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Post Basketeers Pop Into First Winning Streak

By Victor Sweeten
During the past week Post's basketball teams have played well. The boys dropped all the games. They were beaten by Highland Tuesday in a shocking defeat by the convincing score of 20-10. Post was without the services of regulars Mason and Peterson. Shirley was high scorer with seven points and was the man on the court.
The girls came to town and away with a hard-earned victory that was gained in a last ditch Antelope rally. Post was trailing by a score of 20-6 shortly before the end but they came back strong and tied the score at 20-20 but they held out and finally lost 24-17. Thomas was Post's outstanding player. He scored six points while his usual brilliant defensive game.
During the week end Post also played the high-scoring Ropes and came away with an admirable 21-12 defeat. Templestarred in this game.

Officers Named For Volunteer Fire Dept. Monday

At a called meeting of the Volunteer Fire boys Dick Woods was appointed chief to serve the group for the coming year. Assistants appointed were Ralph Carpenter and C. M. Walden. Walter Crider was appointed Fire Marshal.
Homer McCrary was appointed president and R. B. Dodson was appointed secretary and treasurer.
McCrary will also serve as captain. Truck drivers are Carl Hughes, Jess Barnes and Cecil Osborne. For No. 2 are Charlie Williams and Tom Miller.
A warning is being issued to a group of youngsters and young boys to please not hop the truck on its runs to the fires. The practice is dangerous and it also interferes with the work the firemen need to perform. Parents of young boys are urged to counsel them about the practice.

Farmers Urged To Save Back Peanuts For Spring Planting

Farmers who produced good quality peanuts this year will be wise to hold back an adequate supply for planting next spring. This advice from the A. and M. College Extension Service is based on the probability of light storage and heavy demand for meal, oil, and edible peanuts this fall and winter.
E. A. Miller, agronomist for the Extension Service, points out that it might not only be difficult to obtain seed next spring, but farmers would have to run the risk of getting seed of inferior quality. This would greatly handicap their efforts to help reach large peanut production goals for 1944.
Severe drought and other unfavorable weather combined this year to reduce the quality of high grade seed available in Texas. In choosing seed, Miller suggests that the farmer buy only peanuts which are sound and not shriveled and which grade well on the market. A germination test before planting also is advisable.
Peanuts should be stored unshelled, because they will germinate better than shelled seed, the agronomist says.

One Hundred Year Old Xmas Carol Is Still Best Seller

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," ended its first 100 years Saturday as a best seller.
"A most prodigious success"—Dickens' own description of the reception given his Christmas story, which sold 6,000 copies within a few days of publication during the Christmas season of 1843—is still appropriate this Christmas season of 1943.
The nation's book shops reported "The Carol" still ranked high on Christmas book lists, and Dean Frank Luther Mott of the school of journalism of the University of Missouri, said that well over 2,000,000 copies had been sold in the United States since publication.
The sale will be held on Monday, Dec. 27 at 1:00 p. m. Boyd Gregory will be cashier and A. R. Campbell will be clerk.
Among the items to be sold are: one Ford truck, two tractors, farm implements, feed mills and many other farm items.

SALEM SALE TO BE HELD ON H. D. BARGSEY FARM MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

A farm sale will be held on the H. D. Bargesley farm, six miles northeast of Post on the Spur road, first house on the left across the river, according to an announcement made this week by Kenneth Bogeman, auctioneer.
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Bobbie Johnson In Yale University

Word has been received that Bobbie Johnson, husband of Fayrell Edwards Johnson, is now in Yale University where he will continue his training for Officer's Candidate School. He has been in North Carolina at Seymour-Johnson Field.



With Hearts That Are
Free, We Reaffirm Our
Faith This Christmas

More than at any other time this Christmas we have cause to rejoice at the significance of the holiday. For it marks the birth of the greatest and most honored of men... who long ago taught righteousness and truth. We are thankful that His standards have come down through the years—to give us faith today in the justness of our purpose... assurance of our victory! This Christmas Day let us reaffirm our faith.

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Presbyterians Hold Service For Servicemen

The Presbyterian church held an impressive service Sunday afternoon in honor of the men of the church who are serving in the armed forces. The honor roll of the church was dedicated at that time and eleven names were inscribed on the attractive roll.
As a prelude of the service two musical selections were presented. Mrs. R. S. Davis, violinist, gave one selection, and Miss Jeanne Samson, vocalist, presented another. Both were accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Stallings, church pianist.
The dedicatory portion of the program was opened as Mrs. Royce Durham sang "God Bless America." Mrs. D. C. Williams, president of the Women's Missionary Society, presented the roll to the church and it was accepted on behalf of the church by Dr. A. C. Surman who read the names of the boys whose names were inscribed on the beautiful plaque.
The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Hubert Travis, pastor of the Snyder Presbyterian church who also preached a most fitting dedicatory sermon.
A large crowd attended the service.

GOSSETT PROTESTS RAIL RATE DISCRIMINATION

Representative Ed L. Gossett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gossett of Post, says rail carriers in the Southwest charges rates which are 175 per cent of that fixed for North-Central and Eastern States comprising what is known as the "official territory."
The Texan, speaking in the House Friday in support of a measure he introduced which would provide for a uniform freight rate structure, said the present rate structure gives the Northeast an advantage in industrial development.
"The railroads are not to be severely condemned for this situation as are the Interstate Commerce commissions and Congress," he declared, urging that Congress enact legislation calling for an equalization of rail rates to correct what he described as "gross freight rate discriminations."
With the official territory rates fixed at 100 said Gossett, rates in other sections are as follows: Southern 129; Western trunk line zone, 147; Southwest, 175 and mountain-Pacific, 171.

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams Expecting Their Daughter

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams are expecting their daughter, Mrs. James C. Arceneaux, Jr., and Capt. Arceneaux for Christmas. The couple will remain here for a few days visit. Capt. Arceneaux is stationed at Fort Logan in Denver, Colorado.
Mrs. Slaughter Slaughter, accompanied by friends, left Tuesday for Fort Worth where she will spend the Christmas holidays. She will visit while there Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perham.

Garza Fathers Inducted Into U. S. Forces Monday

The first group of pre-Pearl Harbor married men to be inducted into the armed forces from Garza county include thirteen men. In the group the largest percentage went into the Navy and left Monday morning for the Induction Station at Lubbock. In this group were Eugene Victor Hudman, William Howard Price, William Chester Jones, Gilford Wesley Northcutt, Charles Kei Gilmore and Camdedo G. Pantaja.
Those going into the Marines were Houston Leroy Hopver and Fletcher Marrion Bratcher.
Inducted into the Army were Cecil Elmer Vandiver, Robert E. Shedd, L. B. Pate, Ernest Clifton Herron and G. W. Hale.

Board Members Are Entertained By Homemaking Dept.

The second year homemaking class entertained the board members, school executives and their wives, in the homemaking department Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p. m. The guests served themselves baked chicken and all the trimmings from the dining table arranged with a beautiful centerpiece of red roses, evergreen and Christmas balls. The group was then seated at tables which were decorated with evergreen, poinsettias and red candles.
The guest list included: Messrs. and Mmes. Willard Kirkpatrick, W. A. Cash, M. K. Bingham, Bennie Sargee, Tom Bouchier, Ashley Lawson, S. L. Smith, Mr. Roy Holland and Miss Ruth Haggard.

F. M. Hagood Writes Again From Prison Camp

F. M. Hagood, who has been a prisoner of war since the fall of Guam two years ago, wrote again from the prison camp in Japan, according to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Collins. This is the third time that his wife has heard from him. All letters are very short and are block printed. In the letter of the 18th (month not distinguishable) he said that he was well and was alright in every way and that he had received two letters from his wife. Letters to POW have to be short, not more than 25 words. Mrs. Hagood and little daughter are in Corpus Christi.

Quick Word To Next-Of-Kin

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual or organization for such information.

Churches To Have Christmas Tree Programs

Opening the series of Christmas tree programs held each year by the churches of the town was that held on Sunday night by the First Christian church. A beautiful tree was the central point of interest for the Juniors and Intermediates and Beginners as well as grownups as gifts were placed on the tree for every member of the church. A short program was held after which the gifts were distributed. Following the program and the informal tree ceremony, delicious refreshments were served by members of the Ladies' Aid.
The program for the Juniors, Intermediates and Beginners at the Methodist church will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Teachers in the departments will have charge of the program and games. Gifts will be exchanged.
Beginning at 8 o'clock on Friday night the Juniors, Intermediates and Beginners of the Baptist church will have the annual program and tree. Members of the WMU have charge of the affair and are making plans for a delightful evening's entertainment for the young people.
Plans for the other churches have not been reported.

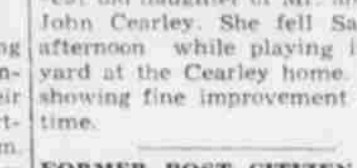
Three Postites Suffer Accidents In Last Few Days

Mrs. J. F. Brannon, employee of the American Cafe, fell Sunday night and had the very ill luck of breaking both arms. She was on the street, it is understood, between her home and Roy Baker's Grocery store in South Post. At this time she is resting very well.
Another accident was that suffered by Phil Bouchier, the postmaster, as he was crossing the street from the bank toward the postoffice last Friday. He was hit by Shorty Hamilton. Injuries were slight. He suffered cuts about the head, a badly bruised shoulder and arm and a sprained ankle. The accident was unavoidable as the windows of the car were frosted and Mr. Hamilton could not see, we are told.
A third accident was that suffered by Marthanna Cearley, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cearley. She fell Saturday afternoon while playing in the yard at the Cearley home. She is showing fine improvement at this time.

FORMER POST CITIZEN BURIED IN LOVINGTON, N. M.

