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Jap Forces Strike Near Manila

Desert Armies Win Key Points In North Africa

Russians Drive Nazis Back From Leningrad And Retake 94 Cities

By The Associated Press

High British quarters declared Wednesday Adolf Hitler, with his battered armies retreating in Russia and North Africa, was instigating a new "war of nerves" by floating rumors of an imminent German invasion of Spain or Turkey.

On the fighting fronts:

North Africa — Britain's desert armies, "rapidly" completing their occupation of Cirenaica (Eastern Libya), were officially reported to have captured two key Axis points as the pursuit of broken German and Italian forces continued.

British Middle East headquarters said Imperial troops had seized the important Axis air base at Bengasi, 12 miles east of Benghazi, and the stronghold of Barce, 52 miles north-east of Bengasi.

British armored vanguards appear to have cut off retreating Germans south of Bengasi from Italian forces remaining in that port, the communique said.

Premier Mussolini's high command gave a gloomy picture of the desert struggle, reporting strong British motorized forces were constantly attacking Italian troops between Barce and Bengasi "with the intention of hindering" their movements.

A London military spokesman said the Italians bottled up in the Bengasi sector could have little hope of escape.

Russian front—Soviet dispatches reported that the Red Army, grinding out the miles in the sustained offensive, had recaptured 94 populated places on the southern Moscow front, and the Germans had been driven back at least 50 miles in the Leningrad sector.

The Russians said tattered, winter-pinned remnants of Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian's once proud German tank army were now retreating toward Orel, 100 miles southwest of Tula.

States Invasion Of Spain Rumor Is German Ruse

LONDON—(AP)—A foreign office commentator labeled rumors of an impending German invasion of Spain a Nazi ruse Wednesday and said there was nothing to confirm either such a move or a report that Marshal Petain had resigned as French chief of state.

His statement came amid speculation over Germany's next undertaking, spurred by Hitler's assumption of command of the Nazi armies and a Reuters report Petain had yielded his leadership to Admiral Jean Darlan, vice premier, under intensified German pressure, presumably to get a French North African base or for other collaboration concessions.

The commentator said it seemed evident the Germans themselves were spreading rumors of a Nazi campaign in the Iberian Peninsula "probably with a view to producing another of those German nerve wars with which we have become so familiar."

He declared "there is no confirmation whatever of these reports" and said any similar crop of rumors about an immediate Nazi thrust against Turkey should be treated with similar reserve.

R-T Employees Get Holiday Christmas

In order that all its employees may spend Christmas Day with their families, The Reporter-Telegram will not publish Thursday.

FDR And Churchill Eye Possible Coup Of French Fleet And Bases

WASHINGTON—(AP)—With a wary eye open for a sudden Nazi coup that would put French bases and the French fleet under the swastika, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill devoted their Christmas Eve Wednesday to further work on the long-range strategic blueprint for Axis downfall.

Naval matters have been figuring prominently in the Anglo-American consultations, and any change in the status of the French fleet would present a grave complication for the Allied plans for the future war at sea.

Both the United States and Great Britain have shown great concern over the ultimate disposition of the French fleet ever since France fell, and it has been made plain to the Vichy government the surrender of the Navy to German use would be considered a hostile act.

Prime Minister Churchill indicated Tuesday he looked for a new German offensive in some theater to counter-balance the humiliating reverses in Russia. He mentioned a thrust toward the Mediterranean and an invasion of Britain next year as among the possibilities, but said frankly that he did not know where it would come.

As officials waited for the new pattern of events to crystallize in Europe, the capital's holiday spirits were dampened by the tenor of news from the Far East.

Churchill, who sat beside President Roosevelt for the regular White House press conference Tuesday, made known that, regardless of the present situation in the Far East the Allies already were thinking in terms of a general Pacific offensive.

We are going to do our utmost to defend Singapore and its approaches, he said, until the situation becomes so favorable that the general offensive can be resumed.

Pope Tells World Armaments Must Have Limitation

VATICAN CITY—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas Eve message to the world, laid down a five-point plan for future world peace, predicated upon "an adequate and progressive" limitation of armaments.

The Pontiff, broadcasting over the Vatican radio, said in the world of the future there must be no place for:

- 1—Any kind of aggression.
- 2—Oppression of minorities.
- 3—Designing nations seeking a monopoly on economic wealth.
- 4—Total war or armaments races.
- 5—Persecution directed against religious sects or churches because faith "is one of the rights of mankind."

"There must be a progressive limitation of armaments," he said. "True respect for treaties must be observed."

The principles of freedom and equality of rights for all people must underlie that new day.

"Great responsibilities for the future of mankind rest on statesmen of the world," he said. "We need men of courage, vision and conscience to reconstruct the world."

U. S. Readies Vast Oil Industry For War Demands After Big Year; Thompson Asks Greater Production

By Edward Curtis
TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—The oil industry is ending a record breaking year and plunging forward into what is expected to be another.

After the first World War, the late Lord Curzon declared: "The Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil."

The United States, biggest crude oil producer in the world, again is readying its industry to meet war demands. Petroleum Coordinator Teles has set up a system of production rates for each oil producing state to meet "the mounting war demands for petroleum with better balanced production."

Col. E. O. Thompson, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, in

Second Barnhart Area Producer Sets Record, Makes 520 In 7 Hours

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor

Flowing 520.06 barrels of 45.1-gravity sweet oil on seven-hour Railroad Commission gauge, Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1-RB University, became the second and larger of two Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, producers in the Barnhart pool of extreme Southeastern Reagan County, which it extends three-quarters of a mile south and one-quarter of a mile west.

Accompanying oil flow was gas-oil ratio of 2.187-1. No. 1-RB University topped the Ellenburger at 9,000 feet, halted drilling at 9,230 feet, and cemented 5 1/2-inch casing 10 feet off bottom. Plug inside casing was drilled out to 9,173 feet. Casing was gun-perforated with a total of 104 shots from 9,106-32 feet and pay dolomite was acidized with 5,000 gallons in one phase. The potential test was through 1/2-inch choke on 2-inch tubing.

Farther southeast, the same firm's No. 1-RD University is drilling shale and lime at 4,760 feet.

Gulf-Wentz No. 2 L. H. Miller et al, Ellenburger pool opener south of Girvin in Northeastern Pecos County, flowed 176.56 barrels of new oil and 20 barrels of load oil the past 24 hours and continued testing. Gas volume was 595,000 cubic feet. The well is bottomed at 4,383 feet, in Ellenburger formation topped at 4,157 feet.

Shell No. 1 Sealy-Smith, scheduled 11,000-foot Ordovician test in Northeastern Ward County, had reached 7,954 feet.

Cedar Lake Oiler
Stanolind No. 3 A. L. Green, in the Cedar Lake pool of Northeastern Gaines County, has been completed on swab for daily potential yield of 626.40 barrels of oil, bottomed at 4,790 feet. It was shot with 770 quarts.

Texas Pacific No. 1 Miller-Looney, Southwestern Borden County wildcat, topped Yates sand at 1,910 feet and is drilling past 2,051 in anhydrite and red rock. The Yates top is said to have occurred at a normal datum.

In Southern Andrews County, Fuhrman No. 1 Thornberry is drilling below 4,180 feet in lime.

Union No. 1 Driver, East Central Winkler County wildcat, has passed 4,161 feet in lime.

A deep test in Northeastern Hockley County, Anderson-Prichard and American Drilling No. 1 Ellwood, is drilling at 5,962 feet in Clear Fork, lower Permian, lime.

John R. Barron Dies In Lubbock

Relatives here have received word of the death of John R. Barron, 24, former Midland resident, at Lubbock Tuesday noon.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Lubbock. Barron, uncle of County Judge E. H. Barron, T. Paul Barron, and R. M. Barron of Midland was one of the early settlers here. He engaged in ranching and building work at Midland, later moving to New Mexico and then to Lubbock where he had been making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Edna Webber. He left here about 1918.

Survivors include Mrs. Webber, another daughter, Mrs. Harry O'Hara of Lubbock, a son, Floyd C. Barron of Mineral Wells, and the three nephews at Midland.

Patrolman Ragsdale Assigned To Midland

Highway Patrolman G. A. Ragsdale will be stationed in Midland Jan. 1. A patrolman to work with Ragsdale will be named.

J. D. White, who has been stationed at Odessa with Ragsdale, will remain there.

L. P. McCasland, former police chief of Midland, who re-joined the highway patrol, will be stationed at Big Spring.



Asks Protection In Midland And Sector

Pledging its undivided support, Woods W. Lynch Post, American Legion Tuesday night passed resolutions asking home defense authorities to take all measures for protection of life and property in the city and vicinity.

Twenty members signed up for a first aid class to be taught by D. H. Casper, meeting three nights a week, beginning next Tuesday. Wednesday and Friday nights also will be class nights.

Midland Girl Studies Airplane Construction

Probably Midland's first girl to enter defense mechanical work is Miss Walter May Cowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cowden.

Miss Cowden, who has been working in Wichita Falls, is now a student in the Wichita Engineering Company aviation mechanic school, where she is learning to construct planes.

She is enrolled in a sheet metals course.

War Bulletins

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department announced Wednesday the appearance of many troop ships off Batangas on the southern tip of Luzon Island about 65 miles from Manila, indicated the probability of another thrust in that region.

LONDON—(AP)—A swift British sweep across the desert for an attack on Italian bases around Tripoli to smash the entryways for Axis reinforcements to North Africa was predicted widely Wednesday night.

BATAVIA—(AP)—Netherlands Indies army bombers attacked a concentration of Japanese ships off Kuching, capital of Sarawak, Wednesday and left one transport in sinking condition, it was announced officially.

LONDON—(AP)—Forced back to Hongkong's mountainous strongholds, British defenders of the besieged colony off the China coast were reported Wednesday night to have won local successes in counter thrusts against the Japanese on the southern part of the island.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy Department made public Wednesday that radio communication with tiny Wake Island had been severed, that "the capture of the island is probable," but added the Marine Corps defenders accounted for two enemy destroyers in the final Japanese landing operations.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, new commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet, declaring the road to victory will be long and hard, emphasized in a statement Wednesday that "we must have more planes and ships—at once."

U. S. Army May Make Philippine Capital Open City

Outnumbered Defenders Fiercely Resist Enemy In Two Strategic Areas

By The Associated Press

With powerful new Japanese invasion forces landed only 75 miles south of Manila, U. S. Army headquarters Wednesday considered the possibility of declaring the Philippine capital an open city to spare it from air and ground assaults.

Similar action was taken during the present war with respect to Paris, Brussels, Athens, Rome and other capitals.

A bulletin from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said greatly outnumbered American and Filipino troops were offering fierce resistance in the two key sectors north and south of Manila where the Japanese are attempting to execute a pincer "squeeze" against the capital.

The grave new threat against Manila from the south materialized during the night when Japanese troops from 40 transports—perhaps 40,000 to 50,000 strong—slipped ashore at Atimonan, on the East Coast of Luzon Island.

The estimate of Japanese strength here was based on Washington figures several days ago listing about 80,000 to 100,000 Japanese on 80 transports in another sector.

While Manila underwent a series of daylight air-raid alarms, a big fleet of American tanks sped through the capital's downtown streets en route to an undisclosed fighting front.

Townfolk ran from buildings and air-raid shelters, clapping and cheering them on.

"Forty (Japanese) transports are off the coast at Atimonan," U. S. Army headquarters reported. "Fighting is very heavy. U. S. Army troops are behaving very well but are greatly outnumbered."

"There is very heavy fighting in the north. Our troops there are behaving admirably against great odds."

Ominously, the communique added that "the enemy continues to land reinforcements."

