



HOME FRONT: 1943

This year, when it is gone, will be revealed... The year to hold, to cherish, and to treasure...

The above verse appears through the research and courtesy of the editor's elder sister, who besides working overtime in a war plant...

Various courtesies shown the force have been duly appreciated. We made announcement last week that the forms would close Monday noon...

The only thing worrying the editor now is a summons from the Social Security division of the government to appear in Hamilton court house and show why taxes for the past period have not been paid...

As this spasm was coming out of the linotype free-hand, in pops Dink—talking as usual—and her well-fed husband, trying to beat us on a trade for a car to register...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS And A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Army Personnel And Equipment Due Here Jan. 3

Forty-two soldiers and 15 army trucks will be brought to Hico Jan. 3 to start a collection of scrap materials for the government...

Stringer said that many of the soldiers would have their wives with them, and that rooms in private homes would be needed to take care of them for the duration of their stay...

A public meeting has been called for Tuesday night, Dec. 28, at the City Hall in Hico, at which time the program of the local scrap collection will be outlined...

More Registrants Ordered to Report After Christmas

The following named registrants have been ordered to report to Hamilton County Local Board No. 1, Hamilton, Texas on December 28, 1943 for transportation to an army and navy induction station:

Marion Clifford Mayfield, Amarillo, Texas; William Amos Stewart, Post, J. W. Thomas, Hamilton; Norman Lansing Johnson, Dallas; Byron Eugene Coston, Hamilton; Pount Groomer Jones, Blythe, California; Clarence Joseph King, San Antonio; James Melvin Elmore, Hamilton; William Oglesby Manning, Hamilton; L. B. Bowman, Stephenville; Grady Winters Casey, Hamilton; Milton Grover Maxwell, Freeport; Raymond A. Pletzsch, San Diego, California; Norman John Robert Witzsche, San Diego, California; Oliver Louis Tillinghast, Grand Prairie; Louis Elmer Massengale, Hico; J. B. Ratliff, Hico; J. T. Leonard, Hico.

The following men have been ordered to report on January 6, 1944 for delivery to an induction station: Arthur Noel Spaulding, Camp Hood; Lee Lafayette Parrish, Hamilton; Morris Jasper Houck, LaVerne, California; Leslie Carl Zeptner, Hamilton; George Milton Glover, Carleton; Q. Roddy Brunk, Amarillo; Fred Wiley Andrews, Hamilton; Bill Koy Lane, Hamilton; Richmond Anderson Herrington Jr., Camp Hood; Lawrence LaVelle Birdsong, Brownwood; Gerald George Ciepper, Clairette; Guy Delmar Williams, Clinton, Okla.; Joe Thomas Newsom, Brownwood; Ira Sherman Trantham, Fort Worth; Hestral Douglas Hamrick, Hico; Willie Sylvester Adams, Troy; R. B. Jones, Hamilton.

Implement Firm Moving to Hico Will Open Soon

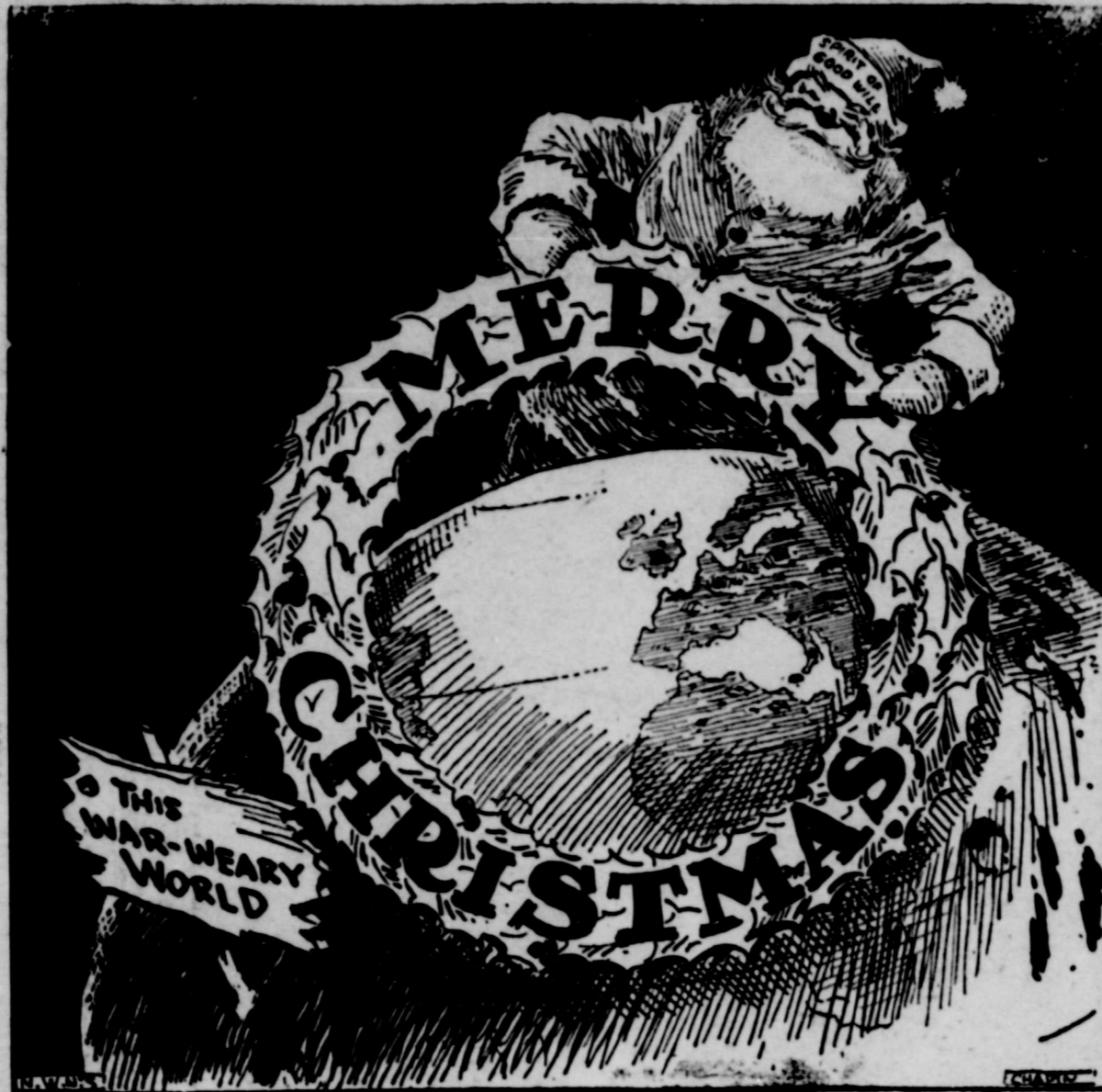
Paul Neel, member of the firm of Neel Brothers operated at Lamin for the past several years, has been in Hico making arrangements for the removal of the implement firm to this city.

The new local business will be run in the name of Neel Truck & Tractor Store. Mr. Neel said, and will offer for sale, when available, the line of McCormick-Deering farm machinery and International trucks. In addition Mr. Neel said he was making arrangements for operation of a first-class workshop in the Blair building, just east of Community Public Service Co., and stated that he would have a full line of parts and competent mechanics to take care of repair needs in a first-class manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Neel and their 14-year-old son, Jack, plan to move soon to the W. M. Cheney residence here, which they recently purchased. Another son is a midshipman at Columbia University.

The business will be opened shortly after the first of the year. Mr. Neel announced Tuesday, adding that he was anxious to get established as soon as possible as he considers this an excellent territory for such a business as he proposes to conduct. He said that he would have an announcement in a later issue of the paper as to the exact opening date.

'Well, Anyhow, Here's Wishing You—'



SANTA LETTERS

The News Review management owes the kids of the community an apology, but at the same time hopes they will understand why present conditions made it impossible to carry their letters in the usual number.

However, it wouldn't be Christmas without a few messages from them about their Christmas needs, so we print below a few of those letters which came in early enough for publication:

Dear Santa Claus: I don't know whether you have anything, but please bring me a Surprise Book and two handkerchiefs.—Betty Jo McClure.

P. S.: If you have any Christmas nuts, please put some under my tree.—Betty Jo.

Fairy, Texas, Dec. 10.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl eight years old. I would like to have a pair of skates, some doll clothes, and a snap-shot book for Christmas, and a few oranges and nuts. Don't forget my little sister, Lots of love.—Wilma Grace Goyno.

Fairy, Texas, Dec. 10, 1943.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl four years old. I would like to have a sweater for Christmas, a few oranges and nuts, and please send my love to all the children in your reach tonight. Love.—Mallinda Lou Goyno.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 19, 1943.—Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a typewriter, a set of unbreakable dishes, a telephone, some crayons and paint book, fruit, nuts, and candy. If you can't get these for me, just bring me what you can. Don't forget my uncles in the U. S. Army. I'll be good till Christmas.—Bonnie Evelyn Pierce, Hico Rt. 3.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 19, 1943.—Dear Santa: Please bring me some U. S. soldiers (not Japs), some airplanes, tanks (I have a gun), and a truck. Also a train and anything that you think I might like. Don't forget fruit, nuts, and candy. My uncles like fruit, nuts and candy, too. They are in the U. S. Army. You will find Uncle Marvin in the Southwest Pacific. Love.—La Von Pierce, Hico Rt. 3.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 15, 1943.—Dear Santa: I've been a good little boy and helped my mother and daddy lots. I am five years old and I'd like a little anti-aircraft gun and a little vise. I'd also like some Lincoln logs and fruit and nuts. Your little friend, Joe Arlan Coffman.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 18, 1943.—Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old and go to school at Iredell. I want you to come to see me Xmas Eve night and bring me a little barn with lots of animals, or a typewriter, a jigsaw puzzle, some candy, fruits, and nuts, and anything else you think I would like. If you can't find all I ask for, that's just O. K. Your friend, Horace Griffiths.

