

Rockport Ready For Merry Christmas Celebrations; Churches and School To Have Special Programs

Christmas is almost upon us again and Rockport is practically ready to celebrate the year's favorite holidays.

Churches plan their most joyful services, children watch for the great event of the coming of Santa, businesses and offices close for a period of relaxation and it is almost Christmas.

Schools will dismiss at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 19th, and will not reopen until January 6th.

Friday morning a program under the direction of Miss Wilburn Hamblin will be presented at the high school auditorium at 9:00 o'clock. Students from the fifth through the twelfth grades will be present for this program. The first through the fourth grades will have programs and Christmas parties in their home rooms.

This program will include Christmas scriptures read by Miss Lucille Haynes, a clarinet duet by Glenda McShan and Rosa Faye Hamblin, a solo by Shirley Faye Harrell, a solo by Bonnie Cron, two poems by Lorenza Pena and Martin Pena, the choral club will sing Christmas Carols and will lead the audience in three songs. All of the rooms have been decorated for Christmas and each of the classes will have a Christmas party in its room after the assembly program.

Miss Hamblin says that they wish to extend an invitation to parents to visit the program and parties.

The Presbyterian church will hold Christmas services Sunday morning when they will have special Christmas carols and music. In the evening service Sunday, the Auxiliary will sponsor the "Annual Joy Gift." A pageant will be presented with the manger scene and special Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Jim Bart Jackson and Mrs. Norvell Jackson. Music will be presented by a double quartet.

Monday night the Presbyterian Church will have its Church-wide Christmas tree.

The First Baptist Church will have services with the Christmas theme Sunday morning and evening. Then Monday night they will have a tree for the entire church membership. They will sing Christmas carols and will have recitations by various members of the church.

Midnight Mass will begin at 12:00 o'clock Christmas morning at the Sacred Heart Church preceded by a program of Christmas carols by the choir. There will be a second mass Christmas morning which will be held at 9:00 o'clock and a third will begin at 9:30. The Rev. J. H. Kelly will be celebrant of all masses and will deliver the Christmas sermon at the midnight mass.

St. Peter's Episcopal church will hold Christmas services next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. A special Christmas carol service will be held at 11:45 p.m. December 24th and Communion Service will begin at 12:01 a.m. the 25th. Special Christmas music will be furnished by a quartet composed of Tommy Blackwell, Bert Haney, Harris Pollard and Dave Herring. Joel W. Hedgepeth will give the offertory and the Very Reverend George S. Walton will conduct all the services.

James Says Biology Class Doing Good Work On Projects

Owen James, Principal of the high school and teacher of the biology class, reports that the students are showing a great deal of interest in the course and that they are well ahead of schedule on their projects.

Diagrams of biological specimens which are due on January 17 are almost done by most of the class already and after the holidays they will begin on other projects a good two weeks in advance of the regular scheduled date.

Miss Shirley Ratisseau has catalogued the specimen department with extra work on Saturdays, and James says it is really in fine shape now. He extended an invitation to the citizens of Rockport to drop by and see the exhibit at any time.

According to James, Rockport is ideally situated for the gathering of these specimens since the students can obtain both land animals and birds in addition to the salt and fresh water fishes.

Red Cross Sends Gifts & Xmas Ornaments To US Naval Hospital

Mrs. Travis Bailey, Chairman of the Camp and Hospital Committee of the Local Red Cross Chapter, has announced that her committee has sent twelve dozen large Christmas tree ornaments and twenty-five gifts to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi this week.

Rockport Stores Are Well Stocked For Christmas

Here are a few suggestions from the merchants of Rockport for the benefit of those persons who still have some shopping to do for Christmas.

Whether you are looking for gifts for the women members of your family, the men, or the children the following suggested items will give you some idea of what is on the shelves and counters of the local stores.

Strube's Furniture Store has a wide assortment of table, floor and dresser lamps that will please the housewife along with some fine coffee tables, lounging chairs and studio couches.

White's Auto Store has on hand some mighty fine pressure cookers, small table radios, fishing rods, and toys for the children. These toys include ping pong sets, metal casting sets and dolls.

Johnson's Drug Store is displaying hammered silver trays, photo albums, scrap books, cosmetic sets, perfumes, and bonded whiskies for that Christmas egg nog.

Aransas Gas and Hardware Company has a wide assortment of toys for the youngsters. Included in these are erector sets, tennis racquets and bows and arrows. They are also featuring radios and fishing equipment.

The Rockport Electric Company has a new feature which arrived in time for the late shoppers—records for the phonograph—and radios and phonographs. They have a light-weight electric travel iron, toys for the children which include dolls, walking dogs, and tricycles.

Spark's Dry Goods is featuring sweaters, hats and other articles of men's and boy's clothing. They also have dresses, lingerie, sweaters for the girls and ladies.

Kaufman's Department Store has toys for the children which include dolls, dart games, baseballs, and marbles; dress shirts, ties and other articles of clothing for the men; vanity sets, dresses and stationery for the ladies.

Helen White's Inc. is featuring lingerie for the late shoppers for Christmas. They also have gowns, dresses, suits, slips and belts that will make ideal gifts. Those blazer jackets will make a mighty nice gift for the young ladies.

Ballard Drug Store has some fine plastic vanity sets for the ladies, music boxes, perfumes, cosmetic sets, and stationery.

All the grocery store owners say that the Rockport housewife will be able this year for the first time since the war started, to select her making for Christmas dinner from an array of foodstuffs equal to that in pre-war times.

They all agreed generally that there will be plenty of turkey, plenty of fresh cranberries, nuts, fruit, celery, and other "fixings" so that the housewife can put all the traditional foods on the table come Christmas day.

Rockport Has Candidate For Meanest Person

Rockport has a candidate for the unenviable title of "meanest person" it was reported this morning, when K. Theodore reported to Sheriff A. R. Curry that someone took the money from a milk bottle in his cafe last night which was intended for the Fire Department's food baskets for needy families.

It was not known just when the theft occurred, but Mrs. Theodore noticed it just before eleven when she was closing the cafe. Theodore said that if he could find out who took the money, he would make them put at least \$20.00 back in the bottle to furnish baskets of food for the needy families of Aransas County.

Christmas Spirit

"Merry-Christmas". These words ring out with a new and greater meaning this year than in many years. This greeting from friends, acquaintances, and strangers has more meaning for all of us because it reminds us of many pleasant memories of Christmases gone by. It reminds us that the season of brotherly love is upon us once again—which too few of us practice at other times of the year—and we redouble our efforts to be friendly and grateful.

This year, it reminds us that we have just come through another of the great struggles, not unscathed and hardened, but more humble and more willing to work for the re-establishment of peace on earth, good will to man. This simple greeting inspires us to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged, the weak, the needy, the friendless, in addition to those of our own family, our own social circle, our own neighborhood.

It's in the air again! Everywhere one senses it. It is the Christmas Spirit! People wanting to wish some one well, and to give gifts. Every year men's minds turn again to this same pattern of conduct. All, from the youngest to the oldest seem filled with a desire to add a bit to the happiness of living.

The opportunity to demonstrate love and goodness, exercise peace and good will among men was never greater than now. We have just finished another world war which showed forth factors which were the opposite of peace and good will. All about us are the deep wounds caused by war, not only flesh wounds, but spirit wounds. These take longer to heal for they reach the depth of the soul. Now we who are favored among men must give love gifts of good will toward all who have been most greatly distressed, so that hatreds will not smolder, but rather be put out by the kindness shown in our exercise of good will engendered through fellowship with the Divine.

At that first Christmas, the angels gave forth a song that has ever since been repeated at that Holy Season—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men." This song presents the essence of the Christmas Spirit. Peace and Good will are invaluable gifts which come down from the Father of Lights, the giver of all good gifts. These can be radiated by us only as our minds and hearts are turned with His infinite love and great goodness.

The Spirit of Christmas was expressed by St. John the Divine when he said: "Let us love one another." Among God's greatest gifts are Faith, Hope, and Love and the greatest of these is Love. This is the Christmas Spirit. May it be ours. So may all the world have a Blessed Christmas.

For all men, each successive Christmas should mean a closer approach to the Infant Jesus in whose honor we celebrate that day. The exchange of gifts and greetings should remind us of the love and generosity of the Christ, who gave Himself to the human race. The light and beauty of His face should find their counterpart in the virtues we try to practice for His sake. The simplicity and poverty of His birth should help us to place a true value on the pleasures and treasures around us.

We can test our grasp of the Christmas message on any day of the year. If we have seen Christ in Christmas, we shall see Him in January, in August or in November. Is our Christmas over when the tree is taken down?

Johnson Drug Is Agent Here For Rexall Products

Johnson Drug Store is now the local agent for the Rexall Drug Products. Joe Johnson, Sr. says that he has been handling their products for about six months.

He has just recently enlarged his store by taking out the south wall and utilizing the space where Hunt's Barber Shop was located. There were several booths and tables installed in the center of the store with the fountain being placed on the north side.

Mrs. Mary Lou Collins was employed by Johnson as manager of the cosmetic and gift department. She was employed by the Skirvin Hotel Drug Store in Oklahoma for nine years and was manager of the store for four years during the war. She has been in Rockport since July 1945 and has been with Johnson about 2 months.

Dick Fox is manager of the store and has been with Johnson about a year and a half.

Johnson went into business in Rockport about 10 years ago after spending 16 years with the Sinton Pharmacy where he was the manager for about 5 years.

Two of the girls working for him have been there about a year now. Alice Davis and Bobby Morris have worked on the fountain since the summer of 1945. Wanda Hayden, the other girl at the fountain has been there about 2 months. However she worked for Johnson about a year and a half when she was in high school here.

Johnson says that he is now handling all of the drug products put out by the Rexall line.

Tailor Shops Ask That Clothes For Xmas Be Brought In By Sat.

Hunt's and Lassiter's Tailor shops have asked that anyone wishing to have clothes cleaned to wear for Christmas please bring them in by Saturday morning.

They say they will be so busy that they cannot guarantee that clothes will be finished by Christmas Eve if brought in later than Saturday.

High School Students Plant Athel Hedge At Pirate Field

A large number of the high school students were busy Monday afternoon planting the Athel cuttings around the football field and other spots on the high school campus.

This project was started by the Student Council and the cuttings were donated by citizens of Rockport. The hedge planted near the football field was located all along the north side and most of the east and south sides. The west end of the field was left unplanted until the field has been levelled off.

Give Your News To The Pilot

The Pilot staff respectfully asks that anyone who is having company for the holidays please call Mrs. Roy Rogero at 468 or 3911 to give her the names as soon as possible as the next issue of the Pilot will be printed on December 24, 1946.

Fourteen Juniors & Seniors Make Honor Roll

There were fourteen Juniors and Seniors of the Rockport High School who made the honor roll released by the school officials last week and were inadvertently omitted from the list published last Thursday.

Seniors who made the roll were Colleen Smith, Ella Mae Green, Juanita Pitschki, Lucille Haynes, Wilma Rouquette, Joe Johnson, Jr. Bobby Joe Hewitt, and Russell Rowe.

Juniors included among those on the list were Bonnie Cron, Mary Lou Mc Lester, Pattie Ballou, Loretta Townsend, Iletta Townsend, and Pete Sprinkle.

VFW Asks For Gifts For Yanks Who Gave

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in its meeting Wednesday night decided to put on a campaign in Rockport to give a gift to the Yanks Who Gave and are now in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi.

Bill Gray, Commander, said that after reading the Corpus Callee Wednesday and noting only about fifty gifts had been received for approximately 500 men who can't go home for Christmas the members wanted to send gifts from Rockport.

They have placed a box at White's Auto Store for the convenience of anyone wishing to donate a gift. Gray asked that these gifts be wrapped in order to save time when they are collected.

Bruhl Elected Rockport's Third Mayor In 2 Years; Hanway Chosen Alderman Wednesday; Only Sixty-One Votes Cast

A. L. Bruhl was elected mayor and James P. Hanway was chosen as alderman from Ward One in an extremely quiet special election yesterday, with very few citizens appearing at the polls, which were open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., to cast their ballots.

This special election was called to fill a vacancy created on the City Council when Albert Collier resigned as mayor effective December 18 to accept a position in fisheries re-

Soft Drink Prices Reduced To Five Cents This Week

Prices for soft drinks and coffee returned to a normal pre-war level here this week when most of the local cafes and drug stores reduced the prices on soft drinks from ten cents to five cents and on coffee from seven cents to five cents per cup.

The cafe owners stated that with the increased cost of coffee, coffee cream, sugar, and cups and saucers that they had to raise the price to seven cents to make a fair margin of profit on coffee.

They decided to reduce the price to the pre-war level of five cents even though their margin of profit on a cup of coffee will be extremely small or non-existent. However, for soft drinks the wholesale price has remained the same as pre-war with a few exceptions and they feel that they can sell these at the old price of five cents and expect a reasonable return.

Shrimping In Bays Ends December 15; Resumes March 1

M. B. Muulinax, Boat Captain of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, announced this week that in compliance with the State law in all inland salt waters of the Texly Coast were closed to shrimping from December 15th until March 1st to shrimp trawls larger than ten feet wide at the mouth and twenty-five feet in length.

It is unlawful to catch or possess shrimp or use or possess any shrimp trawl during this period with three exceptions: (1) the closed season and prohibition against trawls applies only to the inland salt waters and not to the Gulf of Mexico; (2) shrimp lawfully taken or imported from other States may be possessed at any time; and (3) shrimp for bait may be taken from tidal waters at any time with twenty foot minnow seines, cast nets, or shrimp trawls not more than ten feet wide at the mouth and not more than twenty-five feet long.

Persons offering shrimp for sale must have a license. Any vessel licensed to operate a trawl during the closed season, may have a trawl abroad when such vessel is at or in a channel enroute to and from open waters.

American Legion Will Hold Xmas Dance Saturday Night

The Rockport post of the American Legion will hold its Christmas dance Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Beach Club.

All members of the post and their friends are invited to attend. Music will be furnished by Paul Jimenez and his orchestra of Victoria.

Representatives Of The Wheat Studios In Town Friday & Saturday

Portrait photographers and agents of the Wheat Studios of Dallas, Houston, and Corpus Christi were in Rockport Friday and Saturday working on Christmas-time photographs of the local citizens.

T. O. Killian, A. Johnson and Mrs. Nona Coates spent Friday afternoon and Saturday soliciting business and taking pictures at the Shoreline Hotel.

Donations can be dropped in the box at any time before four o'clock Christmas Eve at White's Auto Store.

The national committee has set a maximum limit of \$3.50 for each gift.

search away from Rockport and to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of W. B. Allen as councilman from Ward One.

There were a total of sixty-one votes cast for the mayor, of which A. L. Bruhl received fifty-four and Roy Hinton received seven a write-in votes. James P. Hanway received twenty-eight votes for alderman from Ward I and W. B. Friend received one write-in vote.

Bruhl will be the third mayor of Rockport in less than two years when he is sworn into office soon. Jack Blackwell resigned as mayor in October 1945 and was replaced by Albert Collier who was chosen in a special election on October 9th last year. This will also be Mr. Bruhl's third term as mayor of Rockport, having previously served two terms in that capacity.

He came to Rockport in 1891 with his father and started a drug store which he personally managed until April 1946. He has been interested in the growth of Rockport ever since he arrived and was one of the members of the first Navigation Commission. He was a leader in promoting deep water and a port for Rockport which finally went to Corpus Christi. He was also instrumental in obtaining the funds to build the first rock jetties at Port Aransas for which half a million dollars were raised in Rockport.

James P. Hanway was elected to the council to represent Ward One to replace W. B. Allen who resigned late in July. This will be his first term on the City's governing body; although he has recently served with distinction on the Equization Board when he was appointed to do that work by the City Council.

He came to Rockport in 1935 from San Antonio with the intention of retiring and taking things easy; however, he almost immediately went into the radio business which he has kept up ever since.

