend the holidays here in the home of Mrs. Terry Thompson. Terry is spending several days this week with his little friend, Bobby Ray Cunningham, at Fairy.

Albert Brown of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown. He was accompanied as far as Hico by his wife and baby who went on to Evant to visit for several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Latham.

Church News

Pentecostal Church

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10:30 and the evening worship at 7:45. Hear the old-time gospel and singing. Everyone invited.

Victory Prayer Meeting  
 Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for the duration at the Pentecostal Church.

The prayers at these meetings will be especially for the safety and return of our husbands, sons and other relatives and friends and victory for our nation.  
 DOLLY LINCHE, Pastor.

Baptist Church

A "Merry Christmas" to everyone, and a hearty welcome to our Special Christmas Program at the Baptist Church Auditorium at 7:45

Wednesday evening. A playlet that is unusually good will be presented by the Couples Class, while a Pageant will be presented by the Juniors and Intermediates. Special music, and a Christmas tree will bring to a close the evening's entertainment. Bibles will be presented to those children who have reported that they do not have Bibles. Presents for the children may be placed around the tree. We do not feel that due to circumstances we can conscientiously make a display of this Sacred Season under the already existing conditions.

Sunday morning and evening services at the regular times. Read the first chapter of the book of Matthew, and Luke second chapter, it is refreshing to know "Emmanuel."

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

THREE W. M. U. CIRCLES WILL MEET MONDAY

The three circles of the local W. M. U. will meet at the church Monday at 3 o'clock for their regular business meeting and for the last chapter of the mission study book, by Dr. Carver, "If Two Agree." Visitors are welcome to all of these meetings.

All Baptist ladies who live in this community are urged to come to all of these W. M. U. meetings.  
 REPORTER.

HELPING HAND CLASS MET WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

The Helping Hand Class of the Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. H. N. Wolfe for a business and social meeting, with Mrs. Bessie Warren and Mrs. Lee Autrey as co-hostesses.

The Christmas tree with its lighted candles and other decorations about the room, the glowing yule-log burning on the open hearth reminded us that Old Saint Nicholas with his jolly sleigh bells would soon be here.

Prayer was led by Bro. Thrash, two Christmas songs were sung, led by Mrs. Gamble and played by Mrs. Warren on the piano and Mrs. Thrash on the violin. Bro. Thrash gave an interesting story about the second Christmas.

We were then invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments of cream chicken in patty shells, cranberry salad, stuffed celery, olives, pickles, date cake and tea were served buffet style.

Those present were Rev. Thrash, Misses Roy French, Floyd Thrash, Tyrus King, J. D. Jones, Andrew Hutton, Watt Ross, Jim D. Wright, C. D. Hansen, Jno. Haines, J. C. Barrow, J. W. Parson, N. M. Colwick, Geo. Stringer, Bess Warren, Lee Autrey, H. N. Wolfe, Harold Hanson, Martha Lou and Bobby Hanson.  
 REPORTER.

Christmas Wishes

Every good wish for your happiness at this joyous Christmas Season. We have enjoyed the past year with you and are appreciative of your consideration.

EVERETT'S TAILOR SHOP

New Telephones .. gone to WAR!

It's literally true that new telephones have gone to war. No more will be manufactured for civilian use until the victory is won. Repair parts are becoming more difficult to obtain.

We know we can count upon your cooperation in taking every precaution against breakage of your telephone instrument because, in many cases, replacement may not be possible. But regardless of handicaps everything possible is and will continue to be done to keep your telephone service at the highest level of efficiency.

Gulf States Telephone Company



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS and BEST WISHES

for your Happiness in the New Year

Your patronage through the years past is evidence of the confidence you have in our organization, and we trust it may continue in the same amicable way for many years to come.

Corner Drug Co. The Rexall Store

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Dynamic Christian Living.  
 Lesson for December 27: Romans 12:1-3; 9-21.  
 Golden Text: Romans 12:21.  
 In the lesson subject we are reminded of the connection between a dynamo and the force that issues from it, of the fact that Christians live lives of power as they keep in touch with Christ, the source of their spiritual life.

Spiritual power will be ministered unto others as Christians present their bodies as living sacrifices. Many martyrs gave their bodies to become dead sacrifices; we are called upon to present our bodies as living sacrifices—tongues to speak words of love, hands to minister, feet to go on errands of mercy. This is a sacrifice unto Jesus for others.

We are also to present a living sacrifice in the sanctuary of the heart. As the heart is cleansed by faith, the mind is also transformed—holy affections and motives replace those that were evil.

