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FARMERS . . . business

A group of big businessmen were recently pleasantly surprised to learn, as a result of a survey among farmers, that farmers in general don't think industrialists have horns.

In fact, as a result of the survey, they found that many farmers are sympathetic with the problems of big business—perhaps a lot more sympathetic than businessmen are with the problems of the farmer.

Many businessmen have never realized how closely their problems are related to those of the farmer—but the farmer has realized this right along. The farmer sympathizes with industry's labor problems because he has very similar labor problems. He may not be involved with unions (although even that is a threat) but when wages go up in industry the only possible way that a farmer can keep his help from going to the city is to raise farm wages.

And the farmer is equally concerned with legislation which aims at controlling his output and production. Just as the businessman wants to be free to operate his business as he pleases, so does the average farmer want to be able to produce as much or as little as he wants of any commodity and to charge whatever price he finds necessary to assure himself of a fair profit.

He wants legislation to protect him against unfair buying practices but, in general, he is more averse than is the modern businessman about having his success or his failure depend largely on how good a job he does and the laws of supply and demand.

INDEPENDENT . . . capitalist The farmer considers himself a capitalist. He is proud of being the most independent businessman in America. He is in business for himself and wants to run that business in his own way without interference from anyone.

If he makes a good profit, one of the first things he will do with his money is to invest it in the industries in which he has confidence—the company from which he bought a good tractor or a good truck or a good automobile. If the holdings of stock in large companies were analyzed on a rural-urban basis, most businessmen would probably be greatly surprised to learn how large a part of big business is owned by the farm population.

The farmers may be suspicious of industries they don't know about. In the past there have been plenty of cases where they have been sold worthless stocks and have been "taken in" in other ways by city slickers. But, on the other hand, many prosperous farmers have for years had a steady income coming in from their investments in reliable industries and they have the most respect for those industries and their management.

RELATIONS . . . respect

During the war, according to the survey, the farmers feel that their relations with big business have become better than they were before. This is not based on any new deal between industry and the farmer but is probably due to a greater respect on the part of each group for what the other is doing. The farmers are taking their hats off to industry for its amazing records in producing planes, tanks and guns in spite of labor troubles and difficulties in getting materials. And the industrialists are praising the production records established by the farmers in spite of labor shortages, machinery shortages and pricing problems.

Furthermore, both groups are more cognizant than ever before of their interdependency. The farmer realizes that part of his present prosperity is due to the increased activity of industry. And the businessman realizes that there would be chaos rather than prosperity in our country today if the farmer had fallen down on the job. If, after the war, industry can continue to keep up today's rate of production, the farmer knows that he will continue to have a good market for his produce and will have little to worry about. To achieve permanent high production by industry and thus a permanent market for farm goods, the farmer will invariably take sides with business management when production is threatened by labor or by government.

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Blazing Trail Back to Wake Island



Combat air crews of naval planes talk over their adventures after returning from an attack on Japanese positions on Wake Island. During three air attacks navy planes dropped 320 tons of bombs which leveled enemy defenses, sank two small ships and destroyed 61 enemy planes. Fires raged in shops, barracks, and storage sheds.



Claude Barnett, A/S, from Beeville spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberson received a Christmas card from their grandson, R. L. Deskin, GM 3/c, saying that he had been assigned to the U. S. S. Kangaroo. Bob finished advanced gunnery at San Diego, Calif., on December 2.

Cpl. Eugene Lane of Independence, Kansas, came home last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lane. He was happy over that long-promised 15-day furlough, which also will allow him time to attend the New Year's football game at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Glenn Marshall, taking a student training program course at Texas Tech in Lubbock, under army supervision, came in Friday for a holiday visit here. He was joined later by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall of North Camp Hood, whom he accompanied home afterward.

Sgt. Leighton Gayton, before returning to Camp Claiborne, La., from a furlough spent here, gave the editor a sample of the field rations put out by the government for the lads in uniform. Leighton declared the rations make good eating for a while. We wonder if the boys who have been living off of them for extended periods agree with him.

S/Sgt. Herman Leach, somewhere in Italy, has written his wife that he hasn't received a News Review since the middle of September. Myrt, who is working in Fort Worth, promptly sat down and dropped us a line about a change in his APO number. She added greetings to her friends in Hico, promising an early visit during which she would show all of us a souvenir Herman made while he was in North Africa.

Cpl. John H. Russell, stationed at the Army Air Base at Great Bend, Kansas, arrived December 21 for a ten-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell. Cpl. Russell just missed seeing another brother, Second Lieut. Charles A. Russell Jr., who had been here for a visit with his parents after his graduation from Blackland Army Air Field at Waco, returning a few days before to his new station at Dodge City, Kansas. Other children visiting them during the holidays were Pvt. Elton Russell of Camp Wolters, Newell Russell of Tulsa, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Russell and son, Don, of Happy, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polk received a nice Christmas letter from their sons, Derwood and Wayne, serving together on a ship out of San Francisco, telling them as usual how much they think of their parents and the folks at home, and urging them to have a good time during the holidays and to manage things to their own advantage while they have three boys in the service of their country. A paragraph from Derwood's letter says he and Wayne are well and doing fine, although homesick. Things have been pretty hot for them, he said, but have let up for the time being. "We don't mind those," the letter said, "we are getting to where we look forward to a scrap. . . . Boy, I sure wish we were back in good ole Hico. That's one place I will

Resolutions Should Include Vow to Try to Safeguard Health

Austin, Dec. 29.—"Among the New Year's resolutions to be made and faithfully kept, every individual in Texas should include a determination to do everything within his power to safeguard his own and his community's health," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, stated in Austin today. "The health of the community, the state, and the nation can be no better than that of the individuals comprising the citizenship and in the present emergency every precaution should be observed to prevent the spread of sickness and the possible appearance of epidemics," Dr. Cox said.

The State Health Officer recommended the use of immunization, the maintenance of high sanitation standards in community life and constant watchfulness in keeping personal hygiene and home sanitation at safe levels. "Some of the most dangerous and debilitating diseases such as smallpox and diphtheria can be completely stamped out by immunization," Dr. Cox stated, "and most other contagious diseases can be held in proper check if proper care is used to isolate the victim and keep others from coming in contact with him. Sterilization of dishes in public eating places and the sanitary preparation of foods dispensed to the public can help to control the spread of colds, dysentery, and many other diseases that are responsible for the loss of many thousands of man days which could well be used in the furtherance of our war effort."

District Convention Well Attended by Visiting Firemen

The meeting of Mid-Texas Firemen held in Hico Tuesday night, Dec. 21, was well represented. There were 30 members present from the five towns in the association. The meeting was called to order by the president, Charlie Ross of Stephenville. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Church Announces Watch Night and New Year Prayer Service

There will be a Watch Night service for the entire church at the Methodist church on Friday evening from 10 to 12:01. Plans for the service are still in the making but Rev. Floyd W. Thrash announces that there will be a suitable program for the occasion and that he hopes for a fine participation in the services. Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a one hour prayer service at the church. "This will not be a preaching service but a simple service of prayer for our boys in the service, for the prisoners of war, for the sick and the wounded, the men on the battlefields, for the homes that have felt the burden of war in the loss of sons or husbands or fathers, for VICTORY AND PEACE again on the earth, and for wisdom and guidance in building a better world after the war has come to an end," Rev. Thrash stated in announcing the service on Wednesday.