Latest dispatches from Manila said the Japanese push from Legaspi, 250 miles southeast of the capital, had been halted by blowing up bridges across deep ravines, and that other Japanese forces had made no new advance from Aparri, 250 miles north of Manila.

Before landing at Atimonan, the Japanese were reported to have been beaten off in an attempt to gain a beachhead on the southwest coast, near Batangas.

Marines Recapture Area
In the north, in the Lingayen Gulf sector, the Japanese were said to be attacking savagely against American-held lines north of Damaritan, 120 miles above Manila, and an Army communique reported they were reported to have been beaten off in an attempt to gain a beachhead on the southwest coast, near Batangas.

WARD COUNTY RECEIVES DRAFT CALL FOR 26 MEN
MONAHANS—(AP)—A call for 26 Ward County men to fill the county's Selective Service quota on Jan. 10 has been received by the draft board. A call for 40 men for Jan. 10 was changed to Jan. 2, Earl Earp, secretary said.

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Wars Pass, But Christmas Is Eternal

Wars with which stubborn man has flooded his world will pass. But Christmas remains eternal. What is eternal does not die, not now, not in the future.

Even the birth of the child Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem was not achieved without the human suffering and travail which seems to attend the bringing forth of all good. The world is in travail today, and the hope is not dead that out of this period of war and pain and hatred may be born a time of peace and quietude and love.

It cannot be a merry Christmas in the old sense. To be merry, the dictionary avers, is to be full of mirth and good humor, gay, sportive, jovial, pleasant. This is scarcely America's mood today, nor should it be. The gay light-heartedness with which we have been accustomed to greet the Christmas season is scarcely fitted to a country defending itself against a sudden and unjustifiable attack, fighting for its life, its institutions, its future. But that light-hearted Christmas revelry is not, after all, the essential thing about Christmas.

Since that night in Bethlehem many wars have mangled and crucified humanity. Yet is Christmas forgotten? A thousand times ill-will has obtained the temporary mastery over that ancient promise of good-will toward men, yet in the hearts of millions of men the flame of good-will burns uninterrupted. It is as inextinguishable as man himself, as eternal as God. It will come again to the surface to light the world once more, just as when the glory of the Lord shone down on the shivering shepherds in old Judea.

True merriment we can not have in these out-of-joint times, for that implies an innocence and freedom from care that no one would even wish to achieve while our best youth is facing death for our sakes from Iceland to the Philippines. But even as we gird ourselves for the grim struggle, we can, each one of us within himself, keep alive the certain knowledge that in the end peace and good-will can be made the victor.

An era of peace and good-will could be made to follow an allied victory. Failing that, the world must slump back into an era of hatred and despondency.

We shall fight all the better for the Christmas vision of the multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

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Sloan Personnel To Observe Full Holiday Program

Observance of Christmas at Sloan Field, U. S. Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School, means a full day of religious and social participation by officers and men of the new bombardier center.

Activities begin with a joint Protestant and Catholic Christmas church service at 9 a. m. Thursday in the chapel. The Rev. Father J. A. Hamel, Oblate Seminary, San Antonio, will conduct mass. The Rev. Hubert Epper, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, will give a sermon, "Christmas Challenge of 1941". Mrs. James Brooks will arrange a choir for the service. Following church services the men will receive gifts before enjoying a Christmas dinner at the post. Wives, families and friends will be guests of non-commissioned officers at the dinner. The Midland Chamber of Commerce and recreation department will be hosts to Sloan Field personnel at an open house 3 to 5 p. m. Thursday at Hotel Scharbauer. Coffee, cake, cookies and candy will be served. Musical entertainment also is planned.

Corps Commander Praises Soldiers

By The Associated Press

Soldiers training in Texas have shown the right spirit and have in the last year rapidly approached the high standard expected of them by their commanding officers.

Major General George V. Strong, commander of the VIII Army Corps issued holiday greetings to his officers and men, saying:

"x x x Wish to express my appreciation of the splendid effort and wholehearted enthusiasm which has been displayed by you during the past year in our effort to create a trained military force.

"During the coming year you will be called upon to face increasingly difficult duties. I am confident the same high morale, the same devotion to duty, the same enthusiasm which marked your forceful, aggressive, intelligent performance of duty in the past year will produce results which will continue the VIII Army Corps in its enviable position as one of the outstanding organizations of the Army."

Cranium Crackers

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Big men and little men made news in 1941, getting their names in the diplomatic and defense headlines. How many of these names that made news can you name?

1. Britain and Russia both sent new ambassadors to the U. S. Can you find them here: Steinhardt, Litvinoff, Atlee, Beaverbrook, Molotov, Halifax, Voroshilov, Gorki, Harriman.
2. President Roosevelt named an ambassador to Britain, a personal envoy to London and a personal envoy to the Middle East front. Who are they?
3. One of these men was named U. S. Oil co-ordinator, one attorney general, one Defense Mediation Board head. Pick each out: Dykstra, Daniels, Murphy, Biddle, Jones, Ickes, Wallace, Walker.
4. Two men became known as the "arsenal twins" because of the important role they play in National Defense. Who are they?

Answers on Classified Page

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I am a boy nine years old. I want a tent, a cub suit, and an electric drawing needle and some games.
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Merry Christmas

And may the joys and happiness of this Holiday Season remain with you, not only at Christmas-time, but each day of the coming year.



Yellow Cab Co.

Midland Sends Christmas Gift To Uncle Sam

Midland citizens Wednesday sent a Christmas gift to Uncle Sam—\$83.04, contributed voluntarily—and a letter pledging their all-out support in the war.

A letter accompanying the fund, read: "Dear Uncle Sam: "Merry Christmas to Our Beloved Uncle Sam from the Citizens of Midland, Texas.

"And as an all-out Christmas gift to help the United States government finance its war program, citizens of Midland send you herewith money order in the amount of \$83.04, which amount was contributed by Midlanders in a "Dollar For Uncle Sam" program.

"The money is an outright gift and shows the willingness of Midland citizens to help in the war. In addition to this contribution, citizens of Midland have purchased thousands of dollars worth of defense bonds and stamps, have contributed approximately \$2,500 to Red Cross war relief, and have financed a Goodfellows program in which baskets of groceries will be furnished needy families of the community on Christmas Day.

"Citizens of this progressive community pledge their united and unlimited support and cooperation, financial and otherwise, during the coming year and during all years until the Axis powers, with God's help, have been completely subdued and until democracy again rules supreme the world over.

"With all best regards of the Christmas season, I remain,

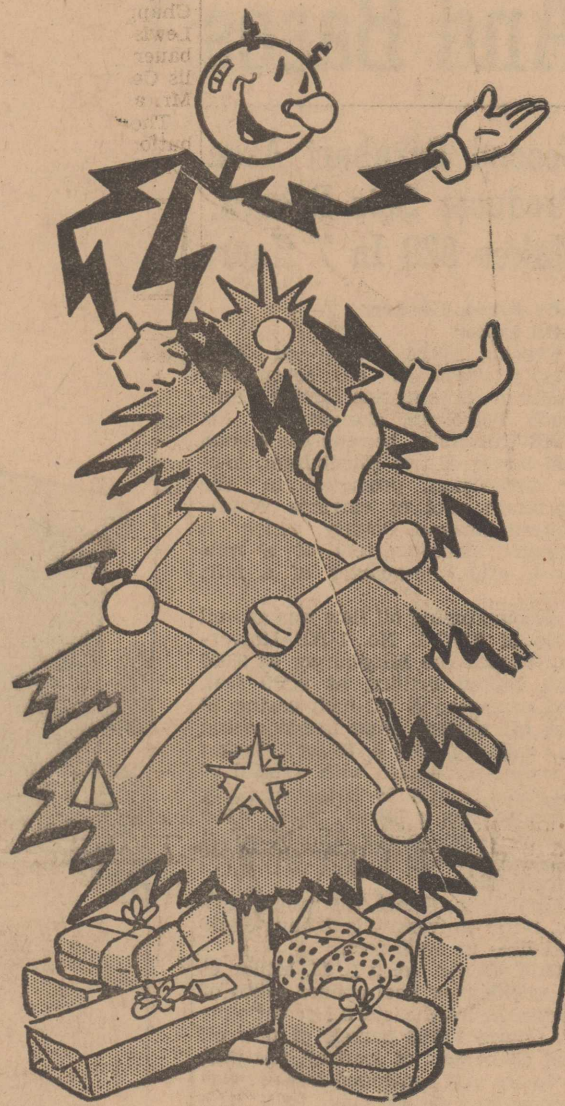
"Sincerely yours,
Allen Tolbert, Postmaster,
For The Citizens of Midland, Texas."

GRADE CROSSING CRASH KILLS THREE PERSONS

EDINBURG—(AP)—Three men were killed and two others injured in the grade crossing crash of a Missouri Pacific fruit train and an automobile early Wednesday at Edinburg.

The dead: W. D. Archer of Weslaco, T. J. Schrum of Elsa and Adan Cantu of Elsa.

Planners in Home Recording—Western Auto Associate Store, across from Western Union, Midland. (Adv.)



LIGHT PUTS THE SPARKLE IN CHRISTMAS!

Ever stop to think what Christmas would be like without the joyous color and sparkle of Christmas lights? Imagine a Christmas tree without lights! Imagine a Christmas party in the dark!

Down through the ages LIGHT has come to be a symbol of all the finer things that Christmas stands for. In our everyday life it has been accepted more and more as a great aid to easier, better, safer living.

And now that things are not as usual—now that we are facing the gravest crisis in the history of our great nation—it is more appropriate than ever that we are maintaining the tradition of Christmas by broadcasting greetings with light to everyone—friend and stranger alike. The spirit of Christmas must not—cannot—die.

Our office will be closed Christmas day, but many of our employees will be on the job as usual to provide the comforts of electricity on your holiday and to maintain dependable electric power for defense industries.

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Your Friends and Neighbors in the Texas Electric Service Company Wish you a Merry Christmas

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Carol Singers Asked To Meet At Courthouse

Carol singers are requested to meet on the lawn on the south side of the courthouse, Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock to go caroling.

A leader will be present to coordinate the groups and a large attendance is desired. Everyone interested is invited to attend. Transportation will be furnished.

Those who do not wish to sing but can furnish cars for singers are assured that their services will be appreciated.

Corrigans Will Honor Their Son

Honoring their son, Hugh Corrigan, who is home from Kemper Military School at Boonville, Missouri, for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corrigan will hold open house for the high school and college crowd at their home, 1801 W. Missouri, Wednesday evening from 7:30 o'clock.

Holly and other Christmas decorations will be used throughout the reception suite.

The buffet table will be laid with a lace cloth over red, with a centerpiece of red and green holly and red candles furthering the Christmas color scheme. The holiday col-

First National Pays Dividend And Bonus

The First National Bank Wednesday declared a 7 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend, and also paid to employees a 10 per cent bonus on their annual salaries.

ors will be repeated in napkins and in refreshments.

Assisting Mrs. Corrigan in the houseparty will be: Mrs. J. R. Martin, Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, Mrs. L. A. Absher, Mrs. Ellis Cowden, Mrs. Joe Crump, Mrs. E. A. Culbertson, Mrs. R. L. York, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. I. E. Daniel and Mrs. Fred Turner.

SOCIETY

Miss Cowden Is Hostess To Open House For Group

Christmas Decor Is Employed In Reception Rooms

Miss Walter Fay Cowden, home from Wichita Falls for the holidays, held open house for old friends of her circle, Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cowden, 111 North F Street.

The affair was informal, with guests arriving at 7:30 o'clock and remaining through the evening.

Reception rooms were decorated in Christmas theme.

Two large red candles burned on the refreshment table which was strewn with gray-colored autumn leaves. Napkins were in defense colors of red, white, and blue.

Mrs. Frank Miller presented piano selections during the evening.

