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Foard County News Will Not Be Published Next Week; First Issue of 1942 Will Be on January 8th

After due consideration, it has been decided not to publish a paper on the next regular issue which would be Jan. 1, 1942. It has been many years since The News was not printed the week following Christmas, but owing to the strenuous fall work the present force has undergone, there is no doubt but that it needs a week's relaxation and it is believed that this would be the most opportune time to take off for a week.

It is hoped that missing an issue of the paper will not inconvenience any customers or friends. The rest for those who have labored hard, day in and day out, week in and week out, and year in and year out, for so many years is

badly needed and we hope, deserved.

The people of this community and surrounding territory have been mighty good to us, for which we are deeply grateful, and it is our desire to be as useful to the community as it is possible for us to be.

We expect to come back the first of the New Year with renewed energy and do our best for our own community, as well as for our nation in the great emergency that now exists.

The office will be open most of the time for those who may want to renew their subscriptions for another year.

Rally for Sale of Defense Bonds to Be Held Here Jan. 2

As announced in the last issue of The News, a rally will be held in the district court room on Jan. 2 at 7:30 p. m., o'clock for the purpose of stimulating the purchase of bonds and stamps for national defense.

Dr. R. L. Kincaid, area chairman for the 13th Congressional District, will appear on the program in furtherance of the sale of bonds and stamps; M. S. Henry and Judge Leslie Thomas will also make short talks in that behalf. An efficient and competent person will explain the procedure for the purchase of bonds and stamps, their denominations, the time at which same can be redeemed and will answer any and all questions necessarily connected therewith.

Other counties in the State have experienced great success in like rallies and it is sincerely hoped that the people of Foard County will demonstrate their interest and enthusiasm by attending this meeting. Few people realize just how tremendous the National Defense program, upon which the nation is now embarked, has already become. More than one million of men are under arms in the Army and Navy. To equip and maintain this vast force is a task which is now pushing industry to great extremes. As now outlined, this defense effort is scheduled to cost the American people forty billion dollars and the matter of conjecture. When the end will come, nobody can tell. But this is definitely known—if this country is to maintain the liberties for which its fathers fought, if America is to preserve the freedom so precious to her, if this nation is to continue its present way of life, it must arm to the teeth and be prepared to defend these things, which are held so dear, from all enemies and at any cost.

Buying defense bonds and stamps constitute such a small sacrifice, if same should amount to such, surely this community can do its part in this great enterprise. Attend the rally which will be held—then do more than just take part in such a program.

Union Brotherhood to Be Organized at Meeting January 1

Men who are interested in the organization of a union brotherhood are urged to attend the meeting that will be held at the First Baptist Church in Crowell on Thursday evening, Jan. 1. Refreshments will be served in the basement of the church at 8:00 o'clock preceding the business session.

ALBERT SCHOOLEY JR. OF PHILIPPINES

Albert Schooley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schooley of Houston, is a radio operator on duty in the Philippine Islands, according to an article from the Houston Chronicle of Dec. 14. Nothing has been heard from him since

Truscott Pioneer Died Friday; Sister of Crowell Man

Mrs. Violet Cogdell Haynie, 75, wife of R. T. Haynie of Truscott died Friday, Dec. 19, at the home of her son, Charlie Haynie, of Munday following an illness of two years.

Mrs. Haynie was born in Mississippi, but had made her home at Antelope Flat, near Truscott, for 31 years.

Survivors include her husband, six sons, Horace, Chester, Leslie and Cecil of Truscott, Charlie of Munday, and Earl of Amarillo; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Craig of Amarillo and Mrs. Earl Keller of Oklahoma City; one brother, W. A. Cogdell, of Crowell; three sisters, Mrs. Birdie Stringer of Alvord, Mrs. Sallie Haynie of Streetman, and Mrs. Charley Avery of Vivian, La.

Letter Received Here from Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cooper of the Vivian community who went to Eureka, Calif., late in November, write to their friends here through The Foard County News and say that they are having a nice visit but will soon be heading toward home.

Their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnstone, met them at Sacramento and they went the remainder of the trip by automobile. They say that the scenery through the Rockies was beautiful and beyond description. They have met and visited with the brothers of Mrs. Cooper, C. Taylor, E. G. Taylor, P. L. Taylor, A. U. Taylor and H. B. Taylor. Also, a niece, Mrs. Grace Russell, has been with them.

They describe a drive through the beautiful Redwood Forest and say that mere words are insufficient to describe them. They, in company with four others, drove through a redwood tree and Mrs. Cooper says the experience was quite a thrill. They saw the tallest tree in the world, 364 ft. high, and it was lit up to the top on Dec. 7, for a Christmas tree. They did not know of the war proceedings until they returned to Eureka. They have been taken on many lovely drives and speak in glowing terms of the country and of their reception there.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have experienced the blackouts and say that they felt very helpless as they awaited developments. They will visit Mrs. Cooper's brothers for a short while and then will start to Texas. They ask to be remembered to their friends in Foard County.

the declaration of war. His parents feel great uneasiness concerning his welfare. He was stationed at Nicholes Field in the Philippines. The Foard County friends of the family hope for news of the young man's safety at an early date. Albert, son, as he was called, was reared in Crowell.

SINCERE GREETINGS

Again it is Christmas time and again we wish to say "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to all our readers and friends who have been a part of the past year's reality in putting out a weekly paper in Foard County. We are grateful for the co-operation that we have felt from our advertisers and subscribers. Let us all unite in the coming year to make Foard County a still better place in which to live and let us join in a united prayer for the ceasing of war and the looking toward a realization of "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men."

THE NEWS STAFF

Crowell Evens Score with Vernon Here Thursday Night by Winning Over the Lions by a Score of 19 to 18

Crowell Boy Scouts Will Collect Old Papers Magazines

Crowell Boy Scouts and Cubs are collecting old papers and magazines as a vital part of the National Defense program. Boy Scouts of America have been given this responsibility by President Roosevelt. In ordinary times less than one-fourth of the waste paper is saved for the pulp mills and used a second time. It is estimated that at least three-fourths of this paper could be saved. The collecting of old paper gives the Boy Scouts and Cubs an opportunity to render a National "good turn" and help America save time, labor and material. It is also the opportunity of every citizen to help.

Those who will save their newspapers, magazines or cardboard boxes should get in touch with Scoutmaster Ernest Patton of Troop 53, or Munson Welch of Troop 49, for information as to how to dispose of them.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Foard County Hospital
Patients In:
Miss Sybil Gobin.
C. W. Howry.
Patients Dismissed:
Baby Mayberry.
R. B. Lilly.
Grady Magee.
Hospital Visiting Hours: 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.; 2 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 9

The Crowell High School basketball team evened the score with the Vernon Lions here last Thursday night when it came out on top of a 19 to 18 count. The game was similar to the one played in Vernon, close all the way, and finally ending with the home team one point in the lead.

The defensive work of both clubs kept the score low. Fain's floor work and Bell's shooting kept Vernon in the game. Bell made nine points to lead in the night's scoring. Nelson's floor work and Roark's guarding were the highlights for Crowell. Nelson made seven points for the Wildcats. Both clubs showed a lack of polish on the offense, but looked good enough to be pronounced as threats in their respective conferences. Vernon will participate in District 2AA, while the Wildcats will be competing in District 9A.

Box Score				
	FG	FT	P	
Crowell (19)	3	1	2	
Nelson, rf	3	1	2	
Owens, lf	1	0	1	
Thompson, c	0	1	2	
Roark, rg	3	0	2	
White, lg	0	0	1	
Blevins, s	1	1	1	

BABY DIED				
	FG	FT	P	
Vernon (18)	2	1	3	
Fain, rf	2	1	3	
Bell, lf	4	1	3	
Bailey, c	0	1	2	
Russell, rg	0	0	0	
Nicholson, lg	0	1	3	
Mayo, s	0	0	0	
Freadiger, s	1	0	0	

Band Sweetheart



Mary B. Curtis, sophomore in Crowell High School, was recently chosen band sweetheart for the year 1941-1942.

She will accompany the band on all concert tours.

Gifts to Cemetery Sexton's House Fund Being Received Daily

Gifts to the fund to build a sexton's house at the Crowell Cemetery are being received in a most splendid manner, according to Claude Callaway, chairman of the committee working on this worthy cause.

Since the report published in last week's issue of the paper, the following amounts have been received:

H. Allison, Covina, Calif. \$25.00
Ferguson Bros. 25.00
J. R. Beverly 10.00
Mrs. W. S. Bell 10.00
A. D. Campbell 5.00
Mrs. D. W. Pyle 1.00
J. L. Kinchele 1.00
Fred Diggs 2.00
Marcus Mills 2.00

Little Milton Brown, one-year-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, passed away at the local hospital Tuesday night after a short illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Baptist Church with Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald in charge of the services.

Home Guard Units to Be Set Up in Foard County; Fire, Police, Military and Emergency Medical Care

At a meeting held in the district court room Friday night, Dec. 19, with Judge Leslie Thomas as presiding and a representative crowd from the entire county present, it was officially decided that Foard County should inaugurate Home Guard units during the present National Emergency with the avowed purpose that in case of local emergency, Foard County would not be found napping.

Preparations for Ex-Students' Dance, Reception Complete

Tuesday morning, plans and preparations were complete for the ex-students' reception and dance to be held in the High School gymnasium Friday night, Dec. 26. The reception is to be held from 7 to 9 o'clock. Mrs. S. S. Bell, as chairman, announced that the program was to consist of varied entertainment of such a nature as to please all ages. Light refreshments will be served and no admission will be charged. The dance will commence at 9 o'clock immediately following the reception. Billy's Melody Five will furnish the music.

It is sincerely hoped that all ex-students will attend the reception and dance, as much preparation has been made so as to furnish entertainment of the highest type possible for the occasion and an excellent opportunity is afforded to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

Foard County Cotton Farmers Favor Quota

The farmers of Foard County voted to continue to restrict the marketing of cotton in 1942 by voting in favor of cotton marketing quota Saturday, Dec. 13, according to A. V. Sheppard, administrative officer of Foard County A. C. A.

There were 226 votes cast in the election of which 220 were cast in favor of the quota. This gives 97.3% of the farmers voting for quotas to be continued. This is a larger number of votes cast and 11.3% more of them voting in favor than last year, since the quota referendum carried by only 86.0% for the quota to be in effect in 1941.

President Releases Message to Boy Scouts of America

In his annual Christmas message to the Boy Scouts of America of which he is Honorary President, and in which he himself was active for more than seventeen years, President Roosevelt gives high tribute to the Boy Scouts, expressing "the appreciation of the nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our national strength and morale by helping to keep alive the manly virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness."

