

# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1941

NUMBER TWO

## War Relief Program To Be Presented

On Sunday evening, December 21 at the high school auditorium, the combined choirs of all the churches will present a program of Christmas music. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Ross, will feature solo and quartet numbers, as well as the familiar carols sung by the ensemble.

High-light of the evening will be the reading of the Christmas Story from Ben Hur, by Mrs. C. H. Siadous. Mrs. Siadous, a popular and talented reader, is repeating the selection from Ben Hur by popular request.

A free will offering for the benefit of the Red Cross War Relief Fund will be taken. Since this is the first opportunity the people of Baird have had to contribute to this very worthy cause, it is hoped that the response will be generous.

The churches of Baird have dismissed their evening services to attend the Christmas program which begins at 7:30 P. M.

## Red Cross Meeting

Inasmuch as many urgent problems will arise from time to time which will require the attention of every member of the Red Cross, for the duration of the war a meeting will be held on the first Friday of each month, at 3:00 P. M. Such a large group of workers attended the last meeting, the Chapter voted to hold all future meetings in the District Court Room. All workers are urged to attend these meetings.

## Driver's License

December 31, 1941, is the last date for renewing your Driver's License, if your number is from 1 to 450,000.

When renewing your license, ask for your Driving Handbook, a brief, concise, digest of Motor Vehicle, Traffic Laws, and Safe Driving Rules for every driver.

C. R. NORDYKE, Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas.

## To The Citizens Of Callahan County

At this time of the season, I would feel ungrateful did I not express to each and every one of you, my deepest appreciation for the wonderful cooperation you have shown me through the year 1941. More especially since our country has been engaged in the present conflict. I have never seen a time when people were more cooperative, and this means victory. So allow me to wish you all the joys of a Merry Christmas and to us all a Victorious Year for 1942.

Gratefully yours,  
C. R. NORDYKE.

## THE STAR WILL COME OUT WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

In order that The Star force may take Christmas The Star will be issued Wednesday night of next week. All news items must be in the office by Wednesday morning.

## BAIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Yell will hold services Sunday night at 7:15 p. m. December 21—You are invited to attend.  
A. W. Yell Pastor.

## Funeral Service For Inez Franklin Will Be Held Today

Funeral services for Inez Franklin, who was killed in a car wreck in Kemet, California Sunday will be held at the Methodist church today. Rev. Alsie Carleton, pastor will conduct the services, assisted by Rev. A. A. Davis pastor of the Baptist Church. Burial will be in Ross cemetery. Wylie Funeral Home are in charge of funeral arrangements.

Inez went with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Franklin, younger sister, Chessie and little brother Ben to California a few weeks ago. Inez was seriously hurt in the wreck which took her sisters life, her condition being so serious that her parents were unable to leave her to accompany their daughter Inez body home.

Inez, 20 years of age, graduated from the Baird Public school with the class of 1939. Her class mates will serve as pall bearers and flower girls at the funeral today.

Inez is a granddaughter of Mrs. S. A. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Franklin of Baird.

Funeral services were to be held yesterday afternoon but the remains were delayed in transit. LATER—Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today.

## First National Bank Move Into New Building

The First National Bank of Baird moved into their new building Monday evening and are now at home in the new building which is one of the most modernly equipped banks in this section.

Mr. Bob Norrell, cashier of the bank informs us that the Open House planned has been postponed until a date in the near future.

## LUCILLE ROBINSON WINS

Miss Lucille Robinson of Baird is a proud winner of one of the prizes for the final work of a 6week Jingle Contest. The sponsors of the contest were the retail grocers of Baird and the bakers of Taystee Bread. Miss Robinson's prize winning jingle reads as follows:

"Our home is gay with mistletoe, And holly wreaths and candles red; Our Christmas dinner will be complete, Accompanied by New Taystee Bread."

This contest was held in recognition of the new and improved loaf of Taystee Bread resulting from new equipment and mechanical improvements in their West Texas bakery at Abilene.

## BUCK CARGAL MEMBER OF A. A. C. ORCHESTRA

Buck Cargal, son of Mrs. La Vesta Cargal of Baird, is a member of the newly organized Abilene Christian College symphonic-type orchestra which will give a concert in Sewell Auditorium December 16.

Composed of 30 members, the orchestra has exceptionally fine instrumentation, according to D. W. Crain, director.

Buck plays a trumpet in the orchestra.

## DON'T FAIL TO READ OUR AD AND THEN COME AND BUY THAT CHRISTMAS GIFT. W. D. BOYDSTUN.

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

Whereas our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all, and

Whereas for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war, and

Whereas in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil-defense plans.

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars, and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-sixth.

[SEAL]

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

## Mrs. W. A. McGowen Duncan Field Offers Buried At Cross Plains

Mrs. W. A. McGowen, 72, of Cross Plains, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hughes in Wink Tuesday morning following an illness of several months.

The remains were carried back to Cross Plains the home of the deceased since childhood, where burial was made Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. McGowen was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coffman, pioneer residents of Cross Plains. Her husband W. A. McGowen who died some years ago was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGowen who were also pioneers of Cottonwood.

where Mr. McGowen was engaged in the mercantile business for some years before coming to Baird where he was engaged in business for many years being succeeded by his sons H. C. and J. H. McGowen, who continued the business until their death a few years ago.

A number of relatives and friends from Baird attended the funeral.

## COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 4196 bales of cotton were ginned in Callahan County, Texas from the crop of 1941 prior to Dec. 1 as compared with 4104 bales for the crop of 1940.

John H. Shrader, Agent.

## MIDWAY 4-H CLUB

The Midway 4-H Club met Tuesday afternoon with Floy McCaw. New officers were elected for another year and year books were handed out to members.

Officers elected were President, Floy McCaw. Vice-President, Kathryn Schaffrina.

Secretary-Treasurer, Edna Cook. Reporter, Willie Burklow.

The sponsors are Mrs. Joel Griffin and Mrs. Edmond Webb. Miss Ellen Steffens the Home Demonstration Agent met with the girls and discussed plans for the coming year.

Those present were, Bessie Mae Webb, Floy McCaw, Willie Burklow, Mrs. Griffin and Miss Steffens.

## Texas men and women, who are between 18 and 25, have the opportunity of contributing toward Uncle Sam's victory in the war, learning aeronautics, and jumping from \$50 a month to \$110 a month in 180 days.

Duncan Field, nation's largest air depot, is anxious to receive applicants for several technical jobs and is willing to train hundreds of young people for the positions, Major A. T. Economy, officer in charge of the field's civilian training program announces.

Trainees are paid while they learn.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clements McMullen, commanding officer of the field, is directing the program.

Any young person with a high school education or its equivalent is eligible. Applicants need only pass general intelligence, aptitude and emotional tests conducted by the San Antonio Air Depot and the civil service commission.

Persons accepted for training are placed immediately on Duncan Field pay rolls. They begin a basic course which covers depot organizations, regulations, air corps material, air corps tools, drawing and air corps forms. Other schooling covers shop mathematics, blueprint readings, physics, the elementary theory and practice of the specific trade.

When a student completes his three-month course, he is given a certificate and "graduated" to an advanced course, which is divided into two sections: a course in theory and practice of the trade for junior mechanics and another for journeymen mechanics.

At the end of a six-month period students are rated as helpers. They then earn \$110 a month.

Men who are in advance courses are rated as mechanics and paid up to \$175 a month.

The Duncan Field courses include: aircraft mechanics, aircraft engine mechanics, aircraft machinist, sheet-metal mechanics radio mechanics, drafting, instruments, parachute mechanics, supplies, administration accounting, welding, and propeller mechanics. "Men and women can do a big share in helping us win this war" Major Economy declares, "and they can learn invaluable trades while they earn good pay."

## Garden Club To Judge Entrees In Lighting Contest

The Garden Club who is sponsoring the Christmas Lighting Contest will judge the entrees Monday night, December 22nd at 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

The following are entrees and rules for the contest:

1. Lighted tree and window.
2. Lighted doorway.
3. Lighted outdoor tree.
4. Lighted house and grounds.
5. Lighted business house.

There will be a first and second prize in each entree—the prizes being shrubbery.

Lights must burn each night until and including December 29.

## OPLIN 4-H CLUB

Quotations from Dr. Seaman Knapp, by Maxine Johnson.

Meaning of the 4-H's by Mildred Slough.

Club Motto by Billie Jo Poindexter.

Club Pledge, by Jerrine Pentecost.

Club Prayer, by Maxine Johnson.

The Christmas Party was held December 17th.

Business meeting held by the President, Mildred Slough. A program was given non 4-T Club activities.

4-H Club work in Texas.

Members present were: Billie Jo Poindexter, Betty May and Wilma Milton, Wilma and Georgia Dean McBride, Idavirginia McWhorter, Ellen Marie Jones, Mildred Slough Maxine Johnson and Sponsor Mrs. Mallie Johnson.

Maxine Johnson, Reporter.

J. W. Taffner, Mrs. C. A. Conlee of Winters, Mrs. Grace Morris of Punto Calif, Mrs. John Heyser Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser if Putnam and Mrs. Linwood Hays of Breckenridge, Mrs. Percy King and little daughter Mildred Ann, of Baird, were guests of Mrs. J. E. Gilliland and family Friday.

W. D. Boydston visited the O. E. S. Home at Arlington Wednesday where he delivered a box of Christmas Gifts from the local Chapter. He had a short visit with Miss Mary Slaughter of Tecumseh who lives in the home. Miss Mary sends greetings to all friends in Callahan County.

## Joe Ross, First Callahan County Boy To Lose Life In This War

Mrs. Tad Goble living south of Baird was notified Tuesday afternoon that her nephew, Joe Ross, 20, had been killed in action in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Joe Ross was a son of Mrs. Margaret Ross, who was killed in the Clyde tornado June 1938. He with a younger brother Jimmie, both being seriously injured in the tornado. His father T. Ross and his only sister died some six years ago—double funeral services being held for them at Clyde, the home of the family.

Joe finished high school at Clyde in 1939 and some months later joined the navy, being with his older brother Paul Gene who had previously enlisted in the service.

The brothers were together with the Atlantic fleet until a few months ago when Joe, who was a second class radio man, was transferred to the Pacific fleet.

J. W. and Jimmie, younger brother of the deceased make their home with their aunt Mrs. Tad Goble and Mr. Goble. They are students in the Baird public school.

Other survivors are his maternal grandfather, M. B. Clements of Clyde and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ross Sr., also of Clyde.

## The Passing Of Nuff Arvin

Mr. A. J. Arvin, familiarly known as Uncle Nuff, died at his home, Thursday, December 11 at 2:30 p. m.

All of the children except two were at the deathbed and all except one were present at the funeral which was held in the Church of Christ at Cottonwood. He was buried in Cottonwood cemetery beside his wife and four children.

Uncle Nuff was born in Kentucky, June 20, 1855. He came to Collins county in 1872, then moved to the Cross Cut community where he married Miss Mary Westerman. In August 1879, four months after his marriage, he moved to Callahan county and for fifty years he has lived in the home where he died. He is survived by eleven children, eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was a man of great courage and industry. He was truly a pioneer. A clear indication of his sterling character and the esteem in which he was held by his friends were some of the remarks made by his neighbors and friends.

One who had known him intimately for years said, "she had never seen him angry."

Another said he had never heard him say a harmful word of any one.

Still another remarked that he wished he felt as sure of going to Glory Land; and many others.

The funeral services were conducted by Claude Sykes a friend of the Arvin family, who said many appropriate things about his association with the deceased.

The Masonic Lodge took charge of the body when it arrived at the Church and gave it burial in their impressive way.

This man will be sadly missed by his many friends but his influence for good will be measured only when the Trump of God sounds and time is no more.

Pall bearers at the home were: Joe Pierce, Clarence Nordyke, Rufus Baker, Jack Benton, Bryan Bennet and Golden Bennet.

Joe Arvin of Baird, is a son of the deceased.

## SCRAP IRON CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of the Callahan County USDA Defense Board it was learned that scrap iron prices of \$8.00 and \$9.00 per ton are being paid by the following dealers: Leaman Jennings, Cross Plains. Abilene Iron and Metal Company Texas Hide and Metal Company Abilene, Texas.

## West Texas Utilities Company Will Buy \$50,000.00 Defense Bonds

The West Texas Utilities Company is buying \$50,000.00 of U. S. Defense Bonds in lieu of a treasury department request that deductions be made from employees' pay checks on a "Pay Roll Allotment Plan", according to Carl Lamb, WTU local manager.

The announcement was made by Price Campbell, president of the company, earlier this week.

Instead of inaugurating the Pay Roll Allotment Plan, Mr. Campbell said, the company is responding further to the national emergency by buying the maximum block of bonds. Each of the nine districts served by the company is being credited with its pro rata portion of the \$50,000 and bonds purchased locally.

It was explained that the purchase of these bonds by the company is not presumed to relieve employees of the patriotic duty of buying bonds and stamps but, on the other hand, is in accord with the company policy of making no pay roll deductions for any purpose other than group insurance and social security required by law.

## Important Notice

In the event of sickness or distress in the family of any man in either the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, in which the service man's presence is desired and needed at home the Only MEANS OF CONTACT IS THROUGH YOUR HOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE RED CROSS. In other words, if you must have your boy come home—do not wire or write yourself, but contact any of the following:

- Fred Heyser, Putnam, Texas.
- Judge B. H. Freeland, Baird, Texas.
- T. O. Dulaney, Clyde, Texas
- H. B. Straley, Oplin, Texas
- Fill Anderson, Cross Plains, Texas.

## Navy To Enlist Men In Aviation School

If you are interested in aviation mechanically inclined, between the ages of 17 and 28, and not married the Navy Air Corps offers you training in aviation schools.

College or high school credits are not necessary, and you may enlist for the duration of the national emergency. The recruiting officer states that a limited number will be enlisted for these schools during the remainder of December. For further information or application, apply at the Navy Recruiting Station, located in the basement of the Post Office Building, Abilene, Texas.

## SINGING AT CROSS PLAINS SUNDAY

The Cross Plains Third Sunday Singing Class will meet Sunday afternoon, December 21 in the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock p.m.

Many singers are expected to be present and the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Willis T. Connelly, President.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE

The Woodmen Circle will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night, Dec. 22 when the annual election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend.

## FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities will be distributed in Baird Monday, Dec. 22—The last day for distribution during December.

If you have more than two in your family be sure to bring a burlap sack.

W. P. STEPHENS, County Commodity Forman

—HELP THE RED CROSS—

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS

A meeting is being called for 7:00 o'clock, P. M. Monday, December 22nd, to be held in the District Court Room, to discuss the pressing problems confronting this nation of ours today. All Patriotic American Citizens are urged to be present.

Local Defense Committees.

## Gift Suggestions

GIFTS FOR HIM—GIFTS FOR HER—

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Ties          | Hose            |
| Suits         | Robes           |
| Shirts        | Purses          |
| Socks         | Gowns           |
| Robes         | Dresses         |
| Scarfs        | Pajamas         |
| Pajamas       | Underwear       |
| Sweaters      | Handkerchiefs   |
| Handkerchiefs | Costume Jewelry |

—And Many Other Gifts—

—LET US WRAP YOUR GIFTS FOR YOU—

**SPECIAL SALE on Ladies Dresses**

\$5.98 Value, now	\$3.98
\$7.98 Values, now	\$4.98
\$10.98 Values, now	\$6.98
\$13.98 Values, now	\$8.98

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### A CHECKING ACCOUNT

in this Bank  
Serves You in these five ways:

1. It keeps your money safe.
2. It saves you time and effort in paying bills.
3. It gives you accurate control of your finances.
4. It provides receipts for all payments.
5. It furnishes complete records.

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BAIRD, TEXAS

(Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)



—Xmas Greetings—

Sat. Nite 11 P. M. Again Sun-Mon.

ROSALIND RUSSELL  
DON AMEECHE  
KAY FRANCIS

—In—  
**"The Feminine Touch"**

Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 23-24

JANE FRAZEE  
THE MERRY MACS  
LEON ERROL

—In—  
**"Moonlight in Hawaii"**

Xmas. Eve Midnight Show  
Wednesday Nite, 11 P. M.

CAESAR ROMERO  
CAROLE LANDIS

—In—  
**"Dance Hall"**

Come From 9:30 to 10:00 and see  
Two Shows FOR ONE PRICE

**KIDDIES!**

YOU ALL are invited to our Free  
Kiddie Show Xmas Eve Morning,  
Wed. Dec. 24—10:00 A. M. This  
Is Your Christmas Present From  
The Plaza Theatre and the following  
BAIRD MERCHANTS:

- Ray Motor Company
- Ault Auto, Electric & Radio Shop
- Wylie Funeral Home
- Elite Cleaners
- Sut's OCTANE Service
- Norvell and Boyd Grocery
- Tom French Service Station
- Morgan's Food Store
- Wylie Service Station
- Leslie Bryant
- B. H. Freeland
- C. R. Nordyke
- Mrs. T. W. Briscoe
- McElroy Dry Goods Company
- Hollingshead's Food Market
- B. L. Boydston Hardware
- Holmes Drug Company
- City Pharmacy
- City of Baird Utilities
- Ashlock Insurance Agency
- Little Onin Sandwich Shop
- Gilliand and Lewis Fur. Store
- Williams Dry Cleaners
- Edwards Cafe
- Tot's Wristen Grocery
- T and P Cafe
- The First National Bank
- Curtis Variety Store
- W. G. Bowlus Lumber Company
- Wayne McClintock Candy Co.

### H. D. Club News—

TEXAS' 1942 EGG GOAL IN SIGHT

There seems to be little need for increasing the number of layers now producing to enable Texas farmers to reach the minimum goal set for 1942 by the Texas USDA Defense Board for a 14 per cent increase in production over 1940. According to H. H. Weatherby, assistant poultry husbandman of the A and M College Extension Service, proper housing and feeding of existing flocks of hens and pullets should make this possible. Texas' goal for eggs produced on farms in 1942 is 203,775,000 dozen.

A better balanced ration is helping to bring about increased production, Weatherby explains. Ordinarily the farm rations in sections where corn is the chief feed crop contains too large a proportion of low protein grains. But with favorable prices for eggs prevailing, farmers are giving close attention to housing and management if laying flocks and are feeding more suitable rations. These rations consist either of commercially mixed mash or of mash composed of farm grow-grains and commercially mixed protein concentrates.

Egg production in The United States for the first nine months of 1941 was the largest since 1929, with a record high per layer of 12.25 eggs. Egg prices in August were the highest since 1929; prices for chickens about three cents above a year ago, and turkeys higher than in the past eight years.

To continue the high rate of production throughout the winter Weatherby says, poultrymen are making provisions for green feed for layers sowing small grain or winter legumes. They are: vaccinating pullets for fowl pox and starting them in the laying house free of internal and external parasites. Many poultrymen will use lights and wet mash to stimulate heavy winter laying.

Weatherby emphasized that an expansion program which would

include construction of new buildings is not recommended. "Converting structures into properly ventilated laying houses is a sound program."

### County Agent's Column

Ellen Steffen, Co. H-D Agent

Since one of the demonstration programs carried in the home demonstration clubs of Callahan County during the year 1941 was that of making Yeast Breads, and since \$5.00 has been set aside by the finance committee of the Home Demonstration Council to be used for three prizes in this work, the bread judging took place Thursday evening, December 11th preceding the Christmas Banquet which was held in the basement of the Methodist Church in Baird with Mrs. Bill Banks serving as judge. Places were awarded as follows:

Mrs. Ray Young, of Enterprise H. D. Club, first.

Mrs. Lester Farmer of 1 D. Club, second.

Mrs. J. H. Shrader of 2 H.H. D. Club, third.

Dinner rolls was the program presented for scoring, all the demonstration program with many variations. The bread demonstrators of the county furnished the rolls for the banquet.

### BANQUET HONORING

H. D. CLUB OFFICE

The basement of the Methodist Church in Baird was the scene of the Christmas Banquet honoring the outgoing officers and the incoming officers of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Home Demonstration Clubs of Callahan County on Thursday evening

## Gifts with a future Something to Wear

This Christmas as never before, women are asking for sensible, useful gifts—and "something to wear" is the perfect answer. Here are things she'll love:

**ROBES, HOUSE COATS, DRESSES, SWEATERS, BLOUSES and SLACK SUITS**—in a gay collection of colors.

**BEAUTIFUL ROBES**

**Priced at \$1.98 to \$10.98**

**DRESSES**

We are showing a beautiful line of Dresses in Junior and Ladies sizes in Klaffer and Sable Carole King and Georgiana.