The invitation list included: Miss Marian Wadley, Messrs. and Mmes. Hugh West, Don Oliver, J. C. Ratliff, W. M. Blevins, Frank Miller, Chas. Edwards Jr., Louis Thomas, E. I. Bailey, Wright Cowden, Ben Black, R. D. Scruggs, Willis Kelsling of Royalty, H. L. Straughan, Jr., Barron Kidd, Thomas Lee Speed, Ed Watts, and John W. Starr.

PEP Club Sponsors Benefit

Proceeds Of Dance Will Go To Fund Of Red Cross

Members of the P. E. P. Club proved their patriotism by discarding plans for an elaborate Christmas ball this year and staging a Red Cross benefit dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Tuesday evening.

Approximately sixty couples danced to recorded music.

The affair was formal and parents of the club members and other friends who assisted or served as chaperones included: Mr. and Mrs. Chappell Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, Mrs. Dick Cowden, Mrs. Ellis Cowden, Mrs. Hayden Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bedford.

The club received several contributions in addition to the guest fees for the dance.

LaForce Sisters Are Hostesses At Christmas Dance

Orchestra Plays For Informal Affair For About 100 Guests

Nancy and Suzanne La Force were hostesses for a Christmas dance Monday night at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. La Force, 602 S. Main. The affair was informal.

Mistletoe and balloons decorated the rooms.

A colored orchestra played for dancing.

A refreshment course in red and white was served at 11 o'clock.

Approximately 100 members of the high school and college crowd attended.

Jim C. Hazlewood Entertains With Christmas Dance

Christmas colors were carried out in plates, napkins, and cups at the refreshment hour.

Guests were: Ann Ulmer, Ann Mason, Jean Russell, Gloria Fredregill, Jane Butler, Phoebe Lewis, Camilla Jane Crawford, Cecilia Long, Helen Shelton, Tony Howard, Bert Conly, Bob Conkling, Bobby Fitzgerald, Douglas McClish, and Guy Tom Cowden.

Tinfoil Collector Gives 307 Pounds

SUPERIOR, Wyo.—(UP)—Years ago Edward Hanking decided he'd collect tinfoil.

When he turned his collection over to the Rock Springs, Wyo., fire department recently he had 307 pounds of the shiny wrapping, which were sent to a children's hospital in Salt Lake City.

PLAN NOW FOR NEW YEARS!

See Texas Tech play Tulsa University in the Sun Bowl at El Paso. Write Sun Carnival Headquarters, Hotel Paso Del Norte, El Paso for ticket reservations.

Heres Hoping You Always Have a

Merry Christmas



At this season of Peace and Good Will, we cannot fail to try to express at least in some measure our appreciation to those whom we have served during the past year. We sincerely hope you will enjoy the very best Christmas ever.

So here's wishing you all the joys of Christmas and a New Year of true happiness. May the coming year reward you with the fullest amount of

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

So Many

things in this fast moving age make it difficult to keep pace with an ever-changing world... but with the sincere expression of good will enduring through all ages, we repeat.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Scharbauer Coffee Shop

George Phillips

Carl Covington

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland

It's Christmas again. And despite the roll of war drums growing louder daily, we say with confidence that for the majority of Americans it will be a "Merry Christmas". A bit more subdued, perhaps, than usual, with a bit more serious thinking along with it. But all the finer for that.

And thinking of those for whom we wish an especially happy Christmas, we think of the child (a boy, we'd guess) who wrote to Santa Claus and though neglecting to sign his name (after all, good old Santa will know), did not forget to thank him for the gifts left last Christmas; and the man who earns his living doing yard work, who wished all his patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year through the medium of a paid advertisement.

Such as these renew one's faith in humanity and in Christmas itself.

Loveliest custom introduced in Midland in a long time is that of carol singing which is planned for Christmas Eve. Beginning in a small way a year or two ago, the carol singing idea has grown until various groups this year are to be coordinated into a whole to go about the town and sing the beautiful old carols which express so unforgettably the spirit of Christmas. Hats off to the carol singers and more power to them! We hope this year will be only the beginning of a custom that will become an integral part of Christmas in Midland, just like the wreath of colored lights on the courthouse and the custom of seeing that ALL families in need receive a Christmas basket.

So—to all those who have made life easier by assisting us in our work (whether by telephone or face-to-face conversation), to all who have made it brighter by smiling at us on the street or greeting us cheerily—in fact to all the home town people, newcomers or oldtimers, who make Midland the very special place it is—we give the old, old wish, worn bright, like good metal, by use through the centuries—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The greatest value on the American market—Home recorder, record player, radio and public address amplifier, all in one portable set, only \$75.00. Western Auto Store. (Adv.)

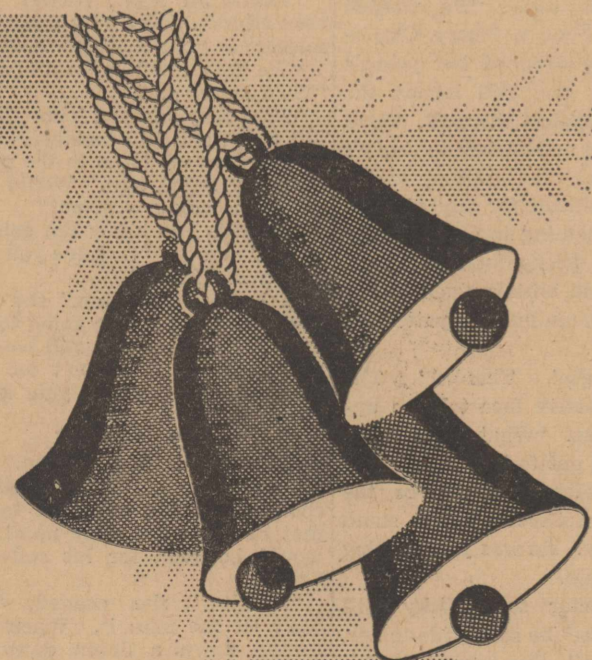
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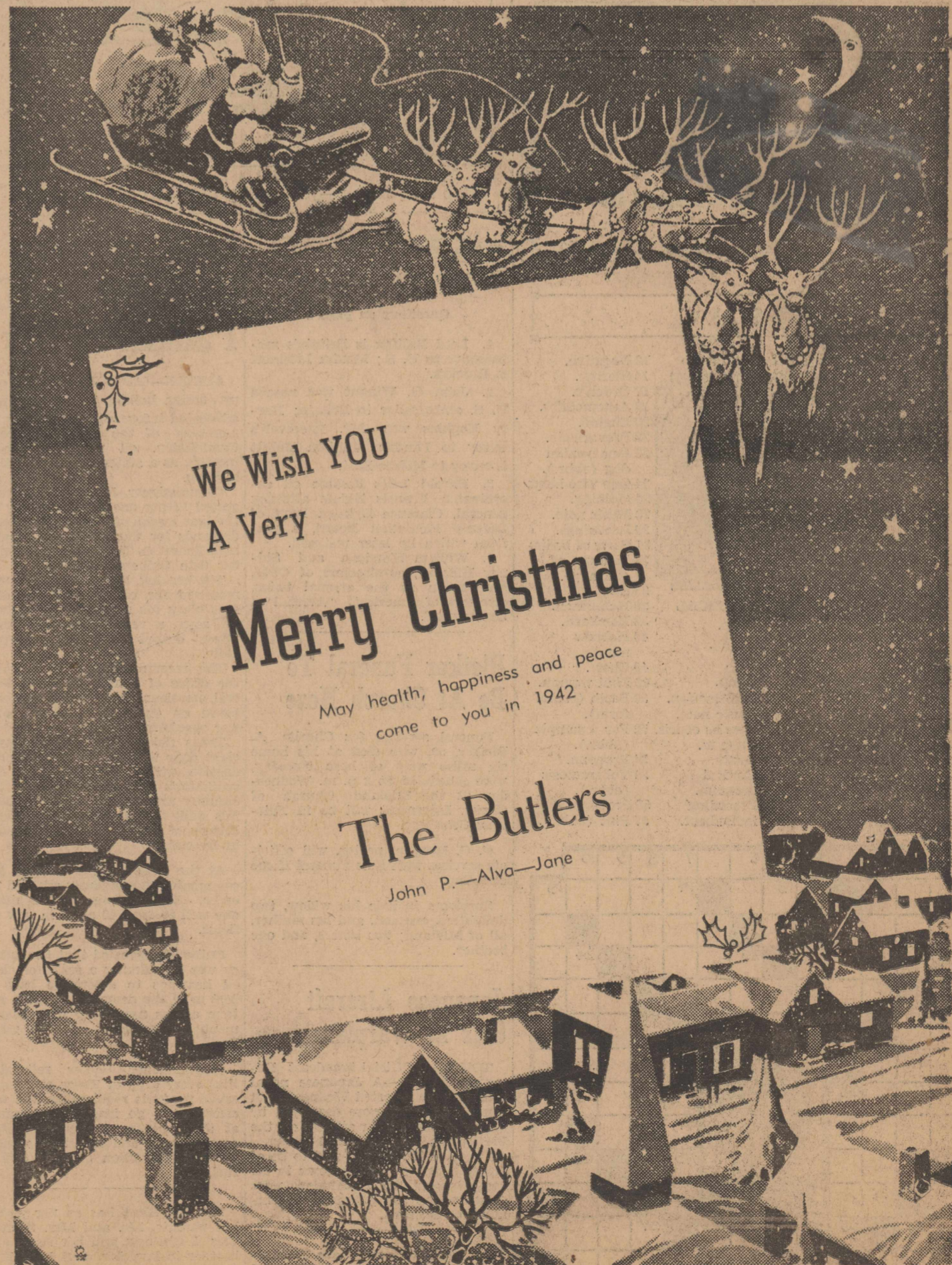
May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it every success as a reward for your effort.

We are looking forward to serving you during the coming year and trust that our service will prove satisfactory to you in every way.

Merry Christmas... Happy New Year

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Card of Thanks 2

I take this method of thanking one and all for the work they have given me this year. Wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. W. W. Merritt, the yard man. (246-1)

Personal 3

LISTEN in on Radio Station KRLH from 1 to 1:15 P. M. each Saturday—your best cattle market is on the air. LUBBOCK AUCTION & COMMISSION CO. (221-tf)

Lost and Found 7

LOST: Skirt or rear tire cover off of Lincoln Zepher. Reward. Phone 1280 or 882. (248-tf)

Help Wanted 9

EXPERIENCED maid, permanent position. Health card required. 7.00 week. Call 811-W. (246-3)

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MIDDLE aged couple wants farm or ranch work. 706 N. Big Spring. Mrs. C. W. Dodson. (248-3)

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ANNOUNCING the new location of my boarding house; the best of home cooked food served. Lunch hours 11:30 to 1 o'clock. Evening meals 5:30 to 7 o'clock. Your patronage appreciated. 121 N. Big Spring. Mrs. C. W. Dodson. (244-6)

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GARAGE bedroom, private entrance and private bath. 1306 W. Texas. (243-tf)

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GARAGE room, nicely furnished. Garage reasonable. For two men. Phone 471. (248-tf)

NEW refrigerators at bargain, only a few left. New table model radios, only a few left. MOTOR FINANCE CO. 112 N. Main. (247-6)

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Mattress Renovating 47

ALL kinds of mattress work. 906 South Baird. State permit No. 948. Lee Thomas, phone 1646 or 2082-W. (12-21)

REAL ESTATE

Farms for Sale 63

TWO 160 acre farms, close in; good land. Buy 160 acres, rent 160 acres joining. Phone 20. Roy Stockard. (247-6)

TWO 320 acre farms. All in cultivation. Close to town, good land. Phone 20. Roy Stockard. (247-6)

Household Goods 22

GAS heaters, single bed, and springs. Chicken Tavern, 2107 W. Wall. (246-6)

Miscellaneous 23

FOR SALE, Remington Rand Adding Machine, also four drawer metal filing cabinet, both good condition. Phone 857-W. (246-3)

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SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary Carol and five other employees, shall judge whether or not his playboy son Andy is running the business according to his father's policy of "service to the people," put Carol, who has loved Andy since girlhood, in a difficult spot. Although the will has not been found, Carol knows its terms, and her heart sinks when Andy, currently involved with sleek Linda Julian, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him so kind to newsboy Nicky, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him so kind to newsboy Nicky, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him so kind to newsboy Nicky, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money.

