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BENNETT HALEY of the Navy, arrived Tuesday to visit his mother and sisters. This is Bennett's first leave since entering service in November 1942. He is here on a 30 day leave and reports to Georgia.

JACK BURLESON spent Wednesday afternoon in Silverton. He is enjoying a short furlough with his mother and sisters.

ELMER BEAVERS is here on a 15 day furlough from South Carolina.

ROBERT MCGUIRE arrived last Friday to visit his wife and family. Mrs. McGuire will accompany her husband back to New Jersey.

S-SGT. CULLEN TIBBETTS is spending a 21-day leave with his parents in Plainview and spent last week end here with friends in Silverton.

R. H. STODGHILL of the Navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill.

VADE MCGOVACK is here on furlough visiting his parents.

LT. O. C. RAMPLEY of the Marines and his wife are here visiting their parents.

W. H. TAYLOR, s-1c spent Sunday and Monday here with the Edwards family. He has been out of the states 2 years. W. H. is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Martin of Lubbock.

CPL. WILBUR GARVIN, writes from England. "Dear Roy, How are you by now. I am O. K. I will write you a few lines and let you know my new address, as you see I have moved again and I want you to send the paper as I sure do miss it. I sure have seen some pretty country. I like it here alright, the only thing it rains a lot. I sure would like to see the home town people again. I hope we are all back home before long. Well Roy, tell everyone I said hello. I will be glad when I get the paper again.

As ever, a home town boy,
Wilbur Garvin

BILL ED STODGHILL writes from the South Pacific: "Dear Roy, I have received a few Briscoe papers lately. They were just beginning to come through and I moved. I sure have enjoyed these papers, I have received lately. Does a fellow go to get the home town news.

I spent a day with Jack Haynes and his daddy, Mr. John Haynes about a week ago. We had a good review of Briscoe County.

Well I must sign off as 18 hours a day work, don't let a fellow write and sleep much."

Lt. (j. g.) Odell Gregg writes that he is now stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia. Odell says his overseas duty in the Marines Islands in the Pacific.

Judge and Mrs. C. D. Wright attended the First World Order meeting, December 12 at the Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. Principal speakers for the conference were Dr. Henry H. Board of Foreign Missions of Chicago, Dr. Part Johnson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Mo. and Justice Norris Bakke, Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado.

The program centered around the preparing the world for the coming peace and to do away with future wars. Mr. Wright spoke as a layman, on "Bringing About An Understanding Between People and their representatives in the seats of Congress.

Rev. W. H. Barnett, Mrs. Edd Thomas, Mrs. Ludy and Mrs. Billy Dickerson attended a "Crusades Meeting" at the Methodist Church in Amarillo Tuesday. Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of the Christian Advocate was the main speaker, speaking three times

GRIMLANDS IN SERVICE



PVT. R. L. GRIMLAND son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Grimland entered the Army in April 1944. He is at Camp Shelby, Miss. He is married and his wife and two daughters are in Mississippi with him. He is in the Medical Corps training in a hospital.



PVT. WALTER GRIMLAND son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Grimland, is in the Army. He entered service May 1943. And is now in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. He works in replacement center and has been overseas 14 months.



PFC. BILLY ROY GRIMLAND son of Roy Grimland of Amarillo and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Grimland is with the Army and is now in New Guinea. He entered service in May 1944.



PVT. GORDON L. DURHAM son of Mrs. A. L. Durham of Brice, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Grimland is with the Army Engineers. He entered service April 1944 and is now in England. He is married to Florene Grimland and they have three sons Gordon Jr., William Lee, and Bobby.

SILVERTON WINS FLOMOT INVITATION TOURNAMENT

The Silverton Owls maintained their undefeated record in basket ball by fighting through the Flomot invitation basket ball tournament Friday and Saturday of last week. The Owls defeated the Matador team by the very one sided score of 57 to 18 in the first game of the tournament Friday night. They experienced some trouble with the Turkey Turks, but finally won by the score of 31 to 25 in a torrid game Saturday afternoon. This threw the local team into the finals with the smooth working Flomot team Saturday night. Flomot had won its way to the finals by defeating Roaring Springs and Quitaque. The game was close from the first whistle, however, Silverton maintained a slight lead until the beginning of the fourth quarter when Flomot spurted ahead. It looked like they had the game in the bag, but Donald West heaved one of his left-handed shots into the basket with five seconds remaining to play the game by the score of 26 to 25.

The Silverton girls team lost its first game to Roaring Springs by a close score. This threw them into the consolation with Quitaque Saturday night. This was a torrid affair, too, for the teams were within two points of each other through most of the game. Silverton won by the score of 16 to 13.

The Silverton "B" team won its first game with Turkey, but lost to the Flomot "B" team—with some decided assistance from the members of the "A" team—by the score of 14 to 23. Since this was the final game in this bracket this game gave the "B" team runner-up position. Defense stamps were given for trophies. This was the last series of games before the holidays.

WHAT COULD BE NICER than a box of personalized stationery, for his or hers Christmas. We have it in white or in many colors.
NEWS OFFICE



LET US PAY HOMAGE

This week, Christians, all over a war-torn world, pay homage to the Prince of Peace whose birth, in a humble manger, brought light to the world. Let us here rejoice in the privilege to worship freely, unfettered by pagan yoke, and pray for those less fortunate. Let us pray for, and pay homage to, the millions who are sacrificing their all on the battlefields to secure freedom for all peoples. Let us look forward to 1945 and beyond, with renewed hope for early victory and lasting world peace.