**NEW SPRING COATS**

We are showing New Spring Coats and Suits—made by Braemour, Carl Mann and Genelle.

—Free Christmas Wrapping of Packages—

## Gray's Style Shop

(At McELROY'S)



per 11th. In addition Christmas and centerpieces for each formed of cedar sprays and flags, with the white and blue theme. Program in the form of a sing-song introducing the new agent, Miss Ellen Steffens, the 1941 officers and the 1942 officers, the vice-presi-

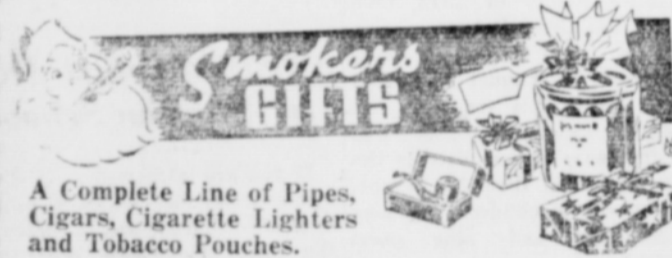
dent of district 7 of THDA, Mrs. Jim Barker, the visitors, and the speaker of the evening, Mr. Bob Norrell of Baird, was under the direction of 1941 council chairman Mrs. Jim Barker, with the songs led by Mrs. Paul Shanks of the Enterprise H. D. Club with Johnnie Swinson of Baird, as pianist in addition to the songs and address of the evening Mr. Donnie Lyles of Clyde gave two readings

for the entertainment of the group.

Eighty-five people, representing fourteen home demonstration clubs of the county were present for the three course Christmas dinner, the food having been prepared by the home demonstration clubwomen and served by the Homemaking Classes of Baird High School under the supervision of their instructor, Miss Helen Willard.



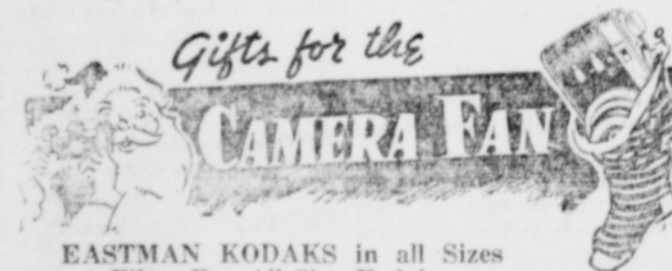
We have a complete line of GIFT GOODS—and Cordially Invite YOU to see our line.



A Complete Line of Pipes, Cigars, Cigarette Lighters and Tobacco Pouches.

### GIFT JEWELRY

We have a Beautiful Line of Jewelry—RINGS BROACHES, NECKLACE, LOCKETS, DIAMONDS



EASTMAN KODAKS in all Sizes  
Films For All Size Kodaks.

### CHRISTMAS CANDIES

See our line of Martha Washington Christmas Gift Candies—in one and two pound boxes.



## City Pharmacy

# He's a SOLDIER, too!

## ... and Needs Your Help So there May Be Light and Power this Christmas and Throughout the New Year



His work is vital to our country's well-being. The light and power lines he maintains have been defined as National Defense property, protected by an Act of the Congress of the United States and the anti-violence laws of the State of Texas. Thus, the large number of men and women who maintain your electric service are truly soldiers, too.

Inasmuch as in time of national emergency it is the patriotic duty of every American to report any act or plot which endangers the country's safety, we feel free to request that you report to local law enforcement agencies, or to our nearest office, any persons violating or planning to violate any of the provisions of the laws prohibiting sabotage of a defense industry of which you have any knowledge.

We are giving our utmost cooperation in the defense effort, serving numerous military units in this West Texas region, and ask your help that there may be no interruption of service either to Uncle Sam or in your home.

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[ **BUY DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS and STAMPS** ]  
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## Give More-Save More-By Buying Here

I. went to Dallas Looking for Some Real BARGAINS—to Hand It On To YOU—

15c Brown Domestic, 8 Yds. for	\$1.00
15c Broadcloth, 8 Yds. for	1.00
22c Broadcloth, 5 Yds. for	1.00
81x90 Sheet, worth \$1.25, for	1.00
30 Pads Kotex, 2 Boxes for	1.00
2 1/2 Yards Sheeting (Garza)	1.00
\$1.00 Ladies Dresses, 2 for	1.00
15c Sox for Men, Boys, 8 Pair	1.00
1 Suit Case for	1.00
10 Towels for	1.00
8 Towels for	1.00
2 Rolls Quilting Cotton for	1.00

\$2.50 Mans Hat	\$1.95
1.95 Mans Hat	1.50
3.25 Mans Shoes	2.95
2.95 Mans Shoes	2.75
2.50 Mans Shoes	2.25
1.75 Overalls	1.45
1.25 Gloves	1.00
1.25 Union Suits	1.00
3.50 Mans Jacket	2.95
50c Mans Tie	35c
20c Mans Handkerchief	1.00

Just visit our store—and see for Yourself. Don't fail to see our Down Comforts. Bed Spreads, Colored Sheets and Pillow Slips. Also the new Spring Toppers, House Coats and Dresses.

**GIVE US THAT ORDER FOR THAT CHRISTMAS TURKEY.**

*This will be Our 50th Christmas to spend in BAIRD Help Yourself By Helping Me. MORE GOODS FOR LESS MONEY IS IS OUR MOTTO.*

# WILL D. BOYDSTUN

### PERSONAL

Judge B. H. Freeland has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hensley of Fort Worth visited relatives in Baird the past week end.

Perry Gilliland a plumber in the civil service at Camp Hulen is at home for a few days.

FOR RENT—Well improved stock and peanut farm, west of Cisco. Call before Dec. 23. A. J. Olson, Cisco, Texas.

Little Sue Ann Everette daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everette who has been quite ill with pneumonia is reported improving.

Mildred Ann King, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy King, who has been ill with pneumonia is improving.

Mrs. J. S. Bates of Marshall and Mrs. G. B. Langston of Cisco were in Baird yesterday morning. They were called to Cross Plains to attend the funeral of their cousin Mrs. W. A. McGowen.

Mrs. Buster Hatchett will return home today from a visit with her brother, Dr. Leon Hodges and Mrs. Hodges in Fort Worth.

ATTEND Our Christmas Sale and get some of the Bargains. W. D. Boydston.

Mrs. W. D. Chisenhall of Long Beach, California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Fulton and family. She will probably spend the winter.

### Notice Car Owners—HAVE YOU A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE?

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# Maybe Next Christmas

BY ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is planning a last family reunion and invites them all home to Mountain Creek for the holidays. In New York, Lydia, secretary-companion, is afraid to leave the man she loves to the

mercy of her rival. In Chicago, Kenneth, successful doctor, permits his spoiled wife to dissuade him from making the trip. In Baltimore, Robert, penniless writer, has Christmas plans which may make the publication of his book possible. And in

Hollywood, Sally is desperately trying for a part in the new picture. Ma, all unaware of her children's decisions, blissfully makes her plans and awaits their return home for the last time. Finally she hears the sad news from all but Sally.

### Installment 4

Ma went to the window once again. It seemed she had been watching that window all day, expecting to see some venerable auto chugging up the hill with her youngest daughter. The road was silent and empty. Ma went back to her conversation.

"Robert's going to some big shindig with a publisher," she continued. "Thinks maybe it'll be a turning point for him. And it might be at that. Maybe Robert's got something neither you nor I could ever see. Kit, I'm glad I sent him that money. He said he was down to his last penny. That's the trouble with children, Kit, they grow up and we lose track of them. I don't know anything about the youngsters, what they think, what they do, whether they're sick or well, or anything, I guess," the tears fell unashamed. "I guess maybe I was too busy trying to get them raised and fed and schooled ever to find out what made them click. And now it's too late. You needn't look at me like that, Kit," she accused the portrait heatedly. "I did the best I could. If you'd only hung around a little longer—" she mopped her eyes on her apron, brightened a little. "But Sally'll be home. You ought to see her. She's pretty as a speckled hen. But I wish she'd get over that nonsense about being an actress and marry Danny Davis. I'd feel better going off and leaving things if I knew she was being taken care of."

Down at the foot of the hill there was a sudden chugging of a motor. The car pattered lackadaisically up the hill, wheeling at every turn. It was not Danny's perilous open jalopy but Sim Barnstead in the town taxi.

Ma smoothed down her apron and waited, trembling with rapture. The taxi looped casually around the final turn, coasted to a screeching stop before the house. But—Ma's heart stopped—save for Sim in his moisture-soaked bearskin coat and worn leather earmuffs—the taxi was empty.

Sim erupted from the driver's seat and lumbered up the front steps. "Got a telegram for you, Ma," he bellowed at the top of his powerful lungs. "M'wife made me tote it right up in case it's important."

The telegram burned Ma's fingers like a sharp flame. She quietly ripped it open and read the message Sally had at last gathered courage enough to send before she packed her bag for a Christmas in Palm Springs:

"Mummy, darling, I can't make it. Stop. Got a part in a new show and have to learn my lines. Stop. Give my love to the rest of the kids and keep a lot for yourself. Stop. Letter and package follow. Stop. Sorry. Loads of love and better luck next Christmas. SALLY."

Long threatened by gray skies and sullen horizons, Mountain Creek's prophecy of a white Christmas was being fulfilled. The first few flakes were great, white, leisurely things, floating carelessly through the heavy air, beautiful isolated stars of frozen loveliness.

Ma stood at her parlor window and watched the winding road disappear under the assault of the blizzard.

Darkness swooped down from the hills on a heavy wing. Soon the road was a smoky blur in the shadows, and the trees were gaunt ghosts wrestling with invisible giants. Ma turned from the window and carefully tended the fire.

"Wonder if the road'll be closed off?" she thought bitterly. "Not that it much matters. Only Dan DID say he'd come up on Christmas. It would be nice to have somebody in on Christmas."

She plodded into the kitchen for a lonely meal. The icebox was piled with food, and Ma made a wry face at it. "Waste," she sniffed, "and with hungry people walking the streets!"

She made a cheerless supper of odds and ends of leftovers, washed down tastelessly with a cup of sturdy tea.

The clock in the parlor coughed apologetically, then spat out nine wheezing strokes. Ma turned out the lamp and crept into the big, threadbare chair before the fireplace, racked in an abandonment of grief and loneliness.

How long she sat there she did not know, could never have told.

Suddenly Ma sat upright. Was that a step on the porch? Was that a knocking at the door? She listened again. Yes, it was. Maybe—maybe the children had changed their minds after all. Maybe it was Dan. Maybe—

She raced across the room, frantically wrenched the knob and flung open the door. The candles flared suddenly in the rush of cold wind, until the doorway was haloed with light.

A man stood apologetically on the threshold, a complete stranger.

He was a young man. And he was shabby and pitiful in the swirling



The woman sobbed. "A baby is coming," he told Ma.

snowflakes out there in the dark. In one swift second, Ma noted that his coat was a thin and sleazy Spring model, utterly unsuited to turning the edge of such bitter cold. He twisted a ragged hat in his gloved hands.

"I saw your lights, Ma'am," he said hurriedly. "Is there—is there a man in the house?"

"I'm alone," Ma admitted rashly. "But come in, man. You'll freeze out there in that miserable coat. Come in, I say."

"I've got to have help. I've got to have help right away." His face was gray with cold and terror. "Is there another house up the road? My wife—"

"This is the only house on the mountain side," Ma snapped. "But I've got to have help. My wife—"

"Your wife? Out in a night like this? Good heavens, man, you must be out of your mind. Where is she?"

"She's—down the road." The man was frantic with anxiety. "She's a sick. I've got to get help. Have you a phone?"

Ma was squirming into her shabby coat, jamming her shapeless old hat down over her eyes, drawing on a darned woolen scarf and mittens.

"I haven't got a phone. We'll just have to go out and bring her in ourselves, that's all. Where is she?"

"In the barn at the first turn down the road. We've got to hurry, I tell you."

"Here!" Ma thrust a lantern into his blue, cracked hands. She opened the door and they flung themselves out into the swirling snow. "What's the matter with her?"

The wind snatched the answer from his lips. Ma clutched at his arm and together they plunged forward into the storm.

They stumbled through the darkness, the lantern casting only a dim thread of light before them. After an eternity of battling against the determined wind, the barn loomed ahead, a welcoming bulk of shadow. Ma and the stranger grasped for breath, gasping and shivering within.

There was a dark bundle huddled on a mound of hay. Ma lifted the lantern and surveyed it, panting wearily. It was a woman, sobbing with pain and fright.

Ma turned toward the stranger, opened her lips to speak, but he forestalled her.

"We'll have to hurry," his eyes were haunted in the half-light. "She's having a baby, and there isn't much time to lose!"

Over the shrill keening of the wind and the muffled sobbing of the dark bundle on the hay, Ma Shannon's voice rose sharp and incredulous.

"Having a baby? On a night like this? In a storm? In a barn?"

The man's face was a white blur in the flickering lantern light. "We were trying to make the next town. Our car broke down and we tried to get to a house. It's—"

Ma cut him short. "Time to tell me that later on." She turned to the woman. "The house is less than a quarter of a mile off. You can't stay here. Can you make it if we help you?"

The woman's voice was low and controlled. "I'll have to," she gritted.

Ma grew businesslike. "We'll have to do without the lantern, but the

house isn't far and I could go blindfold. We'll have to move fast. This wind is getting worse."

"I'm sorry to be a bother," the woman apologized.

"Bother!" Ma sniffed. "You're no bother. Here, put your arm around my neck. Wouldn't be the first time a baby was born in a stable—and on Christmas Eve at that. But no use staying here if we can make the house. Get her on the other side," she commanded.

The journey back to the house was endless. The wind had grown stronger, and the snow swirled in a suffocating blanket about the slow-moving trio. At every few feet they would stop to give the woman a breathing spell, then they would plunge forward once more.

When the old familiar pain had taken permanent lodging in Ma's breast, and it did not seem that she could stagger forward a single step more, the low flicking candles in the window shot a dim light through the storm.

"Last lap," Ma gasped.

The shabby little parlor had never reached out such welcoming arms.

"Put her on the sofa," Ma ordered, "and get her out of those clothes. Better not try to get her upstairs. Warmer and more convenient here." She smiled wryly. "This is a stylish baby. It's going to be born in a parlor."

Hot water—sheets—antiseptic—Ma was everywhere, frantically checking the necessary supplies. In the kitchen, alone for a moment, she leaned against the wall, her hand to her heart, and saw the homely kitchen furnishings reel before her blurred eyes.

"Oh, dear Lord," she prayed, "not yet. I'm not ready. There's a baby coming—"

The agonizing vise about her chest slowly eased, the room snapped back into focus. Ma brushed the back of her hand across her blue lips, blinked furiously and muttered, "Thanks." Then she snatched the kettle from the stove and plodded parlorward.

The woman on the sofa smiled wanly. In the firelight her face was thin and pinched but young and lovely and unafraid. Ma's practiced eye consulted the clock. The pains were crowding each other. Only a short while—

Strange that in this moment time should so suddenly telescope, like sections of a schoolboy's drinking cup, until today and yesterday lay in one another's arms, close and near and part of each other.

Kenneth had been born on a night like this. Ma remembered the brutal wind, the beating of snow against protecting windows, the limitless hours of the night, stretching endlessly through limitless labyrinths of fear and pain. And then, suddenly, the agony was over, and the wail of her first man-child had echoed from the walls. It was so long ago, yet sharp and clear as the hour just past.

The old clock cleared its throat and struck. At the second stroke, a bitter cry pierced the room. The man sprang from his chair in fright, but Ma pushed him back with a violent arm, and hastened to greet the new life.

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### SENIORS GAIN PUBLICITY

The Senior Class is very proud of the fact that they have been recognized all over the U. S. for buying defense bonds. The class has received letters from Congressmen, and Senators praising the good work. The item is now charge of the Associated Press and has been published in papers all over the nation, including the New York Times. The class is being pictured in the Abilene paper some time this week.

### SCHOOL NEWS

By Pat Estes

This is our last week of school before we turn out for the Christmas holidays, it hardly seems possible that this much of school is gone, but, nevertheless, it is.

Wednesday afternoon the Senior Class had their pictures made if you are interested in our class look for the picture in the Abilene Reporter-News.

Several students have letters in the paper to our faithful friend ole' Santa be sure and read them they will give you a pretty good idea how the kids have been behaving around here lately.

### BASKETBALL NEWS

The basketball boys have started training and plan on victories—no defeats. They will attend near by tournaments to exercise their skill. We will expect victory with such a coach as Bill White and boys to form the team as: Frankie Crow, Elwood Goin, Raymond Cook, Buddy Brumbaugh, Burl Varner, Junior Cutbirth, Aaron Hatley, Bill Hatchett, Bill Jones, Don Parker Roy Wylie, and Junior Pool.

### HOMEMAKING CLUB

The Homemaking Club met Wednesday, December 10 in the School auditorium for the annual Christmas meeting. The president, Ida Mae Glover, called the meeting to order and the minutes were read and approved. Theda Ruth Kirby led the group in several Christmas Carols accompanied on the piano by Joan Baker. Elaine Russell gave a Christmas poem which was very appropriate. Mrs. Carol McGowen read a beautiful Christmas story which made us realize what we can accomplish if we trust in God.

The club was honored with some visitors, several members of other classes.

### HOMEMAKERS HAVE TEA

At 3:30 on December 10 the Homemakers Club had a tea in the dining room of the High School Punch and cookies were served to the member of the club and the High School faculty.

The room was decorated in the Christmas theme, with a choir of miniature Angels on the buffet, and the Nativity scene on the table depicting the birth of Christ. The room was lighted by candles and aided by the presence of three lovely hostesses it was a very beautiful scene.

### DELPHIAN DEBS

The Delphian Debs held their annual Christmas party at the home of Miss Bee Hickman on December 16. The party was sponsored by the Junior Delphians, the Debs big sisters. Games were played and then the Christmas gifts were passed out. Refreshments of hot chocolate, ritz and Christmas candy were served to the many guests.

### S. I. S.

The S. I. S. Club met last Wednesday night at the home of Ivadell Mitchell. After the business meeting, which included plans for the Annual Christmas Dance, refreshments were served to Laura Windham, Renee Russell, Elaine Russell, Mildred Coats, Bettye Estes, Betty Lewis, Catherine Ford and the hostess.

### GYM PARTY

The Junior and Senior classes were honored with a party in the Gymnasium Wednesday night. The entertainment was enjoyed by most all the members if both classes. Several room mothers were present and received the students appreciation for their help.

### BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL WANT ADS

Advice on how to keep my hair down, Bobby Stanley.

More good tennis players, tennis club (a few new balls, and a new too)

Cooperation! Teachers. Days to hurry and pass so I can get this club off my hand, Frankie.

### GOSSIP

Nearly every time you see Louise Grant she is with a different boy. At present its Doyle Noidyke.

It's a sad thing that has fallen upon Bessie Benson—she dropped upon Bessie Benson—she dropped

Pullet Cook sits on the front seat in the study hall. Jo Ann does too—Wanda likes Jo Ann—Wanda sits with Jo Ann. (figure it out for yourself.)

We want good music the 4th period instead of that chosen by Shot, J. C. and Bud. The Dixie Play Boys are kinda tiring.

Renee Russell is pretty and attractive and all that but she is supposed to be my girl! this sayeth Bill Odom.

Wenona has had so many chances for dates lately. Is it some secret charm or is it blackmail?

Sally Corn has discovered that a certain Jr. girl has a bad temper especially when you've gone with her boy friend.

Betsy, what is this we hear about a case between you and Pickard?

Catherine you shouldn't get cornered in the hall where there is no corner.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I am a little blonde, blue eyed boy of Baird High School. I am

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BAIRD, TEXAS

not asking for much this year, just my job back at the Cafe so I can buy my girl a Christmas present. You know, Ivadell, I would also like to have a bottle of glue to stick my hair down so my girl you know Ivadell won't always be trying to brush it down. Please Santa, I don't want to seem caty, but try to forget Sam Tucker in Abilene and don't give him a thing, cause I am sure he hasn't been a good boy.  
Your truly,  
Bobby Stanley.

Dear Santa:  
I am a teacher in Baird High School, and I just want to ask for some good little boys and girls in my class and study hall. Now isn't that a little to ask for? You also could throw in some boys who aren't so dumb in my Chemistry class. Please help me to teach them something.  
As ever,  
Mr. Settle.

### News From AAA Office

By Wallace W. Moorhouse  
Secretary Callahan County ACA

### CALLAHAN COUNTY FAVORS 1942 COTTON MARKETING QUOTAS

The cotton marketing quota referendum held on December 13th carried 89.6 percent vote in favor of keeping cotton farms under the restrictions of cotton marketing quotas for 1942.