Mrs. Jim Rogers died in Lovington, N. M., Friday, Dec. 17, and was buried Sunday Dec. 19. Mrs. Rogers was a former citizen of Garza county having lived in the Graham community. She was the mother of our former townsman, Frank Rogers, and a sister-in-law of Charlie, John and Ben Rogers. She leaves a husband and eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rogers and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers and family of the Graham community attended the funeral.

SHARES HIS BISCUIT WITH BAREFOOT CHILD



BOJANO, ITALY—A British soldier offers a biscuit to a little girl in the town of Bojano after the Allies had effected entry. The child whose bare feet are entrenched in the mud of the street bears evidence of the lack of food and clothing the civilians in the town underwent under the German occupation.

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War Expenditures Increase

U. S. War expenditures for November went to a new high of \$7,794,000,000 an increase of 689 million dollars, or nearly 10 per cent, over October, WPB has reported. The average daily rate of expenditures for war purposes was close to the 30-million-dollar mark in November.

Stores And Gas Stations Will Close 25th-26th

Merchants in Post and filling stations will be closed Christmas Day and through Sunday, they have informed the Dispatch and have asked that their patrons keep the two closing days in mind when doing their shopping for this week end.
In this issue of the Dispatch greetings from many Post merchants are displayed and they truly express gratitude for the business associations and patronage given them this year and are mindful of the fact that good business is based on friendship and good will. They appreciate their friends and customers. The Dispatch joins this fine group of men and women in expressing the Season's Greetings to all readers of the paper.

Income Tax Forms To Be Put In Mails After January 1st

The Treasury department, which likes its customers to be prepared for what's coming, came out recently with the news that the new federal income tax forms will go into the mails shortly after January 1.
These forms, of course, have to do only with 1943 income and do not have to wait for the further complications of the new tax bill now taking shape.
The returns will carry a reminder to the taxpayers that they have probably paid a substantial part of their 1943 tax bill already through withholding or through direct payments and that filing the March 15 return will enable both the taxpayers and the government to know where he stands.
In the main, returns will have to be filed next March by:
Any single person whose total income in 1943 was \$500 or more. Every husband or wife whose individual income was more than \$624.
Every husband and wife whose combined incomes were \$1,200 or more.
Every individual who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.
Servicemen on overseas duty may hold up filing returns until they come back to this country.

WARTIME CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMS

On Christmas Day, men and women of the American Armed Forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christmas radio programs featuring entertainment, story, name bands, and personal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various services. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land. A Christmas Tree Decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and Midnight Mass from Some Place Behind the Battle Lines in Italy.

BUS COMPANY PRESIDENT BURIED TUESDAY IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Joe W. Bowman, president of the Texas-New Mexico and Oklahoma Coaches, died at a hospital in Lubbock on Sunday after a serious illness of two weeks. He had been in ill health for several months. Death was attributed to an operation and resultant post operative pneumonia. Burial was made in Greenville on Tuesday. Bowman was owner of the bus lines that service this county. He started in business in 1923. His original West Texas line, Sweetwater to Lubbock, has grown into a network of 14 lines operating more than 10,000 miles a day.

Area's Cotton Crop Near Half Million

This year's cotton crop had produced 454,788 bales in 15 counties of this area before Dec. 1, according to a report Monday by the census bureau.
State ginnings totaled 2,383,210, the report said. For the period ending on the same date last year Texas had ginned 2,671,648 bales.
Ginnings by counties follow, with 1942 figures in parentheses:
Lubbock, 78,375 (67,509); Bailey, 15,841 (22,750); Cochran, 9,100 (16,809); Crosby, 31,785 (20,133); Dawson, 45,688 (59,943); Dickens, 17,084 (19,651); Gaines, 4,042 (6,901); Garza, 40,465 (15,433); Hale, 25,081 (13,587); Hockley, 54,024 (52,045); Lamb, 44,972 (27,034); Lynn, 66,276 (73,897); Motley, 8,929 (11,786); Scurry, 18,332 (21,859); Terry, 24,813 (34,354).

Harold Osborne Arrives Safely In England

It will please relatives and friends to know that Sgt. James Harold Osborne, U. S. Air Corps, wrote home that he arrived safely in England. Osborne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Osborne, formerly of Post and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCampbell who live in Post. The sergeant's wife and son are living in Beeville, Texas. His brother, Staff Sgt. Ray Osborne, aerial gunner, is stationed at Topeka, Kansas.

RATIONING CALENDAR

Sugar: Stamp No. 29, Book IV, good for 5 lbs. through Jan. 15, 1944. Nos. 15 and 16, Book I, already expired but if unused, may be used in making application to the local board for a sugar certificate.
Meats and Fats: Stamps III, Brown Stamp I, M, N, and Q valid, all expire at 11 p. m., Jan. 1, 1944. R to be used valid Dec. 26, 1943, on Jan. 2.
Processed Foods: Books IV, Green Stamps D, E and F good through Jan. 20.
Shoes: Book I, Stamp No. 18, and Book III, stamp one with airplane picture, are each valid for one pair indefinitely.
Gasoline: "A" coupons, 3 gals. each, with No. 9 coupon expiring Jan. 21, 1944. In B-2 and C-2 coupons nationally have a value of 5-gals. each. Other B and C coupons, including B-1 and C-1, still outstanding will retain their full value. R and T, five gals. each.
The Inspection: A book holders before March 21, 1944; B book holders before Feb. 29, 1944; C, before Feb. 23, 1944; and T, every six months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

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PLANNING NOT NEW

So much is heard lately about
planning that a natural assumption
would be that there had
never been any planning in the
past. Successful enterprises have
always had to plan, sometimes
years in advance. An example of
the kind of planning that keeps
this country going is that of the
retail distribution industry.

Right now retailers are swamp-
ed with customers, bedeviled by
dwindling inventories, and sub-
jected to dismantling manpower
problems. Even the most efficient
of them are walking a deadly cost-
price tight rope that demands the
utmost concentration. Under these
conditions, merchants could be
excused for abandoning planning
and merely living from day to
day. And yet they are working
constantly on long-range plans
that extend far into the peace.
Their planning is both broad and
detailed.

Large retailers, chain and inde-
pendent, in addition to consider-
ing ways and means of placing
orders immediately as an aid to
manufacturers in their own post-
war planning, are doing every-
thing in their power to be ready
to resume operations in a free
competitive market. Knowing that
courteous service in normal times
is half the battle for existence,
they are, among other things, con-
tinuing unabated their training of
employees in courtesy to the pub-
lic. They know, as the Mansfield,
Ohio, News Journal observes,
that "When the war has been
ended in victory, and when pro-
duction of consumer goods has
been restored to normal, retail
stores will again be in a competi-
tive situation in which their most
valued asset will be their custom-
er list, and the important item of
stock will be one that should be
closely guarded, even under pre-
sent handicaps."

Intelligent planning is and al-

IT CAN HAPPEN IN WASHINGTON

The voters of El Paso have tossed
a monkey wrench into the well-
oiled wheels of the public owner-
ship steamroller, bringing it to a
grinding halt well outside the
city limits of their fair city. Its
assorted bureaucratic passengers
have no choice but to leave the
wreck and walk home. That's the
only conclusion to be drawn from
the disastrous defeat by a vote of
four to one of a proposal for the
city to take over the privately
owned El Paso Electric Company

As interesting as the defeat it-
self, is the manner in which it
was brought about. Sometime ago
the Securities and Exchange Com-
mission, in furthering the program
of holding company destruction,
ordered the Engineers Public Ser-
vice Company to dispose of its El
Paso properties. El Paso politicians
were waiting with open arms.
Under Texas law the city could
purchase the utility and issue re-
venue bonds without a vote of the
people. It looked like another
open and shut case of extending
public ownership without inter-
ference from the people. But at
the last minute something went
wrong. Local citizens, with the
help of the El Paso Times, start-
ed a movement to submit the is-
sue to a vote of the people, with
the result that socialism in El
Paso was nipped in the bud.

With forthright honesty, the El
Paso Herald-Post, active supporter
of the public ownership drive, had
this to say: "The landslide was
caused by the disgust of the peo-
ple over government interference
in business. Five years ago the
proposal would more than likely
have carried. But in the meantime,
the people have been treated to
repeated doses of government in-
terference in their affairs, and they
haven't liked it. In this commu-
nity, they took the first chance they
had to say so. Recent elections
elsewhere have shown the same
results. It is a trend of the times.

"The national politicians might
take a look at the El Paso returns.
The leftwingers, so powerful in
Washington, will find something
in the figures to give them pause.
"If it can happen in El Paso, it
can happen in Washington."

One of these days everything
will be known; then there will be
no necessity for newspapers or
books.

The political campaign, next
year, will not affect the determi-
nation of this country to gain a
complete victory.

There are fire-eating patriots
who want every Japanese slain
—provided somebody else will do
the slaying.

Buy a War Bond today!

ways has been an essential part
of the competitive system; the
same system that has given this
country unprecedented comforts
in peace and the tools of victory
in war. Retail distribution plan-
ning, like that of all other indus-
try, is currently based on the be-
lief that this system will continue
after the war.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



When his platoon in New Guinea was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Maurice L. Levy, of Chicago, sat for the night in the crotch of two big trees. He stopped six of the enemy during the night, and 19 more with the coming of daylight. Wounded four times and weak from loss of blood, he crawled down to safety. Back his bravery with another War Bond. The Christmas present with a future.

NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT

There is strong evidence that
the United States is abreast of
Great Britain in the struggle to
pay the cost of war so far as pos-
sible from tax revenues. In this
country, latest estimates place
total Federal revenues for the
current fiscal year at approxi-
mately \$45,000,000,000. Total
Federal expenditures will be around
\$90,000,000. This is about the
same revenue-cost ratio maintain-
ed by Britain, and is apparently
the practical maximum.