The section, verses 9-21 of the text, indicates ways in which we may live dynamically. They alternate between good motives and qualities and good deeds, and we discern a close and necessary connection. Since love, abhorrence of evil, cleaving to good, diligence, fervor, hope, patience, trust, humility and else are joined with helpfulness, hospitality, sympathy, peaceable living, forgiveness, serving enemies, and in all things overcoming evil with good.

May our faith be so true, as we look toward a new year, that renewed in mind, we shall love and serve others, and do our bit toward overcoming the evil in the world.

We just want to say MERRY CHRISTMAS from The Woman Study HICO, TEXAS

LOOKING FORWARD AT CHRISTMASTIME

With the splendid remembrances of the harmonious associations we have had with our many good friends in this area during the past, we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them in the future.

We sincerely hope that these friendships have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us.

May this be your happiest Christmas and may the New Year bring you some new joy each day.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

RATLIFF BROTHERS Market and Grocery





# DARK LIGHTNING

By HELEN TOPPING MILLER  
W.N.U. FEATURES

## CHAPTER X SYNOPSIS

Gary Tallman, a young petroleum engineer on his way to a job in Mexico, gets as far as Texas, where he is given a ride by Mona Lee Mason. They have an accident, and Gary is seriously injured. Mona Lee takes him to her home. There he finds two reasons for not going on to Mexico—Mona Lee's daughter, Adelaide, and evidence of oil on the Mason ranch. Harvey Mason, Mona Lee's husband, is going ahead with his plans for a well despite Gary's protest that they may not find oil. Meanwhile, their troubles have begun with Oliver Kimball, Mason's son-in-law, who has kept Mason from getting water except by piping it out from town. And now Slide Ellis, a lawyer, has announced that the title to the Mason ranch is not clear. Harvey, bristling with rage, has driven off to see his lawyer.



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In the house Mona Lee served a delayed breakfast. Opposite her Gary sat gloomily and Adelaide picked at bits of bacon and crumpled her toast.

"It seems quiet, doesn't it?" Mona remarked, amiably. "It seems sort of pleasant."

"Pleasant?" Adelaide demanded, almost in tears. "It seems as if someone had died. Gary, let's go somewhere. I'll go crazy!"

Gary shook his head. "I don't want to leave. I don't like the looks of that deputy specially. Those fellows can be got at. We don't want any more sabotage—emery dust in the gears, or some other cuts stunt."

"But Hickey will take care of everything, won't he? He ought to. He owns it."

"Hickey's gone. He was up all night, remember? He left a man on the derrick, but we don't know a whole lot about him. I'll stick around."

"All right. There are plenty of people who would be glad to go places with me, Mr. Gary Tallman."

"Have a good time," said Gary calmly.

"Oh, shut up! You make me so mad!"

But she did not go. She went out to the well and sat disconsolately on the tool box most of the day.

"Here comes old Hughie Fothergill, Gary," Adelaide said.

"Hello, Hughie," greeted the driller. "Well, she's shut down. You can quit asking."

Hughie shuffled near, "How come she's shut down?" he demanded.

"Law suit," said the driller. "Sho," Hughie sidled up to the derrick and leaned his shoulders against the steel. "I didn't think anybody would figure out to sue Harvey."

"Something about old Elihu Plummer," Gary explained. "Seems he left a common-law wife and she's starting some kind of contest against the title to this land."

Old Hughie stiffened, and squeaked, "My gosh, is Harvey letting 'em get away with that? Why didn't he come and see me? I knowed Elihu Plummer. Lived with him off and on for sixteen year. Elihu never had no common-law wife. He was scared to death of women. Who's this woman claims she was his common-law wife? Where's she live at?"

"We don't know," Gary got up briskly. "But we'll find out."

"Just goes to show," mourned Hughie. "People don't do me nothing. Know more about oil than most any man round this country, but nobody don't ask me advice about anything."

"Wait for me, Gary!" shrieked Adelaide, ripping her skirt as she slid off the tool box. "Where are we going now?"

"To town. You're going to take me. I want to look at those papers. And then I want a look at that woman and her common-law son. I've got a kind of hunch on this business."

When Adelaide came down, Gary was already in the car. "I've thought of something," he said. "Let's take old Hughie along. We'll find out where this woman lives, and it might be that old Hughie would know her. We'll stick him in the rumbler."

"Go to Ellis' office first," directed Gary. "I want a look at his power of attorney."

They had to stop and consult a telephone book to locate Slide Ellis' office, but they found it in the best bank building, with tall gilt letters on the glass of the door.

A rodent-faced girl sat behind a desk and regarded them with faint hostility. "Mr. Ellis is in court," she said. "I'm afraid he'll be there all day."

"Take it easy," whispered Gary, taking her elbow and steering her out. "Fight guile with guile. Who's your father's lawyer?"