The votes cast in the election represented about one-third of the eligible voters in the county.

### COMMUNITY ELECTIONS HELD TODAY (FRIDAY)

The community election meetings will be held on December 19 (to-day) at 2:30 p. m. in the following places:

Putnam, at the school house.  
Oplin, at the schoolhouse.  
Clyde, at the school house.

In these meetings, members of the Callahan County ACA will elect their AAA community committee to represent them in their AAA activities for the calendar year of 1942. The delegates to the county convention will be elected at these meetings, also. These delegates are elected to represent each community in selecting the men to serve as county committeemen for 1942.

All farmers are urged to attend the meeting held in their community, so that they may help to elect men who they think best fitted to serve their community.

### THREE DEFENSE TRAINING CENTERS IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

As a part of the National Defense Program, defense centers for training out-of-school youths have been set up in the following fields and at the following places: Metal Work, including simple welds, tempering, drilling, shaping, and machinery repair under the supervision of 'Peck' Ault in the Alexander Building at Baird. Woodwork, (rough construction) under the supervision of Ros Curtis in the Vocational Agricultural Building at Baird.

Operation, care, and repair of automobiles, trucks, and tractors, under the supervision of Arthur Burleson at Baird.

The people in the vicinity of Cross Plains also have shops in Cross Plains in which the above mentioned service is available with O. B. Edmondson, vocational agricultural teacher in charge.

All eligible persons who desire this training are urged to attend the classes. These shops have been set up to accomplish a two-fold purpose: to give defense trainees ample projects to work on and at the same time to make much needed repairs on farm machinery and equipment.

FOR SALE—One Electric Washing Machine and Heavy TwinTubs Mrs. J. R. Hart.

### TO OUR FRIENDS

By this means we want to thank each and all our many friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us in the illness and passing of our father and for the beautiful floral offering. May God bless each of you.  
The A. J. Arvin Family.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mere words could never express the gratitude that's in our hearts for our many kind friends and neighbors who were so helpful and thoughtful during the illness and death of our dearly beloved husband and father. God Bless all of them.

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## A Light in a Dark World

A CAROL  
FOR CHILDREN  
By OGDEN NASH

**G**OD rest you, merry innocents,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Let nothing wound an eager heart  
Upon this Christmas day.

Yours be the genial holly wreaths,  
The stockings and the tree;  
An aged world to you bequeaths  
Its own forgotten glee.

Soon, soon enough come crueler gifts,  
The anger and the tears;  
Between you now there sparsely drifts  
A handful yet of years.

Oh, dimly, dimly glows the star  
Through the electric throng;  
The bidding in temple and bazaar  
Drowns out the silver song.

The ancient altars smoke afresh,  
The ancient idols stir;  
Faint in the reek of burning flesh  
Sink frankincense and myrrh.

Gaspar, Balthazar, Melchior!  
Where are your offerings now?  
What greetings to the Prince of War,  
His darkly bearded brow?

Two ultimate laws alone we know,  
The ledger and the sword—  
So far away, so long ago,  
We lost the infant Lord.

Only the children clasp his hand;  
His voice speaks low to them,  
And still for them the shining hand  
Wings over Bethlehem.

God rest you, merry innocents,  
While innocence endures,  
A sweeter Christmas than we to ours  
May you bequeath to yours.

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# A Christmas Eve on the Old Frontier



By AUSTIN CALLAN  
Calvert, Texas.

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SIXTY-FIVE years ago West Texas was a sparsely settled country. Roving bands of Indians continued to raid over a wide area. The chain of forts built from Red river to Rio Grande for protection of settlers were still occupied, and one of the most important was Fort McKavett, situated on the headwaters of the San Saba river in what is now Menard county.

Across the river from this fort was a little village called "Scab Town." In spite of the noxious name, it was the liveliest settlement on the Texas frontier. Men lived there who later were foremost in establishing the Texas cattle industry. Such familiar names in cow circles as Tankersley, Henderson, Mann and Moss, were familiar in and around "Scab Town."

Old-timers remember a Christmas Eve celebration held in "Scab Town" in 1875. Pioneers attended the event from Fort Concho, Fort Chadbourne, Fort Lancaster and surrounding ranch settlements. Among the prominent guests was General Mackenzie, in command of Fort Concho, then a frontier fort near San Angelo. He came with an escort of soldiers in a government carriage drawn by four handsome black horses. Lieutenant Bullis, of the famous "Seminole Scouts," accompanied General Mackenzie.

There were hard-bitten men in "Scab Town."

## Some Notorious Characters

It was a rendezvous for some notorious characters—gamblers and renegades from other States. But men and

women of culture were also there. Christian women had brought their Bibles to the frontier and were familiar with the story of Joseph and Mary, the three Wise Men, and the Star that herald the birth of Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.

The plan of the women in charge of the program was for a Christmas tree with gifts on it for every child in the settlement. The men co-operated and added such attractive features as horse-racing, a sumptuous supper and a dance. The noted frontier fiddler, Jap Brown, furnished the music. Two young men, Harry Levy and Jim Neill, were sent to fetch Jap who lived at Camp Colorado, 80 miles north of Fort McKavett. These young men had a narrow escape from five Comanche Indians who intercepted them while they were crossing the Colorado river. Only the fleet ponies of the two boys saved their scalps.

The Christmas tree was the largest that could be found in the nearby hills. A government wagon was borrowed from Fort McKavett to haul the tree in, and willing hands set it up outdoors on the fort's parade ground.

Many persons in that vicinity had never seen a Christmas tree. But no one who had not heard of the Christ Child and that Christmas was the anniversary of His birth.

## Await the Coming of Santa Claus

The children were happy and expectant as they awaited the coming of Santa Claus. The grown-ups were also happy because of the social features in connection with the tree—a supper and dance.

Every woman in "Scab Town" who

could sew was kept busy for days making apparel to wear at the dance for frontier belles. There were no "ready-to-wear" shops in "Scab Town" and no silk or satin dresses. Nevertheless, some becoming dresses were made of materials then available. The old frontier had its lovely women who could look well in plain calico.

The banquet was to be a game dinner, and arrangements had been made to hold it outdoors on the south side of a large building. Wood was hauled up for the barbecue pits and to make huge camp-fires so that everybody would be warm and comfortable.

Hunters went out the day before and brought in antelope, deer, turkey, duck and quail. Captain Chas. D. Vicle, then stationed at Fort McKavett, was one of the hunters. He had as a guest, a 16-year-old boy who recently had arrived from the East, anxious to experience some of the sport and adventure of the untamed West. This 16-year-old boy was Elliot Roosevelt, younger brother of Teddy Roosevelt, the famous Rough Rider, and father of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President's wife.

## Home-Made Trimmings

The Christmas tree was decorated by a committee of women, headed by Mrs. Champie. No store-bought trimmings were used; they were not to be had. Home-made trimmings sufficed to create charm and beauty as well as a Christmasy effect. A large star cut out of cardboard was covered with tinfoil and placed at the top of the tree. Lighted candles were grouped about the star in a manner to make it sparkle. Threaded cranberries and popcorn were looped over the tree branches. Oranges and apples hung here and there. The children were thrilled, the grown-ups delighted.

Although a native evergreen, the

Christmas tree was a superb specimen of wild mountain cedar. After being decked out and covered with gifts, it looked strikingly beautiful.

Every child was remembered with some kind of gift. Their faces brightened and their hands clapped when Santa removed gifts from the tree, held them up and called out names of recipients. A bag of candy, an orange, or apple would delight a child in those days. No mechanical toys or flax-haired wax dolls had yet come to the frontier.

The supper and Christmas tree that followed were a great success, nor was the event marred by any show of rowdyism. It had been predicted that toughs would shoot out the lights and

## Jolly Time

When the last gift had been taken from the Christmas tree everybody—young and old—struck out for the ballroom. An old warehouse had been converted into a ballroom. Its contents were removed and stacked outside on the ground, its floor waxed and its walls decorated.

Pioneer folks danced on every occasion. It was their past-time and dancing was held in high repute. At every celebration or get-together a dance followed. A wedding wound up with supper and dancing.

That Christmas Eve night in "Scab Town" was long-remembered for the jolly time had by the frontier folk. The ballroom was a scene of revelry. Soldiers, rangers, ranchers, cowboys, college graduates from the East—all swung their partners in a round of gayety and common fellowship.

A man named Thomason called the square dances. He spoke the language of cow-camps and termed the frontier belles "sage hens" and the men "wild-cayuses." He kept every one laughing with his wit and funny grimaces. The dance lasted until dawn—when pistol shots announced the coming of Christmas Day.

There have been many changes since that memorable Christmas Eve celebration in "Scab Town." The town itself has succumbed to the march of time. The buffalo and antelope are gone.

The pioneers are gone. But there remain the memory of a brave past, of round-ups, of great herds of cattle going up a long trail and little doggies that wouldn't get along.



"The Christmas tree was a superb specimen of wild mountain cedar."

pull off other pranks to scare the women. Nothing of the kind happened. Even Bill Mann, who had several notches on his gun, seemed to realize it was a sort of holy affair and behaved like a perfect gentleman.

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

By W. G. VORPE

(Feature Editor Cleveland Plain Dealer)

DECEMBER 25th millions will celebrate another Christmas day. It is unfortunate that most of the observance will be limited to his hemisphere, for madmen seeking power are interfering with its celebration in a large part of the world. In countries where dictators have robbed those whom they have made slaves, the people will remember Christmas and the Prince of Peace as best they can. They will not forget the beliefs they cherish though their freedom has vanished and their souls are sorely tried. The courageous British to whom Christmas has always meant much will not fail to observe the holiday though bombs may fall and their homes may be partly in ruins. The Englishman who loves above all else his home and his independence will still wish his neighbor "Merry Christmas!" and enjoy his Christmas dinner if it is humanly possible. Bombs, torpedoes and big guns can't destroy the British spirit or their cherished traditions.

## The Kindly Thoughts

In the United States Christmas will be celebrated much as it has since the colonial days when the sturdy pioneer brought from the forest his wild turkey to roast on the spit that hung in his giant fireplace. People will send greeting cards to friends they haven't seen for years, but still fondly remember. Following the custom established centuries ago by the Three Wise Men who followed the star of Bethlehem to the manger, they will exchange gifts. It matters not whether they cost little or much. The kindly thoughts and the well wishes they represent are what count most.

Little folks will, as their parents before them did, hang their stockings from the mantel expecting Santa Claus to fill

them. As of yore they will be hustled to bed early so mother and dad can trim the Christmas tree, and they will be awake in the morning long before their parents.

## Songs of Yuletide

In churches, pageants will be given and choirs of many voices will sing the songs of Yuletide. In many windows lighted candles will gleam to halt the groups of carolers who will go about on Christmas Eve, spreading good cheer. The green trees without which Christmas would be drab will be handled from the forests and gay colored Christmas wreaths will hang on doors and in windows. Radio programs will be given over almost entirely to the playing and singing of Christmas music and the recital of Dickens' Christmas Carol by famous actors.

On Christmas Day families will gather at the home of the grand-parents as they have gathered for generations. They won't have to get up so early as was necessary in the horse-and-buggy days but they will come by auto, train and motor bus to meet once again around hearth-stones of their childhood. On this day few will go hungry for men and women with generous hearts and open purses will unite to help those unfortunates who can't help themselves.

As we gather on this happy day in homes that are safe from bombs, around the gayly decorated tree or the heavily laden dinner table, may we breathe a prayer of thanks that we live in a land where freedom still reigns, where rulers are chosen by ballots instead of bullets, where knowledge and skill are ranked higher than brute force, where tolerance, faith and understanding still prevail. May we rejoice that in this land of ours we still recognize the teachings of that Child of the manger Who preached this tolerance, and faith and understanding.



kaleidoscopes, pewter tea sets and trunks for doll lingerie. Plain people's children made out with home-made toys; corn-husk and rag dolls with raveled-rope hair, birch-bark doll cradles, hand-carved tables and chairs, broom-stick riding horses, doll quilts stitched by the doll's devoted young mother, and whistles, popguns and sling-shots whittled from pine or willow.

If you wanted a sled in those days you got some boards, nails and a hammer and made it yourself. And if some farseeing fellow had told you that the sleds of 1941 would have electric headlights, as well as retractable wheels for use in snowless winters—well, you would have snow-balled him for thinking he could kid you.

As late as 1875 there were only two toy factories in the United States, and neither of them made dolls. But things are better now. The American doll makers alone expect to do a business this year of \$25,000,000.

## Toyland Abreast of the World

The same industrial processes that fill American highways with automobiles and American homes with radio voices have flooded the land with toys. And the same enterprising spirit that produced the toy guillotine when heads were falling in France has kept Toyland abreast of the grown-up world. Almost every interesting activity of workaday life has its duplication in the playroom, and children at play therein learn the skills and the savvy they are going to need, before anybody knows it, in the world outside the home.

Whether today's children get more fun out of their abundance of playthings than their great-grandparents got out of the few and simple toys of plainer years is a question that is none of our business here. Leave it to the child psychologists.

Retail toy sales are substantially ahead of 1940, with unusually heavy advance Christmas buying an important factor, department stores reported.

Recent surveys estimate that toy sales nationally are about 30 per cent larger than in the corresponding 1940 period.

A factory representative for a num-

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## Plain People's Toys

Rocking-horses with real manes and tails and water-filled birds that warbled when you blew through them were for children of wealth, as were china dolls, cut-out paper dolls, colored-glass

## Letters for Santa Claus

(The New York Times)

IN a thin shelf deep in the general postoffice at Eighth Avenue and Thirty-third Street, New York City, a little pile of letters is growing larger each day. The letters are addressed to Santa Claus at various places—the North Pole, the Arctic Circle, way up in the sky, or just nowhere. Some are happy little notes of delightful anticipation from children who quite obviously will receive all or nearly all they ask for; others are tragic pleas from youngsters who reproach Santa for having forgotten them last year. A few are written by adults, but all tell of the hopes and dreams and even the desperate needs of children. And all have been stamped in neat red letters "insufficient address." The writers had failed to properly address the letters; had left off cities, towns, States and street numbers, so the postal clerks could not send them to their destinations.

Postmaster Albert Goldman keeps separate the letters that seem to come from the poorest children and families and every year a few kind-hearted persons ask him for some of the addresses. Last year 49 persons sent gifts to 329 letter writers.

## Trusting Youngsters

The children who write these letters are trusting youngsters to whom Santa Claus is very real, youngsters such as the girl who hopes "that you have been in good health this past year, dear Santa. I remembered you in my prayers." When doubt about Santa does appear, it is expressed in such forthright questions as those of the 6-year-old boy who writes: "My brother says that north passes through here. Don't you live in the north?"

Some of the letters have real stamps on them, others have Christmas seals or those absurd little blue stickers that come with toy postoffice sets. The writers use all sorts of mediums; pencil, crayons and even ink, with whole phrases lost in the blots. There is a good deal of moisture used in sealing the envelopes and they are decorated with fingerprints in ink, glue and other substances.

The approach to Santa is as different in the various letters as children are different. One breezy lass writes: "I'm sorry I forgot to write you last

year to thank you for the dolls but thanks anyway," and then she is off on this year's hopes. Another young lady evidently thinks that more warmth is indicated, for she starts, "I wish I could see you at Christmas, dear Santa Claus, and put my arms around you." And she promises Santa a present if he brings her a French doll.

## Boy Writers

Most of the boys write strictly in the "I want a"—style and they are likely to sign their letters "sincerely yours." "I want a train, I want a truck," writes one lad, while another wants "a soldier's suit, a cop's suit, a cowboy's suit and \$10 in change."

A young lady of five with a masculine approach starts off, "Dear Santa. I want a"—and then follows a long list of numbers. Postmaster Goldman and his aides believe the numbers have something to do with a mail-order catalogue.



"Dear Santa Claus."

Even more to the point is the youngster who writes, "Dear Santa: First, skates. Second, blackboard," and so through eleven more items and then, in a postscript, "a key for the skates."

"I work hard for a golden star in school," a boy writes in a letter that almost explains itself. Another letter practically moans, "I've been a very naughty girl." The scrubby little writing goes sadly down hill, but it turns and starts bravely back again with the words, "but I promise to try to be better if you'll bring me some new story books." The prize letter follows:

"DEAR SANTY: I am a poor boy, 9 years old, and I go to school and I study hard. My teacher is grand and mitey purty. She says when I grows up I'll be a fine man and my mama and papa will be proud of me. Santy, a big boy told me that you wasn't real, you was phony. I didn't believe him and I told him so. Santy, dear, I want a muffler, a soft ball and bat and a bicycle."

"Everwhere, everywhere Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of fir-tree and pine. Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine; Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."

## TOYS---100,000 Varieties

By L. H. ROBBINS

YOUNG America may hang up the expectant stocking beside the fire-place on Christmas Eve this year as confidently as ever. For Toyland is not shaken by the defense preparations or by the thundering of the dictators. Mindful of its duty to deserving childhood, Toyland this season has turned out no fewer than 100,000 separate and distinct varieties of toys, according to authorities who have had the time and the enterprise to count them; and these products, valued at the record high of \$240,000,000, are now ready for buyers.

Once upon a time store-bought toys

in America were costly, for they had to be brought from Europe, and they were few in kind. Ben Franklin in his boyhood spent his all for a tin whistle. Toys of his day included tin bean-blowers and trumpets, magic spyglasses, bows and arrows, little wells for drawing water, play dishes of wood, marbles, hoops, tenpins, jumping-jacks, jumping-ropes, and not much else.

# CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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## The Season's Greeting

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** Does that sound a little odd this year? How can we be merry in a world that seems utterly to refuse the message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men?" "Why," someone may say, "the world isn't a bit better than it was 1940 years ago!"

Is that true? It is not necessary to go back to the first Christmas to check that statement. Just review the literature back a generation. Read the pathetic Christmas stories written by Charles Dickens and others.

Those stories were bent on calling attention of the well-to-do to the fact that the suffering poor were all about them. Child beggars wistfully peered in windows to glimpse just a little of the brightness, joy and beauty of a home at Christmas time.

All public aid for the poor was stigmatized by calling the recipients, paupers and the institutions, alms houses. Even religious organizations were slow and late in realizing that they owed a duty to the poor.

Once more Christmas music and Christmas good wishes abound. And millions have the true spirit of Christmas and want to share it with everyone.

No doubt this charitable impulse is intensified by the strain of war. Back of every noble prompting is a deep sense of gratitude that our country can celebrate Christmas without bombing raids and amid comparative plenty.

And so, with profound sincerity our people are singing reverently: "God Bless America!" With unparalleled generosity they are pledging their gifts and repeating the resolution: "Let no child be forgotten this Christmas!"

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## The First Christmas Day

It was nearing night when the man sought lodgings at the little inn. He and his wife were very tired for they had come a long way.

"Can't find a place for you and your wife. We are filled up," said the inn keeper. "All these people coming in to pay their taxes have taken all the space."

Caesar had issued a decree that the people should gather so they might be properly taxed, each man to go to the city of his nativity. So this man and his wife had journeyed to Bethlehem, he being of the House of David. There

had been many on the road. The journey had been a tiresome one. The man and his wife sorely needed rest.

"But where can I go," asked the man. "My wife is about to have a baby and we must have a place where she can get rest."

The inn keeper wasn't impressed as he should have been, but he did say: "There is a stable out there where you might find a spot to sleep in for the night."

So the man and his wife went to the stable.

History proves what a grave mistake this inn keeper made. Had he known what was to take place in that humble stable he would have turned out his highest-priced customers and given the couple the room. His inn would have become the best known inn in all the world. Instead, a deserted stable and a manger lined with hay have been emblazoned on the pages of history, made famous in story and song through the ages and will continue their march of triumph through the ages yet to come.

Amid such humble surroundings was born a baby whose birth changed a world, a baby whose fame will never die, whose works will ever live. On the morning of His birth angels visited the shepherds in the field and the stars sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." A bright star in the firmament pointed the way to the wise men who came with gifts to lay at the feet of the little babe in the manger.

It was the first Christmas day.

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## Tell the Story to the Children

In this troubled, war-torn world let us not only remember ourselves, but let us bring before the spiritual eyes of our children the birth of the little baby who, when he became a man, preached peace and the love of man for man. He brought a new order into the world, an order which is not lost and will some day rise again in other lands. Let us who are here in America and who stand for human freedom, be sure to tell the simple and beautiful story of the birth of Christ.