He stood aside and they all stared at the darkened room lighted by the huge Christmas tree already decorated and sitting beside Nicky's bed. Carol's surprised eyes moved to the figure bent to the floor near the tree. The figure straightened. It was Andy Dearborn. He was putting together the pieces of track for an electric train. Andy said, "Hello, Carol. Hello, Mary. Merry Christmas." He nodded coolly to Bill.

He was blaming Bill, Carol thought miserably, and Bill's too proud to tell him the truth even if Andy would believe it. "We brought a tree, too," she managed to say. "We wanted Nicky to have a Merry Christmas." She dropped her parcels on a chair and Bill leaned the small tree against the wall. Their gifts looked trivial beside Andy's lavish ones. It was difficult for any of them to find something to say. Finally Carol gave Nicky their packages, but her good wishes stuck in her throat. She smiled and patted his hand. "Jiminy-gee! Thanks!" The boy's expressive face told an appealing story. "What a Christmas this turned out to be!"

NICKY'S MERRY CHRISTMAS
 CHAPTER IX

IT wasn't a very Merry Christmas for Carol as she and Mary climbed into Bill's ancient car and headed for the hospital. Bill, in his Santa Claus suit, seemed less downhearted than last night. He'd get another job, he assured them, and show Mr. Herrick that somebody else would trust him. Mary, too, was lifting herself above her troubles. She had the promise of a job on January 1 and was happy about it. And Nicky was going to be all right. The hospital had given her a favorable report just before they started.

It should have cheered Carol. But it didn't. Nothing could. Not as long as Dearborn's was being ruined by Mr. Herrick's mismanagement and Andy was sitting calmly by, unaware of the tragedy of it. No, the sight of lighted trees and burning candles choked her. Wreaths of mistletoe left her unmoved. It was Christmas everywhere—except in Carol's heart. She forced a smile to her lips when they entered the big, brick building of the hospital. She must be gay for Nicky's sake. Quietly, Bill pushed open Nicky's door and peered in. "We're too late," he whispered.

She saw his jaw tighten. He could be stubborn when he chose. She felt obligated to see that he went Saturday night. It would be good for his self-confidence. "Besides," she coaxed, "you can't let me miss it. When I've turned down a dozen dates for you." She smiled to lighten the exaggeration of the boast. Bill smiled, too. "You know I can't, Carol. Yes, I'll go and we'll take Mary. She's a nice kid." He slanted a suspicious look at Carol. "You're not trying to promote anything, are you?" She flushed. "You know how I feel, Bill."

"Yes. I know." He looked away. "You're not in love with me. You're in love with somebody else. Somebody whose name is a secret. And there's nothing I can do about it!" "Looks, Bill," she urged. "Why don't you get a new girl? You deserve someone else."

"Give you up to a fellow I never seen?" he retorted. "No, Carol. Not me. I'm going to see what he looks like first."

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NO. 798
 IN THE MATTER OF
 M. R. HILL DECEASED
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
 MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
 THE ESTATE OF M. R. HILL, DECEASED.
 Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of M. R. Hill, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 3rd day of November, 1941 by the County Court of Midland County, Texas.
 All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Midland, Midland County, Texas.
 Mrs. Winifred Holloway Hill
 Independent Executrix of the estate of M. R. Hill, Deceased.
 Dec. 11-17-24-31

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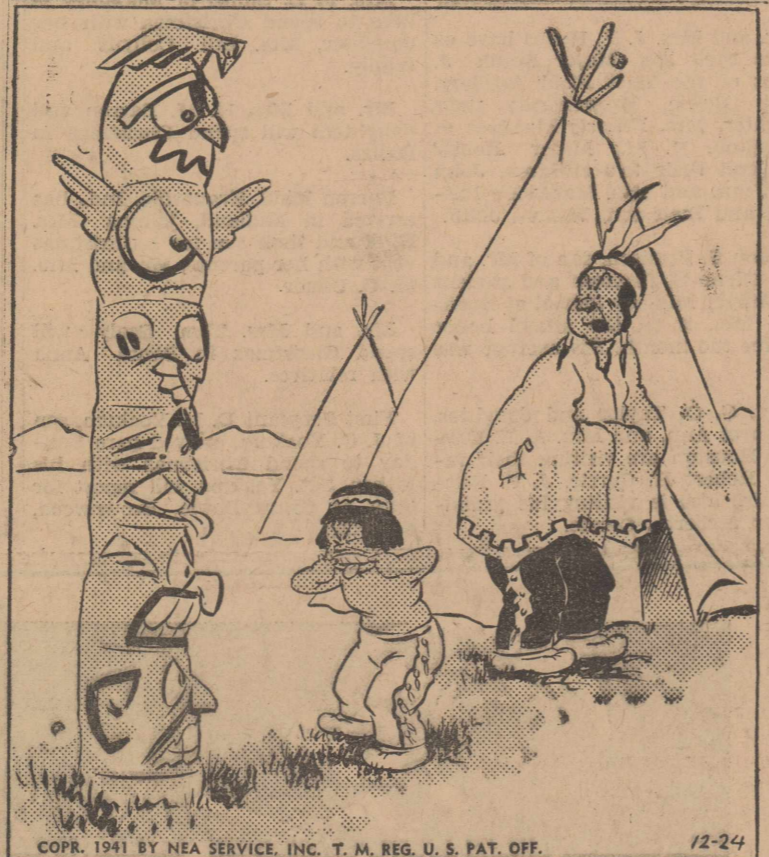
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 4 Whip.
 5 Exclamation.
 6 Music note.
 7 Species of iris.
 8 Close to.
 9 Ovum.
 10 Biblical pronoun.
 11 Preceding incumbent.
 13 Negative.
 15 Stormy.
 17 Orderly.
 18 Automobiles.
 20 Engine.
 22 Prevaricate.
 23 Pomeranian dog (abbr.).
 24 One who helps.
 26 Molding.
 28 Music note.
 29 Learnings.
 31 Parts of bodies exchange.
 35 Step.
 36 Helmsman.
 38 Bombard.
 43 Hebrew month.
 44 Chew.
 46 First woman.
 50 Earth (comb. form).
 52 For example (abbr.).
 54 Pronoun.
 55 Tuberculosis (abbr.).
 56 Pronoun.
 57 Pint (abbr.).

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Hold Everything!



"Stop that, Junior—you can't get the best of a totem pole!"

Answers To Cranium Crackers

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- Lord Halifax is Britain's ambassador to U. S.; Maxim Litvinoff is Russia's.
- John G. Winant was named U. S. ambassador to Britain; Harry Hopkins was Mr. Roosevelt's envoy to London, William Bullitt is envoy to Middle East.
- Harold Ickes became oil coordinator, Francis Biddle attorney general, Clarence Dykstra head of Defense Mediation Board, a post from which he later resigned.
- William Knudson and Sidney Hillman, co-directors of OPM, are known as the arsenal twins; directors of America's "Arsenal of Democracy."

Bleiker Funeral To Be At Church Here

Funeral services for Charlie A. Bleiker, 50, who died at his home six miles west of here Tuesday, were scheduled at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Midland Church of Christ. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

C. C. Morgan, pastor, will officiate services with Ellis Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his widow, two daughters, one son, and his mother, all of Midland; two sisters, and one brother.

Japanese Aircraft Gets 21 Warplanes

TOKYO—Official broadcast recorded by AP—A Japanese naval communique reported Wednesday 21 American planes were destroyed by Japanese aircraft in attacks on the Philippines Sunday and Monday.

Three of the planes, said to be of "large type," were shot down in air combats and the remainder were destroyed on the ground, the communique declared.

Mrs. Ed Kent has as her guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ciesiel, Chicago, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rohleder of Chicago. They will be here until Saturday.

State Oil Group Urges Removal Of 1 Shutdown Day

AUSTIN—(AP)—Removal of one production holiday in January was advocated informally Wednesday by members of the Texas Railroad Commission, oil regulatory body, meeting at a statewide oil proration hearing.

Commissioner Jerry Sadler suggested lifting one shutdown day as the best means of meeting increased demands for war needs and Chairman Ernest O. Thompson and Member Olin Hubbard agreed.

The hearing, begun last week, was reopened for oil operators to discuss plans for a production pattern to meet a recommendation that Texas' output be 1,575,500 barrels daily.

Texas fields were ordered closed eight days this month to keep production within demand. The coordinator's recommendation for January production was 93,800 barrels daily larger than the Federal Bureau of Mines estimated demand in December.

At the outset of the hearing the commission unanimously adopted an order, effective January 1, limiting one well to each 40 acres in new oil fields.

Culbertson revealed that the agency was considering a series of closed hearings to determine how to best meet the demands for high octane crudes needed by the government in processing aviation gasoline.

Commissioner Sadler reiterated that every drop of Texas crude and crude products required for the war effort must go into war channels at the expense of domestic needs, especially oil and materials needed for the production of high octane fuel.

Dr. Eva Schulz will leave Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth and Wichita Falls to spend Christmas.

For a HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We can think of no more fitting expression to say what we want to say, than—

MERRY CHRISTMAS
It's a time worn phrase, it's true, but somehow, to our way of thinking, these two words stand for the true spirit of the occasion.



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HOUSING & LUMBER CO.

Mrs. Dozier And Keith Win First In Bowling Meet

C. C. Keith won the men's singles and Mrs. Vera Dozier scored high in the women's singles in the annual Goodfellow tournament of the Midland Bowling Association which closed Tuesday night.

Keith scored 712, and Mrs. Dozier 703. She teamed with her husband E. B. Dozier, for high in mixed doubles with a tally of 1358.

Harry Hoekendorf and Red Meyers bowled 1254 for first in the men's doubles.

Other high scores of the divisions: Mens Singles: Son Edwards 656; Lewis Barnett 650; Meyers 630; M. Fulton 629; Dozier 622; and P. D. Grommon 619; men's doubles—Grommon and Edwards 1220; Grant and Chambers 1207.

Mixed doubles: Lela Bird and Jim Payne 1247; Mrs. Dozier and M. Fulton 1170; women doubles—Mrs. Lela Bird 672.

The tourney added approximately \$25 to the Goodfellow's fund.

Party Uses Bloodhounds To Pursue Five Convicts

HOUSTON—(AP)—A searching party used bloodhounds Wednesday in the pursuit of five convicts who escaped Tuesday from Retrieve prison farm.

The prisoners climbed out the back window of a barn in which they were shucking corn.

Warfare--

(Continued from page 1)

1. Hard-fighting British Marines were reported officially to have recaptured a position in the central part of Hongkong Island which had been over-run by the Japanese Monday night.

"Some ground in the Repulse Bay area has been given up," a British communique on the Hongkong fighting acknowledged.

Wake Island Occupied
Dispatches from Singapore said the Japanese appeared to be feeling the effects of Chinese attacks from the rear, on the fringe on the Kowloon mainland opposite Hongkong Island.

2. A Tokyo broadcast asserted Japanese forces had now entirely occupied tiny Wake Island, about midway between Hawaii and the Philippines, where a garrison of U. S. Marines held out for two weeks under tempestuous aerial and naval bombardment.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters acknowledged two Japanese destroyers were lost in landing operations against the island.

