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## Stores Ringing Up Record Sales As Christmas Buying Continues

### Christmas Time Brings Mingled Emotions, Varied Observances

#### Farewells And Reunions Mark Holidays

#### Many Family Circles Broken By Members In Service; Others United

Christmas this year brings mingled emotions for the people of Aransas County, and for all the people of the world.

For some Christmas will bring supreme joy through the reunion of families . . . for others, whose loved ones are in the armed services and unable to come home, there will be only the consoling thought of victory and reunion before another Christmas comes.

It will be the first Christmas for many families to spend with father, husband, son or brother away. It will be the second such Christmas for many others, and the third for some.

Christmas will have a doubly significant meaning for several families here — the fathers of which will report for duty with the army two days afterward.

There is a definite note of solemnity in the observance of Christmas this year, and indications are that the programs and services of all churches will be well attended.

Service men on furloughs are already arriving home to spend a few of the holidays with families and friends. Parents and wives, in some instances are going elsewhere to join their sons and husbands who were unable to get long enough leaves to come home.

With transportation on train, bus and plane a real problem only those who deem it necessary are traveling by these modes. Many, however, have saved gas coupons for Christmas trips that will take them to the places of family reunion.

College students began returning home early this week for the holidays.

#### W. B. Allen Latest Member of Perch Club

W. B. Allen, by virtue of a headlong plunge into the yacht basin last Sunday, becomes the latest member of the Rockport Perch Club. He is said to have had trouble landing a trout and in the tussle lost his balance and went overboard.

He got his fish though.

#### Boatmen Who Dump Oil In Basin Face Stiff Fine If Caught

#### Game Wardens To Watch For Offenders and File Under Pollution Law

Boatmen who dump oil into the water in the Rockport basin and adjacent waters face a stiff fine if they are caught, Game Warden, M. B. Mullinax warned today.

Mullinax said that he had received numerous complaints that waste oil was being pumped from bilges into the basin and pointed out that such a practice is a violation of a state anti-pollution law. The minimum fine for the offense is \$100.00.

Oil let loose on the enclosed waters of the basin accumulates in certain sections, ruins fishing lines, kills fish and other marine life, and also collects on the sides of the basin, the game warden pointed out.

#### Mrs. Pourtless Sponsor of First Army Boat

#### Three Launchings Held Last Week at Rice Brothers Yard

Mrs. Bill Fourtless was the sponsor of the first of a series of 65-foot Army cargo boats launched here last Saturday afternoon. Other similar boats are under construction.

The ceremony Saturday afternoon was in charge of the workmen in the yard, with T. H. Ratliff acting as master-of-ceremonies. Ratliff introduced Bill Pourtless, Carl Gentry, C. J. Crow, Sebern Crawford, L. C. Reddock, Marvin Davis and Jack Hodges, yard foremen, who each made a brief talk.

Mrs. Pourtless christened the boat with a bottle of wine as it started its slide down the ways into Aransas Bay.

Two submarine chasers were launched last week also, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday.

#### OPA DECLARES Pork Dividend

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. — The Office of Price Administration tonight gave housewives a "Christmas Gift" to help out meatless menus by authorizing validation of a special stamp good for purchasing five points worth of any pork product between midnight tonight and 12:01 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 2.

The stamp is "Spare Stamp One" on the first page of Ration Book Four—the first time that "spares" have been used for the new book.

OPA's order means a bonus of five points for each consumer over the holidays.

The stamp is good only for pork purchases but may be used in buying any pork item, including bacon, and ham, appearing on OPA's official point value chart.

Bowles said if consumers use the bonus points for purchasing loins and other choice cuts they should be able on the basis of a family of five to buy about 20 lbs. of meat a week during the holidays. If the bonus is used for shoulders and other cheaper cuts the purchase would be about 40 pounds.

#### Rio Offers Good Shows For Holiday Season

There will be plenty of good movie entertainment for Rio Theatre patrons during the holidays, with "Stage Door Canteen", presented by an all-star cast, heading the list for Thursday and Friday nights.

Sunday and Monday will bring Judy Garland in "Presenting Lily Mars". Next on the schedule will be "Sky's The Limit", with Fred Astaire and Joan Leslie as Tuesday and Wednesday night attractions. Thursday and Friday brings "First Comes Courage", with Merle Oberlin and Brian Aherne.



#### Firemen To Give Toys To 25 Children

Working late at night this week to complete repairing and painting of a large number of toys, the volunteer firemen will bring Christmas joy to at least twenty-five children this year, according to Miss Iris Sorenson, secretary of the organization.

"They really have a nice bunch of toys fixed up", Miss Sorenson said. She said that it would not be necessary to distribute baskets of food this year as has been customary in the past.

#### Hunting Party Gets 10 Deer, One Javelina

A hunting party out of Rockport returned late Wednesday afternoon with a truckload of deer and five hunters who were in excellent spirits after their 6-day outing. The kill made on the Calahan ranch in Webb and LaSalle counties totaled ten deer, ranging from 8 points to 13 points, and one javelina.

In the party were: Clyde Armstrong, who bagged the 13-pointer, besides one of lesser pointage; Charlie Picton, one ten-pointer and one eight; Dave Picton of Houston, who bagged the javelina in addition to two deer; Ed Armstrong of Houston and Clarence Armstrong of Corpus Christi. Each of the hunters killed two deer.

The party left on Dec. 16 and returned on Dec. 22, but only hunted four days.

#### Sgt. John McGregor Sent Overseas

Mrs. John McGregor has received word that her husband, Sgt. John McGregor has been sent overseas for duty with the Army. Mrs. McGregor is making her home here with her mother, Mrs. Will Hawes.

#### Warrant Officer Sylvester is Spending Christmas Leave Here Visiting Relatives

#### Christmas Services Scheduled At Sacred Heart Church

The full church liturgy will be carried out at midnight mass at Sacred Heart Church—the first mass of Christmas. The celebrant will be the pastor, Father Kelly, who will sing the Missa Cantata, assisted by the following servers: Maurice Curry, Harold Picton, Arthur Lee Roberts, Frederic Close and Alex Stewart, Jr.

Assisting, too, will be the full church choir, who under the direction of Miss Mabel Bracht, the organist, will render The Mass of Our Lady of Loretta, by Mentzel. At the offertory "Adeste Fideles" will be sung, and at the Communion, "Domine Non Sum Dignus".

Soloists for the Christmas Carols program immediately preceding Midnight Mass will be Miss Shirley Johnson and James Bracht.

The following are members of the choir: Miss Mabel Bracht, director; Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Velma Picton, Miss Verona Klaeser, Mrs. Jordan Weber, Mrs. Orley Shivers, Mrs. Clare Schmeling, Fred Bracht and Maurice Curry.

The second mass of Christmas Day will be held at 9 o'clock and the third at 9:30 o'clock. Father Kelly will preach at all the masses.

#### Buying Of Gift Goods Exceeds '42

Even though Christmas buying began back in November, Rockport business houses are ringing up more dollars in their cash registers than in many years past as last minute gift buying continues to make business rushing.

Despite warnings that overloaded transportation systems make it unlikely that late-mailed parcels will reach their destination before Christmas, mailing of gifts and greeting cards continues heavy. Each incoming mail brings stacks of packages and Christmas cards.

Buying for servicemen overseas was completed last month, but there has hardly been a lull in gift shopping during the last two weeks. It seems that there are just as many late shoppers this year as usual, despite heavy early buying.

Stores have managed to keep a fair amount of Christmas merchandise on hand, and there are still many gift items available here. Christmas merchandise, however, has for the most part been of the war-time variety. This is especially true in the toy line, and many are the little tots who asked Santa for a tricycle that will be disappointed Christmas morning. Wheel goods—even those with wooden wheels—have been scarce.

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#### Willie Close Kills Deer In McMullen County

Willie Close, who left about a week ago for a deer hunt on the Shiner ranch in McMullen County, has written his folks here that he has already bagged one buck and expects to get his limit by Saturday.