"Dan Hobson. I suppose Dad's there now. Shall we go over there?"

"As fast as we can go."

Harvey Mason was not in Hobson's office. Neither was Hobson, but an obliging young law partner produced the papers.

"What we want is the name and address of this woman, the mother of this plaintiff," Gary said.

"Her name is Maggie Williams," the young man discovered, "and she lives away down in the south end of the county."

"If Hobson comes back, tell him to stall along till we find out what there is to know, will you?"

They explained nothing to old Hughie. He was sound asleep in the rumbler.

The car bounced and skidded over ruts, and in places the road was so narrow that bushes rasped at fenders and the top.

They made inquiry, and were regarded with half-hostile suspicion by a lanky man in faded dungarees. "What you want to see Maggie fur?" he demanded harshly.

"We're from the government," lied Gary cheerfully. "We might have a reward money for her. Which is her house?"

"Go down the road about a mile, and you can't miss it. It's got a chimney made out of oil cans."

They found the place at last. "And there's Maggie," Gary said, as they slowed in the sand outside a leaning two-wire fence. "She has been to town, all right. She bought herself a new green calico dress. You wait here, and I'll talk to her." He got down and carefully unfastened the gate. The woman in the yard advanced toward him suspiciously, a broom in her hand. She was a narrow-faced creature with a cold blue eye.

"Howdy," she said, sullenly. "Is your name Maggie Williams?" Gary asked politely.

"Yesir. What you want?"

"I'm from Mr. Ellis' office," Gary prevaricated glibly, keeping a bland smile. "Mr. Ellis sent me out here with a paper for you to sign—you and your son."

The woman did not answer. Instead she turned and raised a broom, so ear-piercing that Gary jumped. "Purdy! Come h'yer!"

From the door of the house a youth appeared, also shoeless and like Maggie, attired in new raiment—a stiff pair of blue overalls.

"How do you do, Purdy," Gary said. "I'm from your lawyer's office."

Purdy glared, kept his hands in his pockets. "Me and Ma—we ain't signin' nothin'," he announced beligerently. "Ellis told us not to."

"And he told us not to talk to nobody but him," added Maggie, with vicious emphasis.

"Ellis is in court today," Gary persisted, using all his best wiles. "But the people you are suing are trying to prove that you didn't sign the papers that Ellis has. So I came down to get a duplicate of your signature on his card."

"Ellis knows I can't write—nor Purdy, neither," snapped Maggie. "We made our mark to them papers, and he knows it. Ellis didn't send you, young feller—it was that skunk, Harvey Mason."

She made a menacing advance with the broom, followed him to the gate and there, suddenly, she seemed to spring two feet in air and, making a dive toward the car, she uttered an eerie screech. Simultaneously, old Hughie, who had wakened, gave one look and a yell of horror.

"Git her away from me! She'll kill me! She done tried it a couple of times!"

"You know this woman, Hugh?" Gary shouted.

"Know her?" squeaked Hughie.

It was an odd group arranged in Slide Ellis' office a little after five. Harvey Mason was there, grin-

October, November, and December?

That Anne Kavin, once a beauty contest winner, has become head of the largest electrotyping company in the United States?

That Baltimore has an "Iron woman" she is Miss Lew Dryden, who directs her own company and handles ton upon ton of iron for Uncle Sam?

That a woman doctor, Dr. Ber-

tha R. Freche, has made a distinguished contribution to the use of aluminum in airplanes?

### WORDS OF 1861—

A Dallas man of letters and a great student of Lincoln has had, in the past few months, a number of requests from publishers, for one of his most treasured Lincoln letters; sixteen publishers offered him a nice price for its use but he is still undecided. The letter is as follows:

Oct. 22, 1861.

Major Ramsey,  
Kind Sir:  
The lady who bears this note says she has two sons who want to work so let them at it, if possible. Wanting to work is such a rare want that it certainly should be encouraged. Yours truly,  
A. LINCOLN.

### LAUNDRY BOY—

Harris McDowell, a Waco boy who joined the Navy two years ago at the age of 17, came home the other day on his first furlough. He is now embarrassing his family into a new era of cleanliness, for not only does he take two and three baths a day but he is always and forever in the basement of the McDowell home washing out his clothes! "Your wash never looked like this," he told his mother one day, holding up a spotless middy from the wash-tub. "Now! This is really white. It's Navy white," he said.

### NEW BOOK—

Julian Green's new book, "Memories of Happy Days" is a book of personal history and tender remembrance. In it he recalls vividly his boyhood days in Paris, experiences in the ambulance service in the first World War, two years at the University of Virginia, and the start of his career as a writer. It is a fine recreation of a Paris that is gone forever.

