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Rumors Of Nazi Drive Into Spain Called German Ruse

Nerves War More Likely, It Is Said

Report Of Petain's Resignation Also Denied In London

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A foreign office commentator labeled rumors of an impending German invasion of Spain a Nazi ruse today and said there was nothing to confirm either such a move or a report that Marshal Petain had resigned as French chief of state. His statement came amid speculation over Germany's next undertaking, spurred by Hitler's assumption of command of the Nazi armies and a Reuters report that Petain had yielded his leadership to Admiral Jean Darlan, vice premier, under intensified German pressure, presumably to get a French North African base for other collaboration concessions. The commentator said it seemed evident that the Germans themselves were spreading rumors of a Nazi campaign in the Iberian peninsula "probably with a view to producing another of those German nerve wars with which we have become so familiar."

He declared "there is no confirmation whatever of these reports" and said that any similar crop of rumors about an immediate Nazi thrust against Turkey should be treated with similar reserve. He put the report of Petain's replacement in the same category, and said, moreover, that it appeared to have been denied in Vichy. In some quarters it was suggested that German military capacity was insufficient for an immediate new military adventure into the Iberian peninsula but the Germans would have good reason for starting a war of nerves. Observers and military writers called attention to the increased tempo of air raids against Malta and speculated on the possibility that its capture might be the first attempt by the axis in the winter campaign to wrest the control of the Mediterranean from the British and turn the tables in Libya.

They said the Axis could better spare planes and small forces of parachute troops for an invasion of Malta than big armies for operations elsewhere.

The Reuters report came from "somewhere in Europe" at the same time as Spain and Turkey, at opposite ends of the Mediterranean, were figuring in speculation over Germany's next move.

Advices in Bern, Switzerland, yesterday said German troops were moving through occupied France to join previously collected Nazi contingents on the Spanish border. Considerable military equipment was reported to have been piling up there over a period of months.

BRITISH TELL OF NEW GAINS IN DESERT

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24 (AP)—British forces, "rapidly completing their occupation of Cirenaica," have captured the important axis airbase at Benina, 12 miles east of Bengasi, and the stronghold of Barce, about 40 miles further east, the British announced today.

An imperial headquarters communique indicated that the army of Nazi General Erwin Rommel, in headlong retreat westward, was showing signs of disintegration. While the slower-moving main body of British forces were occupying Barce and the Benina airbase, it said, faster, hard-hitting British armored vanguards "appear to have cut off retreating German forces south of Bengasi from Italian forces remaining in that port."

The war bulletin said that it still was impossible to tally British's accumulation of axis prisoners and material but that "one small, mobile column alone took 500 prisoners yesterday and another massed of enemy material abandoned yesterday were found 17 more enemy tanks."

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—An Italian sweep across the desert in an attack on Italian bases, Tripoli to smash the entryway of axis reinforcements to North Africa was predicted widely today. Military commentators said that although Gen. Erwin Rommel's remaining German and Italian forces would try to fight their way through British lines, their plight seemed desperate. The Italian divisions were reported here as even more surprised.

One source said this movement of four divisions and their equipment had no choice but to fight, surrender, or attempt to escape by sea that would prove to be "another Dunkerque." Observers said that even if General Rommel's forces broke through to the east they probably would find their stocks of fuel and supplies destroyed by the British troops which already has penetrated 150 miles into Tripolitania.

Excitement Causes Rejection From Navy

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24 (AP)—A Chesire man, rejected several times by the navy because of a slight eye defect, finally passed and in his excitement developed a pulse beat that was so fast the examining physician rejected him again. He was told to come back in a week, however.

Eleven Die Accidentally In Texas

Nine Killed In Traffic Mishaps In Day and Half

By The Associated Press
Eleven Texans lost their lives in accidents yesterday and today, one from a fall, one from bumper car accident, and others in traffic.

Three men were killed in two accidents in a grade crossing crash of a Missouri Pacific train and an automobile early today at Edinburg.

The dead, W. D. Archer of Waco, T. J. Schrum of Elva and Adan Canis of Elva.

Mrs. Canis, 30, of Elva, was killed by a train at the crossing. Mrs. Canis was driving a car when it was struck by a train.

Frank L. Turner of Houston was killed in an automobile crash near Calvert.

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FD And His Visitor Talk More Plans

Christmas Eve Is Devoted To Work; Hitler Watched

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—With a weather eye open for a sudden Nazi coup that would put French bases and the French fleet under the swastika, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill devoted their Christmas eve to further work on the war.

Prime Minister Churchill indicated yesterday that he looked for a new German offensive in some theatre to counter-balance the humiliating reverses in Russia. He mentioned a thrust toward the Mediterranean and an invasion of Britain next year as among the possibilities, but said frankly that he did not know where it would come.

As officials waited for news from Europe, the situation in the Pacific was reported to be favorable.

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Additional Jap Landings Gravely Threaten Manila

Hectic Rush Ends Shopping Season Here

Shelf-Filling To Be Order of Day After Holidays

With bumper business yesterday and Tuesday further depleting stocks, merchants faced the prospect of having a lot of shelf-filling to do after the holiday. In many cases, stocks may not be replaced immediately due to war time conditions.

But that does not lessen the fact that local business can look back today on what has been perhaps the greatest season of trade this city has ever witnessed.

Shoppers were prepared to stay open late today and later if the merchants wanted it. Early Wednesday morning the parking problem became downtown and there was little prospect that it would be better than for Saturday.

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Authorities May Declare City Open

MANILA, Dec. 24 (AP)—The defenders of Manila, battling a Japanese invasion army 125 miles north of the capital, faced a grave threat from a new direction today as the enemy succeeded in landing forces 75 miles southeast of the city.

The enemy's landing was effected at a fishing port on the coast. The Japanese were reported to have landed in the night.

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Navy Loses Connections With Wake

Island Feared Lost, But Japs Sacrificed Two Destroyers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The navy department made public today what may be the final chapter in the heroic defense of Wake Island, announcing that radio communication with the tiny Far Pacific outpost had been severed.

The capture of the island is probable," but added that the marine corps defenders accounted for two enemy destroyers in the final Japanese landing operations.

At the same time, the navy announced that Palmyra Island and Johnston Island, both in the mid-Pacific, had been shelled by enemy submarines with no casualties resulting. Damage at Palmyra Island was negligible, the navy said, and there was no damage to material at Johnston Island.

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Hongkong Garrison Holds Out Help Nearer—Chinese advance forces (arrows) driving to assist the British garrison at Hongkong Island (S) were reported to have reached Sunghun, 27 miles away. Chinese guerrilla fighting (C) was reported by the British only 14 miles from Hongkong Island. Chinese have been reported attacking Japanese near Canton (A).

Army Tied Up

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24 (AP)—Central Greyhound Lines, Inc., Tuesday turned over to the army 95 buses tied up at Cleveland and New York by a strike of AFL motor coach employees.

This action came as the union extended its three-week-old walk-out to all parts of the Central Greyhound system, halting services from Boston to St. Louis.

Company officials said 50 buses from Cleveland and 45 from New York were served for use by the army at Camp Lee, Va., in compliance with a request from Gen. Edmonds. The army acquired the buses on a rental basis for transportation of troops.

Three Killed In Edinburg Wreck

EDINBURG, Dec. 24 (AP)—Three men were killed and two others injured in the grade crossing crash of a Missouri Pacific freight train and an automobile early today at Edinburg.



Wrecked Battleship Arizona—Here is the first photograph of the wrecked U.S.S. Arizona, battleship destroyed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Dec. 7, to be released by the navy department. The ship is resting on the bottom with her deck awash. Smoke rolls from the battered hull and the flag (center) still flies. At the right is a rescue vessel. This picture was made soon after the attack.

Children Are Given Annual Christmas Party

Over 200 children were entertained Tuesday night at the West Side Baptist church at the annual American Business club Christmas party.

Santa Claus distributed gifts of toys and sacks of fruits and nuts and a Shirley Temple book to each child.

A large Christmas tree was in one corner of the church. Roy Reeder led the singing and Naomi Winn played piano accompaniment.

Rebekah Lodge Has Session At Hall

Food and clothing for a needy family was brought by members of Rebekah Lodge 264 when the group met at the L. O. O. F. hall Tuesday night.

The charter was draped for John Kea. A guest was Myrtle Harris Trammell.

Others present were Mrs. Nellie Kinard, Mrs. Maggie Richardson, Mrs. Eula Pond, Mrs. Mable Glenn, Mrs. Opal Pond, Mrs. Ella Lloyd, Mrs. Dollie Mann, Mrs. Lovie Barlow, Mrs. Jessie McDaniel, Mrs. Lois Forsyth, Hollis Lloyd.

Jolly Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year ARMY STORE

M. Prager, Owner

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Miss Laneous Notes

By MARY WHALEY

Tis the day before Christmas! The house is a sight between the piles of tissue paper and colored ribbon you can just barely see the heads of mom and pop.

The last present has been bought and the last card sent and now there's nothing left to do but have a nice quiet collapse. The children have finally gone to bed to dream about that bicycle or train or doll that you bought.

Visions of bills, payable in January, dance through the heads of the man of the house. But when the kids begin to shout tomorrow over the things that he's bought, he'll forget temporarily what bills are all about.

The stockings are hung by the chimney side and stunk full of peppermint candy, nuts, fruits and toys. The kids will get sick on the over abundance of sweets. But what the heck—it's Christmas isn't it?

They'll break your eardrums with the tin drum that you thoughtlessly gave. You'll get ties and socks you wouldn't be caught dead in. Mother will receive filthy, useless garments and you'll forget somebody that ought to have been remembered.

There'll be a hysteria in the air until nightfall but you'll love it and it on the 26th. Keep a stiff upper lip folks and remember—it's MERRY CHRISTMAS!

V-Ettes Hold A Formal Dinner And Dance

A formal dinner party was held with a dance following at the Crawford hotel Tuesday night by the V-Ettes club. Cedar and red and green streamers and garlands of mistletoe decorated the walls. The tables were in V-shape with a Christmas tree at the point of the V. Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Cedar and mistletoe was used down the center of the tables with red and green candles. Large red Santas and red and silver bells were also spaced down the table with ribbons leading to the place card favors. The girls each received a poinsettia, pot plant and the boys toy Santas on a sleigh.

Marijo Thurman gave the welcome. Following the dinner an Open House was held with guests invited for dancing.

Members and escorts were Cassie Inkman, Dean Miller, Marijo Thurman, Woody Baker, Janet Robb, Darrell Webb, Joan Rice, Barkley Wood, Jerris Hodges, Jack Riggs, Louise Ann Bennett, Bobby Boykin, Mary Lou Watt, Peppy Blount, Susie Malloy of Dallas, C. A. Smith, Lillian Shick, Joan Goykin.

Cosden Chatter

D. L. Orms left Saturday noon for a business trip to Oklahoma City and arrived back in town Monday night.

Glynn Jordan is spending the holidays in Fort Worth visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Daughtry are celebrating Christmas at home in Big Spring.

W. H. Wharthen is in Wichita Falls visiting his parents.

Billy Smith is in Tyler visiting relatives.

The James D. Duss family made its first trip back to Fort Worth to spend the holidays visiting relatives.

Orville Hicks went back home, Hale Center, to spend Christmas.

Robert Hudson is visiting his brother, John Hudson, in Oklahoma City.

The Wayne Pearce family is holidaying in Gall, or home to them.

Tommie McCrary is in Sweetwater visiting relatives and anticipating a family reunion—such nice things to have at this time of year, especially.

Stormy and Nancy Jo Thompson are Xmasing in both Abilene and Dalhart.

Averil McClain is in Chanute, Okla., visiting her grandparents.

Mary Lou Dunlap is spending Christmas in Abilene with her parents—with her family, of course.

The W. F. Julliff family is in Fort Worth visiting friends and relatives—with the exception of young Julliff who just came back from Cow Town.

A. V. Karber is spending Christmas in Enid, Okla., with his wife, who has been up there with her mother who is still seriously ill.

Clint Pruitt is making merryment in Hobbs, N. M.

Roxy Dobbins is visiting his parents in Fort Worth.

The Simon Terrance family is spending the holidays in El Paso.

Valva Glass is visiting relatives in Dallas.

The D. A. Watkinses, the Dick Thomases, the Ray Comptons, the John Collinases, the C. E. Edmondases, the J. W. Burrells are all celebrating the good cheer of Christmas in Fort Worth with their friends and relatives.

Opal Bates will join her family to spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

May I say for Cosden to all of

Barton-Burns Marriage Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burns are at home at 302 Gregg following their marriage Saturday night in Plains, Tex. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Carol Holtsclaw of the Plains Baptist church.

Mrs. Burns is the former Mary Jo Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Barton. Burns is the son of Mrs. Nellie Burns.

Burns is employed by the Mad-drey News Agency. He was graduated from the Big Spring high school in 1940. Mrs. Burns was graduated from Coahoma high school in 1941.

Attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooper of Sundown, Billie Jean Barton, A. D. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Land of Plains.

Army Plane Found Wrecked In Mexico

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Duncan field officers today sought to identify a body, found in the wreckage of an army plane 80 miles northwest of Monterrey, Mex.

The body was believed to be that of Second Lieutenant James Snyder of Duncan field, who has been missing for more than three weeks.

Snyder, 24, was last seen when he took off from Biggs Field, El Paso, to return to Duncan field. Snyder's home is Cumberland, Miss.

Would You Say Merry Christmas In A Big Way?

Say it with **ESTAY'S**

FBI: Ready When Cannon Roar

By JACK STEINMETZ

WASHINGTON — In recent weeks you have heard much about various divisions of government that were not ready for this war, and in weeks to come you are going to hear about more. I want to tell you about one (there are others) that was. It is the department of justice, specifically the federal bureau of investigation.

I was in the company of a number of FBI men when the first news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor broke. Five minutes later, had I stayed where I was, I would have been alone.

Two hours later, hundreds of undeciphered or questionable aliens were behind bars, confined to hotel rooms under guard, or under orders to remain in their homes with 24-hour patrols on duty to see that they obeyed those orders.

Within a week, more than 8,000 Japanese, German, Italian and other non-citizens under suspicion as possible fifth columnists had been interned without arousing more than occasional scattered squawks from nearly 8,000,000 aliens who have been living with our borders without taking out even first citizenship papers.

Behind all this is more than a year-old story. It goes back to the days when Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Jackson was attorney general, but it's a story that doesn't belong to any one man. The present attorney general, Francis Biddle, was under the guns when the war broke out, and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was on deck long before Jackson.

For nearly 11 months, the FBI and its parent department of justice have been wrestling those files of 8,000,000 aliens plus a few thousand more from the citizenship list that had a question mark on the line that should have noted "good intentions."

Out of this formless mass, about two months ago, began to come dossiers that had some meaning. The FBI worked out its plan. Attorney General Biddle approved.

Before the last words were written on the initial story of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Biddle was signing warrants for detention and the FBI, with the aid of police, was making wholesale arrests from New York to San Francisco.

This doesn't mean that every fifth columnist, spy, or saboteur in the United States has been arrested—not by a long shot. It doesn't mean that every one held as a suspicious alien is dangerous to the United States. Hundreds of them may prove A-1 loyalty before this war is over.

But in neither case should that detract from the job that already has been done. The job ahead may

Society

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TEATHE turban with a large pink rose at one end and a becoming backdrop (smood to you) at the other, in popular bluebonnet blue.

you, "A very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!"

Last minute additions:

R. L. Tollett and family are spending the holidays in Wichita Falls and Paris.

Marvin M. Miller arrived in town Tuesday.

Neal Barnaby is leaving this week on a leave of absence to join the Border Patrol.

Two Are Entertained With Dance Tuesday

Laran Warren and J. W. Howard were entertained Tuesday evening with a party and dance at the Casino club. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parham hosts to the invitation affair. Dancing was entertainment during the evening and those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nix, Wanda Lee Dyer, Norma Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Medford and the honorees, J. W. Howard and Laran Warren.

W. P. Edwardses Open House To Be Held New Year's Day

The customary open house party of the Will P. Edwardses from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Christmas has had to be postponed since one of the Edwardses boys has acquired an attack of the measles. The open house will be held on New Year's Day instead.

Group Sees For The Red Cross Tuesday

Six snow suits were worked on by the First Methodist Women when the group met at the Red Cross room to sew Tuesday. Attending were Mrs. V. H. Flew-ellen, Mrs. J. R. Manion and Mrs. W. A. Miller.

Lions Club Wives Entertained By Husbands With Yule Party

Local People Have Yuletide Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Stewart and Edna Vern will leave Wednesday for Ackerly to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Stewart will attend a family reunion on their ranch in Borden county. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rix, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yatoman of Coleman, Mrs. Lucille Collins, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Stewart of Odessa, and Miss Helen Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reed and daughter of Las Vegas, N. M., are spending Christmas on the Noble Reed ranch near Coahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrott have as Christmas guests, Mrs. C. A. Parrott of Cleburne and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Willis and Barbara of Fort Worth.

Susie Malloy of Dallas is the guest of Mary Lou Watt this week.

Novel Gifts Are Presented To Men At Affair

More than 30 couples participated in the annual Lions club party for their wives and guests Tuesday evening at the Bettles — and what a party it was.

With King Sides ringmastering the show through a fast pace, those attending interrupted their games only long enough to take in a "stockmen's judging contest," a ruse which turned out to be a selection of the choice pair of men's calves while a neatly held sheet obscured their owners.

High spot of the evening, however, was the gift presentation period. The women were presented with towel and napkin sets, but the men—oh, the men. One after the other opened neat packages to find highly decorated pairs of shirts, some embellished with bows, some with lace, some alkan things with pretty blue insertions, and others vivid colors with hardly delicate prints. At any rate, each recipient had to put them on, over his trousers, naturally, much to the glee of the women folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Summers were presented with a double gift by the club on the occasion of their recent marriage. Schley Riley, president of the club, presided at the affair. Dan Conley gave the secretary's report, such as it was.

Party Given By Mrs. Michael For Lodge Heads

Mrs. Minnie Michael entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker Monday night with a turkey dinner for officers of the Eastern Star including the past matrons who installed her at the beginning of the year and the past matrons under whom she had served before becoming worthy matron and several guests.

The rooms were decorated with a lighted Christmas tree holding gifts. A Christmas scene was on the mantle. The table was centered with poinsettias and red tapers.

Guests were served at individual card tables covered with Christmas cloths and centered with apple santas.

Place cards and napkins bore the O. E. S. emblem. Mrs. T. E. Baker, Mrs. Howard Forister and Miss Winnie Fischer served the dinner.