However, before we begin to
brag about the sacrifice we are
making in this country, we should
consider just who is paying the

taxes. Unfortunately, the burden
is not distributed evenly. Politics
has guided the enactment of our
tax laws, with the result that
large segments of the voting
population have been let off
comparatively easy, while other
groups, corporate enterprise in
particular, have been subjected
to a crushing burden. This is per-
haps the main reason why we
have so far not controlled infla-
tion.

The time has come to equalize
the tax burden, not pass more
punitive tax laws. Once taxes are
distributed fairly, problems of
economy and inflation can be
solved.

Views of Neighboring Editors:

The Texas Spur— Three times,
since Bismark founded the Second
Reich, the German nation has
started war and, until the pre-
sent aerial offensive, none of the
fighting took place on German
soil.

Thanks to the R.A.F. and the
U. S. Air Force, the Germans are
feeling some of the worst of war-
fare. They face the dismal pros-
pect of an ever-increasing cas-
cade of explosives which will
blast their cities and destroy their
industries.

It is an experience that may as-
sist the world in establishing
peace. The lesson is terrible but
it will be taught, even if the full
50,000 tons of bombs promised
Berlin, have to fall upon the Ger-
man capital.

The Levelland Herald— We
have heard a great deal about the
Japs being so brave that they
will fight to the death rather than
surrender. It is probably not be-
cause of bravery at all. In all
probability it is through fear that
they fight—fear of their big boss-
es at home. A nation founded upon
such a type of bravery is not
destined to stand, as it develops
tyranny and cruelty, and leaves
no place for love or christianity,
and without either of these there
is little hope for any nation.

Heavier taxes will not hurt the
people of the country but they
might damage the career of some
office-holders.

The simplified income tax law
is bearing down on some simple
Americans this month; it will hit
'em again in March.

Thank God We Are Americans



This year, more than ever before, we are truly appreciative of the fact that we are Americans. It gives us a better understanding of the Christmas season and its significance. It gives us a better understanding of our friends, their problems and their happiness. We are glad we are a part of this glorious country and have a share in its great privileges. We are grateful that it is our lot to be Americans!



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Merry Christmas

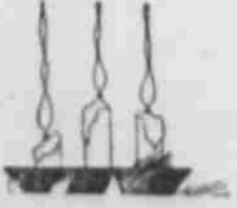
A Gift Suggestion
Buy Them a War Bond or Stamps.
Be SURE There's a Service Man at Your Table.

From PIGGLY WIGGLY.

To each of you who, by your liberal patronage and fine friendship, have had an important part in the progress of this organization, we wish to say,

Merry Christmas

In the spirit of warm appreciation for this liberal patronage, we wish for you a Merry Christmas and New Year that will be the best you have ever had.




THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS,
dominating the world stage, once more has
incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war.
There is still beauty in common things, still
good in the world, and we are all grateful
for the glowing interval of Yuletide.
As for ourselves, we are also grateful for
your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend
the season's best wishes to all.

Manis Blacksmith Shop

— B. C. MANIS —

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a doll, some shoes, a Donald Duck and a little hat. Lois Jean Hodges

War Bond today!

E. ANDREWS
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Office Hours:
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Dear Santa Claus:
 Will you please bring me a hunting knife and a coping saw and do not forget my sister Sue. Billy Bynum

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a doll and bed, a buggy, and two chairs and a table. I want a mattress for the bed. Nora Mae Burton

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a ball and bat. I want a gun and a scabbard and a hunting knife. Edward Ray Baker

Letters To Santa Claus



Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a doll buggy a bath robe, a pair of house slippers and also some nuts and candy. Jeanett Storie

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a girl six years old. I would like to have a doll and rocking chair. Please bring my mother and daddy a present. Carolyn Walker

Dear Santa Claus:
 We are two little boys that live out near Ragtown. We are two and three years old. We want you to bring us some guns, tinker toys, candy, chewing gum and peanuts. Tommie Jay and Wayne Young

Dear Santa Claus:
 We're are two little boys and I am 4 1-2 years old and have been pretty good little boys this year. We would like for you to bring us a scooter, an airplane merry-go-around and some little play horses to ride. And please Santa, don't forget our little sister, Shirley Ann. She would like a pretty doll. Ronnie and Charles Morris

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a girl nine years old. I want a doll and a set of glass dishes. Glenda Mae Young

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a big doll, a doll bed, a blanket and some dishes. Yvonne Ammons

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a pair of skates and a bicycle. Doris Merel Williams

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a doll and oranges and candy and a game. Anna Castro

Dear Santa Claus:
 I would like to have a guitar and a cowboy suit and a pair of boots. Darrel Lynn

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a doll and a nurse set. I am 8 years old. Rosa Lee Campbell



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

HAMILTON DRUG STORE

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a train and football. My little brother wants something too. We both want some nuts and fruit please. Darrel Ray Norman

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been a good boy and I would like a ball glove and a hunting knife and don't forget my sister. L. W. Evans

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a big doll and a doctor set and a dish set and don't forget the other boys and girls. Joy Odum

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want my father to come home Christmas. I would like a doll, a story book, a pencil box, a pair of slacks and some candy and nuts. My brother would like a toy train, a coat and a farm set. My mother would like to have a dress and a pair of slacks. Judith Fern King

Dear Santa Claus:
 I would like to have a watch and a bicycle. My brother has been a good boy. Will you bring him something? Norman

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a bicycle, army helmet, chemistry set, machine gun, army field cannon, army wrecker, and I want a diamond ring for my girl friend. Ren Alon Cross

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a girl six years old. Would like to have a doll and a set of dishes. Please bring my mother a table cloth and something nice for daddy and my little brother. Thima Mae Howell

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl seven years old. This is my first year in school. I want a little doll bed and a set of glass dishes. Gloria Young

P. S. Please remember my two sisters, Glenda Maye, nine years old, and Raynoma Kaye, three months old.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am three years old. I would like for you to bring me a machine gun, a farm implement set and a car. I want a banjo too. Don't forget my little cousins, Peggy Wells and Pat Wheatley. Glenn Dale Wheatley

Dear Santa Claus:
 I would like to have a caterpillar and trailer if you have them. Billy Meeks

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me an army truck. My little brother wants something too. Glenn Edmunds

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a big doll also a pair of house shoes. Beverly Sharon Bartlett

**"PEACE ON EARTH
 GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"**

May this Christmas Message
 of Peace and Cheer
 Bring You Lasting Happiness
 Throughout the Year



POST CHAMBER of COMMERCE

CHRISTMAS

*Yesterday
 Today
 Tomorrow*

May the warm spirit of the old fashioned Christmas of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling Yuletide of today, blend together for the Christmas of tomorrow.

Perhaps we do not realize, in comparative values, the precious blessings of Christmas, and all that it stands for. Let us take time to estimate the true meaning of the occasion and to wish each of you the most glorious Christmas you have ever spent.

And at the same time, we wish to add, "Thank you," for your courtesies and evidences of goodwill.



Postex Cotton Mills

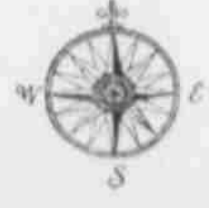
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Everybody,
 Wherever You Are

In taking this opportunity of expressing our best wishes for the Christmas Season to our hosts of friends, we are mindful of the splendid associations and friendships that we have had in the years past. And it is in full appreciation of all the fine things you have done for us that we express our sincere thanks to each of you whom we call our friends.

May we continue to serve you during the months to come.

So, wherever you are—north, south, east or west, may we extend Season's Greetings to you, one and all.



CONNELL CHEVROLET COMPANY

"Your Chevrolet Dealer for 20 Years"

CLEO FERGUSON

New proprietor of the Rodgers Rooms is extending a

Merry Christmas

to his many friends over the county.

Make inquiries concerning . . .

ROOM and BOARD

at the

RODGERS HOTEL

. . . the ideal place to live.

C. L. HARRIS WILL BE CONGRESS CANDIDATE

C. L. Harris of Lubbock has announced that he will be a candidate for Congress from the 19th Congressional district next year, the place held by George Mahon.

He served two terms in the state legislature from the 118th district, made the race for Congress in this district in 1940 and moved from Spur to Lubbock in 1941. His law offices are in the Lubbock National building.

He writes the Dispatch that at the proper time he will make formal announcement of his candidacy.

Correction

The name of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holland and Gwendolyn was left from the J. F. Maxey Card of Thanks. This error is regretted by the Dispatch and we hasten to make this correction.

Arriving home from Howard-Payne College to spend until the third of January with their parents were Miss Lillian Smith, Miss Gradylene Osborne and Grayson Tennison.

POST HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Hazel Louise Cash, Reporter

Senior Personality

Zora Anne Outlaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Outlaw. Zora Anne plays the flute and also the piano. She is a favorite among students and is very well liked. She plans to go to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene after graduating. Here's to luck for you Zora.

Guess Who??

He has dark hair and is awful short. He is a member of the Freshman class and is quite popular. Who is he? Last week's personality was Jimmy Bird.

Miscellaneous Events

Wednesday night, Peggy Robinson's home will be the scene of the Sub Deb's Christmas party.

Last Thursday night the Victory Program was presented. It was as follows:

Presentation of flag, Theda Gilmore, Wayne Hundley; Piano solo, Ramona Tennison; "All Out For Victory," play by Seventh Grade; Second Grade Rhythm Band; High School Chorus, Alvin Davis, Joe Duren, Marshall Mason, Frank Stokes, Bobby Cash, Mary Duckworth, Theda Gilmore, Mary Robertson, Iris Parker and Hazel Cash; "For Heaven's Sake," by High school students.