### MIDDLE GROUND.

We are never as happy as we say we are and never as miserable as we think we are. We exaggerate happiness and we enlarge on misery.

There is a middle ground, safe and sure, for more real happiness and less trying misery.

Those who love us best are those who know best our faults—nothing can be hidden from love.



Gary got up impulsively, and put his arm around her. He kissed her swiftly on the forehead. And then he walked away quickly, his face very red and confused. He lay awake a long time that night, wondering if she were furious. The next morning they sat together on the tool box and watched the slobbering of the cuttings into the slush pit.

"I look lovely, doesn't I?" sighed Adelaide. Then she looked off toward the horizon and flushed a little. "Gary—" she began.

Gary jerked alert. "About last night," he said, abruptly. "I'm sorry—I'll try to remember who I am—and who you are."

"And who am I?" she demanded furiously. "I'm a rancher's daughter . . ."

Gary had lunch with the drill crew and at dusk reluctantly started toward the house, wishing himself far, far away.

A car was parked in the drive and he took himself upstairs the back way, deciding that if there was company for supper he would ask Maria for something on a tray. He was splashing in the shower when someone tapped at his door.

He wrapped himself in a bathrobe and opened the door a crack. Mona Lee stood there, looking worried.

"Gary, come down as soon as you're dressed . . . Gary, Oliver's here—and Grace."

"Gosh—what now?" Gary thought, as he squirmed into a shirt and jerked a necktie through his collar. He smacked his hair flat and went down quickly. The Mason family were all sitting in the living room looking solemn.

Oliver was waving up and down, looking pompous and injured and belligerent. "I came out here, Tallman, because I've been hearing these ridiculous stories that have been going around out here about me," he said in his sneering voice. "Did you work for the Republic people last winter?" he asked.

"Certainly I worked for them. I was a rigger on their pay roll for a while."

"It's the Republic people who've been after me—so Oliver says," Harvey said dully.

"This," said Gary grimly, "puts me in a spot where it's going to be necessary for me to prove something—as you probably realize, Kimball. And if I happen to establish something that isn't creditable to you—well, you started this business, please remember."

He walked out of the room with his head up and his face tingling with wild, angry blood.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

### THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

There are 42,000,000 newspapers published in this country every day and these papers spread the events of the day to a hundred and ten million people who are engaged in seventeen thousand varieties of service, speculation and sport. These papers print much information and some misinformation but whatever you read remember this: Humanity has higher ideals than in the days when natives cut necks on their gun stocks to record the number of their victims. Never will we be able to straighten out nature or dispense with suffering or eliminate war, but we are bigger and better than we were in the intolerant year-

days. Our hearts are right today but our heads are still just human.

### YANKEE DOODLE—

The London opening of the film "Yankee Doodle Dandy" enriched the British war effort by \$3,493,077, the largest office take for any British stage or movie performance. To get tickets Britons had to buy at least \$20 worth of War Bonds or National Savings Certificates. The top purchase was \$16,000.

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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The warm spirit of the Holiday occasion reminds us that in our friends, not in our ledgers, do we find our real assets. There are many things that make us thankful this is our home, and for that reason we desire to extend Season's Greetings.

Please accept the kind wishes and sincere thanks of all of us. Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of much happiness, Good Health and Success for you and yours.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

In Hico Since 1890

### THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

Every business, regardless of size or type; every individual, is dependent upon someone else for support and existence. Our business is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in scores of ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage . . . it may have been a kind word of cheer . . . or it may have been an expression in our behalf to some friend of yours . . . but, in whatever way you may have favored us, we are thankful.

It is our hope that each of you may receive the blessings of a joyous Yuletide Season.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

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YOUR FAMILY,  
YOUR FRIENDS,  
OUR FRIENDS!

A Merry  
Christmas  
To All

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Barber Shop



MAY THE JOYS OF  
THE CHRISTMAS  
SEASON  
REMAIN  
WITH YOU  
THROUGHOUT  
THE  
COMING YEAR  
A. A. FEWELL  
Shoe Shop

# IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Powers of McGregor are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were in Meridian Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hovey and Mr. and Mrs. Joe White were in Gatesville Tuesday.

Miss Georgella Harris was taken to Stephenville Hospital Tuesday and was operated on for appendicitis. Her mother, Mrs. Hugh Harris, her aunt, Mrs. Fouts, and her friend, Billy Echois, went with her. Her mother has been with her most all the time. She is getting along fine, of which her friends are glad to know.

Pvt. and Mrs. Roy (Boody) Lawrence are the parents of a daughter born in the Stephenville Hospital Thursday, Dec. 17. She was Miss Marie Fouts before her marriage. He is in the Army at North Carolina.