The officers presented Mrs. Michael with a chair and installing matrons gave her fosterling crystal. Flat silver was presented by the matrons. Members of the houseparty all wore gardenia corsages.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Counts, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dabney, Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Michael of Kingsville, R. J. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker, Mrs. Ethel Lee, Mrs. T. E. Baker, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Dorothy Hull, Fannie Carpenter, Mrs. Gladys Dalton.

Mrs. Lana Kobarg, Stella Schubert, Mrs. Mary Louise Griffin, Mrs. Agnes Leatherwood, Mrs. Bonnie Allen, Mrs. Grace Miller, Mrs. Clara Mae Talbot, Mrs. Edith Murdock, Mrs. Norma Williamson, Mrs. Truis Jones, Mrs. Ruby Head, Mrs. Frances Fisher, Mrs. Blanch Hall.

Mrs. Rose Stringfellow, Mrs. Ortry Boatler, Mrs. Agnes V. Young, Mrs. Florence Reed of Coahoma, Mrs. Maud Brooks, Mrs. Roxie Batterswhite.

Transportation Office Formed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—To assure the most efficient use of domestic transportation facilities for successful prosecution of the war, President Roosevelt has established an office of defense transportation.

He told the press conference he had asked the interstate commerce commission to grant a leave of absence to its chairman, Joseph B. Eastman, who will be director of the new agency.

The new office will deal with rail, motor, inland waterway, pipeline and air transport and with coastwise and inter-coastal shipping.

Still-Runner Leaves Gift For Sheriff

GANDLER, N. C., Dec. 24 (AP)—When Deputy Sheriff Jim Webb came upon a big liquor still he found this message neatly pinned to a barrel containing 300 gallons of mash:

"Ben here but gone, buddy. Chop her down! Wishing you a Merry Christmas!"

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High Heel Club Given Party In Seawell Home

Barbara Seawell entertained the High Heel Slipper club with a Christmas party in her home. Silver and red bells and a Merry Christmas sign hung over the archway.

Games were played and gifts exchanged. Gifts of food were brought for a basket for a needy family.

Members presented Mrs. Fred Mitchell, sponsor, with a gift and refreshments were served by candlelight. Favors were gumdrop Christmas trees.

Present were Mrs. R. H. Seawell, Mrs. Fred Mitchell, Betty Newton, Marjorie Laewell, Mary Kay Lumpkin, Johanna Terry, Joanne Switzer, Doris Nell Tompkins, Bertie Mary Smith, Wanda Rose Bobb, guest, Lorena Brooks, Barbara Laewell, Betty Jo Pool, Verma Jo Stevens, Mary Anne Cox, Sara Maude Johnson.

The Malay Peninsula is a place full of tigers and tin. About a third of the world's tin comes from Malayan mines along the mountain slopes.

Wishing you the best of all your desires, and a Happiness this Christmas that will continue throughout the New Year . . .

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May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success as a reward for your every effort. You have been very considerate of this institution and have made possible our continued growth. For your kindness we wish to express our appreciation and to pledge anew our policy of even greater service to the community which we serve.

Because . . .

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Pope Suggests Peace Program

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas message to the world, laid down a five point plan for future world peace, predicated upon "an adequate and progressive" limitation of armaments.

- 1—Any kind of aggression.
 - 2—Oppression of minorities.
 - 3—Designing nations seeking a monopoly on economic wealth.
 - 4—Total war on armaments races.
 - 5—Persecution directed against religious sects or churches because of faith "is one of the rights of mankind."
- "There must be a progressive limitation of armaments," he said. "True respect for treaties must be observed."
- "The principles of freedom and equality of rights for all people must underlie that new day."
- "Great responsibilities for the future of mankind rest on statesmen of the world," he said. "We need men of courage, vision and conscience to reconstruct the world."
- The pope outlined a program for the world when its great states organize it in the "interest of all" when there is respect for the rights of minorities, just control of its raw materials "so no nation shall suffer unfairly" and when there "is no place for oppression."
- Now, he said, "there is an unbridled impulse toward expansion, the idea that force creates right."
- "In some countries," he declared, "the atheist anti-Christian idea of state is spreading its tentacles. The war, far from mitigating these evils, aggravates them."
- "The ruins of this war are only too evident."
- Millions of persons are separated from their families and enduring great pain and sorrow while "harsh violence rages all over the world like a storm," the pope lamented.

Paycheck-to-Wife Giver Called Robert Taylor Type

NEW YORK—Madam, does your husband bring his pay envelope unopened? Whether he has hair on his chest or not, and though he may have Gable ears and a Duranito nose, that makes him "the Robert Taylor type" so far as Jay Benner, New York marriage consultant, is concerned. He classifies his clients, according to movie types, because it makes them feel good and helps them visualize their qualities.

"The Robert Taylor type," Benner reports, "brings his salary home. If you ask him for a buck he gives you a hundred. He wants to be looked up to."

He also has something in common with the Allen Jones and Nelson Eddy type, Benner finds. All three "think a woman is the best thing in the world," though in their romantic techniques they differ somewhat.

Approach in Three Ways "Jones makes the elegant approach," according to Benner's analysis. "Taylor makes a dignified approach, and Eddy uses the understanding approach."

These are all good sound approaches said Mrs. Benner, who assists her husband in his work. She explained that looks mean nothing in classifying a person as to type. You don't find many of the Taylor physiognomy hard pressed to find a mate, so in analyzing clients the Benners look for spiritual qualities mostly.

"A Myrna Loy type, for instance, has the carriage of a queen," she explained, "and she likes to be treated like a queen. She likes the best of everything. She is very generous and dignified, loyal and honest, fearless and has a tremendous amount of ambition."

Benner said he gets more of the Myrna Loy, Jean Arthur and Carole Lombard types among his women clients than any others. They are the hardest to please in their search for a mate.

"They are very discriminating," he said.

Douglas Type "Difficult" Among men, the Malvyn Douglas type is most difficult to please, Benner has found.

"He wants beauty and youth," he explained. It seems that there are quite a lot of Malvyn Douglas types.

Benner entered the marriage consultant business after some years in real estate, where, he explained, he had a splendid opportunity to study human nature. He has been in business for himself since he was 12 years old, when he read a book entitled "How to Use Strategy" and thereupon set the neighborhood children to selling candy for him.

He has to use strategy in his present business.

There are men who come to me," he complained, "and say they want a blonde who weighs about 180 pounds but looks as if she weighed 130. I can't find that kind, so I give them what they really need. Most people don't know what they want."

Report 21 Planes Destroyed By Japs

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—A Japanese naval communique reported today that 21 American planes were destroyed by Japanese aircraft in attacks on the Philippines Sunday and Monday.

Three of the planes, said to be "large type," were shot down in air combats and the remainder were destroyed on the ground, the communique declared.

Public Records

Building Permits
Jose M. Gonzales to make addition to house at 507 N. Gregg street, cost \$50.
M. G. Rosales to remodel house at 107 NE 3rd street, cost \$700.

Filed in District Court
Florence Payton vs. Walter Payton, suit for divorce.
Charles W. Smith vs. Florine Smith, suit for divorce.

New Motor Vehicles
M. H. Ulmer, Buick sedan.
H. O. Wooten Grocery company, Chevrolet truck.
Mrs. R. E. Gay, Dodge sedan.
George Oldham, Oldsmobile sedan.
Wilbanks Brothers, Plymouth sedan.
E. W. Upton, Chrysler sedan.
Albert Davis, Chrysler sedan.

1,500 Texans Eligible To Rejoin Guards

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Adjutant General J. Watt Page said today approximately 1,500 men heretofore released from the Texas national guard were eligible to volunteer for recall to active federal service.

General Page declared enlisted men of all components, including enlisted reserve, regular army reserve and the national guard may volunteer for recall, except those released because of dependency.

He added: "Each enlisted man, on volunteering for recall to active duty, will be required to sign a certificate that he is voluntarily consenting to his call or order to active federal service, and married men will be required further to certify that their families will be able to support themselves during their period of active service."

"Where practicable men will be assigned to their former units or installations in grade, if the units or installations are still in the continental United States, or in the same area of the service in grade in which they were serving when last released from active duty, and will be absorbed as vacancies occur by increased allotments."

"Enlisted men volunteering for recall to active duty must present themselves to an army recruiting officer in the same manner as an applicant for enlistment."

Convicts Escape Prison Farm

HOUSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Five convicts escaped from a prison farm Tuesday by climbing out a back window of a barn in which they and 35 other prisoners were shucking corn.

Capt. H. W. Miller, manager of the farm, organized a search party at once, putting dogs on the trail. The fugitives were Cleo Andrews, 23, of San Antonio, doing 12 years for robbery from Upshur and Harrison counties; Elsie McElroy, 29, of Tyler, 12 years for robbery, Frio county; Ernest L. Roefgen, 29, of Wichita, Kaa, life for murder, Wichita County; Cora Hudson, 36, of Navasota, 70 years for burglary, Smith, Leon and Ruak counties, and Harry Huggins, 24, of Denton, 10 years for robbery, Tarrant and Dallas counties.

Local Man Safe After Submarine Attack On Ship

Among the survivors of the Japanese-attacked oil tanker Larry Doheny is Ben F. Willis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Willis Sr. of Big Spring.

Willis, who was a fireman on the ship, telegraphed his mother soon after the encounter that he had landed safely in San Pedro, Calif. The ship makes a regular coast wise run from California ports to Oregon and Washington; Mrs. Willis was in California when her son departed on his last trip preceding the encounter with the submarine.

Texas Business Zooms Upward

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Texas business zoomed last month. The University of Texas bureau of business research reported today the composite index for the month was four points above October 2, 20 points higher than November, 1940.

Further, it hit the highest point thus far recorded. Runs of crude oil to stills was the only component that did not rise over October. Employment, payrolls, miscellaneous freight carloadings, department store sales and electric power consumption

were up. The composite index stood at 127.6 compared to 106 for a year ago and 122.6 for October. Marked future increases in manufacturing employment and payrolls were predicted by Dr. Fred A. Buechel, assistant bureau director. This should result when chemical plants and other victory industries now in the process of construction begin production, he said.

Flowers for all occasions
LEON'S FLOWERS
Day Phone 1877, Night 1871-W
at Sherrill Hardware
218-18 Runnels

At the last census of manufactures, the annual production of radios for police use was approximately 5,000 sets.

Dine and Dance
SKY HARBOR
MEXICAN FOODS
Steaks A Specialty
Cold Beer And Wine

Quality Portraits
COST NO MORE
at
KELSEY'S
506 Runnels Phone 1234



BEST WISHES

These are magic wishing candles . . . We rubbed them, repeated the magic formula and wished for you and yours the Merriest Christmas ever.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is our wish to you.

HARRY LEES
Cleaners

Weber's SUPERIOR ROOT BEER
At
MILLER'S PIG STAND
518 East 3rd
24 Hour Service

Irby Cox To Make Tour Of District In BTU Program
Irby Cox, educational director for the First Baptist church, is one of a party of five leaders who will make a tour of this district in January on a E. T. U. training program.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Every Good Wish TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME . . .

Having been a part of Big Spring business life for only a few months, we count it a privilege to be able to observe this Christmas with so many new and loyal friends.

Your acceptance of this store, your countless courtesies and friendships have been everything good that could be desired . . . By such action, we know you mean "Welcome" — time and again.

At this season, which brings to a close the old year and opens the door to 1942, we want to express deepest appreciation for the generous patronage accorded this firm since our opening . . . You have been grand neighbors and customers, and we thank you sincerely.

We trust that we have served you well, and that we'll be privileged to continue such pleasant relations in the New Year.

C.R. Anthony Co.
EAST OF COURTHOUSE

Houses Must Have Chimneys
DENVER — Here's good news for Santa Claus: The Denver City Council has decided that a chimney is a necessary part of a house and hereafter will issue no building permits unless designs for a chimney are included in the plans.



This Is Our Sincere Wish For Your HAPPY HOLIDAY—

A very merry Christmas and may your every wish come true in the New Year.

Closed From Dec. 25 To Jan. 5

BORUM STUDIO

To All Of You—Friends and Customers
Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year
Homan Super Service
108 E. 3rd 200 West 3rd



Season's Greetings To You and Yours

With sincerity and gratitude we express our appreciation for the patronage you have accorded this company during the year now drawing to a close.

Best Yuletide Wishes for the health and happiness of your household.

Hanshaw - Queen Motor Co.
DeSoto - Plymouth

Holiday Greetings

There's to holiday cheer for the 56th year from the brewers of delicious, sparkling Pearl Beer—brewed to please your taste.

When guests arrive, or when thirst calls, remember to say, "Bottle of Pearl, please!"

BREWED TO TASTE SINCE 1886 BY THE SAN ANTONIO BREWING ASS'N.

Pearl LAGER BEER

BOTTLE OF PEARL, PLEASE
BEVERAGE SALES COMPANY
100 Gollad

Private Bids For Title 'All-American' Soldier

FORT JACKSON, S. C. — Pvt. Talbert Bilsard, of Newport, N. J., claims the title of Fort Jackson's "All-American soldier."

Bilsard says his great-great grandfather was an American Indian of the Nantucket tribe, his grandfather, a Union soldier killed in action at Gettysburg and his father a member of the A.E.F. who was killed in France.

All Recruiting Stations Accept Ensign Candidates

HOUSTON, Dec. 24—The operations of 23 U. S. navy recruiting stations throughout the state of Texas were speeded up this week to handle thousands of applicants from college seniors and juniors who may now enlist in class V-7—the reserve officers' training program—of the naval reserve.

In announcing the opening of this class to qualified college juniors and seniors, Eighth Naval district headquarters also revealed that the minimum age requirement for this branch of the service has been reduced from 20 to 19 years.

Under this new plan, senior and junior students may be accepted into Class V-7 provided they submit a certificate from the registrar of the school attended that upon graduation they will have completed the degree requirements.

Preliminary applications for enlistment in this class may now be made at any of the following navy recruiting stations in Texas:

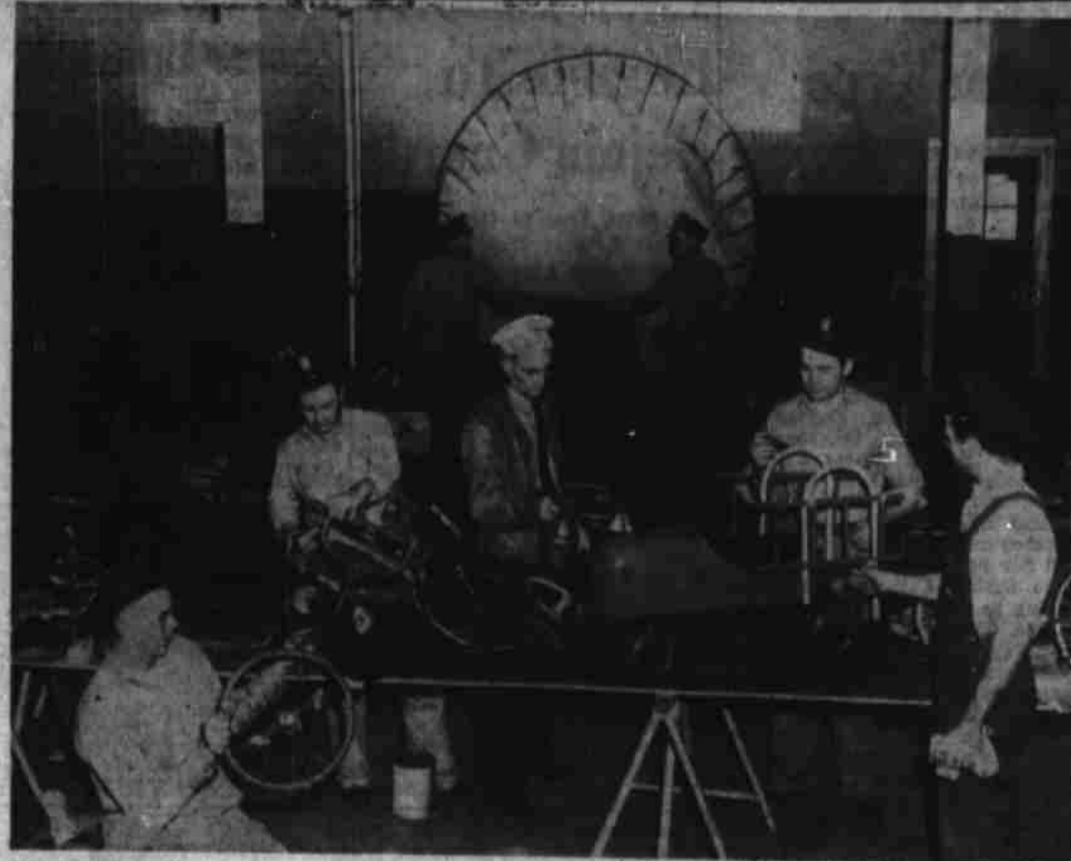
Houston, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Crockett, El Paso, Galveston, Harlingen, Lufkin, San Antonio, Uvalde, Victoria.

Fort Worth, Dallas, Longview, Abilene, Amarillo, Big Spring, Lubbock, Paris, San Angelo, Waco, Wichita Falls.

College men who are enlisted under this new plan will be continued on inactive duty until completion of studies necessary for their degrees. After graduation, these men will be ordered to active duty, given 30 days elementary training and then sent to a reserve midshipman school for final instructions in naval science and tactics. Upon graduation from these schools, they will be commissioned ensigns in the naval reserve and sent to sea with the fleet.

Educational qualifications for acceptance into class V-7 include the possession of one of these degrees, or being actively engaged in studying toward one of them: bachelor of arts, any engineering degree, bachelor of science, of education, of philosophy, of business administration, of journalism, of commercial science, or of laws, provided that, in the latter case, the applicant's law course was preceded by at least two years of pre-law work at an accredited institution. At least two one-semester courses in mathematics of college grade must be included in any degree.

Interested and qualified candidates who are unable to call at a navy recruiting station, may obtain full details by writing the Director of Naval Reserve Personnel, Eighth Naval District, New Orleans, La.



Firemen's Good Turn—Hundreds of old playthings contributed by thoughtful residents of Big Spring were taken in hand by city firemen again this year and made practically as good as new. Seldom has the supply been more plentiful and never have firemen done such a fine job of restoring the toys. The rear of the fire station was cluttered by the patched and repainted articles, as may be seen from the limited "fireman's eye view" from the upstairs quarter and looking down one of the poles which furnish quick egress to the trucks below. However, in this case, firemen preferred to use another pole since this one ended in the big middle of toyland. Below firemen may be seen at one of their work benches putting an assortment of wheel toys into condition. Three truckloads of the articles were removed from the station to the Salvation Army canteen for distribution on Christmas morning to children of Big Spring who otherwise might not be visited by a busy Santa Claus. (Kelsey Photos).