On Saturday night, the Home Ec Department was the scene of a covered dish supper for the faculty. After eating a lovely meal, gifts were exchanged. Games were played and all who attended enjoyed the party. Those present were: Mr. Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith and Janice, Misses Winnie Pitzer, Richardson, Margaret McGregor, Barbara Cox, Evans, Margaret Weaver, Cromer, Ruth Haggard, Bonnie McMath, Scott, Irene Kral, Schoolcraft and Mrs. Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Tennison, Mrs. Wright, Miss McCrea and Mrs. Snowden.

Have You Heard?

Have all of you heard about the case of Kathryn Childress and O. R. Cook? Nice going kids! What is Iris going to do with all her boy friends?

The Christmas party for High school will be held Wednesday afternoon. The decorating of the auditorium is the responsibility of the Senior class as is the program. The program is: Song, Theda Gilmore; Reading, Hazel Cash; Group Songs; Handing out gifts from the tree.

Oreids to Joe Duren for playing such a good ball game Friday night.

Onions to Mr. Smith for not singing more than one song in assembly Friday.

Oreids to Miss Pitzer for trying to teach Kenneth and J. D. bookkeeping.

Onions to Jeff Justice for being untrue to Mary Helen.

Lt. Connor Parsons of Brady Air Field made a flying trip home last Wednesday. He flew to Lubbock with a fellow officer and was met there by his sister, Jewel. He stayed only a short time with his parents as he was due back at the field in a few hours. He drove his car back to Brady and as a prize package in the many packages that the family had for him was a hog that his father had killed just last week. His wife is with him at Brady.

Merthans Cearley fell while playing in the yard at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cearley, and broke her arm on Saturday afternoon.



THE STAR OF PEACE SHALL SHINE AGAIN!

May all your dreams come true, and this be the last wartime Christmas we need ever face.



ROLLIN McCORD

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a helmet. My little sister wants a doll. We both want some fruits and nuts. J. Loyd Wood

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pair of roller skates, a nurse set, and I don't want you to forget other boys and girls. Wilma Jean Welch

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dog Bible and please think of children too. Lois Sue Stephens

FARM SALE

At the H. D. BARGSLEY Farm, 6 miles Northeast of Post on Spur Road, First House on Left Across River.

Monday, December 27

TIME --- 1:00 P. M.

- 1 - 1938 V-8 Ford Truck, four good tires, 2 fair tires
- 1 - 2 Row W-C Allis-Chalmers Tractor
- 1 - 2 Row, Model B, John Deere Tractor
- 1 John Deere Feed Mill
- 1 - 400 Gallon Fuel Tank
- 1 - 2 Row Stalk Cutter
- 18 Head Pigs - 4 Hogs, weight 75 pounds
- 1 Windcharger
- Hundred of other items, too numerous to mention

Anybody Having Anything To Add To This Sale Will Be Welcome To Do So.

TERMS: CASH

H. G. BARGSLEY, Owner

KENNETH BOZEMAN, Auctioneer

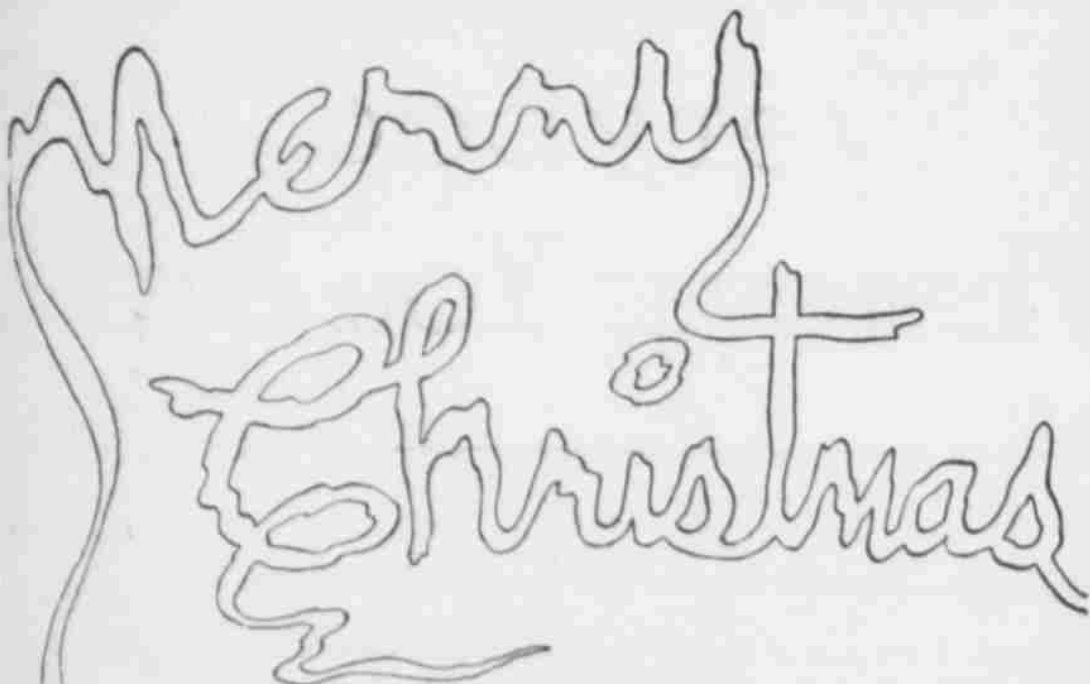
Boyd Gregory, Cashier

A. R. Campbell, Clerk



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

Warren's DRUG STORE
BOB WARREN, OWNER



There is an atmosphere of good will and good cheer prevailing in our establishment which finds expression in a greeting to each of you.

At this glad Season we are reminded of our many pleasant business relations, of your many courtesies, of our own good will toward you. That's why we deem it a happy privilege to wish each of you the Season's Best Wishes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

What Is Christmas?

To us, Christmas means the renewal of the teachings of Him, who taught us the true significance of the brotherhood of man. It means the observance of the anniversary of His birth.

Christmas is a time of family reunions and the closer understanding of loved ones and friends, one with another. It is the time of giving, unselfishly remembering those whom we love and cherish.

It is a time of expressing appreciation for all past favors and we, as a business institution, take this means of expressing ours.

On this most joyous season of the whole year, let us meditate on the significance of Christmas, and resolve to keep its spirit in our lives through the whole year.

DOUBLE U COMPANY

Season's Greetings

Another wartime Christmas has come to us; and its spirit hallows the earth. In times such as these the true meaning of this holy holiday is even greater than in years of peace. Because they want to express the season's spirit to one and all, those whose names appear here dedicate their messages in this convenient way—to all who share with them the hope that next Christmas may be an even merrier one.



Spirit of Christmas
1943

BLEAK DECEMBER!
Tis passing strange that this month which furnishes the least light out of doors, should furnish the most light within. It's the Spirit of Christmas, and the Merriest of Christmases to you!

Wholesale Gas & Oil
J. I. Case Tractors
S. R. RECTOR



UN-RATIONED!

A Merry Christmas to you and a Happy, Victorious New Year.

N. J. LANOTTE
Furniture Store



holiday greetings
1943

For Everyone

To our boys and girls in Service and to all of you who are fighting on the home front, we extend our sincere greetings—and the hope that this Christmas will be especially fine for you and yours.

Post Courts Coffee Shop
Mrs. Nellie Rodgers




MERRY CHRISTMAS
1943

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

EARL ROGERS
Feed Store



Aiming at Victory

The greatest thing we can wish for you during the coming year is that your aims and ours will be accomplished in advancing our country's cause to the end that "Peace on Earth" will be permanently established.


B. M. BULLARD
TIRE SHOP



Holiday Cheer

It's about time for us to wake up and thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during 1943. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your kindness. May your Christmas be very, very happy.


BLONDIE'S
Laundry Service
R. A. Lancaster



1943 Merriest Christmas

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

ARBETH'S
Beauty Shop



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE

LEE'S SHOE & BOOT SHOP



May You Rejoice

in the gladness of this Christmas Season. May the Spirit of Peace and Good Will remain with you always.

Hudman Service Station
W. C. WINDHAM



CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL
1943

Our good wishes for you are no military secret, so we're saying out loud so everyone can hear... may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GULF SERVICE STATION
Dale Stone



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To you, good friends with whom we have enjoyed such pleasant associations in the past, we extend our cordial Christmas Greetings, and the wish that the coming year, which we face with renewed confidence, will bring to you and yours Peace and Happiness.


PERRY
Service Station



1943 Season's Greetings

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

CHAS. BOWEN
Service Station




Christmas Cheer

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

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

Mitchell Bowen
Service Station



Holiday Cheer

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

DODSON GARAGE



NOEL

Season's Greetings

With most sincere wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make the future a happy one.


IDEAL LAUNDRY
Phone 150



1943 Christmas GREETINGS

Again comes the old, old message
That friendship still keeps new
May Christmas and the New Year
Bring all that's good to you.


CARDWELL
Beauty Shop



1943 BEST WISHES

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

MAGGIE'S
Beauty Shop



MERRY CHRISTMAS 1943 JOYOUS HOLIDAY

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

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

STAR SERVICE STATION
CECIL OSBORNE

Christmas Party For Bridge Club Held On Friday

The home of Mrs. Bryan J. Williams was the scene of a merry party on last Friday when Mrs. Williams was hostess to the Bridge club.

The traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the house and the central point of the decorative theme was a lovely Christmas tree. Christmas tallies and score sheets were used to further emphasize the chosen theme.

In the games Mrs. Ollie Weakley scored high and Mrs. R. S. Davis won bingo prize.

The tea tables during the refreshment hour were attractively decorated with wreaths of holly tied in festive red bows. A delicious Christmas refreshment course was served to Mes. Morrel, Kimbrough, Surman, Davis, Weakley, Slaughter, D. C. Williams, Bryan Williams, Stallings and Reynolds.