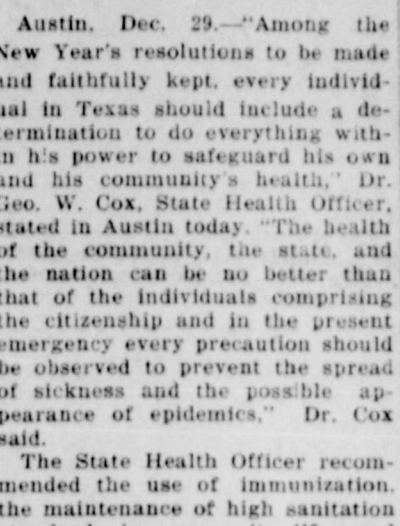
Famous All-Soldier Show, "This Is the Army", Here Jan. 7

A preview showing of the technical all-soldier show, "This Is the Army," will be given at the Palace Theatre at 7:00 p. m. on Jan. 7 only. The entire profit from this preview show on Friday night of next week goes to the Army Relief Fund. The profit from all similar preview showings of this film, all over the nation, has gone to this cause so near to every heart and home in America. Mrs. Henry said the cast, George Murphy, Joan Leslie, George Tobias, Alan Hale, Charles Butterworth, Dolores Costello and Una Merkel, donated their talent for this film as did the author, Irving Berlin.

This excellent entertainment, throughout, is a masterful job of technical film making, weaving the numbers of the soldier show into a brightly-conceived, expertly directed, lavishly-produced musical. Michael Curtiz directed. The people of this section have a number of reasons for attending the preview showing of this show. . . . our reasons are serving on every battlefield and ocean of the world.

Admission will be \$1.20 per person. The entire proceeds will go to the Army Relief Fund.

Germany's Latest 'Secret Weapon'



Winston Churchill was the first Allied leader to reveal news of German rocket gliders which are pictured in a photograph smuggled from that country. The gliders are launched from an airplane and are said to be controlled by radio. There have been rumors of long-range rocket gliders that could be used to bombard London from France.

Dr. White Will Be First Speaker On New Radio Series

Dr. W. R. White, editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., formerly executive secretary of Texas Baptists, and also pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, will inaugurate the fourth annual Baptist Hour series of radio sermons at 7:30 CWT Sunday morning, January 2, over Station WFAA. He will speak on the subject, "The Shaking of the Nations."

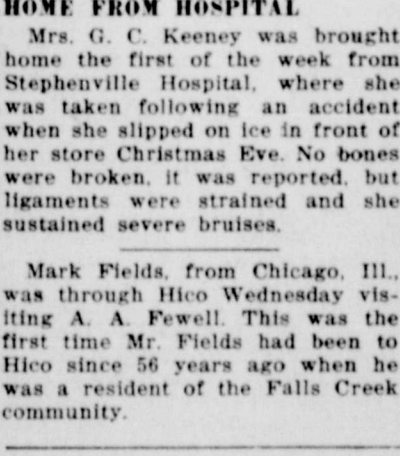
Christmas Party For B. & P. W. Club by Miss Rodgers

Miss Nettie Rodgers entertained the Business and Professional Women's Club and several guests in her home last Tuesday evening. In keeping with the scheme of her design, a fire glowed in the fireplace and a Christmas tree twinkled in the window. Each guest was asked to wear a "pre-war" dress, although several dated almost to the last war.

Home From Hospital

Mrs. G. C. Keeney was brought home the first of the week from Stephenville Hospital, where she was taken following an accident when she slipped on ice in front of her store Christmas Eve. No bones were broken, it was reported, but ligaments were strained and she sustained severe bruises.

'George Takes a Straight One'



Neck deep in a field of daisies, Sapper A. F. Roberts notices "George" to hit the bottle somewhere in Australia. "George" is an orphaned three-month-old kangaroo. He is thriving on a diet of bottled milk furnished by Allied soldiers.

Army Coming Next Week to Begin New Scrap Metal Drive

A quota of 500,000 pounds of scrap metal has been set for Hamilton County in the Army Scrap Drive which will get under way Monday, January 3, when the Army Provisional Collection Detachment from Camp Wolters comes to this county to go into every section to gather up in army trucks all the available scrap from farms, ranches and towns. A company of 60 men, under the command of Lt. Maynard E. Hann, will move into Hico, nearest railroad shipping point, Saturday and be billeted at the High School gymnasium for the duration of the drive, which will be from two weeks to a month. They will bring 24 army trucks for the drive, which will be systematic and business-like.

Ration Reminder!

Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-3 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 on 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. Brown stamp R is good through January 29. Brown stamp S becomes good January 29 and remains good through January 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of war ration book four is good for 5 points for the purchase of pork through January 1.

TIGHTENING UP ON NON-DADS

Local Selective Service Boards are tightening up on non-fathers, lessening the number of agricultural and occupational deferments for them and at the same time increasing the number of these deferments for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. It was revealed by a comparison of local board reports for October 1 and December 1 by Selective Service National Headquarters.

PUBLIC WANTS ALARM CLOCKS

"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you the most?" Nearly 5,000 persons over the country were asked this question in a recent survey of consumer requirements made by the Office of Civilian Requirements. The most serious inconvenience and hardship is caused by the shortage of alarm clocks, although shortage of food affects the greatest number—followed in order by numbers of elastic, galvanized ware, some textile products, and alarm clocks. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. White, Vice-Chairman of OCR, said.

MAY ADD COST OF JAR

Housewives will have to pay approximately 2 cents more per jar for fruit, berries and vegetables sold in glass containers where the processor has started packing in glass since 1941. In packing in glass containers, processors incur greater labor costs.

ON "ROAD TO TOKIO"

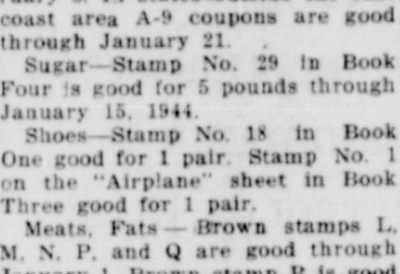
"On the road to Tokio, west from Canal, N. W. T., Canada," is the note on a Christmas card received this week bearing a picture of a former Hicoan before a sign post, and with a background of snow. The card was sent by W. L. McDowell, who is helping build an International highway.

Weather Report

Table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Prec. Rows for Dec 20-28.

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

Joe Gish



My ol' pocket knife is so dull it wouldn't cut butter... EVEN EF YA HAD SOME

Lady War Scribe

Daily taking notes is Mrs. Lotain Stumm, first woman war correspondent at New Guinea. Col. Noel E. Kearby, center, is talking war and Peter Henry, right, has brought down six enemy aircraft over Wovak.

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Carlton

By Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson spent the week end in Abilene with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Thompson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and daughter, Gene, of Fort Worth spent Saturday and Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright and family. Gene stayed for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey were called to Gustine Saturday to be at the bedside of her father, Dr. Collins, who was very ill at last reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dove and son of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rance Sowell, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush spent Christmas in Abilene with her sister, Mrs. Will Smith, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde LeFevre of Fort Worth spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Clark, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edd LeFevre and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Short and little daughter.

Miss Letild Sharp, who is employed in Mexico, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Sharp.

Miss Dorothy Whitehead who has been in Fort Worth the past few weeks, returned home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Box and chil-

dren who have been employed in Grand Prairie for the past several months, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Clark and children went to Gustine Saturday and visited a while with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Cox, and on to Fort Worth and Dallas to visit other relatives. Mrs. Cox accompanied them on their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Alfred and son, Douglas, spent Christmas in San Antonio visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. McDonald, and family.

