

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Think---

Extra precautions should be taken during this Holiday Season so that the death and injury toll of both young and old may be held to a minimum.

While Christmas Day has already passed, bringing more fatalities than should have been the case, we still must face the carnival spirit that prevails when we bid farewell to the old year and usher in the new.

"Fireworks in the last five years in the United States have cost the lives of more children than soldiers were killed in the American Revolution," Pierce Brooks, President of the Texas Safety Council said. "Fireworks, of course, are the joy of youth in this festive season, but fireworks are dangerous in the hands of unthinking boys and girls. If allowed at all, they should be under very strict supervision.

"Gaudy and inflammable decorations not only are an open bid to the fire demon, but oftentimes result in the deaths of innocent people. Electric lights and fires should be kept carefully away from such decorations. They should not be in reach of the child.

"And we will be faced on New Year's Eve again with the problem of the celebrant who imagines he can drive a high-powered motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Let us plead with all those who find it necessary to drink on New Year's Eve to leave their automobiles at home. The toll of your life, or that of an innocent person is too much to pay for a moment of hilarious driving on our crowded streets or highways.

"And a good resolution for the New Year: Think, Talk and Act Safely. Do not drive while drinking. Observe all the rules of the road. Consider the other fellow."

MINOR EPIDEMIC OF FLU IN COMMUNITY

For a considerable number of years this year's Christmas vacation came just in time to prevent poor attendance records. A flu epidemic is sweeping the community.

According to Dr. Myrick, at least a trace of flu can be found in almost every home, but, even though widely scattered it is not very serious. Only about a dozen cases he said were severe enough to come directly to his attention.

HATCHERY TO OPEN JAN. 8 WITH BRIGHT PROSPECT FOR 1940

Again confident of a season that will break all previous local records, Felix Becker announced this week that the Muenster Hatchery will begin its 1940 business on January 8. He expects to spend next week giving the place a general clean-up and minor improvements.

Arrangements already made with leading poultry raisers of this area will assure plenty of eggs and a wider variety of breeds than the hatchery was able to offer in the past, Becker said. Furthermore, every one of the flocks to furnish hatching eggs has been culled and blood-tested by a poultry specialist. According to that specialist, this hatchery has a better variety of good eggs than any other of North Texas.

All baby chicks delivered by the hatchery will come from those tested flocks. Persons wanting custom-hatching service will be expected to furnish their own eggs, however, Mr. Becker advises that the hatchery, through its connections with raisers, will help people secure the kind of eggs they want.

True to pre-season predictions, the hatchery enjoyed a substantial increase in business last year. Its record of the year before spread from neighbor to neighbor and into new communities. Advance reports this year are that more customers can be expected from further spreading of the good word.

MUENSTER PASTORS ATTEND FUNERAL OF MONSIGNOR NOLAN

Fathers Frowin and Francis, accompanied by Father Conrad of Lindsay and Father Brady of Gainesville were at Fort Worth Wednesday to attend the funeral of Monsignor Robert Nolan, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Worth, last Saturday after a brief illness.

Monsignor Nolan was well known to many older residents of Muenster as a former pastor of Saint Mary's Church at Gainesville. Since that time he was pastor of St. Patrick's, Fort Worth.

The illness which proved fatal to the beloved pastor came on him as an alarming stroke the Monday night before his death. He was taken to the hospital immediately but doctors held little hope for his recovery.

CONFIDENT ALLIES



PARIS, FRANCE—RADIOPHOTO—Their faces wreathed with smiles, bespeaking apparent pleasure at the way things are going, Premier Edouard Daladier, British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and Premier Neville Chamberlain, left to right, are pictured after they attended the meeting of the Allied Supreme War Council here Dec. 19 at which it was decided to give to Finland all the moral and material aid possible without weakening the Western Front with Germany. Daladier and Halifax smile rarely, which adds drama to this radioed photograph.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED FRIDAY BY PAROCHIAL PUPILS

A Christmas program was presented at the parochial school Friday morning at 11 o'clock for the students, teachers, pastors and parents of the children.

The entertaining program opened with an address given by Miss Juanita Weinzapfel. At the conclusion of the speech she introduced the characters of a one act playlet entitled "The Wandering Christmas Cakes." It was a thirty-minute comedy enacted in a splendid manner by Misses Johnny Anne Seyler, Geneva Gremminger, Imelda Felderhoff, Dorothy Mae Yosten, Marianne Reiter and Helen Henschel.

Next on the program was a selection of favorite Christmas melodies given by the tiny members of the tonette orchestra with their teacher, Sister Leonarda, at the piano. It was a surprise to the audience that so much music and harmony came from the toy instruments.

Miss Alma Marie Luke then gave a Christmas message which was followed by the presentation of the school children's gift to Rev. Fathers Frowin and Francis, handed to them by Michael Luke, Daniel Luke and Reynold Reiter amid the jingle of Christmas bells while Juanita Weinzapfel recited suitable lines.