#### Persons Buying Autos Should Check Tires

All persons buying used automobiles should check tires on the car to see that serial numbers correspond with those on owner's tire inspection record. If they do not correspond, supporting tire certificates would be obtained for tires that may have been placed on the car after the original tire inspection was made.

H. W. Driesslein, member of the tire ration panel, states that a check of these papers by the purchaser may prevent inconveniences and unnecessary delays in obtaining tires later.

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**Kenneth Luthers  
Have New Daughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Luther announce the birth of a 9 1/4 pound daughter on Dec. 12. The child named Belinda Louise, is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bracht of Rockport. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther is in Dallas, Texas.

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**Vernon F. Keller  
Discharged From  
Hospital Overseas**

Vernon F. Keller, T-5, stationed overseas, stated in a recent V-Mail letter to his mother, Mrs. John M. Keller, that he had been discharged from the hospital just five days before. Although the doctors would not tell him what the trouble was, he said he was sure it was pneumonia.

Keller, a radar technician, serving with the artillery, has graduated from three different schools since joining the Army. According to the letter, his personal post-war plan is to study television in Los Angeles.

In the letter, Keller expressed appreciation for the letters he had received and for the pocket camera he had received from his parents recently.

Keller is a graduate of Rockport High School, Class of '38.

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**Faculty Club  
Entertained At  
Christmas Party**

The Faculty Club of the Rockport Public Schools enjoyed Christmas party last Thursday night, December 16, in the home economics room, with Miss Katie Lee Clarke and Mrs. Bertha Harper as co-hostesses. Games and contests were enjoyed and gifts were presented.

Special music and singing was another entertainment feature of the evening. Mr. Saenz led the singing of Christmas Carols, with H. B. Butler playing violin accompaniment. Mr. and Mrs. Saenz also sang several requested numbers. Delicious fresh apple pie, ice cream and sandwiches were served.

**WCS Postpones  
Christmas Social**

The Womens Society for Christian Service of the Methodist Church met in regular session at the church last Thursday for the election of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. H. B. Butler, president; Mrs. John Haynes, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Garrett, recording secretary; Mrs. Joe Walling, treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Superintendent of Study; Mrs. R. A. Phelps, secretary of spiritual life; Miss Minnie Friend, Secretary of Supply; Mrs. C. L. Harris, secretary of literature and publications; and Mrs. I. E. Allemang, secretary of social relations.

It was voted to postpone the Christmas social which was to have been at the recreation building, and the next regular meeting, Thursday, Dec. 30 will be held at the home of Mrs. I. E. Allemang.

**Baptist Sunday School  
To Hold Christmas  
Program Friday Night**

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church will hold its Christmas program and party at the church Friday night at 7:30. Mrs. Bertha Harper is in charge of the arrangements, and the children will enjoy a Christmas tree.



**MERRIE CHRISTMAS  
1943**

GENTLE WORDS, OPEN HEARTS, WILING HANDS, SOFT MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE... THIS IS CHRISTMAS! MAY IT BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY BEYOND EXPRESSION...

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**A. L. BRUHL  
DRUGGIST**



CORP. BILL TRAVERS had tried not to remember that it was the day before Christmas. He'd played a game with himself, pretending not to notice the heightened spirit around camp. But he couldn't keep kidding himself when he saw the giant spruce being set up in front of the barracks. Today was December twenty-fourth, tomorrow would be Christmas and Norma hadn't written.

They'd first come to grips on their honeymoon. They had planned to take a short motor trip up north but, when they'd reached the point where they were supposed to turn back, Norma had insisted they go to Canada for a few days. Bill had tried to put his foot down, but Norma had argued and cried. When Bill saw her pouting, young face, so pale and set, his determination crumbled like a house of sand. They went to Canada; Bill returned to work five days late and had to look for a new job.

Despite that, he continued to give in, no matter how far off the beam she was. At first he backed down



Those had been the perfect moments.

because he loved her and wanted her to be happy. Later it was because he was afraid that if he didn't yield she never would and their wonderful marriage would end.

Seeing the boys on a ladder, hanging bright red and silver balls on the evergreen boughs, made him remember how much fun his three Christmas eves with Norma had been. The way she always laughed when he insisted on putting up the high ornaments with their rusty ice pick. She'd hold her breath while he teetered on a chair, reaching up to the tip of the tree to put on the silver star. Then he'd hop down.

"See, I made it," he'd say, handing her the old pick. "Now put this carefully away so I can use it next year." And they'd look at each other very seriously, kiss very gently and say very quietly, "Merry Christmas, darling." Yes, those had been the perfect moments.

One of the boys, a friendly chap from the Midwest, passed by and called, "Hi, Bill! All ready for Christmas?"

"Yeah," Bill said drily, "all ready."

All ready and no place to go! But that wasn't quite true. He did have some place to go, a lovely place. His own little home, only a five-hour bus trip from camp. But he couldn't go because of a foolish quarrel they'd had during his last furlough. And because Bill, for once, had refused to give in.

"Well, I'm going now," he said. Then after a moment of tortured silence: "Good-by, Norma. I'll have a few days leave for Christmas. Let me know if you—if you."

She cut in, her voice sounding high and queer. "Good-by, Bill."

The Midwestern boy came along again.

"Come on, the mail's in. Maybe we've got something." He took Bill's arm, pulled him along.

At the camp post office men were waiting eagerly for their names to be called. Bill was only half listening. He vaguely heard several "Thompsons" and suddenly he jerked his head in surprise, for "Bill Travers" had been called, and a slim package was traveling from hand to hand until it reached him. The neat, printed letters told him it was a gift from Norma.

Bill ran all the way back to his barracks and there, oblivious of the other fellows around him, began to open his present. Under the brown paper, there was white tissue and red ribbon, but no card. Then he burst into laughter. Then tossed the wrappings high up into the air and whooped, "Yippeee! She wants me back!"

"What's up?" One of his companions came over grinning.

Bill grabbed his cap. "I've got to get a bus ticket in a hurry. My wife sent me a beautiful gift, and I'm going home for Christmas!"

After his hasty exit his bunkmate peered cautiously into the cardboard case and called to the other fellows. "Come over here and take a look. Travers must be nuts, getting so excited over a present like this. Why, it's nothing but a rusty old ice pick!"

**Personals**

Arthur Lee Roberts, storekeeper 3-c, stationed at Mossett Field, California is spending a two-week furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson are expecting their son and his wife, Capt. and Mrs. Jim Jackson, of Camp Berkeley, Abilene, to spend Christmas day.

Mrs. Henry Bailey has returned after a months visit in San Antonio.

Don Danvers of Houston was in Rockport fishing this week.

Thomas Raymond, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Ward Island, spent the week-end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayers of Ingleside visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Driesslein Sunday.

The Rockport employees of Central Power and Light Co. and their families went to Aransas Pass Tuesday night to attend a Christmas party and oyster fry.

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Gentry Reynolds Fred P. James

Mrs. James Hooper has gone to Taft to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Henry Smith.

Mrs. Julius Ivey, Mrs. Arthur Edmonson and Miss Floy Kennedy shopped in Corpus Christi Monday.

Mrs. Everett Brundrett has gone to Houston where she has taken a position.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Armstrong have as their guest until New Years, Mrs. John C. Gee, and two sons and daughter, of Huntsville, Texas. Mrs. Gee is Mrs. Armstrong's sister. The ladies spent Tuesday in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Corrine Spalding, Mrs. Jessie Brouhard and son, George, all of Corpus Christi, visited with Mrs. Bertha Lassiter Sunday.

Miss Joy Johnson of Corpus Christi spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson and daughter.

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C. L. Bering and C. W. Vance of Houston have returned home after a week spent fishing and hunting here. They stayed at Oleander Courts.

Sgt. Fred Froemel of Stewartsville, West Point, New York, is a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pourtless went to Corpus Christi Tuesday.

Mrs. Fancher Archer left Monday for Childress, to be with her husband, Lt. Archer, until January 1st.

Sgt. George A. Wulff has been transferred from the Matagorda Island Detachment, Foster Field, to Ft. Logan, Colorado, where he will obtain advance training.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Gillespie at Bayside, Wednesday.