Ray Gene Wright and sister, Miss Viola, of Fort Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wright.

Miss Gwendolyn Fine, who has employment in Waco, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Fine and daughter, Maxine, also her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Minter.

Mrs. Leo Finley and children of Walnut Springs and Mrs. Pete Burnett and daughters of Fort Worth and J. G. Finley of Fort Worth spent Christmas day with Mrs. John Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lancaster of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Souther and son of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thompson of near Lamkin spent Christmas day with their mother, Mrs. Clyde Thompson.

Mrs. Clyde Roberson and mother, Mrs. Lena Stephens, of Granbury spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Chambers and daughter.

TRY NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS

Blind Win Army-Navy 'E' for Production



Helen Keller, famous blind and deaf author, is pictured presenting a watch to George Gilmore (second from right) in recognition of his conquest of deafness and blindness. The presentation took place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music where the 50th anniversary of the Industrial Home for the Blind was celebrated. This home has been awarded the army-navy "E" for excellence in war production.

Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexander

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stamford during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Burette Stamford and Sonja, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Stamford and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hampton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson.

Guests in the home of Mr. T. M. Lee and daughters were Mr. and Mrs. George Lee of Fort Worth, Mrs. Sam Thompson and daughter of Colorado City, Mrs. Willie Wolfe and son of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lee and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and family.

Sgt. Bruce Lee of Tampa, Fla. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hudgens of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and family.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and family Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard and family, Miss Lila Sherrard of Mineral Wells, and Herschel Sherrard of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and children have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield and family.

Cadet Tull Havens of Arkadelphia, Ark., and Miss Florine Havens of Fort Worth have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Havens.

Miss Louise Stipes of Denison and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stipes of Fort Worth visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Phillips and son, Larry, of Longview visited Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe.

Mrs. S. O. Durham and son, Ivy Durham of Belton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Durham and family at Colorado City.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willie

Alexander, Mrs. George Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon and daughter of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. John East of Slaton, and Miss Midget East of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Alexander visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander and son, Timmie, at Fort Worth Christmas day.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard and family were Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Sherrard and family of Fort Worth and Miss Lila Sherrard of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Salmon and children of Lubbock are visiting Mrs. George Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Partain and daughter of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harvey.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield and family were Mr. and Mrs. Truman Littleton of Hico, Mrs. Joe Mayfield and Miss Vieta Mayfield of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Carter and sons of Marshall Ford visited Mrs. Mattie Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dowdy of Fort Worth visited relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Self of Stephenville visited Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self Sunday.

Falls Creek

By Virginia Coston

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Walter Tolliver were Edgar Bullard of Reno, Nevada, Lawrence Tolliver of Iredell, Mrs. Pershing Rodgers and Silva, all of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crow and family of Greyville, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Bullard and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bullard of Hico.

Eugene Washam, who is working in Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam.

Miss Alpha Stuts and Mr. Jim Stuts of Cameron, Mr. Pat and Johnny Stuts of Kama, Texas, Mr. Dugar Foust of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Walter Williamson of Hico were Christmas guests of Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Miss Lula Mae Coston of Fort Worth spent the holidays at home.

Miss Constance Allen of San Antonio spent the past week with her brother, Frank Allen, and family.

Miss Wilma Russell of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cook and daughter of Stephenville spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston and family.

Mrs. J. D. Ryan and son, John Turner, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Grady Coston.

Altman

By Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Bingham and children of near Carlton were dinner guests of her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Montgomery and Earl, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton had as guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix of Dallas, and James Horace Clifton who is in aviation school at Shreveport, La., during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore had all their children home for Christmas.

Mrs. Jim Carter spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Carter at Carlton.

Mrs. Stuart Partain of Dublin spent Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham.

Mrs. R. J. Montgomery and son, Earl, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyies were shopping in Dublin and Stephenville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nix near Hico Sunday.

IREDELL HOMEMAKERS GIVE PPA BOYS PARTY

The Future Homemakers of Iredell High School gave a Christmas party in honor of the Future Farmers of Iredell High School.

There was a Christmas tree with gifts for everyone present. After some games were played and the gifts were distributed, Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Everyone had a very nice time, and thanked Miss Rena Dickenson, H. E. teacher, for sponsoring a very nice party.

REPORTER.



WE DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO HELP WIN THE WAR IN '44!

Want to join us in that resolution? Of course you do! We know that because of your hearty cooperation with us in the past days of wartime trials! Accept our grateful thanks, and our promise to serve you as efficiently as possible in the future.

LET'S CONTINUE OUR COMBINED EFFORTS TO MAKE '44 A GRAND, VICTORIOUS YEAR!

MEMBERS OF HICO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR SALE---

ONE 6 FT. NORGE ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

ONE 5 FT. FRIGIDAIRE

ONE 5 1/2 FT. ELECTROLUX (GAS)

Let's all do our best to clean up the Axis!—with more and more War Bonds—and more and more diligent work on the home front! That's our wish for a Victorious New Year.



Barrow Furniture Company HICO, TEXAS



Happy New Year... Everybody

That the New Year may bring you health and good cheer is the sincere wish of all of us of the Telephone Company. And thanks a lot for being so considerate of us during 1943, in our efforts to provide good telephone service. We will do everything possible to uphold the standard throughout the New Year.

Gulf States Telephone Co. A Good New Year's Resolution—BUY MORE BONDS!

WIN THE WAR in '44



★ We've all got to give our young champion '44 all the backing we can... to help him win this fight soon! Sure we've all got the will to win, but it takes a lot more than that alone! It takes immense stores of provisions raised on the farms and ranches of this wonderful nation. It takes tanks, guns, planes and bombs! And it takes the loan of your money to buy them. We rededicate ourselves to service in the Food For Victory program... and pledge a continuance of our cooperation.



Keeney's HATCHERY & FEED STORE HICO CARLTON

"Meet the People..."

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



Vyacheslav M. Molotov

The handsome features of Vyacheslav M. Molotov are becoming familiar to Americans as he continues to play an important part in the destiny of Russia. For many years Molotov has been so closely allied with Stalin that he once was nicknamed "Stalin's shadow."
Molotov was born in Kuzkard, a small town on the upper Volga river, in 1890. His father's name was Scriabin, and his uncle was the famous modern composer, Alexander Scriabin. Like Stalin, he changed his family name to a figurative one. Molotov means "the hammer"; Stalin means "man of steel."
Also, like Stalin, he was hounded by the Czarist police after joining the revolutionary party at the age of 16. He was jailed six times and exiled twice. His loyalty to Stalin has been repaid with many high posts. As president of the Council of People's Commissars, Molotov was, in effect, prime minister.
Now 53, he is Russian commissar for foreign affairs. He is reported to be a vegetarian and a teetotaler. He has been described as highly intelligent, quick-witted, suave, and well poised.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Miss McAnally spent the past week end in Stephenville.

Bascom Mitchell Jr., who is in A. & M. College at College Station, spent the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Jim Locker visited her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, of Clifton this week.

James Phillips, who is in John Tarleton College at Stephenville, spent the holidays at home.

Some of the relatives attended the funeral of Thomas Earl Turt of Dallas Friday. Mrs. Frances Boyett of Stephenville came down and accompanied them to the funeral.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dick Appleby of McGregor visited here during the holidays. They also visited their daughter, Mrs. Proffitt, and sons of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Phinis Davis of Sanatorium visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Plummer received a cablegram from their son, Jiggs, this week, who is overseas; first time they had heard from him in four months.