Tune Market Undergoes Alterations; Wartime Product To Have More Zip

By JOHN SELBY
Associated Press Arts Editor

NEW YORK—If this war runs along the same musical line the last war took, American popular music will change character in a few months. And Americans of every creed and every color will change it.

There already has been an epidemic of patriotic songs, best known being "God Bless America," one of the least worthy, musically.

But most popular tunes will speed up. The languorous sliding tones of the last few months will tighten. The two-step might even come back, in some disguise.

Melodies will develop along the lines of bugle calls and simple combinations such as the tones of the tonic chord, as happened 25 years ago with "Over There" and its cousins.

And alongside all this will develop story-telling songs, some of which have only a vague connection with war or war activities. These will glorify people and events, and will be blood relatives of the ballad. A sample of these "just grow" a few weeks ago.

John Hammond, who supervises popular recording for Columbia, got an idea and called Richard Wright, who was just dressing to go out for the evening.

"I wish you'd write me some blues, lyrics about Joe Louis," Hammond said. "I'm going to ask Count Basie to do the music, and Paul Robeson to sing it."

Wright, who is the well known negro novelist, sat down suddenly. He explained that he didn't write verse, although some early efforts of his were now under lock and key, that he was doing two novels and a picture book at the moment. Then he said he'd try.

Before he went out he wrote twelve verses. Next morning Hammond called again. "Yes," said Wright, "I did some, but I'm afraid to look at them this morning."

But he looked, revised them for a couple of hours, and sent them along. A couple of weeks later the disk was done. It's called "King Joe," and it fills both sides of a record and it's one of Count Basie's best.

Wright thinks it's the kind of collaboration that might effectively revise the people's music—something hot from the pan, not too serious, but honest. He has no illusions about the literary quality of his verse, but it is sincere. So are the contributions of the great baritone and the ubiquitous Count Basie.

The disk has gone into the juke boxes, and will reach more people in a week than Wright's novels will reach in a year, even though they are very popular.

"But don't forget," he says, "that nobody will know who wrote the lyric—not that I care."



And a Very Happy New Year is our wish to all of our friends and customers. Thanks a million for your past favors. May we serve you often in 1942.

TUCKER'S SERVICE STATION



As this Christmas day approaches . . . and we are ready to greet the New Year . . . it is our sincere wish that it will bring you better days with added happiness and increased prosperity.

BIG SPRING TRANSFER KYLE GRAY

107 Rannels Phone 632



Cheer Up and Be Merry . . . It's Christmas Time . . . Forget your cares and remember that Santa's abroad in the land . . . That your Christmas will be happy and the New Year your most prosperous is our sincere wish.

BIG SPRING LIVESTOCK AUCTION

D & C Packing Company



A Holiday Greeting For You . . .

In earnest appreciation of your patronage in the closing year we wish to say to each of you

SEASON'S GREETINGS and Best Wishes for the New Year!

EMMET HULL MOTOR CO.

—HUDSON—



"Peace On Earth"

If you get the same thrill from those words that we do, we hope when you hear the Christmas Carol which contains them, you'll remember that our Christmas greeting for you and the whole world is contained in these noble words:

"PEACE ON EARTH"

A Very Merry Christmas To All Of You . . . And A Happy, Prosperous New Year

Big Spring Cotton Oil Co.

Youth Raises Cain, But Fails To Get In Army

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 (UP)—Gall McCaughey tried his damndest to get into the army today, but failed despite his vigorous protests because he is one quarter of an inch shy of the required five feet in height.

"Oh, nuts," he told Lt. W. W. Widdowson, the doctor at the army recruiting station here. "What's a quarter of an inch between friends? Come on, gimme a break. Pass me."

"I can't do that," replied the lieutenant. "Army rules are army rules. You're only 4 ft. 11 3/4 inches."

"But those Japs aren't a heck of a lot bigger than me," wailed the 19-year-old lad from Newportville, Pa. "Who's the boss around here?"

He barged into the office of Lt. Col. Frederick Schenfeld before the doctor could stop him.

"Look kid," said the colonel. "Go upstairs and try to get into the navy."

"Nuts," cracked McCaughey. "I was up there three times. And three times I got thrown out."

The "kid" turned away. "Ah, gee," he said. "What the hell, I think I'll try to get in the merchant marine—if they'll take me."

HEALTH STATUS OF YOUNG MEN RATED AS GOOD

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The high percentage of young men rejected by the army does not mean American youth is going soft, Dr. Roland R. Cross, Illinois health director, believes, but merely reflects more rigorous army health requirements.

"The men who are going into the army today are passing more rigorous physical and mental fitness examinations than ever before," Dr. Cross said.

They take complete medical and dental examinations as well as tests for syphilis and tuberculosis, he said. They also are given psychiatric interviews for mental and emotional health.

The more exacting care the army "exercises in selecting the men who can take it" means a higher proportion of trainees will be rejected. National selective service headquarters estimates that one-third of those reaching induction centers are dismissed.

A study in Illinois, Dr. Cross reported, shows that of 45,000 men examined in five months, 14 per cent were unable to pass army health examinations though they were approved by local boards.

"Civilian health agencies are offering every practical kind of cooperation with the army," Dr. Cross said.

Arizona Oranges Decline

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The department of agriculture reported the Arizona orange crop only about 65 per cent of normal this year compared with 71 per cent of normal last fall and similar conditions prevailed in the grapefruit crop.

A Joyous Christmas

Please accept our wish that the NEW Year brings you the good things you so richly deserve.

AIR CASTLE

BEST WISHES

A Most Joyous CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous NEW YEAR

We wish for all of you all the happiness and good fortune you could possibly wish for yourself . . .

We thank you sincerely for your patronage, and ask a continuance of our pleasant relations during the coming year

L. L. STEWART APPLIANCE STORE

213 West Third Street

Wishing You A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Every Day Be a Holiday

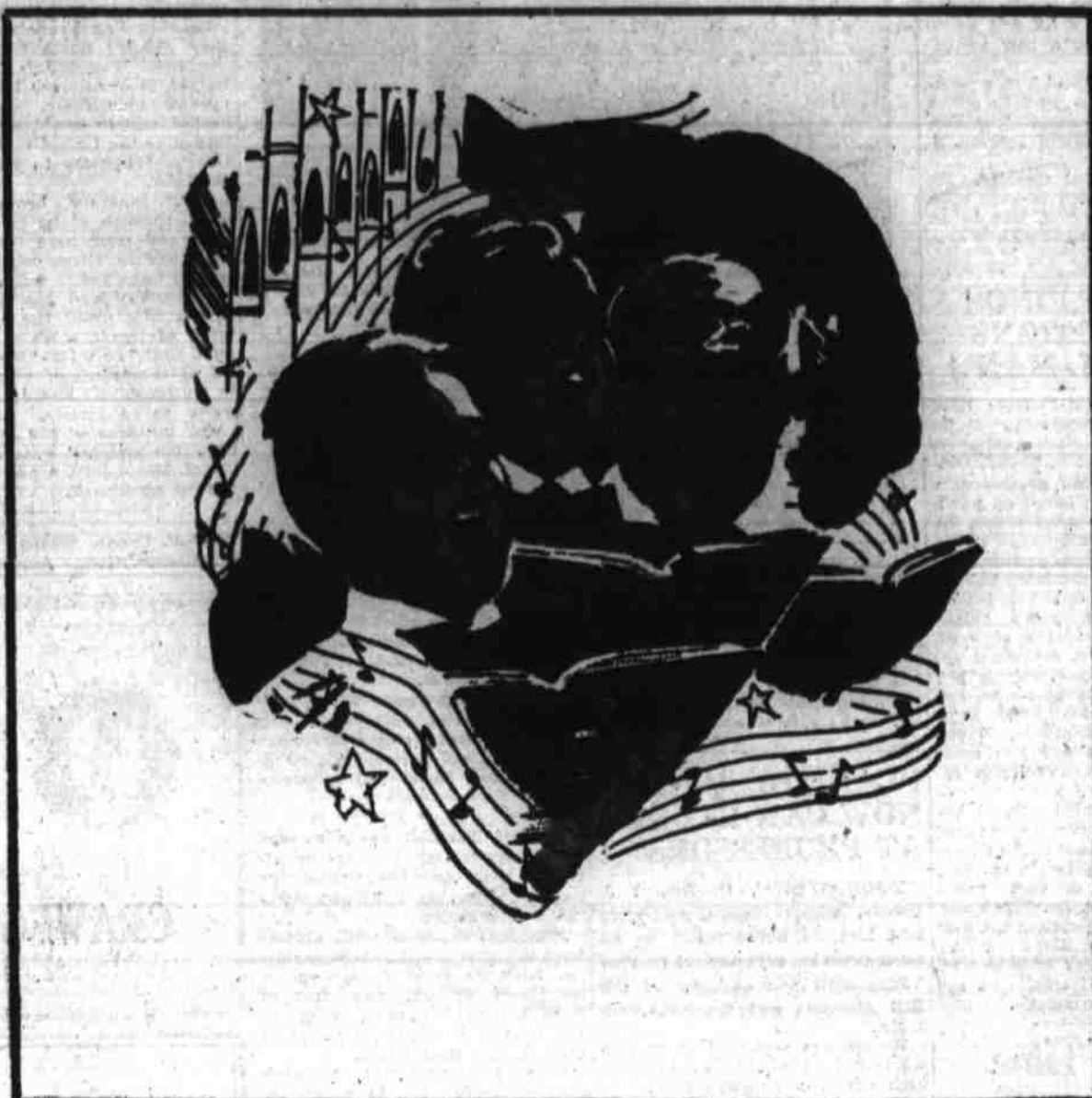
Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship.

Farmers Gin plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours . . .

SO WE SAY AGAIN—

Sincere Good Wishes **for Every Day in the Year!**

FARMERS GIN COMPANY



'tis the Season to be Jolly

Forget all your cares and worries... this day is for gladness! "TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY"... and also friendly, happy and kind... "What fun it is just to look at the Christmas tree—to see its myriad lights and gleamings, reflections of activities that make Christmas the most enjoyable day of the year.

You see mounds of presents, of wrappings, of eager faces—you see a group on the floor that turns out to include father and son, mother and daughter, all enjoying the day to the fullest extent. You see smiles and gladness, laughter, fun in which everyone joins. Relax and enjoy yourself—HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

And, at a season when gladness and thanksgiving are first in the minds of all people, the firms and individuals listed on this page welcome the opportunity to express to you best wishes for a glorious Christmas season... for a greater New Year... and to say to each of you: "THANKS FOR YOUR FAVORS; we are happy if we have been of service to you during the year now drawing to a close, and trust that we may continue to merit your good will."



Christmas

John Davis Feed & Seed Store
 Robert Stripling Insurance Agcy.
 Miller Bros. Cleaners
 W. E. Carniko
 Rowe and Lowe Garage
 Earl Phillips Service Station
 The Record Shop
 C. E. Higginbotham
 Southwestern Life Ins. Company
 Beverage Sales Co.
 Henry Kape, Salesman
 H. W. Smith, Agent
 Continental Oil Co.
 McDaniel Service Station
 A. K. Lobkowsky
 Schiltz & Fainstaff Dist.
 Big Spring Cash Wholesale Groc
 J. R. Creath
 Furniture and Mattresses
 Martin Linen Supply
 Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co
 Shirley Robbins, Agent
 W. M. Gage, Distributor
 Gulf Oil Company
 Barq's Bottling Company
 Singer Sewing Machine Co.
 J. H. Jiles
 Jones Construction Company
 George Tillinghast
 The Beauty Box
 Courtney News Stand
 & Shine Parlor
 B & B Food Stores
 Cowden Insurance Agency
 Jimmie Gamewell
 Reed's Grocery and Market
 Vanity Beauty Shop
 Flash Service Station
 Bonnie Lee Beauty Shop
 Jobs Cafe and Travel Bureau
 Hooper Radio Clinic
 Brownfield Beauty Shop
 G. Blain Luse
 Masters Electric Service
 Modernistic Beauty Shop
 Underwood Roofing
 and Sheet Metal Works
 Cundiff Grocery and Station
 Cathey Implement Company
 Whitmire's Food Market
 Seven-Seven Taxi
 Cornelson Cleaners
 Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.
 Yellow Cab Company
 O'Brien Grocery
 Moreland Music Company
 Dr. O. E. Wolfe
 Stags Auto Parts
 200 E. 2nd Phone 142
 Rainbow Inn
 202 E. 2nd
 Aubrey Sublett Dressmaking
 O. A. Warrington
 Local Representative Noh-Royal Crown
 H. W. Wright
 Standard Oil Distributor

Martin County Cotton Crop Biggest Yet

By J. E. KELLY
STANTON, Dec. 24. (Sp.)—The 1941 cotton crop will go down in



Christmas, with its wonderful spirit of goodwill and good cheer, is here—and it is natural that our thoughts have turned to those who have contributed to our success during the past year.

Dike Tolbert
PACKAGE STORE
210 E. 2nd



ON GUARD Growing U.S. alarm over enemies within our gates led to seizure of some 30 Axis vessels March 30, including above Italian ships at Newark, N. J.; Nazi spy trial in Brooklyn where 14 were convicted Dec. 13; ouster of German consuls by July 10; seizure of French ships, including the Normandie, tied up in N. Y. since 1938) on Dec. 13.

history as the greatest on record for Martin county, a survey of gin-nings in the county showed today. Prospects are that the county's record crop of 14,777 bales turned in 1931 will be almost doubled before the final story is told on the current crop.

According to the official report

of A. L. Houston, special agent for the department of commerce bureau of census for Martin county, the ginning record as of Dec. 1 stood at 26,844 bales. Since that time the 19 gins of the county have been operating with a great degree of regularity during days. Ginners agree that the present total is somewhere near 30,000 bales.

The gross value of cotton this year has been around \$100 per bale, which means a \$3,000,000 gross for the county. In most instances yields have approximated three-fourths of a bale to the acre with numerous instances of yields of a bale and more to the acre.

Considering Martin county's population of 5,556, it is apparent that cotton this year has returned an average of little better than \$350 per capita.

One result of the bumper cotton harvest is the booming of bank deposits. The local First National bank has an all-time high of \$1,200,000 in deposits now. Prior to this year, it never had a higher deposit total than \$525,000 since it was organized in 1904.

All Kinds Of Woe Follows Attempt To Rob Station

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—John Fisher, a filling station attendant was the center of plenty of action last night, all of it inconclusive.

A gunman entered, demanded the station's cash.

Fisher hurried a blow torch at the would-be robber. The missile missed, breaking a window.

Three times the intruder pulled the trigger of his pistol. Three times the gun failed to fire. The gunman fled.

Fisher ordered his dog in pursuit. The dog dashed across the street, started a fight with another dog and the thwarted robber escaped.

Cat Will Visit His Old Friends

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Winter-bound residents of the Christian Old Folks Home pined for their friend, Jimmie, a portly cat which was a daily companion in milder seasons.

"They sent him a Christmas card signed 'The Old People.'" Just below the formal greeting they scribbled "we miss you, Jimmie."

Jimmie, a new red ribbon around his pudgy neck, will answer that appeal with a Christmas Day visit, Miss Grace Boyer, his mistress decided.

In the tenth century The Scots borrowed a linen-smother of black glass from the Vikings to do their ironing.

Rep. Worley Joins Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Representative Worley (D-Tex) disclosed Tuesday he had enlisted in the naval reserve corps and had been ordered into active duty.

Carrying out a campaign promise to volunteer if he should ever vote for war, Worley late yesterday took the required oath and was commissioned a lieutenant commander. After a brief period of instruction here he will go to the west coast for a new assignment.

This was the second Texas member of congress to go into active service with the navy. The other was Representative Lyndon B. Johnson.

Worley is 33 and married. He said his office would be kept open and that he would remain in as close touch as possible with it during his service.

SCIENTIST FINDS RATS EMOTIONS PARALLEL MAN'S

BERKELEY, Calif.—Rats have emotional and personality traits paralleling those of human beings, believes Dr. Robert C. Tryon, University of California psychologist.

His findings are based on years of observations during which he has determined rats are better subjects for emotional and nervous reaction study than human beings. Dr. Tryon has established that the female rat is more "high-strung," and is capable of more complex and varied emotional responses than the male. Twenty per cent of the females, he found, are more emotional than the most emotional male. Likewise, 20 per cent of the males are less emotional than the least excitable female.

He has found the emotional behavior of rats and other rodents varies from the "neurotic" or nervous animal, to phlegmatic rats, almost incapable of very great emotional reactions. Dr. Tryon has worked out a standardized method of study of rats' emotions and has cleared the way for examination of the problems of emotional behavior in higher mammals.

FD Takes Time To Greet Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt took time out Tuesday from war talks with Prime Minister Churchill to play Santa Claus to the White House office staff who knocked off work to say "merry Christmas" and then went back to their jobs.

The chief executive was gay as he wished the season's best to 206 secretaries, stenographers, file clerks, messengers, secret service men and White House police.

Mrs. Roosevelt hurried over for the traditional party from her office about half a mile away.

As the staff passed by the president's desk, Grace Tully, the chief executive's personal stenographer, in the role of Santa's helper, handed out gifts wrapped in white tissue and tied with bright red ribbons.

A handshake from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and out filed the staff.

The presents, all alike, were 8 by 10 inch autographed photographs of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt taken by George Skadding, ace Associated Press staff photographer.



SILK Peggy Chandler was a shapely pair of legs ahead Aug. 1 as women mobbed stocking counters after U.S. order freezing silk for defense needs. F.D.R. signed record \$2,583,400,000 tax bill Sept. 26. War costs soared into billions.



AND NO MUSTARD—Traffic along New York's ultra-ultra parkway system comes in three-decker arrangements, like this crossover at the Queens county side of the Bronx-Whitestones bridge. Many traffic lanes converge at this point.

These Men Ducked THE BALL

By LUCRECE HUDGINS
AP Feature Service Writer
So you don't want to go to work today 'cause you have a headache? You poor thing! No one ever had the tough breaks showered on 'em the way you do!

PLANE DESIGNER NOW CAN LAUGH AT PROFESSORS

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Robert J. Woods, whose college professors told him he never would be an aeronautical engineer is the Youngstown-born designer of the Bell Alracuda and the Bell Alracobra.

Woods was orphaned at 17 and worked to send himself through high school and night school.

When his family's estate was settled, he received \$1,500 and with this money attended the University of Michigan.