Federal Funds Now Available for Care of Servicemen's Wives

Austin, Dec. 21.—Federal funds are now available with which to provide maternal care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces and for their infants, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has released funds to the Texas State Health Department with which to administer this program.

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

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

Forms of requesting care may be obtained from the local or State health departments, welfare agencies, American Red Cross Chapters, USO Centers and local physicians.

The United States Congress made it clear in passing the legislation making provision for this service that this is not a "charity" service, but that it is to be provided as the right of any wife and infant of an enlisted man in the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh grades of our armed forces.

Ration Reminder!

Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

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

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

Processed Foods—Green Stamps D, E, and F in Book Four are good through January 29.

WARTIME CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMS

On Christmas Day, men and women of the American Armed Forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christmas radio programs, featuring entertainment stars, name bands, and personal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various services. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas Tree Decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and Midnight Mass from Some Place Behind the Battle Lines in Italy.

QUICK WORD TO NEXT-OF-KIN

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual or organization for such information.

WAR EXPENDITURES UP

U. S. war expenditures for November went to a new high of \$7,794,000,000, an increase of 689 million dollars, or nearly ten per cent, over October, WPB has reported.

The average daily rate of expenditures for war purposes was close to the 200-million-dollar mark in November.

TO KILL GAS BLACK MARKETS

In a new drive on gasoline black markets, OPA has asked distributors to "screen out" irregular coupons—any coupons that are counterfeit, expired, not yet valid, or not endorsed by the motorist. Filling stations also will be required to make good irregular coupons and their inventory will be cut down by the amount of irregular coupons passed on to the wholesaler.

Endorsement of coupons by motorists as soon as they receive ration books will aid OPA in proving that black market stations have purchased coupons to cover up illegal sales.

Association Head Sees Opportunity for Poultry Raisers

There is a bright future ahead for poultry raisers all over the United States, and particularly in this section of Texas, according to a message brought Monday night to flock owners present for the annual banquet of Keeney's Hatchery & Feed Store. W. T. Jones Jr., of Coleman, president of the Texas Baby Chick Association, was authorized for the statement, and he elaborated on it in a way that should bring confidence to those who are engaged in this vital war-time effort.

"People engaged in raising poultry have the unique opportunity of helping provide items of food so necessary to the cause of Victory, and at the same time of making a good profit on their time and investment," Jones continued. He cited figures to show just how important the government thinks this activity is, adding that requests have been made for reduction in certain lines of the "Food For Freedom" program, but that there is an ever increasing demand for poultry and eggs. Eighty million dozen more eggs are called for in the coming year than were marketed in 1943, he said.

"But we must remember to keep quality up and build for the future," he cautioned. "We have a sellers' market today, and practically anything we raise will sell. But we must constantly be alert to the changing conditions and make our plans with an eye to providing such a quality as will stand up when the demand is not so heavy. Nobody knows how long demand will exceed supply, but I am here to bring you a message of assurance from our association, and I personally believe that you people are going to continue to capitalize on the advantages of proper care and feeding of your baby chicks, ponies, hens, and turkeys."

Mrs. G. C. Keeney, manager of the local store, had made elaborate preparations for the banquet, which was served by Mrs. Boyd Greenway, local Home Economics instructor, and her efficient helpers recruited from among her home-making students. The table was appropriately decorated for the Christmas season, and set before a background of Yuletide greenery and colored lights arranged on the second floor of the store building. Hand-painted place cards bore the names of some sixty guests, and turkey with all the trimmings composed the menu.

W. G. Troutt, district salesman for Burrus Feed Mills whose line of Texo feeds is featured by the local store, presided as master of ceremonies, and introduced the guests in order around the table. Represented in the gathering were a number of local flock owners and their wives, as well as several out-of-town visitors. The list included:

HOPE RAY HASN'T TAKEN UP THE AWOL HABIT

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cheek have had a recent letter from their son, Cpl. Ray Cheek, who said: "Dearest Mother and Dad: I guess you haven't heard from me lately, but I have been and am still on furlough—rather, my furlough is over and I have been waiting on transportation back for a week. We had to come down by train and we rode these Tooner-ville Trolleys for about 48 hours to get here. Everything is rationed and hard to buy, but we really have had a good time and seen lots of things. By rights we should own at least one taxi. We spent enough riding in them. I played a few rounds of golf and was invited out by the head of the F. B. I. (I don't think they call it that) to make a foursome one afternoon. He wants me to go again but I can't make it."

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FBI Stops \$100,000 Hijacking; Captures 5



Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation remove adhesive tape from the victims of would-be hijackers. A truck containing \$100,000 worth of whiskey was stopped in lower New York city, but the FBI, acting on a tip-off, captured five men including a soldier. Liquor, batteries, rubberies and hijacking have sharply increased in recent months.

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)

History is repeating itself in the case of Bernard Mannes Baruch, recently appointed Coordinator of all Federal Agencies. Now 73, he is back in approximately the same post he held during World War I. In 1918, Baruch, a New York financier, was appointed by Pres. Woodrow Wilson as a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense. Two years later he became Chairman of the War Industries Board. After the war he went to Paris as one of the principal members of the American commission to negotiate peace. For his work he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Wilson and was also decorated by France, Italy and Belgium. During the following years he has become a legendary Washington personage. It is said that his advice is sought by senators, representatives, business men, officials, and sometimes presidents. According to one fabler he is supposed to maintain an office on a park bench near the Washington monument. His recent appointment was interpreted by some as preparation by the administration for postwar adjustment, for one of the problems Baruch will grapple with is the return of millions of men and women of the armed services to private employment after the war.



Bernard Mannes Baruch

JOE GISH



YA NEVER MISS 'EM 'TILL TH' COUPON BOOK GOES SHY.....



"Merry Christmas
and good Cheer on the HOME FRONT"

KEENEY'S HATCHERY & FEED STORE
HICO ★ CARLTON
Distributors of
Burrus **TEXO** Feeds

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

and a very Happy New Year



With the splendid remembrances of the harmonious associations we have had with our many good friends of 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.

CASEY MOTORS

May All Happiness Be Yours

As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

It is these friendships that bind our ambitions, to be of the utmost service to all.



Knox & Tulloh

Cash Buyers of

POULTRY ★ EGGS ★ CREAM
HICO, TEXAS

Iredell

By
MISS STELLA JONES

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman and family of Glen Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Newman and children of Olin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Newman.

Miss Cathryn Hutchins of Breckenridge is here visiting. Her father also visited here.

Miss Eudell Horton was taken to Dr. Holt's hospital on Tuesday for an examination for an injured knee. Her mother went with her. They returned that night. Rev. Cundieff took them.

Miss Cathryn Hughes of Fort Worth spent the past week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wyche and children of Arlington spent the week end with his parents. They were accompanied by her niece, Miss Jean Shotlander.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Leurance of Galveston are visiting her sister, Mrs. Jim Chaney.

Mrs. Benton Dunlap and baby of Newman are visiting Benton's parents.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaehne, and also his parents. Her husband came over this week end after her.

Mrs. Rosa Cunningham received a death message on Wednesday that her grandson, Thomas Earl Hurt, who was in Brady, had been killed. He was in the Air Corps and had just received his wings. He had visited here some. All the relatives have the sympathy of their friends.

Miss Maye Blue of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Gitch) Gregory are visiting his mother and other relatives in Dallas.

Misses Syble Pylant and Dorothy Rae Clepper were in Hico Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby of Hico visited here Saturday.

Pfc. Bill McCoy, who has been in Alaska, is here on a furlough to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woody of Lubbock spent from Thursday until Monday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, Mrs. Royce Newsom and son, and Mrs. J. O. Newsom were in Fort Worth Friday.

Misses Peggy June Tidwell and Faye Hensley were in Hico Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Basham and children are living in the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wingren are here with her parents. They had resided in Gatesville.

Miss Charlene Conley, bride-elect of Oakley Slater of Hartford, Conn., was honored Monday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fouts. She was assisted by Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. McAden, Mrs. C. L. Tidwell, and Mrs. Rance Phillips.

When the honoree arrived with her mother, Mrs. Conley, and Mrs. Emmett Joe Harris, Misses Peggy June Tidwell, Dorothy Kaye Clepper, Faye Hensley, Wilma Chaffin, and Doris Miller sang two or more pretty songs, which all enjoyed. A Christmas tree was decorated and the many beautiful gifts were placed around the tree which was on a table. The gifts were many, and Charlene was proud of them.

After this all the guests went in the dining room, where refreshments of hot chocolate, cakes, sandwiches and candy were served. All was fine, and all enjoyed the shower very much. Charlene left Tuesday for Dallas, accompanied by her mother, and left for Hartford, Conn., Wednesday. Charlene was born and raised here, finished high school here, and went some to John Tarleton. She had been working in Dallas. Mr. Slater is in the Marines. Charlene is loved and admired by all, and she has a host of friends here who wish for the couple much joy and happiness. Her mother got a phone call from them Saturday saying Charlene arrived at her destination at 10 p. m.

Mr. William Heim died Dec. 17 at his home here. A more extensive notice next week.

Mr. Aran Sparks is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ogle, in Shreveport, La.

Word was received here Saturday night that Mr. Jack Sparks of Fort Worth had died. He has visited here, and was well known. He was a brother of Oran Sparks, Mrs. Bill Davis, and Miss Olla Sparks.

The district supt. preached here Sunday morning and the first quarterly conference was held in the afternoon, with fine reports of the church. An offering was given to the Methodist Orphans Home, which was \$70.00, which is fine. The lunch was fine, and plenty of it.

By the time the news gets to the many readers of the News Review, all will be thinking of Xmas. This week has been winter, with plenty of ice.