Mrs. A. R. Tyson of Abilene is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Eddie Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Strayhorn brought the Abilene visitor here last week.

Gordon Phillips Is Married To Boston Girl On Nov. 6th

News of the marriage of Gordon Phillips, a former Post boy, and Miss Kay Gilmore in Boston, Mass., on November 6 will be of interest to the many friends of the bridegroom here.

The ceremony took place in Boston. Following the wedding, a party was given at the Mayfair club in Boston by the groom's shipmates. Gordon who has been in the Navy for sometime has recently been promoted to chief machinist's mate and is serving on the USS Boston.

The groom is a brother of Mrs. Glenn Lemley. He attended High school in Post for two years and worked then as an employee of the Conoco Service Station. The couple called Mrs. Lemley Saturday night from Boston.

Miss Joan Thompson of Louisiana arrived here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bess Thompson and her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Ramsey.

Mettie Lee Caldwell of Marfa, Texas spent last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Caldwell.

Graham Club Holds Christmas Party In Hoover Home

The O. H. Hoover home was the scene of the club's colorful Christmas party. The home was decorated in beautiful holiday symbols.

An impressive program was presented. After which Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts to all the children. The club members also exchanged gifts in which everyone received many beautiful and useful gifts.

There were twenty-one members present. New officers were elected and the old ones given a hand on how well they had filled their part the past year. New officers are: President, Alma McBride; Vice-pres., Mae Norman; Secy-treas., Lucille Bush; Reporter, Rene Fluit.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 6 in the home of Mrs. Rene Fluit with Mrs. Claudia Fluit as co-hostess. —Reporter

E. W. Williams Home Is Scene Of Festive Party Friday

Festive decorations of the Christmas season were used most effectively in the entertaining rooms of the E. W. Williams home on last Friday when Mrs. Williams was charming hostess to the members of the Priscilla club.

Holding the spotlight for the decorations was the beautiful Christmas tree which glittered in all its colorful decorations and which held gifts for every member present. Red candle Christmas trees were used to add charm to the mantle and a suitable and appropriate music program provided the Christmas background for the party hours as an electric radio-victrola played numerous selections.

An interesting contest was enjoyed with Mrs. Jim Hundley winning low score and Mrs. Ira Lee Duckworth high score. A beautiful Christmas story was read by Mrs. Kelly Sims after which Mrs. Roy Mullins expression and personality pupils gave several readings and stories. Mrs. Earle Thaxton read a sweet, interesting letter from Mrs. Mattie Hamilton and all the members signed a beautiful Christmas card to send to her.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, fruit cake, topped with whipped cream, colored green and red mints and coffee were served to Mesdames R. H. Collier, Ben Williams, Jessie Voss, Jim Hundley, Earl Thaxton, Ira Lee Duckworth, Bob Warren, N. C. Outlaw, Rex Everett, Raymond Redman, Clyde Hundley, members, and Kelly Sims, Tom Gates, Tom Sims, as guests.

Beautiful corsages of holly berries were given as favors by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shirley and little son of Lubbock spent last weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. George Shirley and the Tom Bouchiers.

Persons returning to civilian life from military service will be provided with shoe ration stamps, OPA said.

Moliere, great French dramatist, was the son of a valet to Louis XIII.

Cowboys To Be Entertained By Mrs. J. B. Slaughter

Plans are going forward at the U' lazy S ranch for the annual cowboys' dinner held each year by Mrs. Slaughter for the cowboys who are employed on the ranch. In talking about the affair, Mrs. Slaughter said, "We always have a wonderful time at these dinners for our boys and I am eagerly looking forward to it again this year. Mr. Slaughter started the custom many years ago and I have kept it through the years since his death." On New Year's Day Mrs. Slaughter has planned to be hostess to Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith, new Methodist pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Termon, Baptist pastor, and Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Herring of Snyder who recently moved from Post.

Miss Marrietta Wilcox, a teacher in the Post schools, left recently for Washington where she is now employed in the office of the FBI department. She is in the Photographic division. The vacancy left by her resignation has not been filled. She recently announced her marriage of several months.

Buy a War Bond today!

Power Home Is Scene Of Christmas Party Wednesday

The Christmas party enjoyed by members of the Culture club and guests last Wednesday was a real holiday treat. The beautifully decorated home of Mrs. J. N. Power was the place, 1:30 p. m. Power was the most delicious covered dish luncheon.

Instead of the usual tree and gifts among club members, it was decided that a contribution to a veteran's hospital would be of more benefit his year.

For the program Mrs. T. L. Jones presented a reading of the play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" by Jerome K. Jerome. Mrs. Jones had been privileged to see the celebrated English actor, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robinson,

Plan Victory Gardens Now

Although victory gardeners exceeded their goal of 18 million gardens for 1943 by about 10 per cent, they are asked for another 10 per cent increase in 1944. Arrangements should be made now for the use of vacant land, and considerable preparatory work can go on through the winter. Compost piles and supplies of manure can be accumulated, and either turned under wherever ground is not frozen or stacked for use in early spring.

and his company present this play so her rendition was especially vivid and was thoroughly enjoyed by her audience.

Mmes. Don Webb, Carleton Webb, Tom Gates and Madge Mathis were special guests and ten club members were present.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL BEGINS DECEMBER 23

The Cowboy's Christmas will be staged in Anson December 22, 23, 24, and 25. The proceeds will be invested in war bonds.

All are requested to dress the style of the late 80's or wearing heirlooms as much practicable. If not so fortunate to possess heirlooms, dress in style of that period, and help the spirit of the Chittenden.

All guests living out of the son locale will be registered, the event will be a matter of tory. Last December registration showed that guests attended 35 states.

A number of Garza citizens attend this colorful fair each year and plan to do again this year.

Buy a War Bond today!

THEY CAN REMAKE THE WHOLE WORLD BUT...



WILL STILL RING AROUND IT!

We will be closed all day Christmas Day and Sunday, December 26

WILF and JENNIE

American Cafe



CHRISTMAS CHEER 1943

We wish to thank the farmers and our other customers, one and all, for the privilege of serving them. And we want to say your friendship has meant much to us through the years. We take pleasure in wishing our friends and customers a...

Merry Christmas

ZETZMAN BLACKSMITH SHOP

Wm. Zetzman



POKEN OR WRITTEN, there is no more cheering greeting than the age-old Holiday salutation "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

It is a greeting of friendliness that warms the heart and brings friends closer to each other, no matter how far distant they may be. It is the thoughtful expression of regard that one man has for another—the salutation of understanding and in all lands the manifestation of kindness among friends and kindred.

It is a greeting that interprets for us the true meaning of Christmas and the New Year—the entire Holiday Season.

So as the Holidays approach again, it is our sincere and hearty wish that yours will be a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CARMICHAEL'S VARIETY STORE

"Silent Night"

The battle is over.

The bomb-shattered village is deserted, lifeless.

And the silence that greets our invading men is deathly. It's the kind of grim stillness many of them will know on Christmas Eve this year.

Not like the warm, beautiful "Silent Night" we know. Not like the peace in our homes the night before Christmas.

But the only way we can have some peace in our hearts is to know that we're helping bring our men back. Actually helping by buying all the War Bonds we possibly can. And by giving all the War Bonds we possibly can.

For no other gift could mean so much this year... no other gift could do so much good.

In War Bonds, lies the spirit of Christmas.



FOR PEACE ON EARTH*BUY WAR BONDS

FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THIS YEAR WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL

POWER'S FOOD STORE

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Church News
Announcements

WOMAN'S PAGE

Mrs. E. A. Warren
SOCIETY and LOCAL EDITOR
Phones 111 and 1163
Reports of all social and club meetings will be appreciated. All reports should be turned in not later than Tuesday 6 p. m. each week.

W. L. Woods arrived here from Paraska a few days ago where he will spend several days with his family during the Christmas holidays. He is now in the supply division of the air corps. "It's really cold weather in that neck of the woods," Woods said.

Many customers and salespeople are confused by shoe ration stamps in Book III because book has four pages of pictures including guns, tanks, ships and airplanes. Shoes are bought with the stamp picture of a miniature airplane in flight labelled "Ration Stamp No. 1."

Miss Maxine Durrett will arrive here from Midland Air Field sometime this afternoon to spend the Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Durrett.

Mrs. Glenn Lemley left Tuesday for California where she will visit her son who is stationed at Mare Island.

Merry Makers Club Meets In Home Of Mrs. L. G. Thuett, Sr.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, thirty-three members of the Merry Makers club met with Mrs. L. G. Thuett, Sr. with Mrs. Mary Gale Young as co-hostess. It was the Annual Christmas party and the house and tree were beautifully decorated for the occasion. There were four visitors, two of whom were Mrs. Adamson of Tahoka and Mrs. Jerry Bush who were former members of the club and Mrs. Maydell Cook and Mrs. Vera King of Lamesa. Mrs. Dalby who recently moved to Lubbock was also present.

Officers for the coming year were elected. They were: pres., Mrs. Lonnie Peel; vice-pres., Mrs. Sadie McNabb; secy-treas., Mrs. Mabel Caldwell, and reporter, Mrs. Virginia Custer.

Club pals for another year were also drawn.

It was the time for the gifts to be distributed and the pals for the past year were revealed. This proved very interesting as well as surprising to most of the ladies as very few knew who had been giving them gifts. The visitors were given the honor of playing Santa in distributing the gifts.

Delicious refreshments consisting of punch, sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and candy were served.

The next meeting will be the second Tuesday in January at the home of Mrs. Scott Storie with Mrs. Alice Parsons as co-hostess. —Reporter

Morrison-Lucas Wedding Rites Held In Clovis, N. M.

