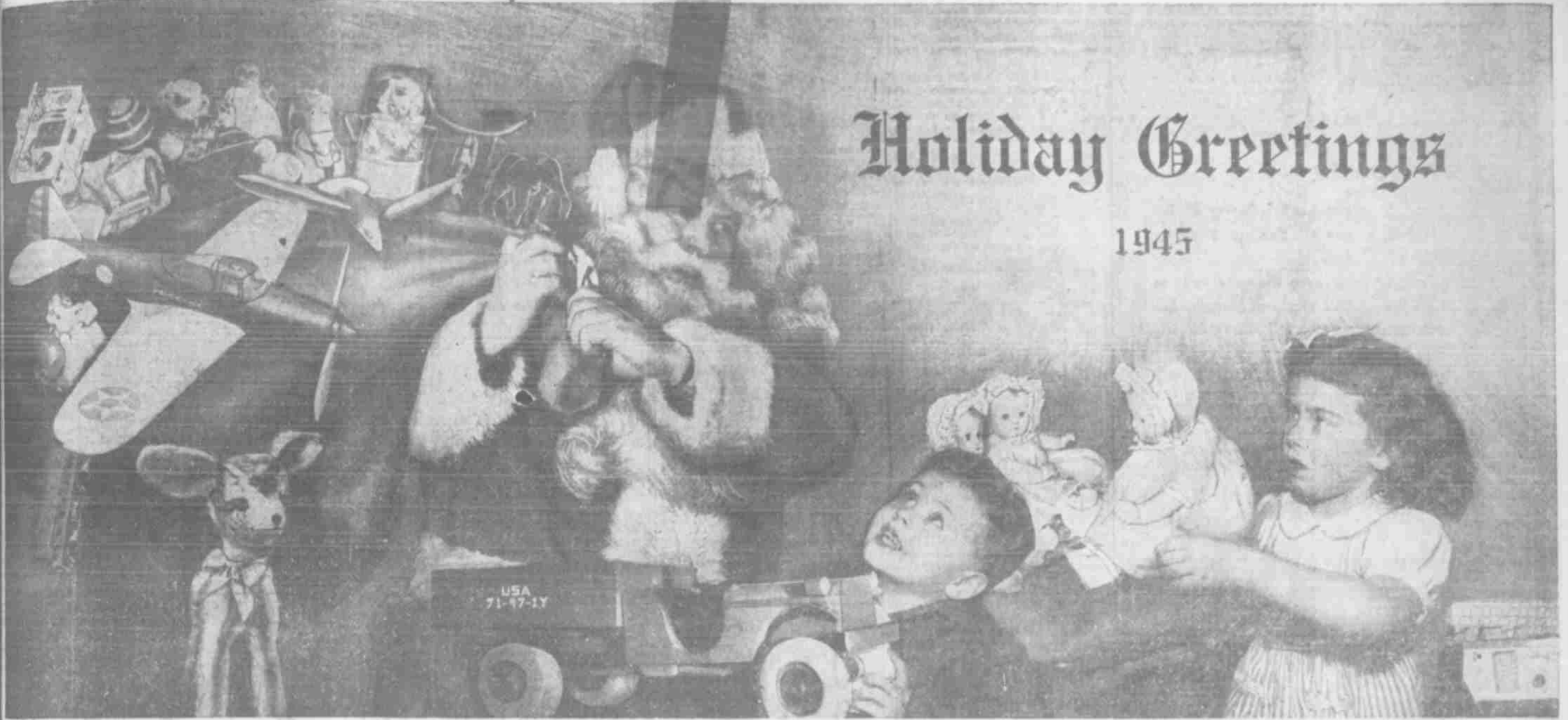


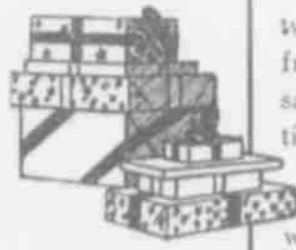
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Holiday Greetings

1945



ONCE again, as the Christmas season is ushered in, we wish to take advantage of the opportunity to express our sincere good wishes to those whom we have been associated in a personal and in a business way during the past twelve months. Serving you has been a happy privilege, from which we have received a tremendous amount of satisfaction and it is our sincere wish that we may continue to be of service to you in the future.

Without your friendships and your goodwill we would have been dissatisfied but because of your understanding of our problems and because we tried desperately to understand yours, we have enjoyed a continuation of your patronage. It is our expressed desire to improve our facilities of service and we assure you that as conditions return to normalcy you can depend on our institution making every effort to fulfill your requirements.

THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Merry Christmas

The Post Dispatch



Attend Sunday School at Church Sunday. One gal we know is leading a private life in public.



Merry Christmas one and all

A Salute

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

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Southside Grocery

Roy L. Baker

Holiday Greetings 1945



To each of us the word Christmas summons many happy memories. To some it recalls a ride over the frozen countryside to grandma's, sleigh-bells tinkling all the while. To others it recalls happy seasons in birthed living rooms, gay banquets and glowing Christmas trees. But to all it recalls days of shorn and endowment, the happiest days of our lives. May you live the happiness in all its fullness once again, dear friends, this Christmas season of 1945.

Marvin's Service Station

Marvin Pennington

Famous Artist Sketched First Santa for U. S.

Thomas Nast Credited With Pictorializing Famous Character in 1873.

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and above all has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend,



children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

Stories of St. Nicholas.

Wondrous stories of this great fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were repeated at the fire-sides of all Europe from the time of his death in 342. The Dutch children observed the anniversary of his death on December 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes.

These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to found New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or "San Claus" as they said, with them. In no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from December 6 to New Year's Eve.

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs; Christmas trees and Christmas candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

At about the time that these festivities were making Christmas Day important, families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion. Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration became combined in one single holiday.

Balsam Fir Chosen by Heavenly Messengers

According to Ansgarius, who converted the Vikings to Christianity, the Lord sent Faith, Hope and Charity to earth to select His Christmas Tree.

They selected the Balsam Fir because it was as high as Hope, as wide as Love, and bore the sign of the cross on every branch.

The news that the army released 20,000,000 pounds of butter for civilian use was good news. We'd like to help spread it around.

Christmas Card Is Century Old

The centennial of the Christmas card is being observed this year.

It was in 1845—just 100 years ago—that the first Christmas card was designed and distributed.



This pioneer greeting was the creation of W. C. Dobson, a noted British artist, who was said to be a favorite of Queen Victoria. Dobson, according to tradition, made copies of his card and sent them to friends in London and elsewhere in the British Isles.

The custom, established by Dobson found numerous devotees. In 1846, an English nobleman, Sir Henry Cole, commissioned an artist, John Horsley Hursley, to design a Christmas card for him.

According to one story, Sir Henry Cole had received such a large number of holiday letters that he could not find time to answer them all. As a means of solving this problem, he called in Horsley and asked him to design an appropriate card. Horsley's first Christmas card depicted a Victorian English family enjoying the holiday. Except for the profusion of detail, the card is like many of the modern greetings. The traditional "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was inscribed on the card, with blank spaces for filling in the name of the sender and the recipient.

From this beginning a century ago, the custom of sending Christmas cards has spread across the ocean to the United States where it has become a traditional part of the holiday observance.

In national affairs, a million seems to be just a drop in the budget.



And Now--Peace on Earth

... good will toward men. This year as we celebrate our Lord's birthday, we give thanks because He has sent us the most precious gift of all—Peace. It is in this spirit of world peace and friendliness that we wish you the blessings of the Season—much happiness and bestitude in the New Year.

West Texas Gas Company



Peace On Earth
Good Will To Men

How wonderful and joyous this Christmas is for at last triumphant peace has come to this world and for the first time in many years, we can again enjoy a Merry Christmas. During the long years of war, we fervently prayed to our Lord that He would send Peace to the world. And our prayers were answered. The tyrannical foes of freedom have been conquered and once again, there is blessed peace on earth, good will to all men. For this greatest gift of all—a gift so rare that without it all mankind would perish from this earth—let us offer thanks to our Lord, the Prince of Peace, this 1945th year of His Birth.

CONFIDENCE

IN OUR FELLOWMAN

THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXPERIENCES OF PAST MONTHS HAVE NOT BEEN WITHOUT A LARGE MEASURE OF GOOD. FROM THESE EXPERIENCES HAS COME A GREATER DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN THOSE ABOUT US.

WE ARE GRATEFUL AND TAKE THIS METHOD TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR GOOD FAITH AND OUR UTTER CONFIDENCE IN YOU. OUR FRIENDS NEARING THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR WE PLEDGE OUR EFFORTS TO BE OF BETTER SERVICE AND USEFULNESS TO OUR FELLOWMAN.

A HOST OF GOOD WISHES TO YOU, ONE AND ALL!



Sincere
Good Wishes

Foster's Radiator Shop

Jay D. Foster



GRAEBER'S

"On The Corner -- On The Square"



MERRY CHRISTMAS



FROM YOUR CHECKERBOARD FEED and FARM SUPPLY STORE

Our little message of Christmas Greetings seems trivial when we pause to ponder of the value that we place upon your goodwill and friendship. Were it possible, we'd see each personally to express these sentiments with the genuine feeling that we have, for you, our friends.

We salute you at Christmas! May the occasion be one of unbounded happiness.

A SALUTE TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS

FRY

Feed and Hatchery



OLD SPIRIT
By GERTRUDE H. WINDERS

IN THE street crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, finsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!" The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



"Lady, you have the wrong angle." Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmas at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a fat pretty face surrounded by blood curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them."

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such toots her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered up orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps." or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared?"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you down on Saturday? What jam I ever saw!"

"I will not," Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still chattering about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under his arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees. "A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—our spirits."

The word kerossone comes from the Greek word, Keros, meaning wax.



MERRIEST Christmas OF ALL 1945

And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas!

POST AUTO SUPPLY

NOAH STONE JESS BARNES



Merry Christmas

To All of You From All of Us

Garza Theatre

for a Glorious

CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Pioneer Cookie Company

GEORGE LEMON LUBBOCK, TEXAS

For the 22nd Consecutive Year
We Say...



NEXT CHRISTMAS WE
HOPE YOU WILL BE
DRIVING A BRAND NEW
CHEVROLET



the Prince of Peace

THE babe in Mary's arms proved God's gift to man. On Christmas Day we observe His birth, and His words bring us solace for our tribulations, hope for the future, and faith in each other.

Christmas is a time for reflection and prayer. Let us all join our families and friends and let our voices sing out in praise of the Prince of Peace.

Christmas is the season of the open heart and open door and we say in all sincerity . . .

Merry Christmas

Herring's



Save Greeting Cards for Making Different Unique Gift Decorations

Here's a suggestion that will make your friends wish they had thought of it first.

Don't throw away the lovely greeting cards you have received and saved during the year. Keep them as ornaments for packages, or to decorate an otherwise plain wall.

The next time you wrap a gift for someone, glance through the greeting cards you have saved and pick out one with a colorful or appropriate picture on it. Cut the picture out neatly, glue or paste it on your gift wrapping. That's all there is to it.

There are any number of objects about the house that cutouts from greeting cards might brighten: closet doors, furniture, waste paper baskets, screens and cigarette boxes. Pasted on and coated with a preservative of clear shellac, greeting cards can serve a variety of decorative purposes.

Inexpensive and distinctive gift novelties can be made from the

greeting cards. Bookends, jelly jars for flower vases, bookmarks, matchbooks, handblotters, tally cards and score pads can be made to look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out from greeting cards and pasted on these objects.

The lovely etchings and reproductions of famous masters and the flower prints that appear on so many greeting cards are well worth the price of a small frame. These pint-sized pictures are "just the thing" to brighten a dark corner of some room or entrance hall.

Some rainy afternoon when the children are looking for something to do, give them the greeting cards you have saved during the year. Especially will they like to make gay blotters from the cutout designs. Have them make small-sized ones for checkbooks, a good-sized one for Dad's desk, and a pretty feminine one for Mother's correspondence, or selected ones for friends.

The motto of the Royal Canadian Police is not "Get Your Man" but "Maintain The Law."

Texas with its famous 36th Division ranks fifth in the nation's death toll.



A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and



"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blash' ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door.

He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none too prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to someone from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or tye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added. Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

An estimate made January 1, 1945, shows 806,783 Texans enlisted to help win the global war.

Letters To Santa Claus:

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I wish very much for a big doll and wardrobe trunk, and dishes. I like games to play and also books of all kinds. Please do not forget my little brother. I would like some fruit, candy and nuts.

Willie Faye Graves

Dear Santa:
I've tried to be a good girl all year, so please bring me a toy sea lion, some doll clothes and candy, nuts and fruit. Thank you very much.

Leslie Anita Nichols

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old and in the first grade. I want you to bring me a big dolly, and a typewriter, a bow and arrow set and a nurse kit. My little brother Terry wants a car, some dishes, a little dolly, and a horse.

Barbara Sue Stone

Dear Santa:
I am five years old, Milton is one year. We are good little boys. We like to sing Christmas songs. Will you please bring me a double holster gun set? Milton wants a gun too. Also some candy, apples and oranges.

Chris Gindorf

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 19 months old. I have been real good. I need a set of plastic dishes, a table, walking toy dog, telephone, bunny house, shoes, tinker toys, wooden pony, small doll and candy. Please bring these Santa and don't forget my little friends and the boys in service.

Linda Kay Reed

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl two years old. I am getting my brothers to write for me. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, some abc blocks and a little train. Don't forget A. J. and Harry.

Bamah Sue Howell

Dear Santa:
I thought beings as all the other little kids are writing you, I had better get my name in. I am not very big to wish for much this year, but sure do like to play with little toys. I would like to have a little wheelbar and little chair, a teddy bear, also I like lots of fruit and candy. Do not forget my sister, mother and mother and daddy.

Ronnie Claude Graves



Santa Claus would never get down the chimney with our load of good wishes for a Merry Christmas to the people of this community, because he just couldn't squeeze through.

You've been mighty good to us and we appreciate it beyond words. We want you to enjoy Christmas this season of 1945 as never before.