Rev. Cundieff was called to Dublin Sunday and therefore no service at the evening hour at the Baptist church.



SINCERE WISHES

for a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

at home and abroad

★ 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 association 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"

NOT TOO LATE FOR COCCIDIOSIS

Many Poultry raisers have the mistaken idea that coccidiosis does not affect older birds. This week we are bringing you the eleventh of a series of ads which offers helpful suggestions you can use to step up egg production . . . increase profits. Watch for more ads.

CHECK LIST NO. 11

CONTROLLING COCCIDIOSIS IN LAYERS

CHECK THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AGAINST YOUR
POULTRY RAISING METHODS

() Clean and Disinfect Poultry House

Your most powerful weapon against the spread of intestinal coccidiosis is sanitation. The minute infection is discovered in your laying flock, take steps to stop the spread of this enemy of poultry production. Clean out and disinfect the poultry house. Sweep . . . Scrape . . . Scrub. Discard all the old litter. Give house a good soaking with a Dr. Salsbury's PAR-O-SAN solution; kills coccidia oocysts on contact. Five tablespoonfuls in each gallon of water will do a thorough job.

() Give Medical First-Aid

Coccidiosis calls for action! Follow one of these 5-day tested medication plans. Use Dr. Salsbury's RAKOS to help keep the birds eating — to stimulate the appetite — and to provide astringent action. Or Dr. Salsbury's PHEN-O-SAL may be used either in water or in feed . . . then during medication of flock spray every other day with PAR-O-SAN solution to check reinfection.

() Help Hens Build Back Health

After a siege of coccidiosis your laying hens will be in a run-down condition. So, use Dr. Salsbury's AVI-TAB . . . aids digestive processes . . . stimulates appetite. Feed AVI-TAB in the mash ten days each month, help hens to do better. Be sure to keep them on a nutritious diet too.

DON'T FORGET

We are here to help you with your poultry health problems. So come in and talk them over with us. When you see the emblem displayed on our window, you know that we are cooperating in the National Poultry Conservation Program. Let us help you.



McEver & Sanders Hatchery

PHONE 154

HICO, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

Warmest best wishes
of the season to you and yours
from this company and its employees in
the armed services and on
the home front. We
join you in the earnest hope that
1944 will be a year of
decisive Victory
leading to lasting peace and
happiness for all.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

We Thank You for Your 1943 Patronage

THE
COLD
666
666 TABLETS, SAME, MORE DRUGS

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

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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



BONNIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Makeshift Mattress



Disdaining a muddy bed, Privates Timothy Creech, Crab Orchard, Ky. (left), and Donald Culler, Louisville, Ky., tote a sack full of straw to their tent on the Italian front.

Fashions FOR TODAY

PATRICIA DOW



8486
10-20

Bedtime Set
Pattern No. 8486—Luxury can be yours at a small price when you make for yourself this "Empire" style gown and its matching jacket. Pattern No. 8486 is in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 12 gown requires 3 1/4 yards 36 or 38-inch material, jacket 1 1/2 yards, 1/4 yard contrast for gown, 1/4 yard for jacket.

Name _____
Address _____
Name of paper _____
Pattern No. _____ Size _____

Send 15 cents in coin (for each pattern desired) to—
Patricia Dow Patterns
608 W. 174th St., New York, N. Y.

The present with a future—
WAR BONDS for CHRISTMAS. Keep on Backing the Attack.

A Joyous Noel

We sincerely hope your Christmas will be filled to overflowing with happiness and good cheer and may the New Year be one of Health, and Prosperity



MAGNOLIA PRODUCTS

H. N. WOLFE

Agent
CENTRAL FREIGHT LINES




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

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.

Wren's Texaco

FOR ALL-AROUND SERVICE

FIRECHIEF GASOLINE ★ SKYCHIEF GASOLINE
EXIDE BATTERIES



Christmas Greetings

Today our thoughts turn once more from things material, and dwell for awhile on the humble manger in Bethlehem, and the life that began there more than nineteen hundred years ago; and through the centuries that followed has been an ever increasing solace to weary souls.

It is well for the world that just now, when so much has apparently gone wrong, when the spirits of men seem so badly broken, just now when disappointments have blighted hopes, when cherished plans have been frustrated, when the universe seems in the state of despair, and when for a time the thoughts of men have been so largely self-centered . . . It is well that we reflect upon the one great thought, the one consuming desire of this man of Galilee, "Others." From the beginning of his ministry, when he gave to the world the perfect rule of conduct toward others, until his final petition, when he said, "Father, Forgive them; they know not what they do," his thoughts were of others. For others he lived, for others he labored, for others he died.

Never was there a time when the world needed so much to forget self for awhile. Never was there a time when men needed so much the steady influence that comes of knowing that others care; this is the "Christmas Spirit", thinking of others, doing for others. And there is another side . . . we cannot do for others without (at the same time) doing for ourselves. No investment pays the rich dividends that service to others pays. Just now the world needs dividends, so let us go out for dividends this Christmas, dividends earned through service to others, the service that may seem slight to us, but rendered in the Christmas spirit, it may give hope where there was only despair. The thought that others care has made the load lighter for many a man who was falling under the weight of it.

It is our earnest hope that, in every home, the true spirit of Christmas may abide this season, and that nothing may happen that would mar a day that should bring happiness to every human soul. Our thoughts shall be with each and every one, and our every good wish is for all the joys that Christmas can bring.

George Jones Motors

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

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett spent Friday in Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Roberts and family of Camp Hood Village spent the week end in Hico.

Mrs. Harold Goolsby of San Antonio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blair.

Mrs. J. M. Bauknight and little sons, Jimmie and Bruce, and Mrs. Helen Baker of Ganado spent the week end here with Mrs. Bauknight's father, F. M. Mingus, and Mrs. Mingus.

Miss Annie Pierson of Fort Worth spent the week end in Hico.

Mrs. Emma Lackey of Fairbairn has ordered a gift subscription sent to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker at Corpus Christi. Mrs. Walker is the former Miss Aria Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wilson of Fort Worth spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Priscilla Rodgers, who is a student at T. S. C. W., came in last Thursday from Denton to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers.

Mrs. W. B. Page left last Tuesday for Tulsa, Okla., to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter.

Miss Oleta Hughes, a teacher in Carrizo Springs public schools, spending the holidays here with mother and other relatives.

Miss Pansy McMillan, a student at T. S. C. W. in Denton, came in last Thursday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan. Another daughter, Mrs. Rollie Forky of Fort Worth, joined them here for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tinkle and Mrs. Pauline Driskell visited in Burne Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Washburn.

Mrs. J. A. Guyton and son, S/Sgt. Leighton Guyton, home on furlough from Camp Claiborne, La., visited a few days last week in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Guyton, and in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Powledge.

Mrs. J. W. Leeth ordered a gift subscription sent to her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Abney, of Bisbee, Ariz.

George Crist and daughter, Miss Rhoda Crist, returned home last Friday in the Barrow ambulance from Fort Worth where they have been for several months under a doctor's care. Both are improving and are glad to be back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaggars, Hico route 4, will receive the News Review as a Christmas present from Mrs. C. C. Waddill.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY HONORS MISS STEWART

A surprise announcement party honoring Miss Jewell Stewart, third grade teacher in the Hico Ward School, and bride-elect of Herbert H. Miller of Iredell, was held at the home of Mrs. L. J. Chaney from seven o'clock until nine o'clock Wednesday evening, December the fourteenth, with Mrs. C. L. Woodward and Mrs. Chaney as hostesses.

A. B. Clark, in ordering a renewal of his subscription, entered gift subscription for his father-in-law, J. B. Shirley, of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Couch of Carlton have purchased the Ben Turner place in the Cox-Weaver addition and plan to move to Hico some time this month.

Mrs. Sally Purdon was carried to the Stephenville Hospital last Tuesday suffering with a broken arm. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-tfc



Wishing You An Old Time Merry Christmas

AND
Best Wishes
FOR THE
New Year

A. A. FEWELL
Shoe Shop

Truck Driver a Mother of Nine



Mrs. Margaret C. Sever, of Hialeah, Fla., checks up on the behavior of some of her nine children between runs. She drives a 1½-ton truck for the Miami Air depot of the Air Service Command. She will soon be granted a leave of absence to arrange for the birth of her tenth child.

Church News

A MESSAGE TO YOU

There's a special place for each and every one of you in Sunday school and church next Sunday morning. Let us make the last Sunday in the year 1944 a day of worship for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave his life here on earth that we might have life eternal.

Our soldier boys are fighting and shedding their precious blood that we here at home may have the blessed peace and privilege of attending the church of our choice. Are you going to disappoint those boys. Are you going to let them down?

They are begging us to pray for them over there. Let's be in our place in church every Sunday morning. Let's keep the home fires burning for our boys.

The Bible contains the Word of God, and is to be used as our daily text book. John 5:39 reads:

"Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life. And they are they which testify of Me."

A welcome is awaiting all who attend our Sunday school and church services. Come and be with us.

W. E. ELLISON,
Supt. Adult Dept. of the Baptist Sunday school.

MORE REFRIGERATORS

Increased ice refrigerator quotas for the first three months of 1944—49,000 more than for the last quarter of this year—have been set by the War Production Board.

This increased production is expected to care for the increased need for ice refrigerators, due to the unavailability of mechanical refrigerators.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the members of the fire department for putting out the fire at our place Monday morning so quickly and efficiently. They were really helpful, and their efforts are duly appreciated.
MR. & MRS. J. W. FAIREY,
MRS. HARRY HUDSON.

Firemen's Efforts 'Click' On Call to Fairey Residence

The salvage instruction drilled into Hico firemen in all their training schools and special instruction courses bore results Monday morning, according to Ollie Davis, department chief.