Sgt. John D. Morrison and Miss Jo Lucas were quietly married at Clovis, N. M., on Monday, Dec. 6. Mrs. Morrison was a popular young lady of the Verbena community and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lucas. She attended school at Verbena and at Post High school. She graduated in the 1942 class and later attended Draughon's Business college at Lubbock. At the time of her marriage she was employed at the Army Air Base telephone office near Clovis.

Sgt. Morrison was in training at the Air Base. His parents live in Chicago, Ill. He has lately been transferred to Langley Field, near Norfolk, Virginia, for more advanced training. Mrs. Morrison will join him there soon.

Pink and Blue Party Honors Mrs. Dub Curtsinger

Mrs. Ralph Carpenter entertained in her home last Thursday with a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Dub Curtsinger. Mrs. E. E. Cass was co-hostess for the delightful party.

Several games were enjoyed after which Anita Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davies gave several readings. The gifts for the honoree were then brought into the room by Anita and little Jerrald Carpenter.

Delicious refreshments were served to Meses. Dan Cockrum, Iven Clary, Curtis Davies, Garland Davies, and the honoree, and the mother of the hostess.

Presbyterian Women Hold Christmas Party On Monday

The women of the Presbyterian church enjoyed the annual Christmas program on Monday when they met in the home of Mrs. A. C. Surman for the last meeting of this year.

Reading of the world famous Dicken's Christmas Carol opened the session and was thoroughly enjoyed again as it has been each year since it was written 100 years ago. Following the reading of the Carol, a short but very appropriate devotional was read by Mrs. Bettie Nell McCampbell. Mrs. J. A. Stallings had charge of the meditation hour and Mrs. D. C. Williams closed this portion of the program with a prayer.

On the dining table the always beautiful Nativity scene was placed. Around this impressive centerpiece, gifts were placed for each member of the aid. As each member selected her gift she offered an appropriate prayer for the things the scene represented.

Following the program the hostess served delicious refreshments to aid members and three guests, Mrs. R. S. Davis, Mrs. John Coleman and Mrs. Bettie McCampbell.

S. R. Rector Home Is Scene of Needleclub Party Last Friday

Mmes. Rector, Paul Moore and Weaver Moreman entertained the Needlecraft club with a Christmas party on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, in the home of Mrs. Rector. The house was decorated with a huge Christmas tree and all the trimmings.

Several pupils of Mrs. Rely Mullins gave appropriate readings which delighted every one there.

Everyone eagerly awaited opening of the gifts in which the name of her club friend was revealed.

Those enjoying this lovely occasion were Meses. R. E. Cox, V. J. Campbell, W. R. Graeber, Boone Evans, E. J. Robinson, Boots Pierce, J. B. Faulkner, J. R. Durrett, T. L. Jones, Tol Thomas, Noah Some, A. W. Bouchier, Frank Gilley, Geo. Samson, T. R. Greenfield, Weaver Moreman, Paul Moore, Carl Clark, Surman Clark, Rector and Billy Clark and Sharon Jobe.

After a short business session in which the retiring president, Mrs. V. J. Campbell, was presented with a gold thimble, refreshments of fruit cake, whipped cream and coffee were served.

The new president, Mrs. Surman Clark, took charge and names were drawn for club friends for another year. Each departed wishing for everyone a Merry Christmas. The first meeting of the New Year will be with Mrs. Pierce. —Reporter

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH "The Little Church With A Big Welcome"

Grayson C. Tennison, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. Morning topic: "The Christ We Crown."
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Preaching, 8:00 p. m.

Spending a few days with home folks are Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Cash of Bryan, Texas.

Annual Party Given By Mrs. J. B. Slaughter

The annual Christmas party of the Novelty Luncheon club given by the mother of the club, Mrs. John B. Slaughter, each year was one of the loveliest affairs of the holiday season. The party was given last Thursday at the beautiful U lazy S ranch home of the hostess.

The luncheon tables were very colorful in their settings of Christmas decorations. Red carnations furnished attractive floral centerpieces and places for each guest were marked by personal Christmas cards designed and styled by the hostess.

Following the luncheon, the hostess held a festive ceremony around the beautiful Christmas tree in the den. Skeeter Slaughter dressed as Mrs. Santa Claus gave a unique impersonation of the jolly good fellow's wife and distributed gifts to each club member present. The hostess received many lovely gifts from members of the club. Christmas songs and other old favorites were enjoyed after the gifts were distributed. Then Mrs. Santa Claus gave several readings that always prove favorites with her audiences.

Those who attended the traditional party were: Meses. Williams, Surman, Kirkpatrick, Roy, Morrel, Weakley, Rodgers, Jones and Slaughter. Club members who were unable to attend were Meses. G. W. Connell, Jim Power, M. L. Mason and Ed Warren.

First Methodist Church

Rev. J. I. Smith, Pastor
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Fellowship hour 7:00 p. m.
Evening service 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service 8:15 p. m.
Thursday, Choir Practice, 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Herring will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents in Lubbock and Plainview.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Evening service.
NYPS 7:15 p. m.
Preaching 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service 7:30 p. m.
Rev. A. T. Moore, pastor
Buy a War Bond today!

First Baptist Church
R. C. Tennison, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Training Union 7 p. m.
Monday: W.M.S., 3:30; GA's RA's and Sunbeams 4 p. m. YWA, 8 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Services 7:15 p. m. Choir Practice 8 p. m.



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

POST WRECKING SHOP
JOHN BAKER



As city officials, we want to thank the citizens of Post for the co-operation they have given us in our efforts to administer the affairs of the - - -

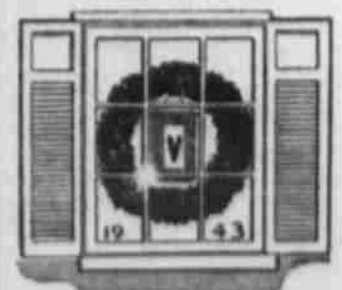
CITY of POST

the past year and we take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you - - -

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Walter W. Hyde
- J. A. Stallings
- T. R. Greenfield
- W. F. Presson
- Chas. Williams
- Mark Owings

There'll always be a Christmas



Garza Theater

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

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

Herring's

With The Return Of The Joyous

HOLIDAY

SEASON

We are afforded the pleasant opportunity of brushing aside for the moment the cares and burdens of world affairs and business to greet you and wish you the happiness of the season.

As we take mental inventory of our business activities, we realize no asset is more priceless, more conducive to success than the good-will and friendship of our many customer friends.

And so we join with those who have a sincere interest in your happiness and prosperity to extend our best wishes to each of you

This store will be closed at 7:00 P. M. Friday in order that our employees will have an opportunity to take part in Christmas Programs.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a chenille robe and slippers to match and a locket if you will. I would like it very much. Please don't forget the other girls and boys.
Charlotte Brown

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 5 years old. I want lots of things but I guess a Superman Suit and gun will do. Don't forget Bobby. I think he would like a thing or two.
Mac Terry

Dear Santa Claus:
Since the war is going on I don't want much. All I want is some boxing gloves. My sister wants a doll buggy if you can bring it.
Charles Osborne

Letters To Santa Claus



Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 5 years old and I would like for you to bring me a big doll and bed and lots of good things to eat and bring my little sister who is six months old a little sleepy doll and Santa please don't forget our daddy at Fort Dix, New Jersey.
Toni Browning

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I have tried to be good. I want you to please bring me a doll, a nurse set, some paper dolls and anything else you want to. Don't forget my little sister Judie and my big sister Patsy and all other little boys and girls.
Kathryn Jane Gossett

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a bed with a mattress and a pillow, a set of dishes, table and chair and some fruit and candy.
Onella Shedd

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring us a doll, dishes and a purse and some nuts and fruit.
Joy and Kay Martin

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train, house shoes, a machine gun and anything else that you wish. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Don Clary

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl and I want a doll for Christmas. I don't care what kind of doll you bring me but I would rather have a baby doll. Please don't forget my little brother, Darrell Lee. I think he would like a kiddie-cart to play with. We will hang our socks up for nuts and candy if you have any. It won't take much to fill them.
Oneita Jones

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a big ball and candy and nuts please. Bring me a banjo. Please remember all the other little girls and boys.
Vernon Scott



Listening Posts

By Jerome Beattie

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with The American Magazine)

Uncle Sam, the smart old snooper, notebook in hand, listens today at keyholes all over the world, and what he hears is amusing, gratifying, infuriating—and likewise very helpful in outguessing the enemy. He picks up the gossip in more than 23 languages, from Arabic to Urdu, but mostly in English, German, and Japanese. It's all done through radio listening posts that pick up what the wild waves are saying.

Uncle Sam hears more than 1,500,000 words a day—what our enemies are saying to Americans in the United States, in the South Pacific, India, China, and the Mediterranean countries.

He picks up the lies they tell to South Americans, Hindus, Arabs, Russians, French, South African natives—to everybody, everywhere.

He hears their official communications, and, from his own military knowledge, separates the truth from the falsehoods. He listens in, too, on neutrals and semi-neutrals—and even on his friends, for he wants to keep up with what the British, Russian, Chinese and Latin Americans are talking about.

Sixty Enemy Stations.

In the Bible Job cries: "My desire is that mine adversary had written a book." A radio station operated by somebody you'd like to destroy is even more to be desired than a book, and our adversaries, spouting almost constantly over about 60 of them, are unwittingly exposing to our expert analysts facts that help us block the enemy's punches and hit him where it hurts the most.

When you enter the offices of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service of the Federal Communications commission, in an old apartment house on K street in Washington, it's as if you were in the headquarters of a great news service. In booths sit the translators, wearing earphones, typing summaries of radio programs. Beside them, recording machines absorb every word.