Mary, Ashley, Rosemary and Linda Lawson



WHEN we see little boys and girls shaking hands with Santa Claus this thought comes to mind:

We would like our expression of appreciation for your patronage to be a hearty shake of the hand for each of you. As we seem to be denied this opportunity, please accept this, while a substitute for a hand-shake, as no less sincere in wishing you a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

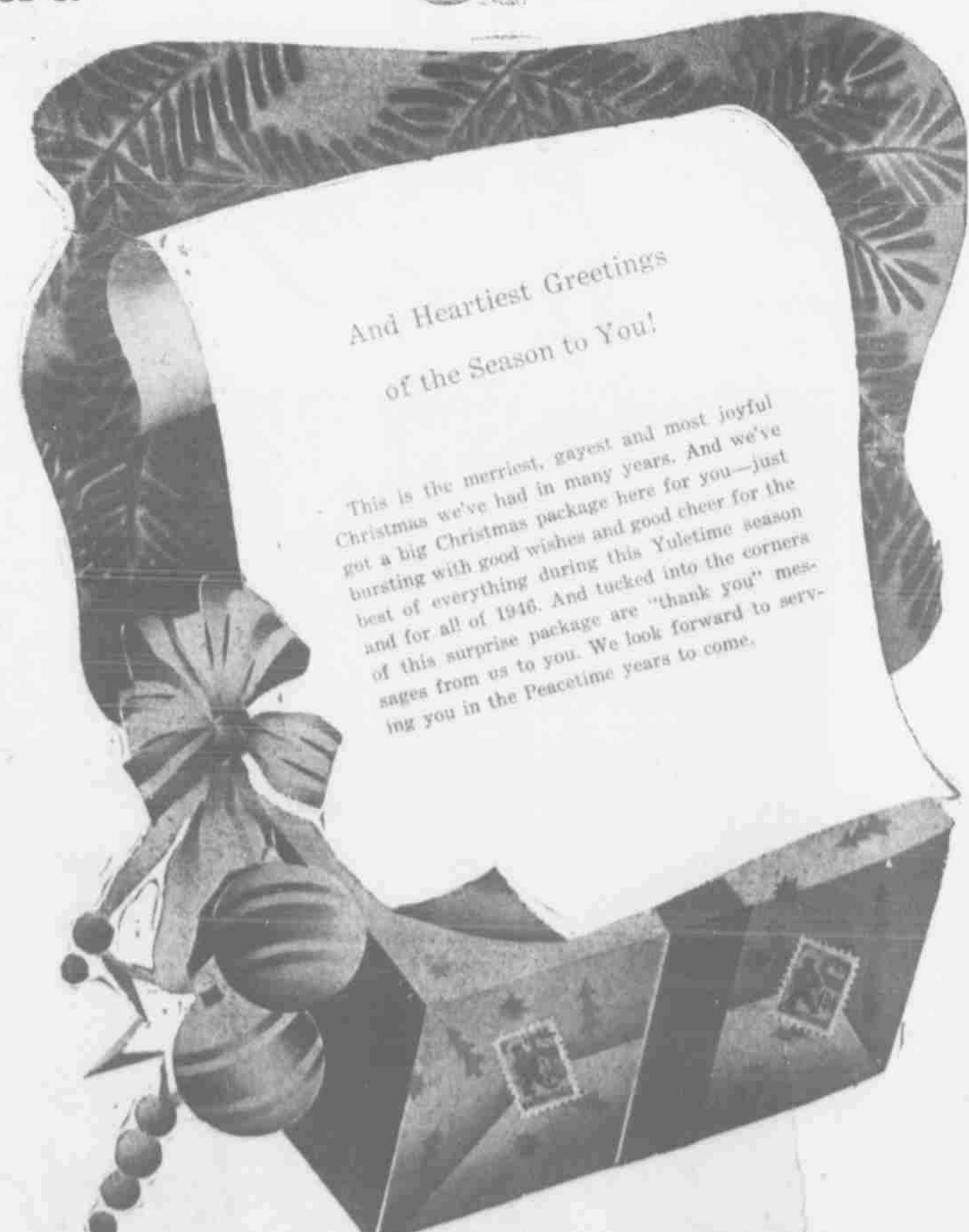
O. K. Food Store

OSCAR BOWEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And Heartiest Greetings of the Season to You!

This is the merriest, gayest and most joyful Christmas we've had in many years. And we've got a big Christmas package here for you—just bursting with good wishes and good cheer for the best of everything during this Yuletide season and for all of 1946. And tucked into the corners of this surprise package are "thank you" messages from us to you. We look forward to serving you in the Peacetime years to come.



Hudman Furniture Co.



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

Hi-Way Grocery And Market



Unselfish interest in others is the keynote of happiness at Christmastime. May each gift you receive breathe love and devotion and bind the ties of home and friendship more securely.

As for ourselves, we desire to express our appreciation for your loyalty to us in 1945, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

T. L. JONES ICE



Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I've been a good girl. Please bring me a doll with hair, a doll cart, some pyrex dishes and a little dresser set. Don't forget everybody else. Oh, yes, Santa, I want a rug.
Bettie Nelson

Dear Santa:
Please bring a rocker horse to Billy, and a table and chairs to Barbara, and also bring us lots of candy, fruit and nuts.
Billy Barbara Shumard

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy and would like some nice new toys. I am a little boy 8 years old. I want a gun, a big wooden truck, a nice new book satchel, a little set of tools and a magic slate, a toy car and some candy, nuts and fruit.
Charles Allen Baragley

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl two years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll bed and some nuts, fruit and candy.
Ruthell Martin

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I wish you would bring me a doll with an evening dress, and Santa don't forget all the little boys and girls.
Toni Calleen Browning

WE'RE GLAD It's CHRISTMAS

The approach of the Christmas season gives each of us cause to ponder a moment or two in retrospect.

We can look back over a year in which each of us has had many obstacles to surmount, when it seemed as though so much needed to be done and when we wondered where we would receive the strength with which to carry on.

Now, as we look back, we see that there was courage and cheer to be gained from those about us, whose actions and deeds made us realize that

the pursuit of freedom had not been in vain.

Viewing these things, we do not find it difficult to be thankful at this Christmastime. We are truly glad that we are a part of the fine people of this community, to have friends, and to enjoy their associations. It gives us a sense of satisfaction and a desire to be of greater service in the next twelve months.

Sure—we're glad it's Christmas. The Season's best to each of you!

Warren's
DRUG STORE
BOB WARREN, OWNER

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a toy cash register, a majorette doll, some fruit, candy and nuts. Do not forget little cousins Gayle and Ronnie Parsons.
Connie Marie King

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old. I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a toy steam shovel and another toy if you have plenty. Some candy, fruit and nuts. Be nice to all boys and girls.
Wesley E. Sanders

Dear Santa:
I have been a pretty good girl. I am four years old. I have a brother who is ten. For Christmas I want a telephone, an ironing board, an iron, a doll buggy, and some candy and nuts.
Sherry Sue Custer

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pistol, a black beard, also please bring me nuts, fruit and candy.
Connie Martin



★ Of far greater value than the most precious jewel or the most costly gift is happiness and peace of spirit. Could we wish more for you this Christmas season than its attainment?

For your fine cooperation and loyalty to us in 1945 you have our lasting gratitude.

SANDER'S BROS. BARBER SHOP
SAM SANDERS
BILL SANDERS



A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community... one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year 1945 we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

George and Jack SAMSON



YULETIDE HAPPINESS

At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

Conoco Service Station
IVEN CLARY ROBERT MILLER



"Happy, Alice?" he asked.

Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance.

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William covered the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Six fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in leisurely fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two, I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

Pruning and training grape vines is important in securing high yields of top quality fruit.



As this great year of Victory draws to a close, we want to extend to you and yours our most sincere...

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the New Year bring fulfillment of our highest hopes for continued peace and the realization of new opportunities.

McCRARY'S
APPLIANCE COMPANY
2401 E. 44th - POST TEXAS

Letters To Santa Claus:

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a desk, books and cupie doll. I hope you find me as I am going to move.

Beverly Bartlett

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a cupie doll, and some other nice things, such as a walking dog or duck. Don't forget I'm going to move away off.

Linda Kay Bartlett

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and a big bull.

Becky Janice Moreman

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a wedding doll, telephone, set of dishes, pair of house slippers and plenty of candy, fruit and nuts.

Jo Ann Moreman

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy 6 years old. I have been real good. I want a big fuzzy monkey like they have at Bryant-Links. I want a gun and scabbard, and a fire truck. I want a nice new red and white stool to sit on. Of course dear Santa I want some candy, nuts and fruit.

Little Jim Bargaiey

Dear Santa:
I have been good and helped mother and daddy a lot this year. I am 5 years old, please bring me a cap gun with plenty of caps, a metal car, a hoop and ring set, and some fire works, and Santa don't forget my sweet little sister, Frances Elaine, who is five and half months old. I think she would like a stuffed horse, a stuffed dog and a little doll, and anything else you want to bring us.

Glenn Dale and Frances Elaine Wheatley

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a dart board, walkie-talkie, steam shovel and a raider gun. I want some nuts, fruit and chewing gum. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Dan E. Cockrum

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 8 years old. Would you please bring me a Panda bear, a pair of skates, a set of toy farm animals and a pair of house shoes. I would also like some candy, fruit and nuts. Please be nice to all of my little friends.

Twana Lee Teague

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl 4 years old. I have tried to be good, so won't you please bring me a pretty doll iron and ironing board, also fruit candy and nuts. Please do not forget my little cousin, Flo Ann McWhirter, who lives in California.

Kathryn Kay Martin

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven and I have a little sister, one. Santa bring us something nice and bring all of the little boys and girls something too, and don't forget our boys overseas, for they won't be home for Christmas.

Anita and Joy Davies

Dear Santa:
I'm looking forward to seeing you Christmas, so just a line to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want a doll, dishes and purse, also a picture puzzle. Don't forget fruit, candy and nuts, as it wouldn't be much Christmas without them.

Joy Laverne Martin

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old. I'd like for you to bring me a big doll with sleepy eyes and a little tub and wash board so I can wash her clothes. I want some dishes and a little set of knives and forks. I also want some candy, fruit and nuts.

Vibella Alberta Bargaiey



to one and all 1945
Christmas Cheer

Again may you know the fragrance
Of hemlock, pine and holly.
Again may friendly voices call
A greeting warm and jolly;
And again may the meaning of
Christmas,
Deep and still more true
Bring faith and hope and gladness
To the hearts of yours and you.

LAKEVIEW SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill



Merry
Christmas

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!



**Compliments
of the Yule
Season**

AND THANKS
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EVERYTHING

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TO OUR READERS and FRIENDS...

The New Year is the traditional season of hope. Hope for a lasting peace. Hope for a speedy reunion with loved ones far distant. Hope for happiness and hope for health.

Each of us has a stake in this harvest of hope. How we reap will depend on how we cultivate the opportunities that lie ahead.

Just as a merchant takes stock at the beginning of a New Year and closes his books on the Old, so we at this season ought to take mental inventory and do some spiritual bookkeeping. The past is good only as its achievements strengthen us for the tasks of the future—only as its mistakes teach us lessons for the improvement of tomorrow.

The road of the past was paved with injustice, discontent and tyranny. We must pave the road of the future with hope, confidence, understanding and neighborliness.

The world is no better or no worse than we ourselves make it. It is the sum of thousands of communities like our own, all added together. We each have responsibilities as individuals and citizens to make it better.

With the coming of 1946 let us resolve to work and live so that peace on earth may be a reality rather than a dream. Then the horrors of battle will not be visited on the next generation and the sons of tomorrow will not have to go forth to war.

The future offers challenging opportunities. Strengthened by our nation's achievements in the past four years, we can meet these opportunities with confidence.

So it is with a spirit of hope, fortified by a feeling of thankfulness that this newspaper asks for every one of you

A Very Happy New Year

Special Service For Servicemen To Be Held At Graham

The Sunday evening hour at the Graham Methodist church will be devoted to veterans and college students, reports Rev. J. E. Stephens, pastor. "We have arranged a special service in which recognition will be given to servicemen and college students who are at home for the holidays," said the pastor. The service is to begin at 7 o'clock and everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend.

LITTLE RESPONSE SHOWN ON PLEA TO 'GIVE BONDS'

Christmas shoppers, who apparently have looked to purchasing gifts that could be wrapped in pretty Christmas packages and tied with colored ribbons, rather than giving bonds again this year, have turned a shoulder on the County War Finance Committee's plea of "Give A Victory Bond for Christmas." A check-up of bond purchases Saturday revealed that E-bond sales showed only a slight gain, which might be credited to Christmas gift giving, over regular weekly sales. During last week only \$3,150 E-bonds were purchased, which brought the total of the campaign up to \$38,380.00. With only a few more days to go, Garza county finds itself \$42,000 short of its over-all quota of \$250,000, and \$36,020 short of its E-bond quota of \$75,000. County Victory bond leaders are making a final appeal this week but hope who have not purchased bonds during the current campaign do so before the final date, December 31.

Lions Club Enjoy Stag Dinner As Holiday Feature

A stag dinner was enjoyed by members of the Post Lions club last Tuesday night at Jennie's Tea room as the group observed their regular Christmas party. The Christmas motif was emphasized in table and room decorations and in the delicious turkey dinner. Each member brought a gift. These packages were numbered and later were exchanged as each member was also asked a number by Elmer Long as they arrived at the party. Ralph Carpenter had charge of the program and presented an interesting story on Christmas customs as they are observed in other countries. Two talented young ladies, Moses Edwards Baynes and Laurie Stevens, both pupils of Mrs. J. A. Stallins, gave three vocal selections. They sang "Little Star of Bethlehem," "White Christmas" and "Kiss Me Once, and Kiss Me Twice." Their rendition of these favorite numbers was thoroughly enjoyed by the Lions. During the dinner Tail Twister Dick Wood was quite active in collecting fines. All members paid off in a most willing manner at this particular dinner as the "fines" were to go to a jolly-good cause—a Christmas gift for Jennie Scarborough, manager of the tea room. Club songs concluded the gala affair. January 3 was set for the next meeting night.

County Offices To Be Closed Two Days

Both Monday and Tuesday will find offices at the county court house closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays. It was announced Saturday by County Judge J. Lee Bowen. Business will be transacted as usual Monday morning. Local A. C. A. Office Will Be Closed December 24 and 25. The office of the local A. C. A. will be closed for Christmas on December 24 and 25. It was announced Thursday by the Secretary of Garza County A. C. A., James A. Boyd. It will reopen on Saturday, December 29 and remain open all day. The office will again close December 31 and January 1, remaining open on Saturday, January 5. Beginning January 7 the office will resume its regular office hours.

What They'll Be Doing Christmas....