3. On the Malayan front, British Far East headquarters reported "some skirmishing" but no other developments as British troops held a line against Japanese invaders some 300 miles north of Singapore.

4. American and British air fighters were officially credited with shooting down at least nine Japanese bombers and one fighting plane in an attack on Rangoon, the capital of Burma.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Renfroe and family went to Amarillo to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gibbs have arrived from St. Louis to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Scruggs. They will return to Fort Worth to live. They formerly lived here.

Miss Helen Hodges, San Antonio, is expected to spend Christmas here as guest of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Straughan, Jr., and Mr. Straughan.

Eddie Garland will spend Christmas in East Texas.

Tanner Laine, sports writer on The Reporter-Telegram, will spend Christmas with his parents in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Phillips have as guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Phillips, Baltimore, Md., who are making their first visit to Texas. Expected to arrive Wednesday are Mrs. Phillips' father, C. C. McCargo, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barnes and son, Bill, all of Grandfalls.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred McPherson and son David, will spend Christmas at Stanton with his mother, Mrs. Dona McPherson, and sister, Miss Lela McPherson.

City Engineer L. A. Rodenhiser is spending Christmas holidays in St. Louis.

Melba Clendenen, who was readmitted to Ryan Hospital, was expected to be sent to her home Wednesday.

Bill Carson, whose arm was amputated, expected to go home from Ryan Hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Jorgenson and son went home from Western Clinic Hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Munde, Sweetwater, injured in an automobile accident several days ago, were taken home from Western Clinic Hospital Wednesday.

Goodfellows Fund Goes Over Top

The Goodfellows fund went "over the top" Wednesday and needy families will receive Christmas baskets to make the holiday season a bit brighter for them.

Midland citizens, ever willing to take care of the community's needy, again contributed liberally to make possible the Christmas basket program sponsored by the Goodfellows Club. More than \$250 was contributed this week to bring the total amount to \$542.38. A Goodfellows bowling tournament netted almost \$20. Theatres, schools, churches and other organizations cooperated in the program. Thirty-five families were "adopted" by organizations and individuals.

Deliver Baskets
Delivery of the baskets will be completed Wednesday. The distribution is being handled by members of the Woods W. Lynch Post No. 19 of the American Legion, assisted by Midland Boy Scouts. The list of needy families was prepared by Miss Josephine Skeen, county welfare worker.

Cecil Waldrep, chairman of the Goodfellows Club, Wednesday issued a statement thanking all firms, organizations and individuals who assisted in the Christmas program. Waldrep termed the program one of the most successful ever conducted here and said citizens of Midland are to be commended upon their willingness to assist less fortunate citizens of the community at this season of the year.

Seven Hundred Boys And Girls At Party

Seven hundred boys and girls of Midland and vicinity were guests of the Lions Club, Rotary Club, American Legion and its auxiliary, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the theater management at an annual Christmas party at the Yucca Theater Wednesday morning.

Fruits were distributed to boys and girls after a picture of their favorite cartoons.

Writers Select Indians Biggest Flop During '41

NEW YORK—(AP)—The doubtful honor of being dubbed the No. 1 disappointment of the year goes to the Cleveland Indians without much of an argument.

By a margin of almost two to one, the Indians beat out Lou Nova of the cosmic punch in the opinion of 85 sports writers participating in the Associated Press' annual poll. Thirty-one of the experts said the Tribe's slide into a tie for fourth place, 26 games back of the champion Yankees of the American League, after finishing only a game out of the top spot in 1940, was proof that Roger Peckinpugh's boys deserve the distinction.

Lou Nova, who after a great buildup was knocked out in the sixth round by Champion Joe Louis last summer, received 16 votes. One writer split his ballot between Nova the yogi and the Indians.

Longhorns Mentioned

The remaining votes were scattered among 16 athletes and teams. Louis Norman Newsom, the big Detroit pitcher better known as Bo Bo, was the No. 1 failure in the opinion of eight writers. Newsom won only 12 and lost 20 games and his earned-run average slipped to 4.61 last season after he pitched the Tigers to the American League pennant in 1940 with a 21-5 record and an earned-run mark of 2.83.

Texas' football Longhorns, already mentioned as one of the biggest surprises of the year either in winning, tying or losing, also were considered the top disappointment by seven writers. They based their decision on the Longhorns' defeat by Texas Christian and tie by Baylor after being voted one of the nation's two top-ranking elevens.

Golfing Pros To Play On Tough Club Course

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The nation's touring professional golfers, campaigning in Texas at the moment, may as well know the truth before they hit the California tournament trail.

The Hillcrest Country Club course, scene of the \$10,000 Los Angeles Open, has been made longer—and tougher.

Tees in many instances have been changed, cups have been placed in the oddest corners of the greens and new traps lurk where none ever lurked before. The course will stretch out almost 7000 yards.

Complete stock RCA radios and Victorias—Ever-Ready Auto Service. (Adv.)

Racing Bets Would Build 55 Warships

NEW YORK—(AP)—The sum of \$517,382,107—enough to build a flotilla of five battleships and 50 destroyers—was bet on horse races during 1941 in the 16 states reporting to the Associated Press in its annual survey.

New York, with total bets of \$133,982,574, led the various states for the second straight year.

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From somewhere comes this Christmas sentiment to our mind, and which we think exceptionally appropriate because of its simplicity.



The charm of the Yuletide Season lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends.

A Merry Christmas to Each of You

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CHRISTMAS

IN THIS WORLD OF DARKNESS THERE SHINES EVEN NOW ONE STAR

That star is the symbol of Faith and Hope . . . and of Peace to Men of Goodwill.

We join a reverent America in the wish that this Star may not be dimmed, that its light shall bless and cheer . . . that there shall be no "blackout" of Faith.

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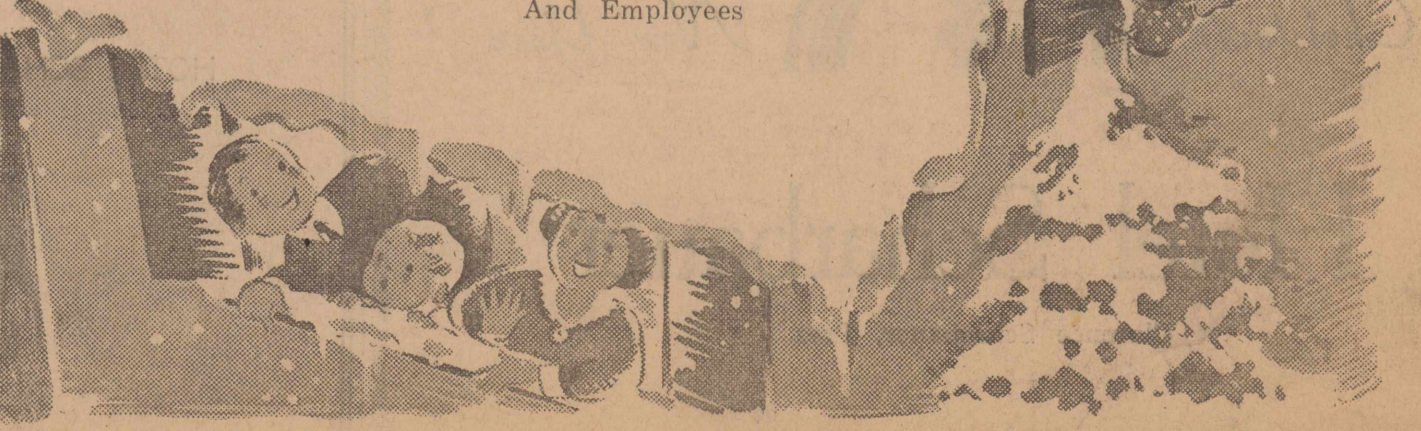
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merrily, merrily, merrily—our Christmas greetings come to you! Words of cheer for all ages, a message from the bottom of our heart—because we do wish you the best of everything at Christmas time and the whole year through!

George Friday
Boot Shop
And Employees



Mrs. A. T. Allison of Stephenville is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dee Hamm.

Exhausted Survivors Of Freighter Reach Hawaii In Lifeboat

HONOLULU — (AP) — Thirty gaunt and exhausted survivors of the freighter Lahaina, sunk by a Japanese submarine in the Pacific Dec. 11, reached a Hawaiian beach in a 20-foot lifeboat after nine and one-half days at sea, it became known Wednesday.

When they approached the shore at Spreckelsville, Maui Island, at dawn last Monday they were mistaken for an enemy landing party until they made their identity known.

Two of the crew died aboard the crowded lifeboat from exposure and exhaustion and two others leaped overboard. One seaman died a few hours after the boat made land.

The 5,546-ton Matson freighter was 800 miles out of Ahukini, Kauai Island, when she was shelled and left adrift and sinking.

Captain Hanso Matthiesen said the submarine, described as about 200 feet long, fired from 2,000 yards and then again from 300 yards. He estimated 12 of 25 shots fired struck the Lahaina.

Sailing by a makeshift sail and a compass salvaged from the ship, the seamen lived on potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons and a keg of drinking water taken off the freighter before she plunged to the bottom.

The First Christmas



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

—St. Luke 2:8—16.

Make a permanent record for posterity by recording historical events coming in on your radio. Home recorders \$3.95 up—Western Auto Store, Opposite Western Union. (Adv.)

MUSTANG BOYS' CLUB COLUMN

All roads Wednesday night lead to the Mustang Boys' Club and the annual Mustang Christmas supper. Skads of boys will tangle with skads of holiday eats. It will be a battle royal in which only the boy can win. When the bell rings, the contestants will need no second invitation.

A short but appropriate and snappy program will be given before the chow line is formed. Club rooms will be open from 7 to 11 p. m. but the main guns will commence firing about 8. Quite a few out-of-town Mustangs will be on hand. An honor roll also will be placed on the wall.

It is quite necessary only those with tickets attend. Please cooperate as this is the only way we could know how many supplies to provide.

NUFF SED

Coming Events

THURSDAY

Union Christmas service at the First Baptist Church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Hubert Hopper, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach.

Sub-Deb Club will have its annual Christmas dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Thursday night.

SATURDAY

Story Hour will be held in the children's library at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Minuet Club will have its December dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night.

Merry Christmas

There Are Still Two Words!

And the spirit of those words is stronger than tanks, machine guns and bombers.

On Farms and in Cities, in tenements and in pent-houses, on battlefields and in nurseries—wherever spoken and in whatever tongue, those timeless words will still bring a moment of cheer to all who hear them.

Yes, there are still two words and it is with earnestness and complete good will that we now use them to say to you

Merry Christmas!

As the New Year unfolds it's days, may each one of them have for you and yours a full measure of Health and Happiness, Peace and Prosperity.

Wadley's

MAY CHRISTMAS DAYS

Come bearing rich treasures of Health, Happiness and Prosperity for you and a New Year of real good fortune.

Season's Greetings to All.....

Dr. Henry Schlichting, Jr.

Modern Health Clinic



MAY ALL THE JOYS OF THIS CHEERY SEASON BE YOURS!

This Greeting is sent to you as an expression of appreciation for your friendly patronage and with the hope that you may enjoy a holiday season of joy and contentment, and a New Year of happiness.

Merry Christmas



A Happy New Year

Hotel Scharbauer

Clarence Scharbauer, Pres.