Find a quiet time, some afternoon or evening in the midst of Christmas preparations, and in simple language, if your boys and girls are little, tell them about the first Christmas. Pictures they see and carols they hear then take on new meaning. For the older children you can read the story from the Bible. Perhaps you might read parts of it to the little children, but only after you have told it to them in your own words.

## The Thought Behind the Gift

Every time we give—anything—something of ourselves goes with it.

The thought we have first is wanting to give. Second, the energy we expend in choosing the gift. Third, the time we take in wrapping it gaily. Fourth, and especially, the precious words we write to send along.

All these bits of ourselves make up this present that goes out from us to some dear one at Christmas time.

The thought, the kindness, the love, can come only from those who have an "understanding heart."

And I know of no effort whose reward is so rich. For it is not what we give, of course, it's "what we share."

Only if a bit of ourselves goes with it, is the gift worth giving.

So it is good to remember that it isn't the money we spend that matters, it's the thought behind it that is so dear.—Annie Hurst.

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## New Plants to Produce Rubber

To increase facilities for production of synthetic rubber and lessen the dependency of the United States on the natural product, which must be transported over miles of ocean, chiefly from the East Indies, the Defense Plan Corporation has completed lease agreements for construction and equipping of two large factories to manufacture chemicals needed to make the synthetic product.

Both lease agreements were made at request of the Rubber Reserve Company. One was with the Monsanto Chemical Company for a \$2,200,000 plant in Galveston county, Texas, to manufacture chemical products of an undisclosed nature. The other was with the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation for a \$3,500,000 plant at Charleston, W. Va., to be used for production of butadiene, from which synthetic rubber is made.

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## Center of Population

The center of population in the United States in 1940 was in Southwestern Indiana thirty-six miles south of Terre Haute, the Bureau of the Census reported.

In 1930-40 the population continued the westward movement begun 150 years ago, Bureau officials said. Since 1790 the population center has moved 602 miles.

The greatest advance was 80.6 miles in 1850-60 and the least was 9.8 miles in 1910-20.

The term "center of population" as used by the Census Bureau means the point upon which the United States would balance if it were a rigid plane without weight and the population were distributed thereon.

## Common Colds

In one-week period ending November 15, a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion found colds reported in one-third of American homes, with an estimated total of 18,000,000 persons affected.

This means that approximately one person in every seven was suffering from the common malady whose cause and cure has baffled medical science since the earliest times.

The common cold has made enormous inroads into the economic efficiency of every civilized nation.

In workdays lost in the United States, in addition to medical treatment, the cost of colds has been estimated at a billion dollars annually. One estimate, by the National Association of Manufacturers, is even higher—\$1,500,000,000.

Despite painstaking and continuous research by medical experts, the exact cause of the common cold remains unknown. It is believed that the infection is caused by a virus. The exact cure likewise remains unknown, although some serums have been administered as a preventive with considerable success.

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## Grapefruit Gives New Lactic Acid

A new use for grapefruit as the source of lactic acid which is used widely in medicine and industry has been developed by two Department of Agriculture research workers, according to a patent (No. 2,261,926) awarded to Arthur J. Nolte and Harry W. von Loesecke of Winter Haven, Fla.

This research team has developed a method for converting some of the constituents of grapefruit juice into lactic acid by a novel process of fermentation. Heretofore this acid has been derived largely from starch, molasses and dextrose. It is also present in sour milk.

The method possibly opens a new industrial market for grapefruit.

The inventors dedicate their invention to the free use of the people of the United States.

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## Champion Cornhusker

Deep in the rows of eight-foot corn, twenty-two farmyard athletes competed in November, near Tonica, Ill., for the 1941 national cornhusking championship which was won by Floyd Wise of LaSalle county, Ill., who husked more than 60 ears a minute during the 80-minute grind.

He kept the lead over twenty-one rivals representing the best the Corn Belt could offer. About 115,000 spectators attended the husking.

When the gun sounded the end of the competition at the Theodore Schafer farm, Mr. Wise's wagon was out in front with the biggest load. After the gleanings from his row of corn had been deducted the judges found he had picked 45.37 bushels. It was a scant bushel under the all-time record.

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## Falls 5½ Miles

In the brief space of 116 seconds Arthur H. Starnes, 43 years old, veteran parachutist, made the longest free fall ever survived by man. He stepped from an airliner at a height of 30,800 feet above the ground and plummeted for 29,300 feet, or 5½ miles, before ripping open two parachutes and floating safely to earth near Chicago.

During that brief interval Starnes body swept from a temperature of 46 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, at his peak altitude, to the 60 degrees above zero at ground level. And at the same time he fell from air so thin that its density was only four pounds a square inch to the approximate 14.7 pounds on the ground.

When he landed, save for a bruised lip bitten when the shock of the opening parachutes checked his downward plunge, he was unharmed.

"We've proved that man can make long sustained drops without losing consciousness," said Starnes. "We've proved he can fall for long intervals at high speeds—for I was falling at times as fast as 190 miles an hour. And the average speed for my fall was 170 miles an hour, or 285 feet a second during the free drop."

Starnes believes that the information gained from the pneumograph, barometer, stop watch, motion picture camera, and the heart count taken during his fall will be valuable to the military air services. Fighting pilots who may be forced to bail out of

their planes in high altitude combat may be properly equipped for the experience as a result of this data, he said.

There is no recognized record for a free fall. The National Aeronautical Association's files show the longest previously recorded fall was 25,925 feet by N. Evdokimoff, a Russian, who jumped from a height of 26,575 feet.

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## Strike Loss 24,284,981 Days

Some 24,284,981 man-days of defense effort were lost because of strikes during the first fifteen months of the rearmament program, official Labor Department reports showed.

During the period from July 1, 1940, to October 1, 1941, there were 1,960,331 workers involved in strikes in all industries. The increase in strikes over the previous year was principally in industries manufacturing defense materials.

Competent authorities estimated that the lost time, if applied entirely to the manufacture of airplanes, would have produced at least 10,000 pursuit planes, with enough time left over to build two or three good-sized warships.

During the first five months of this year there were 1,593 strikes, involving 1,115,079 workers. The American Federation of Labor called 838 strikes, involving 238,088 workers, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations 600, affecting 836,267 workers, the Labor Department said.

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## Niagara Falls Water to Aid Defense

More water will be diverted from Niagara Falls to aid defense production. Recently the Federal Power Commission authorized the diversion of 5,000 cubic feet of water a second from Niagara Falls to the Adams plant so that the increasing demands of defense industries in the Buffalo area for power could be met. Additional diversion to speed up the plant's generators was indicated when the FPC disclosed that Canada and the United States were negotiating a new treaty to provide for additional utilization of water at Niagara Falls for defense purposes.

Forty-five years ago the Adams plant introduced the first alternating hydroelectric generator to the world with the transmission of alternating current twenty miles from Niagara Falls to Buffalo and proved that the real future of the electric power and light industry lay in the utilization of alternating current, a prime form of energy which can be transmitted efficiently over great distances.

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## New Ocean-Flying Boat

A sleek thirty-ton flying boat capable of carrying forty passengers 3,000 miles non-stop at a speed of 200 miles an hour was exhibited recently at Stratford, Conn., by American Export Airlines.

The big plane is one of three such aircraft, now in advanced stages of construction, with which the new transatlantic airline plans to maintain regular passenger and express service between New York and Lisbon.

Measuring eighty feet in length and having a wing span of 124 feet, it will carry a fuel load of about 4,000 gallons of gasoline. The aluminum alloy hull is divided into six water-tight compartments, any one of which can be sealed in the event of damage.

Powered by four Pratt & Whitney air-cooled engines totaling 4,800 horsepower, the craft will be able to fly at 18,500 feet with all engines functioning.

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Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Mat. 1:23.

## Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY  
Winnaboo, Texas.

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SEASONS come and seasons go without paying the least attention to human needs. I needed an overcoat for winter, but the season didn't wait until I was able to buy it. I wanted a ventilated shirt for summer, but the season didn't wait for me to buy it. I finally got together two bucks and bought the shirt at a late summer sale but now it's too cold to wear it. By the time I get an overcoat it will be too hot to wear it. This busted civilization (I mean boasted civilization) is a problem when it comes to clothes. The cave men solved it by wearing furs, but now all furs are worn by women and men shiver while paying for them. Nature is kinder to animals and birds than people. In winter it provides them with an extra coat of hair and feathers and with sense enough to take care of themselves, while people depend on the government and wishful thinking.

However, winter has some good points. It gives us more time to get acquainted with the family as we sit by the fireside and read the news in the papers. I like to read about the Russians driving the Germans back by counter attacks. I like to read about Congress waking up from a Rip Van Wink sleep with a bill to stop strikes in defense plants. I like to read about the local football team licking the stuffings out of some other town's team by a score of 19 to 0. I like to read the advertisements. It's surprising how much information there is in advertisements. I would never know the latest styles and what they cost if not for advertisements. I can remember when merchants didn't advertise prices. All prices were marked by a secret code known only to clerks in the store and

the proprietor. Now you know what a thing will cost and whether it has a ceiling too high for what is left in your pocketbook after you pay the grocer, the butcher, the baker and the automaker.

Whether I have turkey, yaller-legged chicken or sowbelly and beans for my Christmas dinner, I am going to be deeply thankful. Everybody this Christmas should get down on their knees and thank the Lord that they live in America—the land of plenty in this time of famine throughout Europe, Asia and part of Africa. Little children will have no Santa Claus in these countries and most of those who hang up stockings will find them empty next morning. Their childish minds will wonder why there is war and why men are so cruel and selfish to one another. Hungry and cold, they will look out on a bleak world Christmas morning. This is one of the stark tragedies of World War II. "And Jesus called a little child unto Him and said: 'Verily, whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.'"

It is sad to see old institutions disappear. One of these institutions was the Whittlers Club that gathered around the red hot stove in the grocery store on cold days, chewed navy tobacco, discussed paramount issues and whittled. There were some real philosophers, scholars and statesmen among the whittlers, who could now tell us what to do in these doubtful times. Men still gather around the grocery stove on cold days but they don't whittle and they don't know where we are headed for or who is going to stop John Lewis. About all they discuss is old

age pensions, war and weather. We can find a way to lick Hitler if we sharpen our barlow knives and start whittling again. A sharp knife will sharpen our wits and shavings from soft pine will illustrate how to mow down Hitler.

Until recently I had prided myself at being a jack-of-all-trades. I have done everything—from fixing windmills to stopping leaks in the roof. But I struck a snag when wife put me to work hanging wallpaper. I tried my best to hang it and I did—around my neck—and it stuck there. After pulling it from around my neck I felt it sticking to my legs. I tried to stomp it off but the more I stomped the more it stuck. Wife heard the noise, came in the room and stood gazing at me pitifully. That made me mad and I pushed her aside and bolted for the bathroom. While bathing I could hear her laughing. I was licked and knew it, but it peaved me to be licked by such paltry things as paste and wallpaper.

A high school junior has defined ignorance as a state of mind that knows nothing and don't know that it knows nothing. The junior is about right. There's an old saying, "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." But I doubt this old saying. I never saw an ignorant man who was blissful. Aware of his ignorance, he is hog-tied at the start and may have an inferiority complex. All of us are more or less ignorant, but we can seem smart by looking wise and keeping our mouths shut. I was ignorant in the Texas Legislature, but kept my mouth shut and nobody knew the difference. As a matter of fact, the Texas Legislative body would get credit for more gumption if some of its members talked less.

Auto and truck owners are receiving questionnaires from the government as to use of their motor vehicles in case this country gets into war. I don't have an auto or truck, but I have a perfectly good radio that I shall gladly loan the government. It might be useful. When not fighting, the soldier boys could tune in on jazz, Mother Goose stories, or how to be a successful soldier. They could learn what kind of soap to use, what cereal has vitamins TNT and what is good for an acid stomach.

## THE AMERICAN FAMILY . . . By George



"Old Joe Done says he doesn't care if it is hard to get new automobiles. He says he's all set for another 20 years."

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

## WORKERS UNEARTH \$300

State highway workmen unearthed, near Houston, an old sack that contained \$300 in gold and silver coins, all bearing dates earlier than 1900.

## BURGLAR PREFERRED EGGS TO MONEY

A burglar broke into a Dallas cafe, took four dozen eggs and ignored the money in a cash register.

## THROWS AWAY RABBIT FOOT

A negro who received three tickets for traffic violations in Dallas in one day was so disgusted that he threw away his rabbit foot.

## 20,000 CATTLE BRANDS

J. Frank Dobie, who wrote the book, "The Longhorns," is authority for the statement that there are 20,000 cattle brands registered in Texas. These include longhorn and white face cattle.

## LIVES UP TO NAME

Rosebud, a Falls county, Texas, community of more than 1,500 population, boasts that it had a rosebud in every yard in the town this year.

## ALL-NEGRO JURY

An all-negro jury, believed to be the first in the State, was impaneled at Corpus Christi in the trial of Owen Jackson, negro, charged with slaying another negro.

## ELECTRIC FARM SERVICE INCREASE

The number of farms in Texas receiving central station electric service has increased from 11,406 to 98,000 in the last seven years, the Rural Electrification Administration reported.

## COUGHS UP 8-INCH STRING

Ray Steel, age 13, near Tyler, coughed up an 8-inch string that had been in his right lung 12 years. Previous to expelling the string, Ray had slight hemorrhages and was in ill health. Now he is gaining weight and feels better.

## GOOD CROPS OF DEER AND TURKEY

The State Game Department reported good crops of deer and turkey in Southwest Texas. It also estimated that 20,000 hunters, in and out of the State, would take the field this year in search of deer, turkey and quail.

## NEW REGIONAL WEATHER OFFICE

The U. S. Weather Bureau, headquarters at Washington, D. C., will establish a regional office in Fort Worth to direct weather forecasts for the Southwest. It is expected to increase accuracy of forecasting and reporting.

## HUGE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

A Christmas candle, probably the biggest in the world, 12 feet tall and 13½ feet in circumference at the base, is on exhibit in a Dallas department store. Manufactured in a Long Island, N. Y., factory, it weighed 4,600 pounds and will burn, it is said, 50 years.

## GOLD WATCH IN COLLECTION

Reverend G. R. Thomas, of Beaumont, was surprised to find a gold watch and chain in a collection plate at a recent Sunday morning service. He announced the discovery from the pulpit and was told to keep it, that it was an appreciation gift from the congregation.

## 846 WILDCAT WELLS

During the first 10 months of 1941 oil operators in Texas located 846 wildcat wells, but only 130 of these were brought in for oil producers, while 26 were gasers. The remainder were dry holes. The percentage of dry wells was 82 per cent, slightly more than four wells out of every five drilled.

## WOMAN'S PRAYER ANSWERED

Bay City Tribune: "When the husband of Mrs. Smith Loftin, of Beaumont, died she offered a prayer that she might join her companion of half a century. She dropped dead at the foot of the grave where her husband's body was being lowered. She was buried beside him."

## FIRES IN PASTURE LANDS

Fires in pasture lands over the State have been considerably greater than usual this fall due to the rainy summer and dry November along with carelessness of campers and smokers. Some farmers have employed furrows or fire-breaks along edges of their land to prevent roadside fires from sweeping through their pastures.

## STATE'S INCOME

The State's income for the fiscal year 1940-41 far exceeds its expenditures, Comptroller George H. Sheppard announced. Receipts totaled \$230,198,599.81, compared with expenditures of \$196,265,522.97. Eighty-five per cent of the expenditures were for education, highways and pensions. Totals of \$58,722,990.16 went for education; \$48,285,664.59 for highways and \$34,406,200.20 for pensions. Largest revenue producer was the gasoline tax, which yielded \$1,387,095.53, or .2542 per cent of the total income.

## HIRE TRAPPER

Madison county stockmen have hired a trapper to catch wolves that have been killing livestock in that county. The wolves kill many more animals than they can eat.

## SWANKY CHAIRS

Swanky leather chairs, each embossed with the State seal, have been installed in the House of Representatives, Austin. They cost \$57.27 each and replace old wooden chairs.

## DEATH CLAIMS PAID

The aggregate death claim benefits paid out in Texas by insurance companies amounted to \$20,362,000 for the first nine months of 1941, representing payments on 18,130 policies.

## LEAD IN AIR WARNING POSTS

With 924 posts organized, Texas continues to lead the South in number of aircraft warning service observation posts. Next highest State is Georgia with 618 posts. The air force will use these posts in army maneuvers.

## BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the bill of rights, Governor Coke R. Stevenson designated December 8 to 15 as Bill of Rights Week in Texas. The Governor declared in a proclamation that liberty is not only a heritage but a fresh conquest for each generation.

## MIDGET MULE

The smallest mule in Texas is owned by J. R. Wood, 2708 Washington street, Houston. The mule, a midget, is 33 years old, 30 inches high and weighs 100 pounds. Mr. Wood said the diminutive mule had a shetland mare for its mother and a small jack for its father.

## LEADERS IN POULTRY AND EGGS

Fayette county sold more eggs last year than any other county in the State, according to figures released by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald. This county sold 3,891,170 dozens of eggs. Gonzales county led in chicken sales with 3,162,695. Dewitt county led in turkey sales.

## PRISON SYSTEM CROPS SHORT

The State Prison Farm System sustained heavy crop losses this year. Corn and cotton were almost destroyed by the Gulf Coast hurricane and the vegetable crop was badly damaged by too much rain. Usually each year the System cans its surplus vegetables.

## PINE TREE WINS SUIT

The State of Texas cut down an old pine tree, hauled it to a Gilmer, (Upshur county), court and from original survey markings made on it in 1848 won title to twenty-eight and one half acres on East Texas oil land. Five wells on the land have produced \$250,000 worth of oil.

## FINDS \$114 IN OLD SOCK

Roland Lee, Fort Worth cleaner, found an old sock in the pocket of a customer's dress that had been sent to his plant for cleaning and pressing. The old sock contained \$114 which Lee retrieved from the sock and returned to owner.

## BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CAMP BOWIE SOLDIERS

Here are some of the items on the soldiers' Christmas Day dinner at Camp Bowie, Brownwood: Turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, iced celery, oyster stew, candied sweet potatoes, waldorf salad, snowflake potatoes, creamed peas, sweet mixed pickles, stuffed olives, bread and butter, mince pie, fruit cake, mixed nuts, assorted fruits, coffee, milk, ice cream.

## AUTO KILLS DUCK

Herb Kamlah, garage owner of McAllen, (Hidalgo county), didn't go hunting, but had free duck for dinner. While driving to work at dawn his auto crashed into a fat mallard flying low ahead of the auto and killed it instantly.

## AUTO TAGS BLACK AND GOLD

Texas automobile license plates for 1942 will bear black letters and numerals on gold backgrounds, it has been announced.

## LOANS TO ELECTRIC CO-OPS

Loans amounting to \$1,646,000 have been made by the Rural Electrification Administration to seven Texas rural electric co-operatives, the REA announced.

## ENDS 25-YEAR FREEDOM

McAllen Monitor: "A Borger man known as T. H. Cole was returned to Louisiana State prison from which Borger Police Chief Dale Lane said he escaped 25 years ago."

## 20 YEARS FOR \$10

James Lewis Stone, age 27, convicted of robbing a filling station at Arlington, (Tarrant county), of \$10 was sentenced to 20 years in the State penitentiary.

## REALISTIC PAINTING

Lubbock Journal: "Miss Bernie Hellums may become a great painter some day. A student at the State Teachers College, Denton, she painted the picture of a begonia so realistically that a hummingbird which flew in the classroom window went straight for it and flitted from painted blossom to painted blossom trying to get nectar."



## CHRISTMAS BELLS

By HENRY W. LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat

Of peace on earth, good will to men!  
Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!  
The wrong shall fail,  
The right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

## TEXAS INTRIGUE RUNAWAY GIRLS

Three 15-year-old Minneapolis high school girls hitch-hiked 1,100 miles to have a look at Texas. They heard, they said, that it was "a land of pretty clothes and good-looking men." Dallas police turned them over to the Welfare Association to be sent back home to their parents.

## SUICIDE UNNOTICED

An auto parked four days in front of the municipal airport administration building, Dallas, contained the body of George Owens, a salesman. He had shot himself to death and was sitting upright in the auto. For four days pedestrians passed near the auto but did not suspect that the man was dead.

## ATTENTION, QUAIL HUNTERS

Any hunter killing a quail with a band on his leg is urged to send the band to the State Game Department, Austin, Texas. Birds are banded in an attempt to obtain scientific information and aid quail studies now being conducted along with restoration work in various parts of the State.

## CHARLEY LOCKHART RESIGNS

Charley Lockhart, State Treasurer for many years, has resigned. In a communication to the Governor, Lockhart gave as his reason for resigning impaired health and "the increasing responsibilities of the office."