A. C. Surman, Jr., of Galveston arrived a few days ago to spend a Christmas furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Surman. Gordon Montague who recently received his discharge from the Marine Corps is now living in Silverton. He will be engaged in stock farming, he announced. Gordon formerly was associated with the Double U Estate. Visitors in the H. L. Patten home for the holidays will be Tom Patten of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. June Caffey of Lubbock and Mrs. James Patten and baby of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Leffly Davis and daughter, Jerilyn, left Sunday for Cisco where they will be Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis and daughter. Giles Dalby arrived Saturday from Peacock Military Academy to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Dalby, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Connell. He was accompanied by a classmate who will spend the holiday vacation here. Miss Lois Nance of Kermit arrived in Post Friday night to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Nance.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darwood Billings are Mr. Billings' mother, Mrs. R. M. Billings and two brothers, Kenneth and Gerald, of Northfield, Vermont. Miss Maxine Durrett who is teaching in Lovington, New Mexico, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Durrett. Mrs. Dale Stone and son left Thursday for Coronada, California, where they will join Dale Stone who will dock in California in about the 29th. Dale is assigned to a troop transport. He wrote that he would sail from Japan. He expects to be discharged soon after arriving in the states. Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boone Evans are First Lt. and Mrs. Don Foster of Houston. Mrs. Foster is the former Miss Nedra Jo Evans. Lt. Foster expects to receive his discharge in about a month. Arriving home Friday night from Austin to spend the Christmas holidays was Bobby Cash, son of Mrs. Emma Cash of this city and a student of Texas University. Visiting overnight with him was Shelby Bewley, pre-med student at Texas University, who was en route to his home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cravy of California are visiting Mr. Cravy's parents during the Christmas holidays. Rev. and Mrs. Huron Poinac and children left Saturday for Comanche and Walnut Springs for a week's holiday visit with relatives. Misses Evelyn and Dorothy Parr of Dallas will spend several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Parr. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kirkpatrick and sons, Kay and Jack, left last Thursday for Pomona, California, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Kirkpatrick's mother. They will also visit in Los Angeles and plan to attend the Tournament of Roses as well as the Rose Bowl football game. They will return to Post about January 6. Mr. and Mrs. K. Stoker will spend Christmas Day in Abilene with her father, Mr. McFall, and other relatives. Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Nance of Justiceburg are Mr. Meeks of Walsh, Colorado, and their daughter, Lois, of Kermit. They arrived here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parks left Wednesday to spend the holidays in South Texas.

Army-Navy Slash Discharge Score To Release 837,000 Men

The Army and Navy announced last week another cutback in requirements for release from service which will make another 837,000 personnel eligible for release for discharge within the next two months. The holiday season also brought good news on the draft front when Selective Service announced a halt in the induction of fathers. The draft now will be limited to single men aged 18-25, although fathers with fewer than three children may be permitted to volunteer. Since V-E day last May, 6,000,000 men and women have been released from the service. Discharges are now running around one and one-half million a month and are being stepped up. The new Army-Navy discharge quota will be obtained by Army cuts of three to five points for enlisted men and women and most officers (35 to 50 for the enlisted personnel and 75 to 70 for male officers, other than those in the medical corps) effective Dec. 31, and by Navy cuts of one to eight points for all personnel effective on three dates—Jan. 1, Jan. 15 and Feb. 2.

Post Fire Department Elects New Officers At Recent Meeting

Ira Greenfield Re-elected Chief; Ralph Carpenter Named Assistant Chief. Post volunteer firemen met Wednesday night in the final session of 1945 at the city hall and elected officers to serve the department through the new year. Ira "Dad" Greenfield, who was returned to his old post of chief when he returned to Post several months ago after being discharged from the Army, was re-elected chief to serve through 1946. Greenfield replaced Dick Wood when he returned from the Army. Ralph Carpenter was elected assistant chief, and Jesse Barnes second assistant chief. Other officers elected were: Walter Holland, president, succeeding Homer McCrary; R. B. Dodson, re-elected secretary. Firemen named to driver places were: Dan Altman, first driver; Carl Hughes, second driver and Jesse Barnes, third driver. Walter Crider is fire marshal. The appointment is made each year by the City Commission. The department is now at full strength of eighteen members. In addition to those named above the members are: Homer McCrary, Reese Hodges, Bala Robinson, Ben Briggs, Charlie Williams, Dan Colburn, Mark Owens, Dick Wood, Marshall Gibson and Smokey Woods. During 1945 the department answered thirty fire calls. Most of the fires were of minor nature, including trash, out-buildings and automobile fires. The city paid \$471 to department members during the year. Firemen answering calls receive one dollar, and additional pay for fighting fires which last over an hour. Bonus pay of \$50 per meeting is paid each fireman. The department meets semi-monthly on the first and third Wednesday nights. Recognition Service Planned At Grassland Sunday. Recognition will be given discharged veterans and service men who are visiting their relatives next Sunday at the meeting service at the Methodist church of Grassland reports the Rev. J. J. Stephens, pastor of the church. "We wish to invite the entire community to attend this service and bring the service book with you," said the pastor. Last Sunday night a Christmas program was presented at the church. Besides the Christmas tree, a splendid program was rendered, reported Rev. Stephens. COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE HERE FOR HOLIDAYS. Boys and girls from several different colleges over the state have returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with parents and friends. Among those returning from Texas Tech are Marian Hodge, Alene Jones, Polly Cook, Marshall Mison, Buddy Malout, Holmes McLeh and Harold Sterie. Several from Baylor University had arrived over the week end including Zora Anne Outlaw, Mary Margaret Duckworth and Jeff Justice. Arriving Friday night from TSCW in Denton were Norma Hudson, Wanda Thomas, Iris Parker, Betty Williams and Billie Jane Robinson. Hazel Cash from McMurry arrived here Thursday.

Colorful General Dies In Germany, Burial In Europe

PATTON TO BE BURIED ON STORIED ROUTE OF HIS TANK ASSAULTS. America's great master of tank warfare, General George S. Patton, Jr., died in his sleep Friday of blood clot, which developed gangrene in his lungs and weakened his heart. Mrs. Patton, who flew to Germany soon after the general was injured in an automobile accident and was at his bed side when he died, decided immediately that the general would be buried in Europe, along the storied route of the powerful Third Army he drove to victory. The exact place of burial had not been decided, but presumably it will be in France. The funeral is to be held today. The colorful general, one of the greatest in American history, died 12 days after a hunting trip accident. His neck was broken in the mishap. Among the many messages which were sent to Mrs. Patton by leaders of the world is that of President Truman's which stated "The entire nation to whom his brilliant career has been a constant inspiration, has suffered a great loss."

Tire Rationing Ends Jan. 1, Supply Low

PRICE CONTROLS ARE RETAINED. Tire rationing will end January 1, Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced Thursday. The rationing program will terminate then, "because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been acute, has increased steadily during the past two months, reaching an output for this quarter of about 11,000,000," he said in making the announcement. Holders of tire purchase certificates will have through December 31 to turn in ration coupons to dealers and obtain passenger or truck tires before unrationed sales begin. No additional ration certificates are being issued, except in emergency cases. OPA price control over tires will be continued and would be "closely checked," declared the chief. Bowles warned that termination of rationing does not mean there is an ample supply of tires to meet all requests. "For many months it will remain important that motorists continue to do everything possible to avoid excessive wear and tear on tires. There will be many who will have to wait to get tires," he asserted. Local tire dealers say that many persons wanting tires would still be unable to get them when tire rationing ends, but all are happy that "red tape connected with rationing" will be lifted, and look to the end of rationing with a sigh of relief.

American Legion To Sponsor Second Clothing Campaign

W. S. DUCKWORTH TO BE IN CHARGE OF LEGION'S PART IN COUNTY DRIVE. W. S. Duckworth, who served as chairman for the James C. Cole American Legion post in sponsoring the local clothing drive this year, will promote the Legion's part in the county-wide clothing campaign which begins January 1. Mr. Duckworth has accepted the post and will promote the Legion's part in the county-wide clothing campaign which begins January 1. Mr. Duckworth has accepted the post and will promote the Legion's part in the county-wide clothing campaign which begins January 1. Mr. Duckworth has accepted the post and will promote the Legion's part in the county-wide clothing campaign which begins January 1.

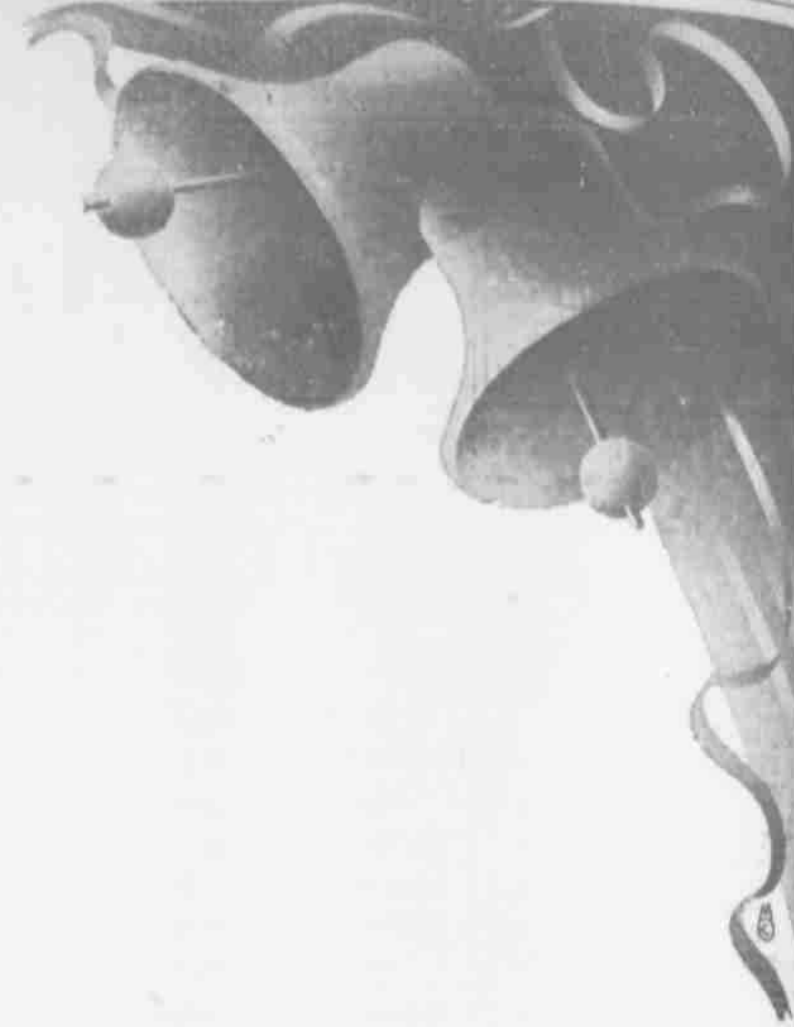
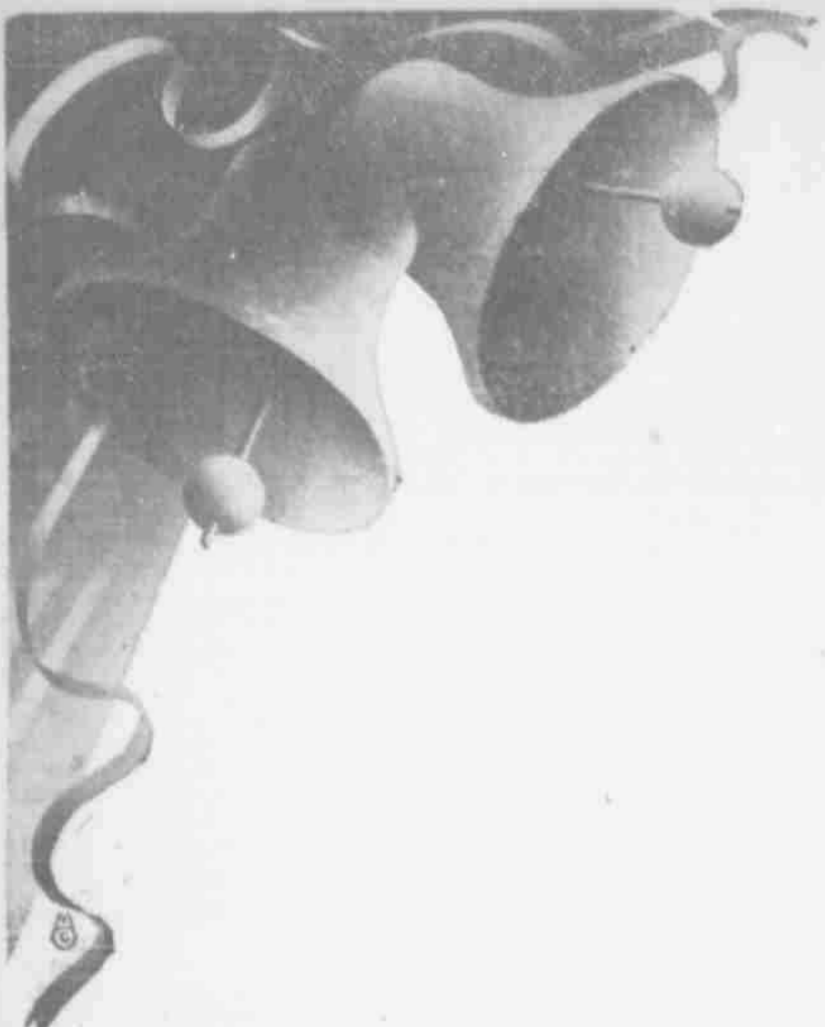
24-Pages Of Messages From Your Merchants

Christmas is a time of cheer, friendliness, unselfishness, gratitude and good will. It is in keeping with the spirit of the Yuletide season that the merchants and business men of Post send "Greetings" and "Thanks" to their patrons, wishing them health, happiness and prosperity in the glad time of the holiday season. This 24-page issue of the Dispatch, published three days in advance of regular publication date so that it may be in the hands of all subscribers before Christmas, is filled with Greeting ads from your merchants and businessmen. This is one way in which they feel that they can reach a large majority of their patrons. We, at the Post Dispatch, for want to join them in wishing you, our readers, the very best Christmas you've ever had and express gratitude for your loyalty and friendship. Read the advertisements... they're designed especially for you and convey sincere greeting and good will from the men and women who serve you.

GARZA COUNTY Oil Development ACTIVITIES...