Mrs. Bertha Henderson of McGregor visited relatives and friends here this week. She had the bad luck to lose most all she had. She was working in a cafe and it burned down, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodges. She went on Saturday to Cranfill's Gap, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Henderson.

Mrs. Marie Hanshaw and her sister, Norma Lee Everett, were in Hico Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Poinsac and Miss Josie Harris were in Waco Saturday.

The Senior Class enjoyed a party at the high school auditorium Monday night.

Mrs. Ed Stephens and baby of Hutto are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Oldham, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Tidwell and Mrs. Jack Blakley entertained their Sunday school classes Friday night with a social. All had a "big time."

Mrs. W. R. Newsum and son of Temple are visiting here with relatives.

Mr. Allen and his band played on the streets Saturday afternoon. They played for every business house. The music was fine, and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Gann spent the week end in Meridian.

James Worrell, who works in San Antonio, visited his parents this week.

Miss Rudene Blue, who is in Clifton Junior College, spent the holidays with her parents.

Albert Lynch, who is in the Army at Mineral Wells, is visiting his wife and other relatives.

Mrs. Otto Bowman and son spent the week end in Meridian.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powers visited relatives in Brownwood.

Mrs. Mollie Graves was proudly showing a picture of her grandson, Lieut. and Mrs. Wash Mingus Jr., and their son. He is in Oregon.

Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Fouts and Mrs. Frank Cunningham visited Mrs. Lawrence and her young daughter at the Stephenville Hospital this week.

Clark Bowman had his tonsils removed at the Stephenville Hospital Wednesday. He is getting along nicely.

Everyone is busy preparing for Christmas. This year it will bring sadness to many homes, as so many of the boys are in the Army. It is hoped all of them will have a good Christmas.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham has been ill for some time. Something is wrong with one of her legs.

The residence in Pikeville that the Baptists had planned to buy could not be moved on the highway. The members bought the residence where Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bateman live, the property of the D. L. Mitchell heirs. It will be the Baptist parsonage.

Mrs. Emma Houston, who is confined to her bed all the time, has received so many nice Christmas cards that she wishes to thank everyone. She went to her church regularly until her health broke down. I go to see her often. She is very cheerful most of the time and it is remarkable the patience that she has, for she suffers so much. All should visit her. And Mrs. Scales is also confined to her bed.

Been there over a year. She is paralyzed. Mr. Deering, too, would be glad of company.

A nice box of gifts was given to Mrs. Bertha Henderson Saturday. She thanks each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Locker bought the house from Dave McKinney and moved there.

Mrs. Lucy Appleby spent the week end with Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Elgie Hilburn of Walnut Springs was here Saturday.

Mrs. Dora Russell, who takes care of Mrs. Scales, spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Morgan, north of town. Miss Ola Sparks stayed there while she was gone.

Miss Edna Blue is now employed in the payroll department of the National Gypsum Co. in McGregor, Texas. She will continue to live in Waco.

Mr. Patterson was very ill Saturday night, but was able to be up some Sunday.

## A Christmas Story

By MISS STELLA JONES

In a Texas town lived a happy couple. Will call them Mr. and Mrs. Grayson. They had three children, two boys and one girl. One of the sons, Lester, was married, the father of one daughter; the other son and daughter were many hundred miles away from their parents. Lester lived in town and was manager of a thriving business there.

The father was 70 and the mother was 68 and they were very happy. He had a little business of his own and was doing well. They looked forward to a happy Xmas.

Two weeks before Xmas his business all burnt to the ground and the origin of the fire unknown as usual—burnt down in the night—had some insurance.

"Well, Nora, we will have to do the best we can," said Mr. Grayson to his wife.

One good thing they had done—bought all their gifts for Xmas and they were safe at home. Mr. Grayson had a few hundred dollars in the safe at the store and that was all destroyed by fire. They had a few dollars in the house with some more in the bank. They felt like they were up against it. This couple would give to charity, but this time they could not do anything for they had to keep what little money they had to live on. The couple decided to do the best they could and look to God for help.

After the first of the year, they would go in business again.

The son and daughter were so far away that they did not think they could get home for the holidays. They had been informed of their parents' loss.

"I just can't stand it, John, if Mildred and Tom don't come it will not be like Xmas," said Mrs. Grayson. "Well, Nora, we will have Lester and his wife and daughter—they will be here," the husband replied.

"Oh, John, if we could only help some of the poor ones I would be happy, but the money we could have spent is gone!" The poor woman shed tears over the loss of it. She and John would get plenty of nice gifts from the children, but she wanted to help others.

"Nora, we can have dinner and perhaps we can feed someone and ones," Mr. Grayson consoled her.