## AUTOGRAPHS OF PRESIDENTS

In the University of Texas Library is a rare collection of the autographs of Presidents of the United States—from George Washington to Woodrow Wilson. It is part of the Miriam Litcher Stark Rare Book Collection.

## SAN JACINTO MONUMENT A POSTOFFICE

A fourth-class postoffice has been established at the San Jacinto Monument. Ike Moore, monument director, said the office will provide the 350,000 annual visitors the opportunity to mail souvenirs bearing the monument postmark.

## THAT'S ALL

Plugerville Press: "Inspector R. T. Bailey, of the State Liquor Control Board, heard a tamale vendor in San Augustine, (San Augustine county), crying his wares: 'Hot tamales—and that ain't all.' Bailey stopped him and, in the vendor's double boiler, found moonshine liquor. It was confiscated and the vendor fined. Next time Bailey heard him, the tamale salesman's song was: 'Hot tamales—and that's all.'"

## THE OLD GOURD GLORIFIED

The Anderson County Gourd Club, formed to perpetuate and glorify the old gourd dipper in East Texas, was only interested in the sentimental, not the commercial aspect of the gourd crop, until it received an order recently for a carload of the things. Needless to say, the club could not fill the order.

## SIX BASS WEIGH 45 POUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, of Palestine, (Anderson county), have caught in a 6-week period six bass that weighed 45 pounds. One of the six weighed 10¼ pounds, caught by husband, but wife came back by catching an 8¼ pounder. As proof of the catch they have all heads mounted.

## SWALLOWS NICKEL

Baby Randal Thompson, of Dallas, put a nickel in his mouth and swallowed it when he stubbed his toe. Sent to a hospital, a doctor removed the nickel with a bronchoscope. The coin had lodged in the child's food passage.

## LOST HIS LOAD

A Santa Fe passenger engineer, near Silsbee, thought he was making good time for some reason or another. Then he looked back to discover that he had lost his load. A cow tumbled under the train and uncoupled the coaches.

## HOME PRESENTED TO QUADRUPLETS

The 33-month-old Badgett quadruplet sisters and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Badgett, have settled down in their new \$20,000 home which was presented to them by Galveston residents.

## AS DEADLY AS NAZI BOMBERS

Texas City Sun: "On October 14 the British air ministry announced 217 persons killed by bombs in the United Kingdom during September. State Police Director Homer Garrison announced that 178 traffic deaths were counted in Texas during the same month. State traffic deaths for the first 9 months of this year totaled 1,370, 13 per cent increase over first 9 months of last year.

## BIRDS CLUTTER WIRES

Western Union officials here reported that flocks of blackbirds and starlings have settled on telegraph wires and disrupted communication in many parts of the State.

## BABY DROWNS IN CHURN

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Greey, of Carlisle, (Trinity county), died of accidental drowning when he tumbled head downward into a 10-gallon crockery churn. The churn was partially filled with water.

## BIG COAST GUNS BREAK WINDOWS

When Galveston's big coast defense guns were fired for the first time in 20 years 14 windows were shattered in the Humble Oil and Refining Company's warehouse, near Goosecreek, 36 miles away, according to Joe Daniel, watchman for the company.

## EXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

About the most expensive tree in Texas this year will be the one made of gold and silver by a local jewelry firm in Dallas. It is set with 20,000 gems of which 15,000 are pearls. The tree stands four feet high, and is three feet in diameter.

## NEWSPAPER REVEALS TRAFFIC VICTIM WAS HIS WIFE

Clyde King, of Houston, read in a newspaper of the death of an unidentified woman in a traffic accident. His wife had been unaccountably absent for 12 hours, so he went to a funeral home to investigate. The dead woman was his wife, Edna, age 36.

## DEATH ENDS 22-YEAR SEARCH

For 22 years relatives searched for David Mitchell, 85-year-old farmer. They found his body in a pool near Gladewater. Five days after death by drowning, Mitchell's body was identified at a funeral home by his two daughters. They last heard from him 16 years ago.

## GIDEONS PUT BIBLES IN DALLAS SCHOOLS

Permission to place 1,550 Bibles in the Dallas public schools—one in each teacher's desk—was given the Gideons by the Dallas Board of Education, which notified the teachers that the Bibles can be read at any time by them, but they are not required nor compelled to use the Bibles in classroom studies.

## PREACHERS HAVE CAUSE TO STRIKE

"Preachers have as much cause to strike as anybody else, but they don't," Dr. Poe, pastor of the City Temple Presbyterian Church, Dallas, told his flock at a recent Sunday service. Dr. Poe declared that "a preacher would no more go on strike than a nurse would in a time of plague, than a doctor would with a desperately sick patient, than a captain would with his ship in a storm, than a fireman would in the midst of a holocaust."

## COTTON GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Cotton Christmas Committee of the State-Wide Cotton Committee, headed by Burriss C. Jackson, of Hillsboro, will try to sell Christmas shoppers of Texas through newspapers, radios, chambers of commerce, civic clubs and other organizations on the desirability of gift goods made from American cotton. "There is a widespread misunderstanding, particularly among women, that cotton goods are of cheaper quality than goods made of other materials," Jackson said. "We want to correct this idea and show the people that some of the finest and most fashionable articles on the market are made from cotton."

## TOYS—100,000 VARIETIES

(Continued from Page 2) ber of toy manufacturers, asserted that there would be plenty of toys to go around, although in many instances "the child won't get just what his parents want to buy him." Toys of rubber and metal will be scarce, the representative said, but there will be a plentiful supply of many kinds of toys not of scarce materials.

Retail stocks will be spotted during the Christmas market, with those stores which bought early having good supplies and stocks of some others failing to meet demand.

## The McCoy's



## Wrong Number



## By Boughner





# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1941

NUMBER TWO

## War Relief Program To Be Presented

On Sunday evening, December 21 at the high school auditorium, the combined choirs of all the churches will present a program of Christmas music. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Ross, will feature solo and quartet numbers, as well as the familiar carols sung by the ensemble.

High-light of the evening will be the reading of the Christmas Story from Ben Hur, by Mrs. C. H. Siadous. Mrs. Siadous, a popular and talented reader, is repeating the selection from Ben Hur by popular request.

A free will offering for the benefit of the Red Cross War Relief Fund will be taken. Since this is the first opportunity the people of Baird have had to contribute to this very worth while cause, it is hoped that the response will be generous.

The churches of Baird have dismissed their evening services to attend the Christmas program which begins at 7:30 P. M.

## Red Cross Meeting

Inasmuch as many urgent problems will arise from time to time which will require the attention of every member of the Red Cross, for the duration of the war a meeting will be held on the first Friday of each month, at 3:00 P. M.

Such a large group of workers attended the last meeting, the Chapter voted to hold all future meetings in the District Court Room. All workers are urged to attend these meetings.

## Driver's License

December 31, 1941, is the last date for renewing your Driver's License, if your number is from 1 to 450,000.

When renewing your license, ask for your Driving Handbook, a brief, concise, digest of Motor Vehicle, Traffic Laws, and Safe Driving Rules for every driver. C. R. NORDYKE, Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas.

## To The Citizens of Callahan County

At this time of the season, I would feel ungrateful did I not express to each and every one of you, my deepest appreciation for the wonderful cooperation you have shown me through the year 1941. More especially since our country has been engaged in the present conflict. I have never seen a time when people were more cooperative, and this means victory. So allow me to wish you all the joys of a Merry Christmas and to us all a Victorious Year for 1942.

Gratefully yours,  
C. R. NORDYKE.

## THE STAR WILL COME OUT WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

In order that The Star force may take Christmas The Star will be issued Wednesday night of next week. All news items must be in the office by Wednesday morning.

## BAIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Yell will hold services Sunday night at 7:15 p. m. December 21—You are invited to attend. A. W. Yell Pastor.

## Funeral Service For Inez Franklin Will Be Held Today

Funeral services for Inez Franklin, who was killed in a car wreck in Kemet, California Sunday will be held at the Methodist church today. Rev. Alsie Carleton, pastor will conduct the services, assisted by Rev. A. A. Davis pastor of the Baptist Church. Burial will be in Ross cemetery. Wylie Funeral Home are in charge of funeral arrangements.

Inez went with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Franklin, younger sister, Chessie and little brother Ben to California a few weeks ago. Chessie was seriously hurt in the wreck which took her sisters life, her condition being so serious that her parents were unable to leave her to accompany their daughter Inez body home.

Inez, 20 years of age, graduated from the Baird Public school with the class of 1939. Her class mates will serve as pall bearers and flower girls at the funeral today.

Inez is a granddaughter of Mrs. S. A. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Franklin of Baird.

Funeral services were to be held yesterday afternoon but the remains were delayed in transit. LATER—Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today.

## First National Bank Move Into New Building

The First National Bank of Baird moved into their new building Monday evening and are now at home in the new building which is one of the most modernly equipped banks in this section.

Mr. Bob Norrell, cashier of the bank informs us that the Open House planned has been postponed until a date in the near future.

## LUCILLE ROBINSON WINS

Miss Lucille Robinson of Baird is a proud winner of one of the prizes for the final work of a 6week Jingle Contest. The sponsors of the contest were the retail grocers of Baird and the bakers of Taystee Bread. Miss Robinson's prize winning jingle reads as follows:

"Our home is gay with mistletoe, And holly wreaths and candles red; Our Christmas dinner will be complete, Accompanied by New Taystee Bread."

This contest was held in recognition of the new and improved loaf of Taystee Bread resulting from new equipment and mechanical improvements in their West Texas bakery at Abilene.

## BUCK CARGAL MEMBER OF A. A. C. ORCHESTRA

Buck Cargal, son of Mrs. La Vesta Cargal of Baird, is a member of the newly organized Abilene Christian College symphonic-type orchestra which will give a concert in Sewell Auditorium December 16.

Composed of 30 members, the orchestra has exceptionally fine instrumentation, according to D. W. Crain, director.

Buck plays a trumpet in the orchestra.

DON'T FAIL to read our ad and then come and buy that Christmas Gift. W. D. Boydston.

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### A PROCLAMATION

Whereas our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all, and

Whereas for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war, and

Whereas in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil-defense plans.

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars, and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-sixth.

[SEAL]

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

## Mrs. W. A. McGowen Duncan Field Offers Buried At Cross Plains

Mrs. W. A. McGowen, 72, of Cross Plains, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hughes in Wink Tuesday morning following an illness of several months.

The remains were carried back to Cross Plains the home of the deceased since childhood, where burial was made Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. McGowen, was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coffman, pioneer residents of Cross Plains. Her husband W. A. McGowen who died some years ago was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGowen who were also pioneers of Cottonwood where Mr. McGowen was engaged in the mercantile business for some years before coming to Baird where he was engaged in business for many years being succeeded by his sons H. C. and J. H. McGowen, who continued the business until their death a few years ago.

A number of relatives and friends from Baird attended the funeral.

## COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 4196 bales of cotton were ginned in Callahan County, Texas from the crop of 1941 prior to Dec. 1 as compared with 4104 bales for the crop of 1940.

John H. Shrader, Agent.

## MIDWAY 4-H CLUB

The Midway 4-H Club met Tuesday afternoon with Floy McCaw. New officers were elected for another year and year books were handed out to members.

Officers elected were President, Floy McCaw. Vice-President,

Kathryn Schaffrins. Secretary-Treasurer, Edna Cook Reporter, Willie Burklow.

The sponsors are Mrs. Joel Griffin and Mrs. Edmond Webb. Miss Ellen Steffens the Home Demonstration Agent met with the girls and discussed plans for the coming year.

Those present were: Bessie Mae Webb, Floy McCaw, Willie Burklow, Mrs. Griffin and Miss Steffens.

Texas men and women, who are between 18 and 25, have the opportunity of contributing toward Uncle Sam's victory in the war, learning aeronautics, and jumping from \$50 a month to \$110 a month in 180 days.

Duncan Field, nation's largest air depot, is anxious to receive applicants for several technical jobs and is willing to train hundreds of young people for the positions, Major A. T. Economy, officer in charge of the field's civilian training program announces.

Trainees are paid while they learn.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clements McMullen, commanding officer of the field, is directing the program.

Any young person with a high school education or its equivalent is eligible. Applicants need only pass general intelligence, aptitude and emotional tests conducted by the San Antonio Air Depot and the civil service commission.

Persons accepted for training are placed immediately on Duncan Field pay rolls. They begin a basic course which covers depot organizations, regulations, air corps material, air corps tools, drawing and air corps forms. Other schooling covers shop mathematics, blueprint readings, physics, the elementary theory and practice of the specific trade.

When a student completes his three-month course, he is given a certificate and "graduated" to an advanced course, which is divided into two sections: a course in theory and practice of the trade for junior mechanics and another for journeymen mechanics.

At the end of a six-month period students are rated as helpers. They then earn \$110 a month.

Men who are in advance courses are rated as mechanics and paid up to \$175 a month.

The Duncan Field courses include: aircraft mechanics, aircraft engine mechanics, aircraft machinist, sheet-metal mechanics radio mechanics, drafting, instruments, parachute mechanics, supplies, administration accounting, welding, and propeller mechanics. "Men and women can do a big share in helping us win this war" Major Economy declares, "and they can learn invaluable trades while they earn good pay."

## Garden Club To Judge Entrees In Lighting Contest

The Garden Club who is sponsoring the Christmas Lighting Contest will judge the entrees Monday night, December 22nd at 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

The following are entrees and rules for the contest:

1. Lighted tree and window.
2. Lighted doorway.
3. Lighted outdoor tree.
4. Lighted house and grounds.
5. Lighted business house.

There will be a first and second prize in each entree—the prizes being shrubbery.

Lights must burn each night until and including December 29.

## OPLIN 4-H CLUB

Quotations from Dr. Seaman Knapp, by Maxine Johnson.

Meaning of the 4-H's by Mildred Slough.

Club Motto by Billie Jo Poindester.

Club Pledge, by Jerrine Pentecost.

Club Prayer, by Maxine Johnson.

The Christmas Party was held December 17th.

Business meeting held by the President, Mildred Slough. A program was given non 4-T Club activities.

4-H Club work in Texas.

Members present were: Billie Jo Poindester, Betty May and Wilma Milton, Wilma and Georgia Dean McBride, Idavirginia McWhorter, Ellen Marie Jones, Mildred Slough Maxine Johnson and Sponsor Mrs. Mallie Johnson.

Maxine Johnson, Reporter.

J. W. Tanner, Mrs. C. A. Conlee of Winters, Mrs. Grace Morris of Ponto Calif., Mrs. John Heyser Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser of Putnam and Mrs. Linwood Hays of Breckenridge, Mrs. Percy King and little daughter Mildred Ann, of Baird, were guests of Mrs. J. E. Gilliland and family Friday.

W. D. Boydston visited the O. E. S. Home at Arlington Wednesday where he delivered a box of Christmas Gifts from the local Chapter. He had a short visit with Miss Mary Slaughter of Tecumseh who lives in the home. Miss Mary sends greetings to all friends in Callahan County.

## Joe Ross, First Callahan County Boy To Lose Life In This War

Mrs. Tad Goble living south of Baird was notified Tuesday afternoon that her nephew, Joe Ross, 20, had been killed in action in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Joe Ross was a son of Mrs. Margaret Ross, who was killed in the Clyde tornado June 1938. He with a younger brother Jimmie, both being seriously injured in the tornado. His father T. Ross and his only sister died some six years ago—double funeral services being held for them at Clyde, the home of the family.

Joe finished high school at Clyde in 1939 and some months later joined the navy, being with his older brother Paul Gene who had previously enlisted in the service.

The brothers were together with the Atlantic fleet until a few months ago when Joe, who was a second class radio man, was transferred to the Pacific fleet.

J. W. and Jimmie, younger brother of the deceased make their home with their aunt Mrs. Tad Goble and Mr. Goble. They are students in the Baird public school.

Other survivors are his maternal grandfather, M. B. Clements of Clyde and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ross Sr., also of Clyde.

## The Passing Of Nuff Arvin

Mr. A. J. Arvin, familiarly known as Uncle Nuff, died at his home, Thursday, December 11 at 2:30 p. m.

All of the children except two were at the deathbed and all except one were present at the funeral which was held in the Church of Christ at Cottonwood. He was buried in Cottonwood cemetery beside his wife and four children.

Uncle Nuff was born in Kentucky, June 20, 1855. He came to Collins county in 1872, then moved to the Cross Cut community where he married Miss Mary Westernman. In August 1879, four months after his marriage, he moved to Callahan county and for fifty years he has lived in the home where he died. He is survived by eleven children, eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was a man of great courage and industry. He was truly a pioneer. A clear indication of his sterling character and the esteem in which he was held by his friends were some of the remarks made by his neighbors and friends.

One who had known him intimately for years said, "she had never seen him angry."

Another said he had never heard him say a harmful word of any one.

Still another remarked that he wished he felt as sure of going to Glory Land; and many others.

The funeral services were conducted by Claude Sykes a friend of the Arvin family, who said many appropriate things about his association with the deceased.

The Masonic Lodge took charge of the body when it arrived at the Church and gave it burial in their impressive way.

This man will be sadly missed by his many friends but his influence for good will be measured only when the Trump of God sounds and time is no more.

Pall bearers at the home were: Joe Pierce, Clarence Nordyke, Rufus Baker, Jack Benton, Bryan Bennet and Golden Bennet.

Joe Arvin of Baird, is a son of the deceased.

## SCRAP IRON CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of the Callahan County USDA Defense Board it was learned that scrap iron prices of \$8.00 and \$9.00 per ton are being paid by the following dealers: Leaman Jennings, Cross Plains. Abilene Iron and Metal Company Texas Hide and Metal Company Abilene, Texas.

## West Texas Utilities Company Will Buy \$50,000.00 Defense Bonds

The West Texas Utilities Company is buying \$50,000.00 of U. S. Defense Bonds in lieu of a treasury department request that deductions be made from employees' pay checks on a "Pay Roll Allotment Plan", according to Carl Lamb, WTU local manager.

The announcement was made by Price Campbell, president of the company, earlier this week.

Instead of inaugurating the Pay Roll Allotment Plan, Mr. Campbell said, the company is responding further to the national emergency by buying the maximum block of bonds. Each of the nine districts served by the company is being credited with its pro rata portion of the \$50,000 and bonds purchased locally.

It was explained that the purchase of these bonds by the company is not presumed to relieve employees of the patriotic duty of buying bonds and stamps but, on the other hand, is in accord with the company policy of making no pay roll deductions for any purpose other than group insurance and social security required by law.

## Important Notice

In the event of sickness or distress in the family of any man in either the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, in which the service man's presence is desired and needed at home the Only MEANS OF CONTACT IS THROUGH YOUR HOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE RED CROSS. In other words, if you must have your boy come home—do not wire or write yourself, but contact any of the following:

Fred Heyser, Putnam, Texas.  
Judge B. H. Freeland,  
Baird, Texas.  
T. O. Dulaney, Clyde, Texas.  
H. B. Straley, Oplin, Texas.  
Fill Anderson,  
Cross Plains, Texas.

## Navy To Enlist Men In Aviation School

If you are interested in aviation mechanically inclined, between the ages of 17 and 28, and not married the Navy Air Corps offers you training in aviation schools.

College or high school credits are not necessary, and you may enlist for the duration of the national emergency. The recruiting officer states that a limited number of men will be enlisted for these schools during the remainder of December. For further information or application, apply at the Navy Recruiting Station, located in the basement of the Post Office Building, Abilene, Texas.

## SINGING AT CROSS PLAINS SUNDAY

The Cross Plains Third Sunday Singing Class will meet Sunday afternoon, December 21 in the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock p. m.

Many singers are expected to be present and the general public has a cordial invitation to attend. Willis T. Connelly, President.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE

The Woodmen Circle will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night, Dec. 22 when the annual election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend.

## FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities will be distributed in Baird Monday, Dec. 22—The last day for distribution during December.

If you have more than two in your family be sure to bring a burlap sack.

W. P. STEPHENS,  
County Commodity Forman

—HELP THE RED CROSS—

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS

A meeting is being called for 7:00 o'clock, P. M. Monday, December 22nd, to be held in the District Court Room, to discuss the pressing problems confronting this nation of ours today. All Patriotic American Citizens are urged to be present.

Local Defense Committees.