The Garza central field, four miles south of Post, continued to hold the area spotlight last week with the completion of two more producers and the filling of application for a new test. Honolulu Oil Corporation continues to test deep areas. Completion of an east extension of the Garza central pool was reported last week when J. T. O'Leary No. 1 K. Stoker made 104.40 barrels of 29.3 gravity oil on 24-hour pumping test after the well was treated with 7,000 gallons of acid. Gravity of the oil, tested at 2,904-67 feet, was 35.6 degrees. The new well is in section 5, block 5, K. Aycock survey and on the east side of the Garza field. Herman and George R. Brown of Comanche Corporation have application to start drilling on the 16 Post estate, one half mile west of closest production on the west side of the Garza field. It will be 330 feet from south and east lines of section 9, block 5, K. Aycock survey. The test will go around 3,200 feet and is slated to be drilled immediately. Honolulu Oil Corporation No. 1 Stoker, in Pleasant Valley community, northwest Garza county, 4 miles north of the discovery of the PHD pool, but which sought drilling in the Ellenburger, has logged back to 9,300 feet, and is rehabbing on 16 perforations of the 5 1/2 inch casing at 9,232-40 and 18 perforations at 9,249-54 and 24 perforations at 9,267-72 feet. Only water is reported coming out from the new well. Scheduled To Arrive. J. S. Monico Griffin, Garza county soldier, was scheduled to arrive in New York Saturday on the ship Washington from the open theater. Only Few Days Remain To Buy Daily Papers. Subscribers to daily newspapers have only a few days left in which they may renew their subscriptions at special rates advertised below. The Post Dispatch has already received notice from the Abilene Reporter-News to withdraw their clubbing rates with the Dispatch on December 31. The special clubbing offer on the Post Dispatch and Lubbock Avalanche and Star Telegram, however, will be withdrawn December 31. Clubbing rates are as follows: The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (six days only) and the Post Dispatch, for only—\$10.45 The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (six days only) and the Post Dispatch, for only—\$9.25 Giving you a saving of \$2.75. No new subscriptions accepted for the Star Telegram, and no label must accompany all orders. Another special clubbing offer is the Abilene Reporter daily and Sunday, with the Post Dispatch, for only—\$8.45 New subscriptions are accepted on this offer. We wish to remind subscribers that the Post Dispatch of December 24 until Saturday, December 29. The office will be closed Saturday for the purpose of renewing subscriptions, but the plant will remain closed until Monday, December 31.





Greetings

The Memory of Friends...



Maybe the person who said "there is no sentiment in business" is right, but he would have a hard time convincing us that it is true—and we strongly suspect that we have lots of company.

Our thoughts turn back over the years. Some recollections are vivid and some are misty. Out of it all comes a picture of many wonderful friends. Small wonder then, that we cannot agree with anyone who says there is no sentiment in business.

Believe us, we are truly thankful, and in that spirit we extend to you the wish that this will be much the happiest Christmas of your life.

MASON & COMPANY





*We Know What
We'd Do...*

IF WE WERE SANTA

We know exactly what we would do if we had the opportunity of making old Santa's "run" this Christmas. First, we'd see to it that every one in this community received all the nice things so richly deserved as a reward for their loyal patronage and genuine friendships.

Then, we'd find a way to make it clear to all the people around here that the sentiment expressed in this Christmas message is from the bottom of our hearts.

We know there are no finer people anywhere than those whom it is our privilege to serve. Many times this has been proven to us and we are certain that when Santa's sack is emptied, a large share of its contents will have been left with the people here.

Since we can't take Santa Claus' place, please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends:
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Stevens Style Shop

Gladys Stevens Hyde

Evolution Given Of Santa Claus

St. Nicholas and Santa Claus met at the Sunday School Christmas party and, being spirt of busy right then, agreed to rendezvous at midnight under the Christmas tree.

St. Nicholas, a lean Asiatic wearing his mitre and canonical robes, spoke first:

"I lived in Asia Minor some 1600 years ago. I was Archbishop of Myra and, while living on earth, I did drop a few purses of gold down a poor man's chimney so his daughters could be supplied with dowries. European countries celebrate my liturgical Feast Day—December 6—as a day of gift-giving and for centuries I rode across Europe on my old gray mare; my pockets bulged with apples and nuts and trinkets, which I gave to good children while switching the naughty



Santa at army outpost.

ones with my bundle of birch rods. But what is all this Christmas business—and where did that red suit come from?"

"When the Dutch settlers came to America," replied Santa Claus. "They brought many legends about St. Nicholas with them. These legends, with writers and cartoonists cooperating, gradually slipped into American traditions; Santa Claus started coming around at Christmas time; Washington Irving suggested the sleigh and reindeer in 1809; Thomas Nast supplied the red suit, and Dr. Clement Moore sort of tied the whole idea together when he wrote 'The Visit of St. Nicholas' in 1822."

Someone forgot to turn out the lights after the Sunday School party—and St. Nicholas was so interested in Santa's zippered boots that he forgot his bundle of birch rods.

Connecticut is called the Nutmeg state.

A Merry Christmas



★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it. Even the birds—what few remain—appear to share in the general rejoicing that has come over the world.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season of 1945 will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours . . . that it will bring to your home the soft glow that even Christmas tree lights cannot bequeath—the full joy of Christmas seasons long past but forever remembered. May such a Christmas be yours!

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU

We hope you have enjoyed using

GULF PRODUCTS

As Much As We Have Enjoyed Selling Them

Gulf Service Station
F. C. McANALLY

Greetings for the "HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS"

Since 1940



How wonderful it is for us to again say "Merry Christmas" to you—and really mean it! For this is truly a "merry" Christmas. At least there is world peace, once again homes are complete with sons, husbands, fathers back to help decorate the tree, command the turkey drumstick, add spirit and cheer to the Season. Yes, it's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that we are wishing you and it is with heartfelt appreciation that we sincerely thank you for your kind and understanding patience during the war. Now that peace is here, we shall be able to serve you better, please you more. We look forward to your continued valued patronage.

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT COMPANY

Justiceburg News

Mrs. J. R. Key, Correspondent

A Christmas tree was held at the school house Friday afternoon, sponsored by the Mother's club. A program was presented by the school children. A nice group of fathers and mothers attended.

The Bible Study class met at the home of Mrs. Sidney Cross Thursday afternoon for the Christmas meeting. Following the program, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parchman were in Snyder Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Reed and family of Santa Anna, Calif., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reed and daughter, Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGinnis and son visited relatives at Amarillo last week.

Mrs. Cecil Smith and daughter, Saeeter, were in Lubbock Tuesday.

Old Nanee was in Sweetwater Thursday.

Mrs. Hern Pettigrew and children of Slaton visited her mother and other relatives here.

SGT. JACK BURROWS BACK IN STATES FROM PACIFIC

Sgt. Jack Burrows who has been with the Service Command Unit of the U. S. Army in the Pacific for twenty-four months landed in the States last Thursday. He called his wife, the former Miss Nita Ramsay, saying not to expect him home for Christmas but to look for him soon after with discharge papers in his pocket. He will go to Fort Bliss, El Paso, from Riverside, California, and will pick up his discharge there.

When first going overseas Jack was stationed on Guadalcanal. From there he went to Bougainville and his last station was on Hollandia.

Guests in the Keith Kemp home last week were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rumber of Modesto, California, and Mr. Cinecie Thurman, just home after two years service with the Army in the Pacific, Mr. Billy Thurman, Miss Margalene Ripoy, and Barry Neal Ford all of Amarillo. This group with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas and Wanda enjoyed a holiday dinner Friday in the Kemp home.

Family Reunions:

Christmas, traditional occasion for family reunions finds Posties entertaining many relatives and friends this season. Many families are all together for the first time in several years. A round of events for the visitors, many of whom are servicemen and college students, fill the holiday calendar. Then, too, many Post families are "going visiting" this year.

J. E. Parker Family To Observe Traditional Christmas Eve Party

Following a custom of several years, a Christmas Eve family party will be held again this year in the J. E. Parker home. Exchanging of gifts from a daily decorated Christmas tree will follow the Christmas supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Brock and daughter of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas and two daughters of Grassland, Iris Joy Parker, freshman student in Texas State College for Women in Denton, and Holmes McElsh, freshman student from Texas Tech College in Lubbock, will join the Parkers in the Christmas celebration.

Reunion At Williams' Home

Another Christmas reunion is that being observed by the family of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams. With the arrival of younger daughter, Betty, from TSCW in Denton on Friday, the immediate family circle was complete. Buddy, who spent last Christmas overseas, arrived from Texas Technological college earlier in the week. Frances and small son, Jay, who have been making their home here sometime, were joined a few days ago by her husband, Captain Avenoux, who received his honorable discharge last week.

Payton Holding Reunion

A reunion of the D. R. Payton family will be held during the holidays at the Payton home in Pleasant Valley community. Bruce Payton, RM 1-6 of the Navy, who has been stationed at Corpus Christi after serving about eighteen months in the Pacific, was the first of the family to arrive. He came in Friday morning.

Others who will arrive for several days visit are Lucille Payton of Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Payton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payton and family of Roswell, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Payton of Borger and Jim Payton of Arkansas.

Ferguson Family Reunion

Members of the Ferguson family will spend the Christmas holidays in Tulsa in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Ferguson. Among those who plan to go to Tulsa are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jewel, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clary and son of Wilson.

Mrs. Irene Rodgers Home Scene of Happy Reunion

The Christmas spirit of happiness and good cheer is found, too, in another Post home this holiday season as Mrs. Irene Rodgers welcomes her children and guests.

Lt. Dan Rodgers, USNR, arrived in Post Tuesday from overseas duty on Quam. He went on to Plainview immediately to see his wife, the former Miss Dorothy Looper, who has been making her home with her parents. The couple returned to Post and will remain here until after Christmas Day. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Looper, will join the happy group in the Rodgers home for Christmas Day. Lt. Rodgers has to report to New Orleans on January

Santa Letters:

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 4 years old, I want a wheelbarrow, a play horse and a telephone. Bring my sister what she wants. Bring candy, nuts and fruit. Think of all the other boys and girls.
Jerry Ray

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the 3rd grade and go to Post to school. I want an ankle chain and neck-lace, game and a telephone. Don't forget my little brother, he is 4. Think of the other boys and girls. Please bring nuts, fruit and candy too.
Maudie Fay Ray

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little girl three years old. Please bring me a dolly and a doll bed and a table and chairs and anything else you want too. Thank you for visiting my Daddy Paul in Korea.
Claireta Kay Hedrick

W. H. JOHNSON LANDS IN STATES FROM JAPAN

Mrs. W. H. Johnson received a telegram Wednesday from her husband, Pfc. Johnson of the Infantry, that he had arrived in the States. He has been overseas six months and was first stationed in Manila. From there he went to Yokohama and then to Tokio. He informed his wife, who is employed at Greenfield Hardware Company, that he expects to be sent to San Antonio soon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Sgt. Kenny Cash Back In States

Mrs. Lorene Cash Puckett has received word from her husband, Sgt. Kenny Cash, that he is back in the states and will be en route to a separation center at San Antonio soon. Kenny, son of Mrs. Emma Cash, has been overseas eighteen months and was stationed in Japan when he received orders to come back to the states.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Herring and daughter, Paula, will spend Christmas Day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Watson.

Glen Adams visited a few days ago with his parents in Vernon.

Ernest Griffith, husband of the former Rosejean Rodgers, arrived here from Colorado City Saturday night.

Other guests who will arrive here Christmas Day are Novis Rodgers and his wife and small daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boren of Snyder.

IT'S A PLEASANT CUSTOM AT CHRISTMAS

It is a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide season by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas.

We like to think of each of you as a friend and that our success, whatever it may be, is just a reflection of yours.

Our wish is that these friendly associations have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us. May the coming months bring you a large share of prosperity and happiness.

**We Appreciate Your Business,
Visit Us Anytime . . .**

Mr. and Mrs. "Whitie"

CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

WHITIE'S CAFE

B. L. "WHITIE" GRAHAM



*To Our Patrons
To Our Friends*

PARKER'S BAKERY
— J. E. Parker —

The Four FREEDOMS

FREEDOM OF SPEECH
To say Merry Christmas

FREEDOM OF PRESS
To wish you a Happy New Year

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY
To renew old friendships

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP
To give thanks for the blessings that are ours



W. A. GRAY
Furniture Store

WE LOOK HOPEFULLY TO THE FUTURE

We eagerly await the coming of the New Year because we are confident that it will bring untold happiness and joy and contentment for each of us. From the exigencies of the turbulent months just closing we find courage to face the future. Americans have been united closer than ever before and from this attitude will grow a more tolerant feeling for our fellow man.

We await the future with great anticipation and take comfort at this glad Christmastime from the friendships which we have enjoyed in the past.

Southwestern Associated Telephone Co.

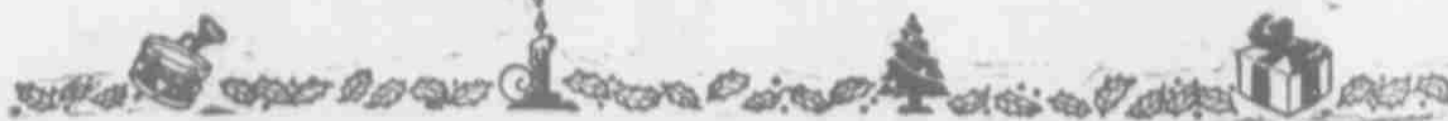
Christmas

Has a Meaning of Its Own

Every holiday occasion has its significance but none can compare with the Christmas Season. It is the one time of the year when all are united in one common attitude of good will toward fellowmen.

Christmas is always a welcome event with us. The reasons are twofold, first, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that predominates everywhere, second, because it affords us an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to those whom we serve, for their cooperation in the past. It is also fitting that we, at the same time, invite your continued patronage, as well as the consideration of those whom it has not been our pleasure to serve.

We hope this will be a Merry Christmas for you, one and all. We also wish you all the joys of a happy, successful New Year, one in which you will see the fulfillment of your every ambition. Best wishes to everyone!



TO OUR SERVICEMEN WHO ARE STILL AWAY FROM HOME WE ARE HOPING YOU'LL ALL BE HOME VERY SOON

GREENFIELD HARDWARE CO.

Society - Clubs

Mrs. Bonnie Cearley, Society Editor, Phone 187J

Culture Club Met For Their Holiday Party Last Week

Mmes. Lee Davis, Ted Hibbs, and B. J. Edwards were hostesses Wednesday night to members of the Culture club in the Davis home. Eleven members attended this party which was the Christmas affair which is part of each year's program.

The roll call was answered by giving a Christmas joke or jingle. "A Christmas Carol" was sung by Mrs. L. A. Presson. "A Christmas Story" was impressively read by Mrs. B. E. Young.

During the business session the club voted to send a money gift to McCloskey Hospital at Temple as their Christmas gesture. Also they voted to buy another Victory bond to add to the general fund.

A very colorful refreshment plate consisting of holiday salad,

First Grade Pupils Have Christmas Party Last Friday

Young pupils of Mrs. Thomas' first grade room enjoyed a Christmas party Friday, December 21, from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Truett Fry offered the hospitality of her home so the children might have their party before Christmas. Several mothers attended and helped with the arrangements.