A tableau of the Nativity closed the program while the assembled group joined the actors in singing "Silent Night." Clara Henschel depicted the Blessed Virgin and Werner Henschel portrayed the part of Saint Joseph. Louise Knabe, as an angel, brought the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

At the close of the program Father Frowin spoke briefly urging that more spiritual and less temporal significance be placed in Christmas, and that by studying the scene of the Nativity we learn from the manger the real meanings of peace, unity and harmony. He then gave each child a holy picture.

8,743 BALES

Census reports released on Dec. 26 show that 8,743 bales of cotton were ginned in Cooke county from the crop of 1939 prior to Dec. 13 as compared with 8,933 bales for the crop of 1938.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flusche on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zimmerer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zimmerer and Mr. and Mrs. John Neu and family of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flusche and family of Pilot Point, Mr. and Mrs. Al Flusche and family of Decatur and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henschel and family.

WEINZAPFEL DISPLAY WINS FIRST AWARD IN LIGHTING CONTEST

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel won first place in a Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Civic League and Garden Club. The decision was reached by out of town judges who were in the city Saturday evening for the purpose of selecting the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hellman's home won the second prize and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hofbauer was third. The homes of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Schoech and Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Myrick tied for fourth place.

Through the courtesy of Texas Power and Light company of Gainesville first and second prizes will be awarded to the Weinzapfels and Hellmans. Both gifts will be electrical. Crepe myrtle bushes will be awarded the other winners.

The most elaborate lighting effects are to be found at the Weinzapfel home. The entire front of the structure is outlined with colored lights and a huge five point star placed on the balcony of the second floor is illuminated. Shrubs in the yard are also outlined with colored lights providing a glittering effect.

A beautiful display at Rudy Hellman's consists of blue lights outlining the entry to the two front doors. The lights are placed along garlands of real cedar and are climaxed with a Christmas star in contrasting red lights placed between the two doors. Here the interior is also very attractive. In two windows blue candles burn and in another a Christmas tree illuminated in blue is in evidence. Shrubbery in the yard is outlined with red lights.

Perhaps the most striking single display is the huge living Christmas tree at Andy Hofbauer's. More than seventy colored lights are used in illuminating it. A beautiful scene of the Nativity is in evidence beneath the tree in the living room of the Hofbauer home and still another window glows with a lighted wreath.

A lighted Christmas tree in the window and a decorated living Christmas tree in the yard of the Schoech home is a very pretty sight. The effect is achieved by using only blue lights.

The Myrick home achieved a warmth of Christmas greeting by an electrically lighted arch over the doorway. The lights are entwined with pretty greenery. Wreaths of real cedar, tied with red bows and lighted from the back with real candles, decorate two of the windows

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STANIFORTH SR. BADLY HURT BY DRILLING RIG

Coat Catches, Pulls Him Into Flywheel

Sustains Severe Fractures, Dislocated Shoulder, Bruises, Torn Ligaments; Now in Dallas Hospital

Monte Staniforth, Sr., well known oil man operating a lease in the Voth field, sustained severe arm and shoulder fractures and had his left arm pulled out of its shoulder socket as a result of an accident on one of his rigs Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock. With his arm caught in a heavy flywheel he was dragged around a full revolution of the machine before a worker had time to reach the controls. Somehow, as he was being dragged around he was completely stripped of his clothing.

He was rushed to a Gainesville hospital where an examination revealed the seriousness of his injury. Along with fractures and the dislocated shoulder were badly torn ligaments and numerous bruises. In spite of those injuries he retained consciousness and submitted to an anesthetic only on his doctor's advice.

According to reports from lease workers, Staniforth's accident followed his attempt to "lend a hand" at the rig. His loose overcoat caught in the heavy machinery and pulled him into the flywheel. Had his rescuer been less alert it is possible that Staniforth would have lost his arm.

After first treatment at Gainesville the patient was transferred to Dallas, where he was said to be resting normally Wednesday evening.

Doctors gave their first attention to the dislocated arm, lifting the bone back several inches to its socket. Fractures are to be treated when the shoulder shows improvement.

Local NEWS Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jennings and children spent Christmas Day at a re-union of her family in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hellman of Fort Madison, Iowa, arrived last Friday to spend several weeks with relatives of the Hellman and Fette families.

Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Myrick and children and Mrs. J. S. Myrick spent Tuesday in Weatherford with Mrs. T. S. Myrick's family. Her grandfather, J. L. Harris, observed his 95th birthday and a family reunion was held to commemorate the event.

The stork was only a few hours later than Santa at the Joe Vogel home this year. Shortly after midnight a daughter was born. She was named Mary Louise at baptism administered by Father Frowin Tuesday afternoon, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. T. Vogel as sponsors.