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Roy Barbara Jeanne

WILLIE WESLEY SHOT

Willie Wesley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wesley was accidentally shot Sunday while hunting—or rather while getting ready to hunt. He was driving the car and the .22 rifle was accidentally discharged from the back seat. The bullet entered the fleshy part of his back. His injuries are not serious. He was taken to the Plainview Hospital and returned to his home Monday night.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to offer our thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses and sympathy extended to us during our recent sorrow.

The Francis Children

The 4-H club met Tuesday Dec. 19th to elect officers for 1945. The boys elected to offices were: President - Donald West Vice-pres. - John Arthur Arnold Sec. & Treas. - Jack Snowden Reporter - Fred Arnold

Letter From Leyte

HERE IS a very interesting letter from Jack Brown, who is with the Coast Guard. As the letter shows, he is seeing plenty of action. Incidentally Jack is the father of a new baby girl, born Dec. 14th.



JACK E. BROWN, S 3-c

Dear Mama and all,
How are you this rainy night. I do mean rainy too. I'm O. K. only tired and sleepy. It has been a very gloomy day.
Well, its been quite a few days since I wrote you and many things have happened. We surely had our baptism of fire. At this time I feel like an old war horse we have so many air raids. The closest I have been to being hit was about six inches. A bullet passed through 2 inches of steel before it stopped. I was supposed to be standing where it passed through but I was out of place of which I am very glad. I guess my time wasn't up yet. Kinda gave me a strange feeling when I saw the hole and heard the report.

You know I wasn't ever much of a guy to applaud or cheer at any kind of a game or show but when we shoot down a Jap plane I can't seem to control it. The other evening one was brought down and the first thing I did when it crashed in flames was yell and pat my hands. I have no feeling what ever for the Jap pilots that are crashing to their deaths. Just takes one shot at you to kill all feeling or remorse as to the sad end they meet. The most thrilling and the

most tense few minutes I have spent in my life time was the other night when we shot down a large Jap bomber. The gunners letting loose bursts at us with their guns, it look like huge stingers reaching to the ground. I sincerely believe they got mad as they tried to come in low, which was a bad mistake and their last one. One of our guns hit them a fatal shot and flame spread all over the plane. You can't imagine how sinister that thing looked sailing through the air. I was afraid he was going to crash dive into some of the ships but the pilot must have been hit as he crashed in the waters edge with a terrific explosion. You could never dream of such a lot of gun fire as it is when our guns open up.

The Japs are a crazy lot as they will drive right into certain death. Wanting to die for that heel of an Emperor of theirs I guess. But don't doubt for a second that our American boys are not on the beam. They pitch right into battle with no sign of fear. I saw our fighters intercept a Jap plane the other day but our pilot out smarted that Jap every way you could think of. He turned a burst of gun fire into the Jap plane and it went crashing down. The U. S. pilot dipped his wing to him as much to say "to heck with you brother." As usual I cheered to the top of my voice. Boy Tojo sure bit him off a chunk when he jumped on the United States.

My reactions aren't as I had always figured they would be when I was under fire. I always thought it would be a paralyzing fear but it isn't. I don't feel so scared but when it is over my knees feel shaky. When that bullet came so close they shook a little. I don't know which ones eyes were the biggest mine or the fellows beside me when it hit. He turned to me and said just as matter of fact, "You know that just scares the hell out of me." He kicked his foot like something had stung him. You can hear some good wise cracks when the shells are bursting all around. Just small talk to quiet frayed nerves. A guy and myself had a head on collision making a dash for our guns when we had a raid the other day. You can't imagine how naked you feel standing up there with bullets whining around. Even my old helmet is a feeling of security. I know how

Fred must have felt when he was scared part of the time and mad the rest.

People in the states wouldn't squawk about not getting time and a half and complain about having to be conservative with gas if they could see it over here. Horac and Kenneth seemed to think they were having a hard time but I would trade with them any old day in the week. We have it better than the army too. Just a night at home with Faye and our baby would be all the heaven I would want. You can't imagine how just minor things we passed up in everyday life when we were there would mean now. There is no difference in yesterday, today and tomorrow with us. They are all the same. Time is endless here as you know next week will bring the same thing. However, the fellows take it real well, I think. How they wish and think about their loved ones back home.

I'm still wondering whether I have a young son or daughter and how Faye is as we haven't gotten any mail in ages. It is so hard to wait when anyone is so anxious about something that means more to them than life itself almost. I'm beginning to think it may be into next year before I hear. Maybe some miracle will happen though and we can get mail.

The people here are really rejoicing to have the Americans back. They sure hate the Japs. They are a pretty well kept bunch. They are very polite to us. They speak of America with reverence in their voice. Of course they think we all are rich. The more I see the more I am convinced about it that we are. They say they knew we were coming back to the Philippines.

I'm still hoping I can see my baby before it is too old. I think they are so cute when they are tiny. But I have my doubts as to whether it will be anytime soon or not. But I'm still hoping it won't be too long. I guess you haven't got a chance to see it yet have you. Guess everyone is more interested in their own than anyone else.

I must quit for this time and try to get some sleep. I'll in all likelihood be up blazing away at them in a little while. Write when you can and maybe it will eventually catch up with me.

Love,
Jack

J.L. Francis Passes Away December 14

Bond Drive Is Over Top

Briscoe County went over the top again in the Sixth War Loan with a splurge of last minute purchases. The largest of these was a \$75,000 purchase by the Adair Estate (JA Ranch) which put the total of overall sales \$77,000 over the quota for a total of more than \$232,000. A purchase of ten thousand dollars by Jim Willson of Floydada, was also credited to Briscoe County.