One day one of his professors detained him long enough to advise: "Woods, you'd better give up your aeronautical engineering and specialize in something else. You're just not cut out for it. You'll never make an aeronautical engineer. It's not in you."

After a series of positions with the Towle Aircraft Co., the Detroit Aviation Corp., Lockheed and Consolidated, Woods went with Bell as a chief engineer, when he was 20.

The Alracuda and Alracobra are rated as two of the most vicious fighting planes produced by American concerns. The Alracobra has been dived at more than 600 miles an hour.

Racing Tracks Report Booms

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The boys and girls showed so many of their deuces through the mutual windows this year that every racing state in the country reported a boom on betting for 1941.

In playing the turf's time-honored equivalent of "I can dream, can't I?" the folks wagered a mere \$517,382,107, over \$100,000,000 more than in 1940, in the 16 states reporting in the annual Associated Press survey on the business end of the gee-gee situation.

The same 16 states (not including Texas or Oklahoma) reported their take on this pile was \$20,863,946.57, some \$5,000,000 over what it was last year.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the fish and wildlife service, estimates America's annual consumption of wild game and fish is 4,623,000,000 pounds and in an emergency could be increased to 5,000,000,000 pounds.

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COUPLE PEDALS ON 3,000-MILE VACATION TRIP

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—A young San Francisco couple, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Macdonay, aren't worried about any restrictions on gasoline.

The Macdonays visited Salt Lake City on the last leg of a 3,000-mile vacation trip. They made the tour on bicycles—three-speed, gear-shifting vehicles which permitted them to travel about 50 miles a day, even in mountainous country.

Leaving San Francisco in May, they pedaled north through Oregon and Washington and then ferried to Vancouver Island for a cycling tour there. Later, they headed east to Banff, and then returned to the United States on the famous "Highway to the Sun" in Montana.

Their itinerary brought them south through Idaho to Salt Lake City and from here they pointed west toward Reno, where a side-trip to Lake Tahoe was scheduled.

Macdonay and his wife were enthusiastic about the cycle as a mode of travel. "We're having a swell time," he said. "We've seen a lot of things which people riding in automobiles never see, and we've saved money. All in all, we're in favor of the bike transportation system."

Mrs. Macdonay, a pretty blonde, nodded agreement.

R.A.A.F. Counts 290,800
MELBOURNE, Australia.—The

selection board of the Royal Australian Air Force, has accepted the 200,000th volunteer for the air service. Part are trained as pilots and the others as ground men.



To Our
Many Friends
and
Customers
Brenner's
STORE

Wishing You a
Very
Merry
Christmas
CRAWFORD COFFEE SHOP
J. L. LYNCH

GREETINGS
The spirit of Christmas calls us to a better appreciation of associates and the true value of friendships... There are many ways to say it, but none better or more meaningful than—
MERRY CHRISTMAS
May the New Year Bring You a Full Quota of Happiness!
BUGG PACKING CO.
Marvin Sewell

A Great Day for EVERYBODY!
There's the beauty of Christmas Day—it brings Happiness and Good Cheer to more people than any other day of the year. It is an imperial visitor shedding its lustre upon the young and old, the rich and the poor
TO EACH AND EVERYONE, A SINCERE MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
L & L HOUSING
And LUMBER CO.

PIGGLY WIGGLY



Nothing gives us greater pleasure than to add our Christmas Greetings and to wish for you a most prosperous New Year. We hope that your Every Yuletide wish may be realized and that the occasion will be a happy one for you and yours.

Greetings
As another Christmas is welcomed, our entire personnel joins in extending Season's Greetings to our host of friends and customers.
May your every Christmas wish be fulfilled and may the New Year be one of happiness, health and prosperity.
Sky Harbor
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Church Building Fund Buys Bonds

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 24 (AP)—Trustees of the First Baptist church of Sullivan voted to turn the \$1,033.86 building and organ fund into defense bonds.

"If we win the war, eventually we can buy an organ and build a new building," explained the Rev. C. B. Atkinson, pastor.

"But if the American form of government cannot survive this crisis, we won't need churches or organs."

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war began Dec. 7. Places at which they have established beach heads include Legaspi, on the southeast-most tip of Luzon 250 miles from Manila; Vigan, on the west coast 210 miles north of the capital; and Aparri on the extreme north coast.

Altiman, situated on Lopez Bay on the narrow neck of land connecting the main portion of Luzon with the southern bulge, is a town of about 15,000 known chiefly as a fishing center.

Though it is only 75 miles inland from Manila, an invading army would have to travel approximately 100 miles to reach the capital, skirting around a large inland lake—Laguna de Bay.

The lone highway from Altiman to Manila winds through rugged mountains stretching across the Isthmus northwest of the town. A railway leading to Manila, which passes within a dozen miles of Altiman, follows a similar circuitous route through extremely rugged country which lends itself well to defense.

While there are no known military objectives in the vicinity of Altiman, the place was regarded in previous strategy as a possible invasion point and therefore precautions against an overland push to Manila probably have been taken.

Bonds Popular As Yule Gifts

People of the Big Spring area were saying "Merry Christmas" with defense saving bonds and stamps reports collected by J. E. Collins, county chairman, showed Wednesday morning.

Through Tuesday evening the strictly Christmas buying of stamps and bonds—that of Monday and Tuesday—amounted to \$23,452. Of the amount, the two banks had \$22,780 in bonds, the rest coming from the postoffice largely in stamps since the postoffice supply of bonds was exhausted except on denominations of \$100 and up.

The sale of defense stamps and bonds in Big Spring to date have aggregated \$312,926, a gain of well over \$90,000 since the outbreak of hostilities. Although some of the buying might be attributed to a seasonal trend, the volume was so steady that there was more evidence that there was a patriotic steadiness back of the new wave.

Many business houses this year paid off bonuses in government defense bonds and stamps altogether or in part, said Collins, thus lending to the program. Too, scores of people are planning to hand the bonds and stamp books on Christmas trees as gifts.

THE WAR TODAY: Loss Of Islands May Be Overcome

While World War Analysts The gravity of our position in the Philippines has been increased by the new Jap invasion of the coast of Luzon island, only 75 miles southeast of Manila—a strategic move calculated to place the capital in a pincers movement through coordination with the enemy forces already ashore at Lingayen and to the north of the city.

General MacArthur thus is being forced to defend two fronts at once—a nasty business at best. A possible measure of the seriousness may be seen in the fact that U. S. army headquarters in the Philippines today was considering declaring Manila an open city to spare it as much as possible not only from air attack but from ground assault.

It is a matter of vast pride and some encouragement that American and Filipino troops were reported late today (Manila time) to be resisting stubbornly in both sectors, despite the fact that they were greatly outnumbered. However, the Japs continued to land forces and we should be foolishly optimistic if we didn't recognize that the fate of the Philippines is on the knees of the gods.

Lack of air and naval forces sufficient to meet this onslaught adequately, at least in its early stages, is clearly evident. Still, war can't be all honey and flowers, and we must recognize that the present conflict is bigger than the China Sea or even the mighty Pacific.

The focal point of this World War is incongruous though it seems—the charming old-world village of Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps, meaning the abode of the creator of that abnormal code we know as Hitlerism.

Our first and main job is to smash the Axis in Europe. Any other operations are subsidiary. So we shouldn't thoughtlessly criticize the allied leadership for not stripping the European theater of fighting arms in order to meet this new emergency in the Far East. That's exactly what Hitler wants the allies to do, so that he can recover from his Russian disaster and strike another blow elsewhere. It is precisely to maintain an even balance in the direction of the whole allied effort that the great conference is being held in Washington.

Whatever disposition of forces may be decided upon by the allied supreme council, we have this to remember:

If we should lose the European theater of this war to Hitler, we are done for, but a temporary triumph of the Japs in the Far East wouldn't beat the allies. Nippon could be taken care of in due course, and there is no possible doubt that it will be smashed, whatever the vicissitudes of the fighting may be.

Survivors Of Ship Sinking Reach Hawaii

HONOLULU, Dec. 24 (AP)—Thirty gaunt and exhausted survivors of the freighter Lahaina, sunk by a Japanese submarine in the Pacific Dec. 11, reached a Hawaiian beach in a 20-foot lifeboat after nine and one-half days at sea, it became known today.

When they approached the shore at Spreckelsville, Maui Island, at dawn they made their identity known.

Two of the crew died aboard the crowded lifeboat from exposure and exhaustion and two others leaped overboard. One seaman died a few hours after the boat made land.

The 5,546-ton Matson freighter was 350 miles out of Ahukini, Maui Island, when she was shelled and left adrift and sinking.

Captain Hans Mathieson said the submarine, described as about 200 feet long, fired from 3,000 yards and then again from 500 yards. He estimated 13 of 25 shots fired struck the Lahaina.

Bailing by a makeshift sail and a compass salvaged from the ship, the seamen lived on potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons and a keg of drinking water taken off the freighter before she plunged to the bottom.

New, Larger Tax Bill In Prospect

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Chairman Doughton (D-MO) said today the house ways and means committee might have to write a new tax bill next year calculated to bring in "every dollar we can reasonably get" instead of just a fixed amount of new revenue.

"We have to obtain all the money we can as expeditiously as possible," Doughton told reporters, "and that means perhaps tapping new sources of revenue, increasing some of the existing rates and tightening up wherever we can, especially administratively." The group will begin consideration of the new bill January 15.

Both Doughton and Rep. Treadway (R-Iowa), another committee member, said scope of the measure could not be determined until the committee passed on recommendations by treasury and congressional tax statisticians.

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Big Spring Hospital Notes

M. K. Edds was admitted for medical treatment Tuesday.

Elmo Ellis' condition is reported satisfactory following major surgery.

Mrs. Frank Cathy returned home Tuesday following medical treatment.

Mrs. A. M. Bibbee, Monahan, returned home today following medical treatment.

Eldon Hull returned home today following major surgery.

C. Williamson returned home today following minor surgery.

C. E. Whitefield, Monahan, returned home today following minor surgery.

Mrs. Beadie Morgan returned home Wednesday following minor surgery.

Huffman Whitehead, Crane, was dismissed today after receiving eye treatment.

C. C. Brown, Vincent, returned home today after receiving medical treatment.

Nell Allen Reese returned home today after receiving medical treatment.

Here And There

Pvt. John Stripling, son of Fox Stripling, has been promoted from the rank of private to that of acting platoon sergeant because of "outstanding ability and leadership qualities demonstrated in his basic 12-week training at Camp Callan, Calif. He has qualified as a gunner second class with a grade of 98 per cent and as marksman with the service rifle. He is assigned to the specialist school. He has been a crew member of the heavy training gun batteries and has been active in camp football, baseball and softball.

Mrs. David Walde Jones has suggested that it might be a fine idea if the Legion or some other service organization could station some members at the depot to distribute cards and stamps when troop trains pass through the city.

Joel Campbell, 16, and brother Calvin Lynn Campbell, 6, have written in to remind Santa Claus that they now live at LaPorte, Texas, instead of at Westbrook. Each asked for a Bible and another gift and asked that their family be remembered and asked that the old gent not forget "all the poor children whose parents can't give you money." Incidentally they were placing a piece of white paper under the tree in event Santa was hungry when he arrived.

And then there's the letter from another little girl who asked for several things, among them a "doll buggy" and a "cocktail set." Hrrumph!

Lieutenant Robert F. Wason, Odessa, is among the 75 men who have been recommended for the distinguished flying cross in recognition of a trans-Pacific flight of great American bombers just three months before Japan struck at Hawaii. They completed their flight, made hazardous by avoidance of Japanese patrols, without accident or injury. One of the fliers, Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., was since killed in knocking out the Japanese battleship Baruma.

The Bettie family will be here for a reunion this holiday. Clayton Bettie, who is working in San Francisco for the Bethlehem Steel Works in the navy yards, and Mrs. S. R. Whaley of Corpus Christi are here visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bettie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Glenn and daughter, Joyce, were called to Lawton, Okla., today by the death of Mrs. Glenn's father.

Robert C. Delbridge, whose picture was carried in the Tuesday Herald, has written his mother, Mrs. Delbridge, that he has left port from a West Coast point for destination unknown. He is a seaman in Uncle Sam's navy.

Police were munching over a big box of candy presented them Wednesday by Cosden Petroleum Corp.

At the postoffice clerks were privileged to take a cup of hot coffee and a doughnut on the fly Wednesday morning as Postmaster Nat Shick performed his annual chore for his men in appreciation for quick handling of the Christmas rush.

Boy Scouts suddenly found themselves collecting tinfol Wednesday morning. Grover Dunham called Stanley A. Mate, field representative, to make him a gift of around 200 pounds of the material—thus Stanley was preparing to hurl the challenge out to Boy Scouts of the area to join in a drive to save tinfol.

Apparently none was seriously hurt in a car crash 15 miles north of here around 11 p. m. Tuesday. Two ambulances were dispatched by the Eberley Funeral home at the request of the highway patrol, but no injured were to be found.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Charles Brown came Tuesday to gain possession of Burton L. Herring, wanted on a federal indictment of using the mails to defraud. Herring was picked up here last Saturday by Policeman Alfred Moody.

Three Fire Alarms Rung

Firemen answered three alarms Tuesday night, and hoped the rush for the Christmas season was over.

First blaze reported was at the Big Spring Gin Co. at the east end of E. 2nd street. A bale of cotton in the process of ginning caught fire, spreading flames all over the gin. However, quick work by gin hands in using fire fighting facilities plus a decision to run it through rapidly to the press prevented extensive damage.

After a merry chase over the south end of town when a trash fire was reported at the Church of Christ, firemen finally found it at 8th and Sourry streets, across from the First Christian church. No damage was reported.

What would have been the most disastrous fire occurred at the White Auto Store where a heater apparently had burned a hole and in turn consumed a hole in the floor. Fortunately, it was underlain by concrete and firemen got it out before it could spread. A warehouse used by the company was reported broken into during the night, but a preliminary check showed nothing missing.

Red Cross Roll Call Hits Goal

Roy Reeder, roll call chairman of the Howard and Glasscock counties chapter announced Wednesday noon that the roll call objective of \$4,500 had been reached.

What appeared to have been an impossible task three weeks ago now was an accomplished fact, he said, as receipts pushed the grand total past the quota figure. He had officially terminated the drive at \$4,500 when a war relief Red Cross quota of \$5,400 suddenly was assigned to the chapter.

Thus today Howard and Glasscock counties had contributed barely less than \$12,000 to the Red Cross in little more than a month. The emergency contributions had stood at \$7,377.

Happy over the achievement, Reeder issued thanks to all who had a part in work or in gifts and was appreciative especially of the efforts of his special chairman, Shine Phillips, Mrs. A. Svaria, Charles Girdner, Schley Riley, W. L. Morrison, and Mrs. Lois O'Leary Smith, who headed up the Glasscock county section with the aid of Mrs. Homer Peel and K. F. Taylor.

17 Rattlesnakes Killed In Hunt

Speaking of rattlesnake kills, Lyle Currie, Jr., of near Ballinger, a kinsman of the Big Spring Curries and grandson of Mrs. Julia McClure, 1408 Sourry, set some sort of record in a recent hunt.

He killed 17 of the reptiles on his father's place near Ballinger, their size ranging up to five feet in length.

FUNERAL RITES SET

Funeral for Belle Phillips, who was killed in an automobile accident between Odessa and Monahan early Tuesday, will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Tuscola, her former home.

Methodist Women Treat Prisoners

The Methodist ladies made their tour to the county jail Tuesday carrying Christmas baskets filled with fruit, nuts and games.

The group also sang Christmas carols. Those in the group were Mrs. Vernon Lamun, Mrs. W. E. McDonald and Mrs. Arthur Pickle.

Dallas Organizes Penny-Plane Club

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Dallas today begins its penny-a-plane club where the mile a dime campaign left off.

The city council approved a plan for continued operation of an elevated platform in the downtown section where coins will be deposited.

Junior chamber of commerce hallyboozers, who put over the mile a dime for charity, will urge passersby to deposit a penny for each enemy aircraft officially reported shot down.

Weather Forecast

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Increasing cloudiness with scattered showers tonight; little change in temperature.

WEST TEXAS: Cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow over the El Paso area and the Big Bend country today. Rain over the remainder of West Texas tonight except snow over the Panhandle. Colder in the Big Bend tonight.

EAST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight.

WEATHER DATA

City	Max.	Min.
Arlington	54	32
Amarillo	45	28
BIG SPRING	54	30
Chicago	39	29
Denver	39	18
El Paso	51	28
Fort Worth	52	34
Galveston	62	44
New York	56	30
San Francisco	53	44
St. Louis	63	37
Sunset today	5:48	sunrise Thursday, 7:45

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Season's Greetings

May this be your happiest Christmas of them all... and the New Year be the most prosperous, our Yuletide wish for each of our friends.

Merry Christmas

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Red Cross Fund Climbs Steadily

Slowly but steadily, the Red Cross emergency war relief fund drive is climbing toward the \$7,500 mark and is only about \$280 away from the point, and approximately \$130 away from showing a \$2,000 excess over the Howard and Glasscock counties chapter quota of \$5,400.

Wednesday morning more receipts boosted the total to \$7,277.72, said J. E. Collins, chairman of the emergency drive. He urged others who have not had a part to come on in with their contributions so that the final figure may reach \$7,500.

Mexicans Attend Christmas Program

A Christmas program was presented by the city-WPA recreation department at the opening of the indoor center for the Mexican Flans play area Monday evening.

Christmas carols, appropriate games and a Christmas tree were followed by a marionette play, "Santa and His Reindeer," with a puppet storyteller and a musician adding variety to the program.

Approximately 120 attended and more were turned away because of the lack of space, said E. F. Malone, recreational supervisor.

Robber Leaves Change For Store

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 24 (AP)—When a man partially masked with adhesive tape walked into a store and pulled a revolver, Mrs. Lewis Corbett, wife of the proprietor, spread the contents of the cash register on the counter.

"Aren't you going to leave me any change?" she asked.

The man took approximately \$10 and left her \$2 in nickels.

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Another Thrust

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The war department announced today the appearance of enemy troop ships off Batangas on the southern tip of Luzon island about 85 miles from Manila, indicated the probability of another thrust in that region.

Funeral Held

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 24 (Sp)—Funeral services were held at Kiker and Ben chapel in Colorado City Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Newson Arnold Rogers, 55, who died of a heart attack while driving a truck home from Sweetwater at 8:30 Saturday evening.

One Moment, Please!

Stop unwrapping your gifts just long enough for us to say "Merry Christmas" and "Thank You."... We hope you get everything you have longed for and a lot more, too.