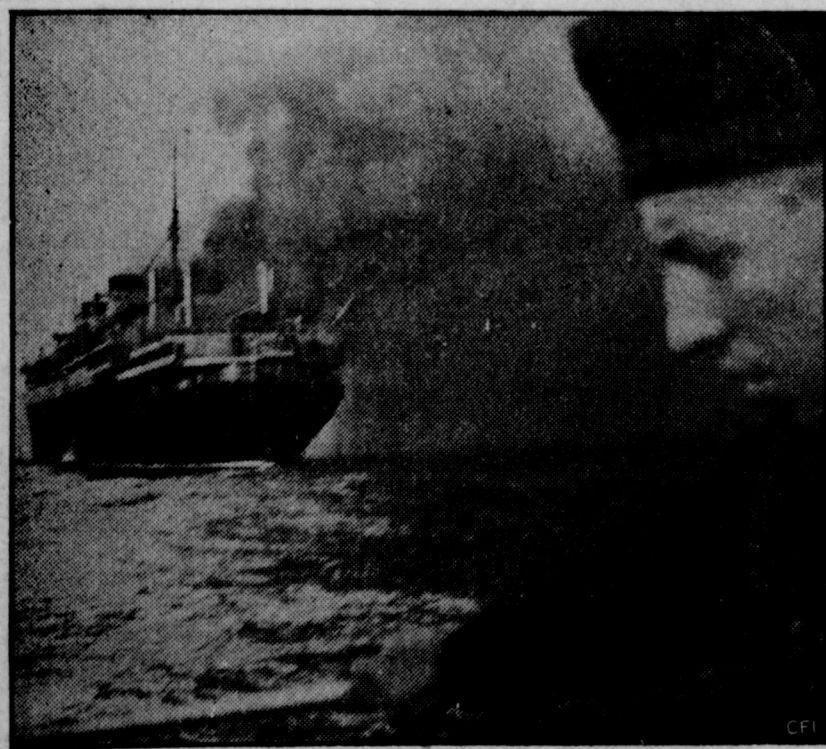
Little Michael Luke underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix at the Gainesville hospital Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. He had been sick since Monday. His mother, Mrs. Henry Luke, has remained at his bedside during the week. He is reported doing as well as can be expected.

Joseph Dangelmayr submitted to a major operation at Saint Paul's hospital in Dallas last Friday. He had been in the city for a week taking treatments preparatory to the operation. On Christmas day he was cheered by a visit from his wife, his son, Herman, and his granddaughter, Miss Louise Felderhoff. They stated that his recovery, while slow, was normal.

Except when interrupted by bad weather, J. B. Wilde's workmen have been busy this week tearing down the old Roberg home at Main and the highway. Some of the materials from that place are to be used in the new home now under construction just north of Shamburger's. Wilde expects to wait until the house is completed before starting on the new filling station on the old Roberg homestead.

According to a report Wednesday Nick Mosman is still very ill but believed to be out of danger after undergoing a combined appendix and gall stone operation last Saturday. Until Wednesday doctors would permit none but immediate members of his family to visit with him. Nick is well known here as a former Lindsay youth and now an officer in the Gainesville National Bank.

NAZI LINER COLUMBUS SCUTTLED AT SEA



AT SEA—EXCLUSIVE—Her sea valves open and her decks ablaze from bow to stern, the palatial German liner Columbus is pictured about 400 miles off Cape May, N. J., in the Atlantic Ocean, after her captain, Wilhelm Daehne, ordered her scuttled rather than let the craft fall into the hands of the enemy. The photo was made by a member of the Columbus' crew from one of the 22 lifeboats that pulled away from the smoking liner. The survivors, 579 of them, were picked up by the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa and brought to New York.

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FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, Ind.—All set with their greeting are Yvonne Morris and Nancy Cogan, Northwestern coeds from Indiana now rehearsing for their duties as maids of honor at year-end house party.

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A PERFECT YEAR

An old favorite song glorifies "the end of a perfect day." If there were another of somewhat similar sentiment but dedicated to the "end of a perfect year," Muenster would have use for it at this time. Considering the normal course of human events, 1939 was about as near perfect as anyone can hope for.

Naturally, there were times of disappointment or sadness. A few of us saw cherished plans fade into nothing, a few saw cherished friendships severed by the grim reaper. Not everything was perfect, it is true, but we feel justified in dismissing most of the unpleasant events as inevitable details in an eternal plan.

For this community, 1939 stands out as a year of splendid achievement. Dozens of families have been made more comfortable in new homes or improvements to their old homes. Hundreds of rural homes have come to enjoy the benefits of electricity. The City of Muenster gains immeasurably through construction and beautification activity. All the community cherishes memory of the grandest festival in the history of Muenster.

Those things are all fruits of human effort. That is the point really significant behind our record for 1939. Muenster people accomplished those things, they were not just lucky. Of course, it can be added that they are thankful for the lucky breaks.

Innumerable blessings were showered on the community again this year. There was an increased income from oil development, a gratifying return from normal labor in field, store and shop, a providential protection from storm and epidemic. Besides the community shared with its nation a freedom from the gruesome conflict now raging abroad, and it shared with more fortunate localities a freedom from economic strife within the nation.