Still Lack E Bonds

In spite of the huge amount of "overall" purchases, Briscoe County is still lacking in the purchase of E Bonds. According to incomplete figures compiled by W. Coffee, Jr., county chairman, the total of E Bond purchases was \$72,618.75 Saturday night. The E quota for the county was \$85,000, which leaves around \$13,000 to be purchased this month if the county goes over the top on the E bonds. All purchases made in December will be counted on the Sixth War Loan Quota, according to Coffee.

The JA Ranch has helped this county with their quotas many times in the past, and the people of Briscoe County are duly grateful. Here is a letter received by County Judge Lyon, which is self-explanatory:

Dear Judge Lyon:
Thank you very much for your December 8 letter.

It will be a pleasure for the C. Adair Estate to make a subscription for War Bonds, with credit to Briscoe County, in connection with the present Sixth War Loan Drive. Today I am making a \$75,000.00 subscription for the December 1, 1944, 52-54 Two Percent, Bonds, with credit to go to Briscoe County. This subscription is being made through Continental National Bank of Fort Worth, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas is being asked to give credit for the subscription to Briscoe County. I am enclosing copy of letter which I am writing to Mr. Coffee, County Chairman for the War Loan Drives in Briscoe County.

The Adair Estate feels it a privilege to join the people of Briscoe County in not only raising, but surpassing its quota in the War Loan Drives. As we both know, a surpassing its quota in the War Briscoe County is owned by the Adair Estate and we are anxious to do our part in seeing that Briscoe County "goes over the top" in its bond drives.

Sincerely yours,
George Thompson, Jr.
For: THE ADAIR ESTATE

Celebrated Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ayres of Lockney, Texas celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ayres, Sunday December 10th, with a dinner.

The dining table was decorated with a three tier wedding cake and cut by their granddaughter La Dean Ayres.

The room was decorated with beautiful cut flowers sent by various friends for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson of Silverton, sent a lovely bouquet of large golden mums.

Fifty years ago Miss Lizzie Cooper and Tommy L. Anderson joined Miss Willie Waller and Elmer L. Ayres in a double wedding ceremony at the Tulia Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary in Silverton. Those present to help Mr. and Mrs. Ayres celebrate the occasion were: Miss Emma Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Ayres, Lamesa, Texas, Waller Lee and Frederick Ayres, Lockney, Miss De Lila Ayres, Lamesa, Miss Emma Stalbird, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ayres and daughter La Dora. Their other granddaughter Joy Lee Ayres of Fairfield, Calif was unable to attend the celebration.

John Louis Francis, the son of J. W. and Nancy Francis, was born November 8, 1863 at Bells in Grayson County, Texas; and passed away on December 14, 1944 at the age of 81 years at Hot Springs, New Mexico. He was the only son in a family of seven children, five of whom were his half sisters, and one sister, all of whom have preceeded him in death.



He obeyed the Gospel of Christ at an early age. On April 13, 1890 he married Minnie Margaret Cloyd who passed away November 25, 1941. To this union were born 7 children, five of whom are living and were present for the rites.

The children are: Louis Williams Francis of Silverton; An unnamed son dying in early infancy; Odie Pearl Lovvorn of Amarillo; Hollie Frank Francis who passed away October 29, 1917 at the age of 21; John Lee Francis of Silverton; Minnie May Bell of Lubbock and Zoe Annie Steele of Silverton.

There are also nine grandsons and nine grand-daughters who attended the last rites with the exception of Hollie Francis, who is serving with the Armed Forces in France.

There are five great grandchildren living and two who died in infancy.

He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

At the age of 16 John Louis moved with the family from Grayson to Cook County. Shortly afterward, his father died leaving him to provide for his mother and sisters. In 1892, he moved to Briscoe County and settled on a ranch 12 miles southwest of Silverton, which has been the family home ever since. He was engaged in extensive farming and ranching throughout his life and leaves behind a great number of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

MUSICAL NOTES

Two of the three Music Clubs of the Silverton school have celebrated with Christmas Programs and parties.

The Jolly Musicians who recently divided into two groups. The music students of the first four grades now compose the membership of the Jolly Musicians Club while those of the Jr. High group are now known as Happy Music Makers.

The Jolly Musicians met in the home of Junis Mercer for their Christmas Party on December 13. A nice musical program was rendered by this enthusiastic group of juniors, after which games pertaining to Christmas were enjoyed. A. C. Wimberly won the prize for pinning Santa's whiskers in the proper place. Ann Brown, the program leader had planned very clever games. Junis acted as Santa and passed out the gifts, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Mercer.

The Happy Music Makers were entertained in the lovely home of La Rue Gilkeyson on Dec. 15th. After the business session and program, gifts were presented to the following members: Shirley Haynes, Mary Tom Bomar, Teresa Crass, Joy Belle Deavenport, Betty Dickerson, Marian Arnold, Marie Cantwell, Dora Ann Amason, Nevaes, Lamesa, Miss Emma Stalbird, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ayres and daughter La Dora. Their other granddaughter Joy Lee Ayres of Fairfield, Calif was unable to attend the celebration.



IN SPITE OF the fact that I promised you the juice of the fruit this week, there is nothing to report. I was easing my conscience for having nothing last week by saying, "Well, Roy old boy, we'll give them the low down on who cut the cabbage next week to make up for it." Well, as I say no cabbage was cut... that is to speak of. There was, of course, a couple of good public fights but nothing much to report. The very fact that all involved were ladies, keeps the encounters from being "brawls" and makes the matter strictly hush-hush. Suffice it is to report that Pantex Ordnance Plant is not the only place suffering from a manpower shortage.

MONDAY IS CHRISTMAS Day and for many it is Christmas in name only. Millions of mothers and fathers and wives are separated from their loved ones—and thousands of others have been notified of the death of a man in

service. It will be hard for these folks to get much out of Christmas, in one way of thinking—in the way of thinking that Christmas is a day of merriment. These folks however, will be comforted by the observance of Christmas if it is remembered that it is the birthday of the Prince of Peace—the boys that are gone now are fighting to uphold the principles set forth by that Prince. This year of all years, we should observe a quiet, reverent Christmas Day.