GREETINGS



We extend to you the Compliments of the Season with sincere wishes for a New Year full of Health, Happiness and Prosperity

HOTEL SCHARBAUER GARAGE



To Our

Members and Friends

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR



MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHRISTMAS 1776



picture. It is Emanuel Leutze's though it has been criticized on produce it here because it tells a of 1776, a story every American

in New York, Washington's ragged Day huddled over its fires on the aware, while the triumphant British ves comfortable in newly-won cities. er arms, clothing, or the most needed er, Washington decided that his only

hope lay in attack. Gathering all available boats, the Continental Army spent the night of Christmas Day perilously crossing the ice-dotted Delaware near Trenton, where Colonel Rall's Hessians were celebrating a triumphant and gay Christmas. The road to Trenton was slippery with freezing sleet, and there were red marks in the snow where the American soldiers marched with rag-wrapped feet. Not until 8 in the morning was it possible to reach Trenton, seemingly too late for a surprise. But the Americans stumbled forward to the attack. They captured a thousand men, with equipment which was desperately needed.

That was Christmas in the America of 1776.



Man Ends Bumping Days; Takes Residence At Jail

AKRON, O.—(UP)—"Wee Pittsburgh Willie," a sprightly, gray-haired man, has retired.

With a sigh and a shake of his head for the "good old days," Wee Willie, after 40 years of dodging police officers "on the bum," has taken up residence in city jail in a sort of voluntary retirement.

Willie is neither under arrest nor is he wanted by authorities, but instead of taking his release after doing time in the workhouse for intoxication, he moved back in under the astonished noses of the police.



CALIFORNIA QUEEN OF GRAPES

SAN FRANCISCO—(UP)—California is now producing 93 per cent of the grapes of the United States.

The Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce, says that the utility of weather forecasts for longer than five days is questionable.

Americans To Get Truth In War Bulletins

By Peter Edson
The Reporter-Telegram
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The process behind the writing of official U. S. war communiques is fairly simple. Daily code reports come into Washington Army and Navy headquarters from commanders in the Philippines, Hawaii, and so on. Some times two or three reports may be received during any given 24 hours. Whenever they think they have something important to tell, these official reports are boiled down by the public relations department of the services, checked with the intelligence sections of the general staff to make certain no military secrets are given away, and then put into the form of the terse bulletins given to the press.

President Roosevelt called the signals on the nature of these communiques in announcing the general policy of giving everything to the public, providing the "everything" conformed with two conditions—the news must be accurate and it must not give aid and comfort to the enemy. Naturally, a whole lot can be left unsaid under that latter condition, and under the first restriction, writers of the communiques are reluctant to put out anything they might have to take back later.

The actual writers of the communiques say they are working unofficially under one of these presidential passers for anonymity, but Gen. Alexander D. Surles, for the Army, and Rear Adm. Arthur J. Hephburn for the Navy put the final okay on their respective communiques before they're released. Sometimes, where a communique involves information relating to both services, they get together.

In general, this policy seems to indicate that our communiques will be straight stuff. They may not tell all there is to tell, but what they do tell won't be baloney mustarded with hokey.

ROAD MULES LOSE OUT

FORT WORTH—(UP)—Tarrant County commissioners the other day fired eight workers — all mules. Mechanization of county road equipment was given as the reason for the sale of the eight animals which had been used in road repair and construction work.

Italy mark the first time major powers have taken this action, although the United States has been in eight wars—nine if you count the Revolution, 10 if you count the War Between the States. Only previous formal declaration of war against the United States was Tripoli in 1800. The catch on that statement is other nations with which the United States has fought either did not take formal action in declaring war, or were content to declare that "a state of war existed," or some such diplomatic dodge.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MAY SONGS OF GOOD CHEER BE IN YOUR HEART THIS CHRISTMAS. OUR SINCEREST HOPE FOR A JOYOUS YULETIDE SEASON FOR YOU

Mims & Crane

Season's Greetings to Our Patrons

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy Yuletide holiday. May you enjoy the full beauty of this most joyous of seasons.

MIDLAND DRUG
Barney Greathouse

CHRISTMAS

TO GREET YOU...

Just to wish you happiness and all that brings you cheer on Christmas Day and every day of the coming year. May the blessings of a Merry Christmas follow you wherever you go throughout a Happy New Year.

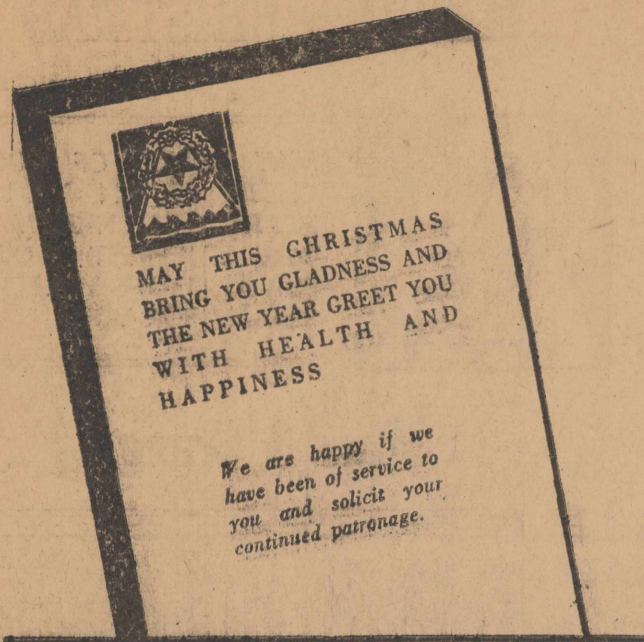
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Smith
And Employees



With
Sincere Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

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The
First National Bank
OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS



H & H FOOD STORE



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

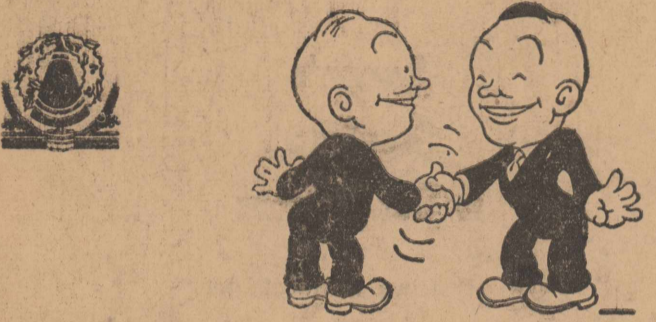
Now, at the time of the year when gladness and thanksgiving are first in the minds of all, we welcome the opportunity to express our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Petroleum Building
Ralph Geisler

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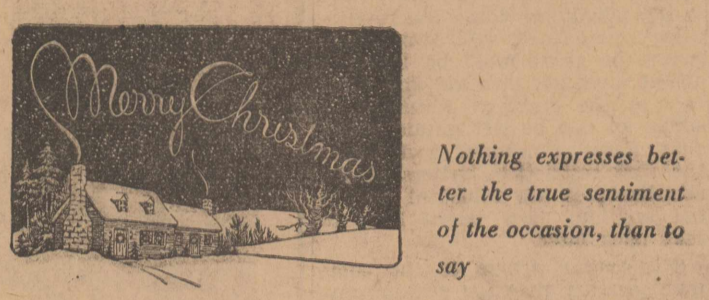
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PHILLIPS ELECT
H. N. (Phil) Phillips



TO WISH YOU
Just a wonderful Christmas and all Happiness in the New Year.
TO THANK YOU
For your splendid patronage during the year just ended.

Ray Leggett
Conoco Service



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Nothing expresses better the true sentiment of the occasion, than to say
To which we add our appreciation for your trust and confidence as manifest by the patronage that has been ours.

CITY DRUG
Lester Short



The friendships and patronage you have accorded us are worthy of our most hearty and

SINCERE
THANKS

pledge our best efforts to serve you during the years to come.

May your Christmas be Happy and your New Year Prosperous

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CLEANERS

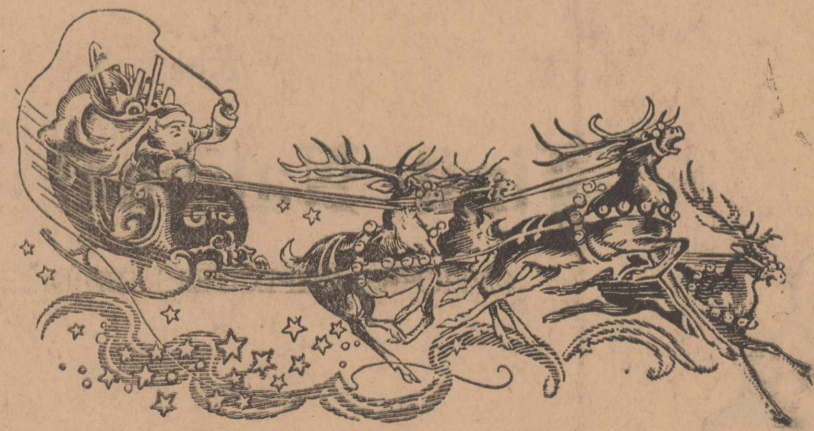
To Greet You

and to Wish You

JOY AND HAPPINESS
FOR CHRISTMAS

and During

THE NEW YEAR



Scharbauer Cattle
Company

Clarence Scharbauer, Pres.

A WARM AND FRIENDLY
Word of Christmas
TO OUR FRIENDS

Mindful of the cordiality with which we have been treated since we have been in your community, we wish to express our thoughts to you at this glad occasion. May this Christmas bring you many of life's finest gifts and may Health and Happiness be with you throughout the coming year.

Every one in our organization joins in this Christmas message to the loyal friends whose friendships we esteem so highly. Best wishes to all of you.

Midland Steam Laundry

Elmer E. Harrington

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority

The game of contract bridge will be a true Santa Claus to many children in 1942 and for years to come. At the recent national tournament, the tournament players of the nation adopted for their "Have-a-Heart Take-a-Hand" cause for next year, the treatment of cancer in children. Three years ago a children's cancer ward was established at Memorial Hospital in New York, and now the member of

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 ♥ 82
 ♦ 864
 ♣ AJ1073
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 ♣ Q52
 Duplicate—None vul.
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2N.T. Pass 3N.T. Double
 Opening—♦ 10. 24

the American Contract Bridge League will expand their cancer work throughout the country. With such a fine purpose as this, I think the bridge players will get a lot better breaks. Wouldn't you like to have had the good breaks that came on today's hand?

East had waited to see how high the opponents would get, as they were habitual overbidders. His double looked like the Rock of Gibraltar.

He was disappointed in the opening lead, but put up the ace of diamonds and at once switched to the jack of spades. Dummy won and led a heart for a winning finesse. South led the queen of clubs, which was allowed to win, but East took the second trick and led a diamond.

South had to jump right in with the king of diamonds and run his clubs. East saved three spades and a diamond, while South saved three hearts and the diamond jack. West could do no better than hold three hearts and the diamond queen.

Now a heart lead put South in, and the jack of diamonds forced West in. West had to return hearts into South's tenace. Thus

Mother, Daughter



8052



8038

Companion frocks for mother and daughter are a grand new idea—being accepted, too, in more and more families every day. Here is a chance to follow the latest trend in your own sewing. Make this soft, flower-pocket dress for yourself—and one each for your little girls! Yours may be a house dress in simple cottons with matching school frocks for the little ones—or use silk crepe for "dress-up" outfits for all!

Pattern No. 8052 is in sizes 6 to 12 years. Size 10 takes 2 7/8 yards 36-inch material, 4 3/4 yards braid. Pattern No. 8038 is in sizes 12 to 20, 40, 42 and 44. Size 14 takes 4 yards 36-inch material, 4 1/2 yards braid.

Two separate patterns 15c each. For this attractive pattern, send 15c in coin, your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Service, 211 W Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Send today for our Fashion Book, a catalogue of attractive styles in easy to follow patterns. Pattern 15c; Pattern Book 15c; One Pattern and Pattern Book, ordered together, 25c.

BARRED RECRUIT GROWS BELLIGERENT

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.—(UP)—It took two policemen to keep a 55-year-old recruit out of the Navy here. After officers told him he was too old to enlist, the man threatened to "wreck the joint."

declarer made four odd.