Hanway was born in Bryan, Texas and for many years he owned a service station and garage in Tyler, Texas, before moving to San Antonio.

This is his first venture into the field of politics. He became interested in the city government when he was appointed to work on the Tax Equalization Board along with Fred Booth and A. L. Bruhl this year. He says that he found this work pretty hard, but that it was very interesting to learn just how the city is operated and financed.

Perch Club Gains 2 New Members Last Week

The Rockport Perch Club initiated two new members last week, one from Houston and one local resident to continue its rapid growth of late.

Ernest Silberisen qualified for membership, while fishing off Travis Johnson's pier last week. He caught a ten inch trout and while trying to reel it in he leaped too far over from the end of the pier. 'Nuff said. Some of the witnesses to the occasion said that they couldn't understand how a ten inch trout had enough fight to pull such a large man into the drink—but it did. Bob Tedford had to fish Silberisen out and then rescue his rod and reel which, by the way, still had the trout on it. He had no difficulty in landing the trout.

H. C. Beck of Houston, brother-in-law of W. B. Allen, was accepted for membership in the Perch Club last week and was initiated when he turned his head to watch the road grader at the basin while fishing from the pier where Smith's Bait Supply is located. He started to cast and stepped off into the bait box.

Both Beck and Silberisen are now full-fledged members of the Perch Club.

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TO: A. J. McDaniel, N. R. McDaniel, H. R. Hearne, W. D. Tany, T. E. Bush, C. H. Moore, W. A. Shreve and W. E. Pyne, if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors, and/or legal representatives of each or all of the above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiff's Petition and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36th Judicial District of Aransas County at the Court House, thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of January A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 4th day of December A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 2411 on the docket of said court and styled W. B. Friend, Plaintiff, vs. A. J. McDaniel, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: A suit in trespass to try title, for title and possession as well as for damages on the following described property, to-wit:

All of Block No. One Hundred Eleven (111), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. All of Fractional Block No. Seventy-nine (79), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. All of Lot No. Seven (7), Block No. Two (2), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. All of Block No. Eighty-seven (87), Smith and Wood Division City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this 4th day of December A. D. 1946.

Attest:
 (Seal) J. M. SPARKS, Clerk,
 District Court, Aransas County,
 Texas 30c36

Auxiliary Circles Of Presbyterian Church Hold Joint Meeting

Both of the Auxiliary Circles of the Presbyterian Church held a joint business and social meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mamie Hooper with Mrs. Pat Hooper as co-hostess.

The program was on the theme, "Preparations for Peace." Mrs. T. H. Pollard led the program and was assisted by Mrs. Ted Little. Special music furnished by Mrs. A. H. Bolser who sang a solo. Mrs. Jack Hagar and Mrs. Mamie Hooper sang a duet. Mrs. Norvell Jackson sang a solo, and Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Henry Schmidt of Taft sang a duet. Mrs. Jack Hagar presented a poem.

They had a Christmas tree and exchanged gifts. The room was decorated in the Xmas theme and the table was laid with a lace cloth and had red hibiscus, and holly wery profusely used around the room.

The two circle chairmen served from the table. They were Mrs. Fred Brundrett and Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

PTA Given Program By Second And Fourth Grades Tuesday

The Rockport Parent Teachers' Association was given a musical program Tuesday night in the high school auditorium by Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson's second grade and Mrs. Charlene Hunt's fourth grade.

About sixty-five students of the two grades participated in presenting "Santa's Work Shop" which was a skit about the north pole and Santa's preparation for Christmas.

There were about five hundred guests present. Mrs. A. H. Bolser, Miss Lucille Haynes, and Thomas H. Foster sang a trio, "White Christmas."

After a short business meeting they were served sandwiches, cake, coffee and nuts at the Home Making Cottage by Mrs. Julius Malcher, Mrs. Elva Mullinax, Mrs. Jordan Weber, and Mrs. Pearson Raymond.

VFW Has Business Meet And Christmas Party Wednesday Night

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held its regular business meeting Wednesday night at which they initiated a new member, Victor C. Ammons of Kenedy, who has just moved here, and were then given a Christmas party by the Auxiliary.

They decided to send several gifts to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi for the regular monthly party for the patients. Both the VFW and the Auxiliary will send these gifts.

Mrs. Fred Bracht, Mrs. O. V. Dye and Mrs. Ira McShan were in charge of the party and served hot chocolate, sandwiches and cookies.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison and Mrs. A. C. Davis of Corpus Christi were visitors of Mrs. Ruby Morris Tuesday.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton and Mrs. B. C. Gregory had as their week end guests, Mrs. Chas. Wynn Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bluntzer and Mrs. Melba Gregory of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Chas. Picton, Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries and Mrs. Travis Johnson were in San Antonio last week.

Miss Charlotte Cron arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Cron. Miss Cron is attending Lindenwood College at St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Vic Landreth, Mr. W. S. Clark and Mr. C. W. Henry of Corpus Christi were guests of Mr. Roy Hinton last week.

Mrs. Chas. F. Cron, Miss Bonnie Cron and Miss Jo Ann Collins attended the Civic Music Association Concert at Corpus Christi Saturday night. The artist features in the concert was Alexander Urinsky, pianist.

Miss Jean Hinton has as her guest over the week-end Miss Nancy Lee Cairns of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams were in Seguin last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. William's grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Hemmi had as their guests over the week-end, Mrs. Alex Stewart, Misses Margaret and Winola Stewart and Alex and J. D. Stewart of Hallettsville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McElvaine, of St. Paul Minn. are guests of Mrs. Carolyn Hooper for a short visit.

Mrs. Walter Paugh, Mrs. Carl Gray and Mrs. W. B. Allen were visitors in Corpus Christi Monday.

W. B. Allen went to Houston Monday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beck of Houston were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen last week. Mr. Beck is W. B. Allen's brother-in-law.

Mrs. Jack Blackwell and son Glen who spent a few days last week were met in San Antonio Monday by her husband and accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McElvaine from St. Paul Minn. are spending quite some time with Mrs. Pat Hooper and daughter and Mrs. Jim Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Picton and son Tommy left Thursday on a trip to Ft. Lauderdale and other points in Florida for the holidays. They will be guests of Mrs. Picton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Booth will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Charles Gibson of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Jack Sanders and little son Jackie arrived last week from San Antonio to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. (Jack) Sanders. Mr. Sanders will join his family this week end.

Mrs. O. W. Jeffries from Edmond, Oklahoma arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl spent Monday and Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Gladys Gibson in Corpus Christi.

Odaka Group Of Camp Fire Girls Has Formal Dance

The Odaka group of Camp Fire Girls had a formal dance last Friday night at Mrs. Roy Hinton's home and they also had a Christmas tree and party.

They had a group singing of Christmas carols and a grand march. They presented Mrs. Roy Hinton, Mrs. Charles Roe, and Mrs. H. C. Mullinax with surprise gifts.

The house was decorated in the Christmas motif with a silver Christmas tree and holly. Refreshments consisted of punch, cake, and Christmas candies. The table was laid with a lace cloth, centered with poinsettias and holly.

Members of the Odaka's present were Misses Alma Jean Ratliff, Patsy Dupnik, Nancy Rivers, Lola Jean Ballou, Kathryn Freeman, Bonnie McGregor, Ro Jean Mikeal, Carol Simpson, Kathryn Jones, Dora Bell McLeaster, Oline Roope, Frances Lee Deason, Iva Lee Haynes, Jane Robinson, Sandra Court, and Joy Roe.

Victor Williams Honored With Party On His Fourth Birthday

Mrs. O. W. Williams honored her young son with a birthday party Friday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. U. L. Kane.

The youngsters enjoyed various games and Terry Ankele won the prize for pinning the tail on the donkey.

The birthday cake, a lovely white confection was decorated with blue candles. Refreshments consisting of baskets of gum drops, chocolate covered muffins and punch were served to the following guests: Marilee Johnson, Mary Sue Kane, Mary Lucille Jackson, Linda Mills, Terry Ankele, Mary Martha Shivers, Frances Adele LeBlanc, Barbara Barnard, Monte Rouquette, Dale Barnard, Robert Shivers, James Fox, Charles LeBlanc, Billy Johnson, Skipper Hunt, Mike Johnson, Freddie Hunt, Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mrs. Arley Shivers, Mrs. Herbert Mills and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills attended the football game between Refugio and Miranda City at Robstown last Friday night.

Mr. Jerald Picton from Port Arthur is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Picton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Wood wish to thank all the people of Rockport for their kindness and help to us in our trouble and to the Fire Department and boat men in working so hard to help us save our boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Wood.

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TO: Eliza K. Byrne, Matilda R. Byrne, Lucy J. Byrne and Katie L. Byrne, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors, and/or legal representatives of each and all of the said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, Defendants, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: A suit to remove cloud from title, for title and possession as well as for damages on the following described property, to-wit:

All of that certain lot or parcel of land, being an Outlot situate and adjoining the Town of Lamar, County of Aransas, State of Texas known and designated on a map or plan of said Town made by Wm. H. Jones as Outlot No. One Hundred (100), being bounded on the North by Outlot No. 107, on the East by a street or road running along the margin of St. Charles Bay, on the South by Outlot No. 101 and on the West by Outlot No. 99, and being all and the same property described in deed from Richard T. Byrne to Eliza K. Byrne, et al, dated the 19th day of January 1861 and recorded in Volume Trans. "A", page 677 of the Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas, to which a reference is here made for all purposes, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this 26th day of November A. D. 1946.

Attest:
 (Seal) J. M. SPARKS, Clerk,
 District Court, Aransas
 County, Texas 27c35

Mrs. Roy Hinton Honors J. F. Harbins With Party Monday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Harbin were honor guests at a party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton. Members of the school faculty and their husbands were guests.

The lower floor of the house was decorated with holiday evergreen, a large silver Christmas tree and strings of colored lights. The table was laid with a lace cloth over pink satin and held a centerpiece of large poinsettias, and silver candelabra with tall red tapers.

Wilburn Hamlin presided over the guest register and Jean Hinton and Bonnie Cron assisted in the dining room. They all wore formals. The program began with all present singing "Jingle Bells," after which a business slogan contest was given by Mrs. B. C. Gregory. It was in the nature of an old fashioned spelling bee, with missing answers being "turned down."

Next all guests divided into three groups, each group to decorate a human Christmas tree. Wilburn Hamlin, Bonnie Cron and Jean Hinton were the trees and were decorated with tinsel, icicles, garland ribbons and ornaments. Each tree held two lighted candles as the gifts for all guests were distributed from the floor at their feet.

Roy Hinton was Santa Claus, presenting bags of candy and nuts, and pinwheels, as the name of each guest was called.

Mrs. Arthur Bolser sang several beautiful numbers and accompanied Thomas H. Foster in giving three solos, and for group singing of Christmas carols. Refreshments consisting of chicken salad and pimiento sandwiches, olives, fruit cake, candy and coffee.

There were thirty guests present.

Methodist Youth Hold Regular Meeting Saturday Night

The Methodist Youth social organization held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Roy Hinton last Saturday night and after a short business meeting a candle-light scripture program was presented by Miss Lucille Haynes, Miss Wilburn Hamlin and Bert Haney.

They played several different games and were served refreshments by Bob Albin and Miss Kathryn Atwood which consisted of olives, sandwiches, punch, cake and candy.

There were thirty young people present for the meeting.

The Pilot CONGRATULATES

Mr. and Mrs. Marion L. McElvaine on the arrival of a baby girl at the Aransas Pass Hospital Tuesday morning at 6:50 a.m. She was named Linda Jean and tipped the scales at 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Wood wish to thank all the people of Rockport for their kindness and help to us in our trouble and to the Fire Department and boat men in working so hard to help us save our boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Wood.
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Engagement Announced

Mrs. R. H. Clark announces the engagement of her daughter, Helen, to Mr. W. G. Bardwell. The wedding will take place some time this month.

Sophomore Class Holds Dance At High School Last Thursday Night

The Sophomore class had a dance in Room B of the high school building last Thursday night from 7:00 to 11:00 o'clock with about seventy persons attending.

Decorations for the room included red and green streamers, cut-outs of stars, bells, trees, and Santa Clauses. Each student invited one guest.

Refreshments consisted of open-faced sandwiches, ritz crackers, cookies and bottle drinks.

Sponsors were the room mothers Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Clyde Townsend. Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden was also present as class sponsor.

Eastern Star Holds Meeting And Social Hour Last Monday

The local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held its regular business meeting last Monday night, December 16th at Masonic Hall with Worthy Patron Clyde Hayden and Worthy Matron Mrs. Ruth Hayden presiding.

They heard the report of the Worthy Matron on her trip to Grand Chapter at Houston.

Part of their Christmas program was given at the meeting under the direction of Mrs. Mamie Hooper who is program chairman. Then they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ratliff for a social hour. Each guest took a gift which was numbered and placed under a Christmas tree. Later each of them drew numbers and received the corresponding gift from the tree.

The house was decorated with poinsettias and other Christmas things. Refreshments consisted of a congealed salad, open faced sandwiches, cookies shaped as stars and Santa Clauses, coffee and hot chocolate. Mrs. S. F. Jackson served the salad and Mrs. Clyde Hayden served the coffee and hot chocolate. Those on the refreshment committee were Mrs. T. H. Ratliff, Mrs. Fred Diederich, and Mrs. T. H. Pollard.

There were about thirty-six members present.

Camp Fire Girls Hold Regular Business Meeting Friday

The Tanda Group of the Camp Fire Girls held its regular meeting at Mrs. Roy Hinton's last Friday afternoon where they wrapped Christmas gifts and turned in the toys they have been working on to be distributed by the Fire Department.

They were instructed to meet at the Fire Station next Tuesday afternoon to pack the baskets of food for the needy families for Christmas.

Mrs. Charles Roe, and Mrs. H. C. Mullinax served the group with cookies, punch and Christmas candies.

Chat And Chew Club Entertained By Mrs. Ernest Harrist

Mrs. Ernest Harrist was host to the Chat and Chew Club last Saturday afternoon with a coffee at her home.

She decorated her home with poinsettias and holly for the occasion and served chicken salad sandwiches, cake, cookies, stuffed dates, and candies.

Only the charter members with one guest, Miss Gussie Deane were present for the party which lasted from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock. Those present were Mrs. Albert Brundrett, Mrs. Houston Ratliff, Mrs. Clyde Armstrong, Mrs. Nannie Deane, Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mrs. Jim Sparks, Mrs. Mary Ellen Court, Mrs. Reed Simmons, Mrs. Ernest Harrist and Mrs. B. E. Caffall.

Mrs. Lillian Armstrong Gives Luncheon To Sewing Circle Thursday

Last Thursday a group of ladies spent the day in the home of Mrs. Lillian Armstrong. The purpose of the meeting was to cut out and sew costumes.

The hostess served a luncheon which consisted of fried chicken and all the trimmings. She also served a pink and white birthday cake with pink candles in honor of her daughter Betty Mae who was celebrating her sixth birthday.

Those present were Mrs. Amy Simmons, Mrs. Maryland Caffall, Mrs. Lilly Laney of Refugio, Mrs. Alma Ratliff, Mrs. Doris Huffman, Mrs. Lillian Sorenson and Mrs. Chralene Hunt.

Among the younger set who dropped in to pay their respects to Betty Mae on her birthday were Clydene, Jerry, Sue and Bub Armstrong; Brodus Jr., Betty Lynn and Sandra Caffall; Eddie and Alma Jean Ratliff and Gerald and Doris Jean Huffman.

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W.N.U. RELEASE



THE STORY THUS FAR: Jim MacTavish announced that Alicia was selling her place, and he was going to marry her. They would live with Megan. Again they quarreled, and Meg went out into the night to be alone on the ridge. Tom Fallon startled her as he walked into the moonlight near the rock. She told him of her father and Alicia, and the demands to sell the farm. He talked again of his wife and how she went to pieces when a son was born dead. She was sorry for him. The house was dark and silent when she returned. She was half asleep when she heard a sound and tiptoed to her father's room. He had just returned from another "walk," and rudely commanded Meg to go to bed.