The Xmas boxes had been sent to their son and daughters and they had received their gifts but would not open them until Xmas day. Oh, what joy would have come to them if they had opened them!

On Xmas eve night their little granddaughter got very sick. The next morning she was not any better, had a case of flu. A big snow was on the ground. "Well, Gladys, I can't leave you alone here with Mildred and go to Mother's for lunch," her father said. A doctor had been called and said Mildred was very sick.

With very sad hearts the old couple ate their morning meal, then the house was cleaned up.

"Well, John, I will fix some lunch but we will not enjoy it very much, for Lester and family can not come as Mildred is very sick," the old lady Grayson said.

The couple were sitting at their dining table trying to enjoy their Xmas lunch when a knock was heard at the front door. "Oh, John, perhaps that's the children come and wanting to surprise us!"

Nora went to the door and a poorly dressed woman was standing there. Mrs. Grayson did not know her. "What can I do for you?" she asked the poor woman.

"Will you please give me something to eat? I have been in your store and I know you help people. I am nearly starved and nearly froze." She told her no-count husband came home drunk and drove her off, and she was nearly starved.

"You come right in here and eat all you want. We have plenty as it is." The woman ate all she wanted, got warm, and when she was ready to leave Mrs. Grayson gave her a heavy coat to wear. "I guess we helped someone by feeding them," she told her husband.

The couple had about forgot to open their box. By the middle of the afternoon the sun came out and snow was melting. The couple were seated by their cheerful fire when a knock was heard. "John, will you please open the door?"

When he did, such a bunch of children were on the porch with all kinds of gifts. "As you all had the bad luck to lose the money that

you spend on charity, we decided to help you all some. Your children could not be with you, and you are lonely.

"We thank you all so much," said the couple in unison. Some little songs were sung by them.

The box from Mildred and Tom was opened and on top was an envelope addressed to Mother and Dad, and a check for \$20,000 was there.

"Oh, joy. We can help some one now," said Nora.

The next day the couple went to town to get some things and sent to the poor and needy ones. When they returned to their home a great surprise awaited them. Lester, Tom, and Mildred were there and oh, what a big time they had. Mildred and Tom visited them for five days and four nights.

"Well, our Christmas was a very good one after all," said Nora. "We got to help some arg'd the children coming home. Mildred said, 'We came in this afternoon; didn't think we could get off, but we can be with you all five days and four nights.'"

"Daddy, you can use some of the money to go back in business with," said Tom.

"I think the insurance will do that and this will give us a start again. We sure thank you all," said the parents as tears would run down their cheeks they were so happy.

To many homes this Xmas will be dull but if we can help some one a little bit that will bring them happiness if no more than to send a Xmas card—they will know you are thinking of them.

For the Holy Book says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

THE END.

If we still had parlors, the fire shortage would lead to parlor dates, if there were any boys at home to date.

SORE THROAT - TONSILLITIS!  
Your doctor would recommend a good Mop and Anesthesia-Mop will give instant relief from pain. Does not blister or injure throat membranes. Applicators furnished with each bottle. Corner Drug Store. (Adv.—28-15tc)

# CHRISTMAS



It is that time of the year when we like to stop a few minutes to wish our friends all the good things of the Season.

It is the wish of every member of this organization that after this Christmas you will say this is by far the happiest you have ever spent.

Best of luck for the New Year.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.  
HICO, TEXAS

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends, we say

May the New Year be a happy and thriving one for you, and may it be our privilege to add to its success.

Carmen's  
BEAUTY SHOP

TIMES CHANGE . . .  
. . . AND WE WITH TIME  
BUT NOT THE WAYS OF FRIENDSHIPS

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



May the New Year bring you a full measure of prosperity

WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY  
Please Let Us Service Your Car Thursday.

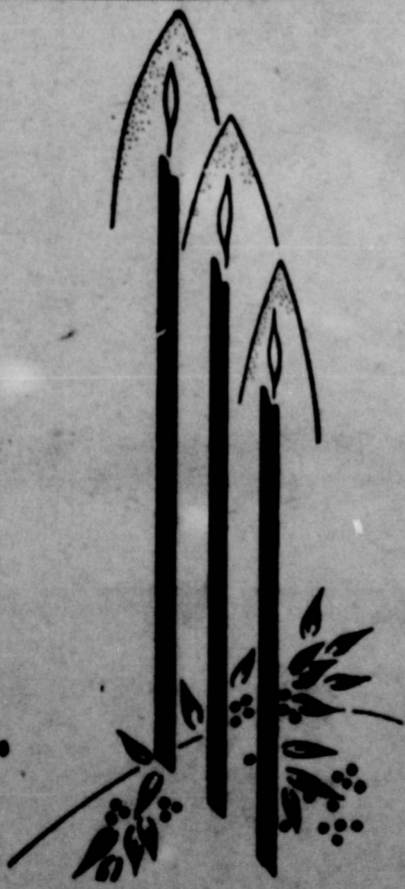
## HICO SERVICE STATION

GRADY HOOPER Gulf Gas & Oils N. N. AKIN Operator

# Greetings!

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year.