Notice what East could do to the hand by a simple continuation of diamonds at the second trick. If South hops up, he will lose at least three diamonds, the club king and spade ace. If he ducks, West wins, and he now can and should shift to spades, holding declarer to six tricks.

GOLFER IN ROUGH SWINGS AND TWO BALLS FLY OUT

CHARLOTTE, Mich.—(UP)—Fitch Beach, director of the local country club, was keeping his head down and taking the right amount of turf with each iron shot.

On one hole, however, his tee shot dropped at the edge of a small creek. Taking his stance at the water's edge, Beach swung vigorously and two balls sailed on a line for the green.

One was his own and the second was one that had been buried in the turf.

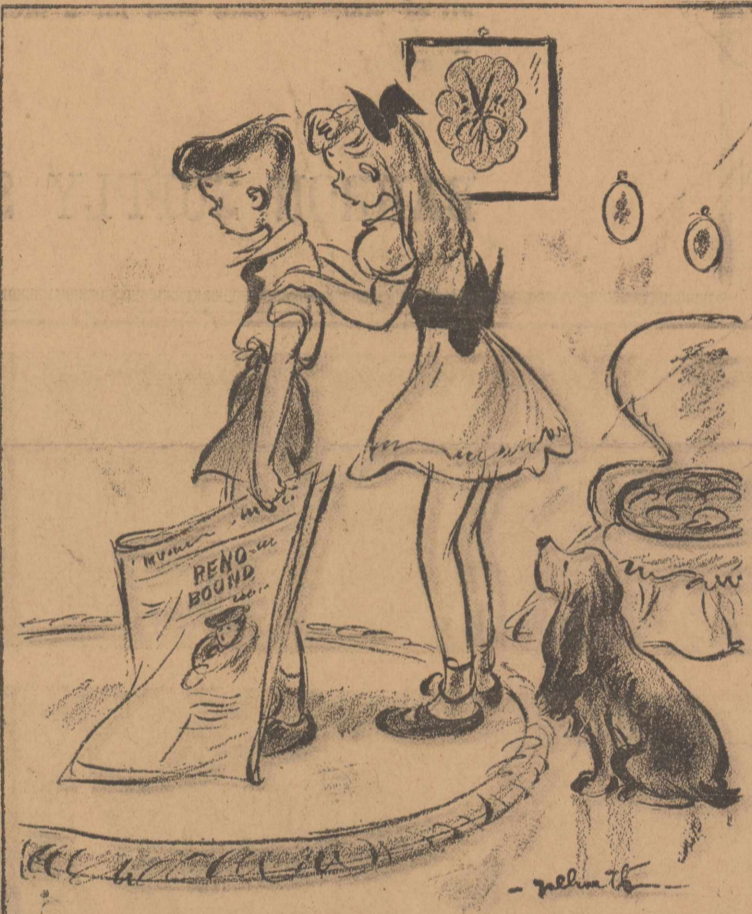
Visit Ever-Ready Auto Service for the finest in radio and phonographs, RCA, Victrola. (Adv.)

Funny Business



"Go on, get out—we haven't got a recipe for you!"

Side Glances



"Mom says that expression 'Reno Bound' over her picture just means she and Daddy have had another little spat but we're not to worry."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



HAS THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS EVER BEEN FORBIDDEN IN AMERICA!

A Merry Christmas to you All!

ANSWER: In 1644, the English Parliament passed an act forbidding Christmas observance, and some New England colonies adhered to the rule for a time.

NEXT: The world's oldest fur coat.

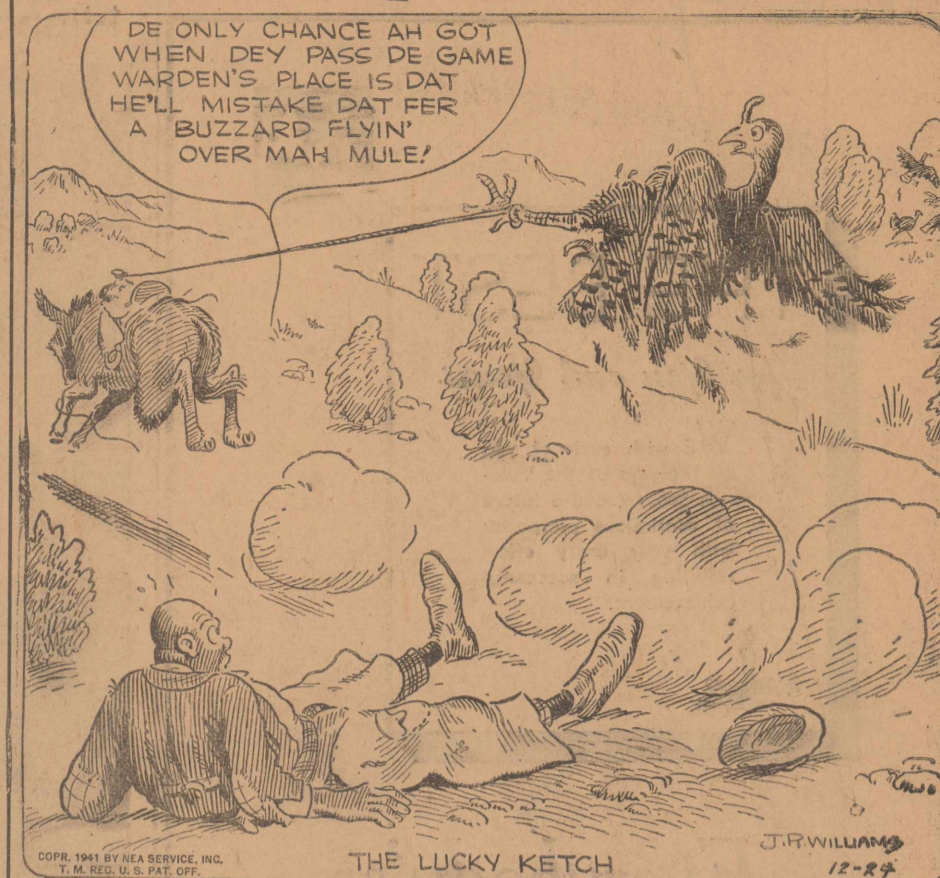
OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

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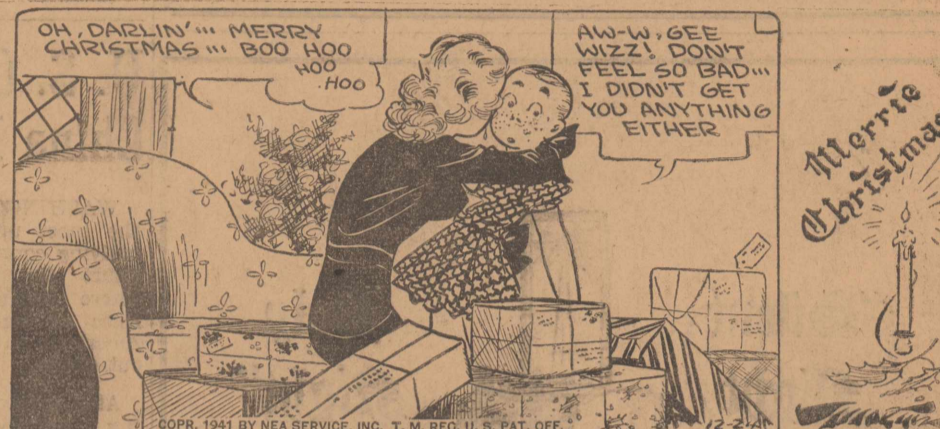
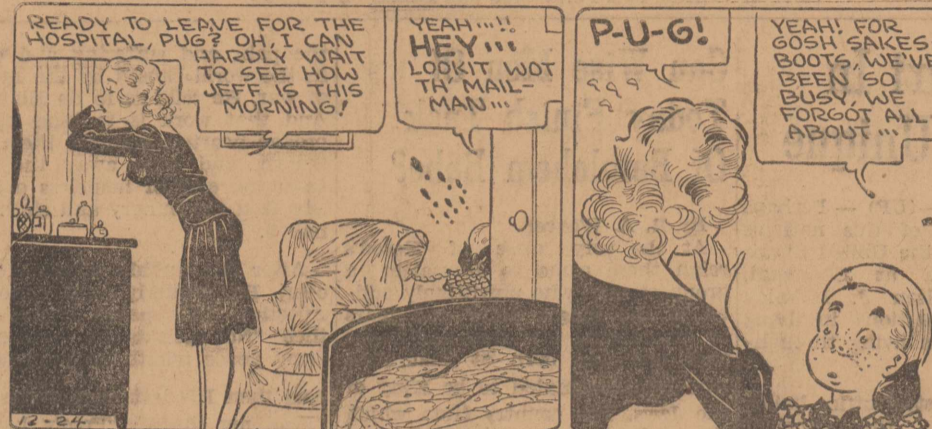
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THE LUCKY KETCH

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

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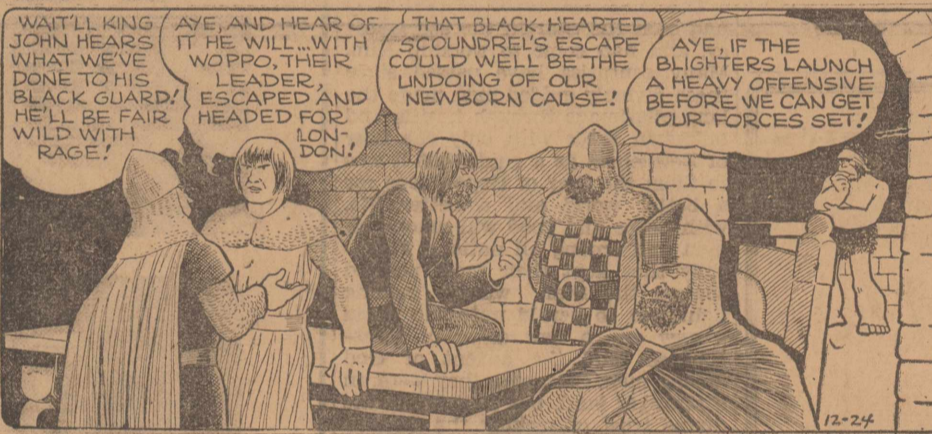
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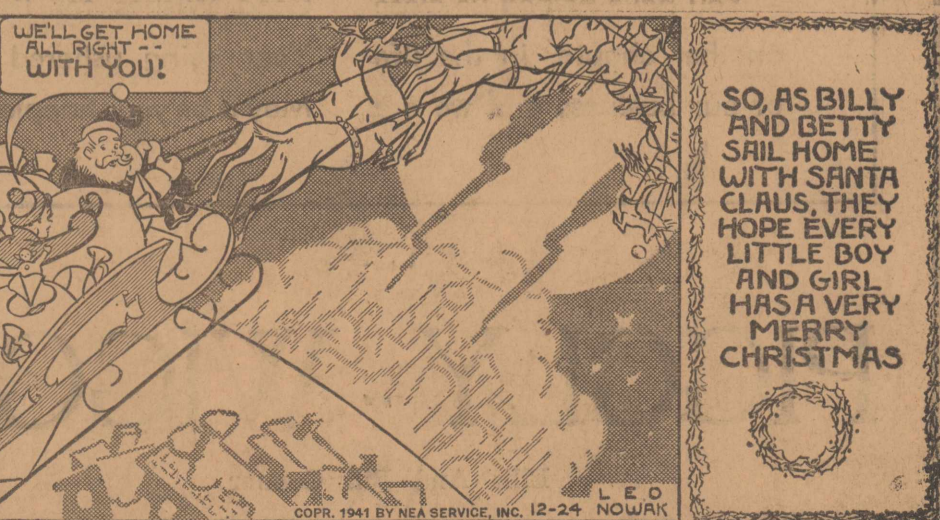
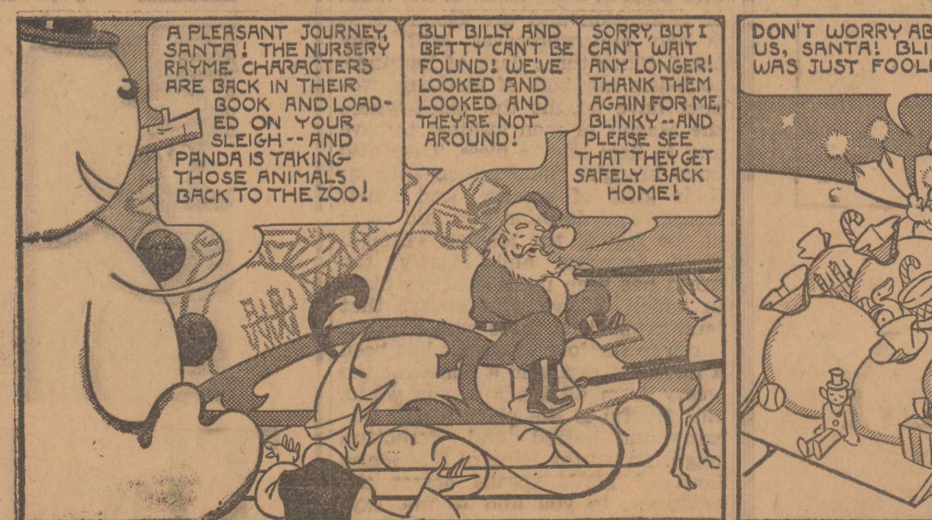
RED RYDER