CHAPTER X

It was after one o'clock, so she knew that her father must be asleep by now.

She undressed in the dark and slipped into bed. She felt a little ashamed now of the violence of emotion that had sent her flying from the house to the Ridge; in the face of the grief and heartache that Tom carried with him twenty-four hours of the day, seven days a week, her own seemed trivial.

She was half asleep when she heard the downstairs door open and her father start up the stairs. There was something in the stealth, the furtiveness of his tread on the stairs, and the way he opened his door, inching it shut, that roused her more than noise would have done. He so seldom bothered to be careful about noise. He walked into the house and up the stairs and closed his door forcefully, no matter what time he came in; but tonight he had crept so cautiously that she was puzzled, and she slid out of bed, caught up her cotton crepe kimono, and stepped into her bedroom slippers.

She listened at her father's door, and when she heard only a soft, rustling sound, she tapped and asked, "Is that you, Father?"

"Who the blazes do you think it was?" he snapped at her.

"I was afraid it might be a burglar."

"Oh, for the love of—what the devil would a burglar want here? I fell asleep over my paper downstairs, and tried to get upstairs without waking you. Hereafter, I'll see to it that you are awakened." There was something odd about his voice that she couldn't quite distinguish. He seemed to be breathing hard, as though he had been running or were laboring under some terrific excitement.

"Go to bed!" he called to her sharply, and she turned and went back to her room.

It was near noon the following day and Megan was busy in her perennial border along the walk, resetting some clumps of phlox and thinning out some of the other perennials that were taking too much room for themselves, when a sudden sharp scream of terror rent the peaceful, mild air.

Megan jerked to her feet as the scream came again—from the direction of Alicia's house, and now she saw a girl whom she recognized as Betty Hendrix, whose father owned a dairy, come stumbling down the path from Alicia's house, wringing her hands and screaming.

"What in the world—" somebody asked. One of the men ran up the walk to the house, stepping over the milk pail, whose contents had splashed over the porch, and looked through the half-open door of Alicia's house.

He gave a yell and stepped back. Then others crowded close and looked in and instantly stepped back as though they had received a blow.

The first man who had reached the place—Bill Logan, it was—pulled the door shut and said sternly, "Mustn't anybody go in there till the police get here. Might mess up a clue or something. Somebody go call the law."

"But what is it? What's happened? Bill, for Pete's sake—" cried Mrs. Stuart, as usual one of the first at the scene of any catastrophe or unusual event in Pleasant Grove.

"Miz' Stevenson's been—murdered," said Bill, swallowing hard and looking a little green.

There was a stunned moment of silence and then a little buzz ran around the crowd, and the word "murder" was the only word that could be distinguished in that buzz.

"Murdered? Fiddlesticks, Bill Logan—you read too many o' them mystery stories," snapped Mrs. Stuart, thrusting her way forward. "Maybe Miz' Stevenson's got hurt—an accident. Get away from that door and lemme see. We ought to see how bad hurt she is."

"She's dead!" Bill said grimly, and Mrs. Stuart saw the greenish tinge to his sallow face. "Ain't no mistake about that. And the police always want to be the first ones to get into a place where there's been a murder. So I'm standing right here till the cops get here and there ain't nobody going in till then."

anything, I opened the door—and she was lying there—all bloody—" Megan urged her across the road and to the porch, where Annie stood watching and listening.

Megan was too shocked, too appalled at what had happened, and too busy trying to soothe the hysterical girl to realize that Annie's dark face was ashen, or that her eyes were wide and the whites showing to an unusual degree. Annie's thick-lipped mouth was tightly folded and she said no word as Megan and Betty reached the porch. But Annie's hands were kind and gentle, and between them, she and Megan were able to get the girl into the house, away from that rapidly increasing crowd across the road, out of reach of voices that were sharpened with excitement and curiosity.

The day crept on somehow. Megan and Annie turned Betty over to her family, and the house grew quiet. Neither Annie nor Megan was disposed to talk; Megan, because she was locked fast in her sick, shaken thoughts; Annie, for reasons of her own.



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of her own that she had, at the moment, no intention of revealing.

Megan was too self-absorbed to be aware of Annie's curious, furtive glances as they went like automata through their regular daily chores. Probably not a household in Pleasant Grove sat down to a midday meal; what food was consumed was taken more or less on the run. So it did not occur either to Megan or to Annie to wonder when Jim MacTavish did not appear for the meal.

Tom, stopping on his way from school to pick up his daily supply of milk and eggs, paused for a moment to say, distressed and unhappy, "It's a terrible thing. I can't help feeling terribly sorry for her—alone there. She must have been terrified."

Megan said, in a small, strangled voice, one hand at her throat, "Oh—don't!"

"I'm sorry," Tom said compassionately. "It must have been very unpleasant for you all day with that mob—"

"I hated her—and now she's dead—and I'm so ashamed," Megan confessed humbly. "I didn't even try to help her. Maybe if I had—"

"Oh, come now, for goodness' sake," Tom protested. "You must not give way to such thoughts! You're on the verge of becoming morbid."

"They say it happened before midnight," Megan told him thickly. "Perhaps she—she might have screamed—perhaps if I'd been at home—" Her voice broke and she was silent, her teeth sunk hard in her lower lip, her eyes sick and frightened, dark with horror.

Tom came into the kitchen and put his hand on her arm and gave her a little shake. "Stop that!" he ordered sternly. "Even if you had been at home—even if you'd been down here in the living room, you could not have heard her. And in your room upstairs at the back of the house—can't you see how foolish you're being, darling?"

The little endearment slipped out. Yet the moment, the second, after it had been spoken it seemed to crash in both their ears with the sound of doom. His face went white and set and his eyes were tragic.

"Oh—no!" Megan said in a small, choked whisper.

Tom straightened. His face looked as though it had been carved out of granite.

"Of course not—I never happened! I didn't say it—I never even think it. Forget it, will you?" said Tom in that harsh, strained voice. He took up the milk and the basket of eggs and went swiftly out of the house. The sound of his footsteps on the old broken-brick walk were the most final sounds Megan had ever heard in all her life. She stood listening until the last one had died to silence, and then she leaned, weak and shaking, against the cabinet behind her and put her cold, trembling hands over her face.

She became conscious of Annie's presence, when Annie said very quietly, her old voice gentle and warm with tenderness, "Yo' paw done come, honey."

She was too dazed to wonder how long Annie had been there, to wonder how much of that taut little scene Annie had witnessed. Somehow that didn't matter at the moment. She only knew that she must accept Annie's words as a warning and pull herself together before she faced her father.

He had gone directly to his room. She heard him moving around up there as she and Annie finished getting supper on the table. When he came down, he was freshly shaven and his shirt was immaculate. He had bathed and shaved and changed before supper, as he had done ever since she could remember. It had been one of the things that, as a child, she had been proud of. When she had gone home to supper and to spend the night with some school friend, and the school friend's father had come to the supper table, collarless, a stubble of beard on his tired face, still wearing the sweat-stained, grimy clothes he had worn in the field, she had thought always of her father with pride, if not with affection.

He came into the dining room, moving wearily, and when he had seated himself, he looked straight at her across the table and said sternly, "Yes, I know about it. We won't discuss it, if you don't mind."

"Of course not," she answered, accepting the dish Annie offered her, and serving herself without in the least knowing what the food was. She managed to eat, without the faintest awareness of what she was eating.

Her father was equally silent. He was pale and there were haggard circles beneath his eyes and his hands were not quite steady. And she did not know when the evil, staggering thought began to creep slyly into her mind; when she began to remember the unusual stealth and caution with which he had let himself into the house last night; the way he had climbed the stairs on tiptoe; the way his door had closed behind him. Suddenly the thought stood clear and hot in her mind; where had he been?

She set her teeth hard to keep them from chattering, and locked her hands tightly in her lap. She no longer could go through the mechanical motions of putting food into her mouth, or forcing herself to swallow, while the evil thought crept through her mind. He had said, when she called to him through his closed door, that he had fallen asleep over his paper in the living room; but she had known that he was not telling the truth. For there had been no glimmer of light anywhere in the house when she had come in.

When she had come in! It had been after one o'clock when she had come in. That mysterious grapevine by which a secret whispered in the kitchen of a house at one end of town will reach the farthest house on the other side of town, in any small place like Pleasant Grove, reported that the doctor felt Mrs. Stevenson had been killed sometime between ten o'clock and midnight! And she, Megan MacTavish, had been on the Ridge with another woman's husband from eleven o'clock until almost one!

Her father had come into the house a bit later. The silent meal ended and she helped Annie clear the table. When Annie refused her help with the dishes, she went reluctantly into the living room, where her father had already established himself with the weekly newspaper, which he had read last night. When she came into the room, he was sitting staring straight before him, his face white and still, his eyes bleak and frightened.

She came then and sat down in the chair opposite him, in front of the small, cheerful fire, and took up her basket of mending. And then she saw that her father was watching her covertly, out of the corners of his eyes, and that when she looked straight at him, his eyes dropped almost guiltily to the paper.

She put down the sewing basket. Her mouth was dry, her throat felt constricted with horror, and a creeping fear bred of that slow, evil thought was spreading through her mind. Suddenly, almost as though someone else spoke the words, she asked in a fearful whisper, "Father—did you do it?"

Tom said, his voice harsh and very low, "Yes, I said 'darling'—I have thought it often enough."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

On Christmas morning when I awake, and sleep-dust from my eyes I shake, I see a sight that makes me start and causes thumpings in my heart! A Christmas tree—oh, pretty sight—with candles, bells and balls alight. With horns and dolls and sugar plums, and skates and trains and beating drums. And oh, it is a wonder-tree, with heaps of things for me to see! Rare gifts hang upon the side, which tinselled fairies cannot hide. A soldier-doll, a doll house, too, and strings of gold cometomy view, and as I look I seem to hear sweet Christmas music soft and clear.

A Merry Christmas it seems to say, A merry, happy, holy day!

Stocking Hanging An Old Custom

Almost without exception the children of American will put up their stockings by the side of the chimney for Father Christmas or Santa Claus. For generations children have gone eagerly to their stockings



on Christmas morning to see what Santa Claus has deposited in them.

The origin has nothing whatever to do with Christmas. The custom's only connection with Christmas is through Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus, the saint who liked to do good by stealth, heard that three lovely sisters, who lived in a poor cottage on the outskirts of town, were destitute.

Saint Nicholas made his way to their home one night, and threw a gift of three gold pieces through the smoke-hole of the cottage.

Instead of gold pieces falling on the hearth, as he had expected, they fell into the stockings of the girls, which had been hung up over the fire to dry after washing. Hence, when the tale became known, the custom of hanging up stockings over the fire came into being—in hopes; and Christmas Day was chosen for the doing, because it was Saint Nicholas' day.



WILD BLUE YONDER . . . Daniel Greening, like most American boys, prefers that his tricycle be modeled after a fighter plane. World War II weapons and equipment soon will give way to fantastic "cosmic weapons," as the motif for children's toys.

Dance Until Midnight. Mexican Christmas Eve is a pretty combination of the religious and the festive observance. There is a dance in every village until midnight. At the stroke of twelve the musicians play a mystical sacred melody, and everyone converges in front of the "nacimento," or crib representation.

How Washington Observed Christmas in Virginia George Washington celebrated Christmas in much the same manner as it is observed today. With his neighbors he attended Christmas Eve sacred services at the village church. On Christmas Day an elaborate and delectable dinner was served, followed by hours of fun and merry-making, at which most of the neighbors took part. Rhythmic feet stepped the Virginia reel, followed by the jigtime of the country.

War-time Landing Mats Are Sold for Use as Corn Crib

WASHINGTON. — Airplane landing mats which saw wartime service in Europe and the Pacific are now being sold for use as corn cribs in the midwest.

War Assets administration announced it had sold 4,196,282 square feet of surplus landing mats stored at Kankakee, Ill., to 40 bidders who certified they will convert them into corn storage cribs for farm use.

The cribs will go up on farms in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. The mats were set aside by WAA on request of the agriculture department which declared they were needed to prevent impairment to food production. The mats were sold for a total of \$125,007, WAA said.

Disillusioned Brides of G.I.s Return to England

NEW YORK. — Twelve disillusioned British war brides of former G.I.s left for their homeland aboard the American liner John Ericsson. All said they would seek legal separations from their husbands.

Mrs. Winifred Baxter Stussy, 22, wife of Henry W. Stussy of Joplin, Mo., was accompanied by her 10-month-old daughter, Pauline.

Hunter Gets License; Bags Mallard Without Hunting

MOUNT CARMEL, ILL. — C. W. Folts of nearby Keensburg bought his duck hunter's stamp at the post office just in time.

En route home after making the purchase, an object smashed through his automobile windshield.

He stopped, switched on the car light and there in the seat beside him was a mallard duck—bagged legally, or was it?

British Problem Wakefield, England

At least one in every eight children born in England is illegitimate, a report presented to the diocesan conference of the Church of England said.

Promptness at Mealtime Saves Life of This Hubby

WILKES-BARRE, PA. — Benjamin Desko, 58, of Pittston, is alive because he always has been punctual for meals.

Desko left home to pick coal at an anthracite field. When he failed to return for lunch, his wife went to look for him.

She discovered no trace of her husband, but saw that a bulldozer operator was filling in the entrances to several abandoned shafts in the side of a hill. Fearing her husband had been buried alive, she told her story to the bulldozer operator, who summoned a rescue crew from the Pennsylvania Coal company.

After two hours of digging, Desko was rescued from one of the openings—none the worse for his experience.

Clocks and Sweaters Are Turned Out in Same Factory

DELAVAN, WIS. — George W. Borg, who makes electric clocks here, knits sweaters by electronics in the same factory.

He came here in 1928, bought a knitting mill and a plant making electronic devices and merged them with his clock business. His firm turns out about 4,000 electric clocks a day, and banks of machines knit sweaters like linked frankfurters.

Want to Live Long? Don't Be President

WASHINGTON. — Does the job of President of the United States shorten life?

It seldom did when America was essentially an agricultural economy of a few million population, a Metropolitan Life Insurance analysis disclosed.

But since 1900, only one—William McKinley—of a few million population, a Metropolitan Life Insurance analysis disclosed.

Franklin D. Roosevelt had a life expectancy of 71. He died at 63. Calvin Coolidge fell 12 years short; Harding, 16; Wilson, 5; Theodore Roosevelt, 8; McKinley, 12; Harrison, 5; and Cleveland, 1.

Herbert Hoover, the only living ex-president, has a life expectancy of 72 and has almost reached that mark.

President Truman, now 60, has a normal life expectancy of 15.05 more years.

No Food Cut LONDON

—British Press association said recently Britain had decided not to reduce the present standard of living at home in order to give more food to the Germans.

Fiorello Says Action Needed To Avert New Food Crisis

WASHINGTON. — UNRRA Director Gen. Fiorello N. La Guardia said that prompt United Nations action is needed to avert a new food crisis.

Despite larger food crops this year, La Guardia said, neither China nor eastern European countries will be self-sufficient.

Calling for effective international aid, he said they must be given grants or loans to finance imports once UNRRA is dissolved.

"If imports cannot be financed," he said, "these countries may well face another food crisis in 1947 which would set back their slowly recovering industry and shatter their precariously poised financial structure."

Left Leg Learns What Right Did; Boy Back in Hospital

VANCOUVER. — Eleven-year-old Leon Hutcherson broke his left leg while in bed with a broken right leg.

His right leg was encased in a cast. Unable to move it satisfactorily, he got his other leg under it and used it as a lever. A bone snapped, and he is back in the hospital from which he had just been released.