Mrs. Robert Sawyer visited her husband in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Mrs. B. L. Mitchell was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Norma Lee McElroy and baby of Houston spent the holidays here.

Pvt. Nelson Davis, who is in camp at San Antonio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis during the holidays.

Miss Norma Jean Cavaness of Waco visited here this week.

Guy Main Jr., who is in training at Hensley Field, visited his mother during the holidays.

Gene Blakley has been ill with pneumonia, but is some better now.

Cecil Patterson spent the week end in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodman of Dallas are the proud parents of a daughter, born Dec. 29. She was Miss Eugenia Pike before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Main of Dallas spent the week end here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lelan Neighbors and son of De Leon spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

Cpl. Carthol Greenwade of Camp Swift is spending the holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Ruby Morris of Fort Davis, Texas, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loader attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Tom Gandy of Meridian, Friday. They were accompanied by her uncle, Vally Gandy, of Amarillo.

Travis Greenwade of San Diego, California, spent the holidays here with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Nig Blue and children of Walters, Oklahoma, visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Royal of Brownwood spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Loader of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson and son and Mr. and Mrs. Nystel and children of Fort Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loader.

Mrs. W. E. Bryan, formerly of this place but now of Dublin, had a stroke a week ago. She is reported to be some better.

Rev. D. D. Tidwell of Illinois spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell. His wife has been here for some time.

Cpl. and Mrs. Ralph Echols of Waco spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Blue of Stephenville are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McIlheney and daughter of Beaumont visited his sister, Mrs. W. W. Oldham, and other relatives during the holidays.

Miss Foy Davis and Mr. Hano Walker, both of Fort Worth, were married Dec. 17. Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis of near Iredell. She finished Iredell High School two

years ago and has been working in Fort Worth for some time. Her many friends wish for them much joy and happiness. They spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Muriel Holley of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy of Dallas spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell.

Tommy Gregory of Smithville visited his family during the holidays.

J. N. Fallis and daughter, Miss Faye, and Miss Sue Whitley of McGregor spent the week end here.

Miss Cathleen Hughes of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blue had all their children home for Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blue and baby of Cranfill's Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Lundberg of China Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Blue and daughter of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blue and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Crabtree of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCain of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Blue and Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Walnut Springs, and Miss Edna Blue of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mize got a message this past week that their son, who is in Italy, had been slightly wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer of Hico spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strange and daughter spent the week end in Meridian with his parents.

Mrs. Frances Parrish of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Pylant and baby of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pylant of Cranfill's Gap spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Chowning and daughter of Dallas spent the week end here with his parents and his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller.

Travis Newman, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Dacus spent the week end with her husband at Stephenville.

Paul Peterson and Bobby Freeman of Dallas spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins.

Mrs. Polnac spent the week end with her husband in De Leon.

Dr. Pike spent Saturday in Dallas, went to see his new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pace spent a few days on her farm close to Fairly.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McLoughlin of Bay City spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Wyche.

Mrs. Pike is in Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner of Dallas spent the week end with his mother and sister, Mrs. Schoemaker.

Rev. Harris, who is in camp in Louisiana, visited his mother, Mrs. Ella Harris, and other relatives.

Mrs. Eva Gregory of Dallas visited here a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thompson of Grand Prairie visited here this week end, and also visited in Hico.

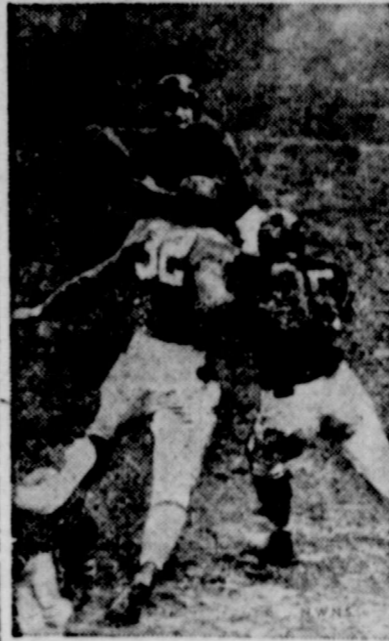
Mr. and Mrs. Odie Bowman and daughter of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith of Walnut Springs, and Rev. and Mrs. Greehon and children and Miss Mittie Gordon spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman.

Billy Jack Blakley of Dallas spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam and children of Hico spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blue.

Houston Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blue and daughter, Betty Jo, of Walters, Oklahoma, and Willard

Passing Back



Sid Luckman, Chicago Bear quarterback whose passing has been credited with putting his team within one game of the National Football league's western championship.

Blue of the U. S. Navy, stationed at New York, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Blue and children spent the week end with his parents.

Miss Jo Heyroth of San Antonio visited her sister, Mrs. J. D. Gregory, this week end.

Mrs. Blanche Royal and children of McGregor spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. McAdoo, and her sister, Mrs. Ella Mae Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Laswell spent Sunday in Stephenville with relatives.

Mrs. Horton and children spent the week end in Hico.

Rev. D. D. Tidwell preached a fine sermon here Sunday night, which was enjoyed by all. He is pastor of a large Baptist church in Illinois. When he comes here to visit, Rev. Cundieff has him to preach. He was raised here and has a host of friends who enjoy hearing him preach.

Arthur Bob Schenck, who is in A. & M. at College Station, spent the week end with his grandfather, W. D. Schenck. He is the son of Earl and Ollie Schenck.

William Edward Helm

Mr. William Edward Helm was born in Turnersville, Kentucky, June 26, 1859, and passed away Dec. 17, 1943. He had lived 84 years, 5 months, and 21 days.

Mr. Helm came to Texas in 1871, locating in Hill County. In 1872 he moved to Bosque County, where he resided for over 70 years.

On April 19, 1889 he was married to Miss Etta Heflin, who survives him, and four children were born to them and were with him when he passed away and were with him in his illness ready to minister to his needs.

Mr. Helm was a good old man. Although blind, he could be town as long as he could do so. He was a good citizen who will be missed by his friends. He was a good husband to his lonely wife who misses him so much. His children also will miss him, for they think he was a dear old daddy to them. The children were very mindful of him and their mother also.

Mr. Helm was baptized and united with the Church of Christ at Clifton 47 years ago.

Although blind, for no doubt through his eyes of faith he could see his heavenly home prepared for him. He suffered much but bore it with patience.

The funeral was held Dec. 18, in the Methodist church, with Barrow Funeral Home of Hico in charge of arrangements. Rev. J. E. Mullen, a Church of Christ pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Cundieff and Rev. Greehon.

The floral offerings were large and beautiful. Interment was in the new cemetery.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Lena Beavers and Miss Doris Helm of Miami, Arizona; two sons, J. G. Helm of Cranfill's Gap and William Helm of Iredell; six grandchildren, the oldest of whom is in the U. S. Navy. Some relatives from Clifton attended the funeral but I failed to get their names.

Mrs. Helm and children have the sympathy of their friends.

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CHECK LIST NO. 12

EARLY WINTER DISEASE CONTROL POINTERS

CHECK THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AGAINST YOUR POULTRY RAISING METHODS

() Vaccinate to Step-Up Resistance to Cholera and Typhoid

Cholera and typhoid are common during cold winter months. Take steps to prevent much of this trouble by vaccinating now with Dr. Salsbury's AVISEPTICUS-GALLINARUM BACTERIN. It builds resistance to these poultry-robbing cholera and typhoid germs. Medicate the drinking water with Dr. Salsbury's PHEN-O-SAL—6 tablets to every gallon of water to stop growth of germs there.