MRS. C. L. LYNCH HDWE.  
Hico, Texas



# Randals Brothers

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# YOU

a Joyous Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



It will be almost the same Merry American Christmas enjoyed in the past. The house will be filled with the scent of good things cooking and the sound of children's voices . . . and though there will be perhaps an empty place at the dinner table it will be with pride not sadness that we think of those far from home. Midst neighbors and friends and

the homespun sincere greetings of those you know will be found renewed faith in the true spirit of Christmas . . . and the belief that "peace on earth—good will toward men" shall once more live in the hearts of all men everywhere. To countless wishes that come our way we should like to add ours to wish you a truly Merry Christmas, and Victorious New Year.



WHEN YOU BUY LUXURIES THIS CHRISTMAS YOU ARE FORGETTING THE BOYS WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM ★ IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT WITH THEM, REMEMBER YOUR DOLLARS NEVER GROW TOO OLD TO FIGHT!

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HICO, TEXAS

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"THE MALE ANIMAL"  
HENRY FONDA  
OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND  
JOAN LESLIE

SAT. MAT. & NITE—  
"BOOTHILL BANDITS"  
THE THREE MESQUITEERS

SAT. MIDNIGHT,  
SUNDAY & MONDAY—  
"BERLIN CORRESPONDENT"  
VIRGINIA GILMORE  
MONA MARIS  
DANA ANDREWS

TUES. & WED. (NEXT WEEK)—  
"DRUMS OF THE CONGO"

THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—  
"ORCHESTRA WIVES"  
GEORGE MONTGOMERY  
ANN RUTHERFORD  
GLENN MILLER



**MERRY XMAS**  
From  
**THE MIDLAND BARBER SHOP**  
J. C. PRATER

**Yule Harvest**



The Christmas tree harvest in the state of Washington is handled almost exclusively by women this year, because of the shortage of manpower. Above you see Violet Goff, of Seattle, binding branches to keep them snug against the trunk and so save breakage.

**WITH THE COLORS**  
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you to send the paper here, but it's pretty definite that by the time you get this I will be at my new address at Independence, Kansas. Eugene Hackett is going along to keep me company in Kansas.

As ever,  
EUGENE LANE.

**J. J. SMITH HEARS FROM GRANDSON IN HAWAII**

In a V-Mail letter to his grandfather, J. J. Smith at Hico, Carroll Smith recently wrote as follows from Hawaii, where he is with a bombardier squadron:

"Dear Granddad: I've intended to write several times but just never made myself sit down and do it. Now that I'm across I thought that perhaps you would like to hear what I think of the Hawaiian Islands. I suppose in peace time they are quite different but right now the natives can keep it for all that I care. As yet I've found nothing that interests me enough to want to ever come back again. Maybe it's because of the intense feeling that is over here that makes everything so dull. Everybody works here or they throw him in prison—even if a person quits a job they throw him in jail if he fails to report back to his job the following morning. Too, they realize that there is a war going on. They should after what happened at Pearl Harbor. A person can't begin to realize what they went through that Dec. 7th unless he has seen just what did happen. They really took a beating that day, but now the tide has turned very much in our favor.

"I've tried every way to find out about Russell, but as yet I have learned nothing. If I could only find where he was married I could more than likely find out where I could locate him. That would be really swell to run across him over here, wouldn't it?"

"Give my regards to everybody and tell Mr. Porter that I'm very angry with him for not answering my letter. I still receive the paper from Hico and really enjoy it. I start at the back and read each article all the way to the front. Now that Jack is in the Navy I guess he and I will fight over who gets it.

"Write to me. Your grandson,  
"CARROLL (SMITH)"

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Mrs. Tom Johnson, whose brother, George Hardy, is in Hawaii with the Navy, and whose son, Raymond, is in North Africa, hears frequently from both of them. The following letter from her son was recently received:

November, 1942.

Dearest Mom and Pop:

It is with pleasure and many sweet memories that I write to my dearest mother and dad, brothers and sisters. You have not been forgotten, for I often see your smiling faces and hear your voices in the still hours of the night. I hope you have been well and among those to enjoy God's richest blessings.

Our journey has been far and weary, which will explain my not writing sooner. We are now in North Africa, which is a country even more remote and strange than any we have seen. The natives (Arabs) are very friendly to the American soldiers. We traded them coffee for fresh eggs, which were the best I ever tasted. Of course you remember my appetite for such food! Gee, Mom, I would like some good hot biscuits.