Out at Age of 82, He Is Voluntarily Back in Stir

CARSON CITY, COLO. — A few months ago an 82-year-old man was released from Colorado's state penitentiary at Canon City on completion of a sentence for burglary but recently he appeared at the main gate and asked to be re-admitted. He explained to Warden Roy Best that he didn't like it "outside" and wanted to earn his keep inside the walls by doing odd jobs. The warden agreed and now the old timer seems happy and explains: "There's always company in prison."

Was Lucky for This Man He Didn't Roll Over in Sleep

PHILADELPHIA. — Sailor William Long, 19, had a refreshing sleep one night, but he and police still shudder at the recollection of self-appointed accommodations.

Long, minus his shoes, was found sleeping soundly on an eight-inch ledge outside the seventh floor of city hall early one morning. The slightest move would have sent him crashing to the roof of the basement boiler house.

Long does not know how he got there.

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Out-Of-Towns Visitors

OLEANDER COURTS
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown and son of Weslaco are spending a few days here.
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kammerer of Pan Handle, Texas, have just arrived for a few days of fishing and resting.
D. M. Adamson from Dallas is visiting in Rockport for a short vacation.
W. W. Sherrill and E. M. Van Lien of Houston are staying here for several days.
J. R. Henderson and party of Wichita Falls, have recently arrived at Rockport for a few days of fishing and hunting.
Van Ware and party from Houston will be here for some time for a vacation.

PALM COURTS

Homer Singley of Plains, Kansas, visited this week with the Utz and Dunlop families.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith arrived for an indefinite stay, Saturday afternoon. They are from Plains, Kansas.
Jo Alan Utz was a week-end guest of Bobby Franklin in Rockport.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunlop were shopping in Corpus Christi all day Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Angell from Corpus Christi were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Utz last Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gardner of Detroit, Michigan, are spending the winter here.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Simpson of Paducah, Texas, have been on several trips here in the last few weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conway, Mrs. Ann LaFrantz and daughter Catherine, are spending a few days here. They are from San Antonio.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClelland of Detroit, Michigan are spending the winter here.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Norlander of Minnesota have arrived to spend the winter.
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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pollase from Houston were here last week.
Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Humphrey of Baytown, Texas, spent the week-end here.
Mr. and Mrs. William Redpath of Merenge, Ill. have arrived for the winter.

JOLLY ROGER CAMP
Troy Gardner and Eugene Waters of Kerrville were visitors of the "Jolly Roger" hunting and fishing camp for three days this week and took back quite a large catch of trout and redfish. They also got two limits of ducks.
Gardner is manager of the Lazy 8 Ranch at Mountain Home, Texas, and is an internationally known big game hunter.

SUNDAY SPEAKER

Dr. J. McDowell Richards, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, will be the speaker on the Presbyterian



J. McDowell Richards

Hour, next Sunday morning, December 22, at 7:30 a.m.
Born in North Carolina, Dr. Richards attended Presbyterian University where he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts in 1923. He was awarded a Rhodes scholarship on which he spent three years in Oxford University in England. Dr. Richards took his theological training at Columbia Seminary, and was graduated there in 1928. His first pastorate was at Clarksville, Georgia, and from there he went to Thomasville, Georgia, in 1931. Twelve years ago, Dr. Richards was called to the presidency of Columbia Seminary, and under his leadership the Seminary has enjoyed an era of spiritual and material expansion.
The subject of Dr. Richard's address next Sunday morning will be "The Meaning of Christmas".
This radio broadcast can be heard in Rockport over radio stations KWBU, Corpus Christi; WOAI in San Antonio; KPRC, Houston and WFAA, Dallas.

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Morning Bible School: 10:00 o'clock.
Morning Worship: 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. T. H. Pollard, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 o'clock.
Morning Worship: 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:30 o'clock.
Young People's Service: Wednesday night, 7:00 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
W. B. Wheeler, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 o'clock.
Worship Service: 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Service: 6:30 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:45 o'clock.

Joel Hedgepeth, Marine Biologist with the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, was in Dallas over the week-end attending the 50th annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science. He delivered a paper on "Salinity Exchange in the Laguna Madre." He also presented papers for Dr. Gordon Gunter and J. L. Baughman who could not attend the meeting.

Year-Round Vegetable Production Developed By Rockport Farmer

D. W. Gibson, truck farmer who lives on the Clifton Barber place near Rockport, is thoroughly convinced that there is no place like Aransas County for vegetable growing the year around. He has been convinced through experience for there is not a month that comes around which does not find some type of vegetable responding to Gibson's cultivation.
Ready Market
Gibson is now gathering mustard, turnips and radishes from his truck garden; and he says that he finds a ready market for the produce in nearby towns. He has a fine sweet potato crop that will be ready to gather soon after the first of the year.

But one of Gibson's biggest accomplishments this year is the production of watermelons in December. He has been gathering melons from his patch for the past several months, and he has several nice melons that he is nursing along until Christmas so he can include watermelon on his yuletide menu.

Last spring Gibson was in the rabbit business full blast. He had some 200 rabbits on his place and at that time he was realizing considerable revenue from this phase of his farm activities. But he is out of the rabbit business now, lock, stock and barrel. He said there was no way in the world that he could grow rabbits at a profit after feed prices began to skyrocket. He didn't require much time in liquidating his rabbit stock.
Son Helps Out
He is replacing the rabbits with chickens and he recently bought a couple of hundred chicks which he now has in brooders. Gibson said he bought two types of chicks—in one group were No. 1 chicks,

while in the other were chicks that were not considered good enough to be sold as top stock. However, he said that he believes the second group is showing more promise than the No. 1 group; and he plans on his next order to specify second grade chicks.

Gibson operates the farm with his son, Dan Gibson. They came to Aransas County from Roswell, N. M., where they were in the building business. Both are rock masons, and they built a great many houses in Roswell.

In addition to carrying on their

truck farming activities, the Gibsons take care of the satsuma orange grove on the Barber farm.
—Corpus Christi Caller.

Miss Ruth Linda Herring of Corpus Christi spent last week-end visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herring.

"Pyorrhoea" May Follow Neglect

Did you ever see an attractive person with irritated "GUMS"? Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fail to help. Ballard Drug Store, successor to A. L. Bruhl.



May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
at
Christmastime.

Oleander
Court



CHRISTMAS WISHES

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THOUSAND
we send to all our friends
this Yule Season of 1946.
May yours be indeed a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Johnson Fish Co.

Season's Greetings

As another Christmas draws near, the entire organization of Cage's Texas Benefit Association and the Cage Burial Association pause for a moment to think of the many old friends we have continued to serve and the many new ones we have made. At this time, we wish to send to each and every one of you the Season's Greetings and best wishes for the health, happiness and prosperity of you and your loved ones during the coming year and the years ahead. We want to express, also, our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies you have shown us during the past year.

We are always mindful of our obligations, and constantly strive to maintain a public service of benefit to thousands of people and worthy of your confidence and support. We thank you for your trust in our organizations and are looking forward to a continuation of our pleasant relations with our old friends and the addition of many new ones in the coming year.

Best wishes to all — and THANK YOU!

W. L. Wilburn
Field Representative
Office 218 — Phones — Residence 305
Box 275, Taft, Texas



Joy to the
World
Christmas

● Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

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Kelly's Cash Grocery

Season's Greetings



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Christmas
MAY TRUE
HAPPINESS
IN ALL ITS
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BE YOURS THIS
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GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

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MORRISON'S

"At the Yacht Basin"



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Phone 252

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
TO TOWN



MERRY CHRISTMAS

A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

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A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES
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LET IT ECHO IN THE
STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE
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ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.



Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

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BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownup, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy . . . an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

FAITH . . . faith in our homes and community . . . faith in the future . . . faith in men of good will, eternally — this is the essence of the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

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ROY HINTON

ON THIS, MY SECOND ANNIVERSARY IN ROCKPORT, THE ABOVE SENTIMENT IS TRULY MY WISH FOR MY MANY FRIENDS



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PICTON LUMBER CO.

Santa Claus Provided With Variety of Toys Cowboy and Policemen Replace G.I. Uniforms

Toyland, 1946 style, is geared to reproduction of America's peacetime living, reproducing in purposeful miniature every phase of home-making, building and road construction, transportation, science, agriculture, fashion and art. Cowboys and policemen have staged a comeback as juvenile heroes and minia-



tures of military equipment are keyed to the armed forces' training programs. New toys have been tested by children for fun appeal, age interest and safety.

More than 100,000 different kinds of playthings with a retail value of 250 million dollars, a 35 per cent increase over 1945, are ready for Christmas distribution. The first lines of rubber and steel playthings in four years will bring back such deeply missed favorites as rubber balls, balloons and animals, wheel toys, electric trains, movable eyes and voices for dolls, steel construction sets, musical instruments, noisemakers and pop guns. Many new uses of plastic as well as a bumper crop of wood, cardboard and paper toys also will be represented in Santa's 1946 pack.

Special requests to Santa Claus will call for early shopping. Although volume in most lines is close to prewar levels, unprecedented demand is likely to create out-of-stock conditions in popular lines before Christmas eve. This will be due to the fact that in addition to pent-up demand for toys caused by wartime



manufacturing restrictions, five million extra children of toy age were added to the population during the war years (in comparison with the average of the preceding peacetime decade).

Czechoslovakia Cards Designed by Cripples

Christmas cards, produced by the American Relief for Czechoslovakia, were drawn by Ann Halamova and Premek Blazicek, two of hundreds of Czechoslovak children who lost their arms or legs through the explosion of bombs, grenades or mines which the Nazis strewed throughout their country. These tots were trained by the Jedlicka Institute in Prague, and the cards, made by children without hands, would be remarkable for normal children even older than they are.

First Christmas

What sweeter music can we bring, Than a Carroll, for to sing, The birth of this our Heavenly King? Awake the Voice! Awake the String! Heart, Eare and Eye and everything Awake. . . . The Darling of the world has come, And fit it is, we finde a roome To welcome Him. The Nobler part Of all the house here, is the heart, Which we will give; and bequeath This Holle, and this Ivie Wreath, To do Him honour; who's our King, And Lord of all this rejoicing!
—Robert Herrick (1591-1634)

Make Christmas Happy By Making It a Safe One

The tree, the drying holly and mistletoe, lighted candles, defective log, all increase the danger of fire. If the careless spirit that characterizes Christmas slips into carelessness, swift catastrophe may overtake us, our loved ones and our possessions. There is no time of the year when it is so essential that extreme care be taken to insure that any possible danger of fire be avoided to make Christmas a happy one.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Christmas Dinner Needs Color and Good Cooking To Appeal to Appetites



Christmas dinner is for family and friends. They should be given their favorite foods, prepared family style. Plan meal ahead and save last minute musing and fussing.

We may all get somewhat worn-out by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, but, confess now, would you give any of it up? I don't think anyone would say "yes" because that's half the fun of Christmas.

Christmas is the time to put on your feast of the year, for this is truly the meal that's remembered. Whatever you have, set it on a colorful table with red and green colors in food and decorations predominating. Have everything cooked to perfection and let the rest take care of itself.

Do your marketing and planning well in advance so you won't be disappointed, and do get most of the food prepared in advance so you won't be caught in the last minute rush. Dessert, refrigerator roll dough and salad can all be prepared the day before Christmas if you follow the suggested menu.

***Cranberry Juice.**
Mix equal quantities of cranberry and orange juice. Add half as much ginger ale and chill thoroughly before serving.

***Roast Beef.**
Wipe roast with a damp cloth; dredge bottom of pan with flour. Place roast in pan, skin side down, and rub over with flour. Place in a moderate (300 to 350 degrees) oven and cook as follows: for a well done roast 15 minutes per pound, plus 15 minutes; for medium done, 12 minutes per pound plus 15 minutes; and for a rare roast 10 minutes to a pound plus 15 minutes.

***Green Beans with Mushrooms (Serves 6 to 8)**
2 pounds green beans, cut in slivers
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup minced onion
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup water
3 tablespoons butter or bacon fat
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup milk or cream

Combine beans with mushrooms which have been washed and sliced. Add onion, salt, water, butter and sugar. Cover and cook over low heat until tender. Add remaining ingredients, heat well and serve. Canned mushrooms and green beans may be substituted for fresh produce, if desired.

***Cranberry Relish Salad. (Serves 6)**
2 cups fresh cranberry relish
1 tablespoon plain gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
12 apple slices
Real mayonnaise
Salad greens

To cranberry relish, add gelatin soaked in cold water and dissolved in hot water. Turn into shallow pan rinsed with cold water. Have mixture at least one inch deep. Chill until firm. Cut out with a scalloped cookie cutter and place on salad greens. Top with 1/4-inch apple slice cut with same cutter and dipped in lemon juice. Top with real mayonnaise and garnish with a half a cherry.

LYNN SAYS:
Have an Old-Fashioned Christmas
Now that everyone's settling down to a normal life at last, make it a good old-fashioned Christmas at your house with all the trimmings.
Nice Christmas trees always have something good to eat. There are red and white candy canes which make the tree cheerful, and cookies cut in fancy shapes like stars, wreaths, miniature trees and snowmen. Flavor them with ginger and spices and frost prettily with white icing, red and green sugar.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

- *Cranberry Juice
- *Rib Roast of Beef
- *Browned Potatoes
- *Green Beans with Mushrooms
- Hot Rolls
- *Molded Salad Relishes
- *Plum Pudding with Sauce or Fruit Cake
- *Recipe given.

To make the cranberry relish used in the recipe for the salad use the following directions:

French Cranberry Relish.
1 pound raw cranberries
1 large orange
1 large red apple
1 cup honey

Wash berries, orange and core apple. Put through the meat grinder, using medium knife. Add syrup and let stand in the refrigerator. This will make 3 1/2 cups of relish. It may be used as a relish for meat, if desired. Trimmings from the jellied relish salad can be added to fruit cup the following day.

A good plum pudding may be kept for several weeks, if desired, and allowed to mellow like a good fruit cake. Or, if you want some for New Year's Day also, double the following recipe:

***Royal Plum Pudding.**
2 eggs, separated
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup chopped suet
1 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup seeded raisins
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup nutmeats
1 1/2 tablespoons flour



Cranberry relish salad is made of easy-to-get foods like apples, oranges and honey. It can be prepared the day before and garnished prettily by cutting the molded salad with a scalloped cookie cutter, and topped with an apple cut the same way, garnished with mayonnaise and a red cherry.

Add beaten egg yolks to brown sugar and mix in lemon juice. Blend in suet, bread crumbs and remaining ingredients. Lastly, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Use a 2 quart mold which has been greased well. Sprinkle with flour and pour in pudding. Cover and steam for 3 hours, or bake at 250 degrees for 3 hours. If individual molds are used, this will make six puddings.

To make a sauce for the pudding, beat 1 egg yolk and add 1/4 cup of sugar slowly. Fold in 1 stiffly beaten egg white and another 1/4 cup of sugar. Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Just before serving, fold in 1/2 cup of cream which has been whipped. Orange or lemon flavor or grated rind may also be used for flavoring.

Jack Horner Pudding
2 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup cut figs
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Scald 2 cups milk in the top of a double boiler, add brown sugar and salt. Stir the remaining 1/2 cup cold milk into the cornstarch to make a smooth paste. Stir into the hot milk mixture, and continue to stir until smooth and thick. Add raisins, figs and grated orange rind. Cover and cook over hot water 1/2 hour. Pour into deep custard cups, cool and chill. Unmold and serve garnished with sprig of holly.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Let's start with the tree and make sure everyone has a hand at decorating it. The good old-fashioned trees are topped with a gold or silver star. This can be made of metallic paper pasted on a cardboard.

Here's a tip for making those popcorn chains: use a slender needle and cotton thread, and tell the small fry not to use too much force or the fluffy grains of corn will break. They'll probably figure this one out by themselves, though! Heavier thread should be used for the cranberry chains.