Gifts were piled under a beautifully decorated tree within a circle formed by sacks of fruit and candy and boxes of nuts.

The children excitedly opened gifts from their little friends and enjoyed eating the fruit and sweets.

chocolate angel food cake, colored mints and coffee was served by the hostesses.

Miss Shirley Bowen Honored With A Bridal Shower

Miss Shirley Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bowen, was honored last Thursday night with a bridal shower. Mmes. Ira L. Duckworth, Ray Smith, W. L. Davis, O. L. Weakley, and J. P. Manly were hostesses in the Duckworth home.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Duckworth, Miss Bowen, and Mrs. Bowen. The holiday season was used as a theme for decorations throughout the entertaining rooms.

The table was centered by an arrangement of winter berries and greenery. Burning red tapers cast a glow over the silver service from which tea was poured. Small iced cakes were served. Misses Gradyline Osborne, Maxine Tucker, and Frances Terry assisted at the table.

A lovely array of gifts was on display. Guests registered in the brides' book. Clever little corsages of winter berries and autumn leaves were worn by all members of the house party.

Miss Bowen is to be married soon to Ray Ownby, jr., of McCloud, Oklahoma. He was discharged last month after serving three years as a sergeant in the Air Corps.

Seventh Birthday Celebrated By Joyce Phariss

Little Miss Joyce Marie Phariss celebrated her seventh birthday Friday, December 21, when her mother was hostess to a group of little friends from 2:30 till 4:00 p. m.

Several games were played by the youngsters with Mrs. Leslie Livingston directing them. Pictures of the children were taken and also of Joyce Marie and her birthday cake.

The birthday cake was iced in white with pink candles and Happy Birthday letters. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Sid Pierce in serving the cake and ice cream to Joyce Marie and Leslie Anita Nichols, Betty Howard, Wanda and Marion Bratcher, Carroll Gann, Ruby Montgomery, Frances Curb, Joye and L. W. Evans, Martha Mae Cearley, Raymond Gary, Glenda Rose and Scotty Joe Pierce.

Merry Makers Club

On Tuesday, December 4, seventeen members of the Merry Makers club and one visitor, Mrs. Adamson, met at the club room for the annual Christmas party.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Helen Livingston; vice-president, Pearl Crisp; secretary-treasurer, Sadie Storie, and reporter, Mabel Caldwell.

Following the business meeting, gifts were exchanged from around the gaily decorated tree. Refreshments of fruits, nuts and candy were served in keeping with the holiday occasion.

Christmas Party Given For Third Grade Pupils Friday

Third grade pupils in Mrs. Nola Bristler's room were entertained by Mrs. Bristler and third grade room mothers, Mmes. Carl Hughes, Truett Fry, Ted Ray, Weldon Duden and J. A. Bird, in the home of Mrs. Tommie Anderson on Friday afternoon.

The traditional Christmas games and decorations were used to entertain the guests and gifts were exchanged from a gaily decorated tree.

Miss Barbara Jo Cox arrived home this week from Lovington, N. M., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Barbara will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jqs Hendrix in Labbock on Christmas.

Open House Held In Home of Iris Parker

Open house was held in the home of Iris Parker, who arrived in Post Friday night, December 21 from TSCW in Denton, on Saturday night, December 22. After a reunion and greeting of all present, dancing, card games, and visiting was enjoyed by the large group.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cake and punch, were served in the dining room which was lighted by a large white candle placed in the center of the beautifully decorated table.

Many other informal parties such as dances, luncheons, and slumber parties are planned by the group for the Christmas holidays.

Seniors of '44 Enjoy Annual Banquet

The Senior class of '44 enjoyed its annual reunion banquet for the second consecutive year on Saturday night, December 22. After greetings were exchanged, everyone was ushered into the dining room where a delicious menu of steak, potato salad, green beans, vegetable salad, hot rolls and coffee were served.

Some were unable to attend because of illness or other unforeseen circumstances and many of the boys of the class who are now in the armed forces were unable to be present. The twenty-one of the forty-nine members of the class who attended include: Marshall Mason, jr., Mary M. Duckworth, Zora Anne Outlaw, Buddy Malouf, Jeff Justice, Melba Miller, Sgt. Johnny Thomas, Hazel Cash, Elsie Jasey, Alene Brewer, Pvt. James Lee Smith, Kenneth Turner, James Lucas, J. D. Wall, Donald Windham, Bettye Travis, Jeanette Gilmore, Johnnie Ruth Cato, Kathryn Childress and Alvin Davis.

Rotarians Observe Annual Yuletide Party Recently

One of the first parties of the Christmas season was observed recently when Rotarians were hosts with the annual Yule party in honor of Rotary Ann.

The traditional holiday theme was stressed in program, decorations and menu for the occasion. Dr. D. C. Williams served as toastmaster for the delightfully informal affair. John Lott, in a red Santa suit was the official Santa Claus and presented each Rotary Ann, each guest and Rotarians their gifts from the brightly lighted tree.

The musical program, presented by the Melody Maids and other pupils of Mrs. J. A. Stallings, was a highlight of the party. Mrs. B. M. Robinson assisted Mrs. Stallings in the program.

Sixty-four persons attended.

Giles Children At Home

Vernon Giles, who was discharged from the Army two months ago and who has been working for an oil company in Oklahoma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles until after the holidays. Vernon served overseas many months and saw action in Italy. Another son, Gene, is also visiting the Giles until after the holidays.

Mitchell Bowen Family To Hold Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bowen are expecting all their children home for Christmas. Miss Shirley is here and Gayle, coxswain in the Navy, arrived last Thursday, and T-3 Jerrald landed December 16 in New York from Europe. He is expected to receive his discharge from Camp Fannin.

ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER



We'd like to see each of you personally, of course, to wish you all the good things we can think of for you and yours.

May this message convey to you our sincere admiration and appreciation of those whom it is our privilege to serve.

Your friendship is valued most highly and because of these fine associations, we welcome the chance to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

CHARLIE BOWEN
Service Station & Garage

There Will Always Be Christmas



No matter what turn of events, no matter what may befall us, somehow, someday, Christmas is sure to come. It may be with scores of remembrances from those we know—it may only be a word of good cheer from one real friend, but from these expressions comes the true appreciation of the Christmas season.

And for that reason, there will always be a Christmas. And as long as there is a Christmas we welcome the opportunity it affords to express our greetings to everyone.

GALE'S BEAUTY SHOP
PHONE 901-F32

Miss Skeeter Smith's Third Grade Pupils Enjoy Party Friday

Twenty-five third grade pupils Miss Skeeter Smith enjoyed a Christmas party Friday afternoon at the First Methodist church. Gifts were exchanged around the tree and gifts of fruits, nuts and sweets were provided by the mothers.

Pupils who attended were: Jack E. Gerald Bradley, Kathryn Williams, Johnnie Faye Graham, El Dale, Sherrie Hayes, Sofia Gomez, Jimmie Hutton, Juanita Gomez, Thelma Mae Johnson, Arlene Gary, Maude Fay Ray, Don Kay Kennedy, Don Adams, Ray Gibson, Junior Smith and Dee Gibson.

Mothers who assisted in entertaining were: Mrs. J. P. Ray, Travis Gilmore, Gene Kennedy, and R. B. Taylor. Mothers were: Gene Kennedy, Jerry Gilmore, Jerry Martin and Dixie Williams.

Miss and Mrs. Claiborne Pirtle and daughter flew in Friday afternoon from Walsh, Colorado, to spend the holidays here with relatives. They made the trip by air plane and one-half hours.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're Glad It's...
"CHRISTMAS"
SO WE CAN SAY
"THANKS FOLKS"
THAXTON CLEANERS
C. R. THAXTON

Christmas SPELLS

"HAPPINESS"

The long awaited occasion is here—CHRISTMAS—and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships. We can't tell you how much these friendships have meant to us. We treasure them, every one.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

CONOCO

We Thank You For Your Patronage

Triangle Service Station
John and Paul Davis

Herring's

ANNOUNCEMENT...

WE TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING OUR APPOINTMENT AS EXCLUSIVE DEALER IN POST FOR

STROMBERG-CARLSON RADIOS

"The finest name in radio"

The First Model...

a console, will be on display in a few days. You are cordially invited to see and hear the first Post-War...

STROMBERG-CARLSON

Beginning today you are invited to place your name on our waiting list for the model you prefer.

Through prosperity and peace—through adversity and war, we have always enjoyed greeting our friends at Christmastime. And so again we send greetings with the hope that your future will always be bright with the light of liberty and broad in the freedoms as we know them so that you may enjoy all the fine things that freedom brings.



THOUGH THE EARTH ROCK, THESE THINGS MUST NEVER CHANGE—

LIBERTY—FREEDOM
the **SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS**
CARMICHAEL VARIETY STORE



A BLANKET of snow on the roof, and firelight, the lovely litter of Christmas on the living room floor. Certainly there's a Santa Claus, and as we wish you a Merry Christmas we add this wish for good measure: May good old St. Nicholas come laden, this Christmas of 1945, with more of the good things of life for you than you have ever before enjoyed.

RICKER'S LAUNDRY SERVICE

Colorado City Attorneys Form Law Partnership

Chas. C. Thompson and H. E. Griffith have this week announced the formation of a law partnership, with offices in the City National Bank Building in Colorado City. Concurrently, B. L. Templeton, formerly a partner with Chas. C. Thompson, has announced the opening of his law office in Abilene. Thompson and Griffith will engage in the general practice of law before the state and federal courts and administrative bodies.

Mr. Thompson has been in active practice in Mitchell county since 1923, except for three terms served as county judge. He is well known throughout this section, both in connection with his law practice and his outside interests. In addition to his law practice, Judge Thompson is actively engaged in practical agriculture, both stock raising and farming, in finance, with particular regard to agriculture, and in education. He is at present a member of the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Administration, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Texas Technological College, and President of the City National Bank of Colorado City. He has in the past served as secretary-treasurer of the Colorado National Farm Loan Association, and assisted in organizing the Production Credit Administration. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Griffith, recently released from active duty with the U. S. Navy, is a lifetime resident of Mitchell County. He is the husband of a Post girl, the former Miss Rose Jean Rodgers, and is well known here, having visited in Post many times. He is a graduate of Lorraine High school, Texas Technological college, and the Georgetown University Law School, of Washington, D. C. While attending law school, he worked in the office of Representative George Mahon, and after admission to the bar in 1939, was employed as assistant counsel in the Federal agency known as the National Capitol Housing Authority, in Washington, D. C. He entered the naval service December, 1941, and was released to inactive duty in November, 1945, with the rank of lieutenant, USNR. He served as communication officer on destroyers during his active duty. He is a member of the State of Texas and the District of Columbia Bar.

Slaton Goes Over Top On E-Bond Sales

Slaton is one of the few towns of the area to over-subscribe its E-Bond quota. Total purchases in the Victory Loan for Slaton now stands at \$79,324.25, compared to a \$69,000 quota.

Letters To Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big teddy bear, rocking chair and a negro dolly. Remember other little boys and girls too.
Jerilyn Davies

Dear Santa Claus: I am not asking for much this year—just a doll and whatever else you want to bring me. I am eight years old and in the second grade.
Wanda Fay Baker

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old and in the first grade at school. Please bring me a little set of dishes and a doll and don't forget my baby brother.
Charlene Baker

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little boy four years old. Santa will you please bring me a cowboy gun, and a little truck and some fireworks and anything else you have left after you visit the other little boys and girls?
Jerry Windham

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy two years old and have been fairly good. Please bring me a toy tractor, aeroplane, drum, candy, fruit and nuts. And please remember my daddy who is overseas.
Carol Dean Pate

Greetings

The warmth and cheer of the Christmas fireside, and the feeling of good living which it represents—may it be with you all next year and the years following.

No lines attribute can we find than is manifest by the splendid patronage you gave us this past year and we are also thankful for your indulgence of our efforts to serve you under abnormal conditions.

We will do the very best we can, that we pledge, and look forward to the time when we may all resume our normal place and when the Christmas fireside will see the reunion of those we love.

This thought we cherish as we wish this Christmas a host of good things for you and yours.



W. O. THAXTON

GULF PRIDE SERVICE STATION



To You and Yours

Wilkinson Lumber Co.

R. E. Cox Robert Cox

CHRISTMAS Spells HAPPINESS

and we are wishing much happiness for our patrons and friends this Christmas... "THANK YOU" For Your Patronage.

Turkey Dinner
Will Be Served On Christmas Day

ALGERITA COFFEE SHOP

We Celebrate
CHRISTMAS

As we pause in the observance of this gala occasion, we wish to send a sincere message containing our Yuletide wish to each of you.

On this great day of festivity we wish you all the joys and happiness you so richly deserve as a reward for your loyalty and goodwill. We are humbly grateful for the friendships we have enjoyed and for the many kindnesses accorded us during the year just coming to a close. We hope that all of you may be favored with health, happiness and the contentment that comes from them.

W. S. DUCKWORTH TEXAS COMPANY



There's no "sanity clause" in the Hoosier Hot Shots' perennial contract as the nation's nuttiest nonsense music-makers! The "Concert Kings" of the movies and the National Barn Dance air show are all set to strike a Yuletide note as Santa's understudies of song, featuring their "Christmas tree"—the much bedecked Hoosier Hot Shot musical washboard.

Reason for Eight Reindeers
Have you ever stopped to think why St. Nicholas drives eight reindeer instead of one? You haven't? Well, let's pause for a moment and figure it out.

St. Nicholas is a mythical character; he rides in a mythical sleigh, carries a mythical bag, and drives mythical reindeer. The creators of St. Nicholas knew that one reindeer would do the job, but in order to make the character more impressive and longer remembered, they hitched a matched unit of eight to the sleigh.

Best Wishes for Christmas

Time To Hang Up Your Stocking

★ One of the biggest items in your Christmas stocking this Yule season of 1945 will be our note of thanks to you and our wish for the biggest, merriest, happiest Christmas you have ever had.

ARBETH'S BEAUTY SHOP

Christmas Good Cheer 1945

Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons: First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-pervading; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1945 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.

HAMILTON DRUG
Prescription Druggist

Question And Answer Column
For The Benefit of Garza World War II Veterans

This space is devoted to questions and answers of interest to Garza County returning service men. It will be published for a while as a regular feature. For additional information contact Geo. Sessums office, 703-5, Lubbock National bank building, Lubbock.

Q. What determines a veterans entitlement to medical treatment?
A. Need of hospital treatment must be shown before a veteran may be admitted to a Veterans Administration Hospital.

Q. If a man has applied for and has been denied a pension, is he entitled to the benefit provided by the G. I. Bill?
A. The fact that a man has been denied a pension does not disqualify him for any of the benefits provided in that bill.