An alarm turned in from the residence of J. W. Fairey, west of town, disclosed the fact to firemen upon their arrival that something had to be done quickly if serious damage and loss were to be averted. Davis said that the firemen displayed a spirit of teamwork to an excellent degree, and that in a short time they had under control a fire which started in the roof, but which soon would have consumed the entire residence. Each man took his assigned position and discharged his particular duty in a very commendable manner. It was reported.

Only minor damage resulted, and the use of the new small hose and the salvage sheets kept water damage at a minimum, the chief said.

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 15	49	15	0.00
Dec. 16	44	18	0.00
Dec. 17	47	24	0.00
Dec. 18	65	22	0.00
Dec. 19	67	26	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 18.95 inches.

FOR
MOVING
— And —
HAULING
OF ALL KINDS
SEE
E. P. (GENE)
LANGSTON

Charlie Rhoades Buried In Hico Monday Afternoon

Charlie Sylvester Rhoades, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhoades of Hico, who died suddenly at Clifton last Saturday night, was brought to Hico for burial Monday. A short service was held at the grave in the Hico Cemetery, conducted by Rev. C. A. Baskin, pastor of the Clifton Baptist Church. Previously he had held services for the departed at his own church in Clifton where he was assisted by Rev. W. A. Danson, pastor of the Clifton Methodist church. Large crowds of friends were present at both services. Pallbearers were Roy May, Louie May, Gus Phillips, Eddie Hank, Chester Hulme, and Owen Canuteson.

Charlie Sylvester Rhoades was born near Hamilton, Texas, Jan. 20, 1895. He died Dec. 18, 1943.

Mr. Rhoades was married to Miss Fannie Black Feb. 11, 1916. To this union four children were born. One son passed away in 1924. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Lorraine, both of Clifton; and two sons who are serving in the armed forces. Doris, who is in the Army, was able to attend his father's funeral. Charles Jr., of the Navy, serving somewhere in the Pacific, could not be contacted in time for him to come. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhoades of Hico; two brothers, W. J. Rhoades of Breckenridge, and H. J. Rhoades of Wichita Falls. There are four sisters: Mrs. O. W. Wren of Hico, Mrs. R. E. Bass of Hico, Mrs. John M. Atton of Denton, and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Lampasas.

Mr. Rhoades had been in the produce business for a number of years, nine of which had been spent in Clifton. He had a good business there and made a host of friends.

He was converted and joined the Baptist church in early manhood, and remained a loyal church man until his untimely death Saturday night. In line with his usual busy life he sat up with the body of a neighbor, Mr. Henry Cooper, Friday night. He went to work as usual Saturday morning, though not feeling so well. Before the day was ended he was carried home with an attack of heart trouble, apparently.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one for their kindness shown at the death of our loved one. Each word and deed of kindness will aid us in bearing our sorrow.
Mrs. Charlie Rhoades and children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhoades, Brothers, Sisters, and Other Relatives.



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.

Prescription Headquarters
Phone 108

Here's a
Christmas
Gift
for You

● Not much, to be sure, but with the sincere appreciation in our hearts for the many kindnesses that have been ours to enjoy, we extend this little package of Christmas Greetings to each of you.

● The goodwill of our friends we value immeasurably because we well know that without them life in itself would be empty indeed.

● As we wish you the Joys of Christmas and every Happiness throughout the New Year, we add our heartfelt thanks for all past favors.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

J. W. RICHBOURG

And the Store Personnel

CHRISTMAS

brings to each of us an appreciation of those fine friendships and memories which make life worth living. And so at this glad Holiday Season, we extend to you our cordial greetings and wish for you both health and happiness throughout all the coming year.



THE WISEMAN STUDIO, Hico, Tex.



Wishing You

A
WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS

and All Happiness in
the New Year

Hico Confectionery
& Drug Sundries



Greeting You
at Christmas
and
Wishing You
Every
Happiness

WEISENHUNT'S BEAUTY SHOP

A Friendly Greeting
TO YOU

Our Friends and Customers



It's the Season to be friendly, Happy, and contented . . . may this be your experience this Christmas and every Christmas.



MARK WALDROP

— CONSIGNEE —

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.

Bill McGlothlin

Your Friendly
MAGNOLIA DEALER

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 anticipation. You have been good to us—may old Santa be just as good to you.

Teague's Variety Store

Falls Creek

By —
Virginia Coston

Mrs. Lana Saul of Unity spent Saturday night with Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Eugene and Jimmie Lee Barnett of Hico spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cone Patterson and family.

Misses Mary Jane Barrow and Jimmie Thompson spent Thursday night with Virginia Coston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen spent Monday in Hamilton.

Mrs. Jesse Rainwater spent Friday afternoon in the Grady Coston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Saul, Mr. Dalton Saul and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell spent Sunday with Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Freeman of Grand Prairie spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffiths.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John G. Greenland; R. F. Franklin and wife, Mrs. R. F. Franklin; Mrs. R. F. Franklin, a feme sole; G. W. Johnson and wife, Lauren F. Johnson and to the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each and all of them.

GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Hamilton County, at the Court House in Hamilton, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4051. The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Phoebe Ann King, a feme sole; Mrs. Mattie Jordan and husband, J. W. Jordan; Effie Moss and husband, Drew Moss; Audie Moss and husband, W. A. Moss; Mrs. Myrtle Kilpatrick, a feme sole; Mrs. Cora Zachary and husband, Louis Zachary; C. H. King; Vera King; T. H. King; Mamye King; Winnie Nance and husband, A. D. Nance; Lona Adams and husband, Clyde Adams; Mrs. Ollie King, a feme sole; Genevieve West and husband, Paul West; Merle Lawson and husband, Wm. Lawson, and Emil King Holyfield, a feme sole, as Plaintiffs, and John G. Greenland, R. F. Franklin and wife, Mrs. R. F. Franklin; Mrs. R. F. Franklin, a feme sole; G. W. Johnson and wife, Lauren F. Johnson, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each and all of them as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: A suit in trespass to try title and for damages to 325 acres of land out of the John G. Greenland Survey, partly in Hamilton and partly in Erath County, Texas, described in one tract as surveyed by John R. Eldson, licensed land surveyor on November 18th, 1943, field notes now recorded in the Deed Records of Hamilton County, Texas, and made a part hereof for a better description. Plaintiffs plead the three, five and ten year statutes of limitation, alleging that any right, title, or claim which the defendants ever had to said land of any part thereof is long since barred. Plaintiffs pray judgment and title and possession of said land, damages and costs of suit, removal of the cloud from their title etc.

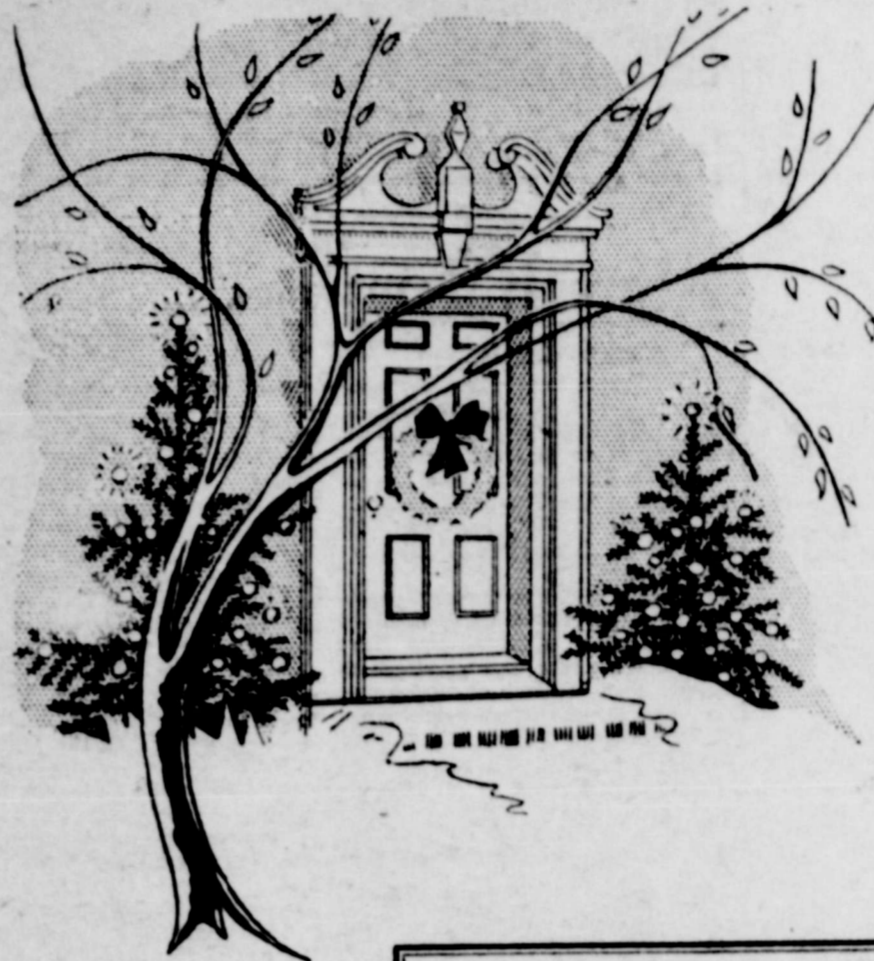
Issued this the 30th day of November, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Hamilton, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1943.