All those things and dozens of others are objects of profound gratitude. The community achievements, however, are objects of pride—with perhaps some gratitude for

the success of our efforts. It was fitting that Muenster should enjoy such a record of achievement as the crowning of its golden jubilee year. It would be even more fitting to have the people of Muenster consider the advancement of 1939 as a standard to be either equalled or surpassed in years to come. Possibilities are almost unlimited. They need only to be brought out by the creation of new opportunities, one after another.

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE

Opportunity Number One for the 1940 list seems to be the plan for local, mutual hospital service and the construction of an adequate hospital. The more the idea is considered the more favorable it appears.

There is a chance, of course, that certain regulations by the State Insurance Commission will not permit the organization of a group such as the sponsors plan, but that chance is believed to be very remote. The proposal is too practical and too simple to receive anything but official sanction. Word from Austin within a comparatively short time is expected to confirm that hope.

A comparison for the plan is the local mutual fire insurance group that has been operating with a maximum of satisfaction and a minimum of expense for more than forty years.

The fire insurance provides for small assessments if and when the reserve fund runs low. No fire, no loss, and no drain on the reserve. Thus there have been many years when farmers had protection against fire loss without a penny expense. And there has not been a single year, according to some old timers, when assessments ran as high as normal insurance rates.

In a few words, the idea is to pay in only as much as is needed to meet the claims of policy holders. The proposed hospital service plan is the same. There are no dividends for stock holders, no transfers of funds to groups that demand more service, no promotional fees, no administrative expense except that required for a part time bookkeeper.

According to estimates based on national hospital figures, the normal demand on a reserve fund is about \$150 per month per 1,000 members—15 cents per member. However the normal rate is 50 cents a member. That 35 cents per member per month is what sponsors of the plan want to keep at home.

There is another clause in the proposal: Let the membership pay in at the usual rate and let the surplus accumulate until it is large enough to build an adequate hospital. In that way members receive not only the same service offered by any other system but also a hospital of their own—without any additional cost. When tens of thousands are flocking to group hospital service every week for the service alone, it is hard to conceive how Muenster can ignore that service with a hospital to boot. Once the hospital is completely paid for, there would be nothing to prevent a reduction of rates to the actual cost.

As for the hospital itself: insurance or no insurance, there are good reasons a plenty why it should be built at Muenster. They are too numerous for adequate mention here. But one big problem can be considered as solved. Formerly financing was the big item in hospital construction. By this plan it is practically given away as a premium with insurance coupons.

Christmas quiet over here was disturbed by innocent, though somewhat boisterous, fun. To millions of fellow Christians similar noises mean not a slight disturbance, but horror and death. Above all, Americans can be thankful that this Christmas was a day of peace for them.

Two great men, one of the spiritual leader of Christians all over the world, the other the temporal leader of our great Christian nation, joined voices this year in a fervent appeal for peace. The message of each, when boiled down to a few words, was simply a repetition of the chorus at Bethlehem. With the Prince of Peace both pleaded for a revival of good will among those responsible for today's misery. Will the messages bear fruit? Is it possible that there can be an awakening in some men who during recent years have shown themselves totally devoid of Christian principle?

Time will answer that question. Meanwhile we who now enjoy peace because of our own nation's good will, may well ponder on both messages. What applies to rulers applies also to individuals within a nation. Domestic peace is possible only when persons and groups have good will for one another. This isn't a matter of preaching. All it needs is the one message as a basis for good sound thinking. Christmas was the appropriate day to think that over, but any day of the year is good enough. The person who makes up his mind on that point and acts accordingly gives to himself the gift that will be worth most to him.

World admiration coupled with a full measure of world sympathy goes out every day to heroic little Finland for its gallant struggle against overwhelming odds. The situation over there is much the same as that mentioned in a Sino-Japanese yarn. On hearing that 400 Japs and 4,000 Chinese died in a certain encounter one Chinaman is reported to have said "Well, we're winning little by little." Despite the Soviet's heavy losses it is winning, little by little. The death of a Finnish soldier is a calamity, of a Russian soldier is an insignificant detail—that is, from a military point of view.

Friends of Finland over here have taken those things into account and determined to give every aid that a neutral nation can give. Boat loads of supplies and thousands in money are going over to the distressed nation with the long-odds hope that they will help the tiny nation turn back the aggressor. Individual Americans who contribute to the cause are worthy of the highest praise. It is more than a Soviet-Finnish battle. It is a conflict of civilization against barbarism.

Just to imagine what might happen if Russia gets the throttle hold it wants on Europe is appalling. Intelligent men subjected to brainless brutes!

The story of the struggle, though it seems more like a series of adventure stories, gives us a good chance to compare abilities. With the world's largest army and equipment without end, Russia flounders helplessly. The real reason is that each Finnish soldier is about an even match for a Russian general. He has the intelligence and resourcefulness to do the right thing at the right time. The Russian soldier, trained to blind obedience, hasn't a mind of his own. When he needs to think he's lost.