# Gift Suggestions

GIFTS FOR HIM—GIFTS FOR HER—

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Ties          | Hose            |
| Suits         | Robes           |
| Shirts        | Purses          |
| Socks         | Gowns           |
| Robes         | Dresses         |
| Scarfs        | Pajamas         |
| Pajamas       | Underwear       |
| Sweaters      | Handkerchiefs   |
| Handkerchiefs | Costume Jewelry |

—And Many Other Gifts—

—LET US WRAP YOUR GIFTS FOR YOU—

**SPECIAL SALE on Ladies Dresses**

\$5.98 Value, now	\$3.98
\$7.98 Value, now	\$4.98
\$10.98 Value, now	\$6.98
\$13.98 Value, now	\$8.98

## Mayfield's

### A CHECKING ACCOUNT

in this Bank  
Serves You in these five ways:

1. It keeps your money safe.
2. It saves you time and effort in paying bills.
3. It gives you accurate control of your finances.
4. It provides receipts for all payments.
5. It furnishes complete records.

**The First National Bank of Baird**  
BAIRD, TEXAS

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### H. D. Club News—

TEXAS' 1942 EGG GOAL IN SIGHT

There seems to be little need for increasing the number of layers now producing to enable Texas farmers to reach the minimum goal set for 1942 by the Texas USDA Defense Board for a 14 per cent increase in production over 1940. According to H. H. Weatherby, assistant poultry husbandman of the A and M College Extension Service, proper housing and feeding of existing flocks of hens and pullets should make this possible. Texas' goal for eggs produced on farms in 1942 is 203,775,000 dozen.

A better balanced ration is helping to bring about increased production, Weatherby explains. Ordinarily the farm rations in sections where corn is the chief feed crop contains too large a proportion of low protein grains. But with favorable prices for eggs prevailing, farmers are giving close attention to housing and management of laying flocks and are feeding more suitable rations. These rations consist either of commercially mixed mash or of mash composed of farm grow-grains and commercially mixed protein concentrates.

Egg production in the United States for the first nine months of 1941 was the largest since 1929, with a record high per layer of 12.25 eggs. Egg prices in August were the highest since 1929; prices for chickens about three cents above a year ago, and turkeys higher than in the past eight years.

To continue the high rate of production throughout the winter Weatherby says, poultrymen are making provisions for green feed for layers sowing small grain or winter legumes. They are: vaccinating pullets for fowl pox and starting them in the laying house free of internal and external parasites. Many poultrymen will use lights and wet mash to stimulate late heavy winter laying.

Weatherby emphasized that an expansion program which would

include construction of new buildings is not recommended. "Converting existing structures into properly ventilated laying houses is a sound program."

### County Agent's Column

Ellen Steffen, Co. H-D Agent  
Since one of the demonstration programs carried in the home demonstration clubs of Callahan County during the year 1941 was that of making Yeast Breads, and since \$5.00 has been set aside by the finance committee of the Home Demonstration Council to be used for three prizes in this work, the bread judging took place Thursday evening, December 11th preceding the Christmas Banquet which was held in the basement of the Methodist Church in Baird with Mrs. Bill Banks serving as judge. Places were awarded as follows:

Mrs. Ray Young, of Enterprise H. D. Club, first.

Mrs. Lester Farmer of H. D. Club, second.

Mrs. J. H. Shrader of Z. H.H. D. Club, third.

Dinner rolls were presented for scoring, and the demonstration program was many variations. The bread demonstrators of the county furnished the rolls for the banquet.

### BANQUET HONORING

H. D. CLUB OFFICE  
The basement of the Methodist Church in Baird was the scene of the Christmas Banquet honoring the outgoing officers and the incoming officers of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Home Demonstration Clubs of Callahan County on Thursday evening

## Gifts with a future Something to Wear

This Christmas as never before, women are asking for sensible, useful gifts—and "something to wear" is the perfect answer. Here are things she'll love:

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(At McELROY'S)



December 11th. The color scheme was carried out in centerpieces for each table formed of cedar sprays and flags, with the programs carrying out the red, white and blue theme. Program in the form of a sing-song introducing the new agent, Miss Ellen Steffen, the 1941 officers and the 1942 officers, the vice-presi-

dent of district 7 of THDA, Mrs. Jim Barker, the visitors, and the speaker of the evening, Mr. Bob Norrell of Baird, was under the direction of 1941 council chairman Mrs. Jim Barker, with the songs led by Mrs. Paul Shanks of the Enterprise H. D. Club with Johnnie Swinson of Baird, as pianist in addition to the songs and address of the evening Mr. Donnie Lyles of Clyde gave two readings

for the entertainment of the group.

Eighty-five people, representing fourteen home demonstration clubs of the county were present for the three course Christmas dinner, the food having been prepared by the home demonstration clubwomen and served by the Homemaking Classes of Baird High School under the supervision of their instructor, Miss Helen Willard.

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# WILL D. BOYDSTUN

### PERSONAL

Judge B. H. Freeland has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hensley of Fort Worth visited relatives in Baird the past week end.

Perry Gilliland a plumber in the civil service at Camp Hulen is at home for a few days.

**FOR RENT**—Well improved stock and peanut farm, west of Cisco. Call before Dec. 23. A. J. Olson, Cisco, Texas.

Little Sue Ann Everette daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everette who has been quite ill with pneumonia is reported improving.

Mildred Ann King, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy King, who has been ill with pneumonia is improving.

Mrs. J. S. Bates of Marshall and Mrs. G. B. Langston of Cisco were in Baird yesterday morning. They were called to Cross Plains to attend the funeral of their cousin Mrs. W. A. McGowen.

Mrs. Buster Hatchett will return home today from a visit with her brother, Dr. Leon Hodges and Mrs. Hodges in Fort Worth.

**ATTEND** Our Christmas Sale and get some of the Bargains. W. D. Boydston.

Mrs. W. D. Chisenhall of Long Beach, California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Fulton and family. She will probably spend the winter.

### Notice Car Owners—HAVE YOU A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE?

If you have never applied for a Title on your car, present your 1939 license receipt at any County Tax Collector's office before January 1, 1942, and make application for one. If you do not have the 1939 license receipt an affidavit of ownership may be made. The Certificate of Title must be presented when cars are registered in 1942.

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# Maybe Next Christmas

by ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is planning a last family reunion and invites them all home to Mountain Creek for the holidays. In New York, Lydia, secretary-companion, is afraid to leave the man she loves to the

mercies of her rival. In Chicago, Kenneth, successful doctor, permits his spotted wife to dissuade him from making the trip. In Baltimore, Rob-pennless writer, has Christmas plans which may make the publication of his book possible. And in

Hollywood, Sally is desperately trying for a part in the new picture. Ma, all unaware of her children's decisions, bitterly makes her plans and awaits their return home for the last time. Finally she hears the sad news from all but Sally.

### SYNOPSIS

### Installation 4

Ma went to the window once again. It seemed she had been watching that window all day, expecting to see some venerable auto chugging up the hill with her youngest daughter. The road was silent and empty. Ma went back to her conversation.

"Robert's going to some big shindig with a publisher," she continued. "Thinks maybe it'll be a turning point for him. And it might be at that. Maybe Robert's got something neither you nor I could ever see. Kit, I'm glad I sent him that money. He said he was down to his last penny. That's the trouble with children, Kit, they grow up and we lose track of them. I don't know anything about the youngsters, what they think, what they do, whether they're sick or well, or anything, I guess," the tears fell unashamed. "I guess maybe I was too busy trying to get them raised and fed and schooled ever to find out what made them tick. And now it's too late. You needn't look at me like that, Kit," she accused the portrait heatedly. "I did the best I could. If you'd only hung around a little longer—" she mopped her eyes on her apron, brightened a little. "But Sally'll be home. You ought to see her. She's pretty as a speckled hen. But I wish she'd get over that nonsense about being an actress and marry Danny Davis. I'd feel better going off and leaving things if I knew she was being taken care of."

Down at the foot of the hill there was a sudden chugging of a motor.

The car pattered lackadaisically up the hill, wheezing at every turn. It was not Danny's perilous open jalopy but Sim Barnstead in the town taxi.

Ma smoothed down her apron and waited, trembling with rapture. The taxi looped casually around the final turn, coasted to a screeching stop before the house. But—Ma's heart stopped—save for Sim in his heart-eaten bearskin coat and worn beaver earmuffs—the taxi was empty.

Sim erupted from the driver's seat and lumbered up the front steps. "Got a telegram for you, Ma," he bellowed at the top of his powerful lungs. "M'wife made me tote it right up in case it's important."

The telegram burned Ma's fingers like a sharp flame. She quietly ripped it open and read the message Sally had at last gathered courage enough to send before she packed her bag for a Christmas in Palm Springs:

"Mummy, darling, I can't make it. Stop. Got a part in a new show and have to learn my lines. Stop. Give my love to the rest of the kids and keep a lot for yourself. Stop. Letter and package follow. Stop. Sorry. Loads of love and better luck next Christmas. SALLY."

Long threatened by gray skies and sullen horizons, Mountain Creek's prophecy of a white Christmas was being fulfilled. The first few flakes were great, white, leisurely things, floating carelessly through the heavy air, beautiful isolated stars of frozen loveliness.

Ma stood at her parlor window and watched the winding road disappear under the assault of the blizzard.

Darkness swooped down from the hills on a heavy wing. Soon the road was a smoky blur in the shadows, and the trees were gaunt ghosts wrestling with invisible giants. Ma turned from the window and carefully tended the fire.

"Wonder if the road'll be closed off?" she thought bitterly. "Not that it much matters. Only Dan DID say he'd come up on Christmas. It would be nice to have somebody in on Christmas."

She plodded into the kitchen for a lonely meal. The icebox was piled with food, and Ma made a wry face at it. "Waste," she sniffed, "and with hungry people walking the streets!"

She made a cheerless supper of odds and ends of leftovers, washed down tastelessly with a cup of sturdy tea.

The clock in the parlor coughed apologetically, then spat out nine wheezing strokes. Ma turned out the lamp and crept into the big, three-bar chair before the fireplace, racked in an abandonment of grief and loneliness.

How long she sat there she did not know, could never have told.

Suddenly Ma sat upright. Was that a step on the porch? Was that a knocking at the door? She listened again. Yes, it was. Maybe—maybe the children had changed their minds after all. Maybe it was Dan. Maybe—

She raced across the room, frantically wrenched the knob and flung open the door. The candles flared suddenly in the rush of cold wind, until the doorway was haloed with light.

A man stood apologetically on the threshold, a complete stranger.

He was a young man. And he was shabby and pitiful in the swirling



The woman sobbed. "A baby is coming," he told Ma.

snowflakes out there in the dark. In one swift second, Ma noted that his coat was a thin and sleazy Spring model, utterly unsuited to turning the edge of such bitter cold. He twisted a ragged hat in his gloveless hands.

"I saw your lights, Ma'am," he said hurriedly. "Is there—is there a man in the house?"

"I'm alone," Ma admitted rashly. "But come in, man. You'll freeze out there in that miserable coat. Come in, I say."

"I've got to have help. I've got to have help right away." His face was gray with cold and terror. "Is there another house up the road? My wife—"

"This is the only house on the mountain side," Ma snapped.

"But I've got to have help. My wife—"

"Your wife? Out in a night like this? Good heavens, man, you must be out of your mind. Where is she?"

"She's—down the road." The man was frantic with anxiety. "She's sick. I've got to get help. Have you a phone?"

Ma was squirming into her shabby coat, jamming her shapeless old hat down over her eyes, drawing on a darned woolen scarf and mittens.

"I haven't got a phone. We'll just have to go out and bring her in ourselves, that's all. Where is she?"

"In the barn at the first turn down the road. We've got to hurry, I tell you."

"Here!" Ma thrust a lantern into his blue, cracked hands. She opened the door and they flung themselves out into the swirling snow. "What's the matter with her?"

The wind snatched the answer from his lips. Ma clutched at his arm and together they plunged forward into the storm.

They stumbled through the darkness, the lantern casting only a dim thread of light before them. After an eternity of battling against the determined wind, the barn loomed ahead, a welcoming bulk of shadow. Ma and the stranger grasped for breath, gratefully plunged within.

There was a dark bundle huddled on a mound of hay. Ma lifted the lantern and surveyed it, panting wearily. It was a woman, sobbing with pain and fright.

Ma turned toward the stranger, opened her lips to speak, but he forestalled her.

"We'll have to hurry." His eyes were haunted in the half-light. "She's having a baby, and there isn't much time to lose!"

Over the shrill keening of the wind and the muffled sobbing of the dark bundle on the hay, Ma Shannon's voice rose sharp and incredulous. "Having a baby? On a night like this? In a storm? In a barn?"

The man's face was a white blur in the flickering lantern light. "We were trying to make the next town. Our car broke down and we tried to get to a house. It's—"

Ma cut him short. "Time to tell me that later on." She turned to the woman. "The house is less than a quarter of a mile off. You can't stay here. Can you make it if we help you?"

The woman's voice was low and controlled. "I'll have to," she gritted.

Ma grew businesslike. "We'll have to do without the lantern, but the

house isn't far and I could go blind-fold. We'll have to move fast. This wind is getting worse."

"I'm sorry to be a bother," the woman apologized.

"Bother!" Ma sniffed. "You're no bother. Here, put your arm around my neck. Wouldn't be the first time a baby was born in a stable—and on Christmas Eve at that. But no use staying here if we can make the house. Get her on the other side," she commanded.

The journey back to the house was endless. The wind had grown stronger, and the snow swirled in a suffocating blanket about the slow-moving trio. At every few feet they would stop to give the woman a breathing spell, then they would plunge forward once more.

When the old familiar pain had taken permanent lodging in Ma's breast, and it did not seem that she could stagger forward a single step more, the low flicking candles in the window shot a dim light through the storm.

"Last lap," Ma gasped.

The shabby little parlor had never reached out such welcoming arms.

"Put her on the sofa," Ma ordered, "and get her out of those clothes. Better not try to get her upstairs. Warmer and more convenient here." She smiled wryly.

"This is a stylish baby. It's going to be born in a parlor."

Hot water—sheets—antiseptic—Ma was everywhere, frantically checking the necessary supplies. In the kitchen, alone for a moment, she leaned against the wall, her hand to her heart, and saw the homely kitchen furnishings reel before her blurred eyes.

"Oh, dear Lord," she prayed, "not yet. I'm not ready. There's a baby coming—"

The agonizing vise about her chest slowly eased, the room snapped back into focus. Ma brushed the back of her hand across her blue lips, blinked furiously and muttered, "Thanks." Then she snatched the kettle from the stove and plodded parlorward.

The woman on the sofa smiled wanly. In the firelight her face was thin and pinched but young and lovely and unafraid. Ma's practiced eye consulted the clock. The pains were crowding each other. Only a short while—

Strange that in this moment time should so suddenly telescope, like sections of a schoolboy's drinking cup, until today and yesterday lay in one another's arms, close and near and part of each other.

Kenneth had been born on a night like this. Ma remembered the brutal wind, the beating of snow against protecting windows, the limitless hours of the night, stretching endlessly through limitless labyrinths of fear and pain. And then, suddenly, the agony was over, and the wail of her first man-child had echoed from the walls. It was so long ago, yet sharp and clear as the hour just past.

The old clock cleared its throat and struck. At the second stroke, a bitter cry pierced the room. The man sprang from his chair in fright, but Ma pushed him back with a violent arm, and hastened to greet the new life.

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# Bear Facts

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### SENIORS GAIN PUBLICITY

The Senior Class is very proud of the fact that they have been recognized all over the U. S. for buying defense bonds. The class has received letters from Congressmen, and Senators praising the good work. The item is now charge of the Associated Press and has been published in papers all over the nation, including the New York Times. The class is being pictured in the Abilene paper some time this week.

### SCHOOL NEWS

By Pat Estes

This is our last week of school before we turn out for the Christmas holidays, it hardly seems possible that this much of school is gone, but, nevertheless, it is.

Wednesday afternoon the Senior Class had their pictures made-if you are interested in our class look for the picture in the Abilene Reporter-News.

Several students have letters in the paper to our faithful friend ole' Santa be sure and read them they will give you a pretty good idea how the kids have been behaving around here lately.

### BASKETBALL NEWS

The basketball boys have started training and plan on victories—no defeats. They will attend near by tournaments to exercise their skill. We will expect victory with such a coach as Bill White and boys to form the team as: Frankie Crow, Elwood Goin, Raymond Cook, Buddy Brumbaugh, Burl Varner, Junior Cutbirth, Aaron Hatley, Bill Hatchett, Bill Jones, Don Parker Roy Wylie, and Junior Pool.

### HOMEMAKING CLUB

The Homemaking Club met Wednesday, December 10 in the H. S. School auditorium for the annual Christmas meeting. The president, Ida Mae Glover, called the meeting to order and the minutes were read and approved.

Theda Ruth Kirby led the group in several Christmas Carols accompanied on the piano by Joan Baker. Elaine Russell gave a Christmas poem which was very appropriate. Mrs. Carol McGowen read a beautiful Christmas story which made us realize what we can accomplish if we trust in God.

The club was honored with some visitors, several members of other classes.

### HOMEMAKERS HAVE TEA

At 3:30 on December 10 the Homemakers Club had a tea in the dining room of the High School. Punch and cookies were served to the member of the club and the High School faculty.

The room was decorated in the Christmas theme, with a choir of miniature Angels on the buffet, and the Nativity scene on the table depicting the birth of Christ. The room was lighted by candles and aided by the presence of three lovely hostesses it was a very beautiful scene.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I am a little blonde, blue eyed boy of Baird High School. I am

### DELPHIAN DEBS

The Delphian Debs held their annual Christmas party at the home of Miss Bee Hickman on December 16. The party was sponsored by the Junior Delphians, the Debs big sisters. Games were played and then the Christmas gifts were passed out. Refreshments of hot chocolate, ritz and Christmas candy were served to the many guests.

### S. I. S.

The S. I. S. Club met last Wednesday night at the home of Iva Dell Mitchell. After the business meeting, which included plans for the Annual Christmas Dance, refreshments were served to Laura Windham, Renee Russell, Elaine Russell, Mildred Coats, Bettye Estes, Betty Lewis, Catherine Ford and the hostess.

### GYM PARTY

The Junior and Senior classes were honored with a party in the Gymnasium Wednesday night. The entertainment was enjoyed by most all the members if both classes. Several room mothers were present and received the students appreciation for their help.

### BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL WANT ADS

Advice on how to keep my hair down, Bobby Stanley.

More good tennis players, tennis club (a few new balls, and a new too)

Cooperation! Teachers. Days to hurry and pass so I can get this club off my hand, Frankie.

### GOSSIP

Nearly every time you see Flouise Grant she is with a different boy. At present its Doyle Noidyke.

It's a sad thing that has fallen upon Bessie Benson—she dropped upon Bessie Benson—she dropped

Pullet Cook sits on the front seat in the study hall. Jo Ann does too—Wanda likes Jo Ann—Wanda sits with Jo Ann. (figure it out for yourself.)

We want good music the 4th period instead of that chosen by Shot, J. C. and Pullet. The Dixie Play Boys are kinda tiring.

"Renee Russell is pretty and attractive and all that but she is supposed to be my girl" this sayeth Bill Odom.

Wenona has had so many chances for dates lately. Is it some secret charm or is it blackmail?

Sally Corn has discovered that a certain Jr. girl has a bad temper especially when you've gone with her boy friend.

Betsy, what is this we hear about a case between you and Pickard?

Catherine you shouldn't get cornered in the hall where there is no corner.

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BAIRD, TEXAS

hot asking for much this year, just my job back at the Cafe so I can buy my girl a Christmas present, You know, Iva del. I would also like to have a bottle of glue to stick my hair down so my girl you know Iva del won't always be trying to brush it down. Please Santa, I don't want to seem caty, but try to forget Sam Tucker in Abilene and don't give him a thing, cause I am sure he hasn't been a good boy.

Your truly,  
Bobby Stanley.

Dear Santa:

I am a teacher in Baird High School, and I just want to ask for some good little boys and girls in my class and study hall. Now isn't that a little to ask for? You also could throw in some boys who aren't so dumb in my Chemistry class. Please help me to teach them something.

As ever,  
Mr. Settle.

## News From AAA Office

By Wallace W. Moorhouse  
Secretary Callahan County ACA

### CALLAHAN COUNTY FAVORS 1942 COTTON MARKETING QUOTAS

The cotton marketing quota referendum held on December 13th carried 89.6 percent vote in favor of keeping cotton farms under the restrictions of cotton marketing quotas for 1942.

The votes cast in the election represented about one-third of the eligible voters in the county.

### COMMUNITY ELECTIONS HELD TODAY (FRIDAY)

The community election meetings will be held on December 19 (to-day) at 2:30 p. m. in the following places:

Putnam, at the school house.  
Oplin, at the schoolhouse.  
Clyde, at the school house.