The President's greetings to the nation's 1,470,316 Scouts, Cubs and their leaders follows: "To the Boy Scouts of America: Once again I send sincerest Christmas greetings to the Boy Scouts of America; bespeaking also the appreciation of the Nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our national strength and morale by helping to (Continued on Last Page)

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

F. W. Collingsworth, former pioneer resident of this county, died at his home in Shamrock on Friday, Dec. 12. Funeral services for Mr. Collingsworth were held in the Baptist Church in Shamrock Sunday afternoon of last week, Dec. 14.

Mr. Collingsworth moved with his family to Shamrock 38 years ago. He is survived by one daughter and four sons.

Governor is required to assume leadership in matters involving co-operation with other States and the United States. The Governor is designated as the Commander-in-Chief of the military forces, when they are in State service and is required to direct the hauling of emergency matters. As such, the Governor has designated the County Judge of each Texas county as the County Defense co-ordinator for that part of the county outside the corporate limits of municipalities, and the Mayor of each municipality as Municipal Defense co-ordinator for his town or city. In handling local problems which affect both the county and the city, it is expected that the county defense co-ordinator and the Municipal Defense co-ordinator will develop the necessary plans for co-operative action. The Governor, as chairman and co-ordinator for State Defense activities, will maintain direct contact with the county and municipal defense co-ordinators. He will consult with these local co-ordinators on general matters of policy and will advise them when agencies of the State government need the co-operation of local officials in carrying out defense plans of statewide scope.

In Foard County, it was deemed advisable and practicable by Judge Leslie Thomas and Mayor C. T. Schlagal that for the purposes of defense, the county and city should be as one unit, and in this connection, it is desired that the home guard units will be organized in such manner and will function so as to serve both the city and the entire county.

As to the police unit, full responsibility rests on regular forces maintained by Federal, State and local government, supplemented in times of crisis by Texas Defense Guard and U. S. Military forces. Opportunities for service by volunteers consists of auxiliary police, wardens, rescue squads, emergency messenger service, and motor transport corps.

In addition to the regular fire fighting unit locally organized, auxiliary firemen, fire wardens and other volunteers, recruited under the supervision of and functioning under the direction of regular fire officials, will be active under the home guard plan.

Farmers of County Select Leaders for 1942 Last Week

The farmers of Foard County held two meetings in Foard County Friday, Dec. 19, for the purpose of electing Community Committees and delegates to the county convention which was held Saturday, Dec. 20, according to A. V. Sheppard, administrative officer of Foard County A. C. A.

There were two meetings held in the county. One was held at Crowell in the district court room, and the other was at Thalia in the High School auditorium.

The following men were elected to serve as delegates to the county convention:

T. F. Welch, from the West community.

A. B. Wisdom, from the East community.

At the county convention the following men were elected to serve as county committee during the year of 1942: Chairman—Grady Halbert, vice chairman—T. H. Matthews, third regular member—W. A. Dunn.

The following men were elected to serve as community committee in their respective communities during the year of 1942:

West community—Chairman, Tom Callaway; vice chairman, Clinton L. McLain; third regular member, John M. Marr.

East community—Chairman, William Wisdom; vice chairman, Joe Johnson; third regular member, Loyce W. Lambert.

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew



Items from Neighboring Communities

VIVIAN (By Rosalie Fish)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sandlin and son, Herman, and Garland Rasberry returned home Sunday after spending several days with relatives in Seminole and Wewoka, Okla.

Miss Brooksie Hughston of Skellytown spent Saturday night with Misses Rosalie and Bernita Fish.

Clark Golden spent from Friday until Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. H. C. Collins, of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denton of Paducah spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walling and son, Billie, of Pampa are here to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. L. Walling.

Mrs. Homer Lowery of McKinney visited from Wednesday until Friday with Mrs. Ike Everson and Mrs. R. S. Haske.

Lee Allen and James Marvin Sosebec of Anson came Sunday to spend a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Keller of Skellytown spent Saturday night with Mrs. Keller's sister, Mrs. B. W. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Golden and daughter, Peggy June, and son, J. W. Jr., and Mrs. Golden's moth-

er, Mrs. J. D. Wright, of Cove, Ark., came Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Golden.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Jones and son, Olen, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Melburn and children of Liberal Kan., visited with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. R. S. Haske, a while Sunday morning.

Mrs. Roy Young left Saturday for Pampa where she will join Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morgan and go to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bransom, and other relatives.

Miss Wanda Adams of Crowell is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Fish, and family.

Miss Bessie Fish of Anson came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her father, A. T. Fish, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Fish of Paducah spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walling and son, Delbert, and Jackie Lankford of Pampa are here to spend the holidays with Mr. Walling's mother, Mrs. A. L. Walling, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowley and son, David, spent Saturday with Mr. Bowley's father, M. F. Bowley, of Crowell, who celebrated his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Everson and Mrs. Ike Everson spent from Friday until Sunday with Floyd and

Gene Everson and Mrs. Elmo Huggins and Mrs. Ernest Boren, of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Golden and children and Mrs. J. D. Wright of Cove, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Golden and son, Clark, spent Sunday with their son and brother, Amburs Golden, of Benjamin. Dorothy Fish spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish, of Paducah.

Bert Mathews went to Sunset Sunday to visit his father, J. A. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boren and son of Pampa returned home Friday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Everson.

Miss Geneva Marr, who is attending West Texas State Teachers' College in Canyon, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marr.

R. J. Everson returned home Sunday after spending several days with relatives in Pampa.

Durward Benham of San Antonio is here spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Benham.

Miss Lou Martin is spending this week with Miss Estelle Autry of Foard City.

Miss Bernita Fish of Five-in-One is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish.

Mrs. M. E. Boren of Pampa spent from Wednesday until Friday with friends here. She went to Oklahoma where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Klepper and son, Billy, of Crowell spent Sunday with Mr. Klepper's sister, Mrs. Allen Fish, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blair and sons, Robert and Albert, and daughter, Betty, will leave soon for Brownwood where they will make their home in this community for the past 16 years.

Miss Margaret Evans of Hopkins came Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan and grandchildren left Wednesday for Alvarado where they will make their home.

Mrs. B. W. Mathews spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. F. A. Davis of Crowell.

The Vivian Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Oscar Nelson Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18. A Christmas program was enjoyed by everyone present. The club will meet with Mrs. Egbert Fish Thursday, Jan. 8, 1942.

An automobile manufacturer is using latex-sprayed cactus fiber and animal hair as padding in the seats and back rests of automobiles.



MARtha was dependable. Like a patient, willing and uncomplaining horse. Her life on her small farm was not different from a tread mill, always the same, day in and day out, month after month, year after year.

There had been a time when Martha was not alone. That was when her older sister Helen and her younger sister Nancy and her still younger brother Curt lived there at the farm. But that was a long time ago, longer still since their parents had died. The sisters were beautiful and had married well, and Curt, possessed of burning ambitions, had left to make his way in the world.

Frequently they came out to call, to "eat one of Martha's wonderful dinners" and "get a breath of country air."

It was on a Christmas day that Nancy brought Barre Howard out. "I knew you wouldn't mind, darling," she gushed. "Mr. Howard is a traveler and he's lecturing in town tomorrow night."

Martha smiled and nodded and looked up into Barre Howard's tanned face, a face that was strong and kind, with eyes that held a dreamy mystery in their depths.

But no one would have dreamed that there were any thoughts in Martha's head save those that centered around preparations for the Christmas dinner.

It was a sumptuous meal, one of the best Martha had ever prepared. She knew a vague sort of pride at the way her guests attacked it.

Martha sat with the others at the table after the dinner was over, listening to Barre Howard tell of his travels, of far away places he'd visited. He looked at her twice while he talked, directly, penetratingly, and she flushed.

After a while Martha got up and began clearing off the table. No one

offered to help. She washed and dried the dishes and stacked them away. And when she came back into the living room, they were ready to go, all of them. After they left she closed the door and turned and went back into the kitchen.

For a moment she stood in the center of the floor. An expression came into her face that was the unleashing of years and years of suppressed desires. She took a quick step forward, seized a broom by its handle, swung it toward the shelf of canned preserves with all her strength.

Martha laughed, shrilly and piercingly, and struck again. The shelf gave way this time, swinging on one hinge. Half a hundred jars of varying size crashed to the floor.

Directly following there was an instant of silence, and in that instant a voice spoke near the kitchen door. "In heaven's name, what are you doing that for?"

Martha whirled, and there, just inside the door, an amazed look on his tanned face, stood Barre Howard.

"Why?" she cried passionately. "Why? Because it's what I've wanted to do for years and years and years and it's just today I've had the courage. Because I hate this place, hate being cooped up here. Because I'm plain and unattractive and can't have the things my sisters have. Because Nancy's so selfish. Because she isn't satisfied with one man, but wants another, the only one—I—I—"

She stopped at last, breathing hard, leaning heavily against the sink, guilty, ashamed of what she'd almost said.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean it. Really. M—if there's something you forgot, I'll help you find it."

"There's nothing I've forgotten."

"Then—why did you come back? Why don't you go and leave me alone, like all the others do?"

His eyes were steady, penetrating, a dreamy mystery in their depths.

"Why do you think I came back?" he asked.

"Why?" She brushed a hand across her eyes. Something was stirring inside of her, something she thought dead. "Why?" she repeated. "How should I know?"

Barre Howard laughed and stood before her, and suddenly the look in his eyes was no longer mysterious. It was like a picture, readily interpreted, telling her why he had come back.

—Continued Next Week—WNU Service.



BR-RR-ING!
Ann Carson climbed quickly down off the small stepladder she was using to hang the glittering angel on the topmost bough of the Christmas tree. The sharp clang of the doorbell was a welcome sound. Hastening joyously she flung the door wide open.

"For me? Come in, Timmy." She smiled down at the wizened old hunchback shivering on the doorstep. Ann took the package tendered almost ceremoniously, bearing conspicuously the label of his own small flower shop. And with the privilege of a lifelong friend Timmy followed her into the warm lamplit room.

Slowly and musingly Ann untied the bright tinsel bows. She knew without looking what the box contained and as her fingers broke the seals she seemed again to hear Jerry's voice, low, quivering and hurt.

They had gone to a dance that memorable Christmas eve and homeward through the whitening mist she had tried, bravely, to tell him she must marry another man.

