

Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends. Forget the present difficulties and live again the Christmas innocent and better days. Let it renew hope for the future, with a resolve that the best impulses of our nature shall assist the character building of the real lesson of the Christmas season.

Don't let your electric cords get knotted or twisted, and don't shove them into a drawer any-which-way. Such treatment wears out the insulation and leads to exposed wires and possible short circuits and blown fuses.

Animals Share Christmas Joy With Their Masters

Charmingly generous customs have arisen in many countries from little gestures of kindness to animals. And some of the most delightful have their origin in the Christmas celebrations.

For instance, the Scandinavians gave extra rations to their cattle.

The dogs in Albania were rewarded for faithful service with the first wheat cakes of the season.

Our bird sanctuaries, too, grew out of a holiday custom. A sheaf of grain, a trophy of the harvest, was placed on the housetop for the birds.

Christmas carolling was a thriving custom in England of the fourteenth century.

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning,
The form of the new year aisee;
He stood like a statue adorning
The world with a background of skies;
There was courage and grace in his beautiful face,
And hope in his glorious eyes.

"I come from Time's boundless forever,"
He said, with a voice like a song;
"I come as a friend to endeavor,
I come as a foe to all wrong,
To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid,
And the weak I shall gird and make strong."

"I bring you more blessings than terrors,
I bring you more sunlight than gloom,
I tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's tomb;
I reach you clean hands and lead on to the lands,
Where the hills of peace are in bloom."

'Open House' on New Year's Day

It was customary for the Dutch settlers of New York to hold "open house" on New Year's day and to provide light refreshments, usually centering around a large bowl of punch. For friends calling to pay the compliments of the season.

During the latter part of the 19th century the custom of making short calls on New Year's day was in full swing throughout America. Metropolitan newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices which, including names of social prominence and those making no such pretense, announced hours during which visitors would be received; having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions to join the procession of callers at other "open houses."

A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls minimized the courtesy accorded hostesses—in many cases—and even resulted in receptions being "crashed" by bibulous young men; these abuses led to the abandonment of the "open house" custom. New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates and without any public announcement of intention to receive.

Buy A War Bond Today!

New Year's Eve Festive Occasion For Native Scots

Christmas never aroused much enthusiasm in Scotland—but on New Year's eve the Wassail bowl goes around, filled with savory liquid, nostalgically fragrant.

Floating atop the Wassail bowl, apples stir memories of the "apple-hawking" when boys switched the trunks of fruit trees petitioning "a good howling crop"; somehow, the "Jamb's wool" (as the decoction of the Wassail bowl is often called) seems reminiscent of young folks rushing to the nearest spring at the stroke of 12 to drink the "cream of the well"—the first one so doing, might expect good luck during the ensuing year.

Hansel Monday—the Monday after New Year's, is traditionally the "big day" for Scotch boys and girls; and, in addition to being the Scotch day of gift-giving, it is a day of feasting and gaiety.

Small wonder, that families and friends gather on New Year's eve to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Thank You . . . For Your Card

The English, compelled to make the most of every scrap of paper, have learned how to put their Christmas cards to good use. They send back to their friends the cards they received from them the year before, just scratching out the friends name and adding their own.

OUTDOOR YULE TREE FIRST MADE BOW IN CAPITAL IN 1923

In 1923 a beautiful evergreen tree, cut in the woods of Vermont, was sent to Washington and set up in Sherman square.

This tree was a gift from Middlebury college to the President of the United States. It was decorated and wired with hundreds of tiny electric lights, and on Christmas Eve President Coolidge switched on the lights of the first National Christmas tree.

The following year a beautiful living tree was planted in Sherman plaza behind the White House and a permanent underground electric service installed so that each year the same living tree can be decorated and illuminated.

The national example was quickly followed by many states and communities. Now every year brilliantly illuminated trees grace state capitol grounds, city squares and village greens.

Red Cross Girls Cause Inflation

Guadalcanal—Red Cross girls have caused a dangerous inflation in the native wife purchasing market here. Although the par value of a native wife is \$25, one kinky-mopped suitor recently offered \$100 for a Red Cross girl, explaining "White Mary work hard. Make good wife."

Be sure to remove jewelry before applying creams, lotions or other refreshers to the face.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

We have just a friendly word to say in appreciation of your indulgence to our efforts to be of service.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our friends of this community



RAYMOND REDMAN

Continental Oil Company

WE HOPE

Santa's Pack

WILL BE FULL OF GOOD THINGS FOR EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS.



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

T. L. JONES

— ICE —

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!

O. L. Wilkirson
Lumber Company
R. E. Cox Manager

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.



Piggly Wiggly

KEEP ON
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WITH
WAR BONDS

The Post Dispatch

POST, TEXAS

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Walter Duckworth Sells Portion of Business Last Week

Walter Duckworth is announcing the sale of a portion of the Post Feed and Fuel Company to Earl Hodges of Lubbock. The sale was completed last week end. Duckworth, who has for 20 years handled Texaco products, Firestone tires, Allis-Chalmers tractors and implements and feed will now only handle the Texaco products and Firestone tires. He has moved his office into the building just one door north of his present location in the building formerly occupied by Fry Feed and Hatchery.

The Post Feed & Fuel building has been rented by the new manager, Mr. Hodges. He expects to rearrange the interior and to add a machine shop in connection with the Allis-Chalmers tractor and equipment business. He will also handle feeds and seeds and other products handled by Mr. Duckworth.

In an ad in this issue of the Dispatch, Duckworth announces he has vacated and extends a sincere thanks to his customers and friends as well as extends a genuine greeting for the holidays.

Red Cross Will Conduct Drive in March of Next Year

The American people will be asked to contribute \$180,000,000 next March to finance the continued wartime operations of the American Red Cross, according to a notice received by T. L. Jones, county chairman. The county quota will not be set until a later date, Jones said. Dean A. Robinson, chairman of the county, will announce the quota after a district meeting of Red Cross chapters are held.

The national goal was set following a close study of budget estimates on Red Cross work in the United States and overseas. Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, said in a communique to Mr. Jones: "After personally inspecting our operations in England and on the continent, and after conferring with Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, and Clark, I foresee an increase rather than a decrease in the need for American Red Cross services on the continent now and for some time after the European fighting is over. Likewise it is obvious the American Red Cross must expand its Pacific and Far Eastern operations during the coming year.

"It is our intention that Red Cross stay with our troops until all of them are returned home and continue to serve them through their adjustment back to civilian life. For this reason we must ask the American public to consider our goal of \$180,000,000 as an absolute minimum."

Best Christmas Present Received From Dee Hodges by His Mother Monday

Sgt. Carroll Dee Hodges sent his mother the "best Christmas present in the world," she said Monday after receiving a letter from him, the first since November 8th.

On Dec. 9th a re-broadcast of an interview was given over KFYO in which the pilot-sergeant told of his work as maintenance crewman on the "big trucks" that are used in combat.

In his letter this week he spoke of receiving twelve packages. He wrote the letter on stationery printed in the Dispatch office and left it to him by his brother and wife. He listed the packages and those who had sent them. "I'm all right, don't worry too much," he said in closing. Dee has been overseas 23 months.

Mrs. Hodges is expecting another son, Clyde, home for Christmas. He is stationed at Fort Bliss and will spend a 30-day furlough here. His wife, the former Rane Gledhill, arrived in El Paso this week from California where she has been working in a war plant. The couple will arrive in Post this week.

Miss Madeline Miller, a student of YSCW in Denton, returned home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller.

SOLDIER OF THE WEEK



Lt. Harvey O. Gilmore has been transferred to Liberal Army Air Field, Liberal, Kansas, for training as a Liberator bomber pilot.

Upon successful completion of the intensive course of training, Lt. Gilmore will receive the rating of "airplane commander," qualifying him to command the crew of one of the four-engine bombers in overseas combat.

The son of Mrs. Sarah E. Gilmore attended Post High school, and Henderson State Teachers college at Arkadelphia, Ark. He won his wings and commission November 20, 1944 at Pampa, and upon graduation from cadet training was specially selected for four-engine bomber pilot training at Liberal Army Air Field, "post graduate" school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Motorists Who Use Travel Illegally Face Loss Of Rations

Motorists who use gasoline illegally to travel to winter resorts face the loss of their mileage rations, the District Office of Price Administration advised today.

An enforcement program now in preparation to prevent misuse of rations provides that motorists who use their coupons illegally will be called before hearing commissioners who have the power to revoke not only the supplemental "B" or "C" rations, but basic "A" rations as well.

Administrator Chester Bowles pointed out that the millions of patriotic drivers throughout the country who are abiding by the mileage regulations and getting along on tight rations so that all may share fairly the scarce civilian supplies have every right to expect OPA to shut down hard on those who obtain gasoline unfairly for non-essential trips. "We intend to do just that," he said.

Each War Price and Rationing Board in Lubbock OPA District has been instructed to review the mileage regulations governing vacation travel to resorts and reminded that they must deny gasoline for this purpose.

Population Gain Shown In Most West Texas Counties

Garza is one of the counties in this district that has shown a gain in population in the last three years. This information was made available by the Texas Bureau of Research and was released Sunday.

The increase, according to the figures supplied, amounted to 22.8 per cent with a total of 1,297 persons in the three-year period.

Only 69 of the 254 counties of Texas showed increases in population, most of them in West Texas.

County Delegates Named In AAA Elections Last Week

The AAA Community committee elections were held last week in each of the AAA communities. The elections of delegates and alternate delegates to the County Convention were as follows: North Plains Community—C. R. Scott, delegate, A. Wilke, alternate delegate. South Plains—Glenn M. Davis, delegate, Scott C. Storie, alternate. Breaks Community—King Bingham, delegate, Z. D. Kemp, alternate.

The Community Committees elected were as follows: North Plains—A. Wilke, chairman, Earl Lancaster, vice-chairman, J. O. Roberts, regular member, Chris Gindorf, Jr., first alternate, Aubrey McNeely, second alternate. South Plains—J. F. Maxey, chairman, Ed L. Gossett, vice-chairman, C. M. Voss, regular member, Glenn M. Davis, first alternate, Oscar Graham, second alternate. Breaks—Bandy Cash, chairman, W. C. Quisenberry, vice chairman, W. A. Long, regular member, Roy Pennington, first alternate, J. B. Matsler, second alternate.

James A. Boyd states that the delegates elected will meet at the AAA office next Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1944 to select and elect the County Committee to serve Garza county for 1945.

There was an attendance of 17 farmers at the Community Committee elections. Last year there were 23 farmers.

Churches of Post Plan Traditional Christmas Programs

Traditional programs will be held again this year at several churches in Post.

The First Christian church will have their program on Sunday night, December 24. Miss Edna Mae Pierce is chairman of the program. General arrangements for the entertainment of the Sunday school classes will be under the supervision of Mrs. K. Stoker's class. Following the tree and program refreshments will be served.

The children's department of the Methodist church will hold their Christmas tree program at 7:30 p. m. Friday night. The young people of the church will have charge of the service on Sunday night.

The Baptist church will hold their Christmas tree program on Saturday night for the children of the church.

Young people of the Nazarene church will present a special program on Sunday night. As a special feature, Rev. Louis McMahon, who is a student in Bethany college in Oklahoma, will give a talk during the program.

Additional Programs Scheduled For The Week

In addition to the church programs others scheduled are: The Lions Club banquet tonight at Jennie's Tea Room; the Christmas pageant at the Grade school, also scheduled for tonight at 7:20 o'clock; the customary room program on Friday afternoon at both the High school and Grade school; and the 1944 class reunion plans for the night of December 23 at the Algeria hotel.

Arnold Says Japs Reel Under B-29's

The B-29 raids on Japanese industry have that enemy "reeling" and laxity and management alike must put aside postwar plans and give the armed forces materials to prevent a comeback, Gen. H. H. Arnold said recently.

The chief of the Army Air Forces said he hopes to "reduce the Japanese industrial arm to the same impotency we have the Germans," but added, in an interview that it will be a "long, tough, fight that will require increasing production."

There Is Hope

OUR Community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. The thunder echoes in our ears even though we are far away from the firing lines, yet once more we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

In spite of the war echoes, this newspaper has a firm faith in the message of hope that is Christmas. For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace On Earth."

It is true that columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war on our normal way of living—we know that peace-loving little men of goodwill far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same little people that Christ came into the world 1944 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness.

Let this true Spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you a

Merry Christmas

Garza County Is Given New Wildcat Test

Interest in the oil operations in Garza county this week are centered around the new tool test well to be opened Friday 11 miles northeast of Post. The new well is the No. 1 Ralph Welch well. The well is 900 feet from east and 440 feet from south lines of the northeast quarter of section 2, block 4, K Ayoock survey. It calls for a 4,000 feet cable test to start December 22.

Rogers and Rogers of Wichita Falls are making preparation for the location.

Texans Prominent In Leyte Valley Drive

Twenty Fourth Division Headquarters, Leyte—Texans performed conspicuously in the now-famous Leyte valley campaign of the 24th division which served to split the Japanese forces in two and assure ultimate victory on the island.

Pfc. Alvin C. Cumback, Coleman, Tex., member of a heavy mortar and machine gun company, helped establish the initial Palo beach. I and later to break one of the strongest Japanese counter-attacks in the valley, inflicting 200 casualties on the enemy.

In another counter-attack, Pfc. Estaban R. Cadengo of Victoria, Tex., allowed several Japs to crawl as close to his position at a road block that he and his crew were able to kill 15 of them with one burst.

Pfc. Odes J. Parker, Denison, Tex., a radioman with the signal corps, ran through terrific fire on the Palo beach and then operated his radio set throughout the valley campaign, usually under sniper fire.

Pfc. Lonk Martin spent the week end here with homefolks. He was enroute to San Diego, Calif., where he will take further training.

Elvin Childers Completes 50th Combat Mission

15th Air Force in Italy—T/Sgt. Elvin Childers of Post has flown his 50th mission in aerial combat in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

He is engineer and top turret gunner of a B-24 Liberator bomber and is a member of a veteran group of the 15th AAF that has taken an active part in the current air offensive against the Reich.



T/SGT. ELVIN CHILDERS

Childers has seen action over such strategically important targets as Ploesti, Vienna, Munich and Friedrichshafen, Germany. He took part in the pre-invasion hammering of Nazi coastal installations and gun emplacements in Southern France. In the course of rounding out 50 missions, he has been decorated with the Air Medal and Olive Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement.

Prior to entering the armed forces in January 1943, he was engaged in agriculture. He is a graduate of Post High school.

Babson's Business Predictions Are 91% Correct Each Year

The Post Dispatch will publish Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1945" on December 20th.

Mr. Babson, who has been forecasting business and financial trends since 1898, continues to enjoy an enviable reputation in his field. He was 91% correct in his predictions of conditions in 1944.

We are calling his 1945 Outlook to our readers attention because we believe that everyone will find it of interest and value.

Allen Owen Saw 23 Months Rugged Duty In Pacific

Allen Owen, Pharmacist's Mate, second class, of the U. S. Navy, left Monday for New Orleans after visiting here for 30 days. He was accompanied by his wife who plans to remain wherever he is as long as he has state duty.

Allen has seen plenty of action the past twenty-three months having served in the South Pacific theatre of war. He was attached to a bomber squadron and made hops to several "hot spots" as well as served with a ground crew.

The battle of Bougainville was one of the most intense on his itinerary but the invasion of the Admiralties and Emirau were also full of action for all concerned. Giving first aid and getting wounded men back to safety depots and hospital units kept him plenty busy.

When Allen received his orders to return to the states he was on Green Island. He flew from there to Guadalcanal and took a ship from there to the states. The ship was a hospital ship so he kept pretty busy on the way home too. "We lost one man on-board ship and since I was the only one aboard who had ever done any embalming, it was my job to serve as undertaker. This was the first time since I left home and Company that I had been called upon to do any embalming work."

Allen also saw service in the New Georgia and the New Hebrides Islands. Upon arriving in California he looked up his brother, Elmer "Shorty" who is a Seaman, 1-c, and is stationed at Oceanside, Calif. Visiting here from Amarillo during the several days of his leave was another brother, Pfc. Robert, who is with the Army Air Corps Ordnance Division in Amarillo. He is being transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Still another brother is in the service. He is Sgt. Travis Owens and is stationed in India. He is serving in a base hospital there. He took his basic training at Camp Beale in California.

Post Merchants Extend Greetings Through Dispatch

The traditional Christmas Greeting edition of The Post Dispatch is now ready for your approval with this number.

The majority of merchants of Post take this method each year of expressing good cheer to their customers and friends and we of The Dispatch force assist them in laying out suitable and attractive ads for this purpose. This 28 page greeting edition has been in the making for two weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to those merchants who turned in their advertising copy early in order that the force here at the Dispatch would have ample time to get out the large Greetings number. Such cooperation and understanding makes working with these fine merchants a very pleasant thing indeed.

The merchants and the Dispatch force hope you enjoy the Greetings and Christmas stories published this week.

Benefit Program To Be Presented Dec. 29 At Graham School

A benefit program will be presented on Friday night, December 29th at 8:00 o'clock at the Graham school house. The program will be sponsored by the Close City Home Demonstration club. It consists of several short plays and a variety of skits and was previously staged by the folks in Close City.

The proceeds will be divided between the Close City and Graham clubs. The Close City group will use their funds for home demonstration work while the Graham group will use their portion for the school lunch room.

Admission will be ten and fifteen cents.

Ruth McMahon arrived home from Bethany college to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. McMahon.

Older Men Face Induction Under Recent Edict

Local Selective Service boards were notified of the government's "produce or fight" edict in a communique sent out a few days ago.

The Selective Service office announced a "much larger" proportion of older men will be inducted after February 1, the edict announced.

This order will probably effect a group of men in this county. It ordered that registrants in the 26 through 37 age bracket whose job shifts are not in the best interests of the war effort should be put in 1-A and placed near the top of the list for induction.

Draft boards were directed that when these registrants are put in 1-A after leaving essential jobs they should be made available for service "in the same manner as registrants who leave agriculture."

This would make them available after volunteers and "delinquents"—those who violate draft regulations.

In leaving to local boards determination as to which changes will aid in prosecution of the war, the agency made it clear that in some cases a switch may be approved even though consent of the board was not obtained prior to a move.

It also ruled that men who changed jobs before December 12 are excluded from the new provision for clearance through local boards.

The memorandum instructed boards to "give greater deferment consideration to registrants 26 through 37 who are engaged in war production or in support of the war effort, than those engaged in activities not supporting immediate prosecution of the war."

President Signs World War I Pension Bill

President Roosevelt signed Friday a bill providing pensions for widows and children of deceased veterans of World War I.

Estimated to cost \$37,000,000 in its first year, the pension system provides benefits up to \$74 a month for families of men who served in that war.

The measure extends coverage to the families of virtually all World War I veterans, since it provides pensions regardless of the cause of death. Previously pensions were allowed widows and children only (1) if the veteran died of a disability connected with his war service and (2) if he died of some other cause, but had been disabled in the war.