This mass of material may include a speech by Goebbels, German claims of submarine sinkings, attacks on American Jews, a Japanese program to Americans in the South Pacific playing recordings of Old Black Joe and My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean (supposed to make the marines so homesick they won't fight any more), or German military orders regarding the distribution of food in Holland.

Thirty editors select about 50,000 words a day and wire them to the offices of President Roosevelt, to the top generals and admirals, to the Office of War Information, which relays items to newspapers, and to other departments.

Chart Trends in Lies.

An expert staff charts Axis propaganda as a Wall Street chart maker handles corporation reports. Experience shows that when Germans and Japanese tell certain lies, certain things are happening, and when a line of argument suddenly changes, that's a clue for pretty sound deductions.

When the Germans brag about what they are going to do, if they really believe they'll be successful they'll make the announcement of ficially in a government statement. If they doubt that they can make good, the statement is more apt to be attributed to some outside source.

One analyst told me: "When Frederick the Great shows up in a German broadcast, we suspect things are going badly. The Nazis frequently of late have reminded their people of Frederick, who fought against almost the entire continent of Europe for seven years, who at times appeared to be hopelessly beaten, but who emerged victorious."

"From the careful language of some German communiques we can tell that they are losing the battles that, according to these communiques, are glorious victories. As long as they mention fighting in specific cities, we can assume that they feel confident in their strength. When they're losing they are 'shortening the front,' 'retreating to inner lines,' 'using an elastic defense,' and instead of mentioning cities they say the fighting is 'in the vicinity of so-and-so' or 'in the so-and-so sector.'"

When the Japanese lose, they often keep quiet for days, and then burst out with a lie that is so monstrous it is comic.

Early in the war they announced that New York had been bombed twice, and boasted that "The American navy is resting on the bottom of the Pacific and the Allied forces are irrevocably split, so that co-ordination among them is impossible."

Lately Admiral Koga claims it has sunk 98 American warships. Our naval headquarters says there have been no important engagements for months.



FOR A GAY CHRISTMAS

We are hoping that your Christmas will be gay and delightful as were the childhood Merry Christmases spent at grandmother's farm. Today, as then, may the gladness of Christmas force all other thoughts from your mind, and may the coming years of peace bring you happiness that is complete.

Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company



PLEASANT VALLEY GIN
JOHNNIE LANE



THREE WISE MEN
1943

"These Are Times That Try Men's Souls"

Especially now, when Christmas and all it stands for means so very much more.

On Christmas Morn


... many's the home that will have a member of its family observing Yuletide rites in distant lands and in remote camps. To those homes ... as to the families that are happily intact ... we extend every good wish for a joyous Christmas, and peace through devotion.

GREENFIELD HARDWARE

Cleo Ferguson Resigns From Colliers To Begin Management Of The Rodgers Hotel
Cleo Ferguson, new manager of the Rodgers Hotel and Dining Room, resigned from Collier Drug Store Saturday. Ferguson has been an employee of the Collier Drug Store for the past 20 years and a resident of the county for the past 28 years. He stated that he would do his best to run a nice clean place and invites the people of the county to patronize the Hotel and Dining Room. "Business is good and I want to thank everyone for their patronage and to wish all a Merry Christmas."

Texans Stationed In Chicago
"We're still full of Texas and just can't help it," writes one of a group of men who were recently transferred to Northwestern University, Chicago, in a letter to Lt. George C. Decker, commanding officer.
"These Northerners still think they won the Civil War, but we're straightening them out!" the letter continued.
"So far the T.C.U. men have taken over all the responsible positions. I believe we are as well trained as any V-12 men here."

Former Post School Superintendent Now A Major At Camp Hulen, Texas
Word of the promotion from the rank of captain to that of major in the United States Army for John E. Watson reached Post friends last week. Major Watson is on leave of absence from the Colorado City schools which he served as superintendent until he reentered military service. He formerly was superintendent of the Post schools before going to Colorado City.
A veteran of World War I when he was part of the famous Rainbow division, Major Watson is stationed at Camp Hulen, Palacios, Texas.

LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
I am counting the days until Christmas now, and I hope that if you have plenty of toys for all little boys and girls that you will bring me a cowboy suit, machine gun and a football. Would enjoy some nuts and candy too.
Jimmie Glenn Curtsinger

Cline Lemley Writes Mother
The following interesting letter was received this week from Mrs. Glenn Lemley from her son, Cline, who was among the fine group of Marines who took Guadalcanal. The young Marine has been back in the States for some time and was recently released from the Marine hospital. He was expected home on furlough but took a relapse of malaria fever. As soon as he recovered he was put on coast duty. This was his sixteenth attack of malaria. The young Marine has been back in the States since Oct. 24. He was wounded four times and spent several weeks in a New Zealand hospital.
Dear Mom:
How are you and dad. I am fine.
Well I got my new dress uniform today. I had it tailor made in San Francisco. I hope you will like it but I know you will. Read your letter with Aunt Leona's letter in it today. Enjoyed it very much but why does everyone think we are so brave. We only had a job to do and we did it. There was nothing so great about that. I went to see "Guadalcanal Diary" night before last but had to get up and leave about the middle of it as it brought back too many unpleasant thoughts. It showed the Jap navy shelling us on Oct. 13th. My buddy was killed that night. He was running to get in the same hole with me but about 15 ft. away he was hit in the back with a piece of shell. It knocked him into the hole with me. He lived about five minutes. He didn't say much, just bye to me and a little prayer. He was such a swell guy and always so full of life. He talked a lot about his wife and little baby girl. Just about every day he would sit down and tell me what he was going to do when he got home. She wrote him such sweet letters. He always let me read them. They must have been very happy together. Mother maybe I shouldn't have done this but yesterday I went to town and drew my furlough money out of the bank. I bought his little baby girl a necklace with a locket on it. It had the Marine emblem in the center of the locket. I had a small snapshot of him taken in Honolulu so I put it in the locket.
I wrote his wife a letter and tried to tell her how I felt. Mother I hope you and dad won't mind because I spent the money on the little girl. I just had to do something for them. It makes me feel

Truck Tires To Get Double-Check
OPA will double-check truck tire inspection to see that every tire in service gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before being replaced by a new tire.
so much better now that I have. I hope you will understand. If it had been the other way round and I hadn't come back I would have wanted him to send you something.
Well Mom I must close now and get ready to go on guard.
Bye Sweetheart . . . your son,
Cline.

Sgt. Wesley D. White Arrives Safely In Africa
Sgt. Wesley D. White of the Garlynn community arrived in North Africa safely, according to a letter from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. White.
Wayne Chaffin arrived here a few days ago to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. It was hoped by Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin that their other boys would be granted furloughs for Christmas but early in the week it was not known whether or not they would be able to be here. Wayne is stationed at Bryan.



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

COURT'S CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. O'Bryant
Our Cafe Will Be Closed Christmas Day

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me for Christmas a play soldier suit with a belt and scabbard and a toy pistol.
Moody Graham


Dear Santa Claus:
I want a cowboy suit, army rifle and a doctor set.
Milburn Waller

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a ball for Christmas.
Julio Quinanez

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a machine gun and helmet and a doctor set.
Gerald Dabbs

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tommy gun and a little belt.
Isaac Tennison

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a wagon and a baseball glove.
J. C. Shedd


Christmas Greetings
May the future hold for you the best of everything that Peace and Freedom bring.
CONNELL COURTS
Mr. and Mrs. A. Pinkerton

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a big doll and ice box and a little broom. Don't forget my little baby sister Peggy Louise. Bring her a doll and some candy. I have a little cousin at Dallas, Jackie Wall. Remember him too.
Doris Jean Ramsey

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 2 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a wooden scooter, a jeep, a truck and some candy and nuts.
C. W. Hunt, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old and I go to school and I'm real good. Please bring me a baseball and bat, a wagon and a pop gun. Bring me some fruit, candy and nuts.
Charles Chandler

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a machine gun, a tank that shoots bullets and a dump truck. Bring some candy and fruit.
Dan E. Cockrum

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little train and some tinker toys. I am a good little boy four years old. Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls.
Ronnie Gene Gollehon

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a farm set, truck and tinker toys and candy and nuts. I am six years old and go to school at Southland.
Jerry Pennell

Dear Santa Claus:
I am four years old. Please bring me a doll and cradel and doll house and furniture also candy and nuts.
Karen Gail Pennell

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll with pig tails, a doll bed and an ankle bracelet. Please be good to Larry Don Richardson and Bill and Lanny McCrary.
Willie Ann Mathis

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a ball. My little brother wants something nice. We both want some fruit.
Junior Becker

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy six years old. Please bring me a bicycle and some candy and fruit.
Harley Von Johnston

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a drum. My little sister wants something nice. We both want some fruit and nuts.
Roy Field

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a farm set. My little brother wants an army truck and my little sister wants a piano.
Jerry Pennell

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. Please bring me a doll and some good things to eat.
Doris Jackson

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll. My little brother wants something too. We both want some fruit and nuts.
Landeem Breeze

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and some candy and nuts.
Ellen Oakley

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football and some nuts and a jig-saw puzzle.
Oscar Grantham

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football. My little brother wants something nice. We both want some fruit and nuts.
Freddie Howell

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a color book, a story book, a Bible, a horn, a ball, an apple and some candy and an airplane.
David Richardson

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a ball and some soldiers and some fruit and nuts.
Wilbur Lee Adams

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

Christmas Cheer
1943

R. B. DODSON
WATCH and RADIO REPAIR

CHRISTMAS
THE PLEASURE IS OURS
As another Yuletide Season is ushered in, we enjoy looking backward over our experiences of the past year. We recall many, many instances of your confidence and good will, and we find these thoughts make us extremely proud and happy.
It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the Christmas Season, to tell you we have not forgotten. Your confidence in us will be our incentive to greater efforts, that we may continue to come up to your expectations.
Best wishes to you, your family, your friends—our friends.
GREETINGS
Higginbotham-Bartlett
COMPANY

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CHRISTMAS 1943

SEASON'S GREETINGS
May We Offer You
"Season's Greetings"
AND ASK THAT WE ALL PAUSE TO OFFER THIS PRAYER . . .
"peace on earth, good will toward men..."