C. E. EDMISTON, Clerk
District Court, Hamilton County,
Texas

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack!
WITH WAR BONDS

LOOKING FORWARD
AT CHRISTMASTIME

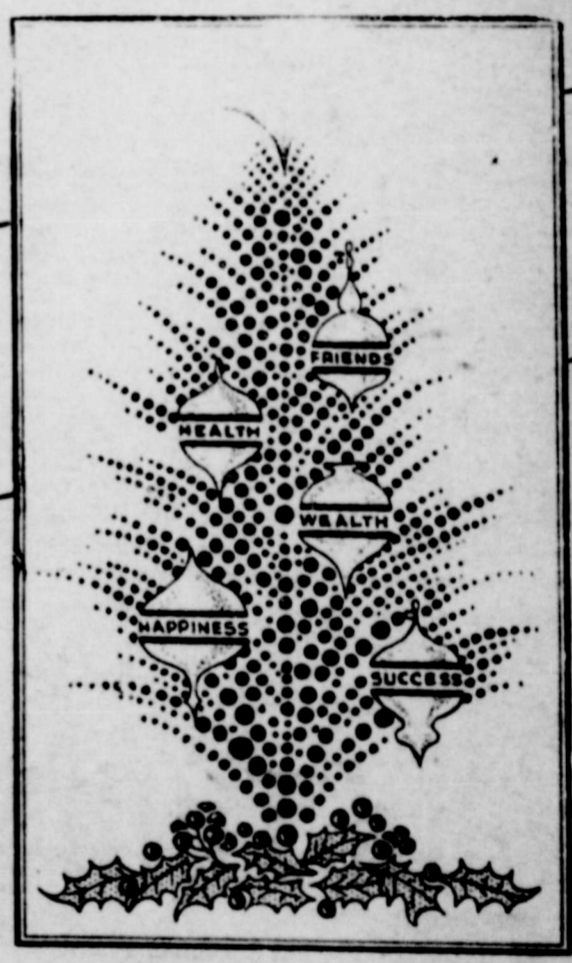


It is impossible for us to send each of our friends an individual Christmas card as we would like to do. So, we are taking this method of wishing you Good Health, and a Merry Christmas during these times when many of our friends and families are unable to join us.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

STEPHENVILLE HOSPITAL
And All of Its Employees

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

H. L. KIGHT, Ginner

TOP
A MINUTE
We Want To Extend
HEARTY GREETINGS
and
BEST WISHES FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON
C. ALLISON JR.
PHONE 47

WARM GREETINGS
GLAD THOUGHTS
AND HEARTY WISHES
FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
FINCH'S
SHOE SHOP

The Mirror

Published by Students of Hico High School

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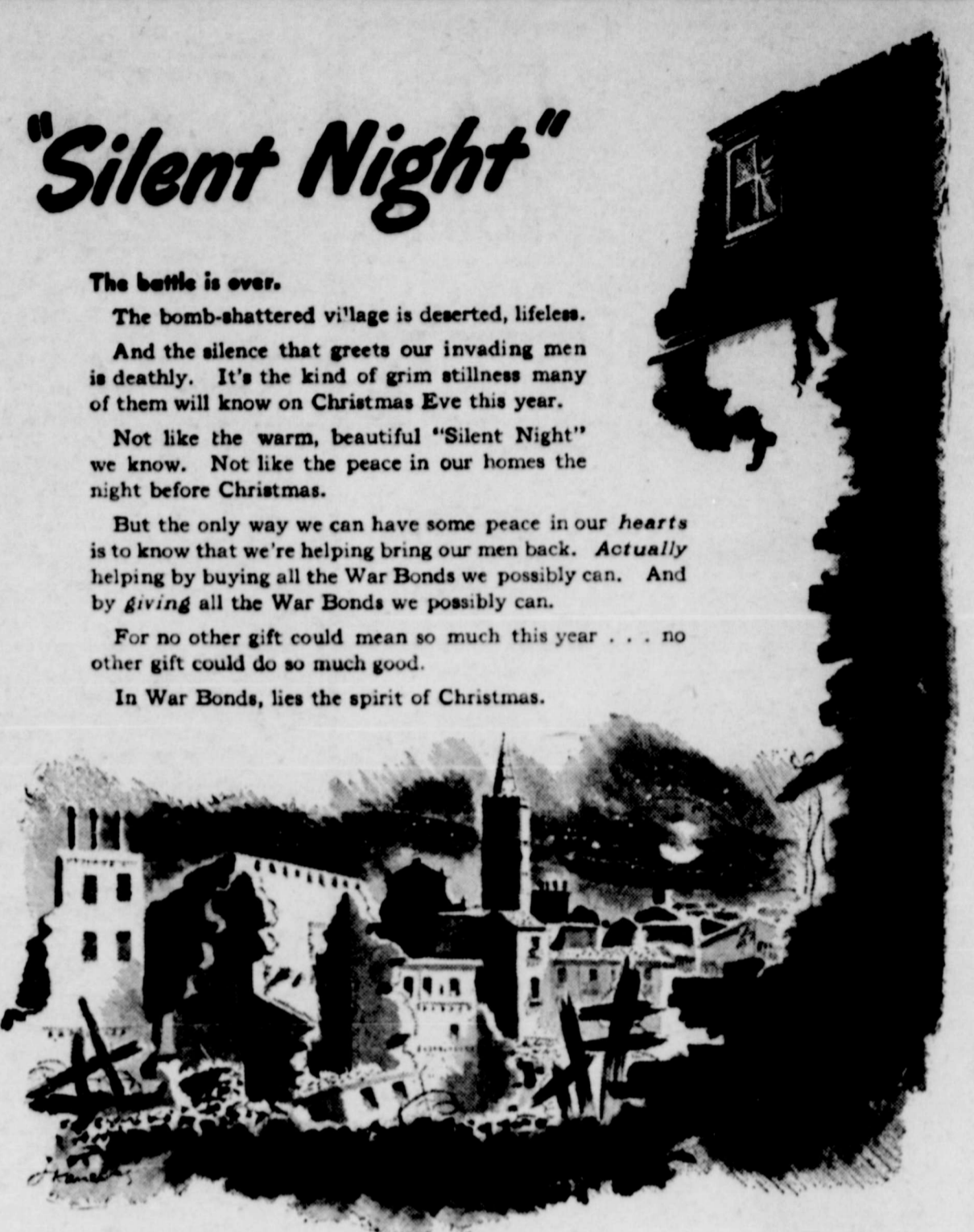
REPORTERS:
Senior Elva Jo Rainwater Sophomore Paul Wolfe
Junior Patsy Pinson Freshman Frances Angell

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS
All of you who doubt and disbelieve, listen. There IS a Santa Claus.
Whether he always climbs the roof top and slips softly down the chimney, we know not. But this we do know; little children with your trusting, eager faces turned upward, there IS a Santa Claus.
The spirit of Christmas is giving; giving is best embodied by a jolly little man in a long beard and a red suit. Therefore, with simple reasoning it can be seen that Santa Claus exists if the spirit of Christmas does. Ever since that first tranquil night over two thousand years ago when mystified shepherds knelt before the King, an emotion composed of joy, wonder and love has abided. This is what is called the spirit of Christmas. It swells the hearts of men now as then. Because Santa Claus is an interwoven part of the essence of Christmas, he lives with all the vigor that it manifests.
In the shining tree decorations can be seen his bright and twinkling eyes; in the blazing fire can be discovered his loud and cheery laugh. The sweet straining of carols drifting upward are his tinkling reindeer bells. Tree decorations, blazing fires, Yuletide Carols, the out-of-doors . . . never for a moment do we question the existence of these. Some element of Santa Claus is found in all of them and so when verifying them we cannot deny him.
There IS a Santa Claus. And as long as we continue to keep our imagination free and our hearts glad, he will endure.
We present the following, not only as a deep expression of the Christmas spirit, but also as an example of correct grammar: "I browered you Santa and raindears."
—Taken from one of Mrs. Angell's English classes.

Coston: A pair of brass knuckles to wear while playing basketball . . . J. W. Burden: Fewer burdens . . . Marynell Jones: An A-Plus in History . . . Tommie Ables: Wanda to get double-promoted . . . Elvena Giesecke: A stove on the bus . . . Clovis Grant: Slightly more encouragement from a certain Junior girl . . . Marguerite Lewis: A way to get to school when the furnished transportation breaks down . . . J. D. Jones: Four new tires with a new car attached . . . Lorene Hyles: A tall, dark, handsome handwarmer . . . Harold Lynn Norwood: The Juniors not to make so much money that he can't keep up with it . . . Mildred Houser: Eugene Hicks, wrapped in red and green paper . . . Donald Hefner: Tommie not to give him so much trouble with Marie . . . Ada Lee Grimes: Her name not mentioned . . . Wendell Seago: A wrist watch . . . Mildred Reilhan: A cure for the back-ache . . . Wayne Burden: A girl, any girl, just so it's a girl . . . Marie Nix: Revenge on your reporter . . . Eugene Ramey: A paper doll . . . Lu Dell Miller: An account to open in the bank at Stephenville . . . Dalphene Howerton: People to pay their dues . . . Mona Tess Lewis: An engagement ring and boy friend included.
— H H S —

SOPHOMORE NEWS
Friday the Sophomores called a meeting and decided to have a Christmas party since everyone else is. Ours is going to be Wednesday afternoon, at the last periods of school. We drew names for the giving of presents. Dale Raudalis, Lloyd Angell and Paul Wolfe are on the committee to get the Christmas tree and attend to the refreshments.
— H H S —

FRESHMAN NEWS
Dear Santa: This year we think we've been fairly good, so we are writing you to see if you would send these gifts to us:
Margaret wants a paper doll that she can call her very own. Margie Nell wants protection from the Freshman boys. Dale wants a little knowledge of Algebra I and General Science. Nadine wants a boy friend (preferably Billy Rhodes). Dorothy thinks Washington should be moved down here if a certain sailor comes with it.
Nelda wants just a little height added to her. Mildred wants a doll and a paper doll book. (She says so, but we wonder). Betty wants someone to tell her what she does want. Mrs. Lasater wants a Freshman class that's just a little quieter than this one.
Billy would like to have a camera. Ralph wants a choo-choo train. J. D. (better known as Fool) wants a "nigger" doll. Wallace wants a Monopoly set so he can start a crap game. And Lee Roy wants the war to be over very, very soon.