Widows without children will get \$35 a month. A widow with one child will receive \$45, and \$5 will be paid for each additional child.

A child of a deceased veteran whose mother also is dead, will get \$18. Two orphans will receive \$37. Three will get \$46 and for each additional orphan \$4 is provided.

No children widow can draw a pension unless her annual income is under \$1,000, nor can a widow with children qualify for a pension unless her income is less than \$2,500.

A veteran must have served at least 90 days for his family to be eligible. And, to encourage women from marrying veterans with the idea of obtaining pensions, the law says that any woman who has married a veteran after the effective date of the act must have been married to him for 10 years to receive the pension upon his death.

Basketball Is Scheduled For Friday Night

Basketball fans will be interested in the games scheduled for Friday night, the 22nd at 7:30 p. m. in the Post High school gymnasium.

Three games will be played with schools from Dawson county. This is a return match as Post teams played these last week and in some-what good games.

Admission prices are 10 and 20 cents. The crowds have been increasing at each game. You are invited to attend.

SOUTHLAND NEWS

Mrs. Marvin Truelock, Community Correspondent

On Dec. 23rd the Lutheran church will have their annual Christmas program here. The Christmas service will be the following afternoon. The program and services at Wilson will be the evening and night of Christmas Eve. The pastor, Rev. E. Herber will hold services on Christmas Day at Lockney where the church has no pastor.

Bill Hollers, a former resident, visited the E. M. Basingers last week end.

Week end guests of the Howard Blackwelders were her sister Mrs. F. T. McKee and family of Seagraves.

There was Quarterly Conference dinner and singing at the local Methodist church Sunday. Despite the extreme cold, quite a crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris thought they would have a lonely Christmas without any of their children home. But Mrs. D. K. Allen and husband arrived last week. His nephew, Doyle Allen, had a 10-day leave and paid the Allen's car expense home rather

than travel by bus or train. Doyle is the son of our former Baptist pastor, Rev. Vick Allen, now of Wolfforth.

Tuesday night of last week, our Junior and Senior basketball boys defeated Wilson here.

Friday at the basketball tournament at New Deal, our Senior boys lost to Abernathy and Senior girls lost to Idalou.

Thursday night of this week, Post teams come here to play.

Mrs. Fred Davis and daughter of Springtown arrived here Wednesday night to visit her parents, the W. W. Davies and other relatives until after Christmas.

Last week the Baptist church sent \$25 worth of clothing—half of it new, cookies and \$17.50 in cash to Bucknera Orphans Home.

We have sold \$1,500.00 to date in bonds.

Last year our Bond Rally crowd was small, even though we had a J.A.A.F. chaplain as speaker. But we didn't have 1,200 vacant seats and have to break up a party to get a crowd, like Lubbock did. They had as speakers, flyers who had seen foreign service.

It was in the first battle of the Civil War, known as the Battle of Bull Run, that General "Stonewall" Jackson received his nickname.

Keeping Spirit Of Christmas

HENRY VAN DYKE
(From "The Spirit of Christmas.")

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry or joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you or a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of the children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and garden for your kindly feelings, to the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal one? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

"Victory or Death" was the countersign of the Americans who crossed the Delaware River with General Washington on that memorable night in 1776.

Southland Boys In Service

Mrs. J. B. Jones has received word from her husband, S-Sgt. J. B. Jones, saying that he had been evacuated from the Philippines to somewhere in the Marianas island by plane, and is in the hospital there. He had undergone an operation on his leg and reports to be doing fine. Sgt. Jones has been awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received on Leyte Oct. 28.

T-Sgt. Homer D. Gilliland's Christmas card received last Wednesday said he was in Germany now, was well and hoped to see his folks soon.

1c P-O James W. Becker's first letter home in a month stated he was now in charge of all the mess halls and is gun captain on a 40 mm. machine gun. On Jan. 1st, their jobs will change for three months.

Dorothy Becker will be 2nd Lieutenant, when she graduates in July. In February her group will be transferred from Dallas to either McCloskey Hospital at Temple or back to Lubbock.

Pfc. Jimmy R. Morris left last Saturday noon after a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Morris. He is taking an engineering course and is known as a "Slideroo Commando" at the State University at Baton Rouge, La. He graduated here last spring. His sister, 2-c Seaman Mary Lynn Morris spent six weeks at Hunter College, N. Y., where she and one other girl made highest ratings there and was sent for two months to Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is taking yeoman work—typing, etc. She graduated from Tech last August, and expects to graduate at Cedar Falls in January and get a leave to come home. Their brother, S-Sgt. Earl D. Morris is at Camp Chaffey, Ark., where he is a radio operator. He hopes to come home soon—obably after Christmas.

Mariete Denahoo arrived home last week, to visit his parents, the J. W. Donshook. His wife has been visiting here for several weeks.

Cpl. Manuel P. Keyes left Lubbock last Sunday on a truck convoy. He volunteered as an aerial gunner and has passed half of the 15 exams required.

Mrs. Marvin Truelock's twin brother wrote from Egypt that they were only allowed to send 40 lbs. of mail home a month. He had recently visited the Pyramids.

When the British burned Washington in 1814, Dolly Madison, wife of President Madison, saved the full length picture of George Washington by cutting it from the frame as the British entered the city. The picture is now in the White House, and is the only article there today that occupied a place in the original mansion.

The oldest lighthouse in the United States stands on Cape Henry, at the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, Virginia.

Cpl. William Smith Given State Duty After Serving Overseas

Santa Ana, Calif.—Cpl. William H. Smith, son of Mrs. Zella Lee Wilkens, Post, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station of the Santa Ana Army Air Base after serving overseas with the Fifth Air Force as a mechanic.

Cpl. Smith entered the service on January 18, 1942, and went overseas in February of 1942. He has been stationed in New Guinea and Australia.

At Santa Ana Army Air Base, a station of the AAF Personnel Distribution Command, returned veterans of overseas air forces are given complete physicals, reclassified according to their military skills and reassigned to domestic stations of the AAF.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring us a doll, doll high chair, gun with cork that will pop when it shoots and a telephone and some candy, nuts and fruit.

Kathryn Kay and Joy Laverne Martin

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ball glove, hat, horn and some fruit and candy.

Travis Altman

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS:

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Will you please bring me a little transport truck, a gun to carry on my shoulder, a black board, and a jeep. Don't forget my little sister, Darlene, she wants a doll, a set of dishes and a little rocker. Also some fruits and nuts.

Gerald Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a football and a suit, and a football helmet.

George William Gowan

DR. H. G. TOWLE, D. O. S.

DR. JOHN F. BLUM,

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—Phone 465—

SNYDER, TEXAS

To protect it from light, we caused it to fade while it hung the wall of the old Patent Office in Washington, D. C., the Declaration of Independence is now covered by amber colored plate glass.



"You run along to that sweater movie — I'm going to sit here and eat some more Wheaties!"



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!

Open Christmas Eve
Closed Christmas Day
Hunt's Cafe

Merry American Christmas

and Best Wishes for the New Year

Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way.

Today, thanks to the magnificent achievements of our armed forces, we have gone a long way down the road toward final Victory and we can look forward hopefully to enjoying Christmas as we used to know it—in an atmosphere of peace and contentment unclouded by the shadows of war.

It is with firm resolve to help speed that happy day and with an unbounded faith in the future, that we extend to you and your loved ones our heartiest Christmas greetings and warmest best wishes for the New Year.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



There's a joy in the heart That sets Christmas apart, To make it a day of all days. And may its true peace And good will never cease To bless you in manifold ways.

J. W. Rogers
Service Station

HOLIDAY Bargain RATES



Bargain Rates expire the first of January. Those of you who want to get in on the Holiday Rates are reminded to do so this month. Nothing would make a more enjoyable Christmas Gift than a subscription to the paper most liked by the person who is to receive the gift.

Abilene Reporter-News

Seven Days A Week (New Subscriptions Accepted) and THE POST DISPATCH Both for \$7.95

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(New Subscriptions Accepted) and THE POST DISPATCH Both for \$6.00

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(To renew bring your card to The Post Dispatch Office) and THE POST DISPATCH Both for \$9.25

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK (To renew bring your label to The Post Dispatch Office) and THE POST DISPATCH Both for \$10.00

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June Entertainments Christmas

Most of the Christmas season is over. J. R. Maxwell, Ann the 15th and 14th.

THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus... or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas. Yes, there IS a Santa Claus, and there will always BE a Santa Claus in the good old U.S.A. We wish for you and your family this season of 1944-45 a typical American Christmas.

Parker's Bakery



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here! We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

Algerita Coffee Shop

MR. and MRS. B. L. GRAHAM

TO GREET YOU

With Cheery Greetings for Christmas and the New Year



ADAMS SHOE SHOP



Letters To Santa Claus

- Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old, bring me a western gun set and a bow and arrow. Bobby wants a bow and arrow. Mac Terry.
- Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. Will you please bring me a doll, a tub and rub board and doctors set? Beverly Sharon Bartlett
- I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me a doll and sweeper and dishes. Linda Kay Bartlett
- Please bring me a football, gun and holster. Roy Wayne McGeebee
- Please bring me a blackboard, some candy and nuts. Rosalie Ann Kiesel
- Please bring me a steam shovel and a tractor and some nuts. Bobbie Davis
- I want a doll and some candy and nuts. Lois Ann Collins
- Please bring me a wagon and a football and some candy and nuts. Douglas Hampton
- Please bring me a doll and some candy and nuts and house shoes and housecoat. Hazel Ruth Lancaster
- Please bring me a teddy bear and a doctor set. Gerald Dabbs
- I want a bicycle, some candy and nuts. James Thompson
- I want a doctor set, a army truck and a bugle, please. David Richardson
- Please bring me a doll and dishes, some candy and nuts. Lou Ella Gary
- Please bring me a football and a ring. E. L. Dunn.
- Please bring me a doll and some candy and nuts. Sue Lancaster
- Please bring me something nice to play with and some candy and nuts. Anita Stone
- Please bring me a telephone and candy and nuts. Janis Lois Mock
- Please bring me a wagon and some candy and nuts. Jessie Stockton
- Please bring me a wagon and a football. Junior Becker
- I want a football, a set of dominos and candy. Loyd Wood
- Please bring me a doll, table and chairs and candy and nuts. Betty Gary
- and a airplane. Billy Williams and a airplane. Billy Williams
- Please bring me a doll and some candy and nuts. Threasa Fay Lewis
- Please bring me a table and chairs and some candy and nuts. Mary Lou Field
- Please bring me a doll house, some candy and nuts. Melba Ruth Shelton
- Please bring me a ball and some candy and nuts. Burdine Becker
- I want a bicycle and clay and nuts. Billy Lowell Meeks
- I want a bicycle and candy and nuts. Wilbur Lee Adams.
- I want a Dick Tracy Set and a doctor set, a bicycle and a bow and arrow. Jerry Pennell.
- Please bring me a football and an airplane. George Ellis
- I want a doll and some candy and nuts. Wanda Pruitt
- I want a bicycle, candy and nuts. Dazrell Roberts
- Please bring me a doll and color set. Jo Ann Lee
- Please bring me a doll and telephone, some candy and nuts. Sherry Taylor
- I want a basketball and nuts. Harley Venn Johnston
- Please bring me a jewelry set and basketball and some candy and nuts. Joyce Edwards

Dear Santa Claus: We are four little girls who love you very much. We are going to be at our grandparents at Post on Christmas and we want you to come see us there. Please bring us a table and chairs, and dolls. Remember all the other boys and girls and all our soldiers and sailors. We are 5, 4, and 2 years old. Gay, Kay, Fern and Sue Roberts

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a fairly good girl. Do you think you could bring me a doll cedar chest or a trunk—I don't have enough beds to put all my dolls to bed at the same time but I want a new doll with pig tails. I want a pinafore for her to wear. My little brother, John Allan, is nearly one year old and I think he wants a rag doll. Marthana Cearley

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a truck, a little car, a blackboard and little red rocker. Delwin Fruit

Buy A War Bond today!

TEXAS TEXTILE WORKERS MUST INCREASE OUTPUT

Dallas—Textile workers in the nine mills of Texas faced possible round-the-clock production schedules as Army service force officers sought means to buck up lagging production and overcome a 40 per cent shortage in war-vital cotton duck and tentage.

A War Manpower Commission spokesman, conferring here with five Army troubleshooters on the slack output, pointed out that low wages and manpower problems were possible stumbling blocks to 24-hour, seven day schedules in plants now operating only one and two eight-hour shifts.

The United States Army's 20-ton light tank, by virtue of its 75-millimeter gun, packs the wallop of a medium tank; powered with two eight-cylinder passenger car engines, it has a speed of 40 miles an hour.

About two million people in the United States have malaria every year.

Richard Bird Completes Naval Training At Norman, Oklahoma

Richard A. Bird, Seaman second class, who has recently been here visiting his wife and children, has recently completed Aviation Ordnance training at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Oklahoma. He will now be transferred to a naval unit about or to another shore station for further instruction and work.

Seaman Bird enlisted in the Navy April 19, 1944.

Mrs. Bob Warren was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Nell Gross, in Sweetwater Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Buy a War Bond Today!

Just A Friendly Christmas GREETING To Say Here's Hoping That All Of You Will Really Have A Happy Christmas Day Ashley, Mary, Rosemary and Linda Lawson

Today, as on previous occasions, we greet you with all sincerity, and we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness in the year just closing.

Holiday Greetings

Star Service Station
CECIL OSBORN

GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer—but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

HUNDLEY'S
Cleaners & Men's Wear

SEASONS

As a small token of our high esteem for the people whom we serve, we send these words of Greetings. We place an immeasurable value on your friendship and trust that we may merit its continuance.

We renew our pledge of the service which we constantly strive to render; and take this occasion to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.

GREETINGS

Southside Grocery and Market
ROY BAKER

Unfair Tactics

John: "I think Sybil will make me an ideal wife. Every time I go there I find her darned her father's socks."

Jayce: "That caught me, too, until I noticed it was always the same sock."—Exchange.

It's Also for Dad

Lady: "I want a nice table toy for my son."

Salesman: "Table toy?"

Lady: "Yes. You see, the boy's father doesn't like to go on the floor."

War and peace problems in Europe are complicated by the present 53 regularly printed languages used on that continent; in 1800 there were only 18 printed languages.

Although written in 1776, the original copy of our Declaration of Independence is still in good, readable condition.

Letters To Santa Claus - - -

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big airplane, a gun that looks like a real gun and a little train and bring my little sister a doll and dishes and we both like candy, fruit, and nuts.
Sammy Gene and Carolyn Martin

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a telephone, tractor and a "un" and bring my little baby sister a doll, candy, fruit and nuts.
Connie Raymond and Ruthelle Martin

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doctor kit, a lumber truck and a puzzle.
Ronnie Gene Gollehon

Had the Confederate Army followed up its victory in the famous Battle of Bull Run the Confederates might have taken Washington without firing a single shot.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS...

Miss Bonnie McMahon, Reporter

Announcing Grade School Christmas Pageant for Thursday night, December 21st at 7:30 p. m. in Grade School Auditorium.

Everyone is cordially invited and sincerely urged to come. So that parents may see their child's room and visit with his teacher we are having open house from 7:00 - 7:30 immediately preceding the program.

Then at 7:30—for your pleasure—the following program will be given with all grades and classes participating.

"Twas The Night Before Christmas" given in pantomime by 2nd grade.

"Christmas Comes to the Shoe" presented by Mrs. Clark's 1st grade students.

Rhythm Band—composed of Miss Richardson's 1st grade students.

"White Christmas" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" presented by 4th Grade Choral club. Both songs are pantomimed by 2nd grade students.

"The Story of Christmas" given in song and pantomime by the Intermediate Choral club. In this you will hear your favorite Christmas carols and also see them interpreted—with emphasis on the true spirit of Christmas.

Contest for Queen of Sports:

All students are now collecting pennies and working for their contestant for Queen of Sports. The following contestants were elected to represent the various grades:

First grades—Sara Lou Ray and Esther Ann Bird.

Second grade—Dora Ann Hughes.

Third grades—Jackie Sue Dale and Barbara Northcutt.

Fourth grades—Charlotte Brown and Billie Marie Williamson.

Fifth grade—Patay Bostic.

Sixth grade—Mary Nell Bowen.

Seventh grades—Betty Mills and Verna Dell Long.

The proceeds will be used to buy playground equipment for the Grade school.

Christmas Tree Entertainment:

Friday afternoon, Dec. 22 will be a happy time in Grade school. Students will gather around the gaily trimmed trees and gifts will be distributed. Classrooms will be filled with laughter and joyful hearts. Christmas stories will be told and carols sung.

Change In News Reporter:

Beginning in January Mrs. Vynomma Clark will be the news reporter for Grade school. Miss Bonnie McMahon, the present reporter, will work on the Publicity Yearbook for the Grade School Parent-Teacher Association.

Hereford History Book Now In Post Dispatch Library

An amazing amount of information on the Texas Hereford industry, including a brief summary of its history, is compressed into the comparatively small volume of the 1945 Texas Hereford Directory. The volume is just off the press and The Post Dispatch has received a complimentary copy. The book is to be placed in the Dispatch office library and all Hereford breeders of this county or other interested persons are invited to look it over any time.

More than seven thousand copies are being sent to the principal buyers of pure bred cattle in the United States.

The directory is an authentic inventory of the hundreds of thousands of Herefords being produced in Texas, the greatest Hereford breeding state in the Union. Listed by counties is data on all the members of the Texas Hereford Association, their ranches and cattle.

In the forward, Jack Frost, president of the Association, outlines the purposes of the organization and prospective purchasers are advised that every member has signed the code of ethics and that the Association guarantees that every buyer will get what he pays for.

The introduction quotes from a speech made by W. H. Beard, Clay county rancher who brought the first Herefords to Texas, and first president of the Association in which he exhorted the members to "stand together as a band of brothers and push the breed into every hamlet of the country and encourage the best exhibits possible at each fair and fat stock show."

Since that time, nearly forty-five years ago Herefords have been introduced into every one of Texas' 284 counties.

Daylight seeing in some people simply causes another hour they can waste.

First Baptist WMU Meets In Regular Business Session

The WMS of the First Baptist church met Monday December 18 for their business meeting.

The devotional was read by Mrs. Suits, after which the prayer was offered. The secretary, Mrs. Cox, read the minutes of the previous meeting. A report was given by Mrs. Jim Williams, treasurer. Reports were heard from Mrs. Kemp, A. W. Boucher, Neff, Manley, and Mrs. Suits reported for Mrs. Tracy who was unable to be present. These women are all officers of the WMS.

Mrs. Estelle Pirtle was elected Junior G. A. counselor. Mrs. Kelly Sims is in charge of the war bond and stamp book for the Bible Science building of Wayland college.

A gift is being sent to our church home girl that is in college and also to another Baptist girl that is in college.

The meeting was closed by a prayer led by Mrs. Neff.

Food for the United States Army is supplied to the extent of more than 38,000,000 pounds a day.