MOTHER WHITNEY, who is visiting us has had a pretty hard time getting ready for Christmas. In the last year she has lost her son-in-law, her husband, and more recently her grandson was killed in action in Europe. But she is carrying on—she's making some cookies and things for Collin and for her great-grandson who is to be here from Camp Wolters. She is doing it because she knows the ones who are gone would want her to—she is a pretty brave woman, and a very fine mother.

HERE'S A LETTER TO Santa Claus from a boy who evidently is in great need:

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy about four(ty) years old and in all my life I have never wanted anything as much as I want the thing I am going to ask for. In fact Santa, I sometimes feel like closing up my tailor shop because I get to thinking about what I want so badly for Christmas. What I want and need most is some coat hangers. I am not particular about the kind you bring—just so they are coat hangers that I can use in my little tailor shop. I used to have a lot of fun playing like I was a tailor and running my little cleaner and presser. I used to play like everyone was in a big hurry and so I'd

get their stuff ready for them every day they'd bring it in lots of times. But it isn't much fun any more cause I don't have any hangers to hang the garments on. And every thing gets mixed up and folks get mad at me cause I don't put their clothes on a hanger like I used to. If you don't have any hangers in your North Pole workshop, why don't you scout around among my customers and whisper in their ear to "bring little Frank some hangers." In that way maybe I could get to having some fun in my little tailor shop again. If you will bring me a few of these hangers, Santa, I promise to do your suit every Christmas free, and I promise all my customers better service.

Your friend and pal,
Frankie Havran
P. S. Please bring Hattie some coat hangers too, for she likes to play tailor shop too. And there is a little girl Jessie McCracken who comes in and plays nearly every day. Please bring her a few coat hangers too.

JOE MERCER HAD his house advertised last week. I don't know whether he sold it or not but I tried to talk him out of it. He had the idea to sell his house here in town and move to his farm. I believe (and told him so) that he hasn't figured all the angles. The thing of living in the country and farming is all wrong Joe will take on at least six cups of coffee a day and if his farm is five miles out, that makes ten miles per cup or sixty miles a day that he drives to coffee himself. In a week that will amount to 360 miles. Now then... if Joe lives in town and farms in the country, he doesn't have to do that driving for coffee. He has only to drive out to work. And old Joe will get it figured out some way so that he has to work about three days a week. Well there you are, at ten miles a round trip that's thirty miles a week to drive to work if he lives in town. If he lives in the country he goes 360 miles for his coffee. It doesn't make sense—even a fool can figure that out—and I figured it out.

Believe It Or Not!—We still have a large selection of stationery Fine for those last minute gifts.
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A GOLDEN WEDDING DAY
(Dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson.)

An open house and all were welcome. Every one rejoiced to-day Because loved friends were celebrating Their Golden Wedding day.

Hearts were clinging close together In love's own, special, friendly way Friends had come from far and near For the Golden Wedding day.

With gifts of love and good wishes Love plans to travel on life's highway, And bring together loyal friends On a Golden Wedding Day.

Golden bond of love and friendship Deep in the heart will not decay. United bonds of love made joyful A Golden Wedding Day.
—Gertrude Arnold

A dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson on their Golden Wedding Anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier on their 30 Anniversary was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson Sunday December 10. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper, Middlethian, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burnett and daughters, Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. Ernest Jones and son of Bushland, Texas; Mrs. R. L. Campbell, Roberta and Buddy Bob of Hereford; Mrs. T. H. Anderson of Belton, Texas; Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Centerville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Volie Gardner, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliston, Mrs. Peter Hoyt, Mrs. A. G. Tadlock and son; Mrs. Emma Frieze; Mrs. M. P. Stone; Anna, Lee and Clegett Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniel.

Lucia Williams celebrated her fifth birthday with a party, Saturday, Dec. 16th, for several little friends at her home. Santa Claus himself was a guest and talked to the boys and girls about their gifts. Twelve children and six grown ups enjoyed the birthday cake, and coca at the close of the party.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown are the parents of a baby girl, born December 14, 1944 at St. Anthony's in Amarillo. She has been named Jackie Faye. Her Daddy is with the Coast Guard on Leyete Island.

Miss Dorothy Roy McMurtry arrived last Friday from Columbia, Mo., to spend the Holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMurtry.

JUST A FEW BOXES of SACHET, the perfumed stationery left in stock. The ideal gift for the young lady.
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Jack O'Neal of Houston and Mrs. Joe McWilliams and Rex Douglas of Corpus Christi are expected in Saturday for the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sneed and daughters of Amarillo spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Nash Blasengame.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wyman left Wednesday to spend the Holidays with relatives.

Miss Charlene Garrison will spend Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. Arvil Richardson in Fort Worth.

Miss Lila McDorman is spending the Holidays with her parents at Roaring Springs.

Miss Patricia Bomar arrived Sunday to spend the Holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bomar.

Mrs. Bob Stevenson returned Sunday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle. Mrs. Dean Allard and Mrs. Martell Grover met Mrs. Stevenson in Canyon.

STATIONERY! OF ALL kinds, lovely Air Mail in all colors and white. Stationery for the children, Stationery for men and stationery for women and girls. Whatever your need we have it.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle

of White Deer spent last Wednesday in Silverton.

Mrs. Tom Bomar visited her sister in Goodnight last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bain spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Crawford in Tulia.

WE CAN STILL FILL your order for Personalized Stationery.
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Tom Bomar took Mrs. Steve Duncan to a hospital in Fort Worth Monday night.