All in all, the outlook is encouraging. Finland alone, if it receives adequate supplies, has a faint chance. If allies step in it has a fair chance. In any event, Russia won't be able to put over its bluff any more and it will be so exhausted by this fight that it won't likely pick on any one else. At the same time Red sympathy is dwindling fast over here since people are discovering the true mettle of Stalin and his mob. There is even a chance too, that the upheaval of war will lead to the end of Communism in Russia. A similar circumstance ended the Czarist regime, it will be recalled. Yes, by using a lot of imagination, one can see the handwriting on the wall for Communism. That's an optimistic

thought with which to begin the new year.

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Confetti
By CON FETTE

Again the weather man gets credit for providing the best Christmas gift of them all. Last year, many of us recall he broke a long drought on Christmas Day with a dandy, slow shower that was just right for bringing grain crops and winter pastures up to standard. This time he was a

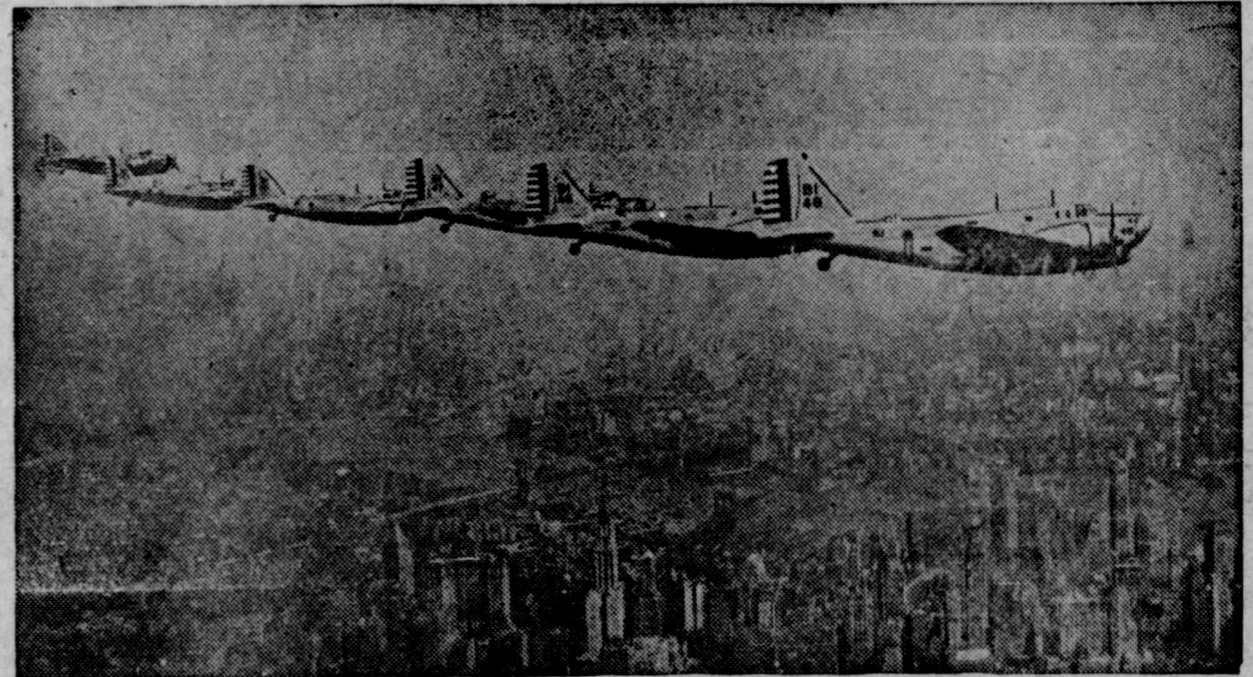
few days early with the first shower and finished his job on Christmas. He made the day a lot merrier. His gift, though not fancy wrapped in cellophane and other trimmings, was the most valuable on every farmer's list. "Just the thing I wanted most"—and a beaming smile. As pleased as the boy who got his little red wagon.

Correction: The shower was appropriately gift wrapped; we almost forgot the snow that fell for a couple of hours Monday afternoon. There's where the weather man was filling another wish — for a white Christmas. Well, while it lasted the

air was white. As for the landscape, we imagine the crops preferred warm weather to the snow, so we won't regret the prompt melting.

Blasting the peace and quiet of the traditional Christmas spirit with indiscriminate use of fire crackers is one barbaric custom that, fortunately, is on the decline at Muenster. The advance of good taste is a point to the credit of local youngsters.

This year there were fewer crackers, but even those, considered in the light of European conditions, were not altogether displeasing. It was actually consoling to think that



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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Julius Stelzer of Henrietta visited here Monday afternoon with members of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Edelen and son visited with relatives in Wilson, Okla., Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eton Edelen were guests of relatives in Madill, Okla., for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Malone and son spent Sunday in Wichita Falls with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and son were guests of relatives at Cella for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Anne Huchtons of Sherman is spending the Christmas holidays here.

Alphonse Vogel of Houston was here during the Christmas holidays to visit with relatives and friends.