Dispatch Receiving Christmas Greetings From Boys Overseas

We, of Post Dispatch office force are receiving Christmas Greetings from boys overseas. One of the first received was from Sgt. Billie Donaldson. The greeting was a V-mail letter and held an attractively styled design combining the Christmas theme and the patriotic theme. The sentiment expressed friendly greetings. Billie is somewhere in the Pacific.

Others received were from Clyde Williams who is in San Diego; Jim Moudy who is a chaplain in the U. S. Army; Curtis Neal who is with Uncle Sam's Navy on a cruiser somewhere in the Pacific.

Many Post families are receiving cards from their sons.

All cards are styled to fit the particular branch of the service to which the sender is attached.

Murrie Crowley also sent greetings this morning from Hawaii. He sent his message in a letter and sends a cheery hello to all his friends here in Post.

The office force truly appreciate these cards and wish all senders the very best of luck and a speedy return to their homes.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MRS. MAC TAVISH, TO SAVE YOUR USED FATS

CORDIAL GREETINGS
The management and personnel of this organization extend the compliments of the season to each of our friends.

Hamilton Drug Store

To Wish You a . . .

Merry Christmas

Maggie's Beauty Shop

THAT THE THRILL OF CHRISTMAS . . . ITS GENUINENESS . . . AND HAPPINESS MAY CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEARS TO COME . . . IS OUR SINCERE WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS.

B. M. BULLARD

TIRE SHOP

EACH CHRISTMAS as it comes and goes proves anew that love is the only binding power of the world. In these dark days of late December when the brightness of smiles make ample amends for lack of brightness overhead, we again send our most hearty Christmas Greetings.

Charlie Bowen
Service Station & Garage

OUR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

If the ideals of peace, good will, and kindness to all are not to be forgotten, it is our obligation to keep them alive. We should appreciate and enjoy this great country of ours to its fullest extent. The traditions that are woven into the spirit of Christmas should predominate in our thinking today, tomorrow, and the years to come. In this spirit we can look forward with confidence that the future will continue to bring us those things that make for happiness.

May you spend an old fashioned, joyous holiday and may good health, happiness, and prosperity be yours.

Our Dining Room Will Be CLOSED
SUNDAY and CHRISTMAS DAY

GILES DINING ROOM
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles

Mama's Sugar Says:

Merry Christmas
To Texans and Friends Everywhere

Thanks for Your Loyalty and Your Consideration of IMPERIAL'S Job in Wartime

Sugar is vital to victory. And Imperial Sugar isn't always plentiful for civilian needs. Despite tremendous demands, war shortages and transportation difficulties, the folks of Sugar Land, Texas, are working right and day to supply your grocer and you with the Imperial, Pure Cane Sugar that Texans like best. Don't blame your grocer when he is temporarily out of Imperial Sugar . . . or when he offers Imperial in paper packages only. It contains the same fine, pure cane Imperial Sugar you have always known. . . . May the holiday season be a happy one for you and yours, is the wish of IMPERIAL SUGAR COMPANY of Sugar Land, Texas.

IMPERIAL SUGAR
PURE CANE SUGAR
TEXAS' OWN . . . 100% PURE CANE

WOMAN'S PAGE

Mrs. E. A. Warren
SOCIETY AND LOCAL EDITOR
Phone 111 and 1163

Reports of all social and club meetings will be appreciated. All reports should be turned in not later than Tuesday 6 p. m. each week.

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Mrs. McNabb was even more surprised a while later when asked to go in the living room where a lovely platform rocker stood, a going away gift from the members of the church. The afternoon was spent in singing. Bro. Maxey of Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Floyd were visitors. Others present were The Henry Wheatleys and three children, the Emory Youngs and son, the Virgil Stones and two children, the Ben McGeehees, the E. F. Wheatleys, Emmitt Duncans, Mike Custers and two children, Will Williams and Wanda Lou, S. C. Caldwells and two sons, Edith Clary and three sons, Lila Bell Maxey and two children and the Aubrey Ritchies and four children. —Church Reporter

Jones - Miller Wedding Rites Held December 12

Miss Viola Jones became the bride of Pvt. Robert E. Miller on Tuesday December 12 at 6:30 p. m. The double ring ceremony took place at the home of Rev. Musick at Idalou, Texas. Attendants were Cpl. Leon Simpson and Miss Thelma Adams. The bride wore a lilac grey suit with brown accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones and a graduate of Post High school. Pvt. Miller is the son of Mrs. J. O. Miller. He has recently completed 27 months of overseas duty in the United States Army. After a 30-day furlough he will return to McCloskey General hospital at Temple.

Buy A War Bond Today!

Junior Culture Club Entertained With Christmas Party

Most effective yuletide decorations were used to decorate the J. R. Durrett home when Miss Maxine Durrett and Miss Mabel Ann Manley were co-hostesses for the annual Christmas party of the Junior Culture Club.

An attractive Christmas tree formed the central point of the decorative scheme. Gifts arranged around the tree made it a very enticing picture. The mantel was a beautiful sight with its silver and red leaves and red Christmas candles reflected in the mirror. The dining table further emphasized the motif by holding a cleverly styled Christmas decoration. Candles on tables throughout the entertaining rooms added the only illumination.

A feature of the program was the presentation of Ronald Coleman's version of Dickens' Christmas carols. The club sang several carols in unison and Miss Jackie Thomas gave a beautiful solo. Christmas games and puzzles created a bit of amusement preceding the program.

Gifts were exchanged at the conclusion of the party hour. Plate favors were duplicated on the packages and each guest found her package by matching it with her plate favor. Refreshments of open faced sandwiches, potato chips, fruit cake and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Dinner Party Honors Miss Wilma Presson and Lt. Kent Presson

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graeber were hosts, Sunday, Dec. 17, for dinner in honor of their niece and nephew, Miss Wilma Presson of Dallas and Lt. Kent Presson of Fort Bragg, N. C.

The dining room was indeed beautiful, causing much comment from the guests. The gaily-wrapped gifts, which served as place marks, combined with red carnations and red tapers formed a lovely setting for the turkey dinner with all its Christmas trimmings.

After dinner, Christmas carols were sung and pictures were made.

Enjoying the party with the honorees were their parents, Mr.

Xmas Party Is Held At Cook Home By Merrymakers

On December 12, twenty-six members of the Merry Makers club met with Mrs. Taylor Cook for the annual Christmas party. There were several visitors. The home was beautifully decorated.

A program consisting of several readings by Mrs. Parsons' granddaughter and Mrs. Whetley's and Mrs. Leggett's grandchildren was given. Mrs. Gossett gave a quiz on Christmas. Soon Santa arrived and the many beautiful gifts were distributed. In this manner everyone found out who their club pals were. The tree was lovely.

Officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Lola Peel and Mrs. Mabel Caldwell were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Mrs. Sadie Storie was elected vice-president and Mrs. Mozelle Bartlett reporter. Names of club pals for next year were drawn.

Delicious refreshments of cocoa, coffee, cookies, pumpkin pie and whipped cream were served.

The club adjourned to meet Tuesday, Jan. 9th at the home of Mrs. Pearl Crisp. —Rep.

Expression Class Presented In Final Recital Friday Night

The recital presented Friday night, December 13, by the expression pupils of Mrs. Roy Mullins was well attended. The high school auditorium was filled almost to capacity.

The pupils ranged from beginners to those who had completed two full years of work. Christmas was featured in most of the readings with some serious poems presented by the older students.

All the numbers were well received by the audience with special applause going to the black face and novelty skills.

The announcement made by Mrs. Mullins just before the final number that this was her last recital in Post came as a surprise to the audience and it is to be regretted that Post will lose this talented woman who has worked so faithfully with her pupils.

The performance Friday night of these youngsters showed some fine talent developed under the guidance of Mrs. Mullins and was a fitting climax to her teaching period.

Mrs. C. L. Pickett Entertains With Party on Thursday

Mrs. Charles Louis Pickett used Christmas as a motif for the decorations when she entertained for friends Thursday, December 14, with a bridge party.

The Christmas tree was the center of interest with colorful candles and Old English yule logs used effectively throughout the entertaining rooms.

Mrs. Phil Boucher won the prize for high and Mrs. Wallace Kimbrough won the bingo prize. At this time Mrs. Pickett presented gifts to Miss Surman, Kahler and Davis.

During the tea hour yule logs were used as the centerpiece for the foursome tables.

Those attending were: Mmes. W. V. Roy, Phil Boucher, Blanche Dalby, D. C. Williams, Bryan Williams, Bryan J. Williams, Wallace Kimbrough, J. A. Stallings, A. C. Surman, Glenn Kahler, Bob Davis, James Minor, Doug Morrel, John Hurd, Ernest Griffith, Giles Connel, Skeeter Slaughter, Belle Fairbanks, B. J. Edwards and Bryan Mathis.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

The Needlecraft club will meet with Mrs. C. W. Terry for the Christmas party December 22 at 3:30 p. m. —Reporter

Miss Wilma Presson left Tuesday night for Dallas after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Presson and a brother Lt. Kent Presson who spent until Wednesday night here. Wilma or "Boo" as she is known to all her friends is employed at Perkins Dry Goods company in Dallas. Kent is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

NOTICE

F. L. A. Smith will give at Verbena on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

and Mrs. W. F. Presson, Miss Maxine Durrett, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Presson, Mrs. Darwood Billings and Cheryl Anne, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Surges.

Southland OES Enjoys Party Last Saturday Night

One of the season's prettiest parties was enjoyed by the Southland OES members Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. L. Collingsworth, the worthy Matron and Patron entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Mayfield, and assisted by Mrs. Pete Marshall of Lubbock.

From a beautifully decorated table, the guests were served a delicious supper, buffet style, of baked ham, cream peas, potato salad, green beans, congealed salad, hot rolls, cake and coffee. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations and plate favors.

Bingo was the diversion of the evening and as each guest bingoed, appropriate gifts were selected from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Those enjoying this delightful occasion were: Mrs. E. Denton, C. A. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Haire, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mayfield and Mrs. Mary Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. LaRoyce Lovelless as guests.

Woman's Culture Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The Woman's Culture club met for its Christmas party last Thursday night in the home of Mrs. John Cearley with Mrs. E. W. Williams as co-hostess.

After Mrs. Jones' announcement that reading of the minutes and business matters would be held over until the next minute, the program was presented.

Maxine Durrett, in her very charming manner, gave the introduction and explanations for Ronald Coleman's recorded version of Dickens' Christmas Carol. Miss Durrett, daughter of a Senior club member, is president of the Junior club and it was a pleasure to have her as a guest on the program.

Mrs. Hibbs gave a most interesting re-telling of The First Christmas Tree in America. As a holiday gesture, the club is presenting a cash gift to McCloskey hospital at Temple.

Gifts were exchanged from the small tree. Decorations of greenery and red ribbons and a setting of the manger scene were used.

Refreshment plates further carried out the Christmas colors. Favors were small green tree cut-outs tied with red ribbons.

Kemp Home Scene of Priscilla Club Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the Priscilla club was held Friday December 13, in the home of Mrs. Keith Kemp with Mrs. Rex Everett as co-hostess.

Christmas decorations were used with the big tree as the center of attraction.

After an hour of visiting the presents were distributed by the hostesses. There was much enjoyment of each one in seeing what every one else received.

Entertaining dates and club friends' names were drawn for next year. For the benefit of the new members the constitution and by-laws were read by the secretary.

Delicious applesauce cake topped with whipped cream was served with spiced tea to a guest, Mrs. Serratt, and Mmes. Hudman, Williams, Haws, Collier, Walden, Hibbs, Smith, Barrow, Duckworth, Webb, Alaman, Thaxton, Camp and Cearley.

Holiday Party Is Enjoyed by Berean Class Members

The Berean class of the Methodist Sunday school met in the home of Mrs. Bennie Sargee for their observance of the holiday season.

The house was beautifully decorated for Christmas with the lighted tree the center of attraction.

The regular business of the class was attended to and as a Christmas gift the class donated ten dollars for the orphan's home.

For diversion games of 42 were enjoyed after which delicious pecan pie topped with whipped cream was served to ten members. Assisting Mrs. Sargee with the party were Mmes. Parker, Edwards, Moor, Oulaw, and McNally.

Victory S. S. Class Holds Night Party Thursday Dec. 14

The Victory class of the Methodist church met in the home of their teacher, Mrs. W. R. Graeber, Thursday night of last week in one of the most enjoyable parties of the year.

Just a little while before party time a dozen red carnations arrived for Mrs. Graeber from her class members. She used those carnations for a centerpiece on the dining table and arranged tall red tapers at either end, making a most effective table decoration.

After the girls gathered around the table Mrs. Graeber served plates of salads arranged in Christmas shapes and colors with tree-shaped bread slices.

After this most delicious meal the business of the meeting was conducted then each guest spoke for four or five minutes on What Christmas Means to Me. They enjoyed very much hearing Mr. Graeber tell of one of his childhood Christmas experiences. A grand party in a gracious home which was truly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Alene Gerner Married To Ben F. Brewer On Sunday

A wedding of interest to Post and Garza friends was that on Sunday night of Miss Alene Gerner of Post and Ben F. Brewer of Spur, Texas.

The ceremony was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gerner, with Rev. D. W. Reed, performing the impressive single ring ceremony.

Attendants for the couple were W. L. Crider, Jr. and Juanita Bingham.

Thirty guests attended. Following the wedding a supper was held to honor the bridal couple.

Buy A War Bond Today!

Club Girls Of County Honored With Tea On Saturday, Dec. 16th

Marilyn Curry and Margie Freeman gave a summary of the work done by the 4-H club girls of Garza county at a tea given by the County Home Demonstration Council, Saturday, Dec. 16, in the basement of the Methodist church, honoring the 4-H club girls in the county.

Marilyn Curry discussed some of the social activities of the Close City 4-H club of which she is a member. Some of the outstanding activities carried on by the club were parties and picnics during the summer months. This group of girls have raised enough money by rummage sales to redecorate one of the rooms in the Close City teachersage and change it into a club room.

Marge Freeman, president of the Post High 4-H club, gave a brief summary of the work done by the girls in the county. According to her report the club girls have canned a total of 965 quarts of fruit and vegetables, made a total of 182 garments and have taken part in every phase of community activity.

Following the reports by these girls the council members served hot spiced punch and cookies to the 4-H club girls, their mothers, and members of the commissioner's court. —Reporter

PARENT-TEACHER LEADERS WILL MEET IN JANUARY

Managers of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers will meet in midwinter session at Austin Jan. 24-25. Mrs. A. C. Surman, state executive, was notified of the meeting this week.

State chairmen will present tentative plans for the incoming three-year administration. There will be meetings of the executive committee, the managers and the district presidents.

There are 56 members of the board.

In Honor Party For Sgt. and Mrs. Tipton Given Thurs. Night

Sgt. and Mrs. W. J. Tipton were named honor guests Thursday night, December 14, when Mmes. B. J. Edwards, B. M. Robinson, A. B. Haws and Kelly Sims were hostesses for a delightfully planned '42 party.

In keeping with the holiday season, Christmas decorations were used for the party which was held at Jennie's Tea Room.

After the games guests were served apple pie a la mode and coffee.

W. J. and his wife were presented a complete set of china in a service for eight as a gift from those present.

Enjoying the evening with Sgt. and Mrs. Tipton were Messrs. and Mmes. Allen Cash, Raymond Redman, Hoy Stevens, Pete Kennedy, W. F. Scarborough, Edwards, Robinson, Haws and Mmes. A. C. Surman, Gladys Price and Kelly Sims.

Holiday Party For WSCS Held On Monday of Last Week

The Methodist parsonage was the scene of the Christmas party for WSCS members Monday of last week.

A most enjoyable program was presented, combining the themes of Service and Christmas. Two ladies, Mmes. T. R. Greenfield and J. R. Durrett, were honored for their outstanding work and were presented certificates of life membership.

During the social hour a gift shower was presented to Mrs. Jimmy Thomas, a recent bride.

A refreshment plate carrying out the beauty of the Christmas colors was served. Hostesses for this holiday occasion were Mmes. Smith, Parzer, E. W. Williams, Graeber, and Stone.

Minnesota was admitted to the Union on May 11, 1858.

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of This Organization

We of this organization welcome the opportunity the Holiday Season provides to tell you how much your business friendship has meant to us. With folk everywhere remembering their friends, our Christmas wouldn't be complete without a friendly word to you at this time.

So, while saying "Thank You," we also want to convey our best wishes to you and yours for a beautiful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with Health, Happiness and prosperity.

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A RIGHT MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Our Loyal Friends And Customers

Miss Mattie Evelyn Stone left Monday for Dallas where she will visit friends and go on to Jackson, Miss., where she will be a guest of Sgt. Robbie Collier who is stationed there.

Misses Hazel Louise Cash and Betty Williams arrived home the first of the week from Texas State College for Women in Denton where both are Freshmen students.

Yule Celebrations Were Once Banned In Old New England

Christmas was not always merry in England and New England. The Puritans were scornful of the cheerful customs prevalent during the holiday season. In 1643 in England, anti-Christmas sentiments were enacted into law by the Roundhead parliament which abolished the observance of the three "grand festivals" Christmas, Easter, and Whitelid, and during the next 12 years Christmas was not celebrated in England.

The restoration of the royalty in England brought about a revival of Christmas traditions along with the renewed observance of the feast.

In America, anti-Christmas sentiments accompanied the Pilgrims when they disembarked from the Mayflower. On December 25, 1659, Governor Bradford rebuked certain young men who, having just arrived on the small ship Fortune, declined to work on "ye day called Christmas."

The governor allowed that "if they do it a matter of conscience he would spare them until they were better informed." Later, Bradford found these same youths sporting and playing in the streets. He sent them to their lodgings, telling them they should be allowed to keep their devotions—if the same were kept privately—but "there must be no gaming or revelling in the streets."

The Massachusetts general court welcomed the tidings that parliament had outlawed Christmas and enacted a measure providing that "anybody who is found observing . . . any such day as Christmas, shall pay for every such offense a fine of five shillings."

In 1681, the ordinance of '59 was repealed. However, in several New England communities the Puritan prejudice against the observance of Christmas persisted.

Friends are happy to see Miss Lucille Meador is able to be out for a very few hours at a time. Miss Meador, who is clerk in the Garza Elective Service office, recently underwent two operations at the Lubbock General Hospital.

Any man who thinks he's far-sighted is a poor judge of distance.

Post Masonic Lodge Observes 33rd Anniversary Dec. 14

We hope the following article will be of interest to the younger members of the lodge and bring back happy memories to some of the old timers. At the regular meeting held on December 14th members celebrated the 33rd anniversary of Post Lodge No. 1058.