Christmas In Many Lands

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

It is for this reason that the remnants of ancient rites and customs have become intermingled with genuine Christian practices and symbolism. The Yule rites of the Scandinavian, Germanic and British nations blended with the new Christian holy day in northern Europe. In Italy, France, Spain and other nations descended from Roman colonies, the rowdy festival spirit and customs of pagan Rome hung on to some extent, and merged with the observation of Christmas.

In the main, however, the birth of Christ was a religious holiday—joyous, but restrained in mood, in the early centuries of the Christian era. Gradually, however, in the Middle Ages, the feast became more robust, as peasants and lords made merry in the baronial halls.

Nativity Plays.
On the other hand, the Nativity plays were purely Christian in origin—having arisen spontaneously in many parts of Europe in the early Middle Ages. In one form or another they have been enacted all over the world, with additions and embellishments. There are puppet versions, elaborate pageants, music scores, all treating of the birth of Christ. In Spanish countries the "Posadas" is the name given to a combination procession and party with religious overtones, that covers the nine days preceding Christmas itself. The Polish Christmas play is an intermingling of the Nativity story with elements of Polish history and legend.

The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstition and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being was known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still a custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas eve to please the Nisse.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas eve. In Switzerland, as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Rumania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church. Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya," which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable.

So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, the Christmas plays and carols, the luscious menus—everything has been gladly taken over, with thanks to the many nations and peoples that have bequeathed them to us.

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We appreciate our past pleasant business relations and wish you an abundance of cheer during this happy yuletide! We hope for 1947 to continue serving you . . . we know with pleasure to us and we trust to your complete satisfaction!

**CLENDENINGS
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Aransas Pass, Texas**



MAKE GOOD CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

KAUFMAN'S DEPT. STORE



GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

**BALLARD DRUG STORE
PHONE 3331**



**JOYOUS
YULETIDE**

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

PATRICK SALES COMPANY



For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

SPARKS BROS. GROCERY



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RIO THEATRE



ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY Merry Christmas

**ARANSAS BUTANE GAS CO. Inc.
PHONE 3011**



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies! Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

THEODORE'S CAFE

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Colleges Take Livestock Honors; Violence Marks General Strike; German Scientists Aiding U. S.

Released by Western Newspaper Union

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130,000 AFL unionists walked out in general strike in support of retail clerks.

STOCK SHOW: Colleges' Day

Perhaps it was only fitting that the nation's agricultural colleges, which have devoted so much effort toward the improvement of American farming, topped the major honors at the 47th International Live Stock exposition in Chicago.

Royal Jupiter, a 1,370-pound Shorthorn steer entered by Oklahoma A. & M. college, was awarded grand championship, with Wyoming Challenger Standard, another Shorthorn owned by the University of Wyoming, named reserve titleholder.

A 222-pound Hampshire barrow entered by Purdue university was adjudged the grand hog champion, marking the 10th victory chalked up by the Lafayette, Ind., institution in this class since the stock show started.

Men taken first in the steer competition, the colleges and themselves with a second place in the sheep, Ohio State university winning runner-up honors in a 147-pound Hampshire wether. Sixteen-year-old Wayne Dirsch, Evansville, Wis., took first place with a 110-pound Southdown.

4-H Makes Hit

All Chicago seemed to take out the welcome mat for more than 1,000 4-H farm youth attending the annual 4-H congress, Clean Home, with an open house, the boys and girls on to steal the Windy City because they most typically represent the eight health chosen attracted wide attention. There was especial praise for Nancy Jean Davis, 17, Pittsburg, Okla., who not only corrected curvature of the spine and built her own health but also wholeheartedly participated in the 4-H program for better sanitation, nutrition and medical standards in her community.

Girl champions in the spotlight included Patricia Morgan, 18, Westville, Ind., canning; Mildred Bruce, 17, Newport, Ark., homemaking; and Doris Anders, 19, Heron Lake, Minn., food preparation. Wendell Straughm, 17, Oldham county, Ky., displayed the biggest heart at the meet, having canned 1,300 quarts of fruit, meats and vegetables last year and given most of them to a Baptist orphanage and hospital.

LABOR: Stiff Penalty When Judge T. Alan Goldsborough slapped a \$3,500,000 fine against the United Mine Workers and a \$10,000 penalty against UMW Chieftain John L. Lewis for contempt of court in staging the soft coal strike, it marked a new phase in American labor relations.

Judge Goldsborough would not imprison Lewis and thereby set him up as a martyr to labor's cause; but the stiff fines imposed against both the union and its big boss were designed to impress labor generally that in a dispute involving government interests, the government stood above all parties.

Set back by the decision, the UMW command took immediate steps to appeal, but regardless of the outcome of a higher court hearing, the

rank and file of the union continued to swear by John L. From Charleston, W. Va., Pres. William Blizzard of District 17 charged: "This is part of a plot by the Democratic party to destroy the union." In Mahan, W. Va., Secy. Chester Cadle of Local 6713 said: "The boys down my way

are sure mad. They'll stick with (Lewis) now until hell freezes over." Miner Bill Jones from Bentleyville, Pa., growled: "Let the government attorneys dig the damn coal."



John L. In Biggest Fight

General Walkout The downtown district of Oakland, Calif., seethed with violence during the general strike of AFL unions over two retail establishments' refusal to recognize the Retail Clerks union.

As militant pickets milled about, business and labor leaders and City Manager Herbert Hassler met to end the strike. The walkout resulted when the two stores joined with the Oakland Retail Merchants' association in demanding that the union show a majority in all 26 of the member establishments or drop their demands.

AFL truck, bus, trolley and train employees walked out with the retail clerks, paralyzing the transport system. Other AFL unions followed suit. Having indicated their support of the striking clerks, the other unions then were ordered back to their jobs by their leaders.

SCIENTISTS: Work for U. S.

German scientists recruited from the reich and working on year-to-year contracts have turned over secret research data worth millions and advanced American aviation from two to 10 years, army authorities at Wright Field, Ohio, declared.

Numbering both former Nazis and independents, the scientists are hard at work on development of super-sonic (faster than sound) passenger aircraft, guided missiles and other new weapons. More prominent among them include Dr. Rudolph Hermann, aero-dynamicist credited with perfecting the V-2 rocket, and Dr. Alexander Lippisch, chief designer of the Messerschmitt plant.

The scientists' contracts with the U. S. call for an allowance of \$6 daily for payment of personal living expenses and salaries ranging from \$2.20 to \$11 a day, depending upon their abilities. Families of the scientists in Germany have been given preferential treatment.

Need Trained Men

Employment of 1,000 German and Austrian scientists in this country will ease only slightly the critical shortage of technical manpower which confronts industry, according to the American Chemical society.

Peak enrollments in colleges and universities are not likely to end the scarcity of trained scientists and engineers even in the next few years, since many of the higher ranking students are turning to other professions because of liberal grants and subsidies, it is declared



Man About Town:

Broadway Smalltalk: A noted band leader (who made millions out of swing music) told chums: "The honeymoon is over; people just don't like it any more." . . . Jimmy Dorsey claims so many name bands are breaking up that a performer soon will be able to get into a theater through the stage door. . . . John Ringling North, the circus man, reporting the season was its best yet; \$6 in N. Y. and \$3 on tour. But the Hartford fire cost four million! . . . Frank Sinatra has asked his sponsor to eliminate those screaming - meemees (booby sox audiences), who ruined a recent program. Dinah, Jo Stafford, Como and Bing don't need any phony applause or cheers—why does Frank? . . . Philp Dorn says in H'wood when a man is seen talking to his wife everybody feels sorry for the Other Woman!

Our Very Special Drop Dead Dep't: That Miami realtor who took \$1,000 from many war vets (to build them homes) and now won't refund their coin since his plan flopped. . . . A Miami newspaper actually accepted the following classified ad: "Barber, all-around man. No G.I. wanted. 710 N. W. 95th Street."

The Late Watch: General Eisenhower chatting with two civilians (with lapel discharge buttons) while waiting for his car on W. 44th street. . . . FDR Jr. will be offered a big job in radio soon. . . . A race track bookie (who gabs incessantly in track slang) was passing a midtown synagogue, where a rabbi exchanged greetings with him. "You live around here?" inquired the rabbi. . . . "Not very far away," was the respectful reply, "about a mile and 16th!" . . . Hy Gardner says if swindler Nickel feels like two cents, he's no different than any other nickel. That's all one is worth these days. . . . A woman who runs a delicatessen on Madison in the 60s has Russian caviar flown from Moscow. She peddles it at \$36 per pound. That means a restaurant would have to charge you at least \$5 a teaspoonful to make a profit.

New York Novelette: She is a night club star. . . . Her romance and impending merger (to a rich local) have been highlighted in most of the columns. Not this one, however. . . . Well, she has been threatening to kill him if he tries to get out of the planned wedding. . . . She carries a loaded pistol at all times (in her bag), and intimates report she will shoot him. . . . Our hero had the gall to go to his ex-wife for advice. . . . She laughed in his face. . . . "After what you did to me and the children," she coldly informed him, "you deserve to be shot. I only wish I had the nerve to do it!"

Tip to Newspapers: Apparently the peasants in your editorial rooms do not know the correct usage because they keep calling them Their Highnesses, which they aren't. Referring to the Duke of Windsor, you say "His Highness," and of her, you say "Her Grace." Tennyrate the Dook's sekretree is veddy perturbed. . . . Here's a film scenario: A large steel company (Consolidated) recently bought two coal mines from a feller named Frank Christopher. The price was a million \$. . . Christopher, a decade ago, was a coal miner himself. . . . Speaking of riches: Jackie Cooper, we hear, will retire. He's 25. . . . Radio City Music Hall's singing choir (non-union) would appreciate a raise. They get \$45 per seven-day week (28 shows). Lowest paid singing chorus in N.Y.C. at \$1.61 per show.

Midtown Side-Show: The middle-aged woman, impeccably groomed, who enters a midtown bar daily at 5. She orders two Scotchies and two Martinis and gulps them down, each with a toast: (1) "To nothing!" (2) "To my first husband!" (3) "To the one I divorced!" (4) "To my love!" Couldn't possibly do it at home—no spectators, no audience.

Ty Power carries a clipping of a movie review which panned him in '39. He loves it—shows it to pals. . . . Who's that youthful Yale prof, seeing a lot of la belle Truman? . . . Maccoco names Gable in his divorce suit, intimates insist, because Gable's name would insure Maccoco of coast-to-coast publicity.

Sounds in the Night: At the Iceland: "She had a gruesome experience; she bumped into her husband when she was alone!" . . . At Leon & Eddie's: "He has invited her to Florida but she wants more time to drink it over." . . . At the Stork: "Never fight publicly with your competitors. Why make big heels outta little heels?" . . . At the B'way Hofbrau: "Truman's apologists claim he's doing his best. That's that scares us!" . . . At the Glass Hat: "Tell him I'm out! Never mind, I'll tell him myself."

Ancient Customs Told In New Christmas Designs



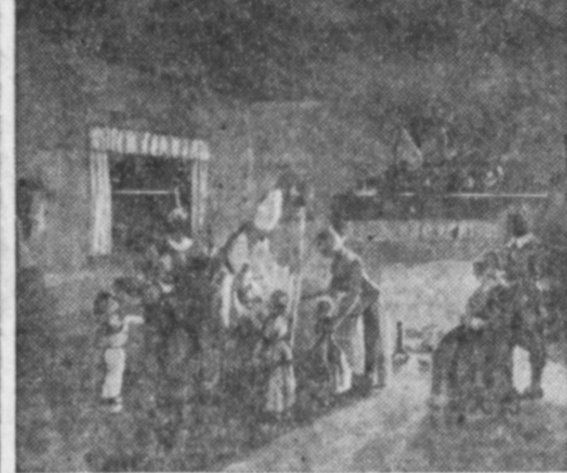
SANTA CLAUS . . . The "broad face and round little belly" originated in Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas," written for his children, to whom he read the poem every Christmas Eve. In the poem, Santa "looked like a peddler just opening his pack," which accounts for the familiar pose we find on so many Christmas cards each year.



MISTLETOE . . . The ancient Druids, who lived in Britain and Gaul, believed mistletoe was sent from heaven, designating purity and love. They called it "omnia sanitatem" meaning "all-heal." In winter they gathered mistletoe with ceremonial rites, during which white-robed priests cut sprays with golden scythes. These were hung over doorways to welcome forest gods.



TREE ORNAMENTS . . . In the 10th century an Arabian geographer, George Jacob, brought the legend to Western Europe that on the night of the Nativity all the trees burst forth with ripened fruits and blossoms. His story spread throughout Europe and soon it was customary to hang fruit on trees at Christmas. In time, ornaments took the place of fruit.



HANGING STOCKINGS . . . Among the customs brought to New Amsterdam by the Dutch settlers was that of having a burgher dress as old St. Nicholas and distribute toys and sweets to the children. The children's wooden shoes, left by the fireplace to dry, became a convenient place in which to leave these gifts. Soon stockings were hung by the fireplace instead.

The Man of Nazareth

SOMETIMES we feel that it is but a workaday world. Then comes Christmas, and we honor the Man of Nazareth. It was a glad day on earth when He was born. There is eternal hope and promise in His sacrifice at death.

The gifts we exchange at this time of year are but tokens—earthly reminders of His great gifts to mankind. The holiday lights that gleam everywhere are but the reflections of the Star of Bethlehem. The laughter of happy children at Christmas time is but the echo of the joy He brought into the world.

As each year passes, we realize how much we need the Man of Nazareth, His love and understanding, His goodness and courage, His humility.

"Joy to the world, the Lord has come" was sung two thousand years ago. And because He is still with us, we who publish your newspaper repeat the refrain, "Joy to the world," as we wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS



OLD-FASHIONED BUT NEW . . . Dream homes including "children" and dogs still hold their appeal for Sue Ellen Shurman, left, and Irene Kelly, as well as most little girls of their age. The sleek station wagon is modern enough for them even if it is not rocket-propelled. These are some of the new toys to be carried by Santa Claus this year.

Glastonbury Thorn Has Rich Christmas Legend

The legend of the Glastonbury thorn is that after the death of Christ, Joseph of Arimathea came over to England and a few days before Christmas rested on the summit of Weary-all Hill, Glastonbury. There he thrust into the ground his staff which on Christmas Eve was covered with snow white blossoms; and until it was destroyed during the civil wars, the bush continued to bloom.

Gifts Which Were Once Welcomed by Soldiers

If you want to please a man in service send him: ambrotypes in five-pound cases, full size Dutch ovens, feather beds and pillows, ripe watermelons, baby wagons, castor oil, catnip tea, fiddle strings, vases for flowers, ice cream freezers, hot water for soaking feet, nutmeg graters, Suffolk pigs for pets and chicken gravy in bowls. At least these were the gifts recommended to be sent to the soldiers in Civil war.

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Household Hints

Umbrellas folded up when damp are likely to mildew. Leave open to dry.

To block hand-crocheted hats, pill-boxes, or beanies, immerse the hat in cold water, place the top of the crown on a flat surface over a dry towel and pull into shape. Allow to dry with the cloth inside.

Much time and labor can be saved in the finishing touches when dressing a spring chicken, if an old safety razor is used to remove hairs and small feathers.

Save pieces of soap, tie them tightly in a piece of soft flannel, and dip in boiling water until soft. Place in cold water until firm. Remove flannel, and a good ball of soap is ready for use.

To prevent chipping your dishes, drain them on a turkish towel if you have no draining rack. When through, rinse towel and hang up to dry for next time.

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Little Co-Operation

Tom applied for work at the railway yards. The foreman, to test his ability, told him to drive an engine into a nearby shed.

Tom climbed into the cab and was appalled by the various valves and switches. He turned one of the wheels and, to his surprise, the engine started off towards the shed. In an effort to stop it, he turned a few more wheels, but the engine reversed and puffed out of the shed.

After he had repeated these maneuvers two or three times, the foreman shouted: "Hey, you fool, what do you think you are doing!"