() Act at First Signs of Colds

If colds break out in your laying flock, get after this infection immediately. Don't wait until the disease spreads all through the flock. If the poultry house is drafty, fix this condition at once. To help natural body defenses, give birds a ration strong in vitamin A. Vaccinate as soon as possible with Dr. Salsbury's MIXED BACTERIN (AVIAN) CHICKEN FORMULA. It contains immunizing substances against the bacteria commonly associated in colds and roup. To relieve congestion due to colds use Dr. Salsbury's CAN-PHO-SAL. Spray it over the birds, or use it in the mash.

() Keep Laying House Clean and Dry

Sanitation is a powerful weapon against disease outbreaks in your laying flocks. If the poultry house is damp, and dirty, do something about it! Dampness and filth breed disease. Whenever you clean the house and remove the litter, disinfect with a Dr. Salsbury's PAR-O-SAN solution. Clean up and disinfect all equipment at this time, too.

POULTRY CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT

We can advise you on the correct steps to take to build up the resistance of your flocks to early winter diseases. Note the emblem at the right — it tells you that we are co-operating whole-heartedly in the National Poultry Conservation program.



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HICO, TEXAS

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Let's help little '44 paint the sign of Victory all over the world soon! One of the best ways we can do this is to produce more on our farms. More revenue accruing from higher prices will allow additional purchases of War Bonds and Stamps. Let's all do our best—then just watch '44 develop into a year of Victory!

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KEEP YOUR CAR ALIVE

By the end of this year, 54 per cent of the automobiles being used in this country will have celebrated their seventh birthday

But in spite of the automobile mortality and the decrepit condition of many cars which are still doing their best to carry war workers to jobs, the automobile transportation system of this country is probably better than anyone might have hoped for two years ago

At the present time our nation's automobile population is about 24,500,000, which is enough to perform most of the necessary jobs which automobiles are called upon to do

OVERCONFIDENCE

A lot of people seem suddenly to have decided that the war is about over and there is nothing to worry about from now on

Optimistic reports from Washington and by military leaders undoubtedly contribute to our confidence in quick victory, but unless there is some unforeseen break in the offing, there is every reason to suppose that the war will continue for a long time yet

It is true that the war has been going our way on most fronts, but a look at the map makes it apparent that the big part of the job isn't even started

Wee Bits of GESTURE

One of my neighbors set a steel trap near his chicken house the other night, and now informs me he caught a large "bureaucrat" in it

By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN

KNATHOLE

Knute Rookens called Christy Flanagan's 63 yard touchdown run in the 1943 Notre Dame-Army game football's perfect play

Ninety per cent of all athletic equipment now manufactured in this country now goes to the armed forces

This Speaker says that Walter Johnson, Joe Wood, Lefty Grove and Bob Feller were the four best pitchers he ever saw in the American league

Because of a question regarding the leg action used, the swimming committee of the Amateur Athletic Union refused to approve the 200-meter and 200-yard breast stroke records of Emmett J. Cashin, a Californian

Secretary Daniel J. Ferris of the AAU announced a new plan for developing athletes that has been approved by 26 of the 41 district associations

The Japs didn't do very well against Americans even in football. When a Yank collegian team toured Japan in 1935 it played against the best the Japs could present and won every game

Corp. Stanley Evans, a sports writer for the Greenville, S. C., air base, is one of the four boxers to gain a decision over Joe Louis

Maryland's four major race tracks, Pimlico, Laurel, Havre de Grace and Bowie, contributed \$267,142.75 to the national war fund this year

Six of the ten colleges in the Southeastern conference abandoned football this year. Only Georgia, Georgia Tech, Tulane and Louisiana State fielded teams

The late Hughie Jennings signed Bucky Harris to a Detroit contract in 1916 without ever having seen him play

John Sturgis' field goal which gave Ohio State a 29 to 28 victory over Illinois, was the first he ever attempted

Expectant Marines



When fellow marine airmen found out that all three members of a torpedo bomber crew were to become fathers, their plane was appropriately labeled "Expectant"

What Do You Mean, Happy New Year?



This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—Until recently, the cost of living index figures issued by the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor seem to have been accepted as gospel

Consequently, a committee of the War Labor Board, which must determine whether to recommend higher wages, is investigating current figures to find out if they do reflect the true cost of living

According to the bureau's figures, the cost of living has increased 22.9 per cent since January, 1941

Organized labor is claiming that the "Little Steel" formula, which permitted wage increases up to 15 per cent more than they were in January, 1941, should be scrapped because living costs have risen

ABOVE the HULLABALOO Individual and Collective Postwar Plans

Some of us don't hold with the radio commentators that the Allies have "practically" "blasted" the Germans and Japanese off the face of the earth

So at this very moment those of us who are not at the battlefield should be considering "ways and means" to tide us—individually and collectively—over that sensitive period which must invariably follow the government's fight against inflation

Every family is, of course, faced with different conditions and only one rule will cover most of these families: That rule is: Accumulate assets in some form or other to tide you over the early postwar period

Fashions FOR TODAY by PATRICIA DOW



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Pattern No. 8476—Long wearing, long enduring, the tailored two piece is a school fashion which every girl wants!

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Any Excuse You Can Find For Not Buying Your Bond Daily Will Please Wait

THIS AND THAT By JOE SMITH DYER

THE NEW YEAR: We are all interested in no small degree in making the year 1944 the happiest, healthiest and most successful of our whole life

Happiness, Health and Success are three fine prizes that will come to all of us if we will pay more attention to the things that we think are unimportant

We all constantly strive to do things the big way—the way that will create a lot of excitement, Happiness, Health and Success are by-products of our own acts more often than we think, and here's proof:

Just a friendly hand and we all understand—just a cheery word and the world's bright and every-thing's all right

Just a helpful deed and we're all so glad—just an unkind act and we're all so sad

Just a pleasant smile and life's worthwhile

All of us attempt to climb the high hill of happiness and in our attempt we fall to see the flowers at the foot of the hill

We eternally seek greater success when what we really need is a few more friends. The success will follow

We are all scheming, dreaming, doctoring and doing, on a big scale, when the little things in life would bring greater and greater results

The year 1944 will be big for you and for me as long as we continue to do the little kindly, friendly and cheerful things for others

SMALL COMPENSATIONS: The following is a letter received by a Texas grandmother from her grandson who is stationed in the Pacific area:

Dear Granny: I want you to keep on saying your prayers for me and for all the men here. People can't know what hell is like until they see it from a reserved seat

When the fighter on the home front begins to contemplate strikes let him remember that the few cents over which he squabbles might be the compensation to a man's family for the price of that man's life

Keep on praying, Granny. Love, JACK

THE OLD YEAR ENDS: Across the threshold what awaits? More open doors, more wide-swung gates, More roads that reach and ramble on

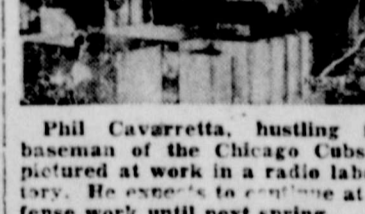
Always toward the crest of dawn. Across the threshold what is there? A lighted human thoroughfare To better things and truer ways And gladder hearts and brighter days

Across the threshold what shall be? More thresholds until hearts are free, More stairways waiting to be trod From dark to light, from Man to God

Athletic Worker



Spinning as done by young ladies used to refer to the twisting of thread. Today it might mean what WAVE Violet Falkum is doing as she turns over plan propeller in Jacksonville, Fla.