It was the 19th day of December, 1911 at 1:30 p. m. the following Brethren met in the Masonic Hall at Post, Texas: J. H. Lindsey, A. R. Ponton, S. A. Morrow, R. H. Collier, Sam C. Wilks, William A. Wilks, T. B. Cutler and G. W. Harrison, with Bro. J. W. Warren, D. D. O. M. acting as proxy for Grand Master Sam P. Cochran, of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

A Master Mason's lodge was opened and Dr. Warren stated the purpose of the meeting. He then read the charter and Brother J. H. Lindsey was named Worshipful Master; S. A. Morrow, S. W.; R. H. Collier, J. W. After the lodge was set to labor the following officers were elected and installed into office: J. H. Lindsey, W. M.; A. R. Ponton, S. W.; R. H. Collier, J. W. G. W. Harrison, treasurer; Sam C. Wilks, secretary; T. B. Cutler, Tiler; Wm. A. Wilks, S. D.; S. A. Morrow, J. D. The meeting time was set for the Saturday night on or after the full moon of each month.

Other charter members, not present for this meeting were: P. S. Nichols, Will Cravy, C. H. Smithers and C. C. Horton.

Those visiting at this meeting were: Bros. J. W. Warren, Edgar Kelley, O. B. Kelley and J. H. Vinson of Seurry Lodge No. 706, D. W. Stiles, J. A. Bird and R. L. Self of Dickens Lodge No. 886, George Doughty of Emma Lodge No. 931, H. G. Smith of Corn Hill Lodge No. 567.

The only charter members now living, so far as we know, are: Bros. R. H. Collier, P. S. Nichols and Will Cravy of Post and Sam C. Wilks of Tulsa, Texas.

Letters From Post Lodge Members

Harold Voss . . . I am really a long way from home, and surely miss my association with you fellows. I get the Bulletin regularly and nothing pleases me more . . . I am just praying for the time when we can all be together again as we were in the past . . . Thanks for the bulletin.

Hayes Holman . . . So far I like Alaska fine. It has been from freezing to fifty below for the past two weeks, but the cold doesn't seem to hurt. Anchorage is really a booming town.

E. S. Hill . . . I want to say I enjoy reading the Lodge Bulletin very much. I am also getting the Texas Grand Lodge Magazine and the New Age . . . I am getting along pretty well, except I am just getting over another attack of malaria . . . So there is little likelihood of my having an opportunity to see any more foreign land.

—The Masonic Bulletin



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

JUSTICE SHOP

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Soil Conservation District News

Trial plantings of Rescue grass are being made by Elva Peel, Quana Massey, Tom Williams, A. O. Rosenbaum and Burney Jones with seed furnished by the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District.

Rescue grass is an annual bunch grass that furnishes winter grazing. It is not adapted to poor sandy soils, but it responds well in fertile clay and loam soils.

Most of the plantings are to be made in lake beds.

Construction was started last week on C. P. Witt's terracing system. About eight miles of terrace lines have been laid off for Mr. Witt, who is Group Leader of the Kalgary Conservation Group.

About three and a half miles of terrace lines were run for Bill Underwood of Polar on sixty-six acres of fairly rolling land. Mr.

Second Lieutenant Alton Trull whose name is on route 1, Post, has arrived at Barksdale Field, La., from Columbus, S. C. The Barksdale Field is a Third Bomber Command base under the Third Air Force.

Mrs. Nellie Rodgers has returned from California where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Underwood plans to have his terraces built with a whirling terracer.

Our flight hit Tokyo. More bombs for the Japs, more bombs for you. Buy now!

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN!



Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

Zetzman Blacksmith Shop

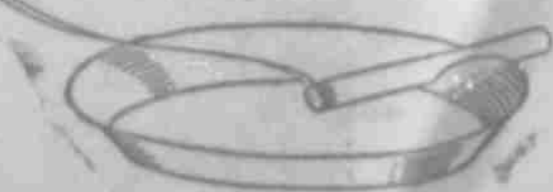
Wm. ZETZMAN



Season's Greetings A MERRY CHRISTMAS a Happy, Prosperous New Year, too!

It is natural at the Christmas Season to look back over the year; it is then that we realize that friendship and friendliness play an important part in making business life more thoroughly wholesome and enjoyable. Yes, it is then that we realize that our many pleasant business relationships make life a happy experience.

It is only natural, too, that we look upon our business associates as our good friends. . . And, while between friends, it is hardly necessary to express one's feelings, (when they are pretty well understood already), we are mighty glad that the Christmas Spirit gives us this opportunity to pledge anew our friendship for you and to express our gratitude for your good will.



City of Post

GREETINGS A Merry Christmas MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us . . . in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide. ALGERITA HOTEL On Sale at Your Post Grocer

SEASONS' GREETINGS 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. Merry Christmas. Each member of this organization joins in wishing you a joyous Christmas. Pleasant Valley Gin Johnnie Lane

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Recently a group of women were asked: "What do you consider the most important table in your home?" The replies, tabulated as a part of an extensive survey by the Imperial Furniture Company, showed that 40% selected the coffee table. I have been trying to analyze the reason for this popularity. I feel it is because of the many ways in which the coffee table fits in to hospitable home living. Its use as a coffee table—for fashionably serving after dinner coffee in the living room—is such an easy, simple way to make a glamorous event out of a simple dinner party. It is just as appropriate for cocktails before dinner. Because the coffee table is generally placed in front of the sofa, it is the logical table to use every day for your favorite magazines, and for ashtrays, etc., to add to your comfort and relaxation. And don't overlook the important decorative importance of the coffee table. When you have an especially impressive bouquet or plant, a lovely vase, or prized collection pieces, show them off to best advantage on your coffee table.

This popularity of the coffee table is entirely a modern, American idea. The first coffee table—its low, convenient height, and spacious top size, were originated less than twenty years ago by Imperial, of Grand Rapids. And now, as this survey indicates, it has become the most popular of all tables.



Noel! Noel!

While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

M. J. Malouf Dry Goods

LETTERS TO SANTA...

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bride doll or any doll you have, a telephone, doll house, some paper doll books, a magic slate, some nuts, candy and fruit.
Carolyn Ann Hudman

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football, bow and arrow set, some plastic soldiers, cowboys and Indians. Please bring my baby sister, Beverly, a doll.
Gene Young

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a doll, ironing board and iron, table and chairs and a little piano. My brother wrote this letter. His name is Cordell.
Sherry Sue Custer

Buy A War Bond Today!

Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

GIs Turn Back to Cave-Like Living in Tunisia

All Comforts Missing but Men Carry On Under Trying Conditions

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note: This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is now on his way to cover the Pacific war zones.

THE TUNISIAN FRONT.—It must be hard for you folks at home to conceive how our troops right at the front actually live. In fact it is hard to describe it to you even when I'm among them, living in somewhat the same way they are.

You can scarcely credit the fact that human beings—the same people you've known all your life—could adjust themselves so acceptingly to a type of living that is only slightly above the cave-man stage.

Some of our troops came directly to the Tunisian front after the original occupation of North and West Africa, and have been here ever since. They have not slept in a bed for months. They've lived through this vicious winter sleeping outdoors on the ground.

They haven't been paid in three months. They have been on British rations most of the time, and British rations, though good, get mighty tiresome.

They never take off their clothes at night, except their shoes. They don't get a bath oftener than once a month. One small detachment acquired lice and had to be fumigated, but all the rest have escaped so far. They move so frequently they don't attempt to put in many home touches, as the men do at the more permanent camps toward the rear. Very few of the front-line troops have ever had any leave. They never go to town for an evening's fun. They work all the time.

Nobody keeps track of the days or weeks. I'll wager that 90 per cent of our front-line troops never know when Sunday comes.

Furthermore, the old traditional differences between day and night have almost ceased to exist. Night-time no longer necessarily means rest, nor daytime work. Often it's just reversed. The bulk of our conveying supplies and shifting of troops is done at night. The soldiers are accustomed to traveling all night, sometimes three or four nights in a row. Irregularity of sleep becomes normal. One soldier told me he once went three days and nights without sleep.

You see men sleeping anywhere, anytime. The other day I saw a soldier asleep in blankets under an olive tree at two in the afternoon. A few feet away a full colonel was sleeping soundly on the ground. In battle you just go until you drop.

War Hardens Men.
The war coarsens most people. You live rough and talk rough, and if you didn't toughen up inside you simply wouldn't be able to take it.

An officer friend of mine, Lieut. Lennie Bessman of Milwaukee, was telling me two incidents of a recent battle that touched him deeply.

One evening he and another officer came up to a tiny farmhouse, which was apparently empty. To be on the safe side he called out "Who's there?" before going in. The answer came back:

"Captain Blank, and who the hell wants to know?"

They went in and found the captain, his clothes covered with blood, heating a can of rations over a gasoline flame. They asked if they could stay all night with him. He said he didn't give a damn. They started to throw their blankets down, and the captain said:

"Look out for that man over there."

There was a dead soldier lying in a corner.

The captain was cooking his supper and preparing to stay all night alone in that same room. The food and fury of death about him that day had left him utterly indifferent both to the companionship of the living and the presence of the dead.

The other incident was just the opposite. Another captain happened to be standing beside Bessman. It was just at dusk and they were on the desert. The night chill was coming down. The captain looked to the far horizon and said, sort of to himself:

"You fight all day here in the desert and what's the end of it all? Night just comes down over you and shakes you."

A little later Bessman got out a partly filled bottle of gin he had with him and asked this same sensitive captain if he'd like a drink. The captain didn't even reach out his hand. He simply answered:

"Have you got enough for you men too?"

He wouldn't take a drink himself unless the enlisted men under him could have some.

All officers are not like that, but the battlefield does produce a brotherhood. The common bond of death draws humans toward each other over the artificial barrier of rank.

After a few weeks of front-line living your whole perspective on the niceties and necessities of life changes.

You used to be sore when you couldn't get a taxi. Now you've struck gold when you find a spot where you can lie down out of the wind.

Even my own perspective has changed, and as a correspondent I've had only the barest taste of the rough life. For a lifetime I have bathed with becoming regularity, and I thought the world would come to an end unless I changed my socks every day. Now I have just had my first bath in a month, and I give two weeks at a time without ever taking off my socks. Oddly enough, it doesn't seem to make much difference.

The other day I had to laugh at myself over a little emotion I experienced. We had arrived one evening at a new front-line headquarters. It was centered around a Tunisian farmhouse, as practically all command posts are.

Comfort on Ground.
Soldiers and officers alike were sleeping just anywhere they could—in trucks, under trees, in the barn and chicken houses. It was cold and damp, as usual.

Nobody tells a correspondent where to sleep or what to do when he is spying around the front. He shifts for himself. So I nosed around and found a place to sleep. It was under a big French grain wagon sitting in the barnlot.

Some soldiers had found several strips of corrugated tin roofing and set them around three sides of the wagon, making walls. The wagon bed formed a roof overhead. They had brought straw from a nearby stack and put it on the ground under the wagon. There we threw our bedding rolls.

It was the coziest place I'd slept in for a week. It had two magnificent features—the ground was dry, and the wind was cut off.

I was so pleased at finding such a wonderful place that I could feel my general spirits go up like an elevator.

When the detachment got orders to move the next day I felt a genuine regret at leaving this little haven. And to think after all it was only some pitiful straw on the hard ground under a wagon.

Little things come to mean so much in wartime.

At this front I'm the only person I know who has a can-opener, and it's in constant demand. I have to carry it in my coroll pocket to keep it from being stolen.

Stealing crates to be just stealing when something you need badly is taken. I've never stolen anything yet, but I wouldn't put it past my fellow soldiers in variable circumstances.

I have a pair of **Angerhall soldiers** with me, and one day recently I lent it six times to soldiers who were just passing and asked if I had any nail clippers or scissors. Cold water and cold weather are hard on soldiers' hands. Their fingers get hard and crack around the nails. Night after night I've lain awake because my fingers had split back from the nail and throbbled with pain.

Our troops do manage to look fairly clean and presentable, even though sanitary facilities are skimpy. The Air Force allow their soldiers to grow beards, but the rest of the army doesn't. Consequently the men have to shave regardless of how inconvenient it may be.

Traditional New Year's Gifts Were Sacred

The Druids distributed branches of the sacred mistletoe, cut with peculiar ceremonies, as New Year's gifts to the people and the Saxons observed the day with gifts and festivals.

The Roman custom of taking gifts to the emperor was introduced into England as early as the time of Henry III. Queen Elizabeth is supposed to have supplied herself with her jewels and wardrobe almost entirely from these gifts.

As late as 1693 the English nobility were accustomed every year to send to the king a purse containing gold. Under the Tudors and the Stuarts it was the habit of all classes to give presents to friends with the best wishes for the New Year.

Ladies received presents of gloves or pins which were then expensive. Sometimes the gifts were wrapped in money and from this practice we have the term "pin money."

Troops of the North and South met in the first battle of the Civil War on July 21, 1861.

Christmas Greetings 1944



★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

THE LAVELLE SHOP

MRS. O. V. McMAHON

May the Spirit of Christmas Prevail Everywhere

Never before in history has the symbolic significance of Christmas been of such importance. The past year has been one of many trying circumstances. It has seen many disappointments, many dreams unrealized, and we have all been through a trying and difficult period. But our heritage has not forsaken us. In the good old American tradition, we have come through another year. It is true that it has not been normal. It is likewise true that we have not enjoyed the happiness and luxuries to which we are accustomed. But the satisfaction obtained from successfully concluding the past twelve months should give us more courage to face the coming year with utmost confidence.

As you enter the Christmas season, please accept our good wishes for your good health and happiness. The season's best to each of you.

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To My Friends and Customers:

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I mean it when I call my customers my friends for it has been a real pleasure serving you for the past 20 years and I want to continue serving you with Texaco Products as I will have more time for better service.

My wish is a Joyous Christmas and we hope we all will be made happy in the New Year of 1945 by Peace Over the World. Again thanking you for Love, Friendship and Faithfulness... and I do mean you...

Walter Duckworth

Same Phone - - - 131

Germans Break Out of Faid Pass

Word came to us about noon that the Germans were advancing upon Abella from Faid. So I packed into my jeep and started alone on the familiar 50-mile drive south to Abella. It was a bright day and everything seemed peaceful. I expected to see German planes as I neared Abella, but there were none, and I drove like my cat's-paw through the desert.

I was glad to arrive. I checked in at the intelligence tent to see what was going on, and found that things were dying down with the coming of dusk. So I pitched my tent and went to bed. Next morning I got up before day light and caught a ride, just after sunrise, with two officers going to the new position of our forward command post.



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE RIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

The Buffalo Club

J. C. Johnson

Peace on earth

... Our Wish for All of You:
May another year see it come to reality the world over, and your loved ones return to celebrate Christmas in their own homes.

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FOR RENT—One furnished and one unfurnished apartment. Close in. See Mrs. R. Hardin. 4f

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—New 3 room house, \$650.00. See Mrs. Tessa Williams.

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey Bull, price \$150.00. I have the registration papers. Bull will be 4 years old March 5, 1945, fawn color. No better bull obtainable. S. D. Lofton, on Caprock, 3 miles Southwest of Post. 4fc

FOR SALE—Bundle Hegari and Kaffir Corn. One mile west of Grassland. J. G. Mathis. 4tp

FOR SALE—8 1/2 acres nine miles north west of Post on highway, 1 mile of new oil well location; 5 room house, bath, commode, water heater, electricity, natural gas, all mineral intact. \$125.00 per acre. By owner, J. M. Robinson. 4tp

FOR SALE—No. 116 Camera, fast lens. See Dan Cockrum. 4fc

FOR SALE—Bundle Kaffir. See Reece Hodges at Bryant-Link. 4f

FOR SALE—F-20 Farmall, good shape, good rubber, 2 row equipment. J. A. Willingham, 3 1-2 mi. southwest of Southland. 4tp

FOR SALE—7 room house in West Post. See R. A. Lancaster.

FOR SALE—Five room house. See Mrs. F. W. Hall, Rt. 2, Post, Texas. 3tp

Cotton Burrs Will Be Used For Making Paper and Board

News of interest to farmers in this area is that released early this week concerning the use of cotton burrs in the manufacture of paper and paste board. Plans are underway for the erection of a plant in Lubbock.

G. O. Pandler and O. C. Moyers of Crosbyton are directing plans for the new plant. They are represented in Washington by an engineer who is trying to iron out problems attached to patent rights priorities.

Pandler, a farmer of Crosbyton 30 years and owner of two sections of land there, said he and Moyers would need much heavy equipment, including boilers and five- and 16-ton hydraulic presses, before they would manufacture flooring and "many other useful articles."

He said Moyers, former employe of paper mills in Monroe, Mich., had experimented with cotton burrs since 1919 and had made several trips to paper mills three years ago for research purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd and children plan to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents in northeast Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boucher and Joe Tom will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strayhorn in Snyder.

Cape Charles, located at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, Va., was named by the English settlers in 1607, in honor of Prince Charles, son of the then King James of England.

The best after-dinner speaker is an artist at saying nothing, briefly.

One sure way to get your wife's attention is to mumble in your sleep.

Assembly of God

Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
Worship Service 11:30 a. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:45 p. m.
Saturday Worship Service 10 p. m.

You are always welcome at House of God.

Robert Owens, Pastor

Buy A War Bond Today!

The State of Virginia is called "The Old Dominion."

NOTICE SENIORS OF '44

Our annual banquet will be held Dec. 23 at the Algeria Hotel at 8:30 p. m. Those who will attend will reserve their place by writing . . .

MARY M. DUCKWORTH
Post, Texas

Christmas

★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

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Big Housing Boom Is Forecast For Postwar Years

Predicting possible construction of 1,250,000 new dwelling units in the year after the war's end, the National Housing Agency declares that local authorities and private enterprise must take greater responsibility and initiative in planning for the expected building boom.

The community of the future will be judged, not by size, wealth, or industry, but on the quality of its living conditions. Shacks, slums, and ugliness do not make sense in America's great manpower and technological potentialities. Hence, communities must streamline building codes, create special housing codes, and make other plans in the interest of genuine community welfare.

Television Ready For Public Say Broadcasters

Television is technically and programmatically ready for its debut to the American public it was disclosed at a two-day conference of television broadcasters association in New York last week.

The new industry needs the "go-ahead" signal from the Federal communications commission. This signal does to the demands of the war and it is not known when the order to build stations will be released or when wire and radio networks will be able to link them up.

The tremendous interest in the television project was shown by the complete sell-out of convention facilities. The public in general is eagerly awaiting further news.

We long for the old wood fire of our boyhood days, but of course we would want someone else to chop the wood.

Dolly Madison, wife of President Madison, is given credit for having secured the Declaration of Independence when the British burned the Capital City in 1814.

Merry Christmas

YOUR THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS AND OURS

Folks everywhere have been through days the past year that have been difficult, to say the least. Sacrifices have been many and disappointments have come to others. Conditions have left their mark all about us yet from these experiences comes the realization of the true value of friendship.

Without the background of loyal friends many of us would have found the problems more difficult but because we had those friends to whom we could turn, we found ourselves particularly equipped to meet the future.

So, as we face the coming year with heads unbowed and with a definite goal in sight, we take great satisfaction from the knowledge that friendships will continue to play vital parts in our everyday life. From these associations may we maintain the background of things which will result in making this world a better place in which to live.

It is our sincere wish that this type of loyalty to one and another becomes universal with nations throughout the world. It is with these thoughts in mind that we wish you a merry Christmas.