"You're the fool!" retorted Tom angrily. "Why didn't you shut the doors? I had it in three times!"

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Move Back to Farm

"How're you gonna keep 'em down on the farm?" no longer appears to be a problem, according to the American Road Builders' study of population trends.

During 1945, the farm population, for the first time since 1932, showed a net increase. People living on farms now number 25,000,000, an increase of 100,000 over last year. If

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Our Most Hearty CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

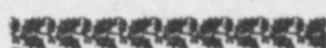
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Merit System Exams For Position With Health Department Scheduled

Austin, Dec. 19—Competitive examinations for positions in the Local Health Units and the State Department of Health have just been announced by the Merit System Council for the Texas State Department of Health. Examinations are for public health nursing positions, and will consist of a written examination and an evaluation of training and experience. Veterans preference will be allowed applicants who have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces and who make a passing score on the examination.

All application must be mailed before midnight January 11, 1947. Position for which examinations will be held, and their entrance salaries are as follows:

Clinic Nurse (\$125); Supervising Clinic Nurse (\$145); Junior Public Health Nurse (\$145); Senior Public Health Nurse (\$165); Supervising Public Health Nurse (\$185); Director Nursing Service (\$205); Field Supervising Nurse (\$205).

Application blanks may be obtained from Russell E. Shrader, Merit System Supervisor, Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas.

144 AMERICANS STUDYING FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNDER GI BILL ON OCT. 1

A total of 144 American veterans were studying in educational institutions of 16 foreign countries under the GI Bill on October 1, the Veterans Administration disclosed.

Two hundred and twenty-three other also had attended foreign schools up to the same date, but 143 had concluded short summer courses, chiefly in Mexico and Canada, and the remaining 80 had discontinued their studies for a variety of reasons.

Of the grand total of 367 who had enrolled in foreign schools under the GI Bill up to October 1, 164 had attended schools in Mexico and 111 in Canada.

About 40 per cent of all veterans studying abroad were enrolled in English-speaking countries.

The average age of veterans studying outside the United States was 28.5 years compared with the average age of 26 for students at entrance into U. S. Schools.

Liberal arts was the most popular course; Latin-American courses were second and medicine ranked third.

LETTERS To The Editor:

My inclosed check for \$2.00 will pay for my subscription through 1947 to your excellent paper, which I look forward to receiving and reading each week.

Thank you for every nice thing you say and do about "My Town" and birthplace. I expect to come back there to live in the very near future.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. D. D. Baldwin

ROCKPORT Five Years Ago

Six local boys believed to be in combat zone. Joe Harry Morgan and his brother, E. C. Morgan, Jr., are believed to be at Pearl Harbor. S. L. Baker is located at fateful Wake Island. Donald McBride, ships radio operator, is also in the Far Eastern territory. Manley Dye is also stationed at Pearl Harbor. It is believed that Norman Fuller of Fulton is also in this territory.

Addie Armida Westergard, 75, wife of A. M. Westergard, president of the Westergard-Rice Bros. Company died here at 7:40 o'clock Thursday night, December 4th, after an illness of more than a year.

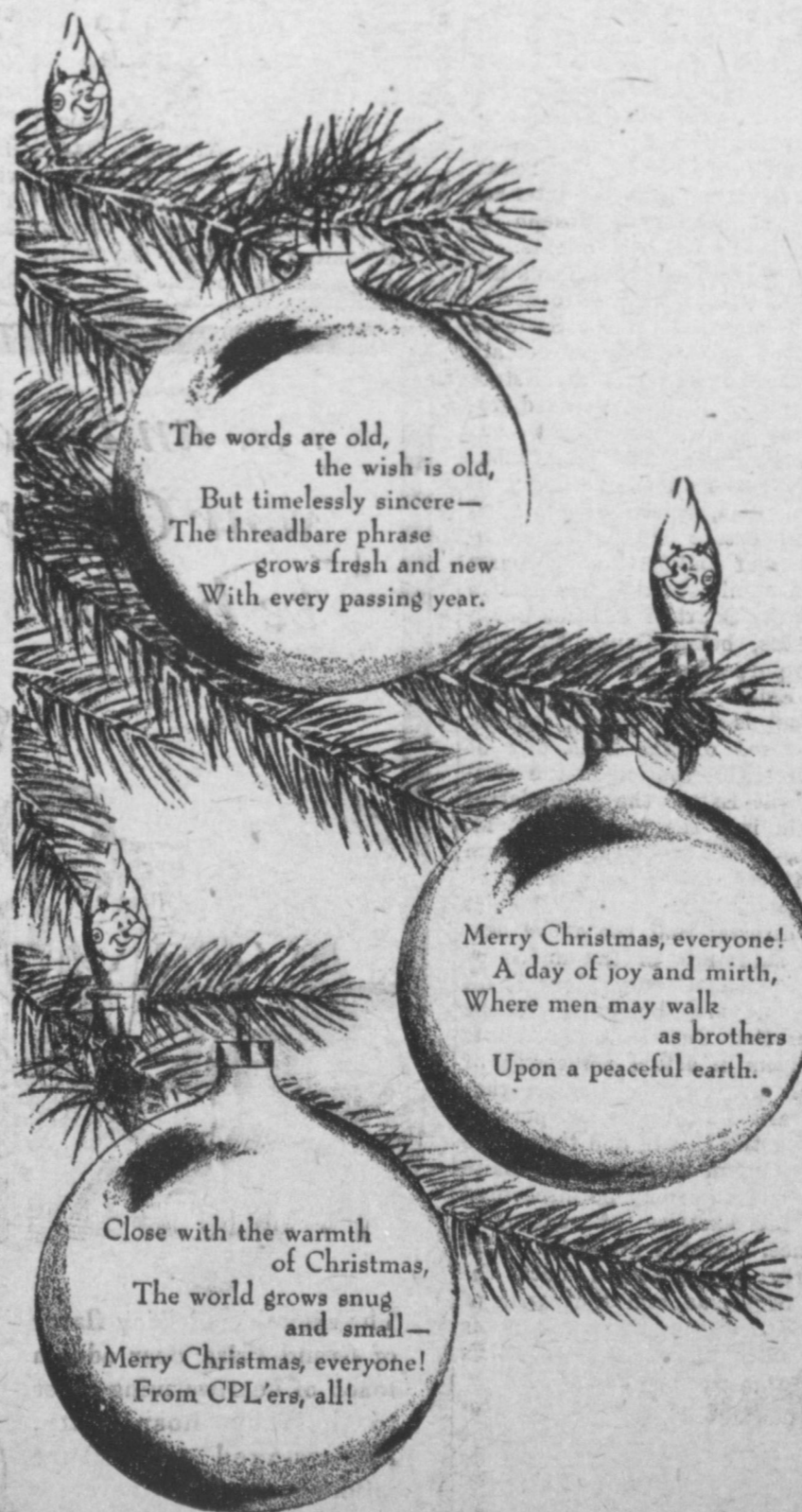
Norvell Jackson attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of Aransas Pass Monday afternoon. Efforts are being made to find a new Scoutmaster, following the recent resignation of DeWilton Jeffries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Silberisen were the guests this past week-end of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eisenhauer on their large ranch near San Antonio, in the hill country.

Rockport citizens turned out en masse Friday night to witness the farewell performance of Coach Jim Mobley's District 35-B Champions, the Rockport Pirates, when they went down fighting before the smashing line of San Diego's Vaqueros, 14-0, in the clash for Bi-District honors.

Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States, took so little interest in politics for many years that he only voted for one Presidential candidate before he was 45 years old according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. And when he was 46 he was elected President on the Republican ticket.

Merry Christmas!



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Ingleside Fire Dept. Gets Fire Truck From W.A.A.

After more than a year the dreams of Ingleside firefighters have at last come true. A new fire truck, which was purchased by officials of the Volunteer Fire Department from the War Assets Administration in San Antonio last week, is scheduled to arrive within a few days.

J. R. Burns president and N. R. Erskine, secretary of the Volunteer Fire Department, accompanied by Andy Drees, fire chief and W. E. Weigand, Ingleside businessman, made the trip to San Antonio and

negotiated the deal. Latest Type Equipment According to officials of the fire department, the new fire truck is the very last word in fire fighting equipment. It is a 1942 model G.M.C. truck, with dual wheels, and is equipped with pump hose, and 400 gallon water tank all ready for operation. They say that the new truck will afford Ingleside one of the best pieces of fire-fighting equipment in South Texas.

The Volunteer Fire Department was organized over a year ago and a drive was put on to raise funds with which to purchase the necessary equipment to adequately insure Ingleside against fire losses.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To: I. B. Barnes, Mary Ann Lartorius, if married, the husband of Mary Ann Lartorius, J. P. Klein, Henry F. Kester and Frank D. Mayo, if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, and the unknown heirs, administrators, executors and/or legal representatives of each or all of the above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiff's Petition and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36th Judicial District of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of January A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 27th day of November A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 2410 on the docket of said court and styled A. O. Freeman Plaintiff, vs. I. B. Barnes, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: A suit in trespass to try title, for title and possession as well as for damages on the following described property, to-wit:

Lots Nos. Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block No. One Hundred Twenty-two (122) of the Davis & Kennon Subdivision of Farm Lot No. Thirty-one (31) in the Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this 27th day of November A. D. 1946.

Attest: J. M. SPARKS, Clerk, District Court, Aransas County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS:

TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH L. DODGE, DECEASED, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT of ARANSAS County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of January A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 26th day of November A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 2409 on the docket of said court and styled The State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. all persons interested in the Estate of Joseph L. Dodge, Deceased, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Petition on behalf of the State of Texas for the escheat of certain properties belonging to the Estate of Joseph L. Dodge, deceased, respectfully shows the Court that Joseph L. Dodge died in Aransas County, Texas on the 28th day of August, 1944, seized of real and personal estate without any devise thereof and having no heirs; that an administration was had in the County Court of Aransas County, Texas, being Cause No. 355, for the purpose of paying the debts of the Estate and that such administration is now closed, having been closed on the 29th day of October, 1945; that upon the closing of the Estate the Administrator paid into the hands of J. M. Sparks, County Clerk, the sum of \$1418.82, which sum is to be paid over as the Honorable District Court directs; that the above described sum now in the hands of J. M. Sparks, County Clerk is all of the property belonging to the Estate; that there are no tenants or persons in actual possession of any property of the Estate; that there are no person or persons claiming the Estate and that there are no person or persons to claim the Estate who may be discovered after the exercise of reasonable diligence. Plaintiff prays that such property be escheated unto the State of Texas and that writ of possession issue therefor, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Your Week
DECEMBER 16-22

WEEKSCOPE
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TODAY MARKS THE 173rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY.

TUE 17
BEETHOVEN BORN 176 YEARS AGO TODAY

WED 18
150 YEARS AGO THE FIRST SUNDAY NEWSPAPER APPEARED IN BALTIMORE (THE SUNDAY MONITOR)

THUR 19
BE SURE TO REMEMBER THE BOYS IN THE MILITARY HOSPITALS WITH GIFTS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

FRI 20
IRENE DUNNE'S BIRTHDAY

SAT 21
WINTER BR—ICE GLAD TO SNOW YA!

SUN 22
BIRTHDAY OF JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE (BORN 1696) WHO FOUNDED SCOTSDALE, 1733, AS A REFUGE FOR MEN JAILED FOR DEBT

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Dr. Geo. W. Cox Urges Texans Promote Good Health During Xmas

Austin, Dec. 19.—"Despite the fact that America has her share of post war troubles, this Nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of Happiness and God Will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Doctor Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on the Christmas trees or in windows as a possible source of disastrous fires. Excess eating, crowded home conditions, lack of exercise, and overheated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against too much excitement and too late hours for small children.

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health as well as that of his neighbor, Doctor Cox said that from a standpoint of good citizenship alone every Texan should cooperate in promoting good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

Cage Funeral Home To Get New Buick Coach Early in January

The Cage Funeral Homes which serve Rockport, Aransas Pass, Taft and Ingleside will soon add a new funeral coach to their equipment, according to a recent announcement by Gentry Reynolds, of Taft, manager of the firm for

the past ten years.

Mr. Reynolds will leave after the Christmas holidays for Loudonville, Ohio, and he will drive a new coach back to south Texas. The coach which is manufactured by the Buick Funeral Coach Co., is reported to be the most modern and luxurious in design obtainable and will insure continued efficient funeral service for this area.

The Cage-Piper Funeral Home of Kingsville and Cage-Mills Funeral Home in Corpus Christi are other members of the extensive Cage Funeral Homes.

J. R. Fortner Will Be New Humble Agent In Aransas Pass

J. R. Fortner is a new Humble agent in Aransas Pass according to an announcement made here this week by the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Fortner is taking over the station formerly operated by Mark Tiner on Commercial Street just across from Cage Funeral Home.

The Humble organization is not new to Mr. Fortner for he was employed at Humble's Ingleside refinery for ten years before entering the service in May, 1941. As an aerial gunner in the U. S. Ninth Air Force he saw extensive service in the European Theatre.

Receiving his discharge in June 1945, Fortner become employed with the Celanese Corporation at Bishop where he has worked until the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortner will make their home in Aransas Pass.

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Transfer of the U. S. Naval Hospital at New Orleans to the Veterans Administration for temporary use has been approved by President Truman and the Federal Board of Hospitalization.

The Naval Hospital, which has a 600-bed capacity will be opened to veterans as quickly as a suitable staff can be assembled, Dr. Lee D. Cady, VA's Medical Director of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, said.

In addition to the temporary facilities at New Orleans, VA's medical service now has 7,260 beds available for veterans in hospitals in the tri-state area administered by the VA Dallas Branch Office.

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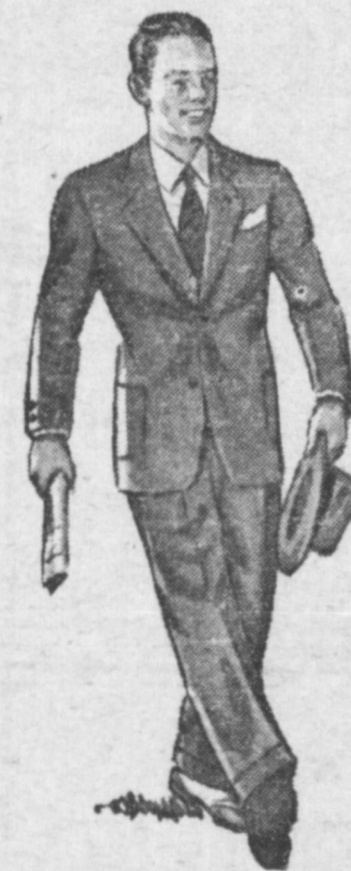
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Rockport Student At Oklahoma U. One Of First To Get Apt.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.—J. H. Morgan, Oklahoma Baptist University student from Rockport, Texas, was one of the married veterans on the first named to occupy an apartment in one of the first three buildings of the school's FPHA project.

Morgan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan of Rockport and is attending school under the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

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Merit System Exams For Position With Health Department Scheduled

Austin, Dec. 19—Competitive examinations for positions in the Local Health Units and the State Department of Health have just been announced by the Merit System Council for the Texas State Department of Health. Examinations are for public health nursing positions, and will consist of a written examination and an evaluation of training and experience. Veterans preference will be allowed applicants who have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces and who make a passing score on the examination.

All application must be mailed before midnight January 11, 1947. Position for which examinations will be held, and their entrance salaries are as follows:

Clinic Nurse (\$125); Supervising Clinic Nurse (\$145); Junior Public Health Nurse (\$145); Senior Public Health Nurse (\$165); Supervising Public Health Nurse (\$185); Director Nursing Service (\$205); Field Supervising Nurse (\$205).

Application blanks may be obtained from Russell E. Shrader, Merit System Supervisor, Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas.

144 AMERICANS STUDYING FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNDER GI BILL ON OCT. 1

A total of 144 American veterans were studying in educational institutions of 16 foreign countries under the GI Bill on October 1, the Veterans Administration disclosed.