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Lookin' 'em Over

By Jack Douglas

Jimmy Gamewell, Country Club golf pro, returned from the Rio Grande Valley Open at Harlingen with tales of just about as dampish a course as there is to be found west of the Everglades. Harlingen's golf plant has fourteen water hazards—count 'em. Every hole on the front nine has a water hazard and number 10, 11, 13, 15 and 18 are also water carriers.

For a West Texas dry land golfer the going must have been a bit like going before the mast.

In tournament play Jimmy shot 75-74-78-74 for a total of 299—a consistent game in any man's language. At the end of the first day he was tied for 27th, one stroke over Ben Hogan. At the close of the second session he was still well within the sixty remaining. Before tournament play got underway Gamewell turned in 69 and 67 cards over the course.

"Best Bermuda greens I've seen in many a year," is Jimmie's estimate of the Harlingen course. Although Bermuda grass predominates on the green growth, a clover-like plant gives added body to the putting surfaces.

Four West Texas cities will be represented in the polo extravaganza scheduled for this week. To start the festivities, a double-header is billed for Lamesa today with Big Spring, Midland, Lubbock and Lamesa taking part. According to present plans, the same lineup of teams will square off in a twin bill here next Sunday.

District 3-AA clubs are due to give a preview of comparative strength before they actually jump into the cold waters of conference basketball competition. January 2-3 San Angelo is slated to host all quintets in the circuit at an invitational tourney.

Many drivers still need to learn the "Stop, look, and Listen" lesson, census bureau figures indicate. Last year 1,707 persons were killed in collisions between automobiles and railroad trains.

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Sports

The Big Spring Daily Herald

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Cleveland Indians Dubbed Top Dissappointment Of '41

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The doubtful honor of being dubbed the No. 1 disappointment of the year goes to the Cleveland Indians without much of an argument.

By a margin of almost two to one, the Indians beat out Lou Nova of the cosmic punch in the opinion

of 25 sports writers participating in the Associated Press' annual poll. Thirty-one of the experts said the Tribe's slide into a tie for fourth place, 26 games back of the champion Yankees of the American league, after finishing only a game out of the top spot in 1940, was proof that Roger Peckinpach's boys deserve the distinction.

Boston's Prexy Looks For Top Club This Year

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—If Santa Claus wants to reward a young 71-year-old fellow's patience and perseverance, he'll have a 1943 National league pennant in Bob Quinn's Christmas stocking tonight.

Quinn, president of the Boston Braves, never has had a big-time championship though he has been in baseball 23 years—25 of them in the major leagues.

The ruddy, white-haired Boston prexy came closest in 1923 when he was general manager of the St. Louis Browns, only major league team never to win a pennant. They finished one game behind the champion Yankees that year.

Quinn started out as 145-pound catcher with the Lancaster, Ohio independent team in 1920. Since 1926, he has been in the front office of Columbus in the American Association (one of the founders of that league), the Browns, Boston's Red Sox, Brooklyn and now the Braves.

But, at 71, he's still as vigorous as a cold shower on a sub-zero morning, as optimistic as a college sophomore.

"Why not," he said, "a man's only as old as he feels. I don't feel old... and one of these days I'll come in with a pennant-winner."

Calif. Prepares Rougher Course For Traveling Pros

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP)—The nation's touring professional golfers, campaigning in Texas at the moment, may as well know the truth before they hit the California tournament trail.

The hillierest country club course, some of the \$10,000 Los Angeles open, has been made longer—and tougher.

Tees in many instances have been changed, cups have been placed in the oddest corners of the greens and new traps lurk where none ever lurked before. The course will stretch out almost 7,000 yards.

Professional Charley Lacey, host for his brother golfers in the big event Jan. 2-12, escorted a group over the course to point out its hazards and added treacheries.

"The course," he grinned, "has been fixed to make the boys use their noddies."

Hunters—Pay Heed To Season Closing

Hunters had best take a good look at the calendar and plot their future courses with care.

Game Warden Guy Ferguson issued a reminder that three open seasons are to close right away.

Duck hunting will end, under the law, at 4 p. m. December 26. That's Monday.

On December 31 at sundown, deer hunting becomes illegal.

And on January 15 at sundown, quails may rest in peace.

Regarding the quail situation, Ferguson reported good supplies of the birds—and fat ones at that—at many points in this country.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLESTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (Wide World)—How come? It's been a whole day since Spike Nelson quit and nobody yet has hinted that Jack Sutherland has the inside track for the Yale coaching job.

...Don Barnes says the Browns had a "real solid offer" to move to Los Angeles and the sponsors of the plan were willing to guarantee a minimum for clubs traveling out there.

...Golf ball manufacturers say any shortage will hit the cheap balls first, because they take just as much rubber and don't last as long as the 7c and 8c balls.

Today's guest star—Carrie (Scoop) Latimer, Greenville (S.C.) News: "Carolina versus California, climate... Coach Wallace Wade would rather suffer from a new head cold after the Rose Bowl game at Durham than scratch prickly heat in Pasadena."...How about headaches instead of head colds, Scoop? Is Wade used to them?

One-manule sports page—Nat Fleischer finally has his "All Time Ring Record Book" ready for delivery... It runs 564 pages, twice as long as originally planned... Biggest delay was caused by the printer's natural mistake in calling it the "middleweight" class... Vera Miller, Harvard's 220-pound tackle, has been classified as "physically unfit" by his draft board because of his size... Might have been more accurate to say "uniforms don't fit"... A Chicago high school girls' bowling team composed of a nifty blonde, a red-head and two brunettes calls itself the "pin boys delight."

Denver Quits Big Seven

DENVER, Dec. 24 (AP)—The mountain-spanning Big Seven athletics conference was looking for a new name today, minus the company of its largest collector of gate receipts, Denver University.

Harry Carlson, dean of men and athletic director, of Colorado University, indicated after the metropolitan school's surprise withdrawal last night that the conference would continue operations as a six-team league.

He said the six, Colorado, Utah, Brigham Young, Wyoming, Colorado State and Utah State, would confer shortly to determine the conference's attitude toward Denver's exit.

Denver plans to play its 1942 conference football schedule, but next year's basketball agenda has not been approved.

Lengthy contention between Denver and Colorado over home-and-home playing schedules, particularly in football, came to a head with the sudden announcement by Chancellor Caleb F. Gates, Jr., of Denver that D. U. was quitting, effective the end of next May.

Gates said in a letter to other members that the cause was an increasing tendency of the conference "toward complete domination" of members' sports administrations.

Coyotes' Aerial Game Hits Snag

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Cold weather brought with it a tendency for the Wichita Falls Coyotes to drop passes as they practiced today for the schoolboy grid finals Saturday in Fort Worth.

Receivers who usually gather them in expertly dropped many of Gene Hill's tosses during a long scrimmage session. The Coyotes were in good condition and appeared to be in a good frame of mind.

Bowling Funds To Go Into US Bonds

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24 (AP)—Dr. Joel Bernhard, Ohio executive commissioner of the American Bowling Congress, said today that while virtually every bowling league in the nation would pay off prize funds in defense bonds this season, the national tournament opening here March 8 would remain on a cash basis.

Bernhard explained that to put the A.B.C. on a defense bond award basis would require a vote of the entire board of directors whose next meeting is scheduled for late in the national tournament.

1941—The Year In Sports—Tennis



Riggs, Cooke Outsmart Foes For Net Titles

By DILLON GRAHAM
Sports Editor, AP Feature Service
NEW YORK — The smartest strategist tennis has seen in a long time climbed back on the throne this year as cagey little Bobby Riggs out-thought lanky Frank Kovacs to win the national men's singles.

The cocky midget, who gained the crown two years ago when Don Budge abdicated, then lost it to an inspired Don McNeill last year, hardly had the speed or the flashing strokes to best the handsome Californian. But he had the generalship.

Kovacs clinched the first set with a burst of speed that brought him a love-games victory. But Riggs had finally mapped his battle plans. And from there on out Kovacs never had a chance. Riggs romped through three sets to win the crown.

Brief Relays
However, his second reign as amateur champion was brief. Little more than a month after his victory at Forest Hills, Riggs turned professional, along with Kovacs, who had been suspended by the tennis association for rule violations.

A long-time contender broke through to win the women's crown. She was Mrs. Sarah Paley Cooke, a finalist before but famous chiefly as Alice Marble's doubles partner. Here again victory went to the superior strategist, Young Pauline Betz, the national indoor and claycourt champion, had more stamina and speed than did her rival but Mrs. Cooke continually outsmarted her for point-winning shots. She won in straight sets.

California Kids Repeat

The kid sensation who won the 1940 men's doubles championship, Jack Kramer of Los Angeles and Ted Schroeder of Glendale, retained their title as Mrs. Cooke, paired with Margaret Osborne, took the women's doubles.

Kovacs won the indoor crown and Frankie Parker took the clay-court championship. Joe Hunt of Navy won the intercollegiate championship while Fred Perry was the top professional.

First Bomber Off New Assembly Line

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24 (AP)—Thirteen days ahead of schedule, the first medium B-25 bomber came off the assembly line of the North American Aviation, Inc. plant today.

The ship, not yet test flown, was christened with champagne by Mrs. Thomas Bender, wife of the first employe on the plant's assembly line.

How To Follow Sinkwich's Steps—Have Flat Feet

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 24 (AP)—If Texas Christian University is wondering why all-America Frankie Sinkwich is hard to stop, here's a reason:

It's his flat feet.

T. Fitz Lutz, University of Georgia trainer who has been watching the spectacular halfback for three seasons, says those pancake toes are the big reason Frankie is such a brilliant runner.

"He has perfect balance," explains Lutz. "He doesn't tip over easily because of this balance, and it enables him to change direction at top speed."

Despite his flat feet and the broken jaw he suffered in the season's second game, he wound up the campaign as the nation's leading ball-carrier. His 1,103 yards by rushing was only 20 short of the national record set by Whitner White of Colorado, and he personally outgained eight of Georgia's 10 opponents.

Coach Frank Thomas of Alabama—the only team to beat Georgia this year—says Sinkwich is the fastest back in the country for the first five yards. That lightning takeoff gets him through small holes, and makes blocking easier for the linemen who must control the opposition.

His trademark all season has been the padded steel hammock worn to guard his broken jaw. The fracture is healed, but he'll wear the guard against T. C. U. in Miami's Orange Bowl for added protection.

Execution Dates Of Miley Slayers Fixed

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 24 (AP)—Circuit Judge Chester D. Adams has fixed Saturday, February 21, for the electric chair executions of Robert Anderson, 36, and Raymond S. Baxter, 37, convicted of murder in the robbery-slays of Golf Star Marion Miley and her mother, Mrs. Elsie Ego Miley.

The judge then granted stays of execution pending appeals to the court of appeals, Kentucky's highest tribunal.

Recreation Unit Will Operate Through Holidays

The City-WPA Recreation department is operating morning and afternoon on all playgrounds during the school holidays, with the exception of December 25 through the 28, which will be observed as Christmas holidays by all recreation leaders.

Through the cooperation of leaders of the Mexican Baptist church a three-room building near the Mexican Plaza has been obtained and is being equipped for use as a game room, music and club room and as a craft shop.

One room of the clinic building at East Side playground is being repainted and equipped as a game room. The City-WPA recreation department will then have indoor facilities at all play centers with the exception of Birdwell Park playground.

The high school gymnasium has been secured Monday and Thursday nights of each week for basketball league play.

National sponsored vacation schools are open day and night in more than 500 cities of this country.

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Automotive Service
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
And A Very Happy New Year
To our host of friends and customers who have made 1941 a successful year, we extend our most hearty wish for a happy Merry Christmas and a Happy 1942.
Jones Motor Co.
Dodge - Plymouth

We Could Say
MERRY CHRISTMAS
a thousand times
to each of you and we'd still fall far short in fulfilling our obligation for your splendid friendship and patronage during the past year.
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LUBRICATION 50c. Alemite certified lubrication. High pressure equipment. Phone us, we deliver. Flash Service Station No. 1, 2nd & Johnson, Phone 852.

FOR SALE—Trailer house. Paul Morris, owner, Wright Addition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

LOST—Living room chair and sideboard of truck between here and Garden City. Reward. Return to Elrod Furniture Company.

Personals

CONSULT Estella the Reader, Heffernan Hotel, 206 Gregg, Room Two.

Travel Opportunities

TEXAS Travel Bureau at Job's Cafe. Cash passengers daily. Share expense plan. Free insurance. Tel. 9524. 1111 West 3rd.

TRAVEL share expense? Cars and passengers to all points daily; list your car with us. Big Spring Travel Bureau, 206 Main, Phone 1042.

COURTESY TRAVEL Bureau. Special attention to ladies and children. 219 Main, Phone 182. Share expense plan.

GOING to California? Will drive you in exchange for passage. Leslie Griffith, Box 682, Fortson, Texas, or phone operator.

Business Services

Ben M. Davis & Company Accountants - Auditors 217 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas

BATTERIES recharged while you wait 40c; no rents; no delays. Griffin Service Store, Third and Austin.

WANTED—Good tire bodies for retreading. Reasonable prices paid. Firestone, 607 East 3rd.

Woman's Column

THREE dollar permanent \$2.50. \$4 permanent \$3.50 or 2 for \$6. All \$2.50 permanents \$4.50 or 2 for \$8. Our quality for permanent waves guaranteed. Bonnie Lee Beauty Shop, 606 Johnson, Phone 1761.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Closing Times—

11 a. m. Weekdays
4 p. m. Saturdays

2c Per Word One Day

3c Per Word Two Days

4c Per Word Three Days

5c Per Word One Week

20-Word Minimum
Readers 2 1/2¢ per word

Card of Thanks 1¢ per word

Capital Letters and 10 point lines at double rate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman's Column

HOLIDAY SPECIAL
\$3.50 permanents \$3.2 for \$5.25; \$4 permanents, \$3.50; \$6 permanents \$4; \$8 permanents \$5; also \$3 permanents. Brownfield Beauty Shop, 200 Owens, Phone 668.

ACT QUICK
\$3 permanents \$2.75. \$2.50 permanents \$3 or 2 for \$5. All \$7.50 permanents \$5. Shampoo, set, no dry, 40c, with dry 50c. Oil Shampoo, set, dry 75c. Lash and brow dye 50c. Manicure 50c. All work guaranteed. Modernistic Beauty Shop, 602 Nolan, Phone 1448.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted—Female
WANTED experienced beauty operator. Settles Beauty Shop.

FINANCIAL

Business Opportunities
DRUGSTORE for sale; will sell stock and lease fixtures; rates reasonable. Call 1104 E. 3rd St.

FOR sale or trade hotel in Big Spring doing good business; 2-year lease. See C. A. Miller at Miller Tire Store, 601 W. 3rd.

FOR SALE

EASY Electric washing machine for sale reasonable; good condition. Call at 808 Main.

FOR SALE

Radios & Accessories

RADIO repairing done reasonable. The Record Shop, 120 Main, Phone 328

Crosley Radios

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BARGAINS in best makes, new. All makes used, many like new. Take in cleaners, sewing machines, typewriters, adding machines, gasoline, good rugs or what have you. The largest vacuum cleaner business in the west.

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Phone 18 1821 Lancaster Service all makes of cleaners in 10 towns for patrons of Texas Electric Service Co. Why not yours? Cash paid for old cleaners.

Pets

ONE Scottie pup for sale. Subject to registration. 1201 Runnels, Bill Buckner.

Building Materials

FEA Quality lumber sold direct. Save 20%. Truck delivery. Write for catalogue. East Texas Sawmill, Avinger, Texas.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE at a real bargain, one steam table, practically new, consisting of 5-jars and one meat pan. Also one gas broiler containing hot plate, ideal for cafe or drug store. Call at Elliott's Security Street Drug, 1403 Security, Phone 128.

TWO re-built bicycles, like new, bargain. Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Sales & Service, 408 W. 3rd.

WANTED TO BUY

FURNITURE wanted, we need used furniture. Give us a chance before you sell. Get our prices before you buy. W. L. McCollister, 1001 W. 4th.

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For Xmas Shopping

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FOR RENT

Apartments

ALTA VISTA apartments, modern, comfortable. Bills paid; new stoves and other furnishings. Phone 604, Call at E. 2nd and Nolan.

ONE, 2 or 3-room furnished apartments. Camp Coleman, Phone 51.

FOUR room unfurnished apartment; upstairs; couple only. Apply 1001 E. 12th Street.

NICELY furnished apartment; three rooms, breakfast nook; electric refrigerator. Dr. G. A. True, Phone 582 or 48.

THREE room furnished apartment; bills paid. Phone 1442, 1211 Main.

Bedrooms

BEDROOM, 706 Johnson.

FRONT bedroom; private entrance; convenient to bath. 1509 Gregg, Phone 1211.

Houses

OUTST little four room furnished house in town, available Dec. 1, 900 11th Place. See J. L. Wood, Phone 328-J.

FIVE room unfurnished house located at 1002 11th Place. Apply 508 Johnson.

ROOMING HOUSE in 700 block of East 2nd; practically furnished. 708 Johnson.

FOUR room furnished house; couple only. Apply 209 Austin.

WANTED TO RENT

Apartments
WANTED a small apartment or sleeping room; working couple, no cooking. Write Box 693, and give particulars, price, etc.

Houses

WANTED a four or five room furnished house; preferable near high school; must have between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Call 1097.

REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale

FIVE room house with butane gas system for sale; 2201 Johnson; a bargain. See Tals & Bristow.

Farms & Ranches

160 Acres, 12 miles north Big Spring; 140 in cultivation; 4-room house; 2 good tanks and well; price \$25 acre. Richburg and Daniels, 104 W. 3rd, Phone 1405.

160 acre improved farm; \$1800 cash, balance terms. 2-section Midland county, \$10 per acre. Other farms and city property. Phone 448, C. E. Reed.

THREE acre tract with 7-room house for lease; well equipped chicken farm, and garden space. Small dwelling for sale. Mrs. H. B. Arnold, 1405 W. 5th, Phone 1225-W.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Howard County, Texas, will open sealed bids on the 7th day of January, A.D. 1942 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. for the purchase of one 4-door passenger automobile to be used by the Sheriff's Department and will trade in on said purchase one 1940 Ford Fordor Automobile with special equipment.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1941.

WALTON MORRISON
County Judge,
Howard County, Texas.

The printing and publishing industries give employment to more than 265,000 persons with salaries and wages totaling nearly a billion dollars, according to the census bureau.