Graeber's
"On The Corner and On The Square"

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you this letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a wood box set and a ball glove.
Olan Rains

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a pair of roller skates and a pair of roller skates and a pair of roller skates.
Thomas Mae Johnson

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doctor set and an army rifle.
Jackie Ross Alexander

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a big doll that has hair and a doctor set, and a dish set and some roller skates.
Virgie Lou

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a dart set, burning set, hunting knife with scabbard, bicycle, and some bbbs for my gun. Don't forget my mother and daddy and the other children.
Darrell Stone

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a boy scout knife, an army set, army helmet, a holster and an army rifle.
Dan Redman

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want. I would like to have a helmet and an army rifle and don't forget my little brother.
Bernard Welch

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle and an army set and a helmet.
John Jerald

LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS



Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 years old. Please bring me a dart set, a soldier suit and a bat, ball and glove set.
Gerald Howard

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an airplane set, a tank set, and what else you can.
J. W. Rogers

Dear Santa:
I want a gun and a game, a machine gun to and I want a set of books. I want a big American bird book and a Mountie Suit.
Gaylord

Dear Santa:
I hope that my cousin Sterling Curry can come and stay a week. I would like to have a \$50 War Bond. You can't get many toys and other things. I would like to have a big tommy gun and a 60 game box. My sister would like to have a pretty ring.
Jimmy Ferguson

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a few stamps for Christmas. I want a soldier set, a color book, and anything else you want to bring me.
Bobby Lee

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a robe, house shoes and a sewing set. My brother would like to have a saddle. Please send them.
Mary Jo Williams

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train and an airplane. I hope you decorate my tree pretty. Please don't forget my little sister. I think she wants a doll bed.
Ross Morrow

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a doll. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Billie Marie

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a box of candy an airplane and a bicycle.
Earnest Bostick

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a ball and bat and books. My sister would like a rocking chair. We would like some candy, nuts and fruit.
Wilburn Wheeler

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a tommy gun and an airplane. I would like for my daddy to have a clock. I hope my uncle will come home for Christmas.
Danny Tillman

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a few things but not many because of the war. I want a doll, WAC set, and a box of candy. My sister would like a WAC set too. And I would like for Mother and Father to have a bed room suite too.
Charles Murray

Dear Santa Claus:
I have a nice time at school. I would like to have something for Christmas. I want a \$25 bond, a story book. My sister would like to have a nurse suit. My brother wants a King of the Mountie suit.
Willis Jean Green

Dear Santa Claus:
My sister wants a ring. My sister wants a necklace. I want a tin helmet.
Fred Long

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a chenille robe. My little sister would like a robe also some nuts and candy.
Carolyn Cummings

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a cowboy vest. A fountain pen. I want my father to come home Christmas.
Dalton Winn

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a baking set, a weaving set and talking telephones. Since the war is on you can bring anything else you can. My mother wants a ring.
Bobbie Dickson

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and some Christmas bells. My little sister wants a red, white and blue ball and a duck with a string on it. My little brother wants two play cars, and my other little brother wants two little play tractors.
Ada Mae Rinehart

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a ice box, stove, cabinet and table and don't forget the other people.
Ina Jean Cato

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring me a doll and buggy and I want you to bring Tommie and Lonnie a chemistry set and a ball and bat and bring Helen a doll and doll clothes and bring Milbon a cowboy suit and a machine gun.
Mildred Walls

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a doll and some apples and candy and a bicycle but be sure bring other children things too. Please bring me a locket and bring Betty Lou a new dress.
Bobby Joyce



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

Our Dining Room Will Be Closed On Christmas Day and On Sunday, Dec. 26.

GILES DINING ROOM

— MR. and MRS. H. F. GILES —

From West Texas Gas Company

Season's Greetings

So there'll always be a CHRISTMAS—
Buy more WAR BONDS

Season's Greetings

Warmest best wishes of the season to you and yours from this company and its employees in the armed services and on the home front. We join you in the earnest hope that 1944 will be a year of decisive Victory leading to lasting peace and happiness for all.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

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THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR AND OTHERS TO COME By The Entire Organization

CHRISTMAS VOUCHER

This check is part payment of our appreciation for your goodwill which has contributed so materially to our progress during the past year.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Gloria Tuffing will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Winnie Tuffing. Mrs. Tuffing and Miss Thompson will go to Fort Stockton after her on Thursday.

Visiting in the home of his parents until the 28th, is Charles Woods, who has just completed his boot training in the San Diego Marine Base. He has been assigned to Sea School and will report back to San Diego and probably will be transferred from there.

Sperintendent and Mrs. L. V. Bearden and little son, Joe Henry, have moved into the apartment in the home of Mrs. T. L. Price. The house that the Beardens have occupied for some time was sold recently to Mrs. Pirtle of Justiceburg. Mrs. Pirtle moved this week.

The home being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kimbrough was sold recently to J. C. Johnson. It was not learned when the Kimbroughs would move.

Mrs. F. A. Redman returned to the Oscar Graham home Sunday evening after spending three weeks in the Glenn Davis' home. During her visit with Glenn, her other two sons, Carl of San Pedro, Calif., and Goldsmith of Amarillo, visited her for a short time.

Miss Helen Jo Hurdley has arrived home from McMurry college where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hurdley.

Mrs. Charles Luttrell and new baby will be brought home from the Army hospital in Lubbock today.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stallings will be Mr. and Mrs. Royce Durham.

Guests sometime during the holidays in the R. H. Collier home will be Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Collier and two daughters.

England was the first country to form societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

A psychologist says women are better liars than men. Oh well, they don't have to tell so many.

DEAD JAPS



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo

Soundphoto—These are dead Japs on Tarawa, where they strew Tarawa's sands as the U. S. Marines continue their "mopping up" operations on the island which earned the name of the Japanese "Gibraltar."

SOUTHLAND NEWS

Mrs. Marvin Truelock, Community Correspondent

The best part of last Sunday night's program was not the exhibitions of oil paintings of Christ, nor the candle-lit re-enacting of that first Christmas night; but it was the spirit of cooperation of the congregations of the four local churches—each one had a part assigned to them and each felt his responsibility for his part.

Wednesday afternoon of this week, after mid-term examinations have been taken, the school will gather in the auditorium for its Christmas program. The High school students will sing the Christmas Carols they and Miss Bertha Duncum have been practicing on daily. The Christmas story will be told by one of Mrs. Duff's pupils. "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Dan Stotts. Four Christmas songs by the 3rd and 4th grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Whited and son of Odessa came Friday and will leave Christmas morning. They are visiting his parents, the J. L. Whites and her mother, Mrs. Annie Landers.

Mrs. Jack Barber of Phoenix, Arizona arrived at noon Sunday to visit her parents, the H. A. Kings.

Rev. and Mrs. O. E. McGaw and daughter left Sunday night to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher of Plainview spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Marvin Truelock and family.

Rev. E. C. Armstrong received a message Thursday that his brother-in-law was not expected to live.

Supt. J. P. Hewlett left Thursday, accompanied by his four brothers and sisters, to visit their soldier brother in Ft. Worth.

The Jack Oskleys will spend Christmas with her parents at Shilohwater.

Mrs. S. M. Truelock and young daughter are able to be about again after the flu.

Rev. S. D. Lofton was a Sunday evening guest of the L. A. Dunns.

Arriving home from Texas Tech Tuesday to spend the holidays were Miss Betty Jo Stevens and Miss Polly Cook. Another Tech student, Helen Mack Hume, it is understood, hopes to spend a part of her holidays here but it is not certain at this time. Her parents are now living in New Mexico.

Buy a War Bond today!

Part Newspapers Are Playing In War Effort Cited By Congressman George Mahon

The following letter was received this week by the Dispatch from Congressman George Mahon and gives an interesting sidelight on the important role newspapers are playing in the War Program. The publishers felt that the letter would be of interest to Dispatch readers.

Dear Mrs. Warren: "About this time every year I write you a letter renewing my subscription to the Dispatch. That is the purpose of this letter. My check is attached.

"Your paper is very useful to me in my efforts to keep in touch with the needs of the people at home; it enables me to learn something of local happenings and the joys and sorrows of the folks back home during these tragic days.

"Several papers in our District have suspended publication during 1943. It must be difficult to operate a news paper during these times; yet, I think a newspaper man ought to get a very definite feeling of pride out of the contribution which his paper is making. We do not often think of it that way, but it is a fact that we could hardly run the war without the newspapers.

"A recent debate in the Senate called to mind the part being played by local newspapers. Through what better way can the people know of the various war programs and bond drives? It is the local paper that furnishes the free advertising, urges the people to greater effort, and proudly reports that the old home town and country have gone over the top again!

"Through what better way can the people learn of the things they need and want to know—news about babies that are born, the marriages, school programs, church programs, war programs, the glory that some local boy has won for our country in some far away battle zone; or it may be the story that he is missing in action or has given his life.

"So, when I say I appreciate your paper I mean it. Also, let me add, 'Merry Christmas.' The adjournment date of Congress is uncertain and travel conditions are so bad we may spend Christmas in Washington but our hearts will be in West Texas."

Cordially,
George Mahon

Mr. and Mrs. George Evans will spend Christmas with friends and will meet their son and his wife and little son there for the day.

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

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