Bargains in used John Deere manure spreader. See Ben Seyler or Mrs. Frank Seyler. (Adv. 6)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weske of Akron, Colo., are here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pels.

The Clyde Rossos are moving this week-end to their new home purchased several months ago near Krum.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Endres and son, Junior, will spend New Year's at Brenham with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endres and children.

Miss Verena Stelzer of Dallas spent Christmas and several days of the holiday season here with her father and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Flusche and family of Decatur visited here Sunday as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flusche.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Buckley and Betty Lou enjoyed Christmas with members of his family at Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stelzer and Miss Anna Margaret Stelzer of Fort Worth visited in the city with relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herr of Gladewater have returned to their home after spending Christmas and several days here with relatives.

Henry Bernauer, Jr., of Dallas, spent Christmas Day with his father, Henry Bernauer, and his brother, Buddy, and family.

Charles Wimmer, Jr., of Amarillo, spent Christmas and several days of this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wimmer, and family.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burk-

hardt at Christmas were their son, Roy of Eunice, N. M., and their daughter, Miss Gertrude of Fort Worth.

Urban and Misses Marcella and Armella Flusche visited with the Flusche families in Decatur Sunday and attended midnight mass there before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wimmer had as guests Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Monnigan and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wimmer and children.

Andrew, Albert, Mike and Arnold Schilling of KMA spent Christmas here with members of the family. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. August Friske entertained with a Christmas dinner for their children and grandchildren. Fourteen guests enjoyed the meal and a social afternoon.

Pat Stelzer is here from Carmi, Ill. For the past three months he has been employed in oil field work there. He will spend a several weeks' vacation with relatives before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eberhart entertained their children and grandchildren with a Christmas party at their home on Sunday evening. Twenty-five guests enjoyed the affair.

Bill Knabe and Andrew Schilling of Wichita Falls were here for the dance Wednesday night. They were accompanied by Carl Schilling who returned home after spending several days at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luke and sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin McElreath at Valley Creek Sunday when they entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner for a large number of relatives and friends.

Banns of marriage were read Monday for Miss Philomina Stoffles and Lawrence Vogel. The wedding ceremony will take place here on Wednesday, January 3. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stoffles and he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vogel.

The Henry Trachta home was the scene of a family reunion on Christmas Day as the three out of town sons returned for a visit. Those present were Chris, Richard and David, and Roy Burkhardt of Eunice, N. M., and Miss Alma Gale Matlock of Fort Sill, Okla.

Miss Rita and Ray Voth of Atchison, Kansas, are here during the Christmas and New Year holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Voth. They will resume classes at their schools on the 3rd. Theodore and Miss Gertrude Voth drove to Atchison for them last week.

Edgar Baker, son of Mrs. John Eberhart, Jr., was recently married to Miss Billie Hannah of Whitesboro, relatives here have been advised. They both attended business college at Ardmore, Okla., and were married there. They are making their home in Cisse, Ill., where he is employed in oil field work.

Miss Della Bernauer spent Christmas in Decatur with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Flusche, and family, and is visiting in Kerrville with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reiter, this week. Members of the Reiter family will join her on the trip back and spend New Year's Day here.

GUS HELLMAN HOME IS PARTY SCENE TUESDAY
A delightful, novel party given by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hellman at their

IT'S 38 DEGREES BELOW ZERO UP HERE, FOLKS



CHICAGO, Ill.—If you're lookin for some Christmas weather you might go up where this picture was taken. The group pictured here went up 29,300 feet in a plane to photograph cosmic rays and reported a temperature of 38 degrees below zero. Left to right: Captain W. E. Larned, First Officer; R. J. Nemmers, Winston Bostwick and Wilfred Davies, United Research Engineers on floor, Dr. Gerhardt Herzog, an associate of Dr. Arthur H. Compton.

home Tuesday evening complimented their children, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hellman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hellman and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hellman, on their tenth, eighth and second wedding anniversaries, respectively.

Sixteen guests enjoyed a delicious dinner at 8 o'clock, followed by a social evening.

Three tables, one for each honor couple, were arranged in the dining room. Commemorating the tin anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hellman, the table was appointed with tin ware, and favors were made of tin. Likewise, in keeping with their eighth anniversary, the table headed by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hellman was laid with a woolen cloth, the centerpiece was made of wool and woolen favors were given. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hellman's table carried out the paper anniversary theme. The table was covered with a paper cloth and the service and the favors were all of paper.

During the evening the party was greeted by a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Vincent Baker of Chicago. She is the former Miss Margaret Hellman, and the day marked her fourth wedding anniversary, but she was unable to come to this city for the occasion.

At 8:30, members of the Hellman and Fette families, uncles and aunts of the honor couples, arrived at the Hellman home prepared to give an old fashioned charivari. This was followed by the serving of refreshments.

FAMILY REUNION IS HELD AT MRS. WALTERSCHEID'S
Children and grandchildren of Mrs. William Walterscheid spent Christmas Day at her home in family reunion. Each lady brought a covered dish and a delicious dinner was enjoyed at noon followed by a social afternoon.