"Silent Night"

The battle is over.
The bomb-shattered village is deserted, lifeless.
And the silence that greets our invading men is deathly. It's the kind of grim stillness many of them will know on Christmas Eve this year.
Not like the warm, beautiful "Silent Night" we know. Not like the peace in our homes the night before Christmas.
But the only way we can have some peace in our hearts is to know that we're helping bring our men back. *Actually* helping by buying all the War Bonds we possibly can. And by *giving* all the War Bonds we possibly can.
For no other gift could mean so much this year . . . no other gift could do so much good.
In War Bonds, lies the spirit of Christmas.

FOR PEACE ON EARTH • BUY WAR BONDS

The First National Bank

— IN HICO SINCE 1890 —

This advertisement prepared under the auspices of the U. S. Treasury Department and the War Advertising Council.

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We specialize on the repair and the rebuilding of Farm Tractors

BRING YOUR FARM MACHINERY PROBLEMS TO US

WE WILL TRY TO HELP YOU

Shannon Supply Co.
Phone 168 Stephenville, Texas

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY PLANNED
A Tuesday for Christmas celebration has been planned by Mrs. Angell and Mrs. Pinson. At the time the Mirror was written, it was uncertain whether the program would be prevented by cold weather. If the plans be completed, the following program will be presented:
Four numbers by the band.
Scripture reading by Shirley Ince.
Christmas prayer by Marynell Jones.
"Christmas Customs In Other Lands" by Jean Moore.
"A Christmas Carol" and "The First Noel" sung by the audience.
"Why We Sing Carols" by Virginia Coston.
"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Holy Night" sung by the audience.
— H H S —

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS HAVE CHAPTER DINNER
The third-year Homemakers girls were hostesses to a dinner for the Chapter, December 16, at 7 p. m. at the Homemaking Cottage.
The cottage and tables were decorated in Christmas colors; on the tables the centerpiece was of cedar and holly.
The girls served a very delicious dinner and afterwards had a short business meeting. The program followed, which was one very appropriate for the occasion, consisting of several numbers and a Christmas tree. Everyone present received interesting little gifts.
They all had a very nice time and wish there would be more parties. The Chapter wishes to thank the third-year girls for giving them such a nice Christmas dinner.
— Jean Moore.
— H H S —

ELEVEN HOLIDAYS GRANTED FOR CHRISTMAS
High school and grammar school students will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, December 22, at the regular time in the afternoon. Mr. Lasater has announced the vacation, which is longer than has been granted in recent years, will extend until Jan. 2. Needless to say, all the students are grateful for this needed relief from their pressing studies.
— H H S —

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINED BY MOVIES
Friday afternoon the high school students assembled in the band room for the purpose of seeing several picture shows. There was one about Mexico, one about Haiti, and one about Pan American products. The other two were concerning North America. All of these interesting movies were thoroughly enjoyed by those present.
— H H S —

JUNIOR NEWS
Senior class rings were ordered last week. The decision was narrowed to only two designs. One was a square with three colors of gold; the other, oval-shaped with a solid finish. After much discussion, explanation and voting, the latter was agreed to be the better bargain. A few were not pleased at this final verdict, but we trust that by next year they will appreciate the qualities of the ring chosen.
Tuesday night the Juniors are celebrating with a class party in the gym. Each person is supposed to bring some small present. The party starts at 7:30 and outsiders are not invited.
Here is what some of the Juniors want for Christmas:
Mary Jane Barrow: A diamond ring, a fur coat and a convertible to trade in on a man . . . James Ray Bobo: More dinners at the Home Eco. cottage . . . Virginia

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

It's good to come again to that Season of the year when old acquaintances are renewed, when new friendships are born, when the serenity of Christmas joins the whole world with one predominating thought — the Fellowship of Man.

So we send to you, our friends and neighbors, a hearty Christmas wish that this may be the happiest Yuletide of them all, and that the New Year may bring with it, Peace, Joy and Prosperity.

May Santa Remember You Well at This Christmastime

RATLIFF BROTHERS AND FAMILIES
HICO, TEXAS
Fifty-three Years In Hico

Wishing You a
Joyous Holiday...

May your share of happiness at this glad Christmastime be brightened by the knowledge of our appreciation of your fine and valued friendships.
May you enjoy the associations of those dear to you, and may their companionship continue through the years to come.

Happy Christmas to all!

ALACE THEATRE

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

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 sincere thanks and our good wishes for a Prosperous NEW YEAR



H. E. O'NEAL
— Agent —
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

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

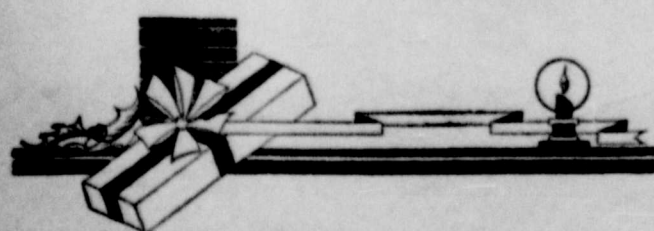
— WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY —
Please let us Service Your Car Friday

HICO SERVICE STATION

Grady Hooper, Agt. — GULF — N. N. Akin, Operator

THE SEASON'S CHEER TO EVERYBODY

To our many friends and customers—the Season's best wishes for joy and happiness. By your thoughtfulness you have helped to make our Christmas a merry one and we wish the same for you.



J. H. ELLINGTON
ORE

Palace Theatre HICO, TEXAS

BUY WAR STAMPS AT YOUR THEATRE

WEDNESDAY—
"RHYTHM PARADE"
A Monogram Picture

THURS. & FRI.—
"STAGE DOOR CANTEEN"
With an ALL STAR CAST

SPECIAL—
FRI. AFTERNOON MATINEE—
(DECEMBER 24TH)
"SANTA FE SCOUTS"
THE THREE MESQUITEERS

CHRISTMAS DAY MATINEE—
"THE KANSAN"
A Glorified Western

SAT. MIDNITE,
SUNDAY & MONDAY—
"FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM"
ROSALIND RUSSELL
FRED MACMURRAY

TUES. & WED. (NEXT WEEK)—
"SWING YOUR PARTNER"
LULUBELLE — SCOTTY
VERA VAGLE

THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—
"HEAVEN CAN WAIT"
GENE TIERNEY
DON AMECHE

KEENEY BANQUET

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Arcock, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Herrin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Duzan, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bramlett, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keeney Sr., Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keeney Jr., and Bill Keeney.

After dessert and coffee, the master of ceremonies said that no elaborate plans for entertainment had been made, and then launched a program that kept the gathering holding their sides for the entire time the performers were before them.

Mrs. Dorothy Segrist gave a hilariously impersonation that would have matched professional stage performances. This was followed with a darkey preacher skit by Harry Le Van of Dallas, who takes the part of "Slow" in the "Slow and Easy" radio combination that is a part of many local people's regular listening. Le Van exceeded his usual style, and his appearance was made more interesting with impromptu jokes and good-natured ribes and remarks featuring names of local people.

In commenting afterward on her annual banquet, Mrs. Keeney said that she and the entire staff personnel felt they were amply repaid for all the work and preparation that went into the affair, by the evident enjoyment and appreciation of the guests who turned out in such a gracious manner and entered into the spirit of the occasion so wholeheartedly. She also acknowledged her gratitude to the entertainers, those in charge of preparation and serving of the meal, and the representatives of the companies whose lines of products she is privileged to offer.

Downs 21 Zeros



The ranking air ace in the South-west Pacific is Capt. Richard Bong, who has downed 21 Jap Zeros. He explains the meaning of his medals to his sister, Geraldine, in their home at Poplar, Wis.

Quiet Kitty



Betsy, a kitten, sits demurely on a new model Howitzer. Details of this weapon have just been revealed. Betsy has seen every step of its construction, but she hasn't spilled any secrets.

Patient Castaways



For two days this patrol bomber crew patiently waited to be rescued after their craft was forced down at sea during a flight from their Panama base. They were picked up by a tanker after another plane crew spotted them.

Jungle Fighters Return to Civilization

By Technical Sergeant Murrey Marder, USMC

Aboard an Evacuation Ship off the New Georgia Coast. (Delayed)—It's early morning and we're chugging along through Kula Gulf with eyes peeled aloft at the clouds for unwanted Zeros.

Behind us are Bairoka and Enogal and the lean-to we left there. The shore is green with overhanging bushes and looks invitingly reflected in the coral-clear water, but behind those bushes are waist-deep swamps and slippery jungle trails.

We came aboard in the blackness last night and as the ship eased quietly through the dark we forgot about bombings and looked for a place to sleep.

Bunks—real honest-to-God bunks—with mattresses! And sinks and showers.

Somebody's kidding us. When we wake up in the morning we're going to be back in the mud and we'll shoulder our packs again and somebody will fall in the mud again and we'll pull him out by the hands.

It's getting light again, you guys. Better get up, Charley'll probably be over to drop a couple of eggs for our breakfast.

But there are eggs—and these don't explode and scream through the air—they're something chickens lay.

Imagine, eggs! When's the last time we had eggs?

Fried sausage? I don't believe it. You mean real fried sausage?

The marine and soldier casualties shuffle around. They've got full plates in their hands but they don't believe it either.

See that kid there? He's got yellow jaundice. Came through the swamps with us. Doesn't look like a guy who knocked out a machine-gun with a grenade, does he?

None of them look very tough, do they? But they took Maramusa and Triro and Enogal and the Japs think they're pretty good. The Japs said their troops wiped out the raiders at Bairoka, but these marines aren't very dead.

What are we doing pulling out of there? Well, some of these kids have been in the bush for weeks.