Q. Can a veteran who has continued his National Service Life Insurance after discharge reduce the amount of his policy?
A. Yes, he may reduce the amount of his insurance. However, the amount of insurance continued must be a multiple of \$500.00 and not less than \$1,000.00.

Q. When a soldier changes the name of the beneficiary of his National Service Life Insurance is the beneficiary notified?
A. Neither beneficiary is notified unless the soldier has made a specific request that the Veterans Administration do so.

Q. Is a veteran limited to one loan to be guaranteed by the Government?
A. A veteran is not limited to one loan. He may execute any number of loans provided the aggregate of guarantees under such loans does not exceed \$2,000 for any one veteran.

Q. Does the remarriage of the widow of a veteran who is receiving pension for herself and children stop the amount payable to the children?
A. Only the pension payable to the widow will be stopped.

Q. What is the official designation of the so called G. I. Bill?
A. The permanent converted policies do, but the five year level premium term policy initially issued does not.

With Our Sincere Best Wishes We Extend

GREETINGS
of the

Christmas Season

Grant that more happier days are just ahead.

DOUGHTY Hardware Co.

Vets To Profit Most On The New Housing Program

Veterans are expected to get the lions share on homes built under the government's new housing program, according to Washington Federal officials working out details of the program.

President Truman recently ordered that veterans be given preference in the sale or rental of new homes costing \$10,000 or less. It has been estimated that at least seventy-five per cent of all homes built next year may be purchased or rented by veterans.

Miss "Boo" Presson of Dallas will arrive Sunday to visit for several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Presson, and to visit with her brother, Glendon, who just recently returned from many months duty overseas. The Pressons other son, Kent, is still in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thaxton left Saturday morning for El Paso to be holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McPherson.

G. I. Bill of Rights Is Liberalized

Congress last week approved and sent to the White House a measure liberalizing benefits to veterans under the GI Bill of Rights.

The bill included a provision amending the loan guaranty so that the government may guarantee a veteran's home or business loan up to \$4,000 instead of the \$2,000 maximum previously set.

The age clause requiring veterans who were over 25 when they entered the service to prove their education was interrupted, in order to qualify for educational opportunities, was eliminated.

Subsistence allowances for veterans undergoing schooling are increased from \$50 to \$65 for single men or women, and from \$75 to \$90 for those with dependents, and from \$92 to \$103 for disabled veterans taking vocational training.

Mrs. Betty Justice left Friday for a visit with her children in Bakersfield, Calif. While there she will visit Lt. and Mrs. "Cotton" Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Efford McCrary, and "Pokey" Ammons, and will be a guest of relatives near Bakersfield.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

IDEAL LAUNDRY
H. J. DIETRICH PHONE 150J

Season's Greetings

A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

a Happy, Prosperous New Year, too!

The observance of the Christmas season is an essential part of the American way of life. Other nations observe the Yuletide, 'tis true, but it remains for Americans to celebrate the occasion in a spirit that closely follows the goal of everyone—the pursuit of happiness, the right to live our lives as we choose.

Christmas, but for the privilege of being an American as well.

We are a free people and will remain so. Our youth has gone to the far corners of the world that we may maintain the principles upon which this nation was founded. Our boys have been victorious and will continue to be victorious.

And from these victories will come more happy Christmas seasons and a continuation of our way of life.

That's why, at this glad season of the year, it is appropriate to give thanks not only for the origin of

The City of Post

J. A. STALLINGS, Mayor
CITY COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES

May This Be The...

Happiest

Christmas

You and Yours Have Ever Had!

From All the Folks at the Court House:

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| J. LEE BOWEN, County Judge | HARVEY MOREMAN, County Treasurer |
| ERNEST HENDERSON, Com. Precinct No. 1 | MRS. CECIL THAXTON, State Dept. of Public Welfare |
| ALICE PARSONS, Com. Precinct No. 2 | MAXINE TUCKER, OPA Clerk |
| WREN CROSS, Com. Precinct No. 3 | LUCILLE MEADOR, Selective Service Board |
| W. T. PARCHMAN, Com. Precinct No. 4 | RAY N. SMITH, County and District Clerk |
| DEAN A. ROBINSON, County Superintendent | THELMA BLEVINS, Deputy |
| PERCY PRINTZ, Sheriff, Assessor, Collector | CARL WEBB, County Attorney |
| DORIS DRIVER, Deputy | |

GARZA

Dec. 25 - Jan. 3

TUESDAY — December 25th . . .
YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOW . . .

IRENE DUNNE
ALEXANDER KNOX CHARLES COBURN
COLUMBIA'S **OVER 21**
No Wahoo Today

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY . . . Dec. 26 - 27
— AGAIN FOR YOUR PLEASURE! —

THE ALL-STAR ADVENTURE-SPECTACLE OF ALL TIME IN GLORIOUS Technicolor!
More thrills than the screen ever gave you!
GARY COOPER · MADELEINE CARROLL
Cecil B. DeMille's **"NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE"**
Produced and Directed by Cecil B. DeMille
A Paramount Picture

Friday and Saturday Dec. 28 - 29
Also— Terror of the Jungle
"WHITE PONGO"
Scouting **ALLAN LANE**
HELEN TALBOT TOM LONDON
TWINKLE WATTS KOT BARCROFT

FOR THAT LAST MINUTE PRESENT . . .

GIVE Entertainment THIS YEAR THEATRE Gift BOOKS
The Perfect Answer to the Puzzled Shopper
You Give SO MUCH for SO LITTLE!
\$1 - \$250 - \$5
FOR SALE AT OUR BOX OFFICE

SUNDAY - MONDAY . . . Dec. 30 - 31

Click your hands! Tap your feet! Here's the best of the musical show!
Frank SINATRA
Kathryn GRAYSON
Gene KELLY
IN MUSIC
"ANCHORS AWEIGH"
IN TECHNICOLOR
with JOSE ITURBI
plus
NEWS CARTOON

MONDAY NITE . . . 11:30 P. M.
New Year's Eve Show

Meet the babe who rates these 21-which is best?
COLUMBIA'S **BLONDE from BROOKLYN**
with Robert Douglas · Lynn Merrick
Douglas Hall · Jerry Tracy

FUN FOR ALL!! . . . And All For Fun!!
GET UP A PARTY!
There's no better place to welcome in the New Year— Lots going on and a swell show too!

TUESDAY . . . Jan. 1

COLUMBIA PICTURES presents
SNAFU
From the Broadway play!
Play — "WAHOO" — Too!

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY . . . Jan. 1 - 2

She said "Yes" only ONCE... and that was once too often!
COLUMBIA PICTURES presents
Rosalind **RUSSELL · BOWMAN**
She Wouldn't Say Yes
Produced and Directed by Harry Davenport · Sara Haden

Large Crowd Enjoys Second "Fun Night"

The second of a series of "Fun Nights," planned by the athletic department of Post High school, was well patronized and enjoyed by last Thursday night's crowd. Proceeds from the entertainments go towards buying football sweaters.

The high school girls edged out the girls' outsider team 40-14 in the first game. The second game played between the high school boys team and an outsiders boys team proved to be the most exciting of the season. After a see-saw battle, the outsiders team was finally defeated with a score of 20-18. High point players for these teams were not announced.

Last but not least was the game played between faculty members and preachers and the local business men. After four quarters of hard struggle the faculty members and preachers won, N. C. Outlaw proved to be the star player for the businessmen's team as he rolled up a total score of two points made at the opposite goal with an extra basketball furnished by fans and spectators. Acting as official manager for both teams, R. L. Cummings, sr., modestly garbed in a T-shirt and beany cap and red flannel athletic pants and carrying a water bucket, towel and a megaphone, kept both spectators in an uproar.

CLOTHING DRIVE

(Continued From Front Page) worth. Committees to carry on the campaign, and an appeal to the various service clubs of Post to select their committees, will be arranged between now and January 1.

Garza County made a very creditable showing in the last clothing drive and it is hoped will do equally well in the coming campaign.

Hakeyes is the nickname applied to Iowans.

WANT-ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE— 1940 Model G John Deere tractor with 4-row equipment. A-1 condition, good rubber. 2 miles west of Garza. W. L. Parrish. 2tp

FOR SALE— 4-room house to be moved. Inquire Tommy Head at Pure Food Store. 2tp

FOR SALE— One nearly new Farmall H Tractor, 2 row equipment. Greenfield Hardware Co. if

FOR SALE— Butane Water Heaters, just arrived. McCrary Appliance Co. 1te

FOR SALE— Butane Cook Stove, bottle and cabinet. Pried right. R. E. Lewis, Route 1. 2tp

FOR SALE— A good seven room house in west Post—T. L. Jones. if

FOR SALE— One good used Farmall F-20. Reconditioned and good 2-row equipment. Greenfield Hardware Co. if

FOR SALE— Four room house and bath. Two and one-half blocks north of bank. See A. P. Hedrick. 3tp

Miscellaneous

WANTED— Farm and ranch land, see Guy Gearhart, c/o Geo. Bradley Estate, Post, Texas. 4p

T-5 Kenny Trail of Camp Swift, Texas, arrived in Post Saturday. He will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coekrum during the holidays. Mr. Trail's wife and son and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marable all of San Diego, California, are expected to join him here for the holidays. Trail served many months overseas and saw service in France, Germany and Belgium. Since landing in the states last August, he has been stationed at Camp Swift.



MALOUF
Dry Goods Store

Joy to the World

May each of you spend a Christmas holiday that will be treasured for years to come.

Happiest HOLIDAY SEASON to all

THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS

Ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another, and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.

One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

GARZA CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
(Frozen Food Lockers)

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

From All The Folks AT

Haws
DRY GOODS AND VARIETY STORE

The Post Dispatch

VOLUME XX POST, TEXAS "OUT WHERE THE WEST IS THE WEST" MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1945 "THE GATEWAY TO THE PLAINS" NUMBER 2

New Income Tax Plan Will Bring Relief To Many

Your new income tax law will bring relief in 1946 mainly to the men and women who support sizeable families on small or moderate incomes.

Since many of Garza County's people are vitally interested in just what the 1946 income tax picture will be, the following Washington release will be of considerable value:

All of the estimated 12,000,000 persons who will move out of the taxpaying class next year are married or have dependents. They will escape taxation because the new law gives exemptions from both normal tax and surtax of \$500 each for the taxpayer, his spouse and his dependents. Under the old law these exemptions were allowed only for surtax.

While the exemptions hardly can be described as a "bonus for boys," they will be of considerable help to millions of people at a time of high living costs. For example, a man with wife and five dependent children and an income of \$2,500 pays \$33 tax this year. Next year he will pay no tax on a \$2,500 income.

Besides the exemptions, the tax rate applied to each surtax bracket is reduced by three percentage points. Also the combined normal tax and surtax, as computed under the new exemptions and rates, is further reduced by five per cent of the tax.

A tax cut of \$40 or even \$20 means a substantial saving to many low income taxpayers. Take a man with a wife and three dependent children and an income of \$2,000. This year his tax is \$111 or \$9.25 a month. In 1946 his tax will be \$43 or \$3.50 a month.

Wage earners will get their first close-ups of reduced taxes in smaller withholdings from pay checks received on and after January 1. For a married man with two dependent children and a weekly wage of \$45 the withholding will be 50 cents, as compared with \$1.40 from the same wage during 1945. If his wage is \$40 there will be no withholding in 1946. In 1945 the withholding has

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Peace Has Returned But Suffering Goes On . . . Buy Victory Bonds!



PFC Carmine Schimia, 20, White Plains, N. Y., 7½ months in Germany, feels lucky because Victory Bonds have helped him recover from injury to his right eye and arm by shell fragments. New cartilage was inserted under his eye at Holloran Hospital, N. Y.



Lt. Fred H. Rhodes, 26, Stroudsburg, Pa., paratrooper, suffered broken eardrums, leg and shoulder when shell hit his tank, killing two companions. Still at Holloran Hospital, he hopes Victory Bonds will be bought to help all wounded making their comeback all over the nation.



Pvt. Joseph T. Wallace, 21, Baltimore, Md., had both legs fractured, knee cap lost and nerve system shattered when an "88 landed in my lap in Italy." Another at Holloran Hospital who needs good care that investment in Victory Bonds will help provide.



When wondering whether or not to invest in more Victory Bonds, think of PFC Albert H. Rohrmann, 25, Brooklyn, N. Y., a parachute infantryman, who must be under medical care for a long while. Wounded first in New Guinea and then when caught in ambush advancing on Manila, he is in a body cast at Holloran Hospital, N. Y., for a bone injury and shock to his nervous system. Bond purchases will help many more like him in hospitals all over the nation, help them to re-establish themselves in both the social and economic American way of life.

U. S. Treasury Department

1946 To Be Big Political Year Calendar Shows

Texas Democrats have set the stage for 1946 elections and have announced a calendar of election and pre-election dates in a manual of election procedure to be distributed to every county and precinct in the State.

The first Democratic primary is scheduled July 27, the second August 24, and the general election November 5, the calendar reveals.

Jan. 31—Last day to pay poll taxes and secure exemptions.
February—February term of

Commissioners' Court appoints judges for November elections.

March 10—Last day for tax collector to furnish County Clerk statement showing poll tax receipts issued.

March 31—Last day for tax collector to deliver lists of voters and data to the board which furnish election supplies.

June 2—Last day for candidates seeking district and state offices to file with state chairman to have name placed on primary ballot.

June 10—State executive committee meets to consider written requests of candidates to have names placed on official ballots.

June 15—Last day for candidates seeking county and precinct offices to have name placed on ticket.

June 17—County executive committee meets at county seat to determine various matters in connection with the coming election.

June 24—The county primary committee, which has been ap-

pointed by the county executive committee, makes up the official ballot for the July primary.

June 24—Last day for candidates to pay filing fee to have names placed on ballot.

July 2—Last day for filing first expense account. Candidates and campaign managers required to file election expense accounts not more than thirty nor less than twenty-five days prior to primary.

July 8—First day for absentee voting. Absentee voters shall ap-

ply to county clerk to vote not more than twenty nor less than three days prior to first primary.

July 18—Last day for filing second expense account. Candidates and campaign managers required to file second campaign expense account not more than twelve nor less than eight days prior to primary.

July 20—Last day for tax collector to deliver lists of voters. Tax collector shall deliver to the chairman of county executive

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MERRY Christmas

To You and Yours

Is the sincere wish of our firm. Many of our boys are home and many of your homes will readily observe the holidays in the good old-fashioned way.

We want to join in your happiness by wishing you a most sincere . . .