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The Post Dispatch

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The TEXANS SHARE In The WAR

Texans do get around. This week's news comes from many fronts where men of the Lone Star State are on the war.

Capt. John P. Fleming of Elgin sent home a Christmas package this week by his wife. In the package was a very fine Nazi officer's dress sword, decorated with the swastika and with gold and silver. The corporal said that Mrs. Fleming would have to wait until his return home and how he got the unusual sword... but the odds are that the Nazi officer won't be needing the sword any more. Texas fighting men have a habit of leaving the enemy very, very dead.

Corporal Fleming, who has done such heavy fighting in Europe, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Sgt. Leo A. Blakeslee, Curlew teacher, has experienced the unusual by ending the fight in this area exactly where he ended the fight in World War I... lying prone in the shadows along the Belle river near Metz.

Sergeant Blakeslee, being a bit of a youngster, had to fight his way into the army, but he managed to get in, because he wanted to finish the job started in 1917. He worked his way into the old division... the famed 101st... and when the division went overseas he was with it. He was hit by a sniper near Metz... exactly where he fought and was wounded in the last war!

From France, too, comes word of another fighting Texan... Lt. Milton Prewitt of Round Rock. Lieutenant Prewitt, an officer of the ninth infantry division, has been given the coveted Silver Star for gallantry in action against the Germans in northern France. He won the medal while leading a small patrol. When he encountered an enemy unit, he ordered his men to wait in cover, while he went forward alone. Then he calmly staged a one-man war, destroying the German outpost with hand grenades.

And on the home front, Texas is setting a record for generous support of the war. Records show that Texans contributed so generously to the National War Fund that this Lone Star State will stand high among all states of the union when final drive figures are available. Details aren't complete yet... and some few counties still are not yet over-the-top... but when the final "clean-up" campaign is over and all figures are in, there is little doubt that Texas will be near the top of the nationwide list.

Wayland D. Towner, general manager of the United War Chest of Texas, likes to give credit for the achievement to the many local leaders who worked so hard during the drive.

SPECIAL RENEWAL RATES FOR LIMITED TIME ONLY

If you are a subscriber of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram or the Lubbock Avalanche and wish to continue as a subscriber, you should check up on the expiration dates of your papers, for if your subscription is not renewed before that date, the publishers will not renew them, due to the shortage of paper and other war time restrictions.

It is also advantageous to renew your subscription to these papers in combination with the Post Dispatch as you will save money on rates that will not be in effect after Jan. 1st. The Post Dispatch is still in position to accept new subscribers.

DRAFT AGE MINIMUM TO REMAIN AT 18

Secretary Stimson announced last Thursday that the War Department does not contemplate any request for lowering the minimum selective service age from 18.

The secretary said at his news conference there is sufficient manpower in the 18 to 25 age group to take care of all the Army's requirements.

Avoid cooking meat at too high a temperature. It causes the meat to shrink excessively, and results in fewer servings per pound. All meat should be cooked slowly at moderate temperature to preserve its flavor and food value.

Wheat and Swine Ceilings Raised

The ceiling price of wheat went up 4 cents a bushel last week. And simultaneously there was an increase of 75 cents a hundredweight in the maximum for two types of heavyweight hogs, barrows and gilts.

The wheat increase is designed to reflect parity to growers, thereby meeting the requirements of the stabilization extension act of 1944.

A bumper corn crop prompted the Office of Price Administration to extend a \$14.75 ceiling to barrows and gilts weighing over 270 pounds. The ceiling on sows, stags and boars will be 75 cents a hundredweight under that for barrows and gilts.

The price of bread will not be affected by the increase in the price of wheat, OPA said, since the flour ceilings will remain unchanged.

Scholarships Are Open To High School Students Of Area

Thirty freshman scholarships of the value of \$100 each have been awarded by the Dunlap Company for the school year of 1945-46, according to announcement of Dean James G. Allen. The scholarships, which are to be offered annually, were arranged through Retha R. Martin, of Lubbock, managing partner of the Dunlap Company and are open to Post High school students and others in this area.

Top ranking high school graduates, boys and girls, of high schools in counties comprising the Lubbock trade territory are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The counties include Lubbock, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Lynn, Terry and Hockley. Students must come from high schools having 20 or more graduates.

Money under these scholarships will be available to the holders for payment of school expenses through the college business office at \$50 per semester. The awards must be used during the year for which they are made.

The qualities of leadership, character, and general ability in addition to scholarship will be considered in selecting the winners of these scholarships. Full details of the plan will be announced prior to 1945 high school graduation exercises.

Until quite recently, pins were made of wire and were very expensive—and highly prized. So, it became customary for men in ordinary circumstances to give their wives and daughters "pin money" on New Year's day.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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U. S. NAVY LOSSES

Announced United States naval losses since the beginning of the war stood at 228, the Navy reported in disclosing the loss of 10 vessels in the Pacific.

The latest casualties were a destroyer, 2 destroyer escorts, and 7 smaller craft. Enemy action, or the perils of the sea, sent 7 to the bottom in the Philippines. The others were lost in the New Guinea area.

A communique said the vessels were not lost in the big battles of Oct. 24-25.

FRUITS USED AS DECORATIONS BY ROMANS

In the hey-day of the great Roman empire, 500 years before Christ, much festivity was observed in commemoration of the world's rebirth. They celebrated the beginning of their spring, called the Saturnalia on December 22. Oranges, to these early Romans, represented the sun; apples, the moon; and nuts, the stars.

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U. S. Meat Diet 9 Lbs. Per Person Heavier Than Pre-War Years

Americans are eating nine pounds more meat per capita than in any pre-war year, according to R. C. Pollock, manager of the National Livestock and Meat Board of Chicago.

Contrary to the situation in the First World War, when the average annual consumption dropped ten pounds below the average for five preceding years, 1944 marks the fifth consecutive year in which meat consumption records have been broken, he said.

He predicted that approximately 12,000,000 more cattle and calves, 35,000,000 more hogs and 9,000,000 more sheep and lambs will be marketed this year than in the last war, in spite of the fact that there are 4,000,000 fewer persons on the nation's farms and ranches.

The OPA has refused Latin American Countries' proposal of a coffee price raise. That's cream in our!

Cowboy's Xmas Ball To Be Staged As Usual This Year

The Cowboy's Christmas Ball, based on Larry Chittenden's cowboy ballad, will be staged in Pioneer Hall at Anson, on the evenings of December 20th-23rd inclusive, Garza citizens are being informed by the publicity chairman.

This season rounds out a decade of these re-enactments of cowboys doing the polka, the schottische, and the square in the folk style at Anson as they did them more than a half century ago. All are urged to dress as pioneers of the 80's and 90's.

Proceeds will be invested in War Bonds.

Many Garza folks attend this colorful and traditional affair each year.

If a cake becomes dry you may replace the moisture by wrapping it in a damp cloth and placing it in a moderately warm oven until the cloth is dry.

Britons To Have Best Christmas Since War Began

London—Christmas in Great Britain this year will be celebrated with a strange mixture of "withs" and "withouts." But for most Britains it will be by far the best combination since 1939.

It is expected to be the first comparatively bomb free Christmas in five war-wearisome years.

A lot of "withs" that will make it more lavish are promised in an announcement by the food ministry that arrangements have been completed for trimmings to go with 1,500,000 turkeys—available in those lucky enough to get them—and lucky enough to have ovens to cook them in. For families without ovens, recipe columns have been carrying advice on how to cook the Christmas dinner on a gas ring with one saucepan.

"Rather more puddings than last year" were promised. Housewives have had a slight increase in suet rations, so they will be able to make their own puddings. Christmas trees are in such abundance that many shops fear getting stuck. Prices are controlled at 40 cents per foot. But trimmings for the trees—and toys—are acutely scarce.

Of the more festive aspects of the holiday, hotel parties are available for almost everybody in England, with costs running as high as \$200 a head. No extra trains will be put on the season.

One odd word of advice has been offered. The post office urges people to refrain from sending gifts of fish through the mail, pointing out that most journeys take six days.

NEED LITTLE TO KEEP FAITH WITH CHILDREN AT YULE

Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. One famous singer remembers when an orange, round and yellow, was the only Christmas gift she received. But she declared it was the very nicest gift she ever got for it was for her very own, wrapped in lovely paper and bore her name. Times were very trying in our home then and I wasn't even expecting that. It takes so little to make children happy.

To take the place of unobtainable soap shakers, homemakers are making their own by fastening two tea strainers together with picture wire or cord. The small pieces of soap are used conveniently in this way to whip up grand suds in the bathtub.

Minimum Egg Prices Set

Texas farmers will receive a minimum of 27 cents per dozen for candled eggs in 1945, the Amarillo office of War Food Administration has announced. This price will be supported by purchase from dealers upon certification they in turn have paid no less than support price to producers. The office emphasized that WFA support means a "floor" price and should not be confused with "ceiling" prices.

In areas where marketing facilities for purchasing candled eggs from producers cannot be made available, minimum producer price of 24 cents a dozen will be paid. In these areas WFA will stand ready to purchase eggs from farmers at 24 cents per dozen straight-run. Purchase agents will be designated in all areas prior to beginning of heavy egg production. The office said WFA hoped facilities for candling can be provided throughout the state and farmers will receive 27 cents rather than 24 cents per dozen.

To avoid storage and transportation difficulties encountered in 1944 due to poor condition of shipping cases and packing material, purchases by WFA in 1945 will be on basis of good used cases (complete with tops) or in new fiber cases.

Purchases of dried and frozen eggs will be correlated with purchase of shell eggs for price support purposes. In this way all sections of the country can be covered.

WFA will have need for substantial quantities of high grade eggs to meet export requirements. Armed forces also will be purchasing eggs of high quality. Altogether, domestic demand for graded eggs, and demand for governmental agencies can be expected to maintain the usual grade differentials in price.

More Reductions In Newsprint Indicated

The War Production board indicated last week that a further cut in newsprint allocations may be necessary "by the second quarter of 1945, if not before."

The agency said it had advised members of the newspaper industry advisory committee that this prospect has developed despite the fact that Canada has agreed to maintain deliveries of 200,000 tons of newsprint a month during the first half of next year.

"The shortage in the first half of 1945 will be caused by increased requirements of the liberated areas of Europe," WPA said.

Increased requirements of the Army for ammunition also will affect the pulp and paper supply of American publishers, it was stated.

It was pointed out that if weather conditions permit, Canada may be able to increase deliveries to the country by about 10,000 tons a month after July 1, but WPA said that requirements for liberated areas for pulp and paper would be added "to the load which must be carried by the present U. S. supply."

Cotton Fabrics Are Given Priority

Washington—The War Production Board announced Monday that 10,000,000 yards of staple cotton fabrics, commonly used for home sewing, will receive distribution priority during the first quarter of 1945 to increase the supply of these goods in stores serving the small towns and rural areas.

Because of the limited supply of these goods, priority aid will be granted only to distributors serving communities where there is an extreme shortage, WPA said. Retailers and wholesalers, who purchase piece goods from mills or converters, previously had been instructed to apply for priority aid by Dec. 15.

An industrial plant is beginning to make ethyl alcohol out of sawdust and other sawmill waste.

Buy A War Bond Today!

Merry Christmas to all our kind friends who have been so cooperative during trying days. With you we look to a bright, peaceful future.



McCrory's Appliance Company

Trying Not To Discriminate . . .
 "Are you going to have a Christmas tree at your home?"
 "Yes," answered Senator Sargison.
 "Are you going to decorate it with many gifts?"
 "Yes, I'm going to show that an American citizen can be just as generous toward his own family as he is expected to be to nations abroad."

That Was That . . .
 "Daughter," said mother, "what are you planning to give that young man friend of your for Christmas?"
 "Hugh!" snapped daughter, "if the old lightwag doesn't come across with something better than he did last year I'm going to give him the gate—with a big G."
 Buy a War Bond Today!

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MEXICO MARKED BY INDIAN DRAMA

Christmas in New Mexico is a subtle mixture of the past and present, with Indian ceremonials and Spanish-American folk customs existing alongside typically Christian celebrations. Most popular of Christmas ceremonials is "Los Matachines," a dance drama which has its roots in the ancient Aztec civilization of Mexico. In many pueblos, especially those in the Rio Grande and Jemez valleys, ceremonial dances are performed after midnight mass, on Christmas eve, on Christmas day, and for the ensuing three days. The fortnight before and after Christmas renews the annual New Mexico presentations of age-old miracle plays.

CHRISTMAS THANKS . . .

We thank Thee, Lord, for the world so sweet—
 We thank Thee, Lord, for the food we eat—
 We thank Thee, Lord, for the birds that sing—
 We thank Thee, Lord, for everything.

Burning Good Luck Candles Is Ancient Christmas Custom

"Try not to let Christmas go by without burning two 'good luck candles'—bayberry candles, of course, with their pungent incense! They are as much a part of Christmastide as the holly wreath or the evergreen tree, and there's no perfume to equal the faint fragrance of the wax from real bayberry shrubs.

An old legend vows: That if lovers are separated at Christmas time through some quarrel or misunderstanding, both burn a bayberry candle, before midnight on Christmas eve, the sweet incense will be wafted from one to the other and a joyous reunion effected.

But whether that's true or not we all do know that:
 "A bayberry candle burned to the socket
 Will bring luck to the cause and gold to the pocket!"

Buy a War Bond Today!

Poinsettia, Christmas Flower That Thrives In Warm Clime

The poinsettia is a native of Mexico and South America and thrives in the southern United States.

The true flower of the poinsettia is not the brilliant red. The flower is the small and inconspicuous center of delicate green buds. Examination will show that the colorful "flower" consists of a few topmost bracts that have turned from green to red, like autumn leaves.

Poinsettia is a four-syllable word. The correct pronunciation being poin-SET-i-uh.

Lombardians also preserve pieces of the Yule log. These are placed in the fires which protect the silkworms, and are believed to ward off disease which might beset the insects.

Christmas cards were in dance measure at first. The word card comes from "corolla," a ring, because the song was for a ring dance.

Buy a War Bond Today!



Letters To Santa Claus - - -

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a ring and a gym set and a game and some candy if you have that much. And do not forget baby Joy.
 Anita Davies

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been a good boy this year. I am getting anxious for Christmas to come. I want a few things for Christmas. I have a lot of presents to get for my schoolmates. I want a pair of gloves, a pocket knife and two guns and a scabbard and a belt and some airplanes. I guess that I am wanting a lot of things. I am getting my father a pocket watch and chain.
 Tommy Puckett

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am four years old and I am a good little boy. I sure would like for you to bring me a tractor, a pop gun, a toy oil truck and an airplane. I would like to have some candy, fruit and nuts. Santa if I see you again this year I'll hug your neck like I did last year.
 Glenn Dale Wheatley

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little boy nearly five years old. I have tried to be a good boy this past year.
 Please bring me a machine gun, tank, train, helicopter, some candy, nuts and fruit.
 Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
 Dan E. Cochrum

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a doll, doll bed

Soldiers Find China Pay Bills At Xmas

Although their usually elaborate holiday feasts are somewhat simpler these days, the Chinese still exchange gifts. In fact, soldiers thereabouts found a giving is a national weakness and every Chinese tries to pay his bills at Christmas time, or may begin the New Year debt-free penniless.

Christmas celebrations are particularly widespread in Chungking, the capital, for Gen. Chiang Kai-shek is a Methodist and a large percentage of the Chinese are Christians.

Soldiers in India will have English Christmas in semi-isolated surroundings. Most of the Christian population is English and there are Christmas church services, nativity pages and huge Christmas dinners—like home.

Bill To Sell Silver Extended For Year

Washington—The Senate Banking Committee has approved an extending for another year, until Dec. 31, 1945, the power of President to sell or lease Treasury silver for manufacturing purposes. Such silver may not be sold for less than 71.11 cents per Troy ounce.

Writer Says New Mexico Should Be Called 'Cibola'

Santa Fe, N. M.—Ernest Thompson Seton, the 84-year-old writer and authority on outdoor life contends New Mexico should be called "Cibola," the State's Spanish Indian name meaning "the land where we find buffalo." He complained that "at least 90 per cent" of his mail is misdirected to his home here.

Buy a War Bond Today!

and a blackboard.
 Jo Ann Moreman

Christmas Greetings

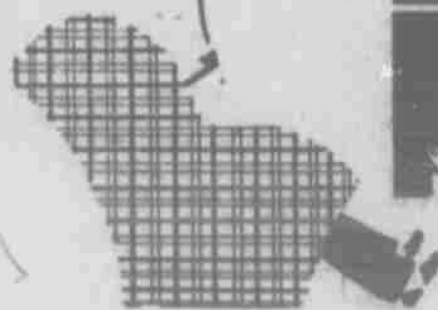


Christmas means more to us than any event in all the World. But this year our thoughts are of the turmoil of War and are with our brave fighting boys all around the globe. We pause in tribute to those who are giving their lives for the Christmas spirit. God bless them all.

Of course, we wish you a Merry Christmas—a happy time with family and friends—but; more than that, we wish that you may have an abiding faith in the true meaning of Christmas. A faith that fills your heart with the peace exemplified by Christmas. A faith that sustains you and yours until that peace becomes a reality in the great heart of the world.

Greetings

FOR AN OLD-TIME AMERICAN CHRISTMAS



Dr. B. E. Young

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A CHRISTMAS SEASON BRIM FULL OF HAPPINESS

And a word of appreciation for all the nice things that have come our way in the past year.

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TOMB OF ST. NICHOLAS

SCENE OF PILGRIMAGE

St. Nicholas, who rules over the festival of Christmas, was born in Myra, Asia Minor, where he was bishop for 17 years. When he died in A. D. 352 his tomb became the scene of an annual pilgrimage, which continued until his remains were removed to Bari, in Italy, in 1087, where they are still venerated. He must have been a versatile person, for he is also the patron saint and protector of sailors, pawnbrokers, spinners, and thieves! His festival is really on the sixth of December.

Christmas Poem

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets found, From far and near, on mead and moor. Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and good-will, good-will and peace, Peace and good-will, to all mankind. —Tennyson.

Famous Crib of World Still Being Preserved

In various central European countries the Christmas crib, staged in a box, is carried through the streets by groups of singing children. It is also a feature of every home in southern Europe, where many famous cribs are found in churches.

The most elaborate Christmas crèches in Italy is the celebrated shrine of Madonna delle Grazie. After the news of St. Francis' crèche spread the Capuchin monks built a grotto 18 feet high, made of Sardinian cork. They had a system of figures, shepherds, flocks, and the Three Kings, which moved down to the manger. The wooden figures were carved by Gaggini and Magliano.

The crib at Caserta, Italy, includes the most famous Bambino in the world.

At the Bayerisches National museum in Munich is to be found the world's most famous collection of cribs.

Peacock Christmas Dish

It's been a long time since the peacock was considered the best dish for Christmas. This bird used to be served to gatherings of knights and lords in "merrie olde England." It was first skinned, with all its feathers intact, roasted, then placed back in its skin.