They've been through hell but they got their share of Nips. Some of them got hit and a lot of them can hardly stand but they'll be o. k. in a couple of weeks and go back again for another crack.

Topside some of the marines are lounging around, looking at the water. Maybe they can see some of their buddies' faces there.

A sailor walks over and leans on the rail chewing an apple.

"An apple!"—one marine whispers hoarsely, unbelieving. What wouldn't you do for an apple?

"Say, buddy . . . uh, any more of those around?"

"Sure . . . whole locker full. You guys help yourselves."

There's a mad dash for the fruit locker with much shouting and grabbing.

In the afternoon a sailor spots something in the sky and everyone lines up on the portside to look.

Black specks in the north towards Bougainville. They're closer now. Six flights of threes. Zeros? Corsairs?

"You going below?" asks someone.

"What for? These canvas-covered decks on this little tub won't stop popcorn. May as well stand here and watch."

"Look, they're right over us . . . they're diving now!"

The specks grow in size. They swoop down directly over the ship.

"Well, I'll be . . . seagulls!"

There is much joshing all around. But yesterday and the day before they weren't seagulls. Nobody laughs very loudly.

Nerves are tense. It takes a little while to forget. Tomorrow, though, we'll be in safer waters. Our planes will be overhead and speedy destroyers whipping around.

Then a safe haven where the casualties get off for the hospital. Clean sheets and steel instruments, sterilized, too. And lots of good chow and cold drinks and maybe movies.

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Curtis is doing O. K.

Well, I don't know any news for I haven't gotten any mail lately and that's about the only way I ever get any news.

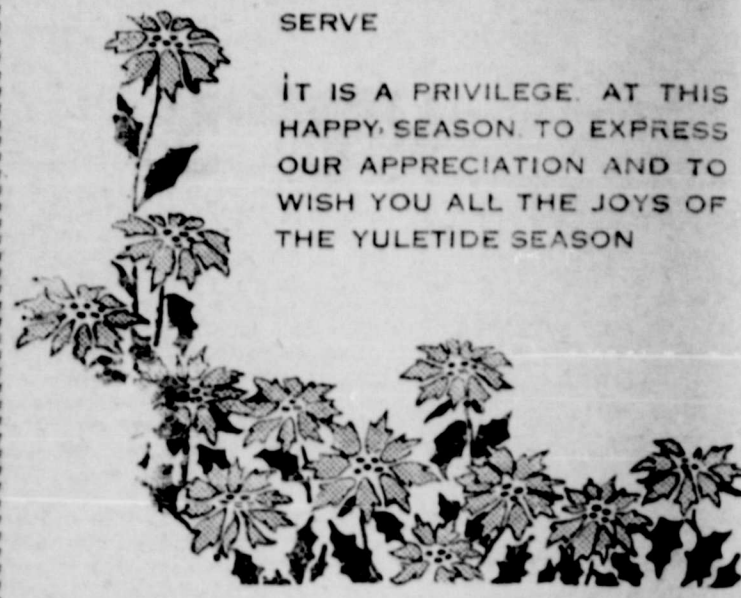
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As ever,

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THIS AND THAT By JOE SMITH DYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS: The true foundation of all beautiful thoughts, strange to say, is sadness, and with that thought I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Remember your dreams and desires of childhood and youth, sterner than all dispelled now by stern reality. There are memories of the best girl friend and your best boy friend and you wonder where they are now and if things are as well with them as they are with you.

This year Merry Christmas will be made up of bread and butter, potatoes and meat, defense stamps and things that are needed. There is no time now for the giving of unnecessary gifts.

CHRISTMAS IN FOREIGN LANDS

The children in Hungary are taught to believe that an Angel enters the windows on Christmas Eve with a basket of presents. A bell, rung after the Angel departs, brings the boys and girls scurrying into the room to receive their gifts.

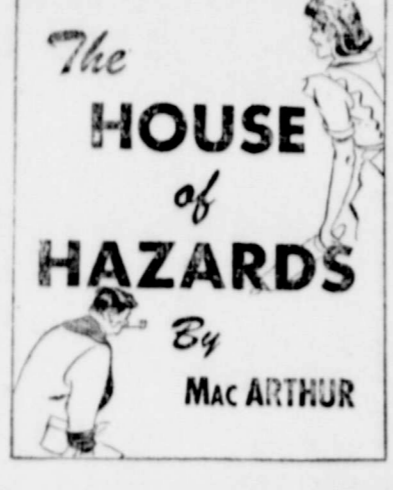
Spiced doll cakes, decorated with gold and crimson, are baked each Christmas in Holland. These lovely cake dolls, the sex suggested by the clothing, are presented to maids and men servants so that they may have sweethearts.

The children of Slovakia believe that Saint Nick descends from Heaven on a rope made of pure gold to reward the boys and girls who have been good and obedient all year.

Spanish boys and girls are told that at Christmas the Magi visit their homes with sweets and toys while on their way to Bethlehem to worship at the Manger.

The boys and girls of Palestine travel to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve to visit the manger and to see the great star that always appears over the Church of the Nativity on that night. Regardless of how dark the night may be the star always appears and the children know that it is the same star that led the Three Wise Men on that night so long ago. In the Holy Land Christmas is a time for worship more than it is a time for the giving of gifts.

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Erma Waters said with unpremeditated brutality, "How could you raise morale?" "Young men would listen to me, because my record shows that I didn't shirk my duty in the last war."

"Where do you suppose she puts all the food?" asked the boy. The cashier decided that the Waters ate the limp lettuce and the wilted carrots.

The road all the way to Coatsville was in fair condition but at that hamlet Mrs. Waters was obliged to turn left and continue along a dirt road, badly rutted and bordered by second-growth scrub into which all the dirt and trash of uncounted winters had been blown by tidy winds.

"But could you get two dozen people in a two-room cabin?" suggested Candace. "If you had blankets, they could sleep out, I suppose—but it might rain."

"I suppose it helps her to feel secure, to have all those things at hand," Candace admitted. "We all want security, but we don't all seem to spell it the same way. It's safer, don't you think, Andy, not to set up things as your symbol of security?"

Sarah Daffodil did not view the situation quite as charitably as that,

for him in the absence of the manager. "Him and his goldfish!" the cashier said scornfully. "Maybe I'm not tired of his stories."

"Add sugar, tea and good Scotch," Hervey suggested. "Speaking of the devil—isn't that King Waters' car across the street?"

Her own place didn't look much better, she admitted to herself when she drove into the yard through a wide gap in the disreputable picket fence. Mrs. Waters shivered as she stepped out of the car and fumbled in her purse for the key to the padlock.

"Why—why, for heaven's sake!" she cried aloud. Something dark and swift ran across the floor and leaped to the rafters overhead, she made a bargain with herself not to look around until she had her fire built and had brought in the supplies from the car.

Folks, let's all contribute all we can to the war effort by holding our hands under the 'hole' in the Christmas stocking we hang up and 'salvaging' all that falls through.

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Christmas Wishes



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

Please accept our sincere thanks and our good wishes for a Prosperous NEW YEAR

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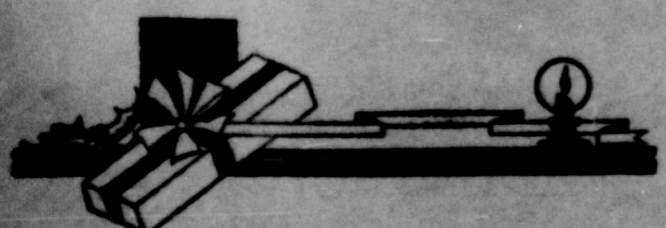
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Jungle Fighters Return to Civilization

By Technical Sergeant Murrey Marder, USMC

Aboard an Evacuation Ship off the New Georgia Coast. (Delayed)—It's early morning and we're chugging along through Kulu with eyes peeled aloft at the clouds for unwanted Zeros.

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Downs 21 Zeros

The ranking air ace in the Southwest Pacific is Capt. Richard Bong, who has downed 21 Jap Zeros. He explains the meaning of his medals to his sister, Geraldine, in their home at Poplar, Wis.

Quiet Kitty



Betty, a kitten, sits demurely on a new model Howitzer. Details of this weapon have just been revealed. Betty has seen every step of its construction, but she hasn't spilled any secrets.

Patient Castaways



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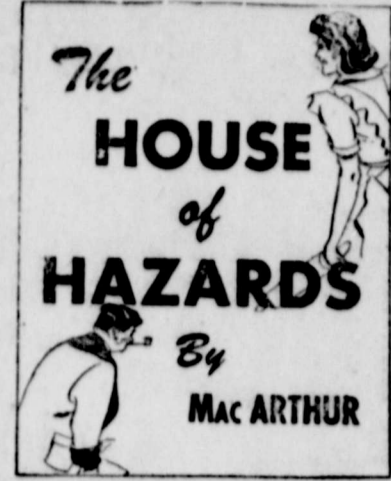
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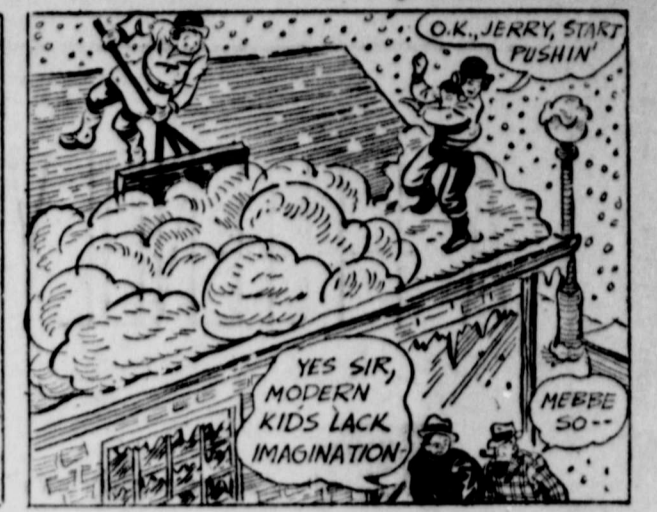
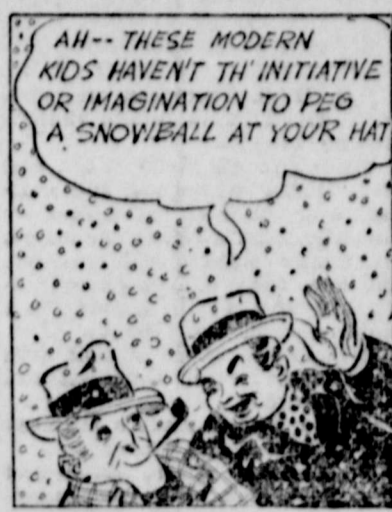
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THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS:

The true foundation of all beautiful thoughts, strange to say is sadness, and with that thought I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Remember your dreams and desires of childhood and you'll find them all dispelled now by stern reality. There are memories of the best girl friend and your best boy friend and you wonder where they are now and if they are with you.