**Home Economics  
Class Entertains  
With Supper**

The Homemaking classes entertained the Faculty, School Board and their wives with a buffet supper, Tuesday, December 22 at 8:00 P. M. in the High School Library.

Each place cover was marked by a modernistic Christmas tree. Table decorations were sweet hay leaves arranged in masses centered with white candles and vari-colored Christmas ornaments. The buffet table was laid with a lace cloth centered by a mirror, plaque holding an arrangement of pine needles, red candles and gold ornaments. Attractive arrangements of greenery were placed about the Library.

Charlotte Cron served the Christmas salad and stuffed celery. Mrs. McManus served the string beans and new potatoes. Ruby Cole served the curried chicken and rice. The menu also included hot rolls, butter balls, olives, holiday pudding topped with whipped cream and cherries, Old-Fashioned sugar cookies and coffee.

The guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mullin, Sherman Mundine, Algie Moss, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wheeler, Mrs. Ruby Mixon, Mrs. Gustava Cavitt, Mrs. Ruth Hayden, Mrs. Lorraine Harmon, Mrs. Ruth Saenz, Mrs. Beulah Hodges, Mrs. Bertha Harper, Mrs. Cora Crozier, Mrs. Lottie Gunter, Hugh B. Butler, Miss Katie Lee Clarke.

**1st and 2nd Grades  
Present Program  
For P. T. A.**

The PTA met last week for its regular meeting at the school auditorium. The meeting opened with all members singing "Silent Night", and was followed by a prayer by Rev. E. John Meyers of the Baptist Church.

The program was presented by the first and second grades, under the direction of Mrs. Charlyne Hunt and Mrs. Myrtle Thompson. It consisted of several Christmas songs and recitations, and a presentation by the Rhythm Band.

The speaker for the meeting was Mrs. E. John Meyers, who carried on the study of "Freedom of Religion"—presenting some religious thoughts to turn to in time of trouble.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Charles Garrett. Morgan Wheeler reported on the size and purposes of the Victory Corps, which is being organized in the school. The Homemaking Dept. of the school was granted funds to buy equipment.

The first grade won the attendance prize in the count of patrons.

It was announced that the next meeting will be Jan. 5, 1944.

**Bachmans To  
Visit Kansas**

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bachman left Rockport Tuesday night for a trip to Wichita, Kansas, to visit Mrs. Bachman's mother over the holidays. En route they will pick up their daughter, Marcile, in Austin, where she attends University. The Bachmans expect to be gone until January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith of Corpus Christi, visited their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Sunday.



THE minute Tommy woke he remembered that it was the day before Christmas. And that meant—his breath escaped in a quick, white plume across his bed—Santa would soon arrive! The thought shot sudden warmth through his small body as he climbed out of bed and reached for a stocking. After supper he would hang one up . . . and, if it should have a hole in the toe like this one, that wouldn't matter. Santa, of course, understood why he had not had anything new for a long time.

"Tommy!" his mother's voice called. "Dress quickly, dear. It's very cold." That's why I let you sleep late."

Tommy turned and saw her watching him from the doorway. Her blue eyes looked tired, as if she had been up a long time.

"Mommy, will it be long before Santa comes?"

"I'll tell you about that later," she said. "Let's bring your things into the kitchen by the stove."

"I'm sorry there's no milk, dearest," Mommy said. "Maybe I shall hear from the agency today and get a job and—"

He didn't want to talk about milk, or Mommy getting a defense job, or even ask why his Dad did not come home any more. "Mommy, what about Santa Claus?" he asked.

So then she told him. He listened quietly, hot little tears burning his eyelids. She had told him the most dreadful thing he had ever heard in all his life. No wonder she cried, too.



"But, darling," Mommy said, wiping his eyes with her apron. "I have something nice for you. I was saving it for tomorrow but I'll let you have it now because it will make you healthy and strong enough to be a soldier like Daddy."

She gave him a luscious, bright red apple.

Yes, he thought, if Santa had only had a mother who knew everything that was good for him, he wouldn't be so sick now that he couldn't go out with his presents tonight. And he would not be in the hospital.

Then a bright thought came to Tommy and he began to run. When he reached his destination he was out of breath. He hurried into the wide corridor, his small feet making silent steps on the heavily plied carpet which led to the reception desk. The white-uniformed nurse didn't see him as he stood there.

Tommy found his voice then.

"Look," he said, "I've brought a present for Santa Claus. Will you please give it to him?"

"Oh—er—is Santa Claus here?" the nurse asked.

"Yes," said Tommy, nodding. "My mother told me. He's awfully sick with a cold and can't come out tonight."

Then the doctor spoke up.

"Yes, darling. Santa is here and he's very ill." He leaned over and covered her hand with his. Looking straight at Tommy he said, "Sonny, you bet we'll give him your apple. I'll see that the rascal eats every bite of it!"

"And tell him to eat it slowly and chew up the skin. Then he'll get big and strong like my Dad."

The nurse put her arm around Tommy then. "Just wait here a minute, little boy. Sit here in my chair and we'll be right back and tell you what goes on in Santa's room when he gets your gift."

He was looking at the tree when he saw the nurse and doctor appear from behind it. Their arms were loaded with Christmas packages and they were smiling and hurrying over to him. There was even a huge stocking, running over with toys and sweets.

"Santa ate your apple, sonny," the doctor said. "Thanks a lot, he said to tell you it made him feel so strong that he got right out of bed and went over to his closet where he had all these presents."

"He asked us to give them to you for him," the nurse said, "because he has a lot of business to do tonight at the soldiers' camps. He said you'd understand."

"Oh!" cried Tommy. "Gee! All those wonderful presents when he hadn't expected anything. Wouldn't Mommy be s'prised!"

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**WHAT** matter if Santa comes in a jeep, just so it's Santa Claus? And it IS Santa Claus! And this IS Christmas. May the 1943 season be an exceptionally happy one for you and your family.

**Dickens' Grocery  
And Court**

Three Counties in Pink Boll Area

AUSTIN. — Brazoria, Calhoun, and Matagorda Counties Saturday were classed as "lightly infected pink boll worm areas in a cotton protective order issued by State Agricultural Commissioner J. E. McDonald.

McDonald's proclamation requires cotton gins in the area to be equipped with approved seed sterilizing machinery, and all cotton seed produced after Dec. 10 to be sterilized.

Liquor Board May Get More Funds

AUSTIN.—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson may approve use of additional funds for liquor law enforcement, through the appropriation bill of the last Legislature prohibits spending of unitemized amounts Atty. Gen. Gerald C. Mann ruled Saturday.

COAL HAS "SIDELINES"

Coal has more colors than the rainbow, is abundant in curative medicines, contains more fibers than all the Japanese silkworms, and is potentially more productive of rubber than the Far East.



AND moreover, this is New Year's eve," said Wallace, as if that ought to settle the matter. "Cheer up. Let's go to the Officers' Club and join in the fun."

George Martin shook his head. Before he could welcome the approach of another year he had a troublesome decision to make. The crowded streets, the milling people, the babbling groups headed for Times Square—none of these signs of the coming of 1944 had power to lift him from his depression. His voice was solemn.

"Look at my problem from the personal angle," he said. "Tell me, Wallace, how would you feel if you had been told you couldn't return to the school ship after the holidays?"

"I'd feel bad, naturally. But not as if the world had come to an end." "You're not a sailor," returned Martin. "You don't understand what the school ship gets to mean to a fellow. It gets in the blood . . . under a man's skin."

He listened carefully as Martin continued: "You should have seen Doyle's face when the Cadet Council told him he was through. It went white. It's not only the way a fellow feels about it himself, it's a fellow's family . . ."

Wallace was saying: "The school ship's not the only place of its kind in the world. A fellow can still work his way up from the fo'c'sle, you know, and become just as good an officer."

They were walking along a waterfront street, now, past seamen's lodging houses. A row of men stood in line before the doorway of a Sailors' Mission.

"Shipping's bad," volunteered one of the men. "No more ships. Can't get a job for love nor money. Got a cigarette?"