In these meetings, members of the Callahan County ACA will elect their AAA community committee to represent them in their AAA activities for the calendar year of 1942. The delegates to the county convention will be elected at these meetings, also. These delegates are elected to represent each community in selecting the men to serve as county committeemen for 1942.

All farmers are urged to attend the meeting held in their community, so that they may help to elect men who they think best fitted to serve their community.

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**Beginner**  
**Mandy Johnson:** "Ain't yo' son too young to jine de army?"  
**Eliza Jackson:** "He's tol'able young but he's jinin' up wid de infantry fust."

**Hasty Diagnosis**  
 The doctor told the movie actress that she was run down and needed a change. "A change?" said she. "Do you know that during the last 18 months I've had three husbands, two divorces, four cooks and seven landlords? What other change can you suggest?"

**Technicality**  
**Mother:** "Stop pulling that cat's tail."  
**Sonny:** "I'm not pulling its tail. I'm just holding it and the cat's doing the pulling."

**Dry Cell**  
**Judge:** What's your name and occupation and what are you charged with?  
**Defendant:** "My name is Sparks. I'm an electrician and I'm charged with assault and battery."  
**Judge:** "Put him in a dry cell."



**Willing to Comply**  
**Speed Cop (pulling up):** "Just a minute, madam, didn't you see me wave at you back there?"  
**Lady Speeder:** "Certainly! And I waved right back. What did you want me to do, throw you a kiss?"

**Real Salesmanship**  
 The shoe store proprietor was interviewing applicants for a vacancy in his store.  
**"Suppose,"** said the boss to one applicant, "that a lady customer were fitting should remark that one of her feet was bigger than the other. What would you say?"  
**"I'd say to her,"** replied the applicant. "Madam, on the contrary, one of your feet is smaller than the other."  
**"The job's yours,"** promptly answered the store owner.

**Don't Worry**  
**New Cowhand:** "Hey, Cooky, they ain't no oysters in this here oyster stew."  
**Cook:** "Don't worry, son, they ain't no horse in that horseradish either."

**Strong Belief**  
**Mrs. Jones:** "She is a woman who has gone through a great deal for her belief."  
**Mrs. Brown:** "Indeed, and what is her belief?"  
**Mrs. Jones:** "That she can wear a No. 5 shoe on a No. 7 foot."

**One Better**  
**Bobby:** "Did yer know my Uncle Ike's got a wooden leg?"  
**Tommy:** "That's nothing. My Aunt Fanny's got a cedar chest."

**Ferryboat Days**  
 "A story comes from the old Red river ferryboat days," says Dr. J. B. Cranfil, of Dallas, "in which Joe Taylor, now Dr. J. J. Taylor, editor in chief of the Dallas News, played such a conspicuous part. When Joe ran a ferryboat he had to be away from his job one day and selected Uncle Isaac, an old antebellum darkey, to run the ferryboat for him. That day a man came from the Oklahoma side, looked up into the face of Uncle Isaac and said:  
 "I haven't any money, but I wish you would row me across the river."  
 "Uncle Isaac looked at him quizzically and replied:  
 "Boss, if you ain't got no money, it don't make no diffunce which side o' de river you's on."

**Quick Recovery**  
**Opie Read,** the humorist, was playing golf in a foursome when his ball landed in a sand trap. Hidden from view he hacked away at the ball. When he finally drove it out and rejoined his friends, he was asked: "How many strokes, Opie?"  
**"Three."**  
**"But we heard six!"**  
**"Three,"** said Opie, "were echoes."

**Pertinent Point**  
 The teacher had been talking about the principle of turn-the-other-cheek.  
**Teacher:** "Now, Willy, what would you do supposing a boy hit you?"  
**Willy:** "How big a boy are you supposing?"  
**"Three,"** said Opie, "were echoes."

**No Accidents**  
 An insurance agent, writing a policy for a cowpuncher, asked if he had ever had any accidents.  
**"No,"** said the cowboy, then added, trying to be helpful, "A bronc kicked in a couple of my ribs and a rattlesnake bit me a couple of years ago."  
**"Well!"** said the agent. "Don't you call those accidents?"  
**"No,"** replied the cowboy, "they done it on purpose."

**An Exception**  
**Tourist:** "What a quaint little village you have here. Truly, one half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."  
**Native:** "Not in this village, mister; we knows how every one lives and what they eats."  
**Just a Memory**  
**Mrs. A.—**"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours."  
**Mrs. B.—**"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."  
**Mrs. A.—**"But your husband is still alive."  
**Mrs. B.—**"Yes, but his hair is gone."

**THE BIBLE**  
 The Bible is the oldest printed and the most frequently printed book. The highest price ever paid for a book was for a Bible. The Christmas story is the most popular story in this book, which, among all the other publications offered for sale at this season remains the "best seller."

It is not strange that the Bible of universal appeal and ageless virility has attracted the collector, Museums, monasteries, reigning princes and high ecclesiastics, librarians and scholars, book sellers and antiquarians have collected Bibles through the centuries. There are about 40 complete, or nearly complete, Gutenberg Bibles in existence. One is in the Vatican, Rome, one in the British Museum, London, and one was purchased through a dealer from an Austrian Benedictine monastery by the U. S. Library of Congress 10 years ago for a million and a half dollars, the top price for a book. There are also about 1,200 single sheets, each worth several hundred dollars. Printer Gutenberg, who asked what would amount to \$600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking.

The first Bible in English was the New Testament printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tyndale in 1525, very rare now. The first in English printed in England was Coverdale's ten years later. The Catholic Bible, known as the Rheims-Douai Bible because it was translated from the Latin Vulgate when the Catholic College was located successively in these two cities, was printed at the beginning of the 17th century, and fell into such disfavor with Protestants that mere possession of it could mean imprisonment.

The King James version came out in 1611, the "authorized version," recognized for 300 years, longer than any other edition, as the standard English Bible, and still considered one of English literature's noblest monuments. The Bible was first printed in America in 1661, at Cambridge, Mass., a translation into Indian language by the Indian missionary, John Elliot, and dedicated to Charles II. Of the books given as Christmas remembrances this year the Bible will top the list. The Christmas story will be the story most frequently revived on the printed page, by word of mouth, in reference, by inference, in song and sermon.

**CATACOMB SHELTER**  
 Around and underneath Rome's 1,000,000 living lies a fantastic city of 6,000,000 dead. The celebrated catacombs of Rome extend 550 miles, mostly in the suburb of the capital's environs, occasionally below the metropolis itself. The early Christians cut out the galleries, averaging three feet in width, six feet in height and broken by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They painted biblical scenes and religious symbols on the subterranean walls, worshipped in the depths and, according to legend, hid there in periods of persecution. Before the outbreak of the second World War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them. Recently it was disclosed that the catacombs had been drafted for Rome's defense.

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Blue signposts on the city's streets pointed the way to air-raid shelters. Among the shelters was a section of the catacombs. Where the first Christians dug their tile-sealed buried niches, the modern Romans have installed first-aid stations, electric lights and running water. The galleries are patrolled by wardens equipped with gas masks. The new shelters are a precaution, for Rome, the Eternal City, has not yet been bombed, chiefly because it is the seat of the papacy and a priceless treasure house of archaeology. But the British have warned that R. A. F. visits would be justified, since Axis planes have bombed the sacred Islamic city of Cairo and Fascist aviators took part in last year's assault on London.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him . . . and being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.  
 "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof. . ."—St. Matthew, Chapter 2.

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

All over town, and for miles around, folks are getting ready for Christmas in the good old-fashioned way. Christmas of 1941 is going to be a great Christmas. You can tell it by the way folks have been planning and shopping and talking. Yes, it's going to be a real Christmas, a particularly special Christmas, a Christmas when the simple words, printed on a card or spoken with a hand-shake, are going to be said with sincerity and a genuine desire that the traditional wish they express may be really, abundantly, beautifully true.

## FORGOTTEN

Some 1900 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem, the Christ Child was born of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger. Angels heralding His birth to the shepherds on the hillside proclaimed a message which man at times has chosen to ignore: "Peace on Earth."  
 The Christmas of 1941 finds most of the world at war, the rest preparing for it. And all because some few have forgotten about "good will toward men."  
 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. 30:22.

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## Christmas Candies

Candy making for the Christmas season is a perfect excuse for a family party. Mother, dad and the children can turn out a great variety of their favorite sweets in one afternoon or evening, if they all lend a hand. Let dad take charge of the taffy and fudge. Both of them need a strong right arm for the pulling or beating. If he starts the taffy cooking first he can get that pulled while the fudge is cooling to the right temperature for beating. The younger members of the family will enjoy mixing fondant candies, from either uncooked fondant or the regular creamy fondant which mother has made up ahead of time.

spoon butter, teaspoon vanilla extract.  
 Cut chocolate in small pieces. Combine with sugar, milk or cream, salt and corn syrup and heat slowly, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan until mixture begins to boil. Remove cover and boil until mixture reaches 240 degrees F., forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter.  
**DO NOT STIR.** Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pan and mark into squares. Place half a walnut meat in center of each square.

**Fondant**  
 Two pounds granulated sugar, 1/4 cup light corn syrup, 1 cup water.  
 Place ingredients in saucepan and stir over heat until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan and boil for a minute. Remove cover from pan and boil without stirring until syrup reaches 238 to 240 degrees F., or until a small amount forms a soft ball in cold water. Pour syrup into shallow enameled pan or platter. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Stir until material forms a cheese-like mass, then knead until smooth and plastic. Store in tightly covered container for several days, if desired.

**Fondant Candies**  
 Work any desired flavoring into fondant, form into small shapes and dip in melted chocolate, or top with halves of nut, meats or candied fruit.  
 Knead shredded coconut, chopped dried or candied fruits or chopped nut meats into fondant. Form into small shapes. Layers of different colors and flavors can be put together and cut into squares.  
 Creamy fondant can be turned into the most festive of homemade candies by the addition of fruits, nuts and chocolate.

Every job needs a good supervisor, and we suggest that mother act in that capacity. She'll probably be kept busy straightening out snarls for the rest of the workers, and seeing that they have all the utensils they need. Given below are recipes for candies that will be delightful in gift boxes or for serving at your own holiday parties. If you follow the directions to the letter and use a candy thermometer to test the finish point they will turn out successfully.

**Chocolate Fudge**  
 Two cups sugar, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, 2/3 cup milk or cream, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup, few grains salt, a table-

# TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

The first commercial tung nut crop for Southeast Texas is estimated at 500 tons. There is no tung oil mill in Texas, but the product may be sent to Louisiana where several mills are in operation.

An ordinary turnip seed planted in Dawson county produced a turnip which weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and measured 25 1/2 inches around, according to report.

J. E. Pearsons, Grand Saline, (Van Zandt county), has found that planting vetch and turning it under increases his yield of crooked neck cane by more than 35%.

So far as is known, the first registered cattle in Hopkins county were brought in recently when Tom Riley Lindley, dairyman living west of Sulphur Springs, purchased three head of registered Milking Shorthorn cattle. These cattle are said to be noted for both milk and beef. Two young heifers and one young bull were bought.

Arsenic is driving H. L. Hughes and his depleted crop of minks to the mountains. Hughes reported he has lost 300 minks as a result of arsenic poisoning, adding that the arsenic apparently was blowing in on his mink farm from near-by cotton fields where the poison was intended to kill cotton pests. Laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

A report on the cotton spinning industry for a recent month shows 104,662,016 active spindle hours in the State. The average hours per spindle in Texas was 431—slightly above the national average of 408 hours per spindle.

Texas, traditionally the home of the booted and spurred cowboy, actually raises more sheep than cattle, a report of the livestock industry in the State by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald, shows. Leading all types of livestock production in the State, sheep reported totaled 8,447,809 head. Cattle are second with 6,281,537, including 1,146,766 milk cows, the Commissioner said.



Farmers of East Texas will be able to meet the call of the nation for increased food production for national defense without greatly expanding physical plants or capital outlay, merely by continuing the trend which has been established in their operations, as reflected in preliminary Census reports for 1940, according to Bryan Blacklock, of Marshall, chairman of the livestock committee of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. L. A. Westbrook spotted a baby pecan tree in her yard, and spaded it up to transplant it. She found the roots entwined around an old baseball. The ball, she figured, was a home-made one with a pecan in the center.

Ray Allen, of Ennis, (Ellis county), displayed a chicken hatched without eyes on his farm. The chick was perfectly shaped and formed with the exception that it had no eyes. It was a Rhode Island.

A new smooth lawn barley named Texas and developed at the Denton sub-station of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is being made available to farmers this year. Its qualities include resistance to disease and superiority in yield in Central Texas, according to report.

When Dr. S. N. Parks, of Lancaster, (Dallas county), killed one of his White Leghorn hens for his Sunday dinner recently, he discovered the chicken had a 26-inch egg sack containing seven fully-developed eggs ranging in size from a large walnut to one inch in diameter.

J. E. McDonald, State Commissioner of Agriculture, reported that "For the first time in over 20 years Texas farmers are receiving \$60 a ton for cottonseed." The statistical position of fats and oils, plus the supply and demand were given as reasons for justifying the price.

Texas farmers during the 1940-41 season used approximately 8,000 tons more fertilizer on their crops than in the 1939-40 season, according to a report issued by Dr. G. S. Fraps, State chemist in charge of the administration of the fertilizer laws in Texas. A total of 115,850 tons were used over the State.

An industry that is growing by leaps and bounds in Willacy county is that of growing gladioli. Northwest of Raymondville is a 45-acre field owned by Glenn Flinn. Each season 700,000 cut "glads" are shipped to Northern markets and 200,000 bulbs sold to wholesale buyers. Fifteen acres of young bulbs and 10 acres of bulbets are grown each year by Mr. Flinn.

Her exceptional butterfat yield has qualified the purebred Jersey cow, Ox-fonde Mary Flavia, owned by C. M. Andrews of Greenville, (Hunt county), for the silver medal award of the American Jersey Cattle Club. In her recently completed official test the medal winner produced 422.40 pounds of butterfat and 7,356 pounds of milk in 305 days, milked two and three times daily.

Fourteen acres of sandy hillside land in Dallas county are yielding better than 5 tons of high grade Dalmatin sage, according to T. L. Allen, who has pioneered in this new field with his small experimental crop never before grown in Texas. The grower is realizing \$1,200 a ton, or more than \$400 an acre. Allen sees an opportunity for sage to become of service to many cotton farmers whose land is capable of raising more profitable crops.

The rat poisoning program to have been put on in Montague county recently had to be postponed because of a shortage of red squill powder. The red squill is made from a bulbous plant grown in the Mediterranean Sea area, and Hitler sees to it that very little importing is done to this country from that region. County Agent Arvie Elliott reports the program may be cancelled.

Burning the woods this winter won't help rid the farm of insect pests, according to information released from the A. & M. College of Texas Forest Service. This practice has been proven ineffective in controlling insects which attack agricultural crops.

What is believed to be the largest cock's comb ever to be grown in the section around Victoria, (Victoria county), was displayed by Mrs. F. A. Meissner. The huge flower weighed 5 1/2 pounds and was 39 inches in circumference.

Texas' share of the 1940 parity payments to farmers was \$29,803,684. It was recently announced in Washington. The total for the entire nation was \$205,834,629.

Seeded ribbon cane was introduced into Caldwell county for the first time this season by Judge M. O. Flowers. The variety made a showing superior to any other cane grown in this section of the State, it is said. The seed, originally from Cuba, was planted on low land, and Flowers harvested 30 tons from one acre.

Texas has passed the half million mark in the number of cotton mattresses made under the Department of Agriculture's cotton mattress demonstration, according to Mildred Horton, vice director and State home demonstration agent. Tabulations through September show 508,693 have been delivered, with Texas leading all other States in number.

Texas farmers planning to grow peanuts for oil in 1941 will not only be meeting Food-for-Freedom pledges, but should be in position to increase their income, B. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas USDA Defense Board, has announced. Due to the increasingly important role peanut oil is playing in national defense, fair prices are expected to continue next year, he said. Peanut growers are being called upon to increase the acreage of peanuts in Texas approximately 100 per cent.

Dr. A. B. Cox, cotton expert of the University of Texas, estimates the cotton surplus in the State at 3,000,000 bales. He says the recent movement to have Texas girls wear cotton hose is good, but that as far as helping the Texas cotton farmer is concerned, "if every woman in the State switched to cotton stockings," Dr. Cox said, "the increase in cotton consumption would hardly make a dent in Texas' huge cotton surplus."

Lester Harriss, on a farm five miles northeast of Brownwood, (Brown county), robbed his tree-limb bee gum and got about two gallons of light colored and exceptionally sweet honey, it is reported. The honeycomb was nearly as large as the top of a barrel in width and about 24 inches in length, and was strangely located on the west side of the tree, exposed to the sun. No effort had been made by the bees to find a secluded place to hive.

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**SINCLAIR**

A bantam hen is raising six quail on the farm home of H. R. Lively, Madisonville, (Madison county). The six young quail were hatched out by the bantam, and she mothers them with all the enthusiasm she would give a regular chicken brood, it was reported.

Of Texas' 167,934,720 acres of land area, about 132,000,000 acres are suffering erosion damage, according to a recent survey of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This damage includes 11,000,000 acres ruined for further immediate crop production.

A \$15 credit can be earned by East Texas farmers who plant forest trees on their lands this winter, according to provisions contained in the 1942 State AAA program, the Texas Forests Service, a division of A. & M. College, has announced. The \$15 credit has been specially provided for reforesting worn-out and idle farm acres. It is not charged against or deducted from regular allotments.

Texas turkey growers may gross more than \$9,000,000 from their 1941 crop, figuring that the price this year will be about 20 cents per pound, and that the U. S. Department of Agriculture's estimate of 3,190,000 birds in Texas is correct. The turkeys, it is reported, will average about 15 pounds each.

The new Texas Seed Law, passed by the 47th Legislature, will help eliminate one of the hazards of farming—that is, questionable seed, according to the State Commissioner of Agriculture. The law requires that all seed offered for sale for planting or sowing purposes must be tagged to show complete information about its purity, etc.

Blackstrap molasses is neither a preventive nor a cure for loco-weed poisoning, according to Dr. H. Schmidt, Chief, Division of Veterinary Science, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, A. & M. College. To correct an opinion held by some stock owners, he points to results of a recent investigation carried on by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture which proved his statement.

Two scientists at the Texas College of Arts and Industries report their experiments indicate that "blue bugs" may play a role in the transmission of fowl paralysis.

Mrs. Mabel Kay, who has led the Tri County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the last three months, says she firmly believes that it pays for a dairyman to feed bulk in a grain ration even if it is added extra by feeding hulls. She attributes the increased production to better utilization of feed due to the added bulk.

One of the most important cash income "crops" in Kerr county this year will be fur taken from the ring-tail fox and coon in this section. Estimates indicate that the number of fur-bearing animals is at least equal to last season when the county yielded over 4,000 skins. Skunk and opossum quotations are predicted to be some better than last year.

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# Our Boys and Girls

AUNT MARY, Editor, 1809 Ashland, Fort Worth, Texas.

**A NEW RING!**

DEAR FRIENDS:  
With a new ring to our voice, let us shout, "Merry Christmas!" For this year we have much to make us merry despite the sadness of war. Here in the land of America Santa Claus will fill stockings and adorn lovely Christmas trees as of yore. Here little children shall not be hungry, nor cold, nor homeless as they are in foreign lands. Here we shall remember the kindly words of the Saviour, whose birthday we celebrate and who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This has been a busy and happy year for our club. Many new members have joined and I wish we could print on this page all the letters club members have written me during the year. It would make us proud of the interest shown in our club work.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR is my sincere wish to all.  
AUNT MARY.

## SHOOTING STAR

**Original Story**  
Wastera was a little boy on the edge of a great desert. His sun-tanned skin shone in the morning sun as he strode down the long dusty road behind the caravan of camels. His only garment was a britchen-cloth, the usual apparel of the children of the desert. Wastera was unhappy. Last night he had a strange dream and it troubled him.

Now, as you know, the people of the desert believe in dreams and signs and many strange, fantastic superstitions. Of course, many of the things we do seem strange to them and just as fantastic. But Wastera didn't know anything about any other lands. He thought the great desert in front of him and the mountains he could see behind his home in the far distance was all there was in the world.

The father of Wastera, a camel driver, was proud to be an only son. His seven sisters, all older than he, were lovely maidens; but he was greater, according to the custom of the country because he was a son.

The voice of one of his father's helpers brought Wastera up with a start as he said, "Little master, why are you so quiet today?" Wastera could not collect his wits to answer.