This year Merry Christmas will be made up of bread and butter, potatoes and meat, defense stamps and things that are needed. There is no time now for the giving of unnecessary gifts.

CHRISTMAS IN FOREIGN LANDS:

The children in Hungary are taught to believe that an Angel enters the windows on Christmas Eve with a basket of presents.

The children of Slovakia believe that Saint Nick descends from Heaven on a rope made of pure gold to reward the boys and girls who have been good and obedient all year.

Spanish boys and girls are told that at Christmas the Magi visit their homes with sweets and toys while on their way to Bethlehem to worship at the Manger.

The boys and girls of Palestine travel to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve to visit the manger and to see the great star that always appears over the Church of the Nativity on that night.

Samoans are proud to fight with our Army and Navy and pleased to spend their pay for War Bonds. This Boatswain's Mate at Pago is exchanging currency for United States War Bonds. He has seen enough of war to know that idle money helps no one.

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

Wee Bits of GESTURE

Folks, let's all contribute all we can to the war effort by holding our hands under the hole in the Christmas stocking we hang up, and "salvaging" all that falls through.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

A FRIENDLY GREETING



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

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



Barrow Furniture Co.

Carlton

By Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mrs. H. C. Thompson and Mrs. W. T. Wright were Dublin visitors Monday afternoon.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead and children over the week end were their daughter, Mrs. Jim Ray Anderson, and family of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Whitehead of Dublin, and Mrs. Frank Ellison and children from near Purves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Barnett were business visitors in Hamilton and Hico Saturday.

Charlie Wilhite made a business trip to Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sowell and Mrs. Enos Fine were Waco shoppers Tuesday. Mrs. Fine also visited her daughter, Miss Gwendoline Fine, who is employed there.

Miss Dorothy Whitehead left Monday for Fort Worth to visit her sister, Mrs. Jim Ray Anderson, and family, and also her uncle, Roy Wright, and family.

Mrs. Georgie Driver and children of Houston came in for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hall, and other relatives and friends.

Robert Sowell was a business visitor in Hico Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thompson of Gustine spent Sunday with Mrs. Oda Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Barnett of Dublin and Mr. and Mrs. Burris of Hamilton spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fullbright.

Mrs. Grace Daniels of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Eck Bell of Duffau, and Mrs. Louise Hamilton of Kentucky are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ledbetter and family.

Lawrence Birdsong and daughter, Betty Jo, of Brownwood spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Rosa Bush, and husband.

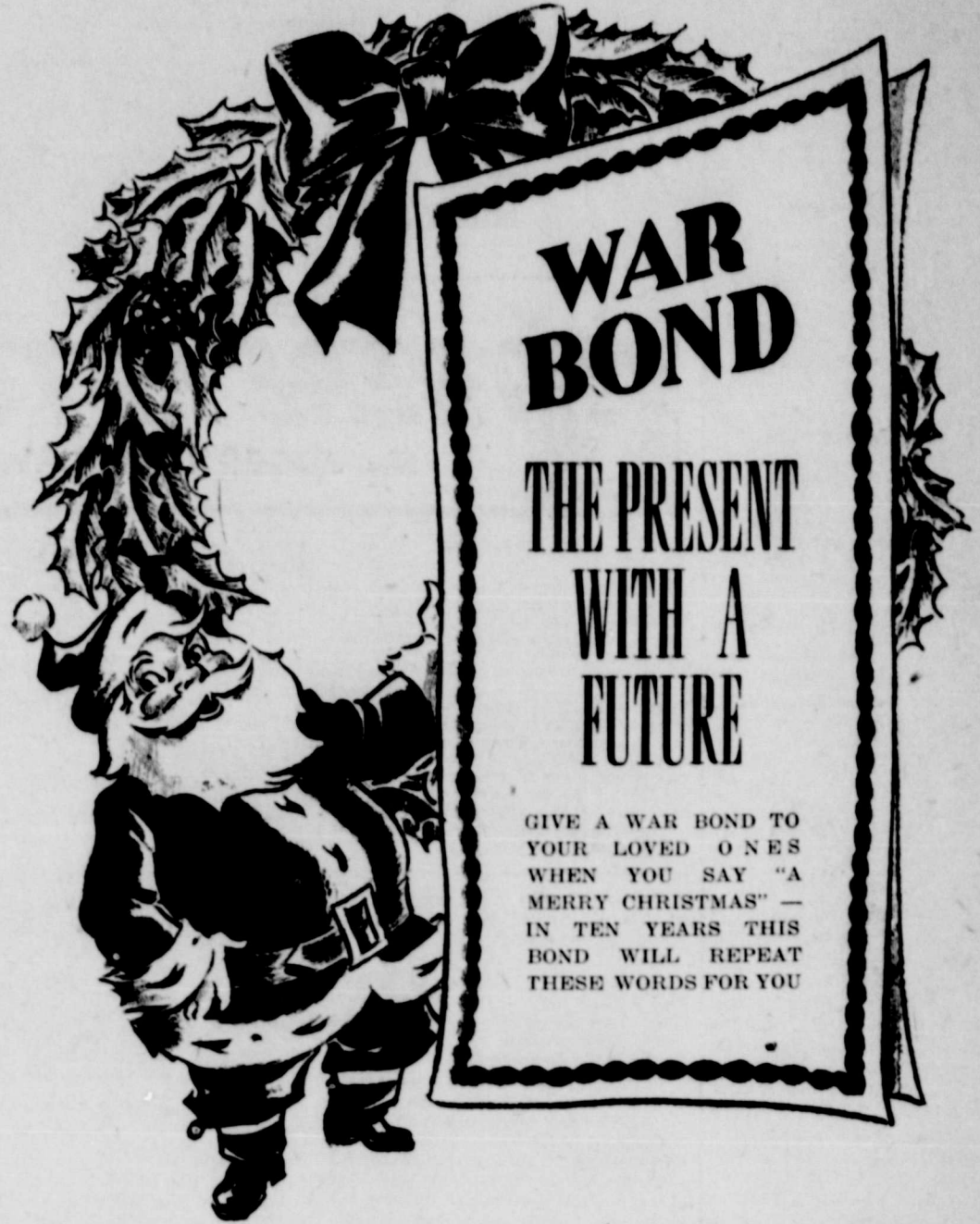
Lee Reeves was in Fort Worth last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead received a telegram Monday from their oldest son, Rufus, who is in San Antonio, stating that he would be in training at Dodge Field after Jan. 5, 1944.

Keep on Backing the Attack with your purchases of WAR BONDS. Give War Bonds for Christmas.

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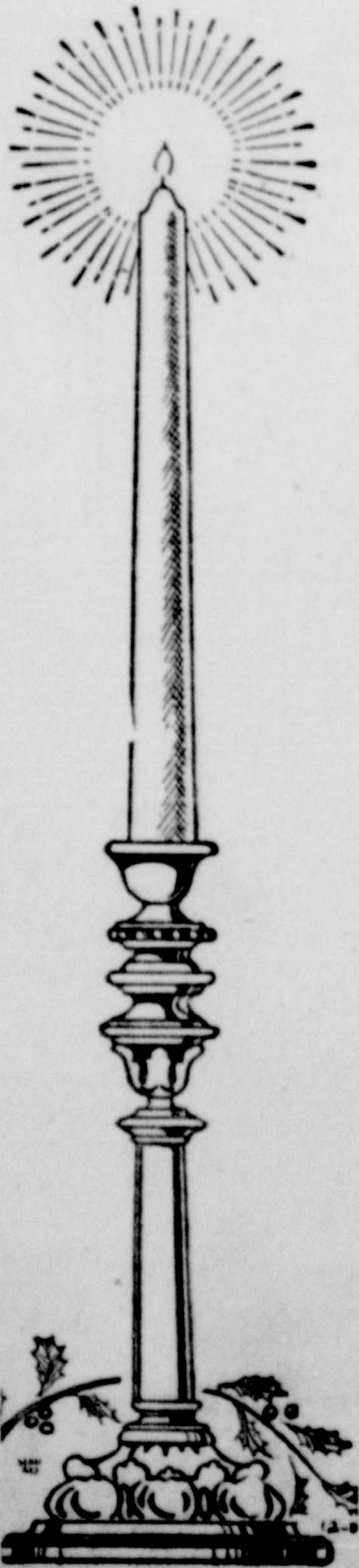
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THE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE

GIVE A WAR BOND TO YOUR LOVED ONES WHEN YOU SAY "A MERRY CHRISTMAS" — IN TEN YEARS THIS BOND WILL REPEAT THESE WORDS FOR YOU

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We of the
Southern Union Gas Company

Wish for You and Yours . . .

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND
A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

W. M. Marcum, Local Manager

Mary Horton, Cashier