Martin pulled a package of them from his pocket, offered it. The

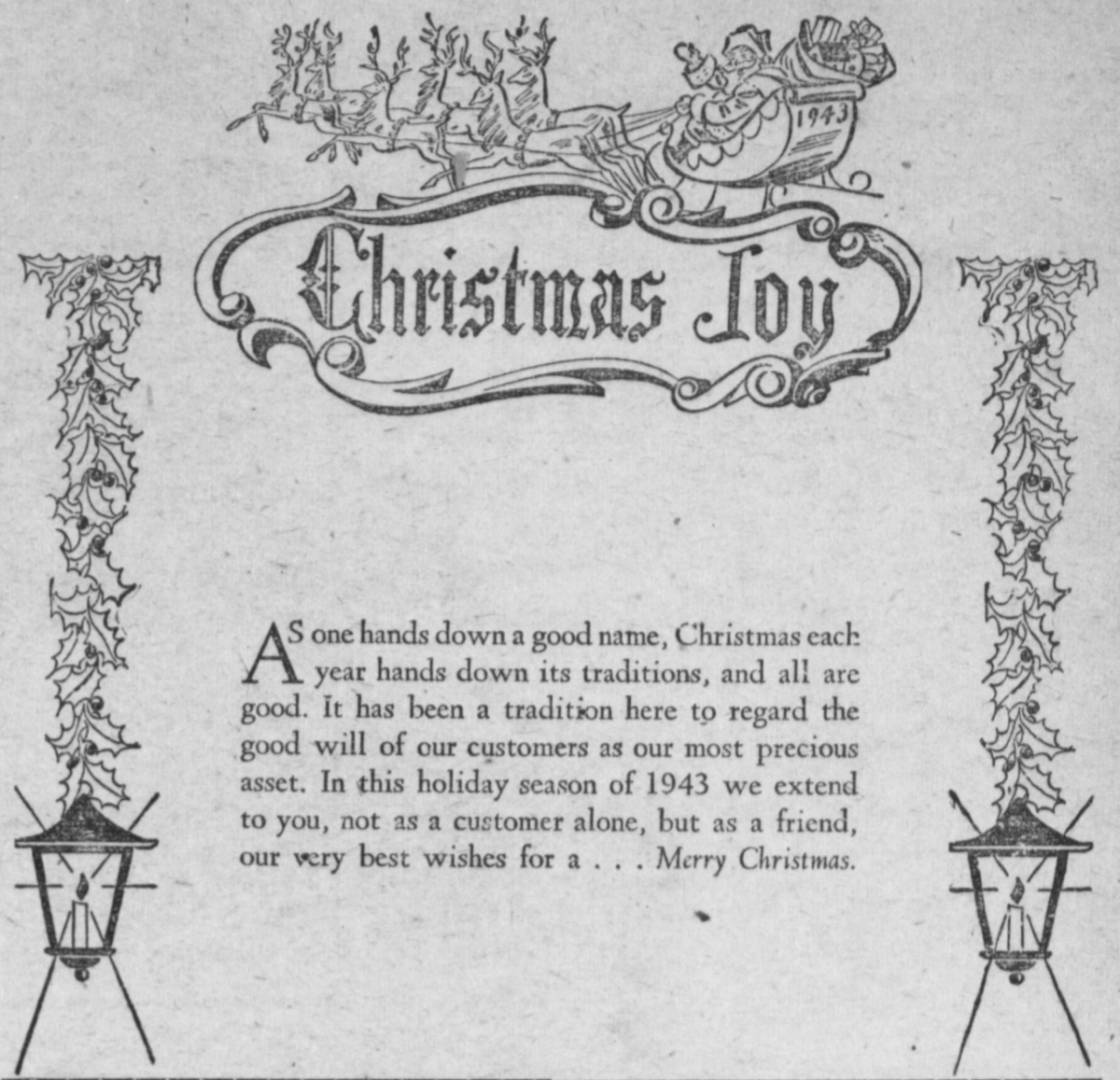
SOUTH BOSTON GENERALS

BOSTON — South Boston, which produced the immortal John L. Sullivan, is still turning out real fighting men. That section of the city now boasts of having three brigadier generals on active duty Francis Logan, Albert F. Hegemberger and Thomas Hickey.



As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you . . . thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 and of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

R's Bakery



As one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a . . . Merry Christmas.

Western Auto Associate Store

M. F. WILSON, Proprietor

ARKANSAS PASS - - - - - TEXAS

The CHRISTMAS Wish of BOWEN MOTOR COACHES is

That Every Man and Woman in the Services of our Country could be at Home this Christmas

We are glad to be doing our part of the big job of carrying the thousands of fortunate ones who can make a Christmas trip Home!



BOWEN MOTOR COACHES R. C. BOWEN, President



"You're to report back to the school ship January 3."

sailor took a cigarette eagerly, waited for a light. "Thanks, buddy."

"See what a fellow's up against?" Martin said. "Even old-timers can't get ships. A youngster would have no chance at all."

At the next stand he purchased a newspaper. He stood under a neon sign and opened it to the Want ads. "Look. Here are your shore jobs. Wanted: an office boy. Must run elevator. Wanted: boy to distribute handbills. Wanted: soda clerk. Are these anything for a fellow who really wants a sea career—a merchant officer's career, the whole world ahead of him, and a captain's berth at the end?" He threw down the newspaper. "I've made up my mind. Come with me," he said.

At a small hotel for sailors, he turned in and inquired: "Doyle stopping here? Thomas Doyle?"

The clerk thumbed through the register. "Number 1215."

As George Martin entered the room, Doyle sprang to his feet. He had been stretched out on the narrow bunk, his face buried in the pillow.

"I heard you hadn't gone home, Doyle," said Martin.

Doyle's eyes were swollen and red. "I thought I'd rather stay here, sir . . . until after the holidays. Then I thought I'd get a ship—or a shore job. I couldn't face them at home, sir . . . I just couldn't."

Martin took out his watch. "If you can get out to the airport by one o'clock, you'll catch a night plane to Bangor. That's where you live, isn't it? Got enough money?"

"Yes, I have. But . . ."

"Do as you're told," said Martin. "Your case has been up for consideration since the holidays started last week. I've been thinking it over carefully, and will veto the action of the Cadet Council. You're to report back to the school ship on January 14th, with the others. It'll be up to you to make good. Those are orders."

The boy's face was radiant. "Happy New Year, sir! That's all I needed, sir, to change the whole world for me—another chance at the school ship!"

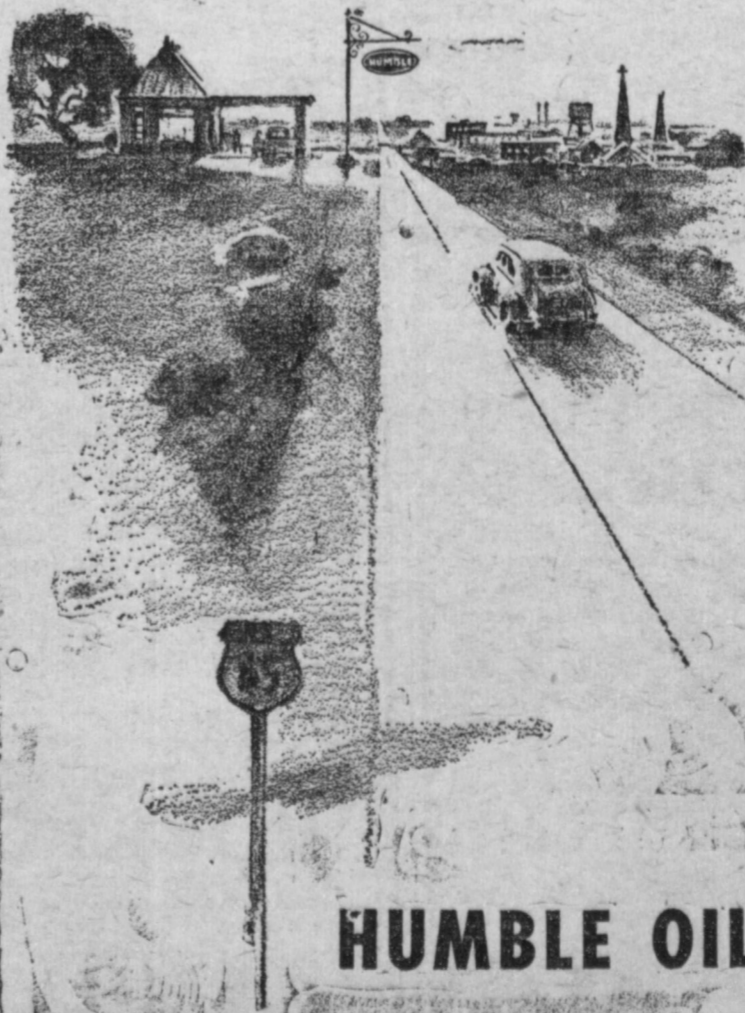
"Funny old world," said George Martin, superintendent of the Nautical Training School, as he rejoined his friend in the lobby. "Another chance at the school ship . . . that's all Doyle needed to face New Year," McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

Good Luck—Good Cheer

To everyone everywhere . . . fighting for human liberty!