Phil Cavarretta, hustling first baseman of the Chicago Cubs, is pictured at work in a radio laboratory. He expects to continue at defense work until next spring.

Church News

Methodist Church

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday with the 11 o'clock service. The pastor will talk on "Taking An Inventory"

Sunday school at 10 a. m. with Tyrus King, superintendent, leading

Evening worship at 7:30. The pastor will preach on the subject "An All-Weather Religion"

Come to church Sunday. Start the New Year right and keep right by attending the regularly appointed services of your church. The Methodist church invites you to attend its services.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Baptist Church

The regular services Sunday. The pastor will preach at 8 o'clock services. This is special S. S. Month, let us each fill our own place in this program

The W. M. U. will meet by check Monday. The regular Brotherhood meeting will be Tuesday evening at 7:30

The deacons will have their regular meeting Monday evening is set aside for the S. S. enrollment program. A. S. S. teachers and officers, zone captains, and Brotherhood officers are to attend the supper

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Baptist Sunday School News:

The number 16 with the question mark that you may see on certain coat lapels means that on January 16, 1944 all Baptist families in the Hico community are cordially invited to come to Sunday school as a family group

This is to be a big day, so we are going to look for you. ROBERT B. JACKSON.

How Nazis Escaped



A tunnel through which German war prisoners are believed to have escaped was discovered recently near Trinidad, Colo. Private Leo D. Kohler stands in the exit of the tunnel talking to Maj. E. E. Kalsou.

She Spins to Win



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BALKING the ATTACK

Keeps on BALKING the ATTACK with WAR BONDS

AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



As our guns groped blindly for vital enemy targets in Tunisia, Sergeant Donald V. Peterson of South Mississippi crept beyond our lines. Snipers and machine guns raked the ground, but he pushed on, snatched forward into view of our targets. Blasted from withering fire by one small tank, he retired fire commands and our guns blasted the enemy. His country recognized Peterson's bravery with the Silver Star. You can recognize it with another War Bond.

Personals.

George Martell Stringer, a student in Texas University, visited his parents during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson and daughter, Joan, of Valley Mills visited here during the holidays.

Delores Davis from Iredell spent the week end with Norma Ruth Glothlin.

Eugene Murphy from Morgan is visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. B. McCreary this week.

Margaret Ellis from Fort Worth was here last week end visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. T. E. Bowman of Denton is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd W. Thrash.

Charlie Meador has ordered a subscription sent to his father, N. Meador, of Roosevelt, Arizona.

Mrs. Durward Lane from Dallas spent Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gieske.

Misses Lucille and Loraine Segrist of Dallas are spending the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Sue Segrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reed and daughter, Marsha, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Valley Mills.

Holiday visitors in the A. J. Jordan home were J. D. Jordan of Denton, Texas, Mrs. David C. Seiler of Brownwood, Texas, and Sgt. Eugene East of Camp Carson, Colorado.

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Our accurate timepiece rings out — with promises of quick defeat to our country's enemies, and with a troth of future peaceful days for us! So buy even more War Bonds to help Victory along, for a truly Happy New Year!

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HICO, TEXAS



★ May the New Year fulfill all your hopes for Peace and Victory and be the gladdest year of all that have gone before; rich with true friendships and simple joys.

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We will take pleasure in serving you throughout each day of the New Year — 1944.

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EXIDE BATTERIES

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown and grandson, Ralph Horton Jr., visited during the week end in Houston with their son, James Brown, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pittman and family are moving to Ranger this week. Their home on the old Hamilton highway was purchased by Mr. Parrack from near Alexander, who will move here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rosamond and daughters, Pat and Dot, of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Anna Driskell, and her sister, Miss Pauline Driskell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marcum and son, Marks, and daughter, Mrs. James P. Brumley, were in Tulsa and Drumright, Okla., last week end visiting Mrs. Marcum's relatives.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Greenway were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lovelace and daughter, Betty Jo, from Novice and Mrs. Laverne Panches and daughter, Julia Ann, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rierson and daughter, Sonja Ann, of Dallas spent the holidays here with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Ross.

Rev. Floyd W. Thrash visited his father and mother in Corsicana Monday of this week. Both have been confined to their beds during the holidays, but are making improvement at the present time.

Mrs. Mayme D. Allen and son, Paul A., from Brownwood spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Pierson. Paul remained for a longer visit with his grandmother.

Henry Williams was back at work again Wednesday, after having suffered for two weeks with four broken ribs. He received the injury at his home when he fell off a gate and hit on a water bucket.

Week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCarty Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCarty Jr. and small daughter, Suzanne, from Abilene.

Mrs. J. D. Jones and daughter, Marynell, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Casey spent Christmas day in Waco with their daughter and sister, Miss Leona Jones. Marynell remained with her sister for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lovell and children, Lodie and Peggy, of Cleburne spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovell. They were all dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. W. A. Howard.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhoades were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Lampasas, Herman Rhoades of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Charlie Rhoades and daughter, Loraine, of Clifton, and son, Staff Sgt. Doris Rhoades, of Camp Polk, La.

Those who spent the Christmas week end in the home of W. F. Gandy were Mr. and Mrs. Walton Gandy and children, Billy and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gandy, Miss Rita Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Harrod, and R. R. Jordan and son, A. J. Jordan, all from Fort Worth, and Mr. Richardson from Stephenville. Junior Gandy from Fort Worth came in Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gandy and Mrs. Joyce Bruner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bass, Mrs. Glendine Smith and little son, Jim Ed, were in Walnut Springs Sunday visiting Mr. Bass's sister, Mrs. W. A. Carr, and her husband.

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Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths and children returned to their home in Freeport last Saturday after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Griffiths, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Billy Wright returned home last week to Fort Worth, after having spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Johnson. Billy's mother, Mrs. Morris Wright, came down with him the previous week end, but returned home earlier.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lynch were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holmes and children of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Paddock and children and Miss Marie Lynch, all of Fort Worth.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lewis were Steve Lewis, A/S, from T. C. U., and Mary Emma Lewis who is attending Amos Carter-Riverside High School in Fort Worth.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Sally Purdom, who is in the Stephenville Hospital recovering from a broken arm, and Mrs. Zack Barrow were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith and son, Harold, of Fort Worth, Garner Slaughter and daughter, Deena, of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slaughter and family of Hico.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barrow and children, Selette, Jimmie Gail, and Gerline, from Alpine, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Russell and daughter, Glenna Maud, from Dallas. They all returned home Sunday with the exception of Glenna Maud, who remained until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb McEver visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brice McEver, in Hillsboro Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mr. McEver's sister, Margaret Ann, for a week's visit. Other guests in the McEver home were Mr. and Mrs. Marley Smith from Wortham, who came Wednesday for a short visit.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harshel Williamson were Johnny Farmer from Carlsbad, New Mexico; Mrs. J. D. Paris from Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jones and Mrs. Guy Williams from Austin; Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Julius Jones from Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Strong, and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Strong from Iredell.

Out-of-town visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Holton and daughters, Ann and Marian, from Lamesa; Mrs. Charlie Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharp and son, Tommy, from Waco; Tom Collins from McGregor; Mrs. T. A. Miller from Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wieser from Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grisham and sons, Jan and Roger, of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his father, J. M. Grisham, and Mrs. Grisham, and with her father, H. M. Allison. Lester returned to Fort Worth Monday to his duties at Connav and Mrs. Grisham and children remained through Wednesday, returning with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rhody and daughter, Arlena, also of Fort Worth, who came in Monday for a few days' visit with her father.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swor and son, Don, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Swor of Houston; and Sgt. and Mrs. Doris Gamble of Fort Worth.