Mrs. Bob Stevenson was honored with a surprise birthday party last Wednesday afternoon. Her daughters Mrs. Dean Allard and Mrs. Martell Grover were the hostesses.

The Bond Club met with Mrs. Dean Allard with ten members & three visitors present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. L. McMurtry December 29th at 8:30.

Mrs. Printz Brown and Don left Thursday to spend the Holidays in Temple with relatives.

Census reports shows that 2947 bales of cotton were ginned in Briscoe County, Texas from the crop of 1944 to Dec. 1- 1944 as compared with 4511 bales for the crop of 1943.

Brown: "So you're setting your college graduate son up in the baking business?"
Blue: "Yes, he's so keen for dough and such a swell loafer it looks as if he would rise."

HARK, THE ANGEL VOICES!
May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning... a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.
HUGHES RADIO & ELECTRIC CO.
Geo. Seaney, Mgr.
L. L. Hughes
Best Christmas Wishes 1944

Hearty and cheery
And happy and true,
An ever so fervent
Merry Christmas to you!
Lubbock General Hospital Clinic
General Surgery: J. T. Krueger, M. D., F. A. C. S., J. H. Stiles, M. D., F. A. C. S. (Ortho)
H. E. Mast, M. D. (Urology)
Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat: J. T. Hutchinson, M. D., Ben B. Hutchinson, M. D., E. M. Blake, M. D. (Allergy)
Infants and Children: M. C. Overton, M. D., Arthur Jenkins, M. D.
Obstetrics: O. R. Hand, M. D.
Internal Medicine: W. H. Gordon, M. D., R. H. McCarty, M. D. (Cardiology)
General Medicine: J. P. Lattimore, M. D., G. S. Smith, M. D., J. D. Donaldson, M. D.
X-Ray and Laboratory: A. G. Barsh, M. D.
Resident Physician: Wayne Reeser, M. D.
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School of Nursing fully recognized for credit by Texas University
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For a real old fashioned, "reach it yourself" dinner come to the Silverton Hotel. All you want to eat and drink for 50c. Can you beat that?
You can save another 50c by buying a \$5.00 meal ticket.

SILVERTON Cafe
We Have Good Sandwiches!
No paper thin fillings in our sandwiches. They are tasty, satisfying, and with a glass of milk almost make you a full meal. Try a sandwich.
SIZZLING STEAKS DELICIOUS PIES
APPETIZING LUNCHES

Merry Christmas 1944
AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.
We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.
Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.
BOMAR'S ONE-STOP
Ray C. Bomar

Merry Christmas
To All Our Friends in BRISCOE COUNTY
Visit Us When in Tulia
With Best Wishes for Victory and Peace in 1945
PAUL WEBB
At Robb Oil and Gas Company, Tulia

NOTICE
Palace Theatre Patrons
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAM
Friday, December 22 (one night only)
Roy Rogers in —
"HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER"
Saturday, December 23,
Matinee and Night
"THE HAIRY APE"
starring
William Bendix and Susan Hayward
Sunday, December 24,
Matinee and Night
"AMERICAN ROMANCE"
starring,
Bryan Donlevy and Ann Richards
Monday, December 25 (Xmas Day)
Matinee and Night
"ARE THESE OUR PARENTS"
starring
Helen Vinson and Lyle Talbot



I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be a good little girl this year. I want a doll, a wash board and tub, a telephone and some candy and nuts if you can find nay. Don't forget Sidney Mills and Glenda McWilliams.

Your friend,
Gayle Holt

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two and a half years old. I think I have been a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a set of dishes, table and chairs, a stick horse and some fruit, nuts and vandy. Don't forget Mommie and Daddy.

Glenda Rae McWilliams

Dear Santa,
I have been good and David has too. I wish you would bring me a football, a gun, and some house shoes. David needs a gun and a little football. He has some house shoes. Please put some candy and fruit in our stockings.

John and David Schott

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a choo-choo train. Some apples, candy and nuts.

Well, I guess that will do for both of us.
We love you, Glenda Jo and Stewart Earl Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an army tank and boxing gloves. Bring my little brother boxing gloves and a cowboy suit. Don't forget to bring us plenty of fruit and nuts. Don't forget our Daddy overseas and all of the other soldiers.

Donald and Floyd Perkins

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a doll with out hair, a set of dishes, knives, forks and spoons. Also some apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

La Juan Henderson

Dear Santa,
Bring me a doll house like Mary Faith's and I will wait that other Christmas for my pony. Joe wants a train and an airplane and some candy. I want some candy too. Joe said he wants a doll house.

Susan Anderson

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I

want a big doll, a telephone, and some boks.

Please don't forget my brother Carson and my little cousins Calvin and Roy Dee. Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Ina Lou Grabbe

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I would like a doll, ap air of house shoes, a teddy bear and some fruit candy and nuts.

Zobie Sue Self

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Although I have been bad a few times but Mother and Daddy have punished me for that so I hope you will bring me some toys. I would like a set of tinkertoys, a tractor, and some candy and nuts. I am 4 years old.

Lots of love,
Carson Grabbe

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll, dishes ad candy adn fruit.

Shirley Fitzgerald

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a football helmet and a pair of tennis shoes.

Pat Northcutt

P. S. If it gets too, cold I'll turn the furnace on.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a box of tinkert toys, a fountain pen a bingo game a puzzle, an eversharp pencil and BB shots.

Billy Jones

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll, some candy, bicycle, some oranges and apples. If you don't have apples, bring oranges.

Love, Glenda Jo

Dear Santa,
I am in the sixth grade. I have been a good girl. I help Mother at home. I work hard at school to make my grades. I like my teacher I want you to bring me a pair of skate, a new dress, a dresser set and some candy and nuts.