In the Twilight . . . of 1943



we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with difficulty that we remember the details of that day: the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspoiled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to. But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

13,000 Texans United in the War Effort



HELP VITAL CALLS GET THROUGH THIS CHRISTMAS



During the holidays, please use Long Distance only if the call is vital. War's in a hurry and it can't wait... not even for the holidays.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



WAR NEEDS THE WIRES

BUY WAR BONDS



TIMES HAVE CHANGED, but Christmas remains unchanged—the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

The First National Bank



Christmas Cheer

★ Uncle Sam is to be congratulated, for he has done and is doing a magnificent job. This is, indeed, occasion for Christmas cheer.

Our compliments to you, friends, our thanks, and our most hearty wishes for an enjoyable and truly happy 1943 Christmas season.

Bracht's Service Station

holiday greetings\*



JUST as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmastime), that surely there will always be a Christmas. Our wish for you is that this Christmas season of 1943 be the most memorable you have ever known.

Model Cash Grocery Red & White



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, dominating the world stage, once more has incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war. There is still beauty in common things, still good in the world, and we are all grateful for the glowing interval of Yuletide.

As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend the season's best wishes to all.

BOWEN Motor Coaches J. W. SORENSON, Agent



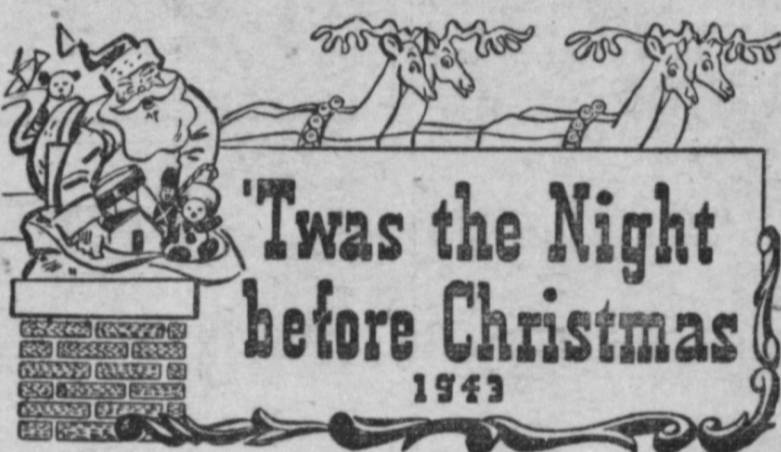
★ From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

Liquefied Gas Co.



Santa may have new modes of transportation in his bag of tricks, but our wish is that his 1943 pack include a great big package of old-time Christmas cheer, addressed to you, dear friend—to YOU.

JACKSON Seafood Company



One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. J. W. SORENSON, Agent



"OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"

runs up, in two words, the achievements of our armed forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We thank you most cordially for your good will and patronage and wish you the Season's Greetings.

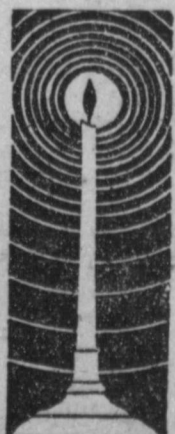
Aransas Gas & Hdwr. Co. BEN BROWN, Prop.



The tree is up, garlanded in wreaths of tinsel, aflame with lights that glow like fireflies. There it stands in the window, sparkling with all the borrowed glamour of elfland.

With this glowing background to remind us, we are ready to speak our piece. It is a very simple one . . . the same as last year and the year before: Thank you one and all for your kindness to us, and

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



B. S. FOX, County Judge C. E. TOWNSEND J. H. MILLS TOM DeFOREST L. V. McLESTER County Commissioners



GOOD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year. At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

ROCKPORT CAFE — and — EMILY'S CAFE



TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

A. C. GLASS, Insurance



FROM WHENCE DID THESE GLAD TIDINGS COME? NOT FROM ATHENS, NOR YET FROM ROME, AT THAT TIME THE HEART OF WORLD POWER. THEY CAME OUT OF A LITTLE COUNTRY, PALESTINE. ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE YEARS LATER THE GLAD TIDINGS RING OUT AGAIN. NEED WE SAY THAT WE WISH YOU THE FULL JOYOUSNESS OF THIS HOLY SEASON?

SEAFOOD CAFE



AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

HUMBLE Service Station

L. F. CLARK, Agent



THE STAGE COACH has given place to the streamliner. The electric light has snuffed out the soft-beamed candle. Tinkling sleigh bells are drowned in the roar of motor horns. But who will say that Christmas has lost its charm? With Christmas at hand we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest dealing, and express our appreciation of your friendship for us during 1943.

'HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL; BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL, WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!'



The City of Rockport



... a candle in the window ... the gleam of a star on a tree ... the light in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning

But Christmas is more than these ... how much more we cannot put into words, but you do know that we are wishing for you all that Christmas at its very best implies, and all that Christmas can bring

A. L. Bruhl, Druggist



War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that Christmastime can bestow.

Triangle Cafe

OLIVER BRUNDRETT



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers, like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

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JOHNSON'S DRUG STORE



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

Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Gulf Service Station



A WREATH IN THE WINDOW

a star in the sky, and happiness in the heart. That the Christmas season of 1943 may be truly memorable for you and yours is the earnest wish of



Modern Market

CHAS. A. ROE



CHRISTMAS CHEER 1943

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

You can eat your cake and have it, too—if you invest your CHRISTMAS savings in WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

THE ROCKPORT PILOT

To All Our Friends Everywhere



FOR A JOYFUL YULETIDE SEASON

Again we approach Christmas, again we join the peoples of the world in observing this great day . . . which war has interrupted. For many of us on Christmas our thoughts will be with loved ones far away and we hope that ere another Christmas comes there will be a glorious victory for right.

In many ways OUR Christmas this year will be a happy one for it has been our pleasure and privilege to serve this community for over 35 years and we are indeed grateful for the confidence extended us.

Here's wishing you and yours as happy a Christmas as possible.

ALLEN FURNITURE COMPANY

SERVING SOUTH TEXANS SINCE 1908

CORPUS CHRISTI

KINGSVILLE



TO the far corners of the globe go the Christmas wishes and packages to our boys in the service. With the new world of the future in the making we look forward hopefully to the Christmas of tomorrow, while wishing you the happiest of Christmases today.

RIO THEATRE



Season's Greetings

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and a very happy Christmas!

Townsend's Service Station



WHEN Dr. Wade turned away from the telephone his face was grave. Sara, his wife, came into the living-room quickly. She had been standing in the hall, listening.

"Hugh, you can't go! You can't! It's Christmas and the children are all coming home, and oh, it will simply ruin all our plans!"

"Now, now," Dr. Wade said. He slipped off his house jacket and moved around the tree that sparkled with gay ornaments and bright tinsel and strings of popcorn. From the closet he brought his overcoat and overshoes and his cap with the fur-lined earlaps. Sara watched him desperately. Once she glanced toward the window. Snow hissed against the glass. Wind howled about the eaves.