Holiday guests in the home of Mrs. L. A. Powledge were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nix of Wichita Falls, Miss Frances Powledge of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Potts and sons, Bill and Bob, of Gatesville, and Orville Powledge of Orange.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lane were Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Phillips from San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Clark from Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Herl Bales from Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cook of Austin, and Cpl. Eugene Lane from Independence, Kansas.

C. H. Sargent of Bangs, accompanied by Mrs. Fitzhugh and Mrs. J. D. Sargent and daughters, Delores and Gayle, of Tolar, stopped in Hico Tuesday for a short visit with friends. They were on their way home from San Antonio, where they spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe and daughter, Joyce Rae, have returned to their home in Weatherford after spending their vacation here with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Calder, and other relatives. Holiday guests in the Calder home were Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Adams.

Christmas day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberson were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Deskin and little daughter, Maxie Juan, of Abilene; Mrs. Vern J. Starnes and baby, Judith Ann, of Stephenville, and Lt. and Mrs. W. A. Deskin Jr. and baby, Roxanna, of Harlingen.

An air mail letter from Mrs. W. A. Moss, visiting in La Mesa, California, tells of the birth of a daughter, Jo Ann, to her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Moss of that city, on Dec. 11, 1943. "We are all fine," says a note on the back of the announcement, "and hope you will see after Grandpa—he may be on a cane by now."

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



Little '44 is all hepped to the Victory tune! He wants to make the coming 365 days really memorable! Because in that time he can point the way to the end of the war! But we've got to help him... by doing everything we possibly can—working, staying healthy, and buying War Bonds and Stamps!

Resolve... TO KEEP WELL IN '44! —Let Us Help You

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HELP LAUNCH THE VICTORY SHIP FOR SMOOTH, PEACEFUL SAILING IN '44!
Baby '44 is all set to go!... sending the good ship Victory straight down the line! But he'll need our help... so don't let down for a second in your working, saving and fighting on the home front to make possible that grand, glorious launching! Our promise to you of continued cooperation... and our very best wishes for a Victorious New Year!

Notice!
FINISHED LAUNDRY AND "ROUGH DRY" WILL BE DISCONTINUED FOR THE PRESENT — BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE WET WASH.

To keep this great, wonderful land of ours free is our wish for this New Year. Save, fight and buy War Bonds so we'll all realize that wish more quickly!

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Ladybird



Test Pilot Elizabeth Hooker dons her headgear at the Grumman aircraft plant in New York as she prepares to test a new Heilcat for the navy.

Brave Girl



Despite a head wound and the trials of being far from home, this little Polish girl smiles bravely. She is one of 300 Polish children on their way to Mexico.

Batting for Army



Lake Appling, American league batting champion, is photographed as he boards a street car in Chicago, Ill., with other selectees en route to an army induction center.

His Motif—Victory



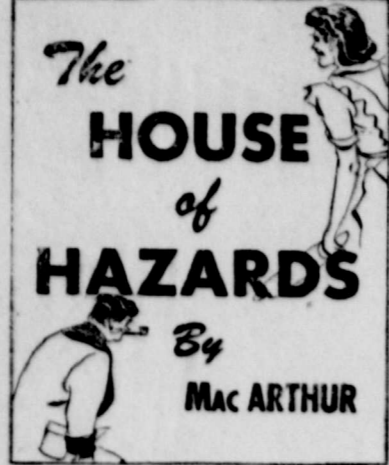
Angelo, and the interiors of churches were the main interest of Federico Benito Panziron during his recent trip to Italy. Now he's painting ships at Hoboken, N. J. He and his father have been decorated by Pope Leo XIII for their church artistry.

1943 Town Crier



Showing his trumpet to summon the townspeople of San Sebeto, Italy, is the town crier Du Luca Folio. He is busy these days informing the citizens of new conditions brought to by the Allies.

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



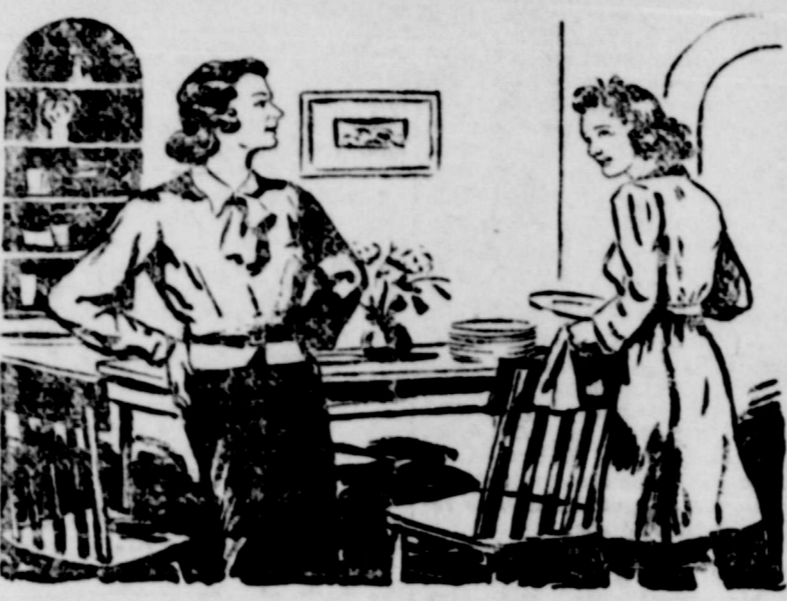
By Mac ARTHUR



THERE IS TODAY

By JOSEPHINE LAWRENCE

CHAPTER XI
Big-hearted Sarah Daffodil acts in every capacity for the four-family house...



"I let Kurt have tonight off," Leila O-ton mentioned generously...

Candace, who was mixing the salad dressing while Leila set the dinette table for the Sunday night supper...

Coles Arnold and blond Patty Bailey, engaged in conversation...

"Do any of you know Dorothy Dresden?" asked Minnie Davis...

Candace, a little tired, listened silently to the good-natured babble of voices...

"Well, I say more power to Dotty Dresden," Leila Orton blew a smoke ring airily...

"I've got a great deal of ill feeling throughout the store," Patty Bailey agreed...

There was a spontaneous burst of laughter and Candace pulled the percolator plug from the wall...

lived too long," he moaned. "Let these old eyes close on a world in which the Communist rallies to support the cause of the capitalist daughter."

He didn't have to be a complete fool, Patty rebuked him acidly. "Leila's only being contrary. She's famous for taking the opposite side in any controversy."

"That's what you think," Leila clanked her bracelets lazily. "If this assembly is interested in the truth, which I doubt, the fact is that I heard this topic knocked down and worried to shreds in a Forum meeting last week..."

"I dug him a pit and he walked right in," Leila beamed. "My friend, I don't admire the wealthy girl for her brains, beauty or bank account..."

In a flash Leila's beautiful face altered, sobered to a gravity that was as enchanting as it was rare. She spoke swiftly, seriously...

Coles shook his head. The folklore, he argued, was a little mixed. "It was a grasshopper, not a parasite, who had the run-in with the goshawful industrious ants..."

"It seems to me," Halsey Kenneth said, "that the issue is becoming obscured. I take it that modeling calls for a pretty face and—"

"A nice figure, Halsey," Andy supplied helpfully. "Thank you—a shapely form, let's put it. Now, it is conceivable that the Dresdens of this world may have what is required, along with a bank account, too, is it not? While the poor but honest maiden may have neither cash nor the figure to set off the mink coat..."