The man went on, "Usually you follow us with song and laughter. Today you are sad and walk along in silence. Why is this?"

The young lad looked for a moment at the man and then ahead to his father, astride the lead camel. His father who gave command to each helper, was adored by Wastera. "How wonderful he is," the son thought.

Then, as though still in a daze, he made this answer to the question asked by the helper: "Last night I had a strange dream and it troubles me. I saw my father riding, not a camel, but a shooting star. I have a feeling that it is some bad omen. I wish I knew its meaning."

"One as young as you should not be troubled about such things," the helper admonished. "Rather you should concern yourself with learning to be great with camels, like your father."

"True, Nebo," (this was the name of the faithful servant). "I wish to follow in the foot-steps of my father. But strange dreams are a worry to me. I love my father and I do not want him to leave us."

Just then Ad Ahem, the father of Wastera, asked the command to halt. "Look," he cried, pointing to the west. "They come in great haste. Let us be prepared to meet them, perhaps they are robbers."

Quickly and quietly all of the men prepared to defend themselves and their precious cargo. Closer and closer came the riders, their camels raising a cloud of dust. Now, Wastera could see there were three of them and they all rode strong camels, adorned with rich and lovely trappings. Soon they came close enough for him to see they were strangely garbed and each had a long, flowing beard.

Quickly they brought their camels to a halt, near to the waiting group.

"Ho!" called the leader. "Art thou the great Ad Ahem of whom we have heard so much? Art thou he who is so skillful in guiding the camels through treacherous sands and mountain passes?"

"I am Ad Ahem," Wastera's father replied. "But I am not great, rather I am a servant of servants. My skill at handling camels is perhaps an accident of birth. Why do you seek me, Men of the East?" For this indeed they were. Ad Ahem in his far travels had learned to know the dress and custom of many peoples.

"We have been warned in a dream to return to our homes by another way than which we came and we need the help of one who knows the way."

"Do you flee the wrath of our king?" Ad Ahem queried.

"Nay, rather, we flee the anger of an evil one. We have gazed upon the face of Him who will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We have proclaimed to the people that this day there is born in Bethlehem a Saviour who is Christ the King. We have brought presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh to lay at his feet. We found a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Angels sang and a star guided us from the East. Now we must return to our own country and the angel has directed us to return by another route than which we came. Thou, Ad Ahem, will be blessed among all men; because today thou hast been chosen to guide us safely on our way."

"The dream, father—," Wastera cried as he

rushed to the side of his father—"the dream is true and now I know the meaning. You must go with them. The man and I will take the camels to the merchants. Even though you do not return, I know the will of this Lord of Lords."

Ad Ahem lifted his son in his strong arms and placed a kiss upon his forehead. "Allah keep you, my son. Carry my love to your mother and your sisters. Tell them I return swiftly." Ad Ahem knew he must obey the wish of the three great and Wise Men.

Wastera waved bravely as his father rode away, although tears blinded his eyes. Some strange forewarning told him he would never see his father again.

Late the next day Ad Ahem had guided the three men through a secret pass in the mountains and bade them farewell. Turning his steps homeward, he met with the soldiers of the king who were hunting diligently for the men from the East so they might learn their secrets. Ad Ahem led the soldiers another way, and when at last they discovered they had been tricked, and the men they sought had escaped, they took Ad Ahem captive where he suffered many things.

God above knew these things and, looking down, beheld the son of the brave men and sent him another dream. In this

dream Wastera saw another star and it was shining with great glory. As he gazed in awe it changed into the smiling face of a tiny babe. Wastera felt a great peace come over him and in his heart he knew that he and his children and their children for generations to come would be happy and prosper because his father had obeyed the command of the Great Lord.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Facts about the great State of Texas should be of interest to every reader of this department. Try to answer the questions before looking at the answers elsewhere on this page. Perfect score is 30 with 5 awarded for each correct answer and 3 for a partially correct answer.

### QUESTIONS

1. How does Texas rank in the production of beef cattle?
2. How does Texas rank in the production of turkeys?
3. How does Texas rank in the production of spinach?
4. How does Texas rank in the production of natural gas?
5. How does Texas rank in the production of polo ponies?

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If you are not now a member of this helpful club why not fill in the coupon below and join TODAY. The simple rules and instructions follow elsewhere.

Since it is impossible for Aunt Mary to send each of you a personal greeting, here is a little poem I have written—just for YOU:

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

I say it in the same old way,  
With thought of you in mind today:  
"Merry Christmas," my dear friend,  
This message old to you I send.  
Take and keep it near your heart,  
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1. It ranks first of all States.
  2. It is the leading turkey producing State.
  3. It ranks first with a single farm in Zavala county producing more than any State in the union.
  4. It ranks first among the States with California second.
  5. Texas produces about 90 per cent of the polo ponies of the United States.

## REDWOOD TREES ONCE GREW WIDELY

The big redwood trees, now a natural wonder only of the coastal regions of upper California and lower Oregon, once were widely distributed over the northern half of the world.

This has been ascertained by the discovery of fossil remains of the giant tree, which have persisted materially unchanged through many geological eras. Some of the redwoods standing today were stately trees when Columbus discovered this continent; their age exceeds 1,200 years. Their ancestors shaded the dinosaurs.

Changes in climate wiped out the far flung redwood forests of other aeons. The tree will grow only where moisture is abundant and temperatures mild. These conditions obtained during the age of reptiles over many areas of the earth where the climate is now much drier and colder; so much colder in some places that no trees of any sort grow there now. That is true, for instance, on St. Lawrence Island, in the Bering Strait, midway between Alaska and Siberia, and in Greenland.

It seems likely that the species was even more widely distributed than excavation has yet revealed. But stone remains of redwoods have been found on our Middle Atlantic Coast, in coastal Texas, at a number of points in the Mississippi Valley and on the

plains between it and the Rockies. The tree has left reminders of its ancient distribution in Ireland, England, various points in continental Europe, Siberia, China, Japan and Iceland.

Some of these fossil clues consist only of the print of redwood leaves in soft earth which turned to stone. But in many places, particularly in our Western States, whole petrified trunks of ancient redwoods, complete even to the bark, have been unearthed.

The discovery of these remains has been an aid to geologists in determining the climate conditions which prevailed in the respective localities in pre-historic times since the redwood, they knew, could flourish where it was mild and damp.

Though the lumbermen are felling the California-Oregon stands at a rate to threaten their extinction within a century, friends of the redwood are taking steps to insure the preservation of some of the more impressive forests. The State of California is assisting in this movement, which, to date, has accomplished the purchase of large tracts of choice redwood forest in the Bull creek, Prairie creek, Del Norte coast and Mill creek sections of California. In all, about 40,000 acres of forest, extending for thirty-five miles along what has been called the Redwood highway and valued at \$6,200,000, has been acquired as a park reserve.

Some of these trees exceed 300 feet in height and are more than 12 feet in diameter.

They so shade the ground below that the undergrowth is thin. Ferns carpet the aisles between the great columns, which have been called the oldest of living things.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FETE HELD IN MINE SHAFT

A Christmas tradition born seven years ago will be observed by miners far below the earth's surface.

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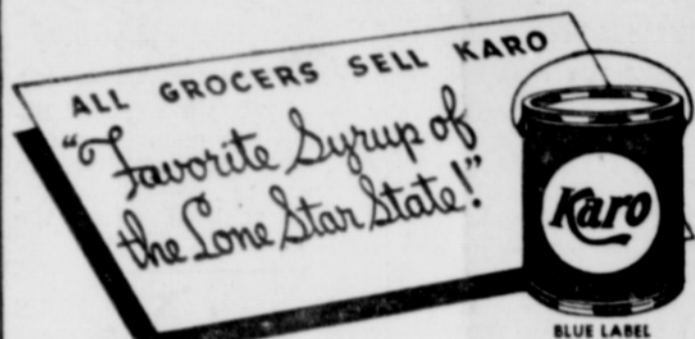


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**MAKE THIS A SAFE CHRISTMAS**

"The American home is particularly vulnerable to accidents of all kinds during the Christmas and New Year holidays," warns Mrs. Chester E. Edwards, chairman of the safety division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. "But," she adds, "if reasonable care is taken, additional holiday hazards may be avoided." She suggests that women in homes all over the coun-

try take the following precautions:

Use decorations and Christmas tree trimmings, if possible, that are fire-resistant.

Do not expose any decorations to direct contact with electric light bulbs, candles or fireplaces.

Dispose of wrapping paper from gift packages at once. Burn them or place them in a metal waste can until they can be removed from the premises.

Inspect portable electric cords and discard those that are frayed and worn. Beware of cords under rugs. They are easy to trip on.

Keep a fire extinguisher handy to put out small fires.

Provide a number of ample ash trays. They will help protect furniture from burn scars and reduce the danger of careless smoking and use of matches.

To prevent falls and other accidents:

Before trimming the Christmas tree, fasten it securely so it will not fall and cannot be knocked over. Use a ladder, not a chair.

Beware of toys with sharp edges and exposed machinery where fingers might be caught.

Explain electrical toys before allowing very young children to play with them.

Outside lighting displays should be installed by a competent electrician, if any special wiring connections or extensions are needed.

Christmas tree ornaments are made of very thin glass. Clear away broken decorations without delay.

Place your tree as far as possible from the fireplace, and see that Santa distributes his gifts from near the tree, not near boys and girls. Records show that they might ignite his highly inflammable costume.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save the people from their sins. Mat. 1:21.

# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

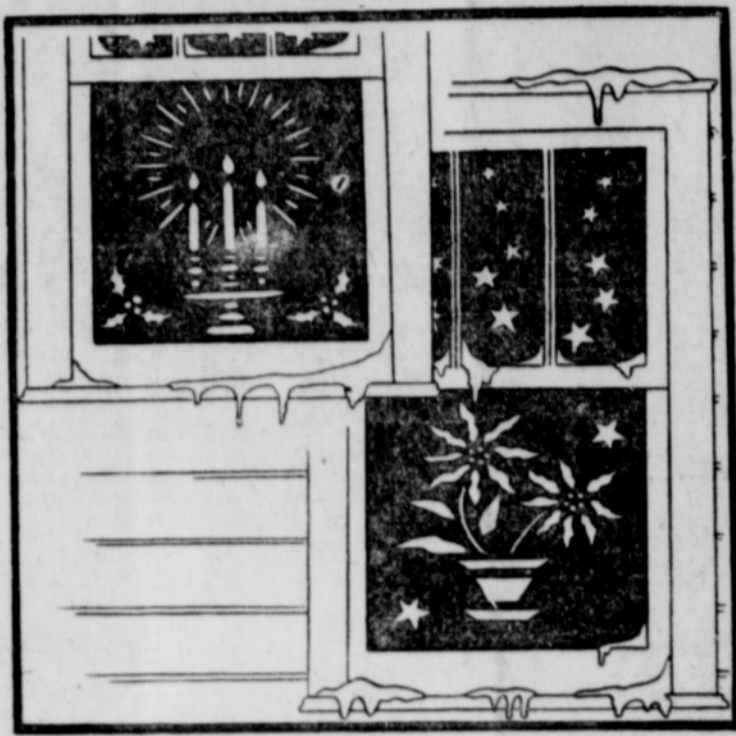
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## BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

### Lighted for Christmas

Decorate your windows for the holiday season with these two attractive designs. Bright candles and holly, and the poinsettia and stars come on transparent blue tissue sheets, that are to be backed with cardboard or heavy black paper from which the design has been cut. Place a light behind them, and let your windows pattern these joyous symbols of the Yuletide. Both designs come as C9235, price 15c, and directions are included.

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### THIS YEAR OF GRACE

This year of all years we face life with a new reverence for Christ's birthday. This year we can better understand the meaning of, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

That thought uppermost, we can celebrate Christmas with lighter hearts and can sit down with loved ones around a bounteous table knowing that a forgiving Father rules the universe and that He "doeth all things well." Furthermore, and it is a comforting thought, we shall share this Christmastime with countries overseas who hunger and are fighting for Christian liberty. Our ships will carry some food to them. Christmas toys reflect the desire of people

to forget the horrors of war and we are glad to see the return of many simple toys that have been absent from counters for many years. Need for metal has curtailed the production of mechanical toys. Dolls are especially lovely this season. It almost makes you wish you were a little girl again.

"Have a soldier for Christmas dinner," is a slogan that will be paraphrased in many ways. We cannot have a happy Christmas unless we make some one else happy. If your son is serving in an army camp, have him bring home a buddy to share the Christmas dinner. If you do not have a son in the army, then adopt one for the day. This can usually be arranged through your church or USO organization.



### HOLIDAY TABLE DECORATIONS

What fun it is to plan decorations for the Christmas table. It seems that the more limited our resources the more resourceful we become. It is a time, if we bring into play our imagination, there will be no limit to what may be achieved.

The major theme for most Christmas dinner parties is snow sports. Last year we used dark blue crepe-paper covering on which we pasted Santa riding gayly in a sleigh between white pine trees (these around the outside border). At one end of the table we arranged, with little expense, a forest scene. We made artificial trees by cutting long strips of white crepe paper (double thickness held together with rubber cement). To do this, cut the strips crosswise of the grain, an inch and three-quarters wide; snip the strips at

tiny intervals along one edge to make bangs about an inch deep. Then curl the bangs slightly upward, as we used to do with an ostrich feather. Wind the strips spirally on papercones, beginning at the lower edge as you go, overlapping each row with one above. Make candle holders of round discs of pasteboard covered with silver paper, to which attach with strong glue an inch-wide ring of silver-covered pasteboard.

Little artificial snow-tipped green trees, in among the white frilly ones, may be used in this setting. Here, too, may roam wild deer and fawns. Chubby little dolls riding on a sleigh may be used skimming over a snow-bank made of white tissue paper and sprinkled with artificial snow. Any number of ideas may be worked out if you are patient and will take the time to do them.

### FROM A CO-ED TO HER MOTHER

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In this department we introduce a new feature of interest for the whole family. A letter from a girl in college will be reproduced from month to month. Please write us whether or not you like the feature.

**DEAR MOMS:** Now that I have taken the great step from high school to college, I am beginning to realize my responsibility.

How often I wish I was back in the good old high school days. You know, we were "big-shots" there—we were seniors. Now, that is different. Here we are nothing but "fish."

If we want to attend classes that is our responsibility and no one to tell us to do so. Everything we do we must decide for ourselves.

There is much social activity. We have our informative lectures as well as our entertainments. Now, that the National Defense program is on the way to being a very major issue, much of our time is taken with that. There are, of course, bandages to be wrapped; first aid course to be taken, problems to be discussed, even fundamental projects that women can do in the way

of defense. There is assembly work, airplane and machines of all kinds to be learned. I am learning that to be a successful co-ed you must develop many faculties. This includes religion, education, entertainment, health, leadership, ability to do as told and much more.

I find in college you not only learn the fundamentals of lessons but, equally as important, the ability to co-operate, to live with other people. In other words, to live and let live.

This feeling of belonging did not come all at once but had to be worked hard for, it had to be really earned. Once this feeling is achieved, you have, they say, something to be proud of.

Although I am home-sick at times, they keep us so busy I have little time to think about home. I miss you, dad and the boys, but I do hope I can make you proud of me and thus repay your many sacrifices.

Now that I have this picture of college days out of my system, I will write you more intimately of our life here in my next letter. Love to all, including friends,  
Your daughter, ELISA.



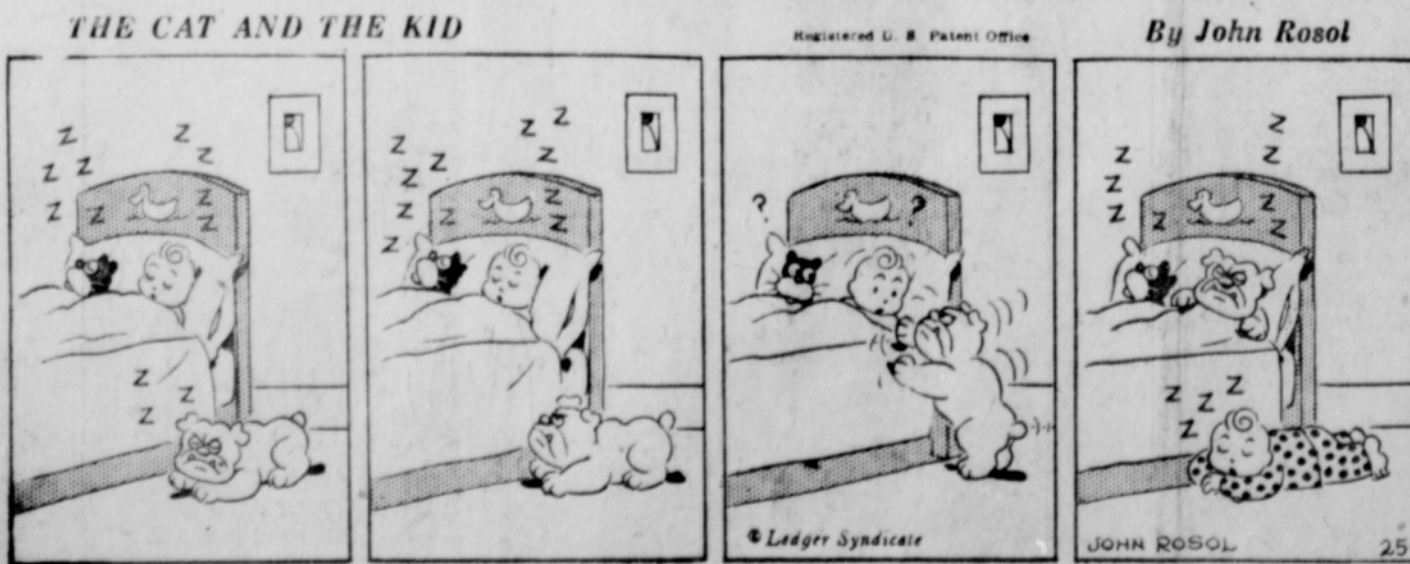
### CHRISTMAS MENU HELPS

A table loaded with goodies is the most welcome sight I can think of to greet the young folks back home to spend the big holiday. Here are a few timely helps you may welcome:

- Steamed Chocolate Pudding**  
2 cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 egg, well beaten  
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted  
1 cup milk
- Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda and salt, and sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together. Add egg and chocolate, beating until smooth. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Turn into greased mold, filling 2/3 full, cover tightly and steam 2 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce or foamy sauce. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Serves 10.
- Foamy Sauce**  
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 egg yolk, unbeaten  
Dash of salt  
1 egg white, unbeaten  
1/4 cup cream, whipped  
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1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Sift sugar. Add 1/2 of sugar to egg yolk and beat until light. Add salt to egg white and beat until foamy throughout. Add remaining sugar 1 tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is blended; then beat until stiff. Combine egg yolk and egg white mixtures. Fold in whipped cream and vanilla.

### Cinnamon Cookies

Beat 6 egg whites very stiff.

Add 2 cups sugar, sifted. One lemon rind grated. One tablespoon cinnamon.

Beat for 15 minutes. Put aside 1/2 cup of mixture.

To balance add: One pound of nuts. Fold in 2 tablespoons flour.

Drop from spoon on top of greased baking sheet. On top of each heap put a bit of mixture set aside. Bake slowly to a light golden brown.



### Grapefruit Sherbet

This grapefruit sherbet is a new and attractive dessert, or can be served with a meat course. It will add novelty to your Christmas or New Year dinner.  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 cup white karo  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 1/4 cups unsweetened grapefruit juice

1 cup grapefruit sections  
1 cup seedless white grapes.  
Heat sugar, water and karo together until sugar is dissolved; cool. Add lemon juice, grapefruit juice, grapefruit sections and grapes. Turn into trays of automatic refrigerator. Freeze, stirring once just before the sherbet is frozen. Makes 4 servings. If desired, omit grapes. Serve as dessert or with meat course.

### MAGIC IN THE NAME

There is something in the air that makes you feel a thrill and humming of songs—perhaps causes you to want to break into Jingle Bells or Good Saint Nick, or something. A smell of cedar drifting through the night can set one's heart to thrumming with memories of yesterday, for after all Christmas and yesterday are closely related. Don't you remember how long between the holidays it was until after you grew up,

then they all ran together in a continuous string? Look back on them and there they all are, just yesterday. And now the Yuletide season is at hand again. Christmas! There is magic in the name!

### WOODSY PINE CONES

Woody fragrant pine cones remain, as of old, one of the loveliest types of Christmas decorations. Combined with red candles, and silver balls or silver bells they make simple easily arranged Christmas decorations.