Dr. Wade stood by the door and drew on his gloves and picked up his bag. He looked down at his small wife whose hair was streaked



. . . The young wife lay, her face white and drawn.

with gray, whose eyes were anxious and desperate, but proud and loving. A smile rested lightly on his lips as he waited.

Sara bit her lip and looked away. When she looked back again her eyes held nothing but affectionate reproach. "You—you—" she said, and stood tiptoe and kissed him.

Dr. Wade backed his coupe out of the garage. He was glad that he had taken the precaution to put chains on the night before. With a storm like this the street department would be hours getting the roads clear.

In the village Dr. Wade stopped and went into Cy Anderson's store to make some purchases. An hour later he stopped the coupe at the foot of the logging road that led up to Bald Ridge. Even with chains it would be impossible to go farther with the coupe. So he produced snowshoes from the rear compartment of the coupe, strapped them on, tied a canvas pack on his back, tucked his kit under one arm and started up the road.

The storm had increased rather than lessened in fury. Frequently—more frequently than he liked to admit—Dr. Wade had to pause to rest, turning his back to the wind.

It was two hours later when Dr. Wade saw the blurred outline of the cabin. Ordinarily the trip would have taken him less than thirty minutes. He knocked and the door opened at once. He stepped inside and leaned against the wall, breathing heavily. Slowly he became aware of the warmth. Life came back to his muscles. He looked up and smiled.

Young Brad Jones was watching him, wide-eyed, dumb gratitude in his face. Behind him his young wife lay on the bed near the stove, her face white and drawn, biting her lips to keep from crying out.

Dr. Wade had delivered hundreds of babies, but this one was different. It was different because it was Christmas and a storm raged outside, and his children were coming home and he wasn't going to be there to greet them. It was different because he had stopped in Anderson's store and bought some things that brought tears to Mrs. Jones' eyes, and made it impossible for young Brad to speak.

It was late afternoon when Dr. Wade started for home. The storm had abated, but the wind was colder, sharper. Now that it was over the doctor's thought leaped ahead, to his own home and his own children. He was sorry he hadn't been there to greet them. He and Sara had planned so many surprises.

Sara met him at the door. She helped him off with his coat and brought his slippers from before the fire. Her eyes were shining.

"The children didn't get here. The storm held up the train. They just phoned from the station. They'll be here any minute, and we'll both be on hand to greet them. Oh, it's going to be the best Christmas ever!"

Dr. Wade smiled and thought of the expressions on the faces of young Brad Jones and his wife. "Yes," he said, "the best Christmas ever." And his chin fell forward on his chest and he slept.

Sara looked at him. "Oh, you—you—" she said lovingly and tiptoed out of the room.

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

'Chili Queens' of San Antonio Are Ordered Discarded

SAN ANTONIO — Some of the colorful landmarks of Mexican-tinged San Antonio have been ordered into the discard because of sanitation regulations.

Acting City Health Officer, Dr. E. J. Arendt yesterday banished the Haymarket Plaza "Chili Queens" because of the deep mud surrounding the shack area and because of insanitary conditions in the shacks themselves.

Forced into use of modern sanitation methods several years ago, the "Queens" complied by putting up screens and other equipment, but soon became lax and let nature and depreciation take their course.

SWEATER WARNING

BOSTON.—Warning to women workers (as posted in a local war plant) :If the sweater is too big for you, look out for the machines. If you're too big for the sweater, look out for the men.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



JOYOUS HOLIDAY

LIGHTS ON THE FIR TREE, SNOW ON THE WINDOW LEDGE . . . THE JOYOUS FACES OF CHILDREN . . .

CHRISTMAS

. . . MAY IT BE A VERY HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

Jno. C. Sorenson Sr. and Sons



THIS STORE

which for a great many years has supplied the families of this community with neighborly things, wishes every family an unusually happy 1943 Christmas season.

HOOPER BROS.



LIGHTS ON THE FIR TREE, SNOW ON THE WINDOW LEDGE . . . THE JOYOUS FACES OF CHILDREN . . .

CHRISTMAS

. . . MAY IT BE A VERY HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

Jno. C. Sorenson Sr. and Sons



Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Johnson Fish Co.



WE PAUSE, on the Eve of Christmas, 1943, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a quarter of a century.

To these old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Merry Christmas."

CARROLL MOORE





**More PRACTICAL by BARBARA ANN BENEDICT**

THE trouble began at Christmas time. Rod Fairfax gave his wife, Esther, a nightgown. She knew he was going to give her a nightgown because the Fairfaxes were a practical family with a limited income and they always talked over such things as Christmas presents before they bought them.

It was black. Black silk crepe. It had doodads here and there to live it up a bit.

Esther stared at it. "Oh, Rod!" she said, her heart sinking.

"Isn't it a pip!" Rod cried happily.

"It's a pip, all right. But—but it must have cost an awful lot."

"Well, as a matter of fact, it was a little more than I intended to pay, but you needed it and just this once I thought I'd splurge. After all, you deserve nice things."

"Yes—but—but—all that money for a nightgown and—now I can't have a new evening gown." Esther plopped down on the divan and began to weep.

"Be practical! You telling me to be practical and you go throw away



"It looks great," Rod said of the dress Esther had made over.

money on a thing like that when all I can do is wear it to bed! And I do need a new evening gown. I'm going to make a speech at my college class reunion in February and—oh, I had planned on a new evening gown." She sat up, and became defiant. "And I'm going to have one," she declared.

Esther began weeping again, but it didn't do any more than provide an outlet for her bitterness. A new evening gown, she knew, was now entirely out of the question. Even if they could afford it she could never persuade Rod that she needed one to wear for only one night. Now, a nightgown, you could wear every night. More practical.

Relations between the Fairfaxes were a bit strained during the ensuing weeks. Esther trotted out her two evening gowns, one of which she had bought at a bargain sale a decade ago and the other which had fitted her fine when she was twenty pounds lighter. She ripped them both apart and made a single garment.

"Swell!" Rod approved. "It looks great. It does something for you." "Among other things," Esther replied jolly. "It makes me feel like the dickens."

Rod said nothing. He had been reading the papers during the past few days and had learned that this alumni dinner and reunion which his wife was attending was really something. Many of the girls in her class had married men who had prospered and were famous, and it occurred to him that, stacked up against these females, Esther, in her made-over dress, might look a bit dowdy. And if she looked dowdy that would reflect on him, wouldn't it?

Esther departed the day before the reunion and that night Rod read in the papers that, because Mrs. John Cannon, wife of the celebrated piano virtuoso, had agreed to attend, the affair had assumed the proportions of a major social function and would be broadcast over station ABC-XYZ.

So Rod, feeling qualms of guilt, settled himself in his easy chair the next night, tuned in and lent an ear. He got a big bang from hearing his wife's voice come over the air and at the conclusion of her speech he felt pretty proud. In fact, he felt so proud that he wished now that he had bought her the evening gown. He could imagine her standing up to the microphone with the eyes of several hundred fashionably dressed females watching her, feeling like a plugged nickel in her made-over thing. He began to think of something he could do to make up for the humiliation he had caused her.

Rod blinked again. Esther laughed merrily. "Darling, I went up there without my made-over. Imagined so I did the only thing I could. I wore the lovely black nightgown, and it really looked stunning. Oh, Rod, you were right. A black nightgown is more practical."

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

**Mrs. Clara Seaton Entertains Pupils**

It was a gala occasion for the piano and dance pupils of Mrs. Clara Seaton when they were honored by their teacher Monday afternoon with their first Christmas party of the season.

Genuine delight shone on all their faces when they entered the gaily decorated music room and espied the glittering Christmas tree, already overflowing with gift parcels.

When every guest had arrived, adding more gifts to ones on the tree, the children gathered around the brilliant tree and Mrs. Seaton played Mrs. Santa by handing out the numerous gifts. After each pupil had admired his or her gifts, the happy group assembled on the lawn for a number of rollicking games.