Gertrude Langston

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old. I am in the sixth grade. I study hard every day. I have tried to be good.

Please sepd me a basket ball, a bow and arrow set, a scout knife

and some candy and fruit.

Roy Hyatt

Dear Santa,
I am in the fifth grade. I study hard at school and always help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a ball, a B-B gun, a type writer and a pair of roller skates. I would also like some candy and nuts.

Ray Hyatt

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade. I study hard at school. Always help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a doll, a purse, and a pair of gloves. I would also like a ring, a toy watch and a bracelet.

Betty Loo Anderson

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade. I study hard at school, and always help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want boxing gloves, a baseball a football and some candy and nuts.

Joe Edd Burnett

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade. I study hard at school and always help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a ring, a watch, a pair of roller skates, a pair of boots, and candy and nuts.

I have a little sister who will be two years old soon. She wants a dog and a doll.

Billie Ann Burnett

I am in the second grade. I study hard at school and always help at home. I have tried to be good.

Please bring me a doll, some doll dresses and a nurse kit.

Patricia Culwell

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I study hard at school and always at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a bow and arrow, a ball a bat, a football and some candy and nuts.

Edwin Bice

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I study hard at school and help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a farm yard, a gun, a holster set and some candy.

Robert Langston

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I study hard and always help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a farm yard, a gun, a ball and a gun. I would also like a blackboard on which to work my problems and a pair of gloves to wear to school.

Walter Lee Anderson

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I study hard at school and help at home. I have tried to be good.

I want a farm yard, a ball, a bat and a gun. I would also like a blackboard on which to work my problems and a pair of gloves to wear to school.

James Anderson



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open shay!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

SILVERTON NATIONAL FARM
LOAN ASSOCIATION
Bertha Pavlicek, Sec. Treas.



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmas-time its transcendent glory.

We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.

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and Christmas Day

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson



GREETINGS



MAY the blessings of
God be with you,
our friends, and with all
of us... in our souls and
upon our hearths. We can
offer no more gracious
greeting this Yuletide.

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have been loyal to
us, and we are loyal
to you.

To you, our friends,
who have so helped
us to make 1944
successful, we send
the friendliest of
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

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CLAUS IS
TO TOWN!



We've got it on good
authority that this town is among the
first along Santa Claus' route, and
that he's scheduled to make a long
stop here!
We hope that "Santa Claus will be
good to you," and that this holiday
time will be one of exceptional joy
and happiness to you and your family.

TEXACO STATION
George Dave



LOADS OF HAPPINESS
TO YOU!

Christmas of 1944 is going to be a
BIG Christmas. See if we aren't
right.

May YOUR Christmas be boun-
teous and full of good cheer, and
may our greeting and best wishes
add just a little to your pleasure
this Yuletide.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO R. L. STRICKEL

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District court of Briscoe County, Texas, to begin and hold on the first day in January 1945 in the city of Silverton, Texas, then and there to answer Plaintiffs amended petition filed in said court on the 15th Day of November 1944, and to answer the amended answers of the interpleaded Defendants the State of Texas and the Quitaque Independent School district also filed in said court on the 15th Day of November 1944, the style of said suit being The City of Quitaque vs R. L. Strickel and Numbered on the docket of said court 1155 and the said State of Texas and the Quit-

aque Independent School District being interpleaded Defendants; the nature of said suit being suit for taxes; the said City of Quitaque claiming the sum of \$92.01 including penalty and interest; The State of Texas claiming the sum of \$132.29 including penalty interest and cost, and the Quitaque Independent School District claiming the sum of \$61.99 including penalty and interest Said Plaintiff and said interpleaded Defendants are seeking to foreclose their tax lien on All of Lots Nos 14 & 15 in Block No. 34 in the town of Quitaque, Texas to collect the above taxes.

You will take due notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file or that may be hereafter filed in said

cause, by any or all parties to this suit.

The Officer executing this process shall cause this notice to be published in some newspaper published in Briscoe County, Texas, for two consecutive weeks, and shall make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given on this 13th Day of December 1944.
J. E. ARNOLD
Clerk District Court,
Briscoe County, Texas
First Published December 14, 1944. 2-tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO
Mrs. L. B. Furman (widow) and all heirs and assigns of L. B. Furman deceased, and all of the Executors and administrators of said L. B. Furman.

You and each of you are commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Briscoe County, Texas to be held in the City of Silverton, Texas on the first Day of January 1945, then and there to defend, if you wish, a certain suit wherein the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and Mrs. L. B. Furman, and the heirs and assigns, executors and administrators of L. B. Furman, deceased are defendants, said cause being Numbered 1248 on the docket of said court.

The City of Quitaque, and The Quitaque Independent District are Interpleaded defendants in said cause; the nature of said suit being a suit to collect taxes, interest and penalty and to foreclose a tax lien on the following described property, to wit: All of the North 90 ft. of Lots Eight and Nine and the North 90 ft. of the East 40 ft. of Lot No. 10 all in Block No. 7 of the W. T. McBride Add. to the town of Quitaque, Briscoe County Texas;

The State of Texas claiming the sum of Fifty Two & 18-100 Dollars for taxes, penalty and interest.

The City of Quitaque claims \$56.28 for taxes, penalty and interest.

The Quitaque Independent School District claims the sum of \$37.82 for taxes, penalty and interest.

You and each of you shall take due notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file or that may be hereafter filed in said cause, by any or all parties to this suit.