Fighting Reporter



Covering the battles of his outfit in the South Pacific is Staff Sgt. John W. Black, marine corps combat correspondent. He is a former newspaper man from Woodbury, N. J.

Miners Lay Down Picks and Go Hunting



Some of the 500,000 miners who left their posts for the fourth time in six months. The strike came at the expiration of the period during which the miners had agreed to work without a contract and resulted in a second government seizure of the property. These men are from the Westland mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company.

Surprise Marriage



Dinah Shore, famed radio and screen singer, and her new husband, Screen Actor George Montgomery, a corporal in the U. S. air forces. They were married in a surprise ceremony at Las Vegas, Nev.

Marines Win First Round on Bougainville



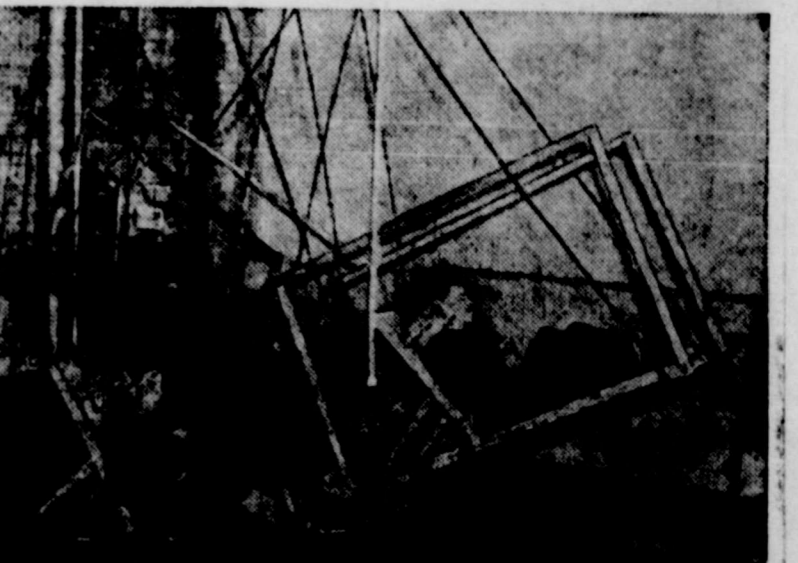
United States marines battled their way through another part of Japan's defenses by forming a six-mile-long beachhead on Bougainville. This photo shows a part of the landing party. Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., commander of the South Pacific forces, called the landing one of the most difficult of the Solomons campaign.

Wartime Vigilance



New identification cards have been issued to members of the senate as a wartime precaution. Guard Aliven B. Clark is pictured examining the card presented by Senator Harlan J. Bushfield.

Rocked in the Cradle of Sea Sickness



A little pink capsule enables United Nations troops to land on hostile shores fresh and full of fight, with some of the fighters suffering the miseries of sea sickness. These heroes being rocked in gadgets which simulate the tossing of waves are partly responsible for the development of this capsule. They are men of the Royal Canadian navy who courted mal de mer to aid science and their shipmates.

Godfather General



Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, high commissioner of the Union of South Africa, played the role of godfather to Angela Petrina Hugo, whom he holds in a London church. Miss Hugo's father is a captain assigned to the Mediterranean.

Outstanding Woman of the Year



Miss Anne Morgan (left) accepts a medal from Mrs. J. Gordon Harriman, after the former was selected as the outstanding woman of the year by members of women's clubs meeting in New York for their 17th annual friendship reunion. The women voted that Miss Morgan accomplished more than any other woman during 1943.

(TO BE CONTINUED)



We publicly rededicate ourselves to the cause of Victory in '44. And in that year we hope to serve you to the best of our wartime capacity!

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HICO, TEXAS

WANT ADS

Classified Rates

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

Real Estate

See Shirley Campbell for Farm, Ranch and City Property. 11-tfc

Wanted

WANTED: Woman to do housework. Mrs. Grady Hooper. 32-tfc

WANTED: To lease or rent a farm. R. N. (Bob) McKeage, Stephenville Star Route. 31-2p

WOOD CUTTERS wanted. R. W. Hancock. 29-tfc.

WANTED: Family or couple, with references, to occupy comfortable farmhouse rent-free for keep. See C. M. Hedges, Hico. 28-tfc.

WANTED: More listings. For quick sale of land or any kind of property, list it with Shirley Campbell.

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Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

Another Christmas has come and gone, and in a few short days 1943 will only be history. In 1944 let us resolve to try to do even more for our fellow man and our country. And here's hoping that 1944 will be a year of victory!

We have had very disagreeable weather here during the Christmas holidays, with ice-coated ground, fences and trees. However old Santa found most of us and remembered us with useful gifts.

There was a Christmas tree and program at the Baptist church last Tuesday night for members of the congregation and any others who wished to take part. As the writer was unable to attend, we failed to get a report of the meeting.

Friends have received word from Miss Clara Cook, a former teacher in the Fairy school, that she has joined the WACs and is stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Miss Cook made many friends while here in our midst, and many will be glad to learn of her present location.

Mrs. D. E. Allison and little son and daughter, Darrel and Ruby Jean, of League City, Texas, came in last Wednesday night to spend the holidays with her parents, brother, sister, and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, and also Mr. Allison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison. Her husband came in Sunday in time to partake of some of the good things to eat prepared by his mother, Mrs. E. C. Allison, for their Christmas dinner.

which the family and a number of their visiting sons and daughters and families enjoyed Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hartgraves and daughter, Mary Lou, of Robstown, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seilheimer of Dallas, Miss Peggy Ruth Allison of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr. and sons, Wayne and Archie Lynn of Hico. Two daughters, Mrs. Pat Patterson of Dallas and Mrs. Dellis Seago and their families were unable to attend on account of illness. A son, Pfc. W. W. Allison, was another missing link. He is serving his country in a foreign land. Here's hoping they will be among the number next Christmas. Waynard.

Mrs. Curtis Wright and little son, Curtis Glenn, spent the Christmas holidays with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright of Hico. Curtis is serving his country with the U. S. N. R. and has never had the pleasure of seeing his little son, who is almost a year old.

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Stars of Yanks, 1943 World Champs



These three Yankees figured prominently in their team's 1943 World series victory over the Cardinals. Left to right: Bill Dickey, whose home run won the final game; Spud Chandler, who pitched two victorious World series games; and Manager Joe McCarthy.

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Naturally I am proud of this record, and believe the taxpayers will be equally proud. During shortages of everything I haven't been able to do all the work I would have liked to do. However I believe I have carried out your wishes in conserving on tires, gas and materials that the government needs for our fighting men.

I respectfully call your attention to the following statement, covering receipts and expenditures from June 29, 1943, through December 24, 1943:

MONEY RECEIVED

Table listing money received from various sources including Dr. C. M. Hall, City of Hico, K. C. Key, Co. Comm., Tom Betts, terracing, Mr. Bradley, mowing hay, W. H. Jenkins, Diesel fuel, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS

Table listing disbursements for Labor, Gas & Oil, Diesel Fuel, Repair Parts, Tires & Tubes, Telephone Calls & News Ads, Lumber, Wire & Nails, Victory Tax, Rebuilding Trucks.

TOTAL MONEY PAID OUT 6,039.14

With the precinct clear of indebtedness, there remains in the treasury at Hamilton \$10,864.99; in the bank at Hico, \$2,806.85; and a sum of \$3,240.00 owing for terracing (signed up by the Government. This makes a total of \$16,911.84 up to the 24th of December.

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.