Fortunately, the weather was so mild that the children were allowed to remain outside while delicious cake and hot chocolate were served to them.

The following guests thanked Mrs. Seaton for the joyful afternoon:

Vaunda Smith, Carol Townsend, Kathryn Atwood, Marjorie Hunt, Virginia Ann Mundine, Mary Ann Close, Nancy Jane Hayden, Berta Gene Shults, Bettie Lou Garrett, Thyra Jean Butler, Peggie Joyce Owens, Joyce Nell Townsend, Dorothy Baker, Shirley Ann Henderson, Alma Jean Ratliff, Kenneth Barker, Bill Harmon, James Harpshire, Kane Lassiter, Justine Mixon and Barbara Joyce Dickens.

**Home Economics Class Entertains**

The Home Economics class of the High School entertained with a party in the Economics room Wednesday night, with Miss Ethelene McManus, the teacher, as chaperone. Each member of the class invited one guest.

**Many Gems Are Found in Texas**

AUSTIN — Native Texas precious stones and gems — including topaz, garnet, agate, amethyst and turquoise—are currently on exhibit at the Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus.

"A long list of gems have been found within the boundaries of Texas," Dr. E. H. Sellards, museum director points out, "though few have been produced commercially."

"Fine agate specimens have been shipped for several years from the Big Bend near Terlingun, and other fine stones of agate are also found near Balmorhea. Turquoise was once mined near Van Horn in Culberson County."

Amazon Stone—adellite apple-green feldspar—has been found near Streeter and Katemcy in Mason County, and on the Haywood ranch in Llano County.

Amethyst, as well as most of the other quartz minerals such as carnelian, chalcedony, Jasper and opal, occurs more frequently in the Trans-Pecos than in any other area, though amethyst is found occasionally in the Central Uplift and elsewhere.

Garnets are found in Llano and Mason counties, though rarely of gem quality, while topaz is available in Mason County in stream gravels or pegmatite dikes.

"The topaz crystals that have been found in these deposits exhibit a variety of colors," Dr. Sellards added. "The most common are colorless, but golden yellow, green and pale sky-blue are not unusually rare."

**JURYWOMAN PLOWS THRU**  
RUTLAND, Vt. — Mrs. Thomas Tanish didn't let a record snow storm keep her off Rutland county jury. The first couple of miles from her isolated home to the courthouse she covered on snow shoes—and finished the trek aboard a snowplow.

**Allemands Week-End Hosts**

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Allemand entertained a group of guests over the week-end. They included her nieces and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Taylor and daughter, Janet, of Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe New and daughter of Ingleside. Also, their two sons, Corp. J. D. Kinsey and Pfc Howard Kinsey, both of Foster Field, Victoria.

**Baptist Children To Have Christmas Parties At The Parsonage**

The children's Auxiliary Groups of the Baptist Church will have their Christmas parties at the parsonage. The Girls Auxiliary will be entertained from 3 to 5, Mrs. E. J. Meyers is the sponsor for the group.

The Royal Ambassadors, the boys auxiliary, will have their party Friday afternoon, also at the Parsonage. Mr. Meyers is their sponsor.

**Floyd Smith Honored With Dinner Tuesday Eve**

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Casterline entertained Tuesday night with a dinner at Thompson's Spa, honoring Floyd Smith, who will leave December 28 for service in the Army. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little, besides the host and hostess.

**Butler Presents Pupils In Recital Monday**

The pupils of H. B. Butler, music teacher, were presented in a recital at the Methodist Church Monday night. Students in voice, piano and violin took part, assisted by Mr. Butler.

The performers included Lucille Haynes, Ruby Mae Wilkinson, Jean Marie Roberts, Mildred Jean Wilkinson, Bonnie Lou Cron, Nancy Driesslein, and Thyra Jean Butler.

The finest CHRISTMAS present you can give is one of Uncle Sam's WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

**WMU Holds Regular Social**

The WMU of the Baptist Church held its regular social meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. F. McKinley. The home was decorated with Christmas tree and seasonal trimmings. Bible study was enjoyed. Refreshments of cake and fruit punch were served to Mrs. George Walton, Miss Fannie Oertling, Mrs. D. Dowdy, Mrs. Mabel Bryant, Mrs. W. S. Haynes, Mrs. L. M. Shuffield, Mrs. Kim Haynes, Mrs. W. L. Hunt, Mrs. E. J. Meyers and the hostess, Mrs. C. F. McKinley.

**College Set Home For Christmas Holidays**

Most of the College Set are home for Christmas—and happy to be here:

They include Shirley Johnson, Mary Virginia Jackson, Loraine Stefka, Annie Ruth Jackson, all from University at Austin. Johnnie Wendell is back from A&I in Kingsville. Ruth Linda Herring is back from Denton, where she's been attending TSCW.



**A Friendly Tip**

Here's a tip for wiser wartime shopping . . . buy only what you need and when you need it. By limiting your shopping to the "necessities" you are helping combat inflation. We heartily salute our customers and commend them for their patience and understanding during our "time of need."

**SPARKS' Dry Goods Store**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, Son . . .**

It's Christmas Eve, son . . . the tree is trimmed and all aglow . . . the Lawsons and the Wrights have just said goodnight, and Mother and I are alone.

We miss you plenty, boy. Just as we did last year when you were at camp and we got your wire saying you couldn't get leave to come home. But there's this difference . . .

Last year we were looking backward, dreaming of Christmases past . . . harking back through the years to your very first Christmas when you neglected your new gifts to play with your old shoe . . . to the Christmas when Uncle Frank spent the whole day on the floor playing with your new electric train . . . to the Christmas, not too many years ago, when you got the chemical set and darned near blew up the whole house.

Last year it seemed—well as though some of the happiest days of our lives had gone, never to return. But this year we know that the happiest days of our lives is still to come. This year we are looking ahead, waiting for the Christmas when you and your Mary are here to help trim the tree; we are thinking of the Christmas not so far away when you will be home.

And though you're farther away than ever this year—though there's a lot of blue water between you and our front door here at home, we know that every day that passes brings a little closer the great day when you will come back to all of us.

We can never forget those Christmases Past, but the joy of Christmas Present is made more real this year by the growing certainty of a Happier Christmas Yet To Come.

Merry Christmas, son.

— AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

**KAUFMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE**



**YULETIDE JOY**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE

**SMITH SERVICE STATION AND GROCERY**



**Holiday Cheer**

★ White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Merry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours as 1943 draws to a close.

**George Lilly**

★ It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.



**CHRISTMAS JOY!**

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# Good things to Eat

FROM THE STORES OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

RED & WHITE FOODS



### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
Mrs. Leonard Casterline, Supt.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Vesper Services 6:00 p. m.  
Preaching 8:30 p. m.  
Young Peoples Worship on Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Sponsor.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"A Home-Like Church for a Home-Like People"—E. J. Meyers, pastor  
Sunday Services

Bible School 10 a. m.  
G. E. Sansing, Supt.  
Morning Worship 11 a. m.  
All Training Unions 7 p. m.  
Evangelistic Singing and Preaching 8 p. m.

**Mondays**  
Women's Missionary Society 3:30 p. m.  
Mrs. Dora Shuffield, Pres.

**Tuesdays**  
Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.  
Mrs. L. W. Hunt, Leader  
Girls Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors 4:15 p. m.

**Wednesdays**  
Choir Practice 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p. m.  
Everyone Is Welcome

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

REV. J. H. KELLY, Pastor  
REV. HERBERT BOCKHOLT, Assistant Pastor  
Week Day Masses, 7 and 8:30 a. m.  
Sunday Masses 7 and 9 a. m.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

R. R. Ghormlay, Pastor  
Church School 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11:00 a. m.  
League 7:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meetings 8:00 p. m. (Wednesday)  
Choir Practice 7:30 p. m. (Tuesday and Friday)

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmastide Services  
Christmas Day—Midnight Service  
The Holy Communion and Sermon at 12:01 A. M. This service will begin at 11:30 P. M. Christmas Eve with the singing of Christmas Carols.

The First Sunday after Christmas—Sunday December 26, 1943.  
Morning prayer and sermon at 11:00 A. M.