Night Before Christmas . . .

Now I lay me down to rest, Angels guard my little nest. Like the wee birds in the tree, Heavenly Father, care for me.

LESSON

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Lesson for December 24

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THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4. GOLDEN TEXT—Schubel, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10.

What would you like for Christmas? Could anything be better than to find for your heart and mind that spiritual safety, certainty, and joy which transforms life? Well, that is exactly what Jesus came to bring mankind. It was the first Christmas gift, and it is the best gift this year too.

I. Safety (Luke 2:8-12). Men need deliverance from their sin. They needed it when Christ came. They need it today. They must have a safe refuge, one in which they may rest secure.

All the efforts of this world to meet man's need are vain. As Joseph Parker put it: "The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer, a man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a saviour."

Jesus came as Saviour. The good tidings revealed to the faithful shepherds were to be "of great joy to all people" because they presented the One who could bring them redemption from sin.

That revelation is ready to be made again this Christmas, and as it came to the shepherds at their work in the field, so it may come to you on the battlefield, in camp, in the air, under the sea, in the kitchen, the factory—yes, anywhere. We rightly go to our churches to worship on Christmas Day, but let us remember that Christ is everywhere, seeking each one—yes, knocking at your door. Will you let Him in? Then you will have Christmas indeed!

II. Certainty (Heb. 1:1-4).

God has spoken through the centuries in the messages of many faithful servants. We do well to give heed to God's Word through them. But after all they were only servants. This message of redemption is so vital and fundamental that God sent His Son, Himself the Redeemer, to declare it.

How final, and definite, and blessed is that truth. The heir of all the eternal glories of God the Father, and Himself the effulgence (or the flashing forth) of the glory of God, has spoken God's last word—His certain word—about redemption from sin.

We all know how full of uncertainty the world is, how our own minds are distressed by the very uncertainty of countless things about us. What a precious gift from God to realize anew the absolute certainty we have in Christ. He came to save, to satisfy, and to keep us.

Note that He has all the needed authority and power to carry out His loving purpose (vv. 3, 4). He who "made purification of sins" for us to believe, is divine. He has all power. He is glorious beyond our ability to describe. He is God. We can rest in perfect assurance in His redemption.

III. Enjoyment (1 John 1:1-4).

God knew the need of man for real joy if life was to be pleasant and profitable. Being a Christian was never intended to be a somber, joyless business. No, indeed. "These things we write," says John, "that our joy may be made full."

What did he write? By inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote of Christ, "the Word of life." He had seen and known Him, the Redeemer. He had fine and uplifting fellowship with Him, and declares that we too (as believers) share in that fellowship.

One of the bright and glad things about the Christmas season is our fellowship with our family and friends. It brightens the whole holiday season. How much more delightful is the fact that we have fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

That fact really "makes" Christmas! Many will be separated from family and friends this year, but Christ is there, and they may have this most precious of all friends with them. The empty place around the family table will be filled (if we wish) by the Lord Himself. Let's keep Christmas with Him as the unseen but nonetheless real Guest. In fact, let us do even more than that, let us count Him into the intimate fellowship of our family circle (and two can make such a circle). That is what He wants to be—to you and to me—this Christmas Day, 1944.

May his joy be yours in full measure. That is the wish of the writer of these lines, and it goes from his heart to the very last reader who may be in the uttermost part of the earth. A blessed Christmas to you!

Spurve, brinlock, and Lalsam are the principal types used in the eastern Christmas tree market.

Florida, Minnesota and Pennsylvania have towns named after St. Nicholas, the Christmas saint.

And it is there the barber who talked himself hoarse trimming his Christmas tree.



Merry Christmas 1944

...and on earth peace, good will towards men."

And to each of you who read this message that enraptured happiness which comes only at CHRISTMASTIME

Post Lions Club

FROM US TO YOU!



† † Dusk . . . Christmas Eve . . . children moving about stealthily, wide-eyed and expectant . . . you know the signs.

Christmas is here, let us all be merry, for it comes but once a year.

With gratitude for your kind favors during 1944 we send you heartiest Christmas greetings.

Bryant-Link Co.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Spirit of Christmas light a candle of cheer in your hearts that will shine during your Holiday Season and glow throughout all the New Year!

West Texas Gas Company



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmas-time its transcendent glory.

We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.

Post Produce

N. L. Luck, Mgr.



REINDEER GOOD MEAT

Reindeer are hard to get, even in normal times. But it's good to think that they make sizzling, brown roasts. Reindeer meat has a flavor of its own, but it tastes a lot like beef or veal. Usually, the round is preferred for roasting or steaks. The lower end of the round, being less tender, can serve as a pot roast. Being thinner than beef, the loin and rib cuts make satisfactory small steaks. These cuts also may be used as chops. Double loin may be prepared either boned or unboned and then roasted as a saddle. The shoulder also makes a fine roast. The big problem, of course, is getting the reindeer. Among the goo diseases are many "duds."

STEVE DEALERS CAN ASK EXTRA RATIONS

Dealers and distributors of oil cooking and gas heating stoves can begin making application for additional ration certificates to build up their stocks in these items, OPA miscellaneous products rationing officer, has announced. Originally limited to one-fiftieth of dealers' sales in the base period, revised allotments will be at least doubled in oil cooking stoves and tripled in gas heating equipment, it was learned.

News comes from Switzerland that Goring has definitely been put on the shelf, and a linkler wants to know the German method of reinforcing shelves—Boston Globe.

Buy A War Bond Today!



By Lillian B. Storms

The problem of baby's first semi-solid foods has puzzled many mothers. Cereal is usually the first of these. Whole grain cereals, such as ready-to-serve strained oatmeal or cereal food are available with minerals and vitamins added. While whole grain cereals contain coarse fiber (which is not suitable for the sensitive digestive tract of a baby) the nutritive substances in these whole grains are of value. So the problem of preparing cereals for baby is one of using whole grain cereals prepared in suitable form for the feeding of infants. These cereals can be obtained in form especially prepared for infants. They both taste good and babies like them and thrive on them because they are fine in texture. For instance, an available ready-to-serve cereal food is a wheat cereal. It is a thoroughly cooked mixture of finely ground whole wheat, farina and corn meal to which have been added wheat germ, malt, dried yeast and calcium, phosphorus and iron salts. Prepared strained oatmeal is an oat cereal and is wheat-free. The mixture of finely ground oatmeal, dried yeast, and calcium, phosphorus and iron salts is thoroughly cooked, strained, dried and is ready to serve by adding milk. I suggest that you alternate the use of both of these cereals with baby. This is called the two-cereal idea! By giving variety at each feeding, most babies will eat better because they like a change of menu too! Many Doctors think the two-cereal idea so good that they're recommending it to Mothers, and so do I.

Christmas Gifts Unknown In Most European Nations

Outside of England and the Teutonic countries, Christmas gifts are unknown in the Old World. In Latin countries, including France, gifts are exchanged on New Year's day.

In England, usually on the first weekday after Christmas, "Boxing day" is observed. Packages, small gifts, and gratuities are given to postmen, errand boys, tradesmen, writers, charwomen, etc.

The draftee who was assigned to K. P. duty soon learned that what K. P.'s stands for is "Keep Pellin."



WILLIAM J. MURDOCK

... and so we'll have to do everything possible to keep little Randolph from learning the truth. Mrs. Hobson announced with grim vehemence to her husband. "After all, what's Christmas without Santa Claus?" "Golly Neds!" Charles exclaimed, borrowing Butch's favorite expression. "I didn't think any kids believed in the old boy nowadays. And Butch, of all kids! He's so manly—" "Randolph isn't just any kid, he's my nephew," Helen Hobson replied tartly. Her only sister was now indulging in a prolonged hospital rest. "Randolph is our responsibility for the time being and we simply must give him the finest Christmas possible. Manly or not, he's still a little boy and, Charles," she finished grandly, "we must protect his faith in Santa Claus!"

The next afternoon Helen proudly took her place among the fond parents who watched their children cau-



"Did you tell Santa what you wanted?"

Butch approached the bearded, red-robed figure seated on a white throne in Kerbinger's toy department. He nearly cried when Butch, a wide grin on his round face, marched straight up to Santa Claus and engaged him in earnest conversation. "Did you tell Santa what you wanted?" she asked in a tremulous voice when Butch rejoined her.

The boy smiled up at her, and Mrs. Hobson's heart nearly melted from the warmth in his black eyes. "Sure I did, Aunt Helen," and he recounted the long list.

"These children around here are so sophisticated," she told Charles that evening. "I'm afraid one of them will talk about Christmas and Santa Claus and ruin everything."

Charles rubbed his head. "Children will chatter, Helen," he reminded her. "You can't change Butch into a clam overnight."

"If Randolph doesn't discuss Santa Claus with his friends, he won't learn the truth," Helen explained with jubilant impatience.

"It might work, at that," Charles admitted doubtfully.

It was with misgiving, therefore, that Charles, on a Saturday afternoon when Helen was downtown, heard Butch and a playmate venture a few words on the approaching Yuletide. Charles was reclining on the couch near the bay window and could plainly hear the words through the glass. "Did you see that machine gun in Kerbinger's toyland?" Butch's companion asked.

"You mean the one over near Santa Claus?" Butch parried. "Sure, I saw it. It was swell!"

Santa Claus! Charles held his breath as he heard Butch's playmate laugh. "That Santa Claus," the boy giggled. "What a clown! How can they expect a guy to believe in Santa Claus? As if there could be any such thing!"

Charles scrambled for the front door. Poor Butch—the poor kid—and just a few days before Christmas, too. Charles jerked the door open and bounded to the porch. "Butch!"

"Yes, Uncle Charles," came the slow reply, and Butch peered around the corner of the house. His dark eyes were solemn. Gone was his familiar smile.

"Aw, Butch," Charles mumbled, stumbling down the porch steps to meet the boy. "Butch, I wish this hadn't happened. I don't know what to say—" his voice threatened to break, and he stopped.

Butch looked at the ground for a moment, then raised his eyes. "I'm sorry too, Uncle George," he said. "I forgot I was so close to the house. I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know."

Charles' brain thumped as if he had received a blow between the eyes from the hoof of one of jolly old St. Nick's reindeer. "Wh—what's that, Butch?"

"Why, I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know about me and Santa Claus," Butch went on in serious vein. "I was sure you could take it. You, but Aunt Helen—aw, sheek. I've been having a great time with her, Uncle George. She got a big sack out of the attic as if I believe in Santa Claus, so don't tell her the truth. Golly Neds, I don't want to spoil her Christmas!"

Rich and Poor Mingled During English Yule

During the 1400s and 1500s before the Puritans got the upper hand, the golden age of English hospitality reigned. At Christmas time castles and manor houses were filled with guests by the score and the hundred.

Kinsmen and neighbors were there and on certain days the tradesmen and tenants, for all were equal at this season. The ostler could dance with the mistress if he had the nerve to ask her. And he usually had—after the wassail.

The great halls were a din of geniality. There was light—almost enough to pierce the wood smokes. And there were the savory aromas: Roasting beef, roasting mutton, fowl and brawn (the flesh of the wild pig, which had been caught and fed good grain to the point of arousing his suspicions; too late, of course).

The dark ale flowed and added its voice—by proxy—to heighten the noise. At the peak of all this there was brought in the Yule log—a relic, incidentally, of the Scandinavians' pagan worship of Thor. With a brand from last year's log the new one was fired.

The light from these roaring flames would shine out through portals opened to the knocks of caroling and wassailing bands who, more often than not, were brought into the hall to eat of mince cakes and brawn and mustard.

Christmas Elf Concerned With Well-Being of Cattle

Jule-Nisse was not exactly a Danish version of Santa Claus. He was an elfish little old man who lived in the attic and was primarily concerned with the well-being of the cattle, keeping them quiet and contented, caring for them if the stablehands neglected their duties.

Nisse's name and association with Christmas probably stems from his legendary tenancy of houses where peace and contentment prevailed. 'Tis said he either avoided homes where contention ruled or played all sorts of gremlin-like tricks upon the occupants thereof.

Danish youngsters, mindful of Nisse's long memory and watchful eye, put themselves upon their good behavior as Christmas approaches.

A Western coat of learning is raked by the unwanted number of co-eds who are leaving college to marry, which is putting the heart before the course.—Detroit News.

We're not sure, but sometimes we wonder if our birthstone isn't the grindstone.

Bright Ideas Dept.: Sen. Soper suggests that the next big war bond issue should be merchandised from under counters, after the possibility of rubbing it passing around the word they're hard to get.—Wall Street Journal

If it be true, as the OPA suggests that matches are costing too much, there's always Flint and steel, and the possibility of rubbing it sticks together to start a fire. Indiana:cls No. 2.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS To Each of You, Our Friends Warren's DRUG STORE BOB WARREN, OWNER

It's Expected of Us!

Because of the uncertainty which most of us have experienced during the past year, we find it difficult indeed to carry on our normal way of life. Each problem as it presents itself seems more unworkable than the rest. Each obstacle harder to surmount than the one before.

Let's lay aside those things which are unhappy experiences and look toward the brighter things of life. Let's try to be back to normalcy at least for one day—Christmas. It is expected of us! Those of our loved ones who will not be present would not have it otherwise. Those of us who are at home will gain strength and confidence from the thoughtfulness resulting from observing a normal Christmas season. It will aid greatly in meeting the morning.

We have our freedom, our way of life, our manner of living, and the opportunity to do the things that we want to do. It is a blessing to be an American and it is a blessing to observe Christmas in a manner suitable to our thinking.

Let's make it a memorable occasion. We promise to do our part!

Pioneer Cookie Co. BAKERS OF PIONEER COOKIES GEORGE LEMON, Owner-Operator



TO OUR FRIENDS Merry Christmas

It is the friendship and thoughtfulness of our customers—our friends—that have made it possible for each of us in this organization to enjoy the Christmas spirit to its fullest extent. So we extend these Christmas Greetings, and wish them, our appreciation of the privilege of serving you. We trust you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HAWES DRY GOODS and Variety Store

TEXANS ASKED TO HELP FIGHT HOLIDAY MISHAPS

Governor Stevenson called upon the people of Texas Saturday to take part in a nationwide campaign to reduce the annual toll of accidental deaths which reaches a peak during the Christmas holiday season.

"At this Christmas season when so many homes have felt the touch of tragedy caused by war, it is worth a little extra effort and care on the home front to prevent accidents," he said in a proclamation.

The National Safety Council is conducting the nationwide campaign.

"A golf ball increases in temperature immediately it is hit," says a scientist. Then why on earth do so many players fan the thing for so long before missing it.—Punch.

NOTICE SENIORS OF '44

Our annual banquet will be held Dec. 23 at the Algerita Hotel at 8:30 p. m. Those who will attend will reserve their place by writing . . .

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Three Wise Men Of Ancient Time; Relics at Cologne

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men who came from the East bearing gifts to the Christ Child and, having adored Him as the King of the Jews, returned to their own country.

It is generally accepted that there were three Wise Men because of the three specifically mentioned gifts: church tradition has identified these as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar; Melchior, king of Arabia, brought a casket of gold; Caspar, king of Tarsus, brought myrrh; and Balthasar, king of Ethiopia, brought frankincense. These gifts are considered symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest, and myrrh for a great physician. Collectively, the Wise Men received the gifts of charity and spiritual wealth, perfect faith, truth and meekness.

When they returned to their own country, the three Kings reputedly sold their possessions and went about preaching the Christ-King. Legend continues, that they were martyred in India for their faith.

The bodies of the Wise Men, transferred to Constantinople in the fourth century—by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine—were enshrined at Milan for a while after the first Crusade. Frederick Barbarossa authorized removal of the relics to Cologne where they remain to this day deposited within the magnificent Cathedral of Cologne.

The Germans have discovered a quick way to identify enemy planes. If there are more than three of them, they are the Allies.



MICHAEL PARKER slid into his Santa Claus suit with a groan. It had been a long, hard day and the stretch from seven o'clock to nine remained before the big department store would close.

Seated on his throne, he glanced resignedly down the long line approaching him. It was then that he saw her. The sight made him choke with emotion and his voice trembled when he spoke to the youngsters. Her turn came at last and he took her on his knees as he had done the others. "What's your name, little girl?" he asked in his gruffest voice.

"Marianne Parker," she answered softly.

"What would you like for Christmas?"

The answer was given instantly. "A doll and a carriage and . . . uh . . ." Marianne hesitated and poked a finger in Santa's padded stomach. " . . . Is it real?" she asked.

Michael Parker had no answer to this and she looked up into his face. Suddenly she burst into tears. He longed to tear off his false whiskers and tell her that everything would be all right now. But instead he said, "What's the matter, Marianne?"

"I want my daddy to come home," she sobbed. "I want that more than a doll or anything."

"Well, that's a pretty large order," said Santa, "but I'll see what I can do."

Out in the brisk night air Michael Parker regretted having fought with Wilson. The incident paraded across



TOYS

"What would you like for Christmas?"

his memory, as it had a thousand times in the past few weeks. After months of studying and planning, he had gone to Wilson, the plant manager, with a scheme that was sure-fire for speeding up plane production. Wilson was brusque. "You stick to your engineering," he said, "I'll worry about production."

After telling Wilson, among other things, that he was the plant's biggest bottleneck, Parker angrily went home.

Bitter and restless, he had gone away three weeks ago, telling Elsie, his wife, that he was out to get a real job.

But no one would take him without a release. As the days passed he longed intensely to be with his family again but pride would not let him return a failure. Finally, funds running low, he took the job as Santa Claus for the Christmas holidays.

Snow was beginning to fall. Last minute shoppers were thinning out. He walked aimlessly among them, wondering where he could go, knowing that home, tonight of all nights, was out of the question.

Suddenly he remembered the words of a child who had sat on his knee that afternoon. When Michael, as Santa Claus, had asked him what he wanted for Christmas he had replied, "It doesn't matter. Even Christmas doesn't seem to matter any more. I just came here to keep up my mum's spirit." He paused. "There won't be any real Christmas for me until my pop comes home. He's in Africa, you know."

All at once Michael Parker realized that he, not Wilson, was the bottleneck.

With Elsie in his arms he murmured, "I've come back the same as I left—a fool, a complete fool."

"Well, not a complete fool," she countered with a smile. "Wilson telegraphed. He wants to know if you can be in Monday morning to supervise the setting up of your new system."

"But how did you know that I'd be here?"

Marianne ran out from her bedroom and threw her arms around his waist. "I told Mother," she announced.

An amused twinkle came into Michael Parker's eyes. "Oh, I see. I suppose you asked Santa Claus to send me home?"

"No."

"Well, that's strange. That's exactly what happened."

Marianne giggled. "Daddy," she said, "the next time you try to fool anyone you had better cover up that funny little mole between your eyes. I could tell that anywhere."

NEED SEEN FOR ATTACK ON NORWAY BY ALLIES

Terje Wald, Norwegian Minister of Justice, suggested recently an Allied sea-borne operation against the west coast of Norway as "imperative and essential" to prevent the Germans from wrecking the country completely.