SCHEDULES

Trains—Eastbound
No. 6 11:10 p. m. 11:30 p. m.
Trains—Westbound
No. 11 9:00 p. m. 9:18 p. m.
No. 7 7:35 a. m. 7:55 a. m.

BUSES—EASTBOUND
Arrive Depart
2:32 a. m. 3:02 a. m.
5:47 a. m. 6:17 a. m.
8:27 a. m. 8:57 a. m.
1:47 p. m. 2:17 p. m.
3:00 p. m. 3:30 p. m.
10:12 p. m. 10:42 p. m.

BUSES—WESTBOUND
Arrive Depart
12:15 a. m. 12:15 a. m.
2:58 a. m. 3:08 a. m.
9:48 a. m. 9:59 a. m.
1:13 p. m. 1:23 p. m.
3:13 p. m. 3:18 p. m.
6:24 p. m. 6:29 p. m.

Buses—Northbound
9:41 a. m. 9:45 a. m.
9:10 p. m. 9:20 p. m.
9:28 p. m. 9:40 a. m.
9:30 a. m. 7:15 a. m.
9:30 a. m. 10:15 a. m.

Buses—Southbound
4:28 p. m. 3:25 p. m.
10:38 p. m. 11:00 p. m.

Plains—Eastbound
6:38 p. m. 6:18 p. m.

Plains—Westbound
7:41 p. m. 7:49 p. m.

MAIL CLOSINGS

Eastbound
Train 7:00 a. m.
Truck 5:40 a. m.
Plane 6:04 p. m.
Train 11:00 p. m.

Westbound
Train 7:20 a. m.
Train 8:45 p. m.
Plane 7:07 p. m.

Northbound
Train 8:45 p. m.
Truck 1:30 a. m.

Star, Rural Routes—9:00 a. m.

CHRISTMAS



May the Christmas bells ring out good cheer, health, wealth and happiness that will resound throughout the New Year.

We appreciate your patronage during 1941 . . . and hope you will be listed with us in the years to come.

J. B. Collins, Agency

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FOR CHRISTMAS

You don't have to wait. We will let you have the cash you need for "last minute" shopping at "that Christmas trip."

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Boys Join Navy To Ditch The Girls

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (UP)—Youngsters just enlisting for the navy were told Tuesday they could have Christmas leave and report back at weekend for transfer to naval training stations.

Only 26 accepted the offer. The other 26 wanted to get on their way and were shipped out immediately.

"I've stalled around here two weeks now. Let's get going for the train," said one.

Another youngster replied ironically: "None. I'd just have to buy presents for four gals. You can ship me out tonight."

Presenters Pour In For Corky Kelly

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—Sons and daughters of Uncle Sam from all over the nation are playing Santa Claus to Corky Kelly.

Toys and presents have been pouring in to the 15-month-old boy whose father, Capt. Colin F. Kelly, Jr., died a hero's death at Pearl Harbor.

A Texas company sent a \$25 defense savings bond.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation of every kind word and deed in our sorrow and loss of a dear brother and uncle, J. E. Winn, Jr. We will always be grateful to each of you. May the Heavenly Father bless you in my prayer.

Fred Winn and Family
Eudice Winn and Family
Bill Winn

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MEAD'S fine BREAD





We wish for you and yours everything that is good at this happy holiday season.

Elmo Wasson THE MEN'S STORE

Best wishes for a Happy, Prosperous New Year. May all that you wish for be yours in 1942.



RITZ Last Times Today BARGAIN DAY Half Price

THE GAYEST, GOOFIEST COMEDY SURPRISE OF THE YEAR!



Not Too Late To Get THEATRE GIFT BOOKS \$1 and \$2.50

LYRIC Last Times Today

Air Heroes In The Making 'I WANTED WINGS'

Filmed At Randolph Field with Ray Milland-Veronica Lake Brian Donlevy

QUEEN Last Times Today

Love Amid War! 'ONE NIGHT IN LISBON'

Madeleine Carroll Fred MacMurray



-RITZ- Christmas Day, Friday - Saturday

Primitive Romance ... death-defying adventure in the heart of the jungle

TARZAN'S SECRET TREASURE featuring JOHNNY WEISMULLER MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN John Sheffield



FOUNDATION AID GOES TO PERU'S MALARIA FIGHT.

LIMA, Peru—The Rockefeller Foundation soon will direct a country-wide campaign in Peru to stamp out malaria, according to a government announcement.

Special Features In Screen Entertainment for Your Holiday! Give the Family A Film Treat!

LYRIC Thursday, Fri. - Sat.

A Ridin' Romancin' Rague! GENE AUTRY



QUEEN Thursday Only



-RADIO PROGRAM-

- Wednesday Evening 8:05 Col. Manny Prager's Orch. 8:30 Supper Dance Varieties...

High Officials To Broadcast Greetings

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Christmas Eve messages from President Roosevelt, Pope Pius XII and Eamon De Valera...

Dallas Police Get Handed Phoney Dollar

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Somebody palmed a silver-plated phony half dollar off on the Dallas police department Tuesday.

Holiday Good Wishes. We cherish the thoughts of the fine associations that have been ours... and take this method of expressing true appreciation. The FASHION WOMEN'S WEAR MAX E. JACOBS

Pigeons Ready For Army Use

NEW ORLEANS—Thirty Orleanians have a hobby which in the event of war would be turned into a grim business—the training of homing pigeons.

Good Cheer May Health, Happiness and Prosperity be yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Elbert M. Fisher Co

The Season's Best Wishes To Each Of You. In this the most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails throughout the land... J. & K. SHOE STORE

How About Giving Him GLOVES \$1 up Your Selection Gift Wrapped Mellinger's

RE-OPENING JACK POTTER CASINO CLUB East Highway - Big Spring WED., DEC. 24

Homecoming Of Collegians Marks Holidays

Younger People Take Town Over

Home for the holidays - the nicest time of the year. When students gather around with their families, forget that "learning" for awhile and have themselves a good time.

Christian college to spend the holidays. Viola and Gladine Rowe arrived Friday from T. S. C. W. to spend the holidays. They will accompany their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rowe, to Denton where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Rowe's mother, Mrs. E. J. Hodley, and also their sister, Mrs. Travis Carlton, the former Emma Mae Rowe, who is a resident of Denton.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ferguson. Marie Dunham arrived Saturday from Tech for the holidays. Mrs. G. C. Dunham's sister, Mrs. H. Rex Collins and son of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived Sunday and accompanied Marie and Mrs. Dunham to Fort Worth where they will visit Mr. Dunham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates. Dunham plans to join them later for the holidays.

and Mrs. Koona's mother, Mrs. Otto Blaser. Billy will return to school from Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mansur will leave for Sweetwater Saturday where they will meet their son, Monroe, and from there leave for Phoenix, Ariz., to visit Lt. Clive Mansur, stationed at Luke Field. Mrs. Beth Whitwood of North Fleet, Ark., arrived Saturday and will also accompany the Mansurs to Arizona. Monroe is a student at A. C. C. in Abilene.

Family Reunions Numerous In City

Family reunions, visits from distant friends and relatives, and trips to other points, makes Christmas a cheery season even as much as brilliantly-decorated trees and colorful gifts.

left Tuesday night via American Airlines to join her. Fern Wells is spending Christmas in Brady with relatives. Mrs. Mabel Timms returned home Monday from Stanton where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Ted Cypert.

Okla., nephew, Tom Campbell of Wichita Falls and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Moss Fribble and daughter of McCamey. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pearce and daughter, Jean, are spending the holidays in Gall where the Pearce family will hold a reunion.

and their grandson, Frank Edward House of San Antonio. Mrs. Irene House of Midland is spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoppel.

Advertisement for Chamber of Commerce. Includes 'Merry Christmas' graphic, 'Happy New Year!' graphic, and text: 'May this holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success as a reward for your every effort.'

Continuation of the homecoming news stories. Mentions students like Ruth, Rebecca, Peggy and Don Thomas, and various families spending the holidays in different locations.

Continuation of the family reunions news stories. Mentions various family gatherings and visits, including those of Victor Martinis and Don Seal.

Advertisement for Empire Southern Service Company. Features a 'Merry Christmas' graphic, the text 'Greetings of the Yuletide Season', and 'GAS IS YOUR QUICK, CLEAN, ECONOMICAL SERVANT'.

Big Spring People Hosts To Many Visitors

Alma Jane Page, which is to take place December 25th. Others leaving for Abilene to attend the Page-Barber wedding are: Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis, Mrs. Hugh T. Davis and Mrs. Bonnie Mae Smith, Mrs. T. L. McKinney and family, and Otis Harris and family of Istan.

Mrs. H. T. Davis has as a holiday visitor, her son, Dick Davis, of Wichita Falls.

L. B. and D. M. Boles of Berger are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Will Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dawes, Jr., are spending the holidays in Canyon with Mrs. Dawes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duffot.

Nancy Dawes is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Dawes, Sr. Nancy is now a resident of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parks have as holiday guests, Mrs. Allene

White and Shibley Jean of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Glad Sommers of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bibb and Dora Jean left Monday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with Mrs. C. E. Robinson. They will also visit in Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bibb and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collier, their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Queen and children and Mrs. E. Mayes left Sunday for Long Beach, Calif., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Fox have as a guest, Mrs. Robert Shafer of Roscoe, who will be here until Wednesday when the Fox's will accompany her home to spend the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stony Henry will leave Wednesday night for Fort Worth to spend Christmas and will join their daughter, Bobby Jean, who left here Friday for Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Burch



WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN—For absent-mindedly locking his 18-month-old sleeping collie dog in his car one night, Clarence Lewis of Boise, Idaho, paid dearly. This is what happened to the auto, which was a 1935 sedan. The pooch ripped the upholstery to pieces, tore off the arm rests, and finally escaped by clawing his way through the top of car. Some dog-gone going!

Mrs. Floyd's niece, Betty Carolina McNiece of Abilene, who has been visiting her, will accompany them back to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fort have as holiday guests, Mrs. W. E. Fort, mother of Mrs. Fort, and Mrs. Fort's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hickman, of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. French have as guests Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sparks of Monahans. Sparks is Mrs. French's brother. They plan to spend the week-end.

Mrs. H. L. Eik is expecting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rix and children of Odessa to arrive for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers had as guests Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eddins of Calipatria, Calif., and daughter, Peggy Anna, who stopped over en route to Redoak to spend Christmas.

Mrs. C. G. Beed will have as New Year's guests, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rudd of Pecos.

Mrs. A. M. Bunyan has as Christmas guests, Mrs. Flora Runyan of Abilene and Mrs. J. H. Ward of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Jess E. Sanders has her two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Archie Sanders of Los Angeles and Mrs. Clyde Sanders of Tropic, Calif., visiting her over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Satterwhite and Billie Bob will spend Christmas-day in Abilene with her sister, Mrs. Clyde E. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Savage have as guests, Bobbie Savage, home from John Tarleton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Savage and son, William Thomas of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage of Grayville, Ill., and Mrs. Fred Savage's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson of Coffeyville, Kas.

Christmas
GREETINGS

WISHING THE PEOPLE OF BIG SPRING AND WEST TEXAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

A. P. KASCH
PLUMBING & ELECTRIC CO.

GREETINGS

To all the good people of Howard County:
From the depths of my heart I wish for each and every one a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy, Prosperous NEW YEAR.

JOHN F. WOLCOTT
Tax Assessor - Collector

CORDIAL GREETINGS

AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

We welcome an opportunity to thank you for that measure of good will and confidence we enjoy from you. From this priceless asset—the good will of all we serve and those who serve us—we hope to draw inspiration for continued effort and for greater achievement in the years to come.

We are happy if we have been of service to you, and trust that we may continue to merit your friendship and patronage.

May Your Every Wish Be Fulfilled

BARROW'S

Thank You

Friends and Neighbors of this community for your favors to us during many years of association and service... Our sincere wish is that Christmas finds you well, happy and prosperous!

Westerman Drug
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Westerman

spent the weekend in Pecos with his father, Wayne Burch of Louisville, Ky., arrived here Monday to spend the holidays with them.

Fat Beagan, who is a student at Staunton Military academy in Staunton, Va., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogan here during the Christmas holidays.

Robert M. Mayne, who has been in Washington for the past two weeks, was due to return Monday. He and Mrs. Mayne plan to spend Christmas in Albuquerque, N. M., with his family.

Margaret King, Fulton, Ky., was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pickle. She was en route to Los Angeles, Calif., where she is to be married to Charles Bushart on the 24th.

Nellie Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and other relatives. She is a first year student at TSCW in Denton and will return to school on Jan. 8.

Jesse Fickie, assigned to the FVA District office in Houston, is due to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fickie, during the holidays.

Tom Beasley, son of Mrs. Annie Beasley, plans to come from Austin, where he is associated with the department of vocational education, to spend a few days with his mother and with the W. C. Blankenships.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris and son, Jimmie, of Crane, will be guests Christmas Day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fickie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coffee have as holiday guests, Miss Hattie Coffee and Mrs. Maggie Randall of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coffee have as holiday guests, Mrs. E. C. Coffee of Albany, John Coffee's mother, Miss Marie Coffee of El Paso, Dick Coffee of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Thiessen and Tommy of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Edwards and daughter of Boyes Hot Springs are visiting Mrs. C. B. Edwards over the holidays.

Kenneth Koger of Fort Bliss, El Paso, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Koger. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Koger of Shamrock arrived Sunday to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Driver, Mrs. Wayne P. Rice and Jack and Joan are spending the holidays in Ponca City, Okla.

Mrs. W. A. Hicker has as guests, Mrs. J. B. Whisenant of Evansville, Ind., and Rupert Ricker and family of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Head have as a guest their daughter, Mrs. H. K. Whipple of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Virgil Weenick also of Cleveland, Ohio, is in California after a visit here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeder will spend Christmas Day in Baird

DON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN . . .

When men are fighting and dying, you must do your part. Be sure you enlist your DOLLARS FOR DEFENSE. Back our armed forces—and protect your own life—with every single dollar and dime you can.

America must have a steady flow of money pouring in every day to help beat back our enemies.

Put Dimes into Defense Stamps. And put Dollars into Bonds. Buy now. Buy every day. Buy as often as you can.

Don't take this lying down.

W. Eason, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Waters and family, Mrs. Gilmore and daughter, Betty Jean Holt, and Mr. Eason's sister, Mrs. Tom Stephenson of Rotan.

Mrs. Sam Baker returned from Dallas Sunday to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmonds, Jr., and sons, Don and Doug, will leave Thursday to spend the holidays in Fort Worth with Edmonds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmonds, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Evans and Mrs. A. A. Blagitt are spending the holidays in O'Donnell with Mrs. Evans' sister, Mrs. Dewey Stump, and Mr. Stump.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fahrenkamp have as holiday guests, Mrs. Fahrenkamp's sister, Mrs. M. J. Dawson and daughter, Dorothy Jeanne of Colorado City. Miss Grace Mann is also a visitor in the Fahrenkamp home.

Gene Hardy Fiewellen, who has been working in Sonora and Eldorado, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Fiewellen.

Spending the holidays with Mrs. W. J. Flowers are her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flowers of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Underwood of Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Floyd are spending the Christmas holidays in Abilene with Mrs. Floyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Time.

JOY TO YOU

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Once more it is our pleasure to extend the compliments of the season and express our hope that the NEW YEAR will bring you and yours the abundance of good things and good health you so richly deserve.

We take this occasion to thank you most sincerely for your generous patronage the past year.

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.
LUMBERMEN
Phone 57

Best Wishes for the New Year!

As we think of the generous way in which you have patronized our business, we are moved to thank all of our good friends for the feeling shown toward us.

As Christmas approaches, we hasten to offer our most sincere and hearty wishes for a Joyful Christmas, attended with a superabundance of good will, happiness and well-being.

In the spirit of the greatest possible neighborliness, we wish for you a Christmas unclouded by care and brightened with all that is good.

Burnet-Uhl Machine Co.
24th and Gregg Phone 270

with her brother, Claude Johnson, and family. They will be accompanied by her father, W. A. Johnson.

Dorothy Rhoton of Odessa and Mrs. Floyd Thomson of Abilene are visiting their mother, Mrs. D. A. Rhoden, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Riley have as guests her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hollis of Wink, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of Eunice, N. M., and her sister, Ethel Allen of Fordyce, Ark. Miss Allen arrived here via American Airlines.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Foresyth have as guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foresyth of Eastland, who arrived Saturday to spend the holidays. They are also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Loy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walker and W. H. Foresyth. Other guests in the R. V. Foresyth home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thorpe and son of Abilene.

Mrs. Iphette McElhannon and children, left Tuesday for Belton where they will spend the holidays and return here Saturday or Sunday.

Warren Baxley, son of Mrs. Bonnie Baxley, is home from Texas university for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dehlinger have as holiday guests, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dehlinger, Jr., and son, Jerry Paul. Also a visitor in the Dehlinger home over the holidays will be their daughter, La Fern, now residing in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dublin will have as holiday guest, Dublin's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin and John, Jr., and Mrs. J. R. Dublin all of Midland. Also Mrs. Dublin's brother, John W. Terry, of Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. A. B. Dyer and Norma are spending the holidays in Mingus with Mrs. Dyer's mother, Mrs. Tom Bernard.

Mrs. J. R. Creath is going to have one of the traditional old-time get-togethers for a Christmas dinner, a feature of which will be the old time English plum pudding made by Mrs. Creath's mother, Mrs. M. A. Berry. Mrs. Berry is 80 years old and she says she has very seldom missed making the age old pudding at Christmas time. Others to spend the holiday and enjoy the dinner at Mrs. Creath's are her brother, C. C. Berry and family of Colorado City, Mrs. M. L. Burrus and daughters, Isabell and Elsie, of Lubbock, Melvin Burrus of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Early and family and Lucille Berry, a sister.

The Rev. and Mrs. Allen Holly and Middle Lou of Broken Arrow, Okla., will spend New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Early, Mrs. Allen is Mrs. Early's sister.

Another group of Big Springers who will stay at home and enjoy a family reunion Christmas dinner are the R. T. Eason. They will have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. G.

Santa Buys Large Bag Of Gifts From Local Merchants

Indications Of Prosperity Seen

Santa will carry a big pack tonight, if the books of local merchants mean anything. He has been shopping like mad for a full month now, and it looks like a full sock for nearly everyone.

Although the shopping season began much earlier than usual—two weeks, most merchants say—the closing days of the gift rush this week found streets and stores jammed.

And while merchants admitted increases in Christmas business of 20 to 40 per cent over last year, it would not be surprising if the total finally adds up to a 100 per cent gain in some cases.