A frantic Jerry pleading and a strange new ache at her heart, she had stood for a moment on the run-

ning board of his car and Jerry had whispered: "But, darling little Ann, I'll love you always—always!"

He had touched with reverent clumsy fingers the single crimson rose she was wearing on the soft black fur of her evening wrap. The touch seemed to give him an idea. Jerry was romantic and they were both so young. "No matter wherever I may be, little Ann," he said, "I'll send you red roses at Christmas time and you will know."

"If ever," he had added, crushing her close as he lifted her down, "if ever I feel I can live without you, when the scars of this night heal, I'll send white ones. Remember!" and with a quick stride he was gone.

But she had not married the other man. Somehow after that she couldn't. But impulsive hot-headed

Jerry left that night, a stowaway on a tramp steamer bound for China, and now one, two, three, four long years unrolled before her.

Her letters, pleading and unashamed had followed him half way around the earth gathering curious postmarks, undecipherable, but eventually they had returned, tattered, torn—but unclaimed.

But they had come. From strange lands in far odd corners they had come, those orders to old Timmy the florist for the red, red roses as red as her own heart's blood that now beat so chokingly in her throat. And she would wait, wait forever if need be, for Jerry.

Exultantly she lifted the lid. Roses!

But slowly over her face froze a look of piteous unbelief. The mass of blossoms blurred before her eyes and Jerry's pain-torn words rang in her ears: "If ever I can live without you, I'll send white ones." And—these were white. As white as the drifting snow outside. White roses! Mutely her lips formed the words. Oh, God, it couldn't be, after all these years! White roses!

"You don't like them? I very sorry." Crestfallen, apologetic, old Timmy was turning to go. "But the order came so late. No red ones left for you, only leetle wilty buds and so I peck the beeg, beeg white ones for you." His dim old eyes pleaded eloquently for her understanding.

Oh!—Oh!—breathlessly. The light that ne'er was on land or sea came flooding back into Ann's face and clear as a child's faith in Santa

Claus the far-away chimneys were pealing. Peace, good will to men! Jerry had meant red roses after all.

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Christmas Brought Jesters
Medieval kings used to have fools and jesters to amuse them. Later, however, the wearers of the cap and bells were not the exclusive possession of kings and queens, princes, counts, barons and bishops, for the fashion of keeping buffoons passed from sovereigns to corporations and private individuals. These jesters were then brought into requisition during the Christmas season, and retained to brighten up the hall and kitchen with their witty sayings and practical jokes.

Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ-laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Creomulsion blends beechwood time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.

No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)



.. With a genuine understanding of the true meaning of the words—we say

Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year
DUNN'S GARAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

It Was **17** Years Ago

That we first said "Merry Christmas" to our friends in this community. Each year it has given us greater pleasure, because each year has seen new additions to our list of friends and customers. Today, as on our first Christmas here, we are glad of the privilege to send Season's Greetings to each of you. Today, as every year before this, we sincerely wish for you and yours a new year that will mean continued happiness and prosperity. May new pleasures and joys be yours.

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The whole world is kin

AT THIS GLAD SEASON OF THE YEAR

and we take this occasion to tell you that it will be our purpose to strive to the best of our ability, to maintain in the spirit of the season throughout the coming year.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE CO.

GREETINGS



in the good old fashioned way from

Texas Natural Gas Co.

Crowell—Thalia

Items from Neighboring Communities

RIVERSIDE
(By Bonnie Schroeder)

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Patterson of Los Angeles, Calif., announce the birth of a girl, Linda Faye, Monday, Dec. 15. The infant weighed 10 pounds and 4 ounces at birth. Mrs. Patterson will be remembered here as Miss Edna Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ward.

Mrs. W. M. Rummell, who has been visiting her son, August Rummell, and family left Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ewald Graf, of Hinds.

Cecil Garrett of Camp Barkley in Abilene spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Garrett, recently.

Earnest Gloyna, who is a Senior Civil Engineering student in Texas Technological College in Lubbock, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gloyna.

S. A. and H. L. Southerland of Clovis, N. M., visited in the home of their brother, M. V. Southerland, and family Monday night. They, with their mother, Mrs. J. C. Southerland, of Fort Worth, who had been visiting the Southerland family here, started for Clovis Monday night. Twenty miles west of Crowell they were

involved in a car wreck when the car they were driving collided with a car occupied by negroes from Waxahachie. The collision occurred when the Negroes attempted to pass another vehicle and collided with the Southerland car. None of the occupants of either car were injured but the Southerland car was damaged considerably. M. V. Southerland then accompanied the group to Clovis Monday night and he and S. A. Southerland returned Tuesday. After the Southerland car was repaired in Crowell S. A. Southerland returned to his home with it Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz and D. M. Shultz called in the home of Mrs. Ike Carpenter and family of Vernon Friday on account of the death of Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was the brother of Mrs. W. B. Shultz of Cheyenne, Wyo., who is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and daughter, Helen, who have been residing in Wichita Falls several months, returned to their home here Thursday night.

Charlie Gloyna and sons, Walter and C. A. Jr., of Lockney visited in the home of his brother, Herman Gloyna, and family, Thursday.

Miss Minnie Ward, R. N. of Methodist Hospital in Dallas, spent

the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mard, recently.

Mrs. Earl Kennedy had as her guests Wednesday her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Boyd, of Quanah, her niece, Mrs. Bates of Lubbock, and Miss McCon of Quanah.

Miss Faye Tole submitted to a tonsil operation in a Vernon hospital Wednesday.

The Christmas program presented by students of the Riverside school in the auditorium Friday evening was well attended. Following the two one-act Christmas plays, Christmas gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree by Santa Claus. The school closed Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and studies will be resumed Monday, Dec. 29 at 9 o'clock.

Miss Mary Tاملen was able to resume her studies in Crowell High School Thursday after being confined to her home several days on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey Rennels visited her sister, Mrs. E. L. Derr and family, of Chillicothe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodman of Crowell spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson.

Douglas Adkins, who is an instructor in the Draw High School, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Edens of Thalia Sunday.

Leroy Gibson, who is attending McMurry College in Abilene, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson.

Mrs. Allie Huntley spent Friday with Mrs. R. C. Huntley of Vernon.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Ike Carpenter in Vernon Saturday afternoon.

J. G. and R. F. Adkins returned home Sunday of last week from Seagoville where they attended the funeral of an uncle.

Curtis Bradford and daughter, Lenora, of Margaret visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradford of Margaret visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tole left Friday night for Amherst to attend the bedside of her sister-in-law of Olton, who is seriously ill in an Amherst hospital.

Mrs. Sam Kuehn was elected secretary-treasurer of the Riverside Parent Teacher Association in a meeting at the school Thursday afternoon to fill a vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. C. L. Adkins. The next regular meeting will be at 4 p. m. Jan. 15.

In the Christmas Rush
By Willard Hartwick

THEY had been doing their Christmas shopping together, and stood with burdened arms waiting to board a street car for home. Again and again they joined the line-up of would-be passengers only to see the car move off without them.

"Look here, Mrs. Young. I think we're crazy to try to get home in this crush," said Purple Mrs. Older. "Let us go to the Purple Tea-room and have dinner and rest till the crowd thins out a bit."

"Oh, I couldn't do that," almost wailed pretty little Mrs. Young. "I simply must get home. Teddy would be so annoyed if he got home and found me out and no dinner ready."

"But you could phone from the tea-room," said Mrs. Older.

"Teddy wouldn't like it," objected Mrs. Young. "He would say I shouldn't have stayed shopping so late."

"What nonsense," scoffed Mrs. Older, with the license of an old friend.

But Mrs. Young was firm. She was going to get home before Teddy if it were at all possible.

However, after a few more ineffectual attempts to board a car, during one of which she spilled her parcels on the pavement, Mrs. Young reluctantly accompanied the hobbling Mrs. Older around the corner to the Purple Tea-room.

Under the spell of the purple-and-gold shaded lights, the two weary women ordered substantial dinners.

Mrs. Young's body relaxed into ease, but her mind did not. She ought to be at home. She wanted to be at home. Home was the place for married women at meal-time.

"Teddy and I promised each other when we were married that we'd never eat dinner apart if we could possibly avoid it," she murmured.

"I hate to be the first to break that promise—I know Teddy wouldn't."

"Well, six months is quite long enough to keep a promise like that," asserted Mrs. Older. You might just

RAYLAND
(By J. C. Davis)

Preston Colclaser, who is stationed at Wichita Falls, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Thelma Raines of Vernon spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. T. C. Davis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewellen of Snyder visited relatives here last week. Raymond Lewellen, who had been helping Mr. Lewellen gather his crop, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lassiter of Brownfield spent Sunday night with her father. They were going to Oklahoma City to visit his parents' family.

Mrs. Buck Clark visited in Wichita Falls last week. Her daughter, Mrs. H. Smith, and family returned with her to spend the Christmas holidays.

W. J. Dewberry, Jim Parker and Carl Bradford, of Vernon visited in Plainview Thursday. Jim Fenton returned home with them to visit during the holidays.

Miss Juanita Mansel of Vernon spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mansel.

J. C. Davis visited relatives in Vernon Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Williams spent the week-end with relatives at Five-in-One.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crisp spent several days last week with relatives at Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Rutledge of Elliott spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rutledge.

E. A. Rutledge, who has been ill several weeks, is slowly improving.

as homes.

At few other times in our history has Christmas meant as much as it does this year. With death, disillusion, bitterness and tears sweeping the world, America must cling to its heritage—one of the few remaining spots on earth where Christmas will not see the blight of suffering.

It's time for every thinking

Texan to consider his responsibility in the statewide movement to reduce automobile accidents.

Why not take the Christmas spirit of "Goodwill toward men" behind the wheel with you? Give the other fellow a break. Be patient with others' mistakes in traffic. Don't risk life and limb just to insist on what you think are your rights.

"Give Courtesy for Christmas!"



As we come to another Christmas time, let us be thankful for our American way of living.

This American way of living was planned by the early American settlers and we find now that this way of living is being tested by an enemy that is powerful and let us do our best to hold our Democracy. If we do our best in service to America, we will maintain this liberty and freedom which is ours to enjoy today.

Now, as we cross the threshold of another year, we do so with thankful hearts to our friends and customers who have made it possible for us to serve you in the past and we hope to be able to serve you in the future with the same courteous treatment that we have tried to render through the forty years of our business life.

Yours respectfully,

FERGESON BROS., Druggists

It's Your Life!

(By George Clarke, Director Texts Safety Association.)