The Officer executing this process shall cause this notice to be published in some Newspaper published in Briscoe County, Texas for two consecutive weeks, and also shall make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office this 13th Day of December 1944; at my office in Silverton, Texas.
J. E. ARNOLD
Clerk District Court
Briscoe County, Texas
(First Published December 14, 1944. 35-2tc

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys and have tried to be good.
We would like for you to bring us a color book and crayloas and a table and chairs to color on, a wheel barrow, a wagon, a see-saw, a doll that says "Mama and Papa" and a chew train like Daddy left on.

Our Daddy is in the Navy overseas, so don't forget him. Remember all the other little boys and girls whose Daddy's are away too.

We are moving to Amarillo but we will put a Christmas tree in our window so you cannot miss us.

Billy and Jerry Stodghill

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at school I want a doll, a set of dishes and nurse set. Don't forget Theron he wants a truck and a train.
Fay Culwell

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. Will you please bring me a foot ball and knife and I love to have a cowboy suit if you have enough, if not just anything. Also candy, fruit and nuts.

Ronald Lee Welch

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an airplane, and a gun and lots of fruit and candy.

Guinn Fitzgerald



★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

City Grocery & Market

Spence — Zelda — Milton



I want so badly for Christmas. What I want and need most is some coat hangers. I am not particular about the kind you bring—just so they are coat hangers that I can use in my little tailor shop. I used to have a lot of fun playing like I was a tailor and running my little cleaner and presser. I used to play like everyone was in a big hurry and so I'd

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THE STAR IN THE EAST

Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.



Christmas Cheer to All!

★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

CARL CROW



EVER THAT SAME STAR

★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Merry Christmas!

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☆ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

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BARGAIN OFFER ENDS DECEMBER 30

The Annual Bargain offer for the Briscoe County News ends Saturday December 30, and until that time you may subscribe to the home town paper for \$1.50. The first of the year, the rate goes back to the regular price of \$2.00. There are a few subscribers who haven't renewed their paper, and who should pay the News Office a visit. If you are taking a daily paper we will be glad to take care of it for you, and will save you a little money on a combination deal. We want to thank the following folks who have paid their subscriptions the past few weeks:

- B. D. Fanning
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- H. Roy Brown
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- Matt Skeen
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- George Weast
- Chester Burnett
- Gerald Smith
- Edd Thomas
- Bryant Eddleman

VIGO PARK

Mr. W. O. Peevehouse and Marjorie left last week for Deming N. M.

The Community offers sympathy to Miss Lois Brown in the loss of her Grandfather White.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jones attended Grandfather White's funeral in Plainview last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kemper were guests in the Woodrow Bice home Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. George Null of Lakeview.

Howard Simpson and Wayne Preston returned Monday from Dallas where they had been to take their physical examinations for the Merchant Marines. Neither of them passed.

Guests of Grandmother Malone and the Earl Malones were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mayfield last week end.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Ted Preston of Houston are the parents of a baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone were in Amarillo Monday on business.

Lelt Castleberry is the proud grandmother of David Albert Jr. who arrived Dec. 13, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Pack Orr were in Amarillo Monday.

Pvt. and Mrs. Hoyle McMurtry are the proud parents of a son, born December 13, 1944. They have named him Allan Edward Hoyle is stationed at Lawrey Field Denver Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane Walter returned Missionaries from China spoke at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Walter were prisoners of the Japanese for six months on their own property and then were exchanged on the Grispholm. They were very interesting speakers and Silverton was most fortunate in having them speak here.

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

City Tailors



IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

When beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

DOC'S DRUG
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wulfman



Here we come to thank you for your business the past year and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you will overlook the mistakes we have made the past year and we promise to put out every effort to give better service the coming year.

Thanking you for past business and we hope that our future business will be more pleasant and enjoyable.

VARDELL LAUNDRY

The Laundry will be closed from the 23rd until the 26th.

Merry Christmas To You



WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

FARMER'S 66 STATION
Conrad - Alvin - Buck - Bernice - Cliff

News from Boys in Service

CPL. WILLIE PRICE write to the McJimseys, from the South Pacific where he has spent thirty months. "Dear Stella and family, This leaves me fine and I hope it reaches you all the same.

I guess you are quite surprised to get a letter from me after so long a time, but I really haven't forgotten you yet.

Well, what's new around Silverton anyway? I guess it is getting pretty cold out there in the wide open spaces isn't it? It has been some time now since I saw any cold weather. I guess I would about freeze up if I were there now. I would be willing to try it. You know thirty months, I have been over in this part of the world and not much hopes of going home yet.

Say, I wish Willie would go in the news office and have them to change the address on my paper. I have been getting the paper but it goes to the wrong place and it takes a long time for it to get here. Well I guess I will stop. News is kinda scarce around here. Tell everyone hello and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bill"



GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

Bain Drug

JOHN

ETHEL



... Our Wish for All of You:

May another year see it come to reality the world over, and your loved ones return to celebrate Christmas in their own homes.

Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company

HOW CHRISTMAS CAROLS

BEGAN

The night before Christmas in 1818, "Silent Night"—most beloved of Christmas carols—has not yet been composed. But on Christmas Day it was sung for the first time by children in an Austrian village to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That Christmas Eve the village priest, young Josef Mohr, sat reading the story of the Nativity when a peasant woman knocked at the door. A child has been born in one of the humble homes in his parish in the Alps. He went to bless it and returned so filled with the meaning of the Christmas story that he sat down to write what he felt. The lines kept turning into verse: "SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! ALL is calm, all is bright..."

A second knock at the door brought his friend, the organist and school master Franz Gruber, with word that the church organ had broken down. If there was to be music tomorrow it must be a very simple hymn since there was little time to rehearse the children. Gruber there and then and there composed the music for "Silent Night," later erroneously attributed to Haydn. Next morning, with only a guitar to guide them, the village children sang the song that was to become the carol of the world.