Only exception to the rule of large gains were retailers who found it impossible to obtain stocks, due to shortages of materials brought about by the war. Stocks held up well to the end.

far-sighted buyers having stocked shelves well.

The trend was toward quality goods, with such luxury items and jewelry coming in for wide favor. "Dollar gifts" weren't the rule, as in so many Christmases. But the five-and-ten stores experienced great increases in total business, too.

Influence of the war on the general public was hard to determine. Some obviously took the attitude of "we'd better have a big spree this year, for no one knows what we'll be up against next year."

Suffice it to say, the entrance of the United States into the war just as the shopping season hit its stride caused only a momentary lull in business—perhaps less than a day's real slow-down.

Generally improved conditions in the oil, refining and railroad businesses, with resulting payroll increases, and the best year for farmers since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary must be generally credited for the big year. It is doubtful if the war caused a dollar's worth of difference, one way or the other.

And these factors may keep the after-Christmas slump from being so great as usual. It is doubtful if gift buying completely absorbed the surplus of money prevailing among many groups of people this year.



At this glad season, when peace, good will and fellowship are so much in evidence, we extend Season's Greetings.

May you enjoy the associations of those dear to you, and may their companionship continue through the years to come.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all!

YOUTH BEAUTY SHOP



LIBERTY BELL—Last wartime sabotage damage historic Liberty Bell which has been the nation's property since 1753, guard has been posted near the bell in Independence Hall at Philadelphia. Above, Capt. Warren McCullough keeps watchful vigil.

Martin Home Demonstration Clubs Interested In Poultry

STANTON, Dec. 24 (SpI)—Interest in poultry proved an outstanding development in 4-H and home demonstration club work of Martin county during 1941.

Accomplishments only served to bring out the need for more poultry facilities, especially in light of the need of increased egg and poultry production this year.

Some outstanding work has been done. Among the leaders have been the Belton T. Hills of Brown. The poultry house was built from scrap lumber, yet is modern in almost every detail. Cleo Griffin, 4-H club girl at Brown did so well that her interest induced her mother, Mrs. J. E. Griffin, to turn the family flock over to her daughter for another year. Others achieving singular work in poultry development were Mrs. M. L. Koonce, Lenora, Ralph Mullins, Flower Grove, and Mrs. O. G. Denton, Bryant.

In the field of home improvement, where kitchens were the special interest, six demonstrations accomplished renovations valued at \$1,355.21, according to the report of Fern Hodge, home demonstration agent. A number of families added butane gas plants to their homes. In several cases, kitchen improvement stimulated families to carry through on the whole home. Among the demonstrators in this field are Mrs. Ezell McKaskle, Lakeview; Mrs. J. T. Sims, Valley View, and Mrs. Otis Davidson, Stanton.

Club girls improved 30 bedrooms at a cost of \$365. Those cited for good were Sarah Evelyn Griffin, Brown; Bernice Moma, Valley View; Gwendolyn McClain, Lenora; Ruby and Virginia Atchison, Stanton.

As a result of the mattress program, 140 of these were turned out, leaving 123 yet to be made as soon as supplies are secured. The comforter program resulted in 123 of these being turned.

Another result of extension service work was the effecting of a permanent Martin County Fair organization due to the quality and quantity of exhibits exhibited during the autumn show.

Other activities during the year have included 4-H and HD radio programs over station KBST in Big Spring, the utilization of FREA line extensions, increased canning, greater crop production which may be reflected in further home

Hog Declared Smartest Animal of Barnyard

NORWALK, O.—Take it from a Huron county, O., farmer, the hog is the "smartest" farm animal.

Glenn Wood, farmer and former county commissioner, says he has proved it. A hog, Wood says, needs only one shock from an electrically charged stock fence to convince him that it is well to stay clear.

On the other hand, Wood says, horses, cows and sheep have to be shocked several times before they learn the lesson.

Spray Makes Apples Cling

CORRALITO, Calif.—Local orchardists are planning to ship a fast one over on Isaac Newton and his law of gravity. By sprinkling their apple trees with a naphthalene acetic acid spray, which strengthens the stem at its juncture with the twig, they expect to reduce the number of windfall apples to such an extent that a modern Newton would have to watch a long time before he could see one fall.

Social Security Funds Go To 1,744 Texans

At the end of September of this year, 21 months after the beginning of operation of the federal old-age and survivors insurance plan of monthly payments, 11,744 individuals in Texas were receiving checks for insurance amounting to \$157,319 monthly, according to William V. Stephenson, acting manager of the Big Spring office of the social security board.

Benefit rolls, naturally, are increasing as more workers retire or die. According to the type of beneficiary, the following payments were being made as of Sept. 30, 1941:

Primary (retired workers over 65) 4,870, \$29,374; aged wives (of retired workers who are over 65) 1,041, \$11,194; aged widows (of deceased wage earners who are over 65) 158, \$2,603; widows current

(under 65 with dependent children of deceased wage earners in their care) 1,547, \$28,074; dependent children 4,095, \$44,751; and dependent parents 49, \$532.

The figures do not include payments made during part of the year but which were later discontinued due to any of several reasons.

Stephenson pointed out that widows of insured workers may receive insurance benefits regardless of age while they have in their care dependent children of the wage earner. The monthly payment to wives and to dependent parents is one-half that of the wage earner's primary insurance payments. The widow's benefit is three-fourths that of the wage earner's, and the child's is one-half.

H.C.L. Hot Dog
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The hot dog and the hamburger, the last trench in 5-cent sandwiches, have yielded to the rising costs of living here. Winston-Salem dispensers of the delicacies have raised their price to 8 cents.

That this Christmas will be your happiest... and that the New Year will bring you good Health, Happiness and Prosperity... is the sincere wish of...

Hester's Office Supply
118 Main Street Phone 1646

As another Christmas comes around we feel that we have an unpaid obligation, an obligation of gratitude. Friends of this institution have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. These friendships have been an enjoyable experience, one in which we believe we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we strive to serve. And now, all we ask is the privilege of a continuance of these fine relationships to enable us to look forward with genuine enthusiasm to the future.

Season's Greetings To All Our Friends

Troy Gifford
TIRE SERVICE
214 W. 3rd Phone 503

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON

May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Douglass Hotel

Greetings of the Season, with best wishes for a Happy New Year

The friendship and confidence of our many friends have been 1941's brightest treasures for us. Our sincere hope is that we will continue to merit such good will throughout the new year.

KELSEY
800 Bunnels Phone 1234

CHRISTMAS SERMON: "Unto You A Saviour Is Born"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

By REV. H. C. SMITH
Pastor, First Methodist Church

A clear conception of Jesus Christ has never been more important than at this time. Practically the entire world is engaged in war today. The loss of life has already been great. Before the Angel of Peace moves across the world again, the loss will be staggering. In addition to the loss of life, the loss of that which has material value will be so great no one will be able to give an accurate estimate of it.

To what extent our world civilization will be thrown back by the present conflict, the most discerning ones among us cannot say. Our world should learn that war must not be. The cost is too terribly great.

Jesus is a Saviour. When all nations decide to crown Him King, permanent peace will come. With a merciless foe bending every effort to crush our Democratic way of life, there is but one thing to do now, namely to beat this enemy back. But we are fighting a defensive battle. War-clouds will lift, and peace will come. We must know that there is one who is a Saviour. His way of life is the only way that can make war impossible. Clarence Dawson, speaking to the student body at Princeton University some years ago, made the following statement, "when the world is taught to love and not to hate, war will cease." The way of Him whose birth we commemorate at this time is a way of love. Jesus is a Saviour, indeed.

That Holy One who was born nineteen hundred years ago is our personal Saviour. Every man's soul is a battle ground. Many conflicts are experienced almost daily. Man's concern for today, and the future, sometimes causes heaviness of spirit. The economic struggle is for many very great. A few years go by, and we all realize that our surplus energy has been used up. Then living becomes somewhat an effort. As people experience the grind of life, they need one whose presence proves to be a Saviour.

It is a scientific as well as a Biblical fact, that religion gives strength to the inner man. The Christian feels that

he is conscious of the presence of Jesus. His presence saves one from despair. Thirty years ago, a Mother who was bearing many of the heavy burdens of life, was often radiant. It was not unusual for her to sing "A Little Talk with Jesus Makes it Right, All Right." Many who must move at times from the mountains to the valleys find Jesus to be a Saviour.

The announcement made by the angels was, "Unto YOU a Saviour is born." Some who read these lines are now having some of the trying experiences of life. It may be that your health has failed. A great sorrow may have come to you recently. Or, you may be thinking of a lad in the uniform of this country. All are somewhat heavy in spirit because of world conditions. May each one hear at this Christmastime the words of the angels, "Unto you a Saviour is born."

When Wise Men found Him many centuries ago, He was cradled in a manger. Those men fell down and worshiped Him. They were Wise Men. It is the part of wisdom for people to worship Him today. As we think of the Wise Men of old kneeling in reverence near where the young child lay—

Let us join in their devotion
Kneel with them in grateful love,
Hail the Master, Lord, Redeemer
Born to lift our souls above.

Born the nation to deliver
From the blight and curse of sin,
And the triumph over evil
In the universe to win.



May there come to you at this
Holiday Time
A rich cargo of the precious
Things of life.

Texas Company

Mrs. Tom Ashley
"Serving West Texas With Texaco Products
for 30 Years"

Two-Year Work Begun On Turkish Encyclopedia

ISTANBUL—The Turkish ministry of public instruction has begun work on a Turkish encyclopedia to be called "The Inonu Encyclopedia," containing all available information about Turkey and general subjects in 14 to 16 volumes.

Huseyin Cahit Yalcin, editor of the Istanbul newspaper Yeni Sabah, will head the group of editors who have undertaken to finish their job in two years.



DRAFT Just one of millions in army or going to be—under broader draft law—is millionaire's son, Winthrop Rockefeller (above). Thousands of men hurried to enlist in army, navy or marine branches as war with Axis began.

Private Keeps Tradition, Buys Birthday Cake

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. — Before Pvt. Reese Spurrier, a motion picture employe at Hollywood, was drafted into the army he never missed a birthday cake. He kept his record intact at Fort Worden—even if it was at a drug store, without his mother being present. Spurrier strolled into the store, sat down at the counter and unwrapped an already purchased cake and candle.

Spurrier jabbed the candle into the cake, lighted it, then passed out slices to the store force and nibbled a few himself. The proprietor reciprocated with coffee and a juke-box rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Martin County Due To Exceed War Fund Quota

STANTON, Dec. 24 (Sp)—Martin county is almost certain to exceed its quota of \$1,000 for Red Cross emergency war relief purposes.

With well over \$700 in hand at the start of the week, chapter officials felt that reports from outlying sections would put the drive over the top. The fact that Martin county has approximately a dozen young men fighting in the Philippines stirred much of the populace to action.

Martin county had just over-subscribed its regular roll call quota of \$200 when the emergency appeal was received. It was just in time to catch the chapter with a reorganized personnel, including: Mrs. Inez Woody, chairman; Mrs. Charles Ebberson, chairman of production committee; James Jones and Mrs. Evelyn Woodard, local relief committee; Guy Elland, chairman of home service; Mrs. Cora B. Kelly, publicity chairman; R. M. Deavenport, chairman of war fund; Mrs. Earl Burns, secretary-treasurer.

TAILOR HASN'T GONE TO BED FOR 40 YEARS

RAMSGATE, Eng.—Pull up a chair and have a nap. That's what Rowland Wales, 84-year-old tailor of Ramsgate, does when he feels sleepy. Father of 21 children, this octogenarian claims to have done all his snoring for the past 40 years in an old armchair in the back of his small shop.

"I ain't been to bed in two-score years and I ain't never going again," he says. "My wife used to say I disturbed her of a night and that's what made me take to the armchair. Not much sense a-getting undressed when as soon as I'd be a-lying down, it would be time to start to work again."

Babe, his 80-year-old wife, bears the solitude of her upstairs boudoir without complaint.

Towboat Hoover to the Rescue
RED WING, Minn.—When the towboat Franklin D. Roosevelt went on the rocks in the Mississippi river near here, the towboat Herbert Hoover came along to pull it off.



A Great Day

for Everybody!

May the True Spirit of

Christmas Bring You

Peace and Happiness!

Dr. Geo. Wilke

Optometrist



We wish you all the
joys of the Christmas

season and sincerely hope that the coming months will bring you a large
share of happiness and prosperity.

The management of this organization is joined by every employe in
extending this Christmas Wish.

Charlie Faught Auto Supplies

400 E. 3rd

Phone 290

Cordial Greetings



We've Been Wishin'
You A Merry
Christmas for a
Great Many Years

And we haven't seen the
time yet that it didn't give
us a pleasant experience.
Each year we are more appreciative of the friendships and patronage that has been ours. Each Yuletide season has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming year.

Big Spring Hardware

117 Main

Phone 14



LIGHT PUTS THE SPARKLE IN CHRISTMAS!

Ever stop to think what Christmas would be like without the joyous color and sparkle of Christmas lights? Imagine a Christmas tree without lights! Imagine a Christmas party in the dark!

Down through the ages LIGHT has come to be a symbol of all the finer things that Christmas stands for. In our everyday life it has been accepted more and more as a great aid to easier, better, safer living.

And now that things are not as usual—now that we are facing the gravest crisis in the history of our great nation—it is more appropriate than ever that we are maintaining the tradition of Christmas by broadcasting greetings with light to everyone—friend and stranger alike. The spirit of Christmas must not—cannot—die

Our office will be closed Christmas day, but many of our employees will be on the job as usual to provide the comforts of electricity on your holiday and to maintain dependable electric power for defense industries.



Season's Greetings

Your Friends and Neighbors in the Texas Electric
Service Company Wish You a Merry Christmas

C. S. BLOMSHIELD, Manager



Big Spring People Hosts To Many Visitors

While many plan to spend the day away from home Christmas visiting with relatives and families, most of the local people planned a day at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Laird are

spending the holidays in Stanton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Payton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin are spending the holidays in Liberty visiting Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. J. F. Jacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence will leave for Tulsa, Okla., Monday to spend New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Lawrence.

Mrs. O. C. Hart is spending the holidays in Brownwood with her husband, O. C. Hart, who is stationed at Camp Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Veach are spending the holidays in Abilene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gowach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark are spending the holidays in Tulsa. They are visiting with both their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson are spending the holiday in Olney and Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. W. V. Rose and Leland and Mrs. F. Sholia and Frank Glenn are in Deatur visiting with Mrs. Rose Dillard. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sholia's mother, Mrs. Annie Stephens, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Norcliffe Meyer are spending the holidays in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and son are spending the holiday weekend in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bipe and children are in Oklahoma City, Okla., to visit with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Cook, over the holidays. They will return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sisson and Bobby are spending the holidays in Paris with her mother, Mrs. B. R. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Howell had as Tuesday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Farnoff of Houston. C. H. Simmons of Arlington is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slaughter over Christmas.

Mrs. Jerry Kinold is spending



CAROLINA THUNDER The U. S. navy, which in August proudly put the newly-commissioned 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina (above) through tests, firing some 20,000 pounds from 19 guns for a record salvo, suffered a blow Dec. 7 when Japan bombed Hawaii, sinking a battleship and other war craft. Promptly Congress authorized increase of 150,000 tons in navy's vessel strength but included no battleships in this tonnage. During 1941 there were launched 5 battleships, at least 17 destroyers, 6 cruisers, 10 submarines, other craft.

Christmas with relatives in Hamilton.

Mrs. J. L. Webb and Nina Rose and James of Rowell, N. M., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith. They will return the 5th of January.

Mrs. Lola Lester and daughter, Pat Flowers, are spending the holidays in Fort Laveca with Dr. Lester and family and Donald Lester.

Mrs. O. B. Hays and son of Fort Worth are spending the holidays here with her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Petty.

The Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Curtis of Seminole are spending the holiday here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wade of Mulcahee are visiting in the S. P. Petty home over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zinck have as holiday guests, Mrs. Bell Hurst of Rowell, N. M.

Mrs. J. I. Fritchard is spending the holidays in Fort Worth with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lovelace of Corpus Christi are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lovelace.

Mrs. T. L. Lovelace and family are spending the holidays in Yalata with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hadley.

Mrs. W. D. Lovelace and family are spending the holidays in Shalwater with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Peters.

Mrs. W. O. Low will leave Monday for Denton to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rayzor.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Franklin of Iranan are spending the holidays here with their daughter, Mrs. L. S. Madison.

Miss Anne Martin will spend Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Shirley Fryar, who lives north of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martin have as a holiday guest her mother,

Mrs. H. E. Miles of El Paso. Mrs. Miles will leave after the holiday for her home in Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner Meekins are spending the holidays in Winters with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Mrs. S. A. McCombs has as a holiday guest, her niece, Henri Sue Barlett, of Lubbock. They plan to spend Christmas in Jayton with Mrs. McCombs' mother, Mrs. H. H. Ellberry.

Mrs. W. W. McCormick is spending the holidays in Cantavilla with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hodges have as guests for the Christmas holidays, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodges of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holden will attend a Christmas family reunion in Colorado City during the holidays. The reunion is to be held at the home of Mrs. Holden's mother, Mrs. R. F. Hargrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurt are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Hall and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Minter, Jr., of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Jr. and baby of Corpus Christi are visiting here during the holidays. They are visiting Johnson's mother, Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Key of Odessa are spending the holiday here with Mrs. Key's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson. Mrs. Key is the former Charlene Estes.

Mrs. W. E. McKee has as holiday guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mason, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kinard have with them during the holidays their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daucey Kinard and Melba of Lamesa. They will return to Lamesa the first of the week.

Met Reeves of Los Angeles, Calif., is spending the holidays in Big Spring as a guest of Mary Elizabeth Newsum.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson are spending the holidays in San Angelo with Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Koberg. Dr. Koberg is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Koberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Landers of Amarillo arrived Thursday night to spend the holidays with Mrs. Landers' mother, Mrs. T. W. Ashley. Mrs. Landers is the former Lula Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boggs and children of San Diego, Calif., stopped over Wednesday, en route to Fort Worth to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen.

J. C. Allen left for Mineral Wells Wednesday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Anderson have as holiday guests, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bishop are expecting their son, Jake, Jr., to arrive from Ellington Field, near Houston to spend the holidays.

Mrs. C. O. Bledsoe has as a holiday guest, her mother, Mrs. J. D.

Bennett, of Rotan.

Grover Bissard, son of G. G. Bissard, and a resident of Birmingham, Ala., spent the holidays here.

Mrs. Lowell Baird of Graham arrived Monday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Bass. They will spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Bass' mother, Mrs. M. E. O'Daniel, of Coahoma.