Two hundred and twenty-three other also had attended foreign schools up to the same date, but 143 had concluded short summer courses, chiefly in Mexico and Canada, and the remaining 80 had discontinued their studies for a variety of reasons.

Of the grand total of 367 who had enrolled in foreign schools under the GI Bill up to October 1, 164 had attended schools in Mexico and 111 in Canada.

About 40 per cent of all veterans studying abroad were enrolled in English-speaking countries.

The average age of veterans studying outside the United States was 28.5 years compared with the average age of 26 for students at entrance into U. S. Schools.

Liberal arts was the most popular course; Latin-American courses were second and medicine ranked third.

LETTERS

To The Editor:

My inclosed check for \$2.00 will pay for my subscription through 1947 to your excellent paper, which I look forward to receiving and reading each week.

Thank you for every nice thing you say and do about "My Town" and birthplace. I expect to come back there to live in the very near future.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. D. D. Baldwin

ROCKPORT Five Years Ago

Six local boys believed to be in combat zone. Joe Harry Morgan and his brother, E. C. Morgan, Jr., are believed to be at Pearl Harbor. S. L. Baker is located at fateful Wake Island. Donald McBride, ships radio operator, is also in the Far Eastern territory. Manley Dye is also stationed at Pearl Harbor. It is believed that Norman Fuller of Fulton is also in this territory.

Addie Armida Westergard, 75, wife of A. M. Westergard, president of the Westergard-Rice Bros. Company died here at 7:40 o'clock Thursday night, December 4th, after an illness of more than a year.

Norvell Jackson attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of Aransas Pass Monday afternoon. Efforts are being made to find a new Scoutmaster, following the recent resignation of DeWilton Jeffries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Silberisen were the guests this past week-end of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eisenhauer on their large ranch near San Antonio, in the hill country.

Rockport citizens turned out en masse Friday night to witness the farewell performance of Coach Jim Mobley's District 35-B Champions, the Rockport Pirates, when they went down fighting before the smashing line of San Diego's Vaqueros, 14-0, in the clast for B-District honors.

Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States, took so little interest in politics for many years that he only voted for one Presidential candidate before he was 45 years old according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. And when he was 46 he was elected President on the Republican ticket.

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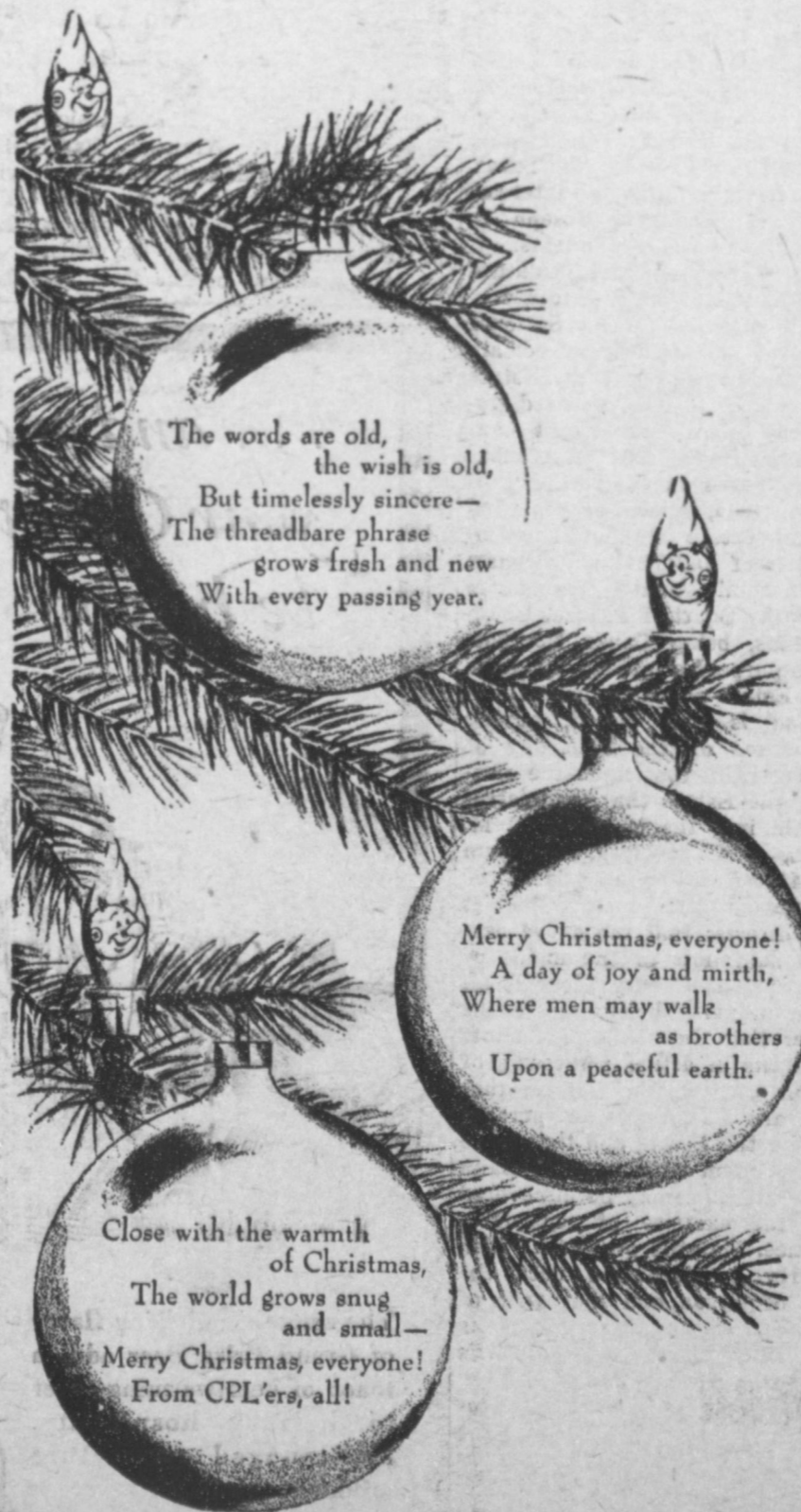
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What shall I buy for him this Christmas? If he's a cigarette smoker, select a carton of 200 mild, choice cigarettes.



By BERTHA MAE INBODY Young Dr. Janet Rhodes pulled the brown suede hat closer over her eyes.

She was jostled by the merry rush. Children with bundles, mothers and fathers—and little boys! He, too, had carried packages that seemed too large for him, last Christmas Eve.

A dry sob, catching at her throat, seemed to steady her. She must pull herself out of it. At six-thirty her "Children's Hour" must be on the air.

Thousands of little figures, crowding close to the loud speaker, listened breathlessly.

The Fairy Godmother shut her eyes. In imagination, her arms held her own little crippled soldier, who fought so bravely against infantile paralysis.

Unrecognized by her, it was bitterness that kept her from reading the scrawled, childish messages that came to her.

"Dere fairy godmother, there is bugles with horses on them ain't there. Nick in the bed next to mine sez no, won't you pleeze tell Santa to bring me one.



Janet Pushed Through the Crowd a bugle—with a horse on it! Two hours she searched, fruitlessly.

Breathlessly she entered the brightly lighted room of Children's Hospital, where the annual Christmas party was almost over.

Doctor Janet watched the transformation on Jimmy's face and eyes. It was like the look, like the light in her arms tightened, but the child was gone.

Janet sat there, entranced. Nurses were taking their charges away, and Jimmy was out of sight.

Santa Claus Has Often Been Cruelly Murdered Many men in history have murdered Santa Claus. It was not long ago that Adolf Hitler turned the city of the famous Manger Plays, Kripenspiel, into Dachau, the most notorious concentration camp in all Europe.

In 1930 the Mexican government officially did away with the furbred Santa Claus and in his place placed a feathered snake, the ancient god of the Aztecs.

ODDS ON ODDITIES

Gun-toting Animals Predominate In Roundup of Freak Accidents

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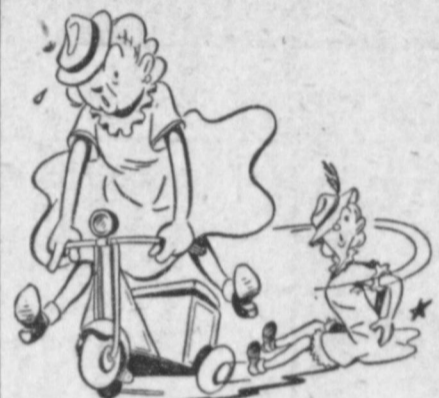
It used to be news when a man bit a dog. But in 1946 a dog shot a woman.

And that's not all. A kangaroo shot a man. So did a rabbit. A deer took a gun away from a hunter. A fish chased a fisherman off the road by sneezing in his face.

All this, and more, was turned up by National Safety Council in its annual roundup of odd accidents.

The Ice Cometh. Miss Jeannette Esslinger was standing on the sidewalk in St. Louis when an ice cube fell out of a hotel window.

Alice Martin, 52, and Emily Hauser, 66, were zipping along the streets of Des Moines, Iowa, on a



motor scooter one day, having a very fine time indeed, when what should loom up ahead but a corner. As they scooted adventurously around it, the scooter unceremoniously upset, depositing both ladies on the pavement with considerable force and little dignity.

Back in the meatless days Del Halstead licked his chops as he drew a sight on a big buck deer near Burkhorn station, Calif.

As Margaret Standing was walking along the street in downtown Philadelphia, she was understandably bewildered when two women and a man suddenly began beating her on the head.

Now, about the dog that shot the woman. It happened in Baltimore as Mrs. Ruth Patterson was enjoying a bath.

Put a mouse and a woman in the same car and something has to give. So when Mrs. Orson Rheingold of Albany, N. Y., found she was sharing her car with a traveling field mouse, she just did what came naturally.

Gustav Riebow of Milwaukee is a kindly man. So when he and his wife found a turtle in their back yard, they put it in a box on the front seat of their car and started to take it to a nice homey place in the country.

After that, anything must seem dull. But the case of Pete Bird of Shelbyville, Ky., may be worth recording.

When the alarm rang in a Houston fire station this summer, Fireman J. H. Skeeters threw on his clothes and leaped for the quick-exit pole.

Then there was the case of the sultry pocketbook. It belonged to Miss Janice Peterson of New York City, who traced smoke to a drawer in her office desk and found a cigarette lighter in her purse had flicked on.

Stott, United States forest service employee. On each unsound tree—unmarketable and full of hollows that squirrels like to convert into apartments—Stott had stapled a white tag.

removed all of the white tags from their doorsteps. The squirrels also demonstrated that they are smarter than foresters when it comes to judging trees.

Stott discovered that squirrels had



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Close runner-up for fall fashions was Abraham Wilson of New York. As Wilson was lowering a couch from a four-story shaftway in a warehouse, he tripped in the rigging and he and the couch plunged downward.

Another Fish Yarn. Most fantastic of all, perhaps, is the celebrated case of the sneezing

salmon. James Mantakes of La Grande, Ore., caught the salmon, tossed it in the rear of his car and started for home to show the folks.

This startled Mantakes. He glanced back, saw nothing but a fish and shrugged off the sound. Another sneeze. Mantakes whirled around, this time to see an angry salmon on the back of the seat, glaring balefully at him with bloodshot eyes.

Mantakes gave himself over entirely to subduing the salmon. The car went crashing off the road. The salmon sneezed spitefully once or twice more—and succumbed.

When Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Philadelphia heard a certain program

coming in on her radio, she hurried across the room to turn up the volume, tripped on a rug and fell, suffering minor injuries.

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You mustn't try everything you hear on those radio recipe programs.

Scientists say they have found protein in human hair which would make it suitable for food. We are sorry. This will give thousands of slop restaurants a new 'ibi.

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Close runner-up for fall fashions was Abraham Wilson of New York. As Wilson was lowering a couch from a four-story shaftway in a warehouse, he tripped in the rigging and he and the couch plunged downward.

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salmon. James Mantakes of La Grande, Ore., caught the salmon, tossed it in the rear of his car and started for home to show the folks.

This startled Mantakes. He glanced back, saw nothing but a fish and shrugged off the sound. Another sneeze. Mantakes whirled around, this time to see an angry salmon on the back of the seat, glaring balefully at him with bloodshot eyes.

Mantakes gave himself over entirely to subduing the salmon. The car went crashing off the road. The salmon sneezed spitefully once or twice more—and succumbed.

When Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Philadelphia heard a certain program

coming in on her radio, she hurried across the room to turn up the volume, tripped on a rug and fell, suffering minor injuries.

Swapped. One pup, one pair of ducks, one pair of chickens for five grown cats delivered Saturday or Sunday. We also buy deer hides.

You mustn't try everything you hear on those radio recipe programs.

Scientists say they have found protein in human hair which would make it suitable for food. We are sorry. This will give thousands of slop restaurants a new 'ibi.



The Auto-Telephone The automobile telephone is now a reality. You can phone between detour signs and get an answer while skidding.

It's a queer world. Just when the auto engineers, after a 40-year struggle had eliminated all the noises, science puts the wife in the rear seat by long distance!

We fail to sense the necessity for the auto telephone except in the case of doctors, plumbers and grocers who got on the wrong road with the eggs.

If you think the joys of transportation are increased by a chance to argue with the complaint operator, with one fender gone and the other so loose that it sounds like a party wire the morning after a local scandal, an auto phone is yours for the asking.

The effect on auto accidents will be watched with apprehension. Safety drivers will have to be needed 100 per cent unless we are to see a flood of accident reports, viz.: Car N Y 810, phone Worth-4567, ran off viaduct at 6 a. m. Driver tried to drive between a fast moving beer truck and a slow moving hello girl.

Beach wagon, auto number gone and phone number too damaged for identification, found wrapped around tree on route 80. Driver tried to answer two phone calls at once and stuck cigar lights into car instead of telephone receiver.

Flivver found wrecked over embankment. Driver, a pay station addict, put in a call, didn't get it and took hands off wheel in effort to get his nickel back.

U. N. and Emblem Problem The U. N. has been having emblem trouble. (Not enough to start a new global war, but it has been quite a disturbance.)

This time something described as an "azimuthal equidistant projection" of the globe is used. It lets everybody into the act except Antarctica. Europe and Asia no longer look at the emblem with the same feeling as the man who's face moved when the banquet photo was snapped.

Lines for a departed fisherman (To Roy Kelly of Waterford, Conn., a well-known fishing enthusiast and guide, who died recently.)

May he know new fishing waters, Where the big ones like to play; May he see more magic sunsets And great dawns break o'er the bay!

May he glide down peaceful rivers On a tide that's always high, And the fish are always schooling For a creek that's never dry!

May he know the best of buddies— May he fish the deepest pools— May he find the whoppers waiting Just to test the whirring spoons!

May the streams wind to the ocean— To horizons far and dim, And remind him of the waters That were, oh, so dear to him!

CAN YOU REMEMBER Away back when any politician dared to promise the full dinner pail?

"SWAP — One pup, one pair of ducks, one pair of chickens for five grown cats delivered Saturday or Sunday. We also buy deer hides.

You mustn't try everything you hear on those radio recipe programs.

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ASK ME ANOTHER? A General Quiz

The Questions

- 1. The Constitution of the United States provides that the President must be a resident of the United States for how many years? 2. How many Americans have moved from one part of the country to another in the last three years? 3. A schoolmaster, an alchemist and a sailor's choice can be found in one place. Where? 4. The song "O Promise Me" is from what light opera? 5. Whom did Queen Victoria succeed to the English throne? 6. What was the approximate length of Columbus' boat, the Santa Maria?

The Answers

- 1. Fourteen years. 2. One-fifth of the population. 3. The ocean (fish). 4. "Robin Hood." 5. Her uncle, William IV. 6. About 63 feet.

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Unfavorable Report On Improvement Of Cedar Bayou By Army Eng.