Personnel of the party included the following and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walter of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Messrs. and Mesdames C. M., Frank and Al Walterscheid, Meinrad Hesse and Oscar Walter, Mrs. Walterscheid and Martin and Misses Irene and Cecilia Walterscheid.

FAMILIES FROM ILLINOIS ARE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
A number of former local citizens who are now employed in oil field

work in Illinois returned home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Eberhart and little son of Olney, arrived on December 21 for a two weeks' vacation with relatives. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Eberhart and Miss Evelyn Swingler and Mrs. Ed Eberhart who had been visiting there for three weeks. Ed Eberhart was unable to come home for the holidays and his wife and family plan to join him in that city to make their home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fette, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swirczynski, David Trachta, John Huchtons and Albert Rautler, also of Olney, are here for vacation visits. They will resume their work on about the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stelzer and sons of Carmi, Ill., were here for Christmas and will remain to visit until sometime after the 1st of the month.

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MRS. JOHN BLANTON
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson of Gladewater visited over the week-end with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fears and Mrs. Dora Fears were Dallas visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Dozier and son, Harold of Dallas, were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Hoskins.

Miss Inez Fears of Dallas is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Dora Fears.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnes are spending the holidays with relatives in Valley View and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoffman of Iowa Park spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pryor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brewer of Dallas were week-end guests of Lin-car Brewer and other relatives and friends here.

Mrs. John Blanton spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Miss Dorothy Fay Blanton in Leo com-

munity and attended the Christmas tree and program there Saturday night.

Mrs. Naomi Jacobs of Holdenville, Oklahoma, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Jake Biffle, and family.

Mrs. J. T. Biffle, Sr., entertained her children and grandchildren for dinner at 4:30 Monday afternoon. Twenty-two attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Harrison and family of Bellevue were guests of Mrs. J. T. Rosson and other relatives for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doty of Chillicothe, and Miss Ora Lee Doty of Denton spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Porter.

Carl Moore of Dallas spent the week-end here with his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Hoskins and visited his sister, Mrs. Doyle Dees of Hood.

The Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Andress included Messrs. and Mesdames Homer Belev of Ada, Okla., and Herman Gay and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ware, Misses Mildred and Ann Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ware, all of Dallas, were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Major Ware, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Blanton entertained the Blanton relatives in their home Christmas Day. Twenty-seven guests were present from McKinney, Austin and Gainesville.

Mrs. Will Hoskins and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hoskins attended the Gregory reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Gregory in O'Brien community Christmas Day. Fifty-three guests were present.

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Lighting Contest--

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while an electrically lighted Christmas tree is seen from the third. Many other homes display lovely holiday effects. The Herbert Meurer home is gaily lighted with a wreath in the window and two live Christmas trees in the yard. Another tree in the living room illuminates a window.

A lighted tree above an illuminated crib scene decorates the front window of the Becker home. The arch of the Al Walterscheid home is prettily outlined with colored lights and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luke is attractive with a front door of lights and greenery. At the John Wieler home a large lighted tree is flanked in a triple window by lighted red wreaths. A similar effect is noted at the John Walter home and the C. J. Kaiser home.

A pretty color note is achieved at the M. J. Endres home where a row of shrubbery in front of the house is studded with colored electric lights. A live tree in the Henry Hennigan yard is a colorful sight.

In addition to these special features, there are scores of pretty illuminated Christmas trees to be seen in the windows of local homes while others have chosen lighted wreaths for decorative effects.

Lovely displays are also effected at business houses in the city. Among the most striking are the window at the FMA store where the religious aspect is noted in a scene of the Nativity beneath a large tree. A similar effect is displayed at the M. J. Endres store. The Dixie Drug store displays a beautiful silver Christmas tree, and almost every town window is cheerful with wreaths and holiday displays.

MUESTER GETS WIDE VARIETY OF WEATHER FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

During the past week Muenster has had almost all the variety the weather man had to offer—from balmy spring temperature to that of typical mid-winter, from drought to rain, sleet and snow.

The first change came with a dandy shower the Friday before Christmas and was followed by damp, and somewhat cooler, weather until the rain and snow on Christmas day. Because of the higher temperature the snow melted as it fell. The lowest temperature to date was that of Wednesday morning when the mercury fell to 23. It was the first time this year that the ground was frozen.

Friday's and Monday's rains came as a most welcome Christmas gift to the community. Grain crops were suffering and grazing lands were almost bare.