Mr. Wald, who recently toured liberated Norway, hinted that Russian land operations against the Germans in northern Norway had been brought to a standstill because of bad weather and communications.

When a man looks down at the heel, there's usually a trim ankle above it.

Legends of Holly

Holly was much admired by the Druids who believed that its ever-green leaves attested to its favor with the sun god.

Legends related that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly. Before the crucifixion the berries were white but turned crimson like drops of blood.

Another is that holly is hateful to witches and is therefore placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

A more modern legend is that whoever brings the Christmas holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.

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Don't criticize the wife for saying she went shopping when she didn't buy anything, 'cause it's very likely you have been fishing more than once and didn't catch anything.

Perhaps the modern girl doesn't blush like the maiden of old because she isn't the same stories.

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Everybody, Wherever You Are

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

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

First National Bank
and Employees

"BOXING DAY" OBSERVANCE HAS BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

"Boxing day" is in reality St. Stephen's day and is observed in England and other Old World countries in commemoration of the biblical martyr in recognition of his having been the first to seal with his blood the testimony of fidelity to his Lord. The year in which he was stoned to death, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, is supposed to have been 33 A. D. Due to the custom, established many years ago, of distributing Christmas boxes or gifts of money to employees and public servants, such as postmen, lamp-lighters, and others, on the day after Christmas, it became popularly known as "Boxing day," and observed as a general holiday by the common people.

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Holidays and Special Events of New Year

The year 1945 is not a leap year, so February will again have the usual 28 days. The holidays and special events for the new year will be as follows: Lincoln's birthday, February 12; Washington's birthday, February 22; St. Patrick's day, March 17; Easter, April 1; Mother's day, May 12; Memorial day, May 30; Father's day, June 17; Independence day, July 4; Labor day, September 3; Columbus day, October 12; Armistice day, November 11; Thanksgiving day, November 23; Christmas day, December 25.

Next to the war's end, the news that the tax rate won't be boosted next year is the best we could have heard.

Tell Me an Indian New Year's Story

The ceremonial for the new year passed, when misdeeds are forgiven and harsh words forgotten, as a new trail has been blazed for all through the New Year's festivities. The story-telling grandmother has taught the ancient chants and customs through the beads of the strings of historic wampum; but now she again has time to entertain the children.

Gathered around her lodge-fire, they listened for another story with their bright eyes and shrill voices. To satisfy them, she tells an ancient legend about the clouds.

"Long moons ago when the world was first made, the sky at wintertime was cloudless much as it is on clear midsummer days. The ground was covered with white snow and the trees, except the pines, stood bare. The cold wind whistled around the bark cabins; and with a cloudless sky, everything above and below looked dreary.

"The children, too, missed the green leaves and changing colors over the landscape and they gave a wish that the sky might have clouds now and then. It is true, dark-gray, fierce-looking clouds came in great masses and covered all the sky and let down snowflakes to amuse the children. But the children also wished for bright clouds and the old bear in the sky heard their wishes.

"So the old bear blew his moist breath into the heavy clouds and broke them up; he even made humps in some of them, and held on to the corners of others, until when they passed over the village, each cloud had a different shape, some like bears, some like wild cats, some like hills and even some like funny people. Ever afterward, the clouds took these strange shapes to bring smiles and imagination to all children in midwinter."—Dr. E. A. Bates, Cornell.

Old English Celebrated If Log Burnt At Christmas

Among the many old English Christmas festivities was the ceremony attached to bringing a great log, sometimes the root of a tree, into the household on Christmas Eve, placing it in the fireplace and lighting it with a branch of the previous year's log. While it burned through the night there was a great celebration but if it went out it presaged ill luck for the coming year.

Of the birds, the eagle, crow, raven and swan are known to have lived to be a hundred or more years of age.



I GIVE you my word, I was never more flabbergasted in my life than the afternoon I found Jennie Muldrow looking through Bill's closet. Bill is my husband. I must have made a sound—gasped, maybe—for she turned around with a jerk. If I ever saw guilt on a human countenance it was on hers. Then suddenly I had an inspiration. I laughed weakly. "You gave me a start, Jennie," I said. "I didn't know anyone was in here. Were you looking for your coat?"

"Yes. I—I was," she stammered. Perhaps it would be better if I began at the beginning. You see, the bridge club was meeting at my house. Just the usual crowd, two tables, Jennie Muldrow, only a few minutes earlier, had invited us all to a dinner party at her home the week before Christmas.

That night Mildred Carr phoned me. "Mary," she said, "did you see a pair of brown pigskin gloves anywhere? I thought they were in my purse but I can't find them."

The next day I told Mildred I couldn't find the gloves. "Just as I thought," she answered.

"What did you say?" "Mary, I hate to say this, but I'm terribly afraid we have a thief in our midst."

Immediately I recalled Jennie Muldrow in Bill's closet, but I didn't mention it. "Why, Mildred!" I exclaimed, "What makes you say that?"

"Well, Betty Hicks lost a compass yesterday. I don't mean she dropped



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It somewhere. She had it at your house. But when she got home it was gone.

"And that isn't all. Kitty put a lovely Appenzell handkerchief in her bag when she left home, but this morning it wasn't there."

I started to speak but Mildred said quickly, "Now don't say she was just mistaken, Mary Ellsworth, because that isn't all. Guess what Martha Fox told me! This was just rhetorical, so I didn't answer. Evidently Mildred had had a busy morning. Jennie was visiting Martha last night and, when Martha was called to the phone and her back was turned, Jennie pocketed a tie of Raymond's! Martha was facing a mirror but Jennie didn't notice."

Well! I felt weak.

"What do you think? Could Jennie be a—kleptomaniac?" "I don't know," I answered. I said nothing about seeing Jennie in Bill's closet. I never did tell anyone but Bill. He was inclined to pooh-pooh the whole business.

The burning question was: Should we go to the Christmas party or not? There was a difference of opinion about what to do. Martha wanted each one to make up a water-tight excuse and stay at home. Mildred Carr said ruthlessly, "No, that won't solve anything. Jennie must resign from the club. We can't have a criminal in it. She must understand she isn't wanted." The more determined Mildred became, the less I wanted to humiliate Jennie. So finally I said, "Girls, you can all do what you like, but I'm going." The upshot was that all of us appeared except Mildred and her husband.

Jennie gave us the surprise of our lives. She had a small, beautifully trimmed tree, with attractive looking packages nestling in the branches. We simply gasped. "Jennie! You shouldn't have done this!" She laughed. "Really, it wasn't much trouble. In fact, I had a lot of fun."

After dinner the presents were distributed. One by one the missing articles came to light. Kitty's face, as she lifted her Appenzell handkerchief out of a dainty velvet case, was the funniest thing I've ever seen! Raymond Fox unwrapped a tie holder from which a tie was hanging, and Bill did the same. Everybody was laughing uproariously by this time, yet looking decidedly sheepish, too. I was going to fastenation of my presents—pictures of my children.

Just to make it unambiguous, she said, there was a gift for John Muldrow. "I've been looking high and low for that thing," I heard him say. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

'And a Doll...'



These two trusting youngsters pour all their Christmas desires into Santa's ears. And chances are exceptionally good that he will heed them—he looks completely captivated by the girls.

Christmas Seal Origin Recalled With 1943 Drive

The origination of the Christmas tuberculosis seal was recalled by officials of the American Tuberculosis Institute as the 26th annual sale got under way.

Back in 1903 Einar Holboell, then a young mail clerk in the post office at Charlottenlund, Denmark, conceived the idea of a voluntary tax on Christmas greeting cards which would benefit the poor. He gained permission from the ministry to sell the stamps at post offices for a fund to erect a hospital for tubercular children.

In 1907 Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Del., adopted the idea and interested the American Red Cross in the project. The first national sale in 1908 brought in \$135,000 and the amount has grown larger each year. The sale of seals has saved 100,000 lives annually among tubercular patients, officials declare.

At the time of his death in 1927, Holboell was president of the International Tuberculosis Association and a member of the board of directors of the National Tuberculosis Association of Denmark. As a mark of honor to the originator, the Danish Christmas seal for 1927 bore his picture.

Meaning of December...

December is derived from "decem," meaning ten. In the old Roman calendar the year began in March and December was the tenth month.

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Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod, the printing machine, bifocal glasses and the rocking chair.

Earliest record of the use of the word garage in the English language seems to be in 1903.



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LET'S TAKE STOCK

The Christmas season should be an important time for all of us. It gives us a splendid opportunity to check up on our individual shortcomings and to make new resolutions which we will endeavor to maintain, the opportunity of a great American Christmas the remembrance of which will remain with us throughout the coming year.

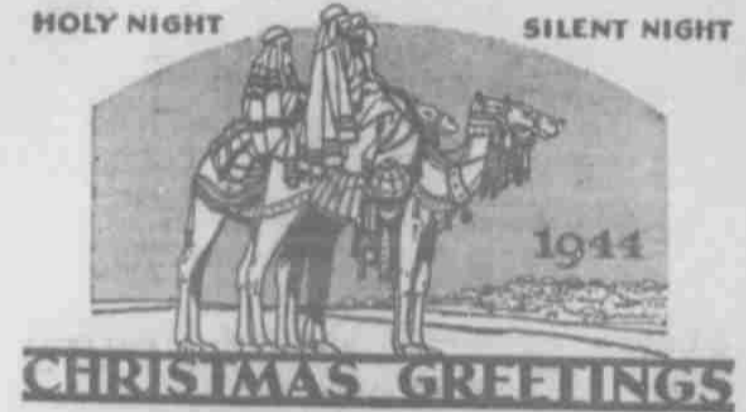
This year it is doubly important that we be tolerant in our thinking and make an honest effort to be considerate of other people. It is essential to the morale of American people during these times. Where ever you may turn you will find people in need of a kind word, a courteous gesture or a pat on the back. From such thoughtfulness comes extra strength to meet the routine problems of everyday life.

It is our definite purpose to maintain this attitude, to keep the spirit of Christmas not only on December 25, but from now on. It is our obligation and we expect to fulfill it to the best of our ability.

Please accept our season's best wishes that you and yours may spend a most enjoyable Yuletide and that the coming year will find us all reunited for a more normal way of life.

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★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours. Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

GRAEBER'S

"On the Corner -- On the Square"

Happy New Year



This charming young daughter of a marine corporal is all set to welcome the advent of 1945. Judging from her attentive look, she is waiting only for the 12 o'clock whistles heralding the arrival of the new year.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a shotgun, car, train and some candy, fruit and nuts. I have been a good boy.
John Everett Hill

Dear Santa Claus: Remember I've moved to Odessa and please bring me a jig saw puzzle, a black board, a rocking chair and some paper dolls.

Santa, I've got a little sister, too this year. She hasn't been a good baby but maybe she'll do better next year.
Rosemary Lawson

Back the attack against those who attack in the back.



Even today, as is days of old, We are sometimes blessed with gifts of gold.

MISS LETTY read the inscription over a life-size picture of the manger scene.

The sight of bright tinsel decorations, the sound of carols, and the smell of holly and fir on the crisp air between stores filled her with a nostalgia that almost unnerved her.

She had intended to shed twenty years of her life like a worn cloak, forgetting that she had spent her best days making a heaven on earth for her crippled mother so that her knight had wearied of waiting. Now she was going shopping for a family that had never been hers except in her thoughts, a plain little girl with pigtails and freckles, and a sturdy small boy with pudgy hands and round expectant eyes.

She wondered what Larry Haines was doing. Poor Larry! She wished she might have said "yes" to his persistent wooing. The girl with whom he had run off had not bothered to make a decent home for him. Finally they had moved from town and Miss Letty had quite lost track of them.

Recalling that she had come to town to pretend, she made a fren-



"Letty," he said, "it's Larry!"

zied dash to the toy department. She began to buy recklessly, getting into the spirit of her game.

"I'll find someone to give them to, she thought. Maybe I can borrow a couple of children from an orphanage just for Christmas.

On the way home she stopped to buy a tree and some bright decorations. At the grocer's she gave an order that made that good man's eyes nearly pop out of his head.

Leaving the store behind, loneliness swept over her. The house would be dark when she got home. Maybe the fire would be out, too.

She peered into the gathering dusk. Somebody was there waiting for her on the front veranda of the rambling old mansion. She hastened her steps. A man stepped forward out of the shadows, a child clinging to each hand.

"Letty," he said, "it's Larry!"
"Land sakes!" she exclaimed. "You gave me a turn. Come in out of the cold."

She hustled them indoors, and turned to take a good look at the switched on the lights. It was indeed Larry, older and grayer, but trim and neat in a navy uniform. There stood her dream children, a plain little girl with pigtails and freckles, and a sturdy small boy with pudgy hands and round eyes brimming over with tears.

"I want my Mummy," he sobbed. "His mother is dead," explained Larry.

"I thought, Letty," said the man, "that maybe you could look out for them a little. See, I've joined the navy. I've got to go and I hate to leave Letty and Jackie to almost anybody."

Miss Letty gulped and sat down suddenly in the rocker, gathering the little fellow into her arms.

"Gifts of gold," she murmured, "at Christmas."

"Many's the time I've dreamed of seeing you like that," he said, reaching for one of her hands. She noticed how thin he was. How thin the children were, too, and how inadequate their clothing. "I haven't got much, Letty," he began, "but whatever I've got is yours if you want it."

Still holding the small figure in her arms, she rose to open the door to the kitchen. The house radiated warmth and good cheer. "Fine," she said gently. "Welcome home, children. We'll have baths and supper, and then we'll trim the tree."

Larry's eyes caressed her. "Maybe, if I could get the license we could be married before I go off."

"Maybe we could, Larry."

His arms were suddenly around her and the child, his lips warm against her cheek. Little Letty clasped her hands.

"Such a Christmas we are going to have!" she cried.
"Even today," quoted Miss Letty, remembering the inscription "as is days of old, we are sometimes blessed with gifts of gold."

THEY FINALLY . . .

Invented a pinless diaper. It has a couple of little wings and some tape substituting for the pins, and a belly-band attachment for abdominal support.

Devised thin plastic wrappers for fruits and vegetables that are said to keep flavor fresh for six months in the refrigerator.

Brought out an iron cement designed to stop leaks in furnaces, and other metal equipment. Available in powder form, it's mixed with water, applied with a putty knife, and rapidly hardens like iron. It can be used on iron, steel, brass, and other metals as well as wood.

Produced a liquid that can be painted on automobile spark plugs, distributor, coil, battery, and cables to prevent wet motor troubles. It's said to make any car easy to start after being out in the heaviest rainstorm. One application is good for six months. An added feature: It keeps the battery free from corrosion.

Hope You're Left Over, Berlin 'Good Night'

STOCKHOLM.—Travelers from Germany say the progressive intensity of the Royal Air force raids on Berlin is reflected now even in the way Berliners say good night.

Early in the war they wished one another "a bombless night." Now the expression commonly used is "Bleib uebrig," which means: "Hope you're left over."

Same Old Santa

Same old Santa, same old joys, Same old dolls and sleds and toys; Same old holly, same old tree, Same old gifts for cherubs wee; Same old carol, same old light, Same old stockings hung at night; Same old words of merry cheer, Same good wishes for the year, Same old Christmas! Seems to me That's the way it ought to be.

It is easy for you to be real entertaining. Just listen attentively while others talk.

Hope seldom scores a direct hit.

Navy Plans To Use Rocket Bombs Against Enemy

The Navy Department bureau of ordnance, told the Congress of the National Assn. of Manufacturers that the service is counting on rockets to provide a large part of the climatic punch against our enemies.

Rockets are now being manufactured.

Christmas Tax

Greeks in the southwestern part of their peninsula dive into the waters of the harbor to recover a wooden cross thrown in by the archbishop. The villager who recovers the crucifix has the right to levy a small Christmas tax upon each home in the village.

VENIRE ORDERED FOR NEW THOMAS TRIAL

A special venire of 100 men has been ordered for the retrial of Jim Thomas, 50, charged with murder in the slaying of Dr. Hugh Hunt, Littlefield physician. The trial is set for Jan. 8, in 100th District Court of Dawson county.

At the first trial at Plainview, Thomas, a convict on parole, was convicted of the slaying and given the death penalty. He was granted a new trial Sept. 22 by Judge C. D. Russell of 84th District Court after testimony that Thomas' previous criminal record had been mentioned in the jury room.

Ninety per cent of the world's nickel supply comes from Canada.

Certainly!

IT WILL BE A

Merry Christmas

MAY THE SEASONS BRING YOU A BOUNTIFUL AMOUNT OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD WILL.



Blondie's Laundry Service

R. A. LANCASTER

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

It's the cordial relationships of the past year which prompt us to send Seasons Greetings and to thank you for your patronage.

Hundley's Red & White

Clyde Hundley

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—WASHINGTON IRVING



☆ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

DOUBLE U Company



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little girl nine years old and I try to be good. I'm going to school at Graham and am in the third grade. I wish you would bring me an initial bracelet and some fruits and nuts and don't forget my soldier brother. Hoyt, who is away in Italy.
Dolores Dean Hill

Dear Santa Claus: I've been a good little girl. Please bring me a little table and chairs and bring my little sister something.
Sandy Cross

Dear Santa Claus: I've been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll buggy and doll.
Jerry Lou McLaurin

Dear Santa Claus: I've been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll chair and a doll.
Sidna Lee McLaurin

Dear Santa Claus: I will be pleased with anything you bring me. Santa, before you come to see me please go to see all the little boys and girls that do not have a daddy and the ones that their daddy is in the war and army.
Raymond Sonny Lancaster



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way, Oh! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

Beauty Nook

NORA STEVENS



WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

Dealers in Hardware NICE SELECTION OF TOYS

Doughty Hardware

MOTORISTS WARNED ON HAVING PLENTY OF VENTILATION IN CARS

Regardless of how cold it is, car windows should not be entirely closed while driving. Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, said today in warning that carbon monoxide may seep inside the car a jeopardizing the health or life of occupants. He also warned that engine ventilation should be checked, as a car can generate about one cubic foot of gas—a "vick killer"—per minute per 20 horsepower motor.

North of the equator, cyclones always have a counterclockwise spin, but south of the equator they revolve clockwise.

We are commanded to love our neighbor, but of course that doesn't mean our next door neighbor.

Our Servicemen Smoke 50 Million Cigars a Month

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—More than 50,000,000 cigars are smoked every month by members of the army, navy and marine corps among huge quantities of every kind of tobacco product, Col. George F. Spann, commanding officer of the Jersey City quartermaster depot, said.

Colonel Spann said a substantial part of all purchases of items for resale overseas was made up of nationally known brands of cigars, pipe and chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, pipe-cleaners, lighters, cases and almost a billion packages of cigarettes a year.

To help conserve soap keep a little sugar-scoop on the shelf and use it when adding soap for a few dishes or small laundry. If the soap is poured from the box a great deal more than is needed may pour out and go to waste.

Greeting Cards First Used In Victorian Era

The custom of sending greeting cards is perhaps the youngest member in the family of Christmas traditions, although the ideal was expressed by the Excelsis Deo of the angels.