The District and Division Engineers of the War Department have made an unfavorable report on the proposed improvements of Cedar Bayou, Corpus Christi Pass and Pass at Murdocks Landing for navigation and for conservation of marine life after holding public hearing in Corpus Christi on Sept. 18, 1946.

These proposed improvements received adverse conclusions by the Engineers in their preliminary examination report based principally on the two following reasons: (1) the cost of improving and maintaining these passes for navigation would greatly exceed any prospective benefits; and (2) the question of improving these passes for the conservation of marine life is essentially a matter for determination by conservation interests.

Any interested parties have the privilege of presenting their views on the subject to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Washington, D. C. Written communications should be addressed to the Board at Room 1336, Temporary Building T-7, Gravelly Point, Washington, 25, D. C. and should be mailed in time to reach the Board within four weeks from December 13th.

Any further information needed may be obtained from the District Engineer at Galveston or Dallas, Texas.

Sinton VFW To Sponsor Turkey Shoot Saturday At Odem's Airport

Sinton—An old-fashioned Turkey Shoot will be held at Dave Odem's Airport Saturday. The event is being sponsored by Sinton's newly organized Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8625. Jack Satterwhite, Junior Vice-Commander of all arrangements.

According to Satterwhite, firing will start at 10 in the morning and will continue until 5 o'clock. A limited number of rifles will be on hand; however, it is expected that most contestants will prefer to bring their favorite "shooting arm." Ammunition for all .22 caliber rifles will be furnished, but those using high power rifles will have to bring their own ammunition.

One ticket will be good for one shot at a potential Christmas dinner, and all that a contestant need do to win one of the gobblers is to draw blood.

James C. Herring Back In Rockport After Discharge From Army

Corporal James C. Herring arrived in Rockport last week after receiving his discharge from the Army on December 5th at Fairfield, California.

He was in the Army two years and just prior to receiving his discharge he had been stationed at Johnson Field in Tokyo, Japan, with the Fifth Air Force, Troop Carrier Command.

Pirates Place Two Men On All-District Team Selected At Refugio

Only two men from the Rockport Pirate's squad made the All-District team chosen at Refugio last Saturday when Carter Snooks, publisher of the Refugio Timely Remarks, invited the coaches of the district school to meet with him to select an All-Star eleven for District 38-B.

W. C. Andrews of Gregory, Chairman of the District 38-B football committee, wrote the following card to J. F. Harbin in reference to this meeting: "This is to notify you that I did not call a meeting of the members of District 38-B football for next Saturday in Refugio. This meeting was called by Mr. Snooks and I received an invitation to it. I am writing this card because of the inquiries that I have received about calling a meeting not in a centrally located place. In my estimation, this is not an official meeting, but merely an effort by Mr. Snooks to show his hospitality to the schools in the district."

Refugio placed five men, Ingleside three, Rockport two, and Sundeen one on the first team. The second team was made up of five Refugio players, two from Rockport, two from Woodsboro, and one each from Flour Bluff and Ingleside.

First Team: Ives, Ingleside; Left End Daily Brown, Refugio; Left Tackle Pat Botello, Sundeen; Left Guard Pete Sprinkle, Rockport; Center Darrell Mahan, Refugio; R. Guard Koenig, Ingleside; Right Tackle Winton Miliff, Refugio; Right End V. Corpus, Rockport; Backfield J. Sportsman, Refugio; Backfield Belser, Ingleside; Backfield Wendel Duhon, Refugio; Backfield Second Team: John Chupe, Rockport; Left End John Dixon, Ingleside; Left Tackle Keith Green, Refugio; Left Guard Alfred Duckett, Refugio; Center Prudenthal, Woodsboro; R. Guard Billy Daniels, Refugio; R. Tackle B. Kimbrell, Flour Bluff; R. End J. Johnson, Rockport; Backfield C. Williams, Refugio; Backfield McLendon, Woodsboro; Backfield B. R. Chappell, Refugio; Backfield Russell Rowe received honorable mention for backfield and Gene Lassiter earned honorable mention for end.

Rockport was not represented at the meeting, since Coach John Ramseur did not attend after Harbin received the card from Andrews stating that it would not be an official All-District team.

Former Rockport Man Builds Frozen Foods Plant In San Antonio

Henry Stumberg, formerly from Rockport, announced last week that he has completed a \$200,000.00 frozen foods and food processing plant on Military drive south of San Antonio.

This plant is capable of preparing, freezing and packaging entire crops of Texas vegetables and fruits. First production will be the manufacture of 48,000 pounds of tamales daily for northern and eastern stores.

Stumberg invented a gun to make the tamales—the center barrel produces the beef and pork meat, and the outer barrel producing the corn meal. He also invented a cutter that will measure off and cut the tamales into exact lengths.

He formerly lived in Rockport where he owned the Palm Courts and the Oak Shore Apartments.

Miss Kathryn Rouquette Honored With Tea Shower Saturday

The home of Mrs. Otis Rouquette was the scene of a tea shower last Saturday, December 14th, between two and four o'clock honoring Miss Kathryn Rouquette, bride-elect of Harold Picton.

The rooms were gaily decorated in Christmas motif with vases of poinsettias and red roses placed at advantageous points. The table was laid with a lovely linen cloth with a center piece of red roses and lace fern. A beautiful punch bowl was placed at one end of the table from which Miss Mary Beth Picton assisted the hostess in serving punch and angel food squares to the following guests:

Mrs. Travis Wendell, Mrs. Worth Moody, Mrs. Arthur L. Davis, Mrs. Ray Wendell, Mrs. John Cole, Mrs. Carroll Sanders, Mrs. Jack Sparks, Miss Hettie Weber, Mrs. C. W. Boone, Mrs. A. L. Brundrett, Mrs. Jerald Brundrett, Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Norvell Jackson, Mrs. Houston Ratliff, Mrs. R. C. Schmeling, Jr., Mrs. T. D. Picton, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Velma Picton, Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. Charles Picton, Mrs. Betty Hunt, Mrs. Loraine Close, Mrs. Virginia Shivers, Mrs. L. E. Fox, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Miss Mary Beth Picton, Mrs. DeWilton B. Jeffries, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Trudie Caspary, Miss Mollye Sparks, Miss Wilma Rouquette, Miss Sissy Rowe, Mrs. Zeph Rouquette, Mrs. Lois Vance and Mrs. A. L. Bracht, Jr.

Measures Of Prevention Against Athlete's Foot Given By Health Dept.

Austin, Texas—The common disease, popularly known as athlete's foot, is said to be the third most common disease seen by skin specialists during the summer, and the fifth most common disorder in winter. It is due to a little mold-like growth or fungus which thrives best where there is moisture and warmth. Therefore the feet make an ideal place for the growth of this germ.

"To have athlete's foot, the infection must be gotten either directly or indirectly from someone else," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. "The most common places to contact the infection are around shower rooms, baths, or bath houses, locker rooms and other public places where persons go barefoot. And it is probable that at least one-half of all adults suffer from the infection at some time."

Dr. Cox suggested the following as some effective measures for preventing and avoiding recurrent attacks of athlete's foot:

- 1. After bathing, dry carefully and thoroughly the spaces between the toes.
2. Liberally apply a plain, unscented talcum to those areas and sprinkle it freely in socks, stockings, and shoes.
3. Wear properly fitting hose, that are absorbent but not too course.
4. Wear shoes that are not too tight, nor too large. They should fit the foot comfortably.

The distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded Lt. Comdr. L. W. Bunce of the University of Texas, for aerial combat heroism off the southern coast of New Britain and the northern coast of New Guinea March 10 and 15, 1944. Cmdr. Bunce is assistant professor of naval science at the University. He is also authorized to wear the combat "V".

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WMS Holds Meeting At Home Of Mrs. A. O. Freeman Monday

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. A. O. Freeman Monday afternoon. A short business meeting was held and Mrs. E. B. Crawford was in charge of the regular Bible study.

Refreshments consisting of coffee, tea and cookies were served to the following guests: Mrs. Emma McLester, Mrs. Mabel Bryant, Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mrs. J. M. Royden, Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Mrs. R. Mullinax, Mrs. Austin Smith, Mrs. Shelley P. Roaten and Mrs. E. B. Crawford.

Baptist Young People Have Party At The Parsonage Monday

The members of the Baptist Young People had a Christmas party at the parsonage last Monday night.

They played games and were served refreshments of hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas candies and chicken sandwiches.

Mrs. N. C. Jones was the host and had the house decorated with the traditional red and green trimmings for the occasion.

There were about twenty-four young people present.

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Along The Waterfront

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ankers of Kansas City, Missouri went fishing in the "Fishbowl" Wednesday and caught around a hundred red fish. This is their ninth year to spend the winter in Rockport. He is with the Rosebud Textile Company.

Henry Ballou took Jim and Dewitt Clark of Waco fishing Monday morning and they brought back 140 large trout. They said that they must have caught around three hundred altogether, but threw all the rest back since they were very small.

Bob Sorenson of Victoria and Harry Ankers went out to Long Reef Tuesday in a 16 foot Thompson with a 24 horsepower kicker and after spending about an hour fishing were caught in the heavy winds. Ankers said they were nearly swamped several times before getting back to the basin. However, they had pretty good luck during the time they were out. Ankers caught 41 nice trout and Sorenson caught 40.

R. B. Strube spent some time Wednesday fishing in the basin and caught 44 pounds of trout. Several of these trout were pretty good sized with four of them weighing a little over five pounds each.

The Norma II, carrying a crew of eight from Corpus Christi split its seams in a heavy sea and sank in the Gulfstream about 25 miles south of Miami December 16th.

She was in the Rockport Boat Works ways here a couple of weeks ago for repairs to her propellers.

The crew was rescued by the Coast Guard after a plane located the survivors floating in a life raft and a small life boat.

Shorty Townsend and Pete Bracht went out Wednesday morning and brought in 171 large redfish.

Fred Hunt went out fishing at the old shipyard this morning and brought back twenty-five mighty nice redfish, trout and flounder.

Hinton Moves Fish And Oyster Business To New Location

Roy Hinton moved his fish, oyster and shrimp business to a new location just south of the railroad tracks on Austin Street.

He will continue to handle fish, oysters, shrimp and bait both wholesale and retail at the new location. He was formerly situated just west of the Rockport Boat Works on Austin Street.

Heldenfels Bros. Bid Low On Road Work

Heldenfels Bros. of Rockport was low bidder on improvement of 11 miles of highway in Nueces County in bids opened by the State Highway Department yesterday, according to a United Press Dispatch from Austin.

The Heldenfel bid was for \$461,084. The highway to be improved is on U. S. Highway 77 north of Driscoll.

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY
December 22-23

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Tuesday
December 24

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December 27-28

"Blue Montana Skies"

Gene Autry

Football Team Feted With Banquet Friday Night; Ox Emerson Speaker; Pictures of Army-Navy Game Shown

Car Wreck Keeps Rice Coach From Attending With Texas-Rice Game

The Rockport high school football squad—the Pirates—was honored at a banquet last Friday night, December 13th, at the Home Economics Cottage on the high school campus by the Athletic Council for its splendid season performance in winning nine of their ten games scheduled.

Coach John Ramseur acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the guest speaker, Ox Emerson, well-known former Texas University Tackle and Guard, professional football player and coach. Emerson is now coach of the Naval Air Station Comets of Corpus Christi.

He emphasized in his talk the fact that the team had such a fine record because of its spirit of cooperation sportsmanship, and the will to win. He reminded them that they will continue to need this spirit of cooperation and will-to-win in the years ahead whether they be on a football team or will be earning a living. He asked that they never forget the sense of fair-play they have developed in this competitive sport and to apply it to everything they do in the future.

Seventy-five persons attended the banquet, including members of the high school faculty, school board, fathers of the team, the football squad and the Athletic Council.

Coach Ramseur introduced the thirteen members of the team who won letters and recounted some of their achievements for the year. Emerson showed three football pictures in the high school auditorium which included pictures of the Army-Navy games of 1943 and 1944.

Other speakers on the program were J. F. Harbin, superintendent of schools; Roy Rogero, president of the athletic council; and Jack Sanders, assistant coach at Trinity University.

Dutch Baumgardner, line coach at Rice Institute, was scheduled to be the principal speaker and to show pictures of this year's Texas-Rice game. However Ramseur received a wire from Baumgardner informing him that he would be unable to attend because he was in-

involved in an automobile accident Friday morning in Houston. Therefore Ramseur and Harbin invited Lt. Crd. Ox Emerson to attend the banquet. Ramseur said, "I have never been so grateful to anyone in my life for coming through for me as Emerson did."

Mrs. George Ratisseau supervised the preparation of the Spanish dinner and the students of the home economics classes served under the supervision of Mrs. John Ramseur, home economics teacher. The girls who served the dinner were Misses Sissy Rowe, Bonnie Cron, Patty Ballou, Loyce Mae Townsend, Pat Wallace, Mary Lou McLester, Shirley Ratisseau and Wilburn Hamblin.

Funeral Rites For Earl E. Owen Held Tuesday At 3:30

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Chapel of the Cage Funeral Home in Rockport for Earl E. Owen, 54, who died Monday night in Corpus Christi.

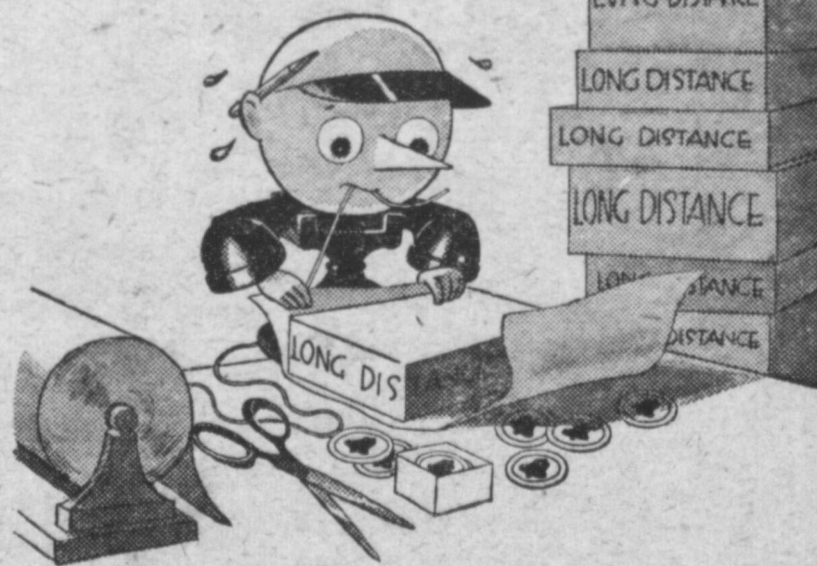
Interment was in the Rockport Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alta Owen; one brother, Oscar M. Owen; and three sisters Mrs. Jessie Christianson, Mrs. Thelma Leach, and Mrs. Ruby Doudney all of Dallas.

Local Girl To Arrive Home Via Chartered College Bus

Denton, Dec. 19—Miss Dorothy Mae "Dixie" Townsend, attending Texas State College for Women, will arrive in Corpus Christi Friday morning on her way home for the Christmas holidays, after an all night ride from Denton on a college bus.

Twenty-nine girls will leave school on the bus after classes Thursday afternoon and stops will be made only in Beeville and Corpus Christi. Two drivers are being sent by the college so that the trip can be made overnight.

There'll be thousands of extra long distance calls this Christmas



Every year—at Christmas time—extra thousands of long distance calls crowd the wires. It's much like the deluge of Christmas cards and gifts that flood the mails. Some calls, caught in this jam, are certain to be delayed—perhaps for hours.

In spite of 50,000 miles of new long distance circuits and well over a hundred new sections of long distance switchboard added in the Southwest this year, we know that operators will not be able to put every call through on schedule. We'll have every switchboard position filled . . . we'll be doing our best . . . but there'll just be *too many* calls.



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