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NEW BADEN, Ill.—When a couple is married in Clinton County, Illinois dummies like this are sometimes hung in front of the homes of any girls with whom the groom had been keeping company "steady." In front of the homes of boys with whom the bride had been "going" the dummies that are hung are dressed like girls. Presence of the whiskey bottle in this dummy's pocket indicates that the groom once called on the girl nearby after he had had a couple of drinks. Such dummies are hung by friends of the married couple, in accordance with an old German custom, more commonly practiced 25 years ago than it is today.

three gallons of gasoline also emerge. That's why gasoline prices at the moment are weakening, while fuel oil prices are rising. Demand for the latter is heavier than ever as a result of the installation of 1,860,000 new oil burners in American homes this year. Yet, because highway travel is below summer levels, petroleum men don't know what to do with all the gasoline they produce while meeting the cold weather demand for fuel oil. They figured maybe this year the war might give an outlet for surplus gas, but it has not strangely enough. So they have to store it at considerable expense and await next spring's revival of motoring demand.

EMIL UNTEREINER MUESTER PIONEER, DIES IN S. DAKOTA

Late last week friends here received word that Emil Untereiner, 82, of Dimock, S. D., died at 7 a. m. the preceding Sunday. The memory of Mr. Untereiner is cherished by many an old timer of this community.

Coming to Muenster as one of the pioneers of the early nineties, he contributed his full quota to early development. He is especially remembered as one of the small group that introduced and organized this community's present system of loss cost protection against fire losses.

CHRISTMAS FOR HERO DOG



CHICAGO, Ill.—Zipper, whose frantic barking roused family of five in Chicago in nick of time when gas fumes from defective furnace almost asphyxiated them, is shown viewing his own special Christmas tree and presents as pretty Rosmarie Kelly lets him sample some of goodies.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ATTRACTION AT STATE



Sigrid Gurie, Leo Carrillo, Robert Cummings and Victor McLaglen in "Rio" which comes to the State for New Year's Eve Preview, only.

It is reported that after leaving here he organized a similar system among his neighbors in South Dakota.

Linn News
MRS. A. WALTERSCHEID
Correspondent

Quite a number of Linn residents are ill this week with influenza and colds.

T. L. Gaston of Denton, spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Selby Fielder, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCool and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aiken, at Whitesboro, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Walterscheid and sons spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walterscheid, at Muenster.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Reiter and family were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Klement, at Muenster on Christmas Day.

Miss Hattie Sicking of Wichita Falls is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sicking.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Pikes and daughter, Doris Ann, of Gainesville spent the week-end and Monday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Diamond King.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bradley and daughter, Lois, who have been visiting their daughters and sisters,

AFTER A GUN MAN



PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—This dramatic photo was taken here last week when Robert Spaeder of Elizabeth, N. J., resisted arrest after his attempted holdup of a Greyhound Bus terminal and shot it out with police. Seen through the doorway are Captain Ryan of the Homicide Squad (in civilian clothes) and Policeman Charles Metnik. The latter finally captured Spaeder.

Mrs. John A. Gayden and family at Palestine, and Mrs. Lloyd Green and family at Kilgore, for the past two months, returned home Saturday to

attend the funeral of Mr. Bradley's father, held at Ringgold Sunday. Mrs. Gayden and children accompanied them home to visit relatives here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sicking had as dinner guests on Christmas their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sicking and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klement and baby.

Mr. Mitchell of Indiana arrived here Christmas for an indefinite visit with his wife and daughters, who are guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jeff Linn.

LINN PUPILS GIVE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Linn. — An enjoyable Christmas program was given by pupils of the Linn school last Friday evening for their parents and friends. The teachers, Miss Dorothy McKinney and Abner Dunn, directed the program, after which Santa Claus made his appearance and presented each one with a gift from a large decorated tree.

LINN CLUB WOMEN ENTERTAIN WITH PARTY

Linn. — Members of the Linn Home Demonstration Club entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday for their husbands and families. The affair was held at the school house and the party room was prettily decorated to accent the holiday spirit. In the center of the room was a large tree surrounded by presents which were distributed to the guests.

During the evening games a contests were enjoyed and later progressive 42 was played. The party closed with the serving of dainty refreshments to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Selby Fielder, Diamond King, Adolph Walterscheid, Ben Sicking, Jack Biffle, Sam McCool, Bob Steadham, Darrell McCool, Ray Klement, Bernard Sicking, Dude Rosson, Gus Sicking, and their families, Mrs. T. N. Fielder, Misses Willie Sowder, Rose Sicking and Dorothy McKinney, Abner Dunn and M. Brewer.

FORMER MUESTER GIRL MARRIES AT TISHOMINGO

A wedding of interest to local people was that performed Tuesday at Saint Anthony's church at Tishomingo, Okla., when Miss Anna Hoedebeck, formerly of this city, became the bride of Alfred Spurgeon. Rev. Father Louis, pastor, read the ceremony and officiated at the nuptial mass at 9:30.

The bride wore a trailing white satin frock with a finger-tip veil of illusion held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a white prayerbook from which fell a shower of valley lilies and white satin ribbons.

An informal reception for relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoedebeck, for about 70 guests. Dinner and supper were served to the group and in the evening a dance honored the couple.

Mr. Spurgeon is employed in Aline, Okla., where they will make their home.

Muensterites who attended the wedding were Mrs. Lawrence Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Schumacher and Misses Marianne and Beatrice Reiter.

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