A cordial welcome awaits everyone at St. Peter's Church.  
George S. Walton, Pastor

### Sacred Heart School Pupils Present Program

The pupils of Sacred Heart School presented a play, "There Was No Room In the Inn", on Tuesday evening. Following the play Christmas gifts were distributed by Santa Claus.

Those having a part on the program, including the cast of characters of the play were: Bobbie and Billie Sloan, Winola Stewart, Alex Stewart, Alice Carolyn Bell, Shirley Fay Harrell, Earline Keyes, Rose Fabian, June Ann Dupnik, Edward Wright, Dolly Lee Hart, Dorothy Jean Lassiter, Mary Lee Dominguez, Mary Evelyn Mundine, Mary Ellen Wright, Lorenza Pena, Shirley Fay Harrell, Claudia Lara, Israel Santos, Martin Pena, Douglas Weber, Leon York, Praxedes Gonzales, James Keyes, Tommie Preckwinkle, Steve Martinez, Ernest Camehl.

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### Praises 'Objectors' for Care of Mental Patients

CLEVELAND, O. — Conscientious objectors are a big success as attendants in mental hospitals, according to Dr. George S. Stevenson, executive secretary of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Stevenson declared here that C. O.'s are among the "most reliable workers" ever employed in mental institutions.

"They have a definite, sympathetic feeling for people under their care," he reported.

Hundreds of C. O.'s are employed in scores of hospitals throughout the nation, working there in stead of the usual C. O. camps.

### Girl Blasts Vet For Sitting in Bus

KANKAKEE, Ill. — Joe Smith, 23, Kankakee, sank gratefully into an empty bus seat here after a strenuous day.

"Why don't you give up your seat?" demanded an irate girl who stood in the aisle near Smith. "Why aren't you in the Army anyway, you 4-F?"

"Sure," replied Smith, "I'm 4-F. That's why I'm sitting down." He turned to look out the window as the girl glared at him.

A friend of Smith's later "told off" the girl. Smith, he said, still carries pieces of shrapnel in his hip and suffers wounds received in the blast a Japanese shell on Guadalcanal.



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### SPECIALS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 23rd and 24th

- RED & WHITE MAMMOTH SWEET GARDEN PEAS CALIFORNIA LARGE 18 POINTS No. 2 Can 16c
- MEATY PRUNES 4 POINTS LB. 15c
- BARTLETT PEARS 24 POINTS No. 2 1/2 Can 27c
- OLD MARY'S PURE CANE SYRUP BIG NO. 10 \$1.07 GLASS JAR
- SUN SPUN SALAD DRESSING PINT JAR 25c
- RED & WHITE ENRICHED FLOUR 10-Lb. Sack 55c 25-Lb. Sack \$1.31 50-Lb. Sack \$2.54

- SMALL WHITE Navy Beans 20-Oz. Cello Package (3 Points) 15c 30-Oz. Cello Package (4 Points) 23c
- FULL STANDARD TOMATOES 18 POINTS No. 2 Can 10c
- CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP 4 POINTS No. 1 Can 9c
- TEXAS PACK Tomato Juice 6 POINTS Big 46-Oz. Can 21c
- CITRUS MARMALADE No. 2-Lb. Points 29c
- RED & WHITE PURE EGG NOODLES 5-Oz. Pkg. 8c 10-Oz. Pkg. 15c
- SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS LB. PKG. 18c
- RED & WHITE REGULAR OR QUICK COOKING OATMEAL 16-Oz. Pkg. 10c 3-Lb. Pkg. 22c

RED & WHITE PEANUT BUTTER

6-Oz. Jar 14c 16-Oz. Jar 31c 24-Oz. Jar 44c

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KELLOGG'S CORN FLAKES 11-Oz. Pkg. 8c

RED & WHITE WHEAT CEREAL 20-Oz. Pkg. 15c

REGULAR OR CHOCOLATE OVALTINE 50c Size 32c \$1.00 Size 62c

TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT JUICE No. 2 Can 12c Big 46-Oz. Can 27c

Red & White PURE Vanilla Extract 5-Ounce Package 15c

Louisiana Banana Style Pickled Peppers Big Quart Jar 23c

APPLE KEG APPLE JUICE Big 1/2 Gal. Glass Jar 45c

RED & WHITE CUT OR LONG Macaroni or Spaghetti 2 7-OUNCE Packages 15c

Red & White FRENCH'S Salad Mustard 6-Ounce Jar 8c

C. H. B. Worcestershire Sauce 5 Ounce Bottle 15c

Red & White COFFEE Drip or Steel Cut 1-Lb. Pkg. 29c

Blue & White CORN MEAL 5-POUND SACK 25c 10-Lb. Sack 45c

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- FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- TEXAS SWEET ORANGES Medium Size DOZ 27c
  - MARSH SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT 6 LARGE ONES 25c
  - RED BALL LEMONS Medium Size DOZ 23c
  - FINEST CALIFORNIA CALAVOS Large Size EACH 13c
  - CALIFORNIA ICEBERG LETTUCE Large, Crispy Heads, EACH 10c
  - CALIFORNIA PASCAL CELERY LARGE STALK 15c
  - NO. 1 IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES 6 LBS. 27c
  - HOME-GROWN CABBAGE Hard Green Heads LB. 3c
  - PINK RIPE TOMATOES LB. 15c

## RED & WHITE

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There'll always be a Christmas



Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

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- PROGRAM**
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DEC. 28-29  
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Sky's The Limit
- THURSDAY and FRIDAY  
DEC. 30-31  
Merle Oberlin and Brian Aherne  
First Comes Courage
- SATURDAY  
JANUARY 1  
Maureen O'Hara & John Garfield  
Fallen Sparrow  
Selected Shorts—Comedies, News

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### Classified

- FOR SALE—My Home on West Market Street, four rooms, modern bath, newly painted and refinished, located on block of acreage. C. F. McKinley. tf 9-16
- FOR RENT—New three room modern house. Phone 3513. tf 10-21
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- FOR RENT—Cottage and trailer space north-west of Court House on route 35. Mc Kinley Cottages. 4t-12-23 Pd.
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- FOR RENT—One 2-room Apt. with bath. One 3-room apt. with bath furnished.—Dickens Court on Market St. 1t-12-23
- FOR LEASE—21 acres all fenced. Inquire of Alex Stewart, Rockport. Mrs. G. Sweeney 12-23-tf

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: G. W. Fulton, deceased, and heirs of G. W. Fulton, W. S. Hall, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of W. S. Hall, Paula Reuss if living, if dead, the unknown heirs of Paula Reuss, Emily Nunnmacher, if living, if dead, the unknown heirs of Emily Nunnmacher, Henry Schoellkopf if living, and his unknown heirs if deceased, Elsie Von Rumohr, and the unknown heirs of Elsie Von Rumohr, Katherine Schoellkopf, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Katherine Schoellkopf, J. M. Hoopes deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. M. Hoopes, Carrie Hoopes, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Carrie Hoopes, all of whose residences are unknown, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 25 day of January, A. D., 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County, at the Court House in Rockport, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8 day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 2271 The names of the parties in said suit are:

John H. Burleson as plaintiff, G. W. Fulton, W. S. Hall, et al as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

An action in Trespass to Try Title as well as for damages to the following described tract of land lying in Aransas County, Texas, to-wit:

1. The South twenty-five (25) feet of Waterfront East of Lot Four (4), Block Twenty-six (26) Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas.

2. The North twenty-five (25) feet of Waterfront East of Lot Five (5), Block Twenty-six (26), Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas. Issued this 8th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas, this the 8th day of December, A. D., 1943.

J. M. SPARKS,  
Clerk, District Court, Aransas County, Texas 4t12-9.

### WOUNDED MEN SEND CHEER ALLENTOWN, N. H.

American servicemen in Iceland are going to receive a bit of Christmas cheer from some of their wounded buddies at a Navy convalescent recreation camp in Allentown. At the request of the Navy, 40 top-notch Christmas trees were cut from a park by the convalescents to be shipped to Iceland.

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