"Give Courtesy for Christmas?" That's the theme of the December Traffic Safety Emergency Campaign in Texas which is designed to prevent the death of 195 persons in traffic accidents.

The slogan is a practical application of the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. At Christmas time, especially, why not ask drivers and pedestrians to be patient, lenient and courteous with each other?

Courtesy will prevent a big percentage of traffic accidents, and during the Yule season everyone should be willing to contribute such a small gift to the happiness and safety of others.

Not only would the reduction in accidents be an important aid to the National Defense Program by conserving valuable manpower and property, but it would prevent the needless tragedy that annually darkens the glow of holiday happiness in hundreds of Tex-



She noted hungrily what an unusually attractive meal it was.

as well settle down and enjoy yourself.

But Mrs. Young couldn't smile or even pretend an enjoyment she didn't feel. She wanted to be at home preparing a cozy welcome for Teddy. Just at her most homesick and contrite moment, she raised her misty eyes to the wall opposite and read on a little framed card—"If you want a taxi call Main 0000."

She rose to her feet, the light of decision flashing across her face.

"I'm going to ring for a taxi to take me home," she said.

"Don't be foolish," admonished the rather disgusted Mrs. Older. "A taxi will cost you quite a bit and you said you were broke."

"I still have that \$10 bill Teddy gave me to buy a Christmas present for myself. I'll use some of that—and I can yet be home in time to get dinner."

Mrs. Young gathered up her numerous parcels and on her way out she met a waitress carrying in her dinner. As she stopped to take her check off the tray she noted hungrily what an unusually attractive meal it was.

In an amazingly short time the summoned taxi whirled her home without notable incident—except the smash-up that occurred in the \$10 bill when it came into collision with the taxi fare. Mrs. Young found that she had just 25 minutes to the good, and she did a meal-marathon that broke all records.

At the exact minute of Teddy's usual arrival she was ready for him with a smile on her face. And just then the phone bell rang. She could hardly believe her ears when she heard Teddy telling her over the wires that he would not be home to dinner.

"Go right ahead and have your own dinner, dearie," Teddy said, and his voice didn't sound a bit regretful. "I've had an extra hard day, and I don't feel like standing all the way home, as I know I would have to do if I got on a car at this hour. Older and I are going to drop into the Purple Tea-room for dinner. By-by, dearie."

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

First Printing of Christmas Carols

Christmas carols had a wide appeal from the very beginning. They pleased both the devout and the roisterers, and it was inevitable that they should find their way into print. The earliest printed collection is probably Wynkyn de Worde's "Christmas Carolles Newly Enprinted" (1520). Only a single leaf is extant. It contains two complete carols—one a hunting song, and the other a boar's head carol.



America's Second Line of Defense

Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

The Texas oil industry to a man is on the job.



In Our Very Best Manner We Wish You the Nicest Christmas You've Ever Had...

BORCHARDT CHEVROLET CO.



In All Sincerity

We wish each of you all the joys of Christmastime, and a future of lasting prosperity, with success resulting from your every effort.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

WEHBA'S CASH GROCERY

THALIA
(By Minnie Wood)

Miss Wanda Self, who is attending school in Amarillo, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Self, here.

Mrs. Eunice Corzine of San Francisco, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Banister, here.

Allen Patty and family and G. C. Short left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Little Rock, Ark.

Lee Sims made a business trip to Mount Pleasant last week.

Miss Marguerite Walker is spending the holidays with relatives in Dalhart.

Miss Link is spending the holidays with relatives in Clarendon.

W. B. Curry of Louisiana visited his wife, who is a teacher in the Thalia schools, Friday. They will spend the holidays with relatives in the Black community.

Mrs. Jewel Williams and family of Lubbock visited her aunt, Mrs. Maggie Killen, and her uncle, H. W. Gray, and family here last week-end.

Will Wood left Monday to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Moore, and children in Cherokee, Okla.

Duane Capps, who is attending school in Abilene, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Capps, here during the holidays.

Mrs. Ed Cates was hostess to the Idle Hour Club in her home Thursday afternoon with 13 members present.

G. W. Scales, Charlie Webb, R. A. Cooper and Guy Crews have returned from a hunting trip near Leakey.

Miss Audra Abston, who is attending school in Denton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abston, here.

Lennis L. Garrison is spending the holidays with relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. W. J. Long visited Mrs. Dee Roberts, who is ill in Wichita Falls, a few days last week.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. DuBose and Mrs. Oneal Johnson visited in Wichita Falls Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsey, Mrs. Mack Gamble and Mrs. T. J. DuBose were visitors in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Miss Johnnie Ruth Wisdom, who is attending school in Amarillo, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wisdom, here.

Several from here attended funeral services for Ike Carpenter in Vernon Saturday afternoon.

Jack Miller, who is attending A. & M. College in College Station, visited Jake Wisdom here Saturday night.

After the staff assembled to issue the new daily, the Chicago Sun, several weeks were spent in getting out practice issues to insure smooth functioning of the staff when actual issue time came.

THE Foard County News

T. B. Klepper, Owner-Editor.

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We have all heard it said that this or that individual was a community builder. By that we mean that he has invested his money here. He has built a home or a business. He supports the churches and the schools and the local enterprises. Whatever they are he and others like him make them. Further than this he spends his money at home because he realizes that the welfare of the community, the welfare of his investments, the prosperity of business in the town, the welfare of the churches and the schools depend upon the financial wealth of the community. The more money that stays at home, and is spent with local merchants, the better the town is going to be. To better realize the truth of this just imagine what the town would be like if no one spent his money at home. The business section would soon disappear. It would fold up and move away, and with it would go property values, and the very life of the town. When we spend our money at home we build our own town. When we spend our money away from home we rob our own town to build some other town—some other town that has no interest in our welfare beyond the dollars that we spend with them. By spending our money at home we build together for our mutual best interests.

It begins to appear that Congress will not proceed very far in the matter of legislation against strikes. The labor vote is a ghost that some members of Congress are very much in fear of. They will content themselves and try to pacify the country by quietly and consistently passing the buck. One of the barriers against legislation of this type is that the administration is dedicated to the closed shop and to the unionization of all labor. This fact would make it difficult for Congress to act even if Congress was disposed to act. Both administration and Congress are gun shy of antistrike legislation but both for different reasons.

There is no way of knowing for sure how much of the advice to drive safely and sanely is heeded. The records show that several thousand persons each month learn from painful experience the wisdom of driving safely. It is pretty safe to guess that a person who has been painfully injured in an accident will be a more careful driver in the future. If he isn't there is just no hope for him.

We are not letter perfect on our history but we do recall that China has ever been an aggressor nation in the matter of trying to grab of some one else's territory. She has gone about peacefully minding her own business. Whatever deal the United States makes with Japan it must not be at the expense of betraying or letting down China. That would be peace with dishonor.

If we are any judge of a physiognomy we can see no compromise in John Lewis' face. The protruding chin, the set of the mouth and the shaggy eyebrows all say: "I will have my way—or else."

Democracy must be a more wonderful form of government than many of us realize. If it wasn't it could never survive the nuts that get appointed to good jobs and fine positions under it.

How would it do to let the coal miners serve in the army for \$21 a month and let the boys in the army dig coal at \$7 a day for a while.

An optimist is a man who can forget yesterday's hard luck and hope for better luck tomorrow.



Here's Wishing You a

Merry Christmas

With A Suggestion for Making Your Holidays More Complete.

WHY NOT Entertain your friends with a theatre party during the Holidays? They'll appreciate it and you'll be glad you used this method of entertainment. RIALTO THEATRE Special Rates to Parties

ON GUARD



What We Think (By Frank Dixon)

The first Japanese bomb that crashed among the sleeping U. S. sailors at Pearl Harbor on that quiet Sunday morning, December 7, did something to America that her leaders have been trying to do for two years but could not. It awoke America.

It did more than that. It made known to all the contemptible duplicity and treachery of Japan. While smiling and bowing, and scraping, and holding out the olive branch of peace, to the United States, who has always dealt more than fairly with her, she shot her too trusting friend in the back in the dark.

The attack, which beyond a doubt, was dictated and directed by Hitler, and participated in by Hitler's air force, proves the contention that has long been held by many in this country that Hitler does now, and always has had, designs upon the United States, regardless of his protestations to the contrary. World domination by Hitler could not be complete without the subjection of the United States.

The attack united America. Up to an hour before the first bomb of the raiders crashed into our ships at Pearl Harbor we were divided. We were divided on the question of preparedness, the foreign policy, and the matter of Hitler's aims. Our production lagged in our industries in spite of pleadings for more speed. There was petty bickering on all sides, there was lack of unity in thinking and action. We were asleep.

The wholly unprovoked attack came without a formal declaration of war or warning of any kind. In fact, at the very moment of the attack Japanese envoys to the United States were in conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and a message was in the hands of the Emperor of Japan from President Roosevelt expressing the hope that a committee of citizens of Japan and the United States might get together and work out plans for peace between the two countries.

The attack made at a point over 2,000 miles from Japan is proof that at the very moment while conferences were being carried on by the United States and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and before any conclusions had been reached, Japanese aircraft carriers were on their way, loaded with bombers, to attack Pearl Harbor. It proves that for the past month, or ever since the conference between Japanese envoys and Secretary of State Cordell Hull began, preparations have been under way by Japan for this very thing.

The issue is now clear. There is no confusion in thinking. From now on the path to victory is a one-way path. The green lights are on. America accepted the challenge and the sleeping giant of her great power is now fully awake. Every worker in every defense industry has been aroused to a new tempo. The miner in the mine, the man with the sizzling welding torch, the smith before the thundering trip hammer, the steelmaker who feeds the fiery maw of the roaring steel furnace, all are awakened to the call. They are no longer forging guns to fight some one else's battles—they are fighting their own foe—defending their own liberty, their own nation, their own home.

And America has no doubt of the outcome. There is but one outcome—victory—complete victory for America, and all others of the earth who love liberty.

The Department of Agriculture is having trouble with food stamp violations. Some recipients of the stamps are using them to buy cigarettes and liquor. Some 6,919 violations have been reported. Several hundred cases have been taken to court. Casual infractions are punished by refusing to honor the stamps turned in by the guilty merchant and ejecting him from further participation in the program.

Flowers are love's truest language.—Park Benjamin.

It's Your Life! (By George Clarke, Director Texts Safety Association.)

Christmas comes but once a year—and you'll have to pardon a traffic cop if he says "Thank heaven for that!"

Christmas is a headache to the traffic police of Texas. More auto and pedestrian traffic to handle, the shopping rush, the increase in weather hazards—those are some of the reasons.