Until authorities at the British museum recently discovered a drawing depicting four scenes of holiday celebration—early Victorian style—dated 1842, J. C. Horsley was accredited with having created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

The 1842 creation was an elaborate affair. Drawn by W. M. Edgley, it includes scenes of a dinner party—featuring plum pudding, a group of carol singers, a crowd watching a Punch and Judy show, a panel of silk-balled and cane-toting ice skaters, dancers doing a Roger de Coverly—the Victorian Cops—and evidence that the poor must not be forgotten.

It is impossible to say whether or not Mr. Horsley was aware of Edgley's masterpiece, but Horsley had a friend, and thereby hangs the tale, Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends, was confronted by the task of sending them a cherry holiday greeting. The quill pens in use a century ago splattered and were irritating, so Sir Henry spoke to Horsley about the matter. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy in London, was agreeably impressed and turned out an appropriate design inscribed simply, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Edgley and Horsley made beginnings. According to research authorities the custom was taken up in America about 20 years later during the 1870s when Louis Prang, a Bost lithographer, printed a catalogue of Christmas cards.

No matter whether the greeting is the elaborate descendant of Edgley's drawing, or a simple good wish offered in friendship as worked out by Sir Henry and Horsley, or the glorious echo of the angels' enunciation, send that Christmas card to the boy in the service—and to his loved ones keeping faith at home.

Then there is the fellow who had to leave his job because of illness. The boss got sick of him.



Christmas Delayed

"ASSUREDLY, Mamma," said Jules Greillon, "this tree, she's mo' pretty."

He surveyed with pride the glittering spruce, with shiny toys piled beneath.

"Yes, Papa," Marie agreed. "It was nice that Mr. Bousout keep the tree good for you this long. Perhaps Mary Ann, she will now believe."

Again the old sadness came to Jules Greillon. Poor Marie! It was not well that a Cajun couple should be childless, yet God had so willed it—and their habit of calling each other Mamma and Papa, begun years ago in hope, had long since been dropped.

Jules' eyes dimmed as he remembered how the child had come to them, early in December, just before they were ready to leave for the usual three months of muskrat trapping.

Mary Ann was five, chubby, yellow haired, daughter of his cousin from the hill country north. She was an alien to this lower coast land of marsh and water. But there



"Oh!"

had been no closer kin, no one else to take her after the highway crash in which both parents had been killed.

Greillon came back to the present. "Now, Papa, all is ready," Marie was saying. "It is but to wait quietly until she awakens."

In her bed, snuggled in the blankets against the chill of the February dawn, Mary Ann could dimly hear the voices in the next room.

In the other room the oak in the fireplace crackled merrily. Warmth and cheer filled the place.

But the two sitting there, waiting quietly but anxiously, scarcely realized this—or that the bells and holly, the red and green paper, and the glimmering tree made the room a different world, a child's fairland.

Would this make the little one feel better, Jules wondered? It had been a mistake, taking her down to the marshes with them. Yet once there, they could hardly leave until the season was done. It was the furs that brought their living, made them, not wealthy, but well-off, able to take care of a child.

They had tried to explain to her that trapper folk postponed the holiday until they returned to the little communities clustered here and there on solid land north of the rat country.

"And Santa Claus won't even come?" Mary Ann had asked, wide-eyed.

More than anything, Jules remembered and regretted that moment in their little marsh hut. He had looked helplessly at Marie.

"But no, my sweet," Marie had tried to explain. "He will come later, back to Timbaler."

But the child had burst into tears. And she had never understood. Greillon was sure that it was this that had become the barrier between Mary Ann and them. Somehow they could not break through it.

"She does not have the faith in us, Mamma," he had said to Marie.

"Perhaps later she will," Marie had said hopefully.

Mary Ann stirred and rubbed her eyes. It must be getting-up time. Funny that Mrs. Greillon hadn't called her. She always did. Mary Ann wriggled out of bed, padded to the door, opened it.

"Oh!" cried Mary Ann, catching her breath. Then, in sheer ecstasy, "Oh!"

It couldn't be true, yet there it was! A really, truly Christmas tree, all bright and beautiful. A big red stocking hanging by the fireplace. And toys piled up under the green branches, and the most beautiful doll!

The room was all cozy. Mary Ann's eyes sparkled. Santa Claus had come after all as Mr. and Mrs. Greillon had said, as she hadn't believed. There they were smiling at her.

"Oh, Mamma, Papa," she cried, running in. "Santa Claus really did come after all, just as you said he would, didn't he?"

Mamma and Papa Greillon looked at each other smiling gently, eyes gleaming.

"Yes, my sweet," Mamma said, tenderly.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little boy 5 1/2 years old. I have been a good boy and won't you please bring me a cowboy suit, some toy farm animals, some chalk and an eraser for my black board. Also some fruit, candy and nuts.
Wesley E. Sanders,
Rt. 2, Sweetwater, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a pretty doll with an evening dress on, I would like to have a doctor set and a little set of dishes. Darrell Lee wants a pitcung pony. Please don't forget Fleta Fern and grandpa.
Betsy Oneita Jones

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old and go to school. Please bring me a big doll, some dishes and would like a pair of house shoes. Don't forget to bring my little brother Ronnie something.
Willie Faye Graves

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old and am going to school. I would like for you to bring me an xylophone and a coloring set and don't forget my mother or daddy who is in the army in California.
Toni Colleen Browning

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 2 years old. I wish you could bring me a doll and a rocky horse and don't forget my little sister Judy Darlene who is just five months old. She wants a teddy bear and a rattler.
Freddie Fern Browning

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old. I have a little brother two years old. I want a doll with hair and sleepy eyes, just any kind you have and a basket ball if you have it, also a ring, Joel, my little brother, want's a football and a train.
Wynonne Morris

A Thought For Today . . .
The path of sorrow, and that path alone, leads to the lands where sorrow is unknown.—Cowanper.
He who sleeps like a log often sleeps like a log with a buzz saw going through it.
The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.



LOADS OF HAPPINESS TO YOU!

Christmas of 1944 is going to be a BIG Christmas. See if we aren't right.

May YOUR Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer, and may our greeting and best wishes add just a little to your pleasure this Yuletide.

Plains Coop Inc.
—Phone 127J—
MR. and MRS. HOMER SURRETT



HI-WAY GROCERY
MR. and MRS. G. W. NORTCUTT

CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY

It takes understanding and kindness to make others happy. Never before has the world been in such need of friendships as it does today.

To make others happy is to create friendships. To maintain these friendships requires patience, love and understanding devotion.

Too often we neglect the friendships of those with whom we are associated. Many times we take their friendships for granted but there is one time of the year when all of us are reminded of the splendid relationships we have had and we welcome the opportunity to acknowledge these friendships by some token of appreciation, whether it be an elaborate gift or a kind word of Christmas greeting. We ask that you accept this message in the sense that it is offered. Ours is a cordial appreciation of the friendships which have been cemented by long and continuous service. We wish you all the good things in life.

GARZA THEATRE
B. J. Edwards and Employees

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

"Merry Christmas,"

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

Cordial Christmas Greetings

Farmers Cooperative Elevator

THE FARMER AND HIS TRACTOR

V. Share Your Farm Equipment

By A. F. Peck
Managing Editor, Scientific American

More and more farmers are getting work done in these labor-short days by community co-operation. Simplest example is where your neighbor owns a tractor and you do not. It is no imposition on the "good neighbor" policy for the two of you to get together and make that one tractor work overtime for the duration. Perhaps you can repay your neighbor with a few hours of your time when he is in a jam or by letting him borrow some piece of equipment which he lacks. It may be unnecessary to hammer this point home here, but cooperation of this sort will work to full advantage only when all parties concerned take even better care of borrowed equipment than they would if it were their own.



A. F. Peck

In the fourth article of this series were mentioned many ways in which tractors can be used for purposes other than the obvious ones of plowing and cultivating. These uses open ideal paths for community co-operation. All farmers can make use of tractor-powered bulldozers on occasion, but you alone might not want to go to the trouble of making one just for the few times that you would use it. How about your neighbors? Perhaps two or three of you could get full value out of a bulldozer and, further, could pool your time and materials in making it. In this way no one of you would be saddled with the entire cost of the unit or with the labor of making it. But you would all benefit by having the bulldozer available when you needed it.

whether to be used as attachments or belt operated. Surely you and your neighbor can arrange things so that you will not both be sawing wood at the same time. Then a community saw would work out very nicely, possibly powered by a borrowed tractor or by your's or your neighbor's.

There is a lot to be said in favor of this matter of community use of farm machinery, and more during these hectic war days than ever before. The farmer's job is a bigger one because of labor shortages and the demand for greater production. His machinery has to work overtime to meet the demand and his tractor is the one piece of equipment that can be depended upon to deliver the goods in a great number of ways.

The point that I am trying to make is that an idle tractor is doing no one any good. True enough, it does not consume fuel when it is not working, but at the same time it represents an investment that should not be permitted to "eat its head off" without giving ample return. And it can give that ample return only by being used to its fullest extent.

One of the best ways of obtaining full value from a tractor is by working out ways and means of co-operating with your neighbors, not only in the use of the tractor itself but in the exchange of available equipment, either manufactured or hammered out in your own workshop.

(The sixth and last article of this series will point out the things that you should consider regarding your tractor and cold weather.)

From pagan Scandinavian worship of Thor comes the Yule log lighted with a brand from last year's log.

Alexandria's harbor became a gateway to the East when Alexander the Great founded the city in 331 B. C.

AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY WILL GET XMAS PACKAGES

American prisoners of war are due to receive 45,000 Christmas packages if the Swedish ship Spive reaches its port of Gohlborg in Sweden in time. The neutral mercy ship was assured safe passage by both the Germans and the Allies and it is hoped that the ship will reach its destination before Christmas.

Three Red Cross boats then will take the cargo to Lebeck, Germany, for distribution. On her trip to the United States, the ship brought Christmas bundles for 281,433 German prisoners in this country. Each bundle, the Red Cross said, bore a card saying: "Christmas Greetings from the Fuehrer and the High Command of the German Army."

In the west of Ireland, Christmas takes a pious note. A candle is left burning in the window as a guide to the Holy Family, should it be seeking shelter. And food is left on the table between meals in case any souls from purgatory should revisit their old homes.



This attractive young Chinese girl adds her bit to the celebration of New Year's eve in New York festivity. The Chinese new year—4641—begins considerably later than our own.

HERE'S NORSE LEGEND—KISS UNDER MISTLETOE SIGN OF RECONCILIATION

In Norse mythology, Balder, the god who personified the sun, was hated by Lok, who planned to destroy him. Balder's mother obtained a promise from all living things, except the mistletoe, that they would not harm Balder. Lok made an arrow from the mistletoe and gave it to Balder's blind brother, Hoder, explaining how he could throw it. The arrow struck Balder, killing him, but he was restored to life and the mistletoe was placed under his mother's care so that it would never again bring harm. The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace under the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be an instrument of evil.

Xmas, thus spelled as an abbreviation for Christmas, has its origin in the fact that the Greek letter chi was written as X. This letter was also the initial of the name Christus. Many people identify the X as representing the Cross.

The Nativity theme in Christmas carols gave way to the sentiment: "Bring us in good ale."

Massage fizzes tips with vaseline to prevent nails from splitting and cracking.

A policeman is stationed in the shrine of the Prince of Peace—because such in Bethlehem guard among themselves against Christmas, even on a Christmas day.

Buy a War Bond Today!



Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.
Franchised Bottler:
PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING CO. OF LUBBOCK

For the 21st Consecutive Year
We Say . . .



★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand. We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.



Connell Chevrolet Company

THE TREASURES OF CHRISTMAS

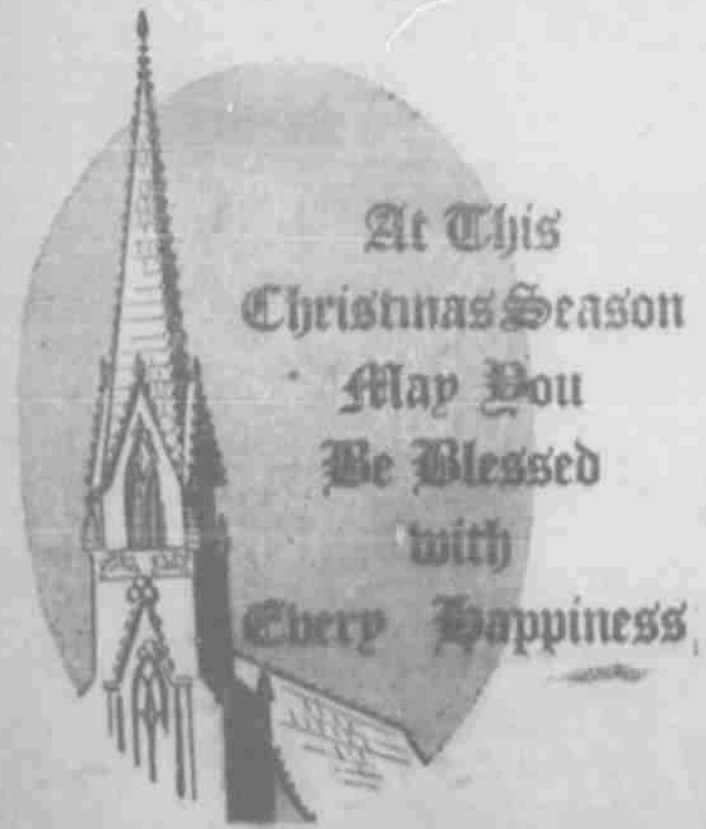


Are the many instances of good will as evidenced by your thoughtfulness of us.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

EARL ROGERS FEED STORE

"A Feed for Every Need"



At This Christmas Season May You Be Blessed with Every Happiness.

N. J. LANOTTE FURNITURE CO.

Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends. Forget the present difficulties and live again the Christmas innocent and better days. Let it renew hope for the future, with a resolve that the best impulses of our nature shall assist the character building of the real lesson of the Christmas season.

Don't let your electric cords get knotted or twisted, and don't shove them into a drawer any-which-way. Such treatment wears out the insulation and leads to exposed wires and possible short circuits and blown fuses.

Animals Share Christmas Joy With Their Masters

Charmingly generous customs have arisen in many countries from little gestures of kindness to animals. And some of the most delightful have their origin in the Christmas celebrations.

For instance, the Scandinavians gave extra rations to their cattle.

The dogs in Albania were rewarded for faithful service with the first wheat cakes of the season.

Our bird sanctuaries, too, grew out of a holiday custom. A sheaf of grain, a trophy of the harvest, was placed on the housetop for the birds.

Christmas caroling was a thriving custom in England of the fourteenth century.

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning,
The form of the new year arise;
He stood like a status adorning
The world with a background of skies;
There was courage and grace in his beautiful face,
And hope in his glorious eyes.

"I come from Time's boundless forever,"
He said, with a voice like a song:
"I come as a friend to endeavor,
I come as a foe to all wrong.
To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid,
And the weak I shall gird and make strong."

"I bring you more blessings than terrors,
I bring you more sunlight than gloom,
I tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's tomb;
I reach you clean hands and lead on to the lands,
Where the lilies of peace are in bloom."

'Open House' on New Year's Day

It was customary for the Dutch settlers of New York to hold "open house" on New Year's day and to provide light refreshments, usually centering around a large bowl of punch, for friends calling to pay the compliments of the season.

During the latter part of the 19th century the custom of making short calls on New Year's day was in full swing throughout America. Metropolitan newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices which, including names of social prominence and those making no such pretense, announced hours during which visitors would be received; having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions to join the procession of callers at other "open houses."

A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls minimized the courtesy accorded hostesses—in many cases—and even resulted in receptions being "crashed" by bibulous young men; these abuses led to the abandonment of the "open house" custom. New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates and without any public announcement of intention to receive.

Buy A War Bond Today!

New Year's Eve Festive Occasion For Native Scots

Christmas never aroused much enthusiasm in Scotland—but on New Year's eve the Wassail bowl goes around, filled with savory liquid, nostalgically fragrant.

Floating atop the Wassail bowl, apples stir memories of the "apple-hoarding" when boys switched the trunks of fruit trees petitioning "a good howling crop"; somehow, the "lamb's wool" (as the decoction of the Wassail bowl is often called) seems reminiscent of young folks rushing to the nearest spring at the stroke of 12 to drink the "cream of the well"—the first one so doing, might expect good luck during the ensuing year.

Hansel Monday—the Monday after New Year's, is traditionally the "Big Day" for Scotch boys and girls; and, in addition to being the Scotch day of gift-giving, it is a day of feasting and gaiety.

Small wonder, that families and friends gather on New Year's eve to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Thank You . . . For Your Card

The English, compelled to make the most of every scrap of paper, have learned how to put their Christmas cards to good use. They send back to their friends the cards they received from them the year before, just scratching out the friends name and adding their own.

OUTDOOR YULE TREE FIRST MADE BOW IN CAPITAL IN 1888

In 1888 a beautiful evergreen tree, cut in the woods of Vermont, was sent to Washington and set up in Sherman square.

This tree was a gift from Middlebury college to the President of the United States. It was decorated and wired with hundreds of tiny electric lights, and on Christmas Eve President Coolidge switched on the lights of the first National Christmas tree.

The following year a beautiful living tree was planted in Sherman plaza behind the White House and a permanent underground electric service installed so that each year the same living tree can be decorated and illuminated.

The national example was quickly followed by many states and communities. Now every year brilliantly illuminated trees grace state capital grounds, city squares and village greens.

Red Cross Girls Cause Inflation

Gusoklennal—Red Cross girls have caused a dangerous inflation in the native wife purchasing market here. Although the par value of a native wife is \$25, one kinky-mopped suitor recently offered \$100 for a Red Cross girl, explaining "White Mary work hard. Make good wife."

Be sure to remove jewelry before applying creams, lotions or other refreshers to the face.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

We have just a friendly word to say in appreciation of your indulgence to our efforts to be of service.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our friends of this community



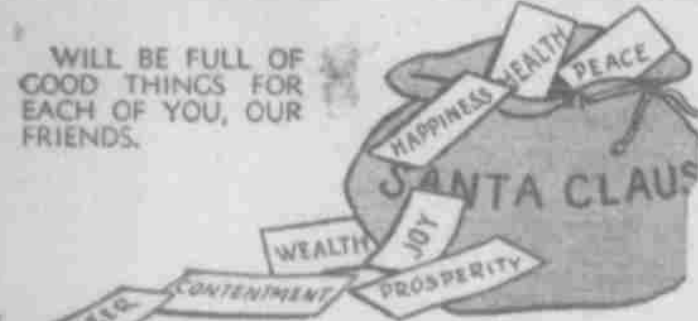
RAYMOND REDMAN

Continental Oil Company

WE HOPE

Santa's Pack

WILL BE FULL OF GOOD THINGS FOR EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS.



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

T. L. JONES

— ICE —

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!

O. L. Wilkison
Lumber Company
R. E. Cox Manager



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.

Piggly Wiggly