I forgot to tell you that I am well and feeling fine. Killen (the name of his half-track) and I are still together and are very good pals.

I can only write one letter, so

pass the word on to Bro. Dale, the things I have written you. Send my love and best regards and when I can I will drop a few lines their way.

Please do not weep for me, but rather be cheerful and perhaps I will be with you by next Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
RAYMOND.



**WOMEN IN THE NEWS**  
BY JANET CUPLER

**Merry Christmas** Time really flies, doesn't it? Here it is Christmas again! We've all been so busy with war work and extra responsibilities that even Christmas shopping sometimes required a special effort. But it was worth it, wasn't it? So much of the old, familiar world is changing that it is especially cheering this Christmas to know that we have families and friends and little everyday acts of kindness to help us through the bad moments. And we're thankful that we can still celebrate Christmas in our own way. Perhaps next Christmas will bring the peace for which our boys are fighting and for which we at home are praying.

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**MR. ROCHE AGAIN:** Remember John M. Roche? He's the man who said women working in war industries should not wear sloppy overalls and buckles designed for men. Mr. Roche is a safety engineer at present working for the Maritime commission. The commission, in co-operation with the U. S. navy, has just completed a health and safety survey during which suitable garments for shipyard workers were discussed. The approved outfit looks a little like something from Mars, but is perfectly safe. It includes, among other things, long underwear! The problem of outfitting shipyard workers is, however, an important one, for the number of women employed in shipyards is expected to reach 200,000 by spring.

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**AFTER THE WAR:** In a sobering address to a gathering of Nobel prize winners and other world leaders, Pearl Buck, author of "The Good Earth," and the only woman to win the Nobel prize for literature, said that in her opinion this has ceased to be a war to save civilization, because we lack leaders strong enough to keep us from fighting only for our local interests. Mrs. Buck also said that another war may follow this unless we make this a real "fight for freedom."

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**RECRUITS NURSES:** Surgeon General James C. Magee of the U. S. army has asked the Red Cross to assume full responsibility for recruiting nurses for the army nurse corps and for the determination of the "professional eligibility" of all nurses applying for appointment to the army nurse corps, regardless of whether they apply directly to the army or are first enrolled in the American Red Cross nursing service.

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It's common sense to be thrifty. If you save you are thrifty. War Bonds help you to save and help to save America. Buy your ten percent every pay day.

**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of good cheer for each of you. And may the coming twelve months find you happy and contented in your every undertaking.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**J. A. Hughes Service Sta.**  
WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

**Merry Christmas**



We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

**The Buckhorn Cafe**  
L. P. Blair — HICO — Phone 16



It's Christmas, and with its coming we welcome the fine spirit of friendliness that goes with it, and are desirous of sending this Greeting to all those we serve and those whom we hope to serve.

**BLAIR'S**  
TIN & PLUMBING SERVICE  
S. E. Blair

**'On Her Own'**



A working girl at the age of ten months, Charlotte Williams poses prettily with an enlarged edition of her social security card. The photogenic Miss has been on her own since she was two months old, when she made her debut as a model. Her earnings have already gone up as high as \$200 a week.

**Der Fuehrer on Spot**



In at least one bowling alley in this country the pins bear likenesses of Adolf Hitler and his stooges. Here the pin girl puts Der Fuehrer right out in front where his ugly face is sure to get most of the hard knocks. Bowlers are women, who delight in knocking him for a row of ashcans.

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AND ALL OF ITS EMPLOYEES TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS...

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

AMONG THE GOOD THINGS BESTOWED BY THE PASSING YEAR, OUR MOST VALUED ONE IS THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL OF THOSE WE SERVE

IT IS A PRIVILEGE, AT THIS HAPPY SEASON, TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND TO WISH YOU ALL THE JOYS OF THE YULETIDE SEASON



**GREETINGS**



1942 will soon enter the portals of eternity to be recorded as one of the most eventful years in history.

But Christmas time provides an occasion when we put aside the rush and cares of the day, and give serious thought to the more worthwhile things in life.

As your friendship and confidence have been so generously ours during this trying year, we want you to know that your faith in us has been appreciated... that we welcome the opportunity to serve you in the future as we have been privileged to do in the past.

Please accept our sincere wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
**Hudson's Grocery**



**GREETINGS!**

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and the evidences of your good will that have made the past year a pleasure to us, we wish you a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.

We pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before and in keeping with this policy, we respectfully solicit your continued friendship and patronage.

**HOFFMAN'S DEPT. STORE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman and Kenny  
And All the Store Personnel