And, of course, there are more parties and more drinking, and many people expect a traffic cop to remember it's Christmas and look the other way at all these goings on.

But on the other hand, 195 persons are expected to die in traffic accidents during December for these very reasons.

It isn't fun for that officer to give you a ticket. No matter how gentle he would like to be, a good policeman has to consider the public welfare. It's his duty to crack down on those who endanger the lives of others.

The Texas Highway Patrol, municipal police departments and sheriff departments have issued orders to crack down on December traffic violators. It's become simply a matter of life or death. And those who won't co-operate for the public good must suffer the consequences.

So think about these things the next time you see a traffic officer doing his duty. After all, it's your life that he is trying to save.

INTERESTING FACTS OF THIS AND THAT

According to the United States 1940 census some \$231,670,000 is spent by women each year in the nation's 83,071 beauty parlors.

For the first time in history the national monthly income of the United States exceeded 10 billion dollars in September—\$10,258,000,000.

The coldest temperatures above the earth are found at a height of 58,000 feet at the equator. Above this point the air becomes slightly warmer. This height decreases toward the poles.

The Irish potato is not a native of Ireland. It was introduced into Ireland by Raleigh in 1610. Within 20 years it became the national food of Ireland.

The U. S. Army consumed in the neighborhood of 750 tons of turkey for its Thanksgiving dinner.

Flowers are God's thoughts of beauty taking form to gladden mortal gaze.—Wilberforce.

A JOYOUS Christmas

In the true friendly spirit that dominates the entire world at this glad time, we extend our wishes for a delightful Yuletide Season and a successful New Year.

We sincerely hope that the pleasure we have had in serving you in the past has been mutual, and we wish to take this occasion to thank you for all past favors.



LEO SPENCER Insurance

Many New and Renewal Subscribers Have Been Received Since Last Week's Issue; Bargain Rates Nearing End

Firms Selling on Installment Plan Must File Statement

It is necessary for all persons and organizations subject to the provisions of Regulation W of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, which was issued under authority of the President's Executive Order No. 8843, to file a Registration Statement by December 31, 1941, in order to continue to handle, after that date, installment transactions of the types covered by the regulation, according to information released by R. R. Gilbert, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Many persons and organizations have already filed Registration Statements, but many others apparently subject to the provisions of the regulation have not filed their statements.

All who are subject to the provisions of Regulation W, and who have not filed Registration Statements, are urged to give the matter immediate attention.

The general license heretofore granted will terminate at the close of December 31, 1941, for every person or organization that has not registered on or before that date in the manner provided.

Home Guards—

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the supervision of some capable and efficient man, or men, who will work out plans to fit the need of this county.

Much interest was manifested at the meeting held, so there should be no reason why the Home Guard should not function with facility.

In conjunction with the Commissioners' Court and City Council, the following, A. Y. Beverly, Clyde Graham, George Self, Tom Abston, W. A. Dunn, Eldon Croston, Clyde Cobb, J. H. Robertson and Floyd Marshall, were appointed on the committee to formulate plans and mechanisms to place the units in operation. This committee will meet December 29, 1941, at the office of County Judge Leslie Thomas at 2 p. m.

The number of renewals and new subscribers received since the last issue of the paper is greatly encouraging to those who have the responsibility of publishing a weekly newspaper for this community. The confidence expressed in the consistent renewal of subscribers and the many new subscribers who have been added to the list in the last few weeks is highly appreciated. More new subscribers have been received this fall than any other since the present owner assumed full responsibility twelve years ago. Thirteen hundred copies of the paper were printed last week.

Renewals and new subscriptions received since last week follow:

Tom Callaway, Foard City; R. G. Hunter, Wheeler; T. F. Lambert, Rayland; J. M. Marr, Vivian; A. W. Barker, Foard City; W. W. Kinsey, Rt. 1, Mrs. N. A. Crowell, city; Mrs. Garland Burns, Rt. 4, Decatur; O. Sheppard, Vineyard, Texas; Mrs. Allie Lawrence, Van Vleet; Allen Fish, Vivian; L. M. Brown, city; J. L. Kinchloe, Rt. 1.

Mrs. A. L. Walling, Vivian; H. Greenlee, Thalia Star; Elmer Brisco, city; E. L. Ribble, Rt. 1; Mrs. I. M. Cates, city; Mrs. D. E. Thomson, Quanah; W. Ingie, Rt. 2; T. J. Ferguson, Foard City; C. E. Chatfield, city; R. B. Lilly, Foard City; Mrs. Earl Duncan, McFarland, Calif.; Walter Thomson, city; G. C. Morgan, Thalia Star; J. F. Long, city; Miss May Randolph, Wichita Falls.

Jno. L. Hunter Sr., Rt. 2; B. G. Davis, city; Mrs. M. J. Girsch, city; J. C. Prosser, Rt. 2; J. C. Taylor, Thalia; W. M. Hord, Truscott; H. R. Zeibig, Rt. 2; Walker Todd, Seagraves; L. A. Andrews, city; J. E. Long, city; Mrs. J. S. Long, city.

Three of the United States mints located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, are working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to turn out an average of twenty tons of coins a day. Even with this they are unable to keep up with the demands of the U. S. Treasury.

The coins in most demand are pennies and nickels, needed for sales tax and slot machine use. The United States mints are also engaged in minting of money for foreign countries whose mints have been shut down because of the war.

As One Friend to Another

We'd like to take advantage of the occasion to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide, by extending our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas. May the smile of fortune wreath every day of the New Year for you.

Hughston Insurance Agency Phone 238 Crowell, Texas

BLACK (Dorothy Hall)

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hall and children, Dorothy and Milton, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Roberts of Quanah, attended the funeral of Mr. Hall's nephew, B. A. Rosenberg Jr., at Decatur Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McWilliams visited in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Huskey, Friday.

Wayne Henry Cobb came in Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cobb.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hall, and family Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McWilliams visited her sister, Mrs. Loyd Owens and husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hayes Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. Kamstra and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teague of Crowell visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Clyde Cobb, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hrabal and relatives here over the holidays. Vera Lee of Thalia is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carroll and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hall Monday night.

Mrs. Roosevelt recently announced that all formal White House entertainments would be omitted during the coming winter "because conditions are so serious." The cost of such formal events during the year approaches \$25,000.

During the Civil War the draft act allowed any drafted person who could raise \$300 to hire a substitute to be exempted from the service, or in other words buy his way out. On the day of the first drawing in New York a mob stormed the building in which the drawing was being held and set the building on fire. Before the riot was quelled 1,200 buildings had been burned, twice that many damaged and 2,500 people killed. To put an end to the destruction, which lasted three days, the city aldermen appropriated two and a half million dollars to buy exemption for anyone who did not want to serve.

Advertisement for LIFE magazine featuring the text 'BOYS LIFE' and 'There is a tremendous need for a clean, wholesome, yet entertaining boys' publication...'

Large advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company featuring a photo of a child and a Christmas tree, with the text 'THE SPARKLE IN CHRISTMAS' and 'A WORLD AT WAR may yet find a sparkle in Christmas!'

Locals

Fun for all at the Ex-Students' Reception Friday night.

Lieut. Milton Magee is at home on a furlough from Fort Sill, Okla.

Mrs. Cone Green and children, Dan and Patsy Grace, are spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Russell.

Miss Frances Henry Johnson, who is attending Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Wayne Cobb arrived here Tuesday from Arlington to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray and two sons, Wayne and Blain, of Weslaco arrived this week to spend the holidays with Mr. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gray.

Miss Geneva Marr is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marr, of Vivian. She is a student at WTSTC at Canyon.

Miss Mary Ella Rettig, who is attending Drury College in Springfield, Mo., is here to spend the Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graves and sons, Ray and Kay, of Breckenridge were here Monday visiting in the homes of Mr. Graves' brothers, I. T. and Grady Graves.

Free entertainment at the Ex-Students' reception Friday night.

J. M. Hill Jr. is at home from Baylor University, where he is in school, taking pre-med work.

Don't miss the Ex-Students' reception and dance Friday night at the High School gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nagy left last week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tate and Ed Manard visited Mr. Tate's sister, Mrs. S. A. Carter, in Willow, Okla., Sunday.

A. V. Sheppard left Saturday for Jacksboro to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Callaway of Stamford are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Callaway and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ketchersid, and to spend the holidays.

Misses Beverly Hughston, Doris Campbell, and Lois Pickett arrived home Saturday afternoon from Denton where they attend TSWC. They will remain throughout the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Roy Archer and children, Kenneth, Laverne and Joyce, left Monday for McKinney where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Archer's parents.

Miss Mary Frances Bruce is at home from Canyon, where she attends West Texas State College, to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bruce.

W. S. J. Russell was in Fort Worth Monday attending to business.

Mrs. Louise A. Howell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Beverly, this week.

Miss Winona Hembree, a student in TSWC at Denton, is home with her parents at Margaret for the holidays.

Meet all of your old friends at the Ex-Students' Reception in the High School gymnasium at 7:00 o'clock p. m. Friday night, Dec. 26.

J. M. Crowell of Camp Fort Brown at Brownsville, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Students of A. & M. College at home for the Christmas holidays are: H. K. Edwards, Tom Andrews, Joe Mark Magee, Riley Griffin and Mike Bird.

A. Y. Olds, Charlie Clark, Jack Fitzgerald and Richard Bird are at home for the Christmas vacation from Austin where they are attending State University.

Miss Aylene Lanier made a trip to Oklahoma City Friday of last week. She was accompanied home by Miss Agnes Plumlee of Ponca City, who will visit her during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Martha Rettig of St. Louis, Mo., is a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig, for the Christmas holidays. Miss Rettig is supervisor of the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Mrs. A. L. Johnson and children, DeWitt, Blanch, Ruth, Bertha, Jeanette and Alton, of Crowell and Jimmie Ashford of Childress visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Stone, in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Bryan O'Connell of San Angelo arrived here Monday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connell. His wife and son, Bryan Thomas, will join him here later in the week. They are visiting in Lockney with her mother, Mrs. A. Brian, former Crowell resident.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tate, Ed Manard and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Manard attended the funeral of A. L. Carter in Muleshoe last Tuesday. Mr. Carter was the nephew of S. E. Tate and a cousin of Ed and Earl Manard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds of Eunice, N. M., were here last week visiting Mr. Reynolds' mother, Mrs. A. A. Reynolds. They left Friday for Durant, Okla., to visit Mrs. Reynolds' mother, Mrs. E. D. Wrenn. They will return to Crowell for another visit after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Fox of Houston arrived here Saturday night for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, and other relatives and friends. Gordon Thomson, who has been in Houston for several months, came also, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Thomson.