Nearly 20 years later four brothers and sisters were asked to sing it at the court of the King and queen of Saxony. The journey of "Silent Night" had begun. It was introduced to America by bands of Trojan singers and bell ringers who toured the German-American communities that sprang up from Boston to Milwaukee.

And yet "Silent Night" and most of the other Christmas songs America knows are not really carols at all. They are Christmas hymns set to solemn music by such famous composers as Bach, Handel and Mendelssohn.

Strictly speaking, carols are to be sung merrily and the term originally meant a dance. Perhaps the only real Christmas carol to many Americans is "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly." Other real carols that appear as favorites are "Boar's Head Carols," and "Cherry Carols," the "Hunting Carol," and "Good King Wenceslas."

America seems to be the one country in the world where the terms "carol" and "hymn" become interchangeable at Christmas time. But all the songs Americans have claimed as their favorites carols have one thing in common—extreme simplicity of the music. There is almost no choir or group anywhere that can make "Silent Night" or "Little Town of Bethlehem" sound bad.

The origins of all these songs are obscure and varied. As in the case of "The First Noel," or "Nowell," books engage in a genealogical battle as to whether its genesis is English or French. Thus the two different spellings. It was first printed in England, but perhaps even there few people realize that the complete text of all its stanzas tells the entire Nativity story as told to the shepherds by an angel.

Another founded on Biblical

text is "Joy To The World." Based on the 97th psalm, it was written by an Englishman named Isaac Watts in 1719. Its tune is from Handel's "Messiah."

Charles Wesley, brother of the great John Wesley, wrote "Hark The Herald Angels Sing." The melody comes from the second chorus of a Mendelssohn cantata that was originally composed to celebrate the birthday of a painting.

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FOR SALE — Electric range. Excellent condition. Bargain. Roy W. Hahn

And Martin Luther wrote that children's favorite "Away in a Manager" for his own children who formed a domestic choir. The origin of the music is in doubt.

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" has no clear history but its Latin origin is attested to by the fact that all present day Latin countries have their own versions. It is believed it was once sung to a fast tempo and danced around the "creche" or crib that was always set up to commemorate the Nativity. The carol's certain history began in 1751 when it was sung at Stonyhurst College. It was sometimes referred to as the Portuguese hymn because it was a favorite at the Portuguese chapel in London as well as at other Roman chapels.

Only one of the favorites is of strict American origin: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Written by John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal clergyman in 1857, its dramatic stanzas imply that it may originally have been meant for a home-made drama in the village church.

Some of the most interesting histories belong to the songs that are properly carols. "Good King Wenceslas" was originally a springtime song of happiness. In Bohemia, where Wenceslas ruled in the tenth century, street singers used

to make their appearances in warm weather and sing these words about the king's extreme generosity as a hint to passersby to loosen up their pockets. Being associated with generosity, it naturally became a song of Christmas and gifts.

Gift and cards have today become more the symbols of Christmas greetings and communications than carols. But in former times the Christmas carols, which were sung by practically everybody instead of special groups, were the medium of exchanging Christmas greetings.

Mrs. Walter Allard Jr., is here for Christmas with home folks. Buster has been at sea since August on submarine patrol. Mrs. Allard works at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland, California.

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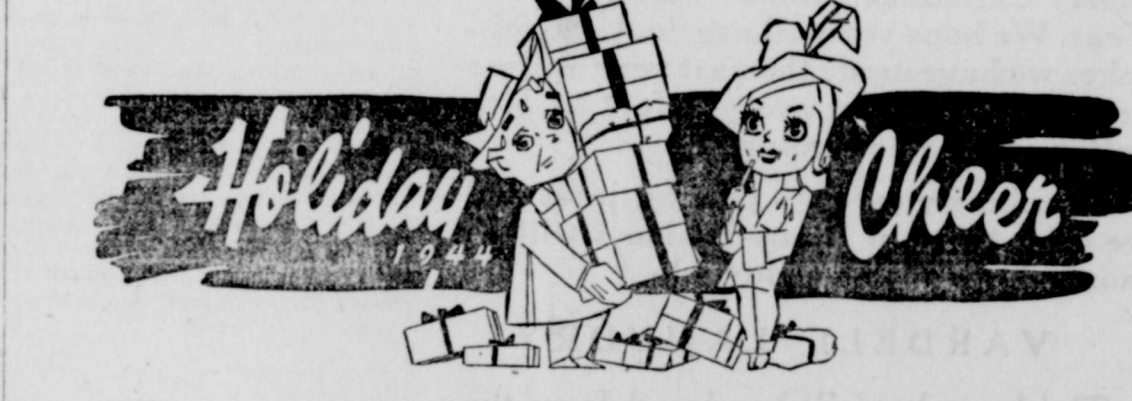
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At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities. May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

ROY TEETER
representing
Franklin Life Ins. Co.



THE confusion, the bustle and indecision of the holidays is now over. The last gift has finally been selected, the last package wrapped, tagged and duly ribboned. Now let's settle down to the real enjoyment of Christmas.



We want you to get just what you want and to be just as happy as you can be. We want you to be happier this Christmas of 1944 than you have ever been before. As for us, we are more grateful for you this Christmas than ever before, for it marks a peak in our pleasant relations. We could not allow this important occasion to slip by without wishing you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

B. and G. Grocery-Mkt.

Jim Bomar Luther Gilkeyson



WHAT stancher friends than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand. In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

WHITESIDE & CO.



THE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more. Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!

GOOD WILL
Brown Beauty Salon
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★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

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"...and on earth peace, good will towards men."

And to each of you who read this message that enraptured happiness which comes only at CHRISTMASTIME

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