Merry Christmas

Along with our most sincere and heartiest wishes for the best Christmas ever, we want to thank you for your friendly co-operation and patronage.

"There's A Ford In Your Future"

OUTLAW MOTOR CO.

CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

and

The Yuletide season, without friends, would be empty indeed and we are grateful for our friends. We are thankful because these friendships make our Christmas complete each year.

You have been liberal with your patronage, and you have been considerate with your favors, and from these associations comes our sincere desire to strive for better service in the future.

To wish you a Merry Christmas is a mild way we have of expressing our appreciation for our friends but we want you to realize our genuine feeling for each of you. And, while we're at it, may we assure you again that it is our expressed desire to serve you in the most efficient manner we know of in the coming year.

Each one of our personnel joins in this Greeting. May the Season be one of full happiness.

WE'RE GLAD WE LIVE IN THE GOOD OLD U. S. A. AND WE ARE ESPECIALLY GLAD WE LIVE IN GARZA COUNTY AMONG FINE FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

HUNDLEY'S
CLEANERS & MEN'S WEAR

Constructive Toys Make Better Gifts

When you buy toys for children, give a thought to their constructive qualities. How much can they do with the gifts you are providing them? Will they soon tire of them and go back to the good old spoons and pans in the cupboard that they can do so many things with? If you buy a doll, get one that can be dressed, bathed and brushed. If a boy wants a doll, let him have it. Fathers love children.

Growing children need big toys that require lifting, tagging, running—movement of muscles. Blocks are ideal. Think of the things that can be done with them! One carpenter out of work made quite a good thing last Christmas of children's blocks. He collected odds and ends of boards at the lumber yard, planed them off smoothly, painted them gay colors and sold them in lots of a dozen up to 100. Wagons, cars, scooters, skates, sleds, and skis are good. But the toy should suit the age of the recipient. Every boy should have a ball of some kind. Boys like trains, but wooden blocks painted to resemble cars are better than the kinds that can run only on tracks. Girls are pleased with rolling pins, doll beds, houses, trunks, small chairs and tables, and dishes. One mother writes that her son's most cherished gift last Christmas was five pounds of assorted nails given him by an understanding uncle.

For older folks, books and Christmas just seem to go together as naturally as bread and jam, or



Educational toys are popular. ●

ham and eggs. A home-made book may make a hit. It may consist of leaves of brightly colored cambric, ten colors in all, sewed securely through the middle to hold them together, and with pinked edges.

Pictures by the famous artists Stuart and Botticelli were never signed by them, Stuart's because he was vain and Botticelli's because he was modest.



PEOPLE on the snow-packed downtown streets were hurrying home. Wretchedly Private Kane hunched his shoulders deeper into his Army coat. It was Christmas Eve—and his last furlough. What should he do with himself? And he didn't even have a bed.

A sign on a door read "Bundles for America," and he went in. At a desk a woman was warning, "Miss Rigby, don't shove the candy into these stockings too hard. The net tears."

"I'm sorry," Miss Rigby's hands fluttered. "I—I guess I don't do much good." Private Kane figured she must be seventy.

The young woman urged, "You'd better go home now. It's dark. You've helped a lot, really." She informed Private Kane, "Homes Registry—344 Market Street—will get a room for you." Then added, "Merry Christmas."

At the door he stood looking out. Merry Christmas! That was a laugh. Christmas meant home and he'd never had one. Not that he hadn't appreciated the orphanage. But he was to be shipped soon and perhaps—perhaps he might never know what a home was like.

His Army buddies wore mittens knitted by mothers, sweaters by aunts. They whisked out family pictures, pictures of sweethearts. And he—he had nothing! His chest hurt him, and his cough was harsh. "Lament's good for that, soldier."

It was the little lady. Her black hat sat high on her head. He thought, her ears will be cold.

"Rub your chest and put flannel over it." Her hands made a darting gesture to push his collar close about his neck. She was the kind who mothered everybody. "You—you could sleep at my house," she said timidly. "You—maybe have an engagement first—"

What could he lose? But as he



"You could sleep at my house," she said.

helped her into a taxi he supported his impulse to accept.

The driver stopped in front of a box of a house. Private Kane pulled the furlough from his pocket and held it up proudly to the man. The driver awoke like the blind, and Private Kane looked around at the empty street with glass windows, the elegant silver car on the curb and white checked sidewalk. "Where's everyone?" he asked.

"I live alone." Her blue eyes were apologetic. "I told you you'd better go on and have a jolly Christmas Eve—"

He lifted a stove lid on the range. A red glow flickered. He dumped in coal and opened the drafts with an authoritative flip. "It'll be cozy in no time. Better getcha some coal."

"You shouldn't have all this trouble," she protested.

"Trouble!" A wry grin twisted his lips. "Say, don't take off your coat. We're going to shop."

Private Kane and Miss Rigby selected carefully. He stopped before a tin. "Let's buy it." Private Kane smiled as he set his purchases down at the door. "You wait here a minute." Of course, he reminded himself, this was only make-believe having a home. Just the crumbs.

He had bought her a fleecy blue scarf when he asked her to wait. Back at the house he set the table. The silverware was carved with cherubs. "Gosh, that's swell hardware."

After supper they trimmed the tree. "Timed a little larnished," she said. "Oh! The angel!" She held it tenderly. "Pa always fastened it on the very top."

His eyes lingered on the lamp, the tree, the silverware. Gosh, the quiet of it! Crumbs to remember. "You—could have a room of your own—" she stopped. Then, "If—if you wanted to come back here. After the war, I mean." She pushed a round fat object into his hand. "It was Pa's. I want you to have it."

Private Kane sat up. "Me?" he breathed. "Me." The watch was heavy and solid. He turned it over, observing the grand manner in which it was carved. "Thanks, Aw, gee—"

"Merry Christmas," she beamed. "Merry Christmas to you."

Once more his eyes swept the room. Home! Why—this wasn't crumbe. This was bread!

Chinooks is the nickname given to the people from the state of Washington.

SEASONS, SEETINGS

Proclaiming a brief interlude in the restlessness of a troubled world, the glad tidings of the Christmas season is welcomed by all mankind.

Although our loved ones and friends may not have the opportunity to enjoy this Christmas with us, may we not keep in mind that they are with us in thought. May they in some unfathomable way realize that we are thinking of them on this, the greatest season of all. From these consoling thoughts, it is our Christmas wish that you may derive the greatest amount of satisfaction possible during the holidays.

Each member of this organization joins in wishing you a joyous Christmas.

Garner's
PHONE 39 APPLIANCE COMPANY POST, TEXAS
BUTANE & PROPANE GASES
"Better Fuel for West Texas Homes."



That best part of a good man's life—
His little, nameless unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

DOUBLE U COMPANY

MAY THE
LIGHT OF PEACE
SHINE ON FOREVER!

SOUTHWESTERN
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY

Yule Cards Chosen On 'Scientific' Basis

A bright high school girl has worked out a scheme for choosing Christmas cards that really seem to fit the recipient. First she figures out the pet likes and hobbies of the people on her list, and puts them down opposite their names—this way—
Auntie Agatha—kittens.

Johnny—ice skating.
This sort of gives her an idea of what kind of pictorial matter they'd like to see on their Christmas cards. Then for the extra special people like Mummy and Dad, and her brother in the Army, and her sister, and the nice pastor of her church, she underlines their names a couple of times which means that they get Christmas cards that say right on them—
"Merry Christmas to Mother



a Jolly Christmas

To One And All

CHILDREN looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical sleigh drawn by mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas that transforms the commonplace. That Christmas of 1945 may be for you the happiest Christmas of all is our sincere wish.

LANOTTE FURNITURE STORE

CHRISTMAS

At It's Best . . .



It is the duty and obligation of every American to make this the best Christmas of them all. It's going to be a big job, it's true, but for the sake of the sacrifices that have been made and because it's the neighborly and friendly thing to do, it is our job to make every effort to enjoy the full blessings of Christmas.

All of our loved ones cannot be home but may we keep in our thinking the idea of Christmas as it should be, and to observe it accordingly. That is the way those who will be absent would have it.

Let's be happy and considerate at Christmas and let us strive to maintain this same attitude through the months of the new year. It will make for a happier living for all.

Best wishes for the Yuletide and a host of good things for the year just approaching.

S. R. Rector

Distributor of Gulf Petroleum Products

Santa Claus Is Bearer of Gifts In Many Lands

Mothers of America are overwhelmingly agreed that parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.

At least that is the conclusion drawn from a recent opinion poll by a leading woman's magazine.

One of the women polled made an answer typical of many: "Belief in Santa Claus is one of the beautiful wonders of childhood. It gives us a period in which dreams come true and anything is possible."

Christmas is like heaven on earth for the very young, the magazine points out. But as America moves from war to peace, there is an inevitable emphasis on reality and truth. No one wants to fool or be



They knew he would come.

fooled. Therefore, should even happy myths be promoted?

Should children still be taught to believe in Santa Claus? Should they enjoy all the magic of childhood while they can, including the traditional myths, or should they be told the truth in preparation for the adult world they must some day face?

Considering these questions, the opinion poll asked a group of women representing a cross-section of millions of American homes, "Do you think parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus?"

The response was decisively affirmative. More than 87 per cent of the women voted "yes."

"If a child thinks of Santa as a man there will be eventual disillusionment," commented one woman. "But Santa portrayed as the spirit of giving remains a beautiful idea." Another woman pointed out: "Santa is as real as Uncle Sam"

and Dad," "Hi, Sis, it's Christmas" or "Christmas Greetings to My Pastor"

Then she looks for cards that will express her own personality, just as if she had written the verses herself. She thinks it's lots of fun reading through the cards then suddenly like coming to one that's IT. For example, she said that no matter how darling a card she saw with kittens, she wouldn't send it to Auntie Agatha unless the verse sounded as if she herself had written it.

Justiceburg News

Mrs. E. R. Key, Correspondent

Mrs. W. P. Smith of Abilene was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eckert are spending the week with relatives at Durant, Okla.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beavers that their son, Hearshal, is being shipped from Guam to China.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Reed of Dermont were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reed.

V. A. Lobban of Oklahoma City is with his wife and children on a 30-day furlough.

Mrs. R. J. Key is visiting relatives at Marietta, Okla.

Mrs. Hens Pettigrew and children of Slaton visited her mother, Mrs. Etta Clarkston, last week.

The Christmas tree and program was held here Friday afternoon by the Mothers club.

Oregonians are called Beavers.



PEACE ON EARTH

1945
TIDINGS of GREAT JOY



The prevailing spirit of good will embraces us all during this joyous season. We, too, want to extend to you personally our hearty good wishes for an exceptionally

MERRY CHRISTMAS

EARL ROGERS FEED STORE

"A Feed For Every Need"

After New York's Empire State Building was erected, its own weight caused it to settle and shrink six inches in height.

Mrs. Morrel will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Winifred Wharton, and family in Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and daughter, Skeeter, plan to spend Christmas Day in Slaton with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keane.



Once Again We Extend the Age-Old Greeting

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

with all the meaning that the wish conveys to a happy people at this happiest season of all the year.

This glorious holiday season is filled with the added joy of welcoming home those of our loved ones who were so far away . . . those who have made it possible for us to again acclaim, "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men," which holds a newer and dearer meaning than ever before.

The Ben E. Keith Company and all the Independent Retail Dealers who serve the Southwest with fresh fruits and fresh vegetables—"Fresh From Keith's"—join in the refrain . . .

*Christmas Bells Ring Out Again
Joy Reigns Supreme
Merry Christmas Is Here Again!*

Christmas 1945

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"Listen for the Whistle" - KEITH'S FRUIT EXPRESS - KGKO - Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:45 A.M.

"For Peaceful Enjoyment" - SUNDAY SERENADE - KGKO - 1 P. M. Sundays

BEN E. KEITH COMPANY

Largest Distributors of Fresh and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables in the Southwest

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It is time for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a truly happy . . .

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

PURE FOOD MARKET



A JOYOUS YULETIDE

As you enjoy the Yuletide with your friends and loved ones, we trust you will keep in mind that our thoughts are of you at this happy occasion.

Many, many thanks for your patronage and best wishes for the New Year.

Howard-Bishop

BODY & FENDER SHOP

ALBERT HOWARD

JACK BISHOP

WARNING SOUNDED ON HOLIDAY PLANE TRIPS

Kenneth McGaha, T.W.A. district manager of Albuquerque warns not to plan to fly to New York from Albuquerque for Christmas via T. W. A. The local office there is accepting no advance reservations on east bound flights for at least the remainder of this month. He explained that this action was taken to comply with the request of the O. D. T. that 70% of the available seats on through eastbound flights of transcontinental airlines be set aside for military personnel.

McGaha said T. W. A. had experienced little difficulty in getting space for West coast passengers since the O. D. T. order does not affect westbound traffic.

THANKS

We wish to thank our many customers and friends for their past patronage and cooperation.

DUNN'S FOOD STORE
M. A. L. A. and H. C. Dunn
Southland, Texas

CHRISTMAS



1945

As the Shadows

fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.

HANSFORD
and
MAURINE
HUDMAN

NEW YEARS AT THE CORNERS



"POP," Maw Levis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't you go wash that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's a door mat for," Pop fared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?"

Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "Y'know tonight bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you 'nd me ought to step out somewheres. They're having a big shundig over at the



"Jed Hafey's openin' a keg."

Corners store. Jed Hafey's openin' a keg."

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, siree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'—thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kisasin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey—jealouser than anything."

Pop started disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said, "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most bareless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things! I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed root for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I am a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Levis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

Kentucky is the home of the Corn Crackers.

There Will Always Be

Christmas

AS THE old year draws to a close, amid the good cheer and fellowship of Christmas-tide, we desire to express anew our gratitude for the manifold courtesies received, for the cordial relations we have enjoyed, for the new friends made and the old friendships more closely cemented, and for the splendid patronage that has been ours. With these thoughts in mind, we wish for you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and most prosperous New Year.



Bryant-Link Company

CLOSED TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY



AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

POSTEX COTTON MILLS, Inc.



EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



Hodges Tractor and Feed Company



Letters To Santa:

From The Children of Garza County

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a baby doll, a sweet-heart bracelet, books and a nurses set. Also lots of oranges, pecans and candy.

Drura Ann Hughes

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little girls and want the same things. We want a doll each and a table and chairs together. Grandmother told us she'd get us a doll bed and some dishes, if you'd bring the doll and table. We think we'll get an ironing board and iron too. Won't we have

Ann and Jean Ranson

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little girl. Please bring me one of those dolls and a doll buggy and a little cradle.

Jerry Lou McLaurin

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a gun, a base ball bat, a story book that I can read and an airplane.