Mrs. Andrew Calvin and children, Rebecca Ann and Burl, of Edna arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Collins, and family.

Mrs. Elbert George of Dallas came in last week to visit in the home of her brother, Fred Wehba. Her husband will join her here to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Self, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. George Hinds visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Melton in Henrietta Sunday.

Paul Gobin, who is attending an Aeronautics School in Dallas, arrived Tuesday for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gobin.

Mrs. T. V. Elliott of Shreveport, La., is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. Schindler.

Miss Lenore Longino is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Longino and friends. She is attending McMurry College at Abilene.

H. C. Brown, Misses Juanita Brown and Billie Brown are spending the Christmas vacation in Crowell visiting their father and friends and relatives. Mrs. Brown has been here for about a week.

Misses Dorothy Flesher, Reed Sanders, Iva Ruth Gafford and Ralph Flesher, Edward Roark and Stanley Sanders, all students in John Tarleton College at Stephenville arrived Saturday to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rettig and little daughter, of Hightwood, Mont., have been guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig for several weeks. They will remain through the winter months.

Mack Boswell of Brownwood, spent a few hours in Crowell Tuesday night. He was en route to Plainview to spend Christmas in the home of his father and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rettig have their son, Buddy Rettig of Pomona, Calif., as a guest in their home for the holidays. At this time, they will have all their children at home with them for the first time in several years.

Mrs. Ura Orr and Jean Orr are in receipt of a letter from their son and brother, John Lee Orr, who is stationed in San Diego, Calif., stating that he is well and happy. Mrs. Orr had not known whether he was in board a ship or in San Diego harbor, since the declaration of war.

Mrs. Eva Ashford, Jimmie Ashford and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ashford and son, Henry Louis Jr., of Childress visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Sanders Sunday.

Mrs. Pete Holcombe and Mrs. Gordon Gribble have returned from Pampa where they visited in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Chester Henry. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry on Dec. 8 and lived only one day. Mrs. Henry was formerly Miss Anabel Pennington of this place.

Misses Camille Graves, Margaret Long, Bette Shaw, Kinsey, Dorothy Wingham and Ted Crossnoe, James Welch, Kenneth Halbert, Ernest Gloyna, Joe Wallace Beverly and Billy Klepper, all students at Texas Tech at Lubbock are at home for the Christmas holidays.

There's Got to Be a Santa Claus!

(By Channing Pollock in the December Rotarian Magazine.)

When she was a very little girl, my daughter asked, "What would you do if there weren't any trees?"

"Why," I answered, lightheartedly, "we'd have to invent some. We couldn't get on without trees."

There are quite a lot of things—food, shelter, clothing—we couldn't get on without, and a number of wise men have made my suggestion—we'd have to invent them. What we must have even more than these are food for the mind, shelter for the spirit, that which clothes the nakedness of mere animal existence, and gives warmth to human contacts.

We celebrate Christmas as a religious festival, but a Christmas was celebrated hundreds of years before Christ. The ancient people of the Angli, in what is now Britain, had in December a Modranicht, or "mothers' night." There had to be a day set aside for kindness and generosity, and remembering those we love, and those less fortunate.

Before and since Dickens wrote his immortal A Christmas Carol, there have been a few Scrooges who cried of Christmas, "Bah, humbug!" I have heard modern Scrooges call it a shopkeepers holiday, and a nuisance, but for the overwhelming majority of us, as for Scrooge's nephew, it is "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women open their shut-up hearts freely... I say God bless it!"

There is a certain magic in a day when even strangers bid us be merry; when the mail and telephone and telegraph and all the means of communication commonly devoted to business bring cheery wishes for "Merry Christmas." Shopkeepers' holiday? Bah! Humbug! It isn't a necktie or a dollar bill that we slip into the hand of the janitor or the postman; it's goodwill and thank you for a year of service. It isn't a toy train that we put under the tree for Junior, or a muffler that we wrap in red tissue for Aunt Julia, but the knowledge that Junior has always wanted a train, and Aunt Julia has needed a muffler, and the loving desire that, just this one day, they shall have what they want and need, and that we shall see the pleasure in their eyes, and feel the warmth of their joyful kisses.

Believe it or not, and smile if you like, but, at—well, say 60, my wife and I still hang up our stockings. What a lot of love and laughter and tenderness goes into the trifling gifts we select for those symbols. We trim our little tree with bright stars and tinsel, and for days ahead, in secret, we write messages, and wrap things in gray paper, and hide them from one another until the morning of mornings.

Shopkeepers' holiday! Was it only a shaving kit I could have got for myself that went into that starchy package, or was it my daughter's heart that remembered the time, ages ago, when I said, "Damn that old razor! Some day I'm going to have one that fits into my hand properly!"

What about the crate of oranges that comes every Christmas from a colored elevator boy in Florida? I can buy better oranges, but I can't buy what comes with these.

We dine every day, but there is only one Christmas dinner. For years that was a family festival, with all our dear ones about the table. Most of them are gone now, and our Christmas guests are people who, whatever their means, have no home of their own. Why? Well, when I was 19, and away

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me an army set, a farm set, a choo-choo train, some candy and fruits.

I'm six years old. I go to school.

Will try to be a good boy.

Love,

Bobbie Roe Roberts.

THOUGHTS OF SERIOUS MOMENTS

When'er our country calls, friends, sons, and sires should yield their treasure up, nor own a sense beyond the public safety.—Brooke.

All men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.—Jefferson.


Humanity is a duty made known and enjoined by revelation, and ever keeping pace with the progress of Christianity.—Sidney Smith.

Be just and fear not; let all the ends thou aimest at, be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's.—Shakespeare.

There's no defeat, in truth, save from within; unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win.—Henry Austin.

The power of little things to give instruction and happiness should be the first lesson in life, and it should be inculcated deeply.—Russell H. Conwell.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



... and so we wish for you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous and happy Holiday Season. May health and happiness be yours throughout the coming year and in the years to come.

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NOTICE

I am setting my hatchery Thursday, Jan. 1. I will set twice a week this year. Will take hatching eggs Dec. 29, 30 and 31. Heavy breeds preferred for early hatch. I will pay 5c over the market price for hatching eggs. Will start hatchery No. 2 about Feb. 1. Take good care of your eggs, turn them 2 or 3 times daily and help make them hatch.

I am in the market for your poultry, hides, cream and fur.

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Simple Games Enliven Party On New Year's



Joyous celebrations throughout the nation will welcome in 1942 on the stroke of 12 Wednesday night. This young miss takes her blowing out quite seriously as she blows out the old year at a party in New York.

New Year's parties are always fun, but they will achieve new life and interest if several new games are included with the old favorites. Spelling bees and guessing contests have been played for many years, but a few modern variations of these games can make them more popular than ever.

Spell sdrawkcaB

Little enthusiasm will probably be noticed when a good old-fashioned spelling bee is announced. Before the game is over, however, the guests will probably be wondering if they ever knew how to spell, because the words in this contest must be spelled backwards.

A little competition will enliven the game, so arrange the guests into two or three teams, then tell them that to save embarrassment the words will all be simple ones. Each contestant will be eliminated from the game when he makes his second miss, and the first team to be spelled down loses the game. After casually announcing that the words must be spelled backwards and with no "second chance" if a wrong start is made, start the game going with simple words such as dog, cat, boy and so on.

When the players have caught on, make the words increasingly difficult. To keep the game moving and to dispel any possible suspicion of favoritism it is best to read the words from a list prepared in advance.

Guessing Time.

Anybody can estimate the length of a second, but few people know how long two or three minutes will last.

Have the guests sit in a circle around the room and announce that you are going to ask them to estimate the amount of time it takes for four minutes to pass.

Clap your hands when the four minutes is to start. To prevent the guests from counting out the time to themselves, pass around some more refreshments, or if someone can play the piano, sing a song they all know. This will not last more than a minute or two, and it will throw the players completely off count. Then sit in silence, waiting for the time to pass. Soon the guests will begin calling off "four minutes," and from there on the game will take care of itself.

The "secret of success" at a party of this kind is to play each game only a short time before changing to a new game. No matter how much the guests are enjoying a game, it is advisable to stop the game after a few minutes and change to something else.

Resolutions 'Silly,' Psychiatrist Says

New Year's resolutions are just a bit silly in the opinion of Dr. Francis J. Gerty, professor of psychiatry at Loyola university. He believes that a person who makes resolutions is something of an exhibitionist in addition to being quite childish. "And moreover," he adds, "he probably won't carry it out anyway."

Dr. Gerty asserts that New Year's resolutions have little value. "I don't think resolutions are the best methods of curbing our little difficulties and correcting ourselves. The best method is giving some thought to what causes our troubles and trying to correct them rationally."

"People must remember there are human limitations. Humans can't be perfect. They should do the best they can without straining, for the minute they strain, as they do with New Year's resolutions, they make a botch of their efforts."

Children especially should not be encouraged to make resolutions, in his opinion. "A child should be taught to do the best job he can at all times and not save his difficulties for one particular time and tear them up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Pedro Aguirre Cerda died recently. Of what South American country was he president?
2. Of what country is Manuel Quezon the president?
3. In what country now involved in the war is the city of Rezhegh located?
4. Where is the health resort for infantile paralysis sufferers known as Warm Springs, located?
5. In what European country is the city of Bern located?
6. Where is the stadium known as the Sugar Bowl located?
7. What two football teams will play New Year's day in the Rose Bowl?
8. What two football teams will play New Year's day in the Sugar Bowl?
9. What well known American calls his dog Falla?

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College Students Urged to Become Skilled Workmen

Lubbock, Dec. 15.—Calling a class of college graduates "a blood transfusion for industry," M. M. Boring, personnel director for General Electric Company, issued a ringing challenge to Texas Technological College students in general convocation Tuesday morning.

He sees "the present war bubble" as an incentive to American youth to increase their skills rather than reason for becoming fearful that they will not find jobs.

"We need trained people," he said. "With skilled help from Europe cut off, development of highly skilled workers has become our job in America." His own company, he added, was graduating six skilled mechanics this year when 6,000 are needed.

Pointing out that American history shows that war periods are periods of greatest industrial development, he predicted new industries to occupy skilled workers after the war.

"Your job is to civilize the world after the war," he continued. "Until we in America have provided an equal standard of living for Europe, there will be no over-lasting peace. If we in America do not take the lead in bringing them to our plane, we may be sure that we will fall to theirs. This is the responsibility of the young people of today."