by FRED HARMAN



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS


by MERRILL BLOSSER



SO, AS BILLY AND BETTY SAIL HOME WITH SANTA CLAUS, THEY HOPE EVERY LITTLE BOY AND GIRL HAS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

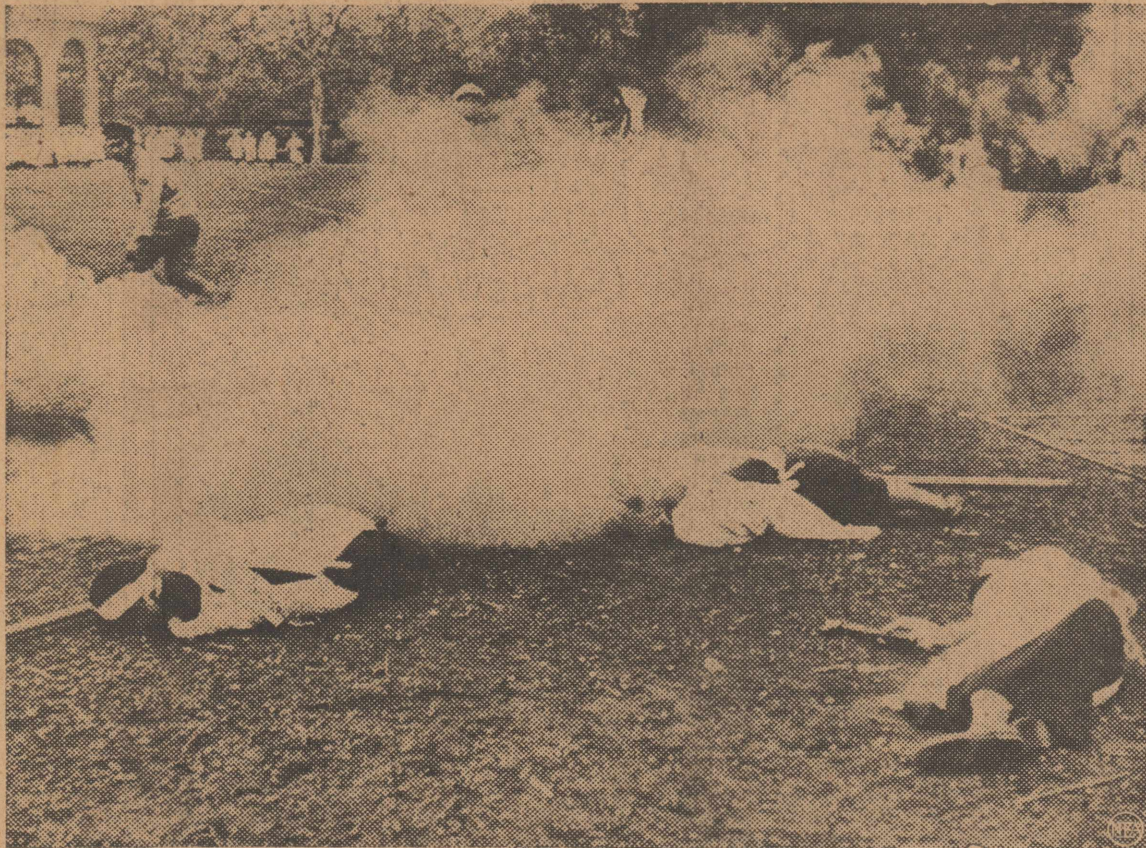
THE BEST
for You and Yours

WE wish each of you all the joys of the Yuletide Season, and a future of continuous prosperity with your every effort resulting in successful achievement:



Everybody's

Nipponese Women Act as Victims in Mock Gas Attack



As Japan prepared for her sneak war, these members of Nippon's women's defense corps took the roles of victims in a simulated gas attack on Tokyo.

Reproves Woman For Unauthorized Buying

BRADFORD, Eng.—(UP)—Giving judgment at Bradford County Court against a doctor's wife who ordered a \$240 fur coat without her husband's authority, Judge "Treat 'Em Rough" Frankland said:

"I regret that an old English custom which gave a husband the right to chastise his wife is not still in operation. It appears to me that if a certain amount of appropriate chastisement were applied to this lady there might be a chance for her to live more happily than hitherto."

The judge said that he did not believe the woman, Mrs. Marjorie Garscadden, thought she really needed a fur coat—she already had one. She bought it either to cause her husband pain or distress, or with the idea of disposing of it later to get ready money for herself.

Dr. A. V. Garscadden said that he made his wife a dress allowance of from \$4 to \$5 a week.

An Old-Fashioned Greeting

To Our Customers:

What we really mean is thanks for your patronage, and may your Christmas be merry, and 1942 a year of happiness and prosperity.



We Will Be Closed THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Cactus Cafe
E. G. Bridwell

"Silent Night"



Holy Night"

May the feeling of peace and contentment, as signified by those old words, go with each of you throughout all the days to come.

Soft Water Service

L. C. Roush

U. S. Court In China Is Unique

WASHINGTON—(UP)—Perhaps the most unique of this nation's outlying courts is the United States Court for China at Shanghai, where Judge Milton J. Helmick rules on legal questions involving American nationals living throughout China.

Atop a modern steel office building overlooking the ancient Whangpoo River laden with colorful junks and sampans, spacious windows after a conglomerate view of Shanghai house-tops and streets teeming with three million people, Judge Helmick's jurisdiction extends the length and breadth of the vast country. His is the largest district of any American Judge.

Writing in the American Bar Association Journal, Judge Helmick describes the scope and work of the court. He says, in part:

"The court exists by virtue of century-old treaties between the United States and China whereby the latter accorded extra-territorial rights to Americans in China. The effect of extra-territoriality is to subject the foreigner enjoying the privileges to the laws of his own country instead of the laws of China. The headquarters of the court are at Shanghai.

Can Wise Men Of Today Finish Task Of Bethlehem Babe?

By R. A. Weaver

At the very close of Herod's reign there came to Jerusalem a group of men who unwittingly added to the king's worry and fears by announcing that they had heard that one was born at that time who was designated to be King of the Jews. The country from which these wise men came is not known, some believing it to be Persia, others Arabia, and still others Babylon. These wise men were of a priestly class devoted to the natural sciences, particularly astrology. Their appearance in Jerusalem caused quite a stir among the Jews; for they asked: "How did these men from far away, Gentiles, know so accurately that at this time the King of the Jews had been born?" Was it due to a carefully preserved knowledge of the prophets of some unknown land, uttered in their own country dimly foreshadowing the divine mystery? Probably this view is accurate if we associate with it a belief that these faithful men received a special illumination both to apply rightly what they had remembered and to recognize its verification in the phenomenon of which they were now privileged observers.

The wise men asserted that they had seen His Star in the ascendancy, and had come to worship Him. Many centuries have passed since these divinely guided men made the long pilgrimage through hostile and unknown lands with only the Star of Bethlehem as a guide, but it was to them the Star of Hope—hope for a better world and a better life, with peace and good will among all men and among all nations. Faithfully they kept their faces pointed toward the Star, whose guiding light was to herald unto the world a new era, a new dawn of righteousness and the advent of God among men. Strangers they were, in a stranger land, but faithful to the divine trust of seeking the Saviour of men, they kept that faith which is today rekindled in every Christian heart as the Eve of Christmas draws near to remind us of the Babe whose birth brought light and life to a dying world. O Star of Hope, may you shine abroad in the land today! May men's faces be lifted up to behold the eternal light of salvation that forever shines from the face of the Son who came that men might have life and have it more abundantly.

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh. Blessed are they who seek, for they shall find. Though the journey from earth to Heaven may be dreary and painful, joy cometh on the morrow. For we shall all reap in due season if we faint not. History has left a sad and interesting record of the birth of this beloved child. Guided by the unerring hand of God to Bethlehem, his parents found no room in the inn. But in the lowly manger, the Royalty of Heaven came into the world to announce deliverance from sin and a hope in eternal salvation. Ah, that high and mighty men of today would seek the place of Nativity, and find the answer to all the woes and struggles with which the world today is cursed.

Seek and ye shall find, for whosoever seeketh shall come to the place of realization and the ground that is holy and whosoever will may come. Since those days of long ago, countless numbers of men and women have sought the place where the Master of men awaited to save and to heal and to bless. They also have brought their golden talents; their gifts of service and their treasures of devotion and laid them at the feet of the Master. Through their devotion and loyalty the world has been made a better place in which to live, and always that land peopled by those whose hearts throb to the love of Christ has been a haven of rest, and a home for the weary from all lands of the world. But fearful is the place where tyranny and hatred and despotism reign. Today the King of Kings and Lord of Lords speaks across the centuries, to you and to me, saying: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"; and as He looks with tearful eyes upon

the pain and suffering and death in the world caused by the ravages of war, He tells us to do His work. And that work is to bind up the broken-hearted, comfort them that mourn, and wipe away the tears from the eyes of homeless orphans and feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

After His earthly pilgrimage was over, He tenderly said unto His Apostles: "My peace I give unto thee" "Not such as the world giveth—my peace taketh no man away".

And then His last admonition was: "Feed my sheep". "Freely have ye received, freely give". "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Well, that is the story of the Babe of Bethlehem—but not all. When He went away He left all His work to be consummated by us who remain here on earth. What He started will have to be finished. Are there in the world today enough wise men seeking by the light of the Star of Hope the guidance necessary to do the unfinished job of the Babe of Bethlehem?

BEST WISHES

—and many of 'em!

We'd like to tell each of you personally that we wish you a Season of Good Cheer—but we can't see all of you. So here goes for a Merry Christmas to Everybody.

BARRON SUPPLY STORE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



The Midland National Bank

Christmas Gives Pleasant Thoughts

It doesn't seem twelve months since the last time we wished our many friends Season's Greetings.

You have helped us close another chapter in the life of our business and we are

truly appreciative of your co-operation and confidence.

Our warmest Greetings for Christmas and Sincere Good Wishes for the New Year being ushered in... May it be your happiest.

PIGGLY - WIGGLY

Ellis And Bill Conner