Freddy Mack Terry

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a table and chairs, a doll and some doll clothes for Christmas, if you have them. I have been a good girl most of the time.

My little brother wants a football. He wants a hammer, too, so he won't have to use daddy's. We are not asking for much because we want you to have enough for all little children.

Please don't forget cause we love you.

Marthana Cearley
John Allan Cearley

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl fourteen months old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll with curly hair, blue eyes and also a little telephone, ironing board. And please fill my sock with lots of good things to eat. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Billye Ruth Hill



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.

ARLIE GILMORE

American National Life Insurance Co.

What Is Christmas Without Toys?



There is no shortage of toys, although the trend has been toward mechanical or educational types. Dolls have not been forgotten, however.

Dear Santa Claus:

I love you. Please come to see me. I want a kewpie doll and some dishes. Beta Fern wants a doll and Darrell Lee wants a shotgun. We will try to be better if you will come to see us.

Oneita Jones

PREACHER'S

(For the Hair)

Will prove itself to you for GRAY, faded, dry, falling hair: ITCHY scalp and DANDRUFF.

USE IT—BE CONVINCED!
COLLIER DRUG STORE

Huge Yule Log Fire Once Thought To Ward Off Evil

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas eve and servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout the Christmas feasting. It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief to the household.

One story has it that stockings were originally hung by fireplaces burning Yule logs in order to absorb the odor of the burning wood and thus give the wearer protection from evil.

Buy A Victory Bond Today!

GREETINGS

FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Our Sincere Good Wishes

FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

The American Cafe

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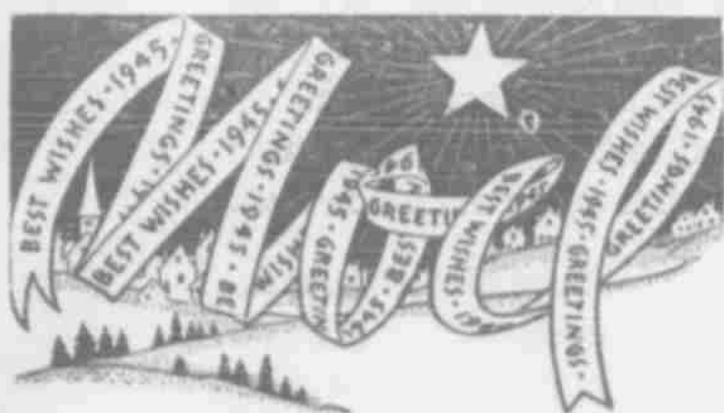
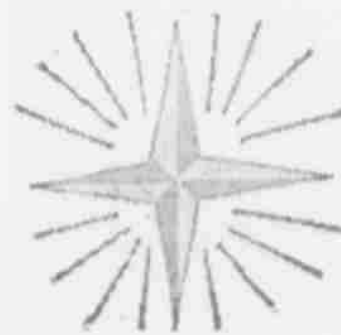
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Garza Theatre Bldg.

Wishing You And Yours An Old Fashioned Christmas

From All The
Employees Of

The First
National Bank



Noel! Adeste Fidoles!
Holy Night!

Hark! The Herald Angels sing.
Once again the air is filled with
song and music . . . the music of
the spheres. Once again it's
Christmas with all that this sacred
holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas
of 1945 will be a truly happy
Christmas for you and yours.

B. C. MANIS

Blacksmithing & Welding

MEXICAN CLOCK

Many Mexican families still observe the "old clock system" on New Year's eve. On a table in a main room of the house, lighted candles surround a tiny casket upon which stands a clock. On the stroke of midnight the clock is stopped, placed in the casket and buried in the garden, symbolizing the passing of the old year.

Happiness is a perfume which you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

Chicago's Merchandise Mart, more than four million square feet of floor space, is the world's largest commercial building.

Jayhawkers is the nickname of Kansans.

called mung beans. They are oriental beans, grown in China and Japan. Oldahoma is one of the few spots in this country where they will thrive.

Every milk cow should have all the home-grown grazing and hay she will eat and should be fed concentrates in proportion to her production.

The American widgeon is a species of duck.

Is William P. Dwyer

He was just a little boy, even though he was 10 years old, and and shoe sole kept flapping and turning under when he walked. But there was a look of hope in his eyes as he followed the man ahead of him into a big room full of toys and machinery.

On one side were stacks of new-looking sleds and by these the man halted.

"How about a nice sled?" the man asked. "Would you like that?"

He did not need to wait for an answer; it was on the boy's face.

So Santa Claus, in the person of William P. Dwyer, managing director of the Santa Claus Castle in Kansas City, Mo., had scored again. The little boy was one of 1,329 children who received free toys from the "Castle" last year besides more than 400 children in orphan homes for whom Dwyer had saved playthings.

His organization collects used toys during the year, some slightly damaged ones being contributed by business firms. He and his helpers repair and rebuild them. At Christmas they are given to needy children.

Last year they had about 2,200 toys, Mr. Dwyer estimated.

SALVAGED HOUSEHOLD FATS ARE STILL NEEDED

Salvaged household fats still are necessary for production of soaps and other industrial uses despite the end of rationing of edible fats and oils, E. A. McBryde, District Officer for Marketing, announced.

Used fats are needed to boost the supply of inedible tallow and grease from which many civilian household items are made, he explained.

"So far cooperation between local housewives, meat dealers and renderers has been excellent and we hope it will continue so long as the job of collecting used fats is necessary," he said, adding the need will continue great until imports are sufficient to help meet our demand for industrial fats.

Christmas QUIZ

1. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) California, (d) Texas.
2. The poinsettia plant owes its name to (a) Stanley Coulter, (b) Howard E. Enderz, (c) James Madison, (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. Mothers in America are overwhelmingly agreed that they (a) should, (b) should not teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.
4. The nation's Christmas tree was dedicated on Christmas day (a) 1918, (b) 1925, (c) 1935, (d) 1940.
5. If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be (a) good, (b) medium, (c) bad crops the following year.
6. A warm Christmas gives a (a) cold, (b) warm, (c) hot, (d) cool Easter.
7. There are (a) 4, (b) 100, (c) 450, (d) 800 varieties of mistletoe grown in the various parts of the world.
8. The mistletoe is the state flower of (a) Florida, (b) Delaware, (c) Oklahoma, (d) Mississippi.
9. New England mistletoe is so small that botanists overlooked it until (a) 1776, (b) 1871, (c) 1900, (d) 1930.
10. Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck to prevent sickness in (a) Denmark, (b) France, (c) Spain, (d) Sweden.

ANSWERS:

1. (c) California.
2. (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. (a) Should.
4. (b) 1925.
5. (a) Good.
6. (c) Cold.
7. (d) 800.
8. (e) Oklahoma.
9. (b) 1871.
10. (d) Sweden.

Rating—90-100, a genius; 80-90, excellent; 70-85, good; 50-70, fair; less than 50, you be the judge.

Each correct answer counts a score of 10 points. Correct your own answers.

BAYBERRY WAX

Many people used to utilize the bayberry for indoor decorations at Christmas time. In Maine and Massachusetts the wax which invests the berries was one collected to make into candles. It was obtained by boiling the berries in water, when the wax rose to the surface.

Under the name of bayberry tallow it was also used in soap making; in stiffening the ends of circular or solar lamp wicks. A relative, sweet-gale, grows on the border of ponds, and sweet-fern, also a sister of the pastures, was used for medicine.

Wishing You GOOD CHEER

Ruby Carpenter



Best wishes for Christmas

There's no place like home when Christmas comes around, and there's no time like right now to wish all you kindly home folks the merriest Christmas ever.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served you in 1945, and we look forward to your continued friendship.

Giles Dining Room

MR. and MRS. H. F. GILES

Christmas Greetings



THIS first peacetime Christmas in four years brings many good reasons for rejoicing. . . family circles made complete with loved ones back from foreign lands. . . Christmas lights twinkling again outdoors. . . the first shining metal toys to gladden the hearts of youngsters. . . tables laden with good food from a rich and unscarred

land. . . but, most of all, that blessed feeling of peace and security and hope for the future that is now ours to enjoy.

Yes, this Christmas is indeed one to live long in memory. If our service is helping to make the occasion brighter and more enjoyable, we are glad.

To our customers and employees, we extend heartiest greetings of the season. Merry Christmas to you all!

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The Warmest GREETINGS of the Season



Our greeting this year is something very special because we want you to know how deeply we feel toward our customers. Your thoughtfulness is deserving of special attention and we want to express to you our heartiest wishes for the Holidays.

Jennie's Tea Room



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You've waited a long time to buy new tires—That's why it's more important than ever that you take a good long look at tire quality before you buy—and that's why we say "Hold out for U.S. Royals".

Right across this country car owners are reporting prewar performance and better from U. S. Royals. The demand is greater today than it's ever been before. Even with our 5 giant factories rolling out more and more U.S. Royals for you every day, we can't produce enough tires to satisfy the pent-up demand all at once.

So see your U. S. Royal Dealer today. If he doesn't yet have your size on hand, he will have soon. Place your order with him now—and Hold out for U. S. Royals.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR—

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committee at least five days before primary, certified and supplemental lists of qualified voters of each precinct.

July 22—If a voter moves his residence to a new voting precinct within a city of 10,000 or more, he must apply to tax collector not less than four days before election, to qualify of vote.

July 23—County clerks must mail to presiding judges of proper precinct absentee ballots on second day prior to primary.

July 26—Executive committee charged with responsibility for distribution of election supplies not later than twenty-four hours prior to the opening of the polls.

July 27—Primary election day (first primary), 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., in each precinct in each county in Texas.

July 27—Immediately upon the completion of the counting of the ballots, the precinct election judges shall prepare triplicate returns and deliver a copy of the same to the chairman of the county executive committee within twenty-four hours after ballots are counted.

July 27—Precinct conventions held at 2 p. m. in rural precincts, 7 p. m. in city precincts, to elect delegates to county conventions.

July 29—Upon receiving returns, chairmen of the county executive committee shall convene the committee at the county seat and the next succeeding day, declare the results of the election and certify candidates to the county clerk, and the county shall publish the same, and post the names of the nominees in at least five places in the county, one of which shall be the courthouse door. Also a copy must be posted at his office.

July 30—Presiding judges of primary election shall, within seventy-two hours after closing of the polls, make returns to the chairman of the county executive committee.

Aug. 3—(First Saturday after July primary), forenoon, county executive committee meets to canvass returns, declare nominees of first primary and provide for runoff primary, fourth Saturday in August.

Aug. 3—County convention meets at 2 p. m. to elect delegates to state convention, at place previously designated by county executive committee.

Aug. 6—Last day for candidates and campaign managers to file third expense account.

August—At August term of Commissioners' Court election precincts are to be created.

Aug. 12—The state executive committee meets at place selected by it to canvass election returns.

Aug. 5—Absentee voters shall apply to county clerk to vote not more than twenty nor less than three days prior to second primary.

Aug. 24—Runoff primary election 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Aug. 31—County executive committee meets to canvass returns of runoff primary.

Sept. 3—Last day for filing expense account. Campaign expense account for second primary to be filed within ten days after election.

THE TED HIBBS ENTERTAIN FRIENDS INFORMALLY
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hibbs were hosts Thursday noon to several friends at Jennie's Tea room. A turkey dinner with the usual accompanying dishes was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Enjoying the informal meal and visit with their hosts were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Greenfield, Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jones and Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Young.

Meat Supplies For First Quarter Of '46 To Be 150 Lbs.

Meat supplies for civilians during the first quarter of 1946 will be about the same as they have been for the past three months, according to E. A. McBryde, District Officer for Marketing.

Total allocation for all purposes is estimated at 5,970,300,000 lbs. carcass weight of which civilians will receive 84 percent, allowing each an average of 150 pounds of meat per year. For the first quarter of 1945, civilian allocation was 18 lbs. per capita less.

Others sharing in the January-March allocation include U. S. military and war services, 483,400,000 pounds, and foreign shipments and U. S. territories, 483,500,000 pounds. A large part of the latter allocation is designated for countries served by UNRRA, he said. The 483,400,000 for military purpose is slightly higher than 445,100,000 pounds allocated for this purpose for the current three-month period but is only 36 percent of 1,337,100,000 pounds produced in the first quarter of 1945.

McBryde said total meat production in 1946 is currently estimated at 23.4 billion pounds, about 800 million pounds more than in 1945. While heavy marketing of beef cattle is expected to continue, output of lamb and mutton likely will decline because of decrease in sheep numbers this year, he added. Pork production, however, should be moderately larger.

WEN L. OWEN VISITING PARENTS DURING HOLIDAYS

Pvt. Ben L. Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Owen of this city, is spending the Christmas holidays in Post with his parents and friends. He is on furlough from Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Owen, who has been in the service about five months, is in an anti-aircraft school at Bliss and works in the film library. He arrived in Post Wednesday and will be here until January 5.

NEW INCOME TAX—

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been 80 cents a week.

Tax returns for 1945 must be filed by next March 15 as usual, even if the 1945 taxpayer is not paying any tax in 1946. Many persons who worked only a few months this year but had taxes withheld from their wages will get refunds. Every citizen whose income in 1945 was \$500 or more must file a return.

What You Will Pay		
Taxpayer, wife and no dependent:	1946 Tax	1945 Tax
Income \$2,000	\$154	\$202
2,500	240	305
3,000	327	411
3,500	416	518
4,000	510	631
4,500	604	713
Taxpayer, wife and two dependent:	1946 Tax	1945 Tax
Income \$2,000	No Tax	\$ 39
2,500	50	105
3,000	137	211

FARM MARKETS—

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steers and yearlings unevenly steady to mostly 25 cents lower, while other grades were steady to strong with bulls 25 to 50 cents higher. All classes at Wichita were steady to strong with some cows 25 cents higher. The top price on steers at Texas and Oklahoma markets was around \$15.75, Wichita \$16.25, but not many were offered that would bring that much.

3,500	223	315
4,000	306	418
4,500	395	523

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SGT. "JUNIOR" DARDEN VISITS FRIENDS IN POST

Sergeant O. L. "Junior" Darden who is spending the Christmas holidays in Lubbock with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Darden, visited in Post Thursday with friends. Darden, a member of the "Lost Battalion" and who was interned in a Japanese prison camp 42 months, apparently is in the best of spirits and was happy to meet his many friends here. Although he has been confined to an Army hospital the past ten weeks since his arrival back in the States, Junior declares he is in good health and expects to receive his discharge sometime in January.

The former Post boy, who was reared here and an Antelope football star several years ago, returned back to an Army hospital in January for final check up before receiving his discharge. He is on 45-day furlough.

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