Surveys show that "something happens to every job every five years," he said concerning competition of college graduates with experienced men.

"Your competition in every sense of the word is with your own age. The opportunity is there regardless of war, regardless of times."

He cited the three most important characteristics in job-getting as character, personality and ability. The man or woman with the personality, he added, usually gets the job.

SANTA Goes Modern



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wincapaw, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the East Boston airport with another load of Christmas gifts for the lonely lighthouse keepers and isolated islanders.

Christmas Decorations

Have Deep Meaning

Not many, probably, know of the deeper meaning associated with the three plants we ordinarily use for Christmas decorations, an authority writes. The holly has prickles and red berries. By the prickles we confess the bitter life of Jesus on earth. His watchings, His fastings, His weariness, His crown of thorns. By the berries we confess that He shed His blood for sinners.

The yew has little outside bark, but only a small rind, to teach us not to make a great outside show of religion; it is a lasting timber, suggesting the soundness of a Christian; it has many branches, meaning plentifulness in good works; and it is always green and prospering, even as the Christian should always grow and thrive in grace.

The laurel has the significance of victory. Jesus came into the world to loose the bands of sin and to ascend up into Heaven, leading captivity captive.

The German submarines hunt in packs like wolves. Not a bad comparison.

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Two Minute Sermon

(By Thomas Hastwell)

Guiding Beacon Lights: At several points of danger on the coast of this country the government has erected light houses and has installed in them powerful electric beacons. Their beams of light penetrate the darkness far out to sea and guide the vessels sailing that way. Captains, as they approach these dangerous areas, watch eagerly for the welcome flash of the beacon light. It is always a source of satisfaction to them when the eagerly looked for light is sighted and the course is checked. I have often thought in this connection, that, while less spectacular, a good life lived by a man or woman in a community is a beacon light to many of their fellowmen. There is scarcely a person who does not know some one whose quiet, steadfast faith, and sturdy character is to them a beacon light of encouragement, inspiration and example. No one can measure the full worth of a light house upon a rocky point, and no one will ever be able to measure the value of a good life. It is a beacon light in a world of darkness.

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December 25th

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Santa, what we want you to do is this! Please try to manage somehow to see that all these friends have their every wish fulfilled and that they enjoy the happiest Christmas of them all. If you can do that for us, you make ours the finest Yuletide that we could ask for and you will be taking care of the most loyal group of people in the world.

If you see any of our friends that we have missed, just tell them for us we really do appreciate their fine friendships and that we are wishing for them a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Yours very truly,

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STATED MEETING of Crowell Lodge No 840, A. F. & A. M. Jan. 11, 7:30 P. M. 2nd Mon. each month. Members urged to attend, visitors welcome. J. A. STOVALL, W. M. D. R. MAGEE, Secretary

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The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for a 14 per cent increase in egg production in 1942.

Your Horoscope

December 22, 23, 24, 25.—You are never influenced by what other people do or think, but form your own opinions. You are reliable, trustworthy and affectionate, do not readily fall for people but when you do your friendship usually lasts. You have a natural gift for teaching, and your pupils respect and love you. If a preacher your followers may not al-



Obed's Christmas Song
By Marika B. Thomas

O BED wore a striped tunic of orange and white somewhat ragged and dirty, though his mother, Lara, washed clothes for other families in order to keep herself and ten-year-old son from starving. Yet you seldom noticed Obed's ragged tunic because of his vivid face. His skin was smooth olive, his lips were red, and his dark eyes were the color of pools at midnight. Obed sang a great deal. If he heard a tune whistled on the street he ran home singing it all the way. If he heard music strummed in the bazaars, he'd linger near until he remembered every note of it.

But the whole world was a song for Obed. The sweet twitter of birds on dewy mornings. The sound



of water lapping over sand, the very rumble of cart wheels over the cobblestones thudded out its own rough music for the pleasure of his ears.

"What help are you to a poor mother . . . be gone with you!" scolded Lara day after day. Obed laughed, never meaning to be thoughtless or disobedient, having ears only for the music about him.

One evening late in December the longing for the shepherd's songs overcame him, and he slipped away at dusk. He was gone all night and in the morning he looked a different boy. His cheeks were pale. His lips did not smile, but there was a new and somber light shining in his dark eyes. This time his mother gazed at him in sorrow. He saw how worn she was, and he kissed her. "I cannot say I'm sorry," he hesitated, "Not even now can I tell you." His tunic was worn and stained. He wore a ragged sheep skin about his shoulders. On this he sank down in his own corner and went to sleep. When he woke his face was flushed and rosy. He knelt on the floor and looked at the busy street below. Then he opened his lips and a song of such joy and purity flowed out on the air as to make everyone stop and listen. Up and up soared the rapturous notes, seeming to possess a visible radiance of their own. Obed sang no words, but the music charmed every ear that heard it.

His mother stood behind him, her hands for once idle at their task. The tired lines on her face melted into peace. Her eyes looked far away. Clearer and clearer the exquisite melody continued, and died on a faint sweet note of ecstasy.

People listening below shook their heads and moved on as if awakened from a dream.

"Where, my son, did you hear that song?" Lara spoke in a whisper.

"In the skies, my mother. It came with wings and trumpets."

"Do not tell falsehoods about such divine melody."

Obed's eyes shone, but he would say no more. He hoarded the song in his heart. One evening, however, when the sky was clear and the stars shone like jewels, the boy was moved to sing again the beautiful, nameless music. When it was finished a knock came at the door. Lara opened it to a black servant who bowed low. "My master, the Prince, desires to know who sang that song."

Lara, trembling with fear, pointed to Obed who stood near an open window.

A tall figure dressed in rich furs and embroidered tunic pushed his servant aside.

"If the singer and his mother will honor my court with a visit, they



shall be conducted hither with safety." The voice was deep. "I am a prince from a distant country, who came to pay homage to the new King born in a stable. On my way to that stable, his piercing eyes looked at Obed, and from afar off, I heard the song your son has just sung. It came dropping from the skies . . . angels' heavenly voices and trumpets. If my people could hear that music, his voice softened, "I'm sure they would all become faithful followers of the Babe Jesus. I promise you comfort, both of you, for all your years."

So Lara and Obed quickly prepared for the journey, and Obed sang the angels' song, as he remembered it, in the court of the prince, so that he and his kingdom became thereafter faithful followers of the Babe Jesus.

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Santa Comes to Pierre

By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.

"Mama!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mama, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal



and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans— they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrull!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused. "Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"— she held out her money— "I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys"— he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam. "Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how— where— who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears. "Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course— Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere . . ."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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CHURCHES

Christian Science Church
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Sunday services at 11 a. m.
Wednesday evening services at 7:30 o'clock.
Sunday, December 28, 1941.
Subject: "Christian Science."
The public is cordially invited.

East Side Church of Christ
Each Lord's Day—Bible classes at 10 a. m. Worship service at 10:45 a. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.
Mid-week Bible class each Wednesday evening.

Christian Science Services
"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 28.

The Golden Text is: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "He shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life" (Revelation 22:1, 2).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Bible contains the recipe for all healing. 'The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.' . . . The tree is typical of man's divine Principle, which is equal to every emergency, offering full salvation from sin, sickness, and death" (page 406).

Weekly Sermon

By Dr. Henry Ostrom, Member of Extension Staff, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

"Sing Unto the Lord"

Text: "And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously."—Exodus 15:21.

Moses had brought Israel across the Red Sea and had thus delivered them from Egypt, the land of slavery. As the people gather along the shore and see their enemies down in the sea, will Miriam suggest to Moses that since the Red Sea victory had been so miraculous he should issue a manifesto? Will she ask that a dozen illustrious signatures appear beneath his own; that those who bear the names might be celebrated through future centuries? No, Miriam suggests that the people sing.

Now, we know that there is great variety in singing. But beyond the tones and the words there must have been a reason for the first singing. Probably we reach saying with the word singing. Saying is an effort to express thought. But what is singing? It occurs after saying has failed. The soul of the sayer struggles and strives, it grasps for help, and then it lays hold of melody, only to find that its range is vast like mountains and vales, and that at each altitude it is harmonious—so it sings. Singing, then, is something vaster than saying. Saying is roofed-in, but singing ranges to the sky. Saying is confined to its doorway, but singing reaches beyond the skyline.

Miriam considered its richness, for she caroled, "Sing to the Lord." Oh, then she was trying to tell the Lord something as it should be told. He was her audience. Men and women might listen on the sabbath, but she was singing to Jehovah. Did He not originate music for this very use. Let us not abuse it.

Man has suffered much loss, but music is still here. Weeping and wailing have not succeeded in an-

BAYBERRY CANDLES For Christmas



This young lady is not going to use her sprig of berries for decoration. She is doing what hundreds of housewives around the East coast-line are doing during the Christmas season—preparing to make bayberry candles. The berries are boiled for their wax, which is purified and made into the candles that give off the distinctive aroma when burned.

Like its source, it never dies. Miriam was celebrating the Red Sea victory, but had she known it, her exhortation fits over centuries of time and well accords with the Christian life today. For is it not written, "In the midst of the congregation will I sing praises unto thee?" And who is this "in the midst?" Who is this leading the singing but our Lord! Hear it then, "Sing unto the Lord." Oh, yes, singing is greater than saying or He would never lead it. "The Man of Sorrows" is the Lord of melody.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 29.—Andrew Johnson, 17th president, born, 1908. Texas admitted to the Union, 1945.

December 30.—Gadsden Purchase (Southern Arizona and New Mexico) bought from Mexico, 1853. Iroquois theater disaster, Chicago, (602 killed), 1903.

December 31.—First through railroad train from New York to Chicago, 1852. Manhattan bridge opened, 1909.

January 1.—Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln, 1863. New Years Day.

January 2.—Georgia, 4th state, ratified U. S. Constitution, 1788. U. S. Flag first raised, 1776.

January 3.—Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity, 1746. Postal Banks established in the United States, 1911.

January 4.—Radio broadcasting by wire connected stations, 1923. Utah admitted to the Union, 1896.

ANSWERS

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- Chile.
- The Philippine Islands.
- Libya.
- In eGorgia.
- Switzerland.
- At New Orleans, La.
- Pasadena, Calif.
- Oregon State and Duke University.
- Fordham University and Missouri State University.
- President Roosevelt.

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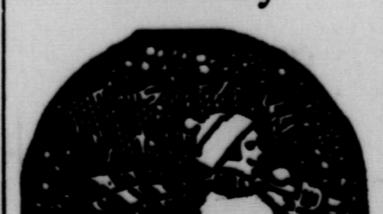
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Columbian Club Has Christmas Party at the B. W. Self Home

In her own inimitable fashion, Mrs. B. W. Self entertained members of the Columbian Club with a turkey dinner at 6 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 17. As the guests entered the long living room, they beheld a banquet table—no less—replete with shining silver, lovely china and a centerpiece running the full length of the table. Small white Christmas trees linked by ribbons of red and silver cellophane formed the table decoration. At one end of the room stood a lighted tree, beautifully decorated, and, at its base, were numerous gift packages. Greenery on the mantelpiece and a large potted poinsettia added their festive notes.

Mrs. T. L. Hughston returned thanks and the guests, having found their placecards of Mrs. Self's artistic manufacture, were seated. The program was in keeping with the thanksgiving, the joy and yet the solemnity of the occasion. Following the grapefruit cocktail, Miss Joellene Vannoy gave a brief history of the song, "Silent Night, Holy Night"; and, with Mrs. Paul Shirley at the piano, the group sang the well-known carol.

Mrs. Jack Roberts, acting as assistant hostess, read from the Bible, the song which the Virgin Mary sang. There followed other carols by the group, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and last, the most beautiful, "Joy to the world." Mrs. Roberts introduced a note of humor with a reading, "If You Knew Me and I Knew You"—humor and truth.

At the conclusion of the dessert course, Mrs. Grady Halbert reviewed Lloyd C. Douglas' "Home for Christmas," a story of fun, frolic, and pathos—a story of grown-ups who returned to their old home place and re-created the days of their childhood. The situations in which the "Clayton Children" found themselves reminded many present of just such happenings at their own Christmas reunions.

Underneath the informality of the program, the friendly chatter, the kindly wishes, there flowed a current of sadness and also of thankfulness. Without a doubt, Mrs. Self topped her past records at entertaining the Columbian Club at Christmas time. Mrs. T. B. Klepper rose to the occasion with an impromptu, and therefore genuinely appreciated toast to the hostess, following which Miss Vannoy and Mrs. Hal-

Christmas Program and Tree Featured by Adelphian Club

The home of Mrs. S. S. Bell was the scene of a lovely Christmas party for members of the Adelphian Club on Wednesday, Dec. 17, with Mesdames Bell and W. A. Dunn and Miss Florence Black as hostesses. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was featured in the decorations.

Mrs. M. S. Henry was in charge of the program which opened with the singing of Christmas Carols. She spoke of "The Christ Child in Art" prefacing her talk with some remarks on the origin and customs of Christmas. After an instrumental solo by Mrs. T. S. Haney and a vocal solo, "Gloria," by Sharon Sue Haney, accompanied by Miss Ruby Lee Beville, Mrs. A. Y. Beverly told a touching Christmas story, "Christmas Matinee."

Mrs. Henry and Sharon Sue Haney as Santa's helpers, distributed gifts to members of the club and invited guests. A tempting refreshment plate was served from a taper-lighted table in the dining room.

DALLAS MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moore of Dallas announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Frances, to Richard Earl McBride, on Friday, Nov. 28, in Dallas. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson of Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are former residents of Crowell and often visit relatives in Crowell.

CO-LABORERS' CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The home of Mrs. Lewis Sloan was the appointed place for the annual Christmas party of the Co-Laborers' Sunday School class of the Methodist Church last Thursday evening. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Sloan were Mrs. Tom Russell, Mrs. J. A. Stovall, Mrs. Earl Manard, Mrs. Frank Fletcher and Mrs. Arnold Bracewell.

The house was festive with holly and other Christmas decorations. As the guests were receiving the gifts.

All in all, the Columbian Club members and Mrs. Pearl Carter and Mrs. Shirley, guests, had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Christmas Banquet Features B & P W December Meeting

With Misses Joellene Vannoy and Gussie Todd and Mrs. Lillie Welch as hostesses at the O'Connell Lunch Room, a Christmas banquet was given to the members of the B&PW Club on Thursday night, Dec. 18.

The tables were arranged in the form of a large T and the menus and programs were in small pine tree books. Decorations of holly, mistletoe, pine cones and pine needles surrounding large, white candles were effective. Small candles in marshmallow holders were used as favors.

Following the turkey dinner, a program was presented with Miss Vannoy as master of ceremonies. A violin duet was rendered by Mrs. Inez Spencer and Mrs. Thelma Burrow, accompanied by Mrs. Mae Solomon. Miss Alma Walker sang a solo, "Silent Night." A reading, "Peace on Earth," was given by Miss Vannoy. A contest, "The Night Before Christmas," was enjoyed.

Miss Todd took Santa Claus' place and distributed Christmas packages to every one. A singing of Christmas carols concluded the pleasing occasion for fourteen members of the Club.

Junior Columbian Club Entertained by Miss Mary R. Thompson

On the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 16, the members of the Columbian Club were entertained by their president, Miss Mary Ragland Thompson, with a lovely dinner party at her home.

Places were marked at one long table with cellophane covered cups, filled with dainty candies, and with a Santa Claus attached, on which the name was found.

ed by the hostesses, they were asked to engage in a spirited contest which started the party off in a happy, jolly way, which prevailed throughout the evening.

The hostesses served the refreshment plate early in the evening. It also carried out the Christmas motif. A program, opening with the singing of Christmas carols, was presented. Mrs. A. Y. Beverly told a tender Christmas story, entitled "The Unlighted Candle." Mrs. C. W. Thompson and Mrs. T. B. Klepper sang "Gloria Be to God." Several contests and games relative to the season were enjoyed and this was followed by the exchange of gifts from a pretty Christmas tree which held a gift for each one present.

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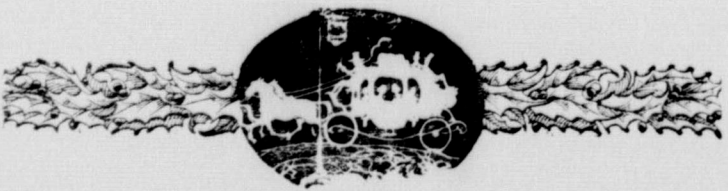
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Peace and Good Will

At this season of Peace and Good Will, when the whole world is kin, we cannot fail to express, in some way, our appreciation to those whom we have served during the past year. Joy to you at this happy Christmas time, and may it continue throughout the year.

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A Merry Christmas and A Bright New Year

We appreciate our friendly associations during the past year, and with deep sincerity and more pleasure than we can express, we wish

for you and yours all the joy, contentment and prosperity that Christmas and the New Year can bring.

GIRSCH SERVICE STATION

When Christmas Came



The Fireplace Glowed With Logs.

The table, with a lace cover, was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, and the buffet held an arrangement of lighted tapers in graduated heights.

The hostess was assisted in serving the delicious two-course turkey dinner by her mother, Mrs. C. W. Thompson.

After the dinner, the guests were entertained by games of 42, in which there was an 84 prize, which was captured by Miss Thelma White. An attractive Christmas tree featured the living room decoration and, from the tree, gifts were taken for each guest. Other than the club members, Miss Nancy Coyle and her house guest, Miss Lillian Buyteart, both of Wichita, Kan., were guests.

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish honoring the sisters of Mrs. Fish on Sunday, Dec. 21.

A bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to the following: Mrs. W. L. Wilson and son, Quenten, of Quana; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Goodlett; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Penick of Clarendon; Miss Edith Wilson of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sosebee and daughter, Winnie Jo, and sons, Lee Allen and James Marvin, of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Keller, and Miss Brooksie Hughton of Skellytown; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Mathews and daughter, Norma Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fish and son, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish and son, Herbert, and daughters, Rosalie and Bernita; A. T. Fish and daughters, Bessie, Myrtle and Neoma. Those who called during the afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. John Rasor of Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fish and sons, John Egbert and Billy, and daughter, Mildred, and Wanda Faye Adams of Crowell.

President Releases—

(Continued from Page One) keep alive the manly virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness. Now, as always, the Nation needs citizens who are pledged to keep themselves physically fit, mentally alert and morally straight.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

A recipe for peanut butter cookies was given in this paper several weeks ago but there was an error in it. We are giving the correct recipe and are sorry that the mistake occurred.

1 cup butter, 2-3 cup peanut butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 eggs, 3 cup flour, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cream butter, peanut butter and sugars together. Add eggs and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients and vanilla and mix well. Shape into small balls and place on baking sheet. Flatten with the prongs of a fork. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for twelve minutes.

In Hiawatha, Kan., a unique plan is used by the Chamber of Commerce to raise the money for the town's Christmas holiday expenses. A year ago 188 china swine banks were distributed among the town's merchants. When taken up recently it was found they contained almost enough to finance the Christmas program put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

Approximately 250,000 tons of United States food are now being shipped to England each month. Most of this is in the form of meat, eggs and dairy products. Flour and potatoes are still plentiful in Britain. Previous to the war, England's source of supply for these items was Denmark and Holland.

Bob Feller, pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, receives a salary of \$45,000 a year. Feller is in the draft and will be called soon. While in the army his salary will be \$21 a month.

CONTINUOUS CHRISTMAS GIVING FROM ONE FRIEND

According to information furnished by Mrs. A. L. Johnson, the Ashford family has been the recipient of Christmas gifts from one person, each year for the past

33 years. The person is Miss Jessie Hahn of Ignacio, Colo., who lived neighbor to the Ashford family at one time in Crowell.

There are now twenty members of the family and, as usual, the package with a gift for each one, has arrived this year.



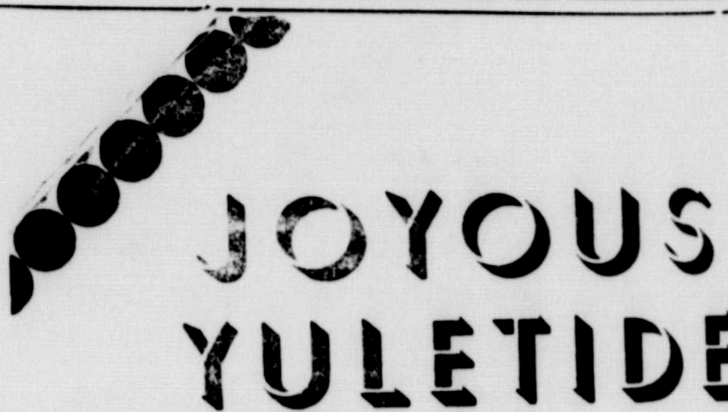
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