Mrs. Howard Boone and family left Monday to spend Christmas with Boone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Boone of Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Lacey are spending the holidays with Lacey's mother, Mrs. E. G. Lacey of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miles here as holiday guests their son, John Louis Miles and family, of Woodbury, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Garrison have as a holiday guest, Mrs. Garrison's brother, Howard Hart, of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. LaVelle of Odessa are spending the holidays in the L. M. Gary home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gibson have as holiday guests their sons, W. E. Jr., and Howard, of Texas University. They will return to Austin Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Gray's daughter, Mrs. J. E. Butler of Big Lake, is spending the holidays here. Also visitors in the Gray home are Mrs. Joe Burton and Mrs. Lesley Huffman of Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Griffin have as holiday guests, Mrs. Griffin's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Simmons of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hair have as a holiday guest, their son, M. V. Hair of San Antonio.

Muriel Smith, who is stationed at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, is spending the holidays here with her wife, Mrs. Smith. Muriel is home on furlough and will return Thursday.

Mrs. W. L. Hanehaw of Amarillo is spending the holidays here with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hanehaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harper are spending the holidays in Leakey with an old friend, Grover Buchanan. They plan to go deer hunting if the season permits. Those to accompany them from Big Spring are Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Watts, Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Harper's grandson, James Sims. They plan to spend a week.

Mary Jessine Bell of Ballinger is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. G. E. Fleaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collins are spending the holidays with Mrs. Collins' mother in Glenrose.

Elizabeth Graves is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graves.

Mary Ruth Ditts of Lubbock is spending the holidays with Elizabeth Graves. Mary Ruth is a former resident of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyle of Abilene are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker, Mrs. Kyle's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kyle, Howard's parents.

Midshipman Jess Collins of the

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, arrived home Monday night to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ida Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser of Fort Worth are visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Orms, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Jones have as a guest her sister, Mrs. J. W. Duffus of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Viorage and sons, Ronnie and Charles, are spending the holidays in Dallas with her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gackle and Maxine of Hobbs, N. M., accompanied by Mrs. Max Wiesen are spending Christmas in Fort Worth at a family reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hurt have as guests, Miss Mattie Ferguson of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. C. T. Cross and Max Cross of Detroit, Mich., who arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Medley is spending Christmas in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shive have as guests their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seay and Mary Louise of Pecos City, Okla., and another daughter, Mrs. C. W. Sheane of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bishop left Tuesday for Houston to spend Christmas with their son, Jake, who is with the army air corps stationed at Ellington Field.

Sgt. Charles Vinson arrived home on furlough from Camp Robinson, Ark., to spend a few days here with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vinson. He will return to camp Sunday.

Mrs. G. G. Morehead accompanied by Doris Jean, Jimmy Lee and Robert Earl, left Monday for Frederick, Okla., where they will visit her sister, Mrs. Tom Harrison, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hayworth and children of Fort Collins, Colo., are spending the holidays here and in Coahoma visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Campbell have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans and Judy of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hart will spend the holidays with Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Henderson of Venus, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Harwell are spending the holidays in Ada, Okla., with Mrs. M. M. Harwell, Harwell's mother, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Minter, Mrs. Harwell's parents.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hardy are having as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Randall and family and Randall's mother of Seymour, the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hardy, Dr. Hardy's parents of Tahoka, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Williams, of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heath have as holiday visitors, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Roberts of Big Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henley have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. Caronhan of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Allen are spending the holidays with relatives in Mexia.

Beau Elmer Williams of Lubbock is visiting with her mother,

Mrs. Kay Williams, over the holidays.

Barbara Freeman of El Paso and Mary Freeman of San Antonio are home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Freeman, for Christmas.

Harriett Luehring, who is in school at St. Joseph's in Abilene, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Mae Luehring.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thomas of Pecos. E. E. Brown of Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, is expected to arrive Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thurman have as guests her mother, Mrs. Will Manager of San Antonio and sister, Pauline Manager of San Antonio, La. and Mrs. E. H. Staveland of Brownwood, and Mrs. Thomas Hel-

ton and son of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Robbins and children of Golden, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Easterwood of Loveland and J. H. Smith of Amarillo are visiting with H. H. Smith over the holidays.

Mrs. A. W. Shearer had as guests until Tuesday, Mrs. T. E. O'Keefe of Fort Worth. Mrs. O'Keefe was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutherford who will spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sheppard expect as Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McAdams of Ackerly and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Sheppard will have as guests on Sunday the 28th, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Gee of Houma, La.

A Christmas Thought

We cherish the thoughts of the fine associations that have been ours... and take this means of expressing our heartfelt appreciation.

SINCERE GOOD WISHES TO EACH OF YOU

SETTLES BEAUTY SHOP
Mrs. Otis Green, Owner
Phone 42

JOY TO YOU!

Peace to Those You Love...

We hope the pleasure we had in serving you has been mutual! We take this opportunity to thank you for past favors and extend SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Thomas Typewriter
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GREETINGS from US to YOU

With Every Good Wish for Christmas and the New Year

PENNEYS
WAS. PENNEY-OWNERS

GREETINGS

At this glad season, good will and good fellowship are so much in evidence, we extend Season's Greetings. May you enjoy the associations of those dear to you, and may their companionship continue through the years to come. Happy Christmas to all and a Prosperous New Year.

Bolinger's Grocery
300 N. W. 3rd

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS seems to renew our obligations of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We're grateful the patronage you have given us in the months past and pledge ours to you faithfully in the future.

Tommie's Smokehouse
Next Door To Safeway

Our Christmas Wish

We are happy to join in wishing for you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY... Prosperous NEW YEAR

and to express to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for your valued patronage and friendship.

Harley - Davidson
Motorcycle Sales & Service
Cecil Thixton, Owner

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Cordial Greetings:

From the Folks Who Serve You at Hall's

For the Business, large or small with which you favored us during the past year, we are sincerely thankful... and trust we have served you well.

... We sincerely hope you will favor us during 1942.

TAKE OUR WISH FOR A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, 1942

Hall Wrecking Co.
Big Spring, Texas

a Season of Happiness ... A New Year of Health and Prosperity

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SCHOOLS URGED TO EMPHASIZE MATHEMATICS

BOULDER, Colo. — Special courses in mathematics to make easier in later years the chore of figuring the family budget and the cost of a tankful of gasoline for the car are advocated by a Colorado professor for high school students who do not plan to go on to college.

Two separate curricula in mathematics are the plan of Dr. Earl R. Douglass, college of education director for the University of Colorado and author of several mathematical texts.

"Since various types of calculation are needed more and more in daily life, the curriculum for those not going to college should be made practical," the professor said. "Use of the automobile, for example, has greatly stimulated use of mathematics in such problems as calculating time and distance. The person who isn't good in arithmetic is handicapped in his vocation, his purchases, and in other phases of living."

Prof. Douglass advocates a four-year high school program of arithmetic, algebra and geometry for the general student, and a special three-year program of algebra, geometry and trigonometry for those preparing for college.

Annual production in the United States of chemical fire extinguishers of the portable type is valued by the 28 factories in the industry at \$9,522,000, according to the census bureau.



CALL FOR MORE "Quadrupled production" by industries supplying war material to U.S. and her allies was stressed by F.D.R. in his Dec. 9 speech. Aircraft factories such as Consolidated; Lockheed; Boeing; Douglas which produced above 43-ton bomber, the B-29; Curtiss-Wright; Martin which built navy's 70-ton bomber, the Mars (damaged in Dec. 5 tests), spent millions on new designs, expansion. Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce's last announced rate of production for training, transport, liaison, combat planes: 20,000 yearly.

Santa Visits Moore School In Airplane

MOORE, Dec. 24 (Sp) — Old Santa made his appearance at the Moore school Friday afternoon in a spectacular manner when he zoomed over the countryside in his big yellow plane and landed at the school building, where he was greeted by a host of his young friends.

Early in the season Santa had written the teachers that he would come by air, but in spite of hearing the "Old man's" letter read many students still doubted that an airship could take off from the North Pole.

Visitors gathered at the school at 1 o'clock, at which time a Christmas program was given. At 1:30 sharp Santa's plane could be heard zooming above the school ground. Everyone rushed outside and waved at Santa as he zoomed back and forth over the campus.

Both Santa and his pilot got out of the plane and came in the auditorium where Santa distributed gifts and made fun with the children. At the conclusion of the tree Santa bade farewell, saying he must hurry on to visit other boys and girls.

Christmas holidays began Dec. 19 and will continue until Jan. 5 when classes will be resumed in the local school.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leatherwood and children, Harold, Charles, Billy and Jane, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips and children, Freddie, Dorothy Jean, Edgar Allen of Fairview, Johnnie Phillips and Roy Phillips of Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Verdis Murphy and son, Phil, of Center Point and Mrs. Ted Phillips and children, Everett Doyle and Hal Wesley of Big Spring were all Sunday guests of Mrs. J. W. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McMillan and children are spending the holidays in East Texas. Lucille and LaNelle Engle are spending the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sorrels of Snyder.

Deferred Payment Met After 19-Year Lapse

WILLISTON, N. D.—In the fall of 1922 Charley Smith bought an overcoat on time.

He paid \$10 down to George Ravitscher, a clothing store proprietor, and agreed to pay the rest when he returned from the West coast.

Almost 19 years later, he returned, looked up his creditor, who had retired, and paid the balance.

Modern Japanese History At Glance U. S.'s Farflung Battlefield



Nippon's Kurusu signs 10-year economic treaty with Italy, Germany, Sept. 27, 1940 as Ciano, Hitler watch.

AP Feature Service Doughty Commodore Matthew C. Perry sailed into Uraga harbor, Japan in 1853, heading a large U. S. naval squadron. He accomplished the design to frighten the Japanese into friendly trade with the United States, breaking her hostile isolation. Perry's act also started Japan on its way from feudalism to a world power. Up to 1921, the U. S. looked on approvingly. Here's a thumbnail history: 1854—Treaty permits U. S. advisers, teachers, missionaries to enter Japan. 1898—Joins U. S. in "open door" doctrine in China. 1900 — Japanese, American, European soldiers join to put down China's Boxers. 1905—U. S. mediates Russo-Japan-

ess War. 1911—A "gentleman's agreement" remedies influx of Japanese to U. S. Pacific Coast. 1914-18—Japan joins Allies. 1922—Signs the Washington treaties to limit arms and maintain status quo in the Pacific. 1931—Military clique rises in Japan. Seizes Manchuria (Manchouku). 1937—Japan invades China. U. S. gunboat Panay sunk. Enters Axis anti-Communist pact. 1939—U. S. denounces treaty of friendship. 1940 — Japan joins Rome-Berlin Axis. 1941—July-August, Japanese credits frozen in U. S., shipments of oil, metal from U. S. banned. November, Japan protests U. S. economic "strangulation." Takes

control of Indo-China from Vichy France. Speeds Special Envoy Kurusu to Washington. December 7, 1941 — Japanese planes attack U. S. Pacific bases.

Japanese Planes Raid Rangoon

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Japanese planes made a mass raid on Rangoon Tuesday afternoon bombing the airdrome, hangars, wharves, railway station, government offices and barracks, it was announced here today.

Several British combat planes were reported shot down and a number of planes destroyed on the ground.

The Japanese planes all "returned unscathed after witnessing the destruction of part of the city," the announcement said.

Tacoma Harbor Statue Of Washington Urged

TACOMA, Wash. — A life-size statue of George Washington, the western counterpart of the Statue of Liberty, has been proposed for the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The Tacoma Public Forum suggested that such a statue would signify the "dawning era of the Pacific," as well as "a revived appreciation of the worth and need of liberty."

Enough watermelons to make a patch 10 miles wide and 48 miles long are grown in the United States, according to the 1940 census.

NEUROSIS CASES FROM BOMBINGS SPEEDILY EASED

LONDON—Despite the nightly blitz, shell shock, as it used to be called, is much less frequent in this war than it was in the last, according to a government psychiatrist.

Experience gained in the Spanish civil war, which produced 10 times the number of neurosis cases in the same period, has helped the ministry of health and London county council to combat cases of civilian bomb shock and shelter neurosis.

At the beginning of the war a nationwide network of "mind" hospitals was organized, where victims receive immediate treatment for these neuroses before the trouble becomes deep-seated.

It has been found that one frequent cause of war neurosis is the fear of being thought to be afraid. This condition also is brought about by a series of minor worries caused by the war—a feeling of insecurity, breaking up of family life, exacting work in difficult circumstances and living and traveling inconveniences.

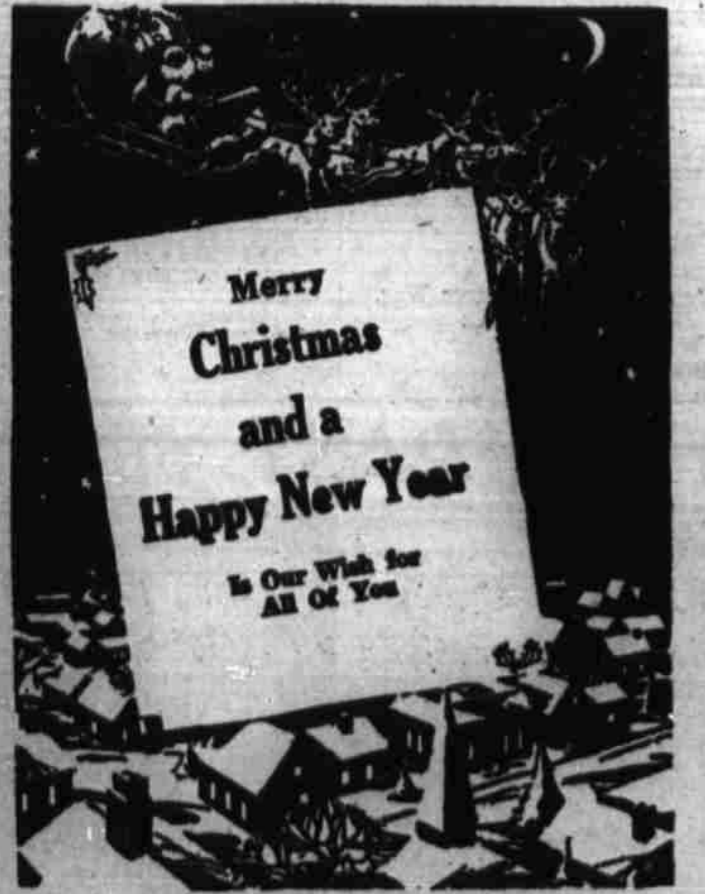
Research has shown that those who are engaged in useful if dangerous and exacting work are far less prone to war neurosis than those who are idle during an air raid.



We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual ... and we take this opportunity to thank you for past favors and extend SEASON'S GREETINGS.

We hope you will call on us often in 1942. STAR TIRE SERVICE

Lee Jenkins, Prop. Phone 1050



SETTLES HOTEL AND COFFEE SHOP

Advertisement for Leon's Flowers, featuring a cartoon of a person holding a sign and text: 'A very real wish for very real friends! May 1942 bring you Peace, Happiness and Prosperity. Leon's Flowers (At Sherrod Hardware)'

Advertisement for Modern Cleaners, featuring a graphic of a person cleaning and text: 'In the good old Fashioned Way ... We Wish You A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy New Year MODERN CLEANERS M. M. Manell, Prop.'

Advertisement for Firestone, featuring a graphic of a tire and text: 'Season's Greetings FROM THE FOLKS WHO SERVE YOU AT FIRESTONE For the business, large or small, with which you favored us during the past year, we are sincerely thankful ... and trust we have served you well. ... We sincerely hope you will be a frequent visitor to our station in 1942. Firestone Listen to the Voice of Firestones with Richard Crooks, Margaret Speaks and Alfred Walkenstein, Monday evenings, N. E. C. Red Network HOME & AUTO SUPPLY STORES D. J. Sheppard, Mgr. Phone 108 507 E. 3rd'

Advertisement for Sherrod Hardware, featuring a graphic of a house and text: 'Very Best Wishes to You and Yours.... As Christmas time draws near, and we think of the generous way in which you have patronized this firm, we are moved to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the good feeling shown toward this store. This being Sherrod's first Christmas in Big Spring under its present ownership, we find ourselves at a loss to adequately express our appreciation of you as friends, neighbors and customers. You have been grand and we shall ever be grateful for your courtesies. We trust that we have served you well and to your liking and hope we'll be privileged to count you among our patrons in 1942 ... That your New Year will be brightened with everything that is good is our sincere wish. SHERROD HARDWARE R. Lewis Brown, Owner'

10 Biggest Stories Of 1941 As Selected By AP News Editor

Jap Attack Is Top Event; Dodgers In Cellar Again

By CHARLES HONCE
Associated Press News Editor

THE United States is at war with Germany, Japan and Italy. That is the thunderous fact for 133,000,000 Americans as 1941 ends in a rage of conflict on every continent and the Seven Seas.

The battle lines now are tightly drawn for the first genuine World War in history. The sides have been chosen. The issues are clear-cut.

It is Germany, Japan and Italy, and a handful of puppets against virtually all the rest of the world. Of the sundry war declarations against Uncle Sam, that of Germany, potentially, if not imme-



Charles Honce

diately, will have the broadest effects, but it came almost as an anti-climax to a spectacular Japanese assault.

1. JAPS TALK PEACE—START WAR

"REMEMBER Pearl Harbor" is America's bitter battle cry in a grimly avenging war against Nippon. A fateful and severely punishing bomber attack on this Hawaiian stronghold came without warning on the quiet Sunday of Dec. 7 at the very moment two Japanese envoys were conferring with Secretary Hull about peace, and on the heels of President Roosevelt's direct appeal to "The Son of Heaven."

As Congress declared war the whole country pitched tight-lipped into the stern task ahead, for which every able-bodied man and woman in the country will be called to the colors.

2. A WORLD WAR OPENS

"THE shooting has started," President Roosevelt declared on Oct. 27 soon after the U.S. destroyers Greer and Kearny had been attacked by German subs and just four days before the Reuben James went down with 100 American sailors.

This undeclared war, marked by American occupation of Iceland, the use of convoys, and the President's warning that Axis ships would be attacked on sight, became official Dec. 11 when Italy and Germany followed Japanese action.

The U.S., with Latin America signing up for the duration, accepted the challenge in record time. Fifty declarations at the year's end put 90 percent of the world at war.

3. RUSSIA STEMS NAZIS

WHEN Nazi Germany suddenly turned on Soviet Russia on June 22, many believed it would be over in a few weeks. They had forgotten that the USSR had been preparing for 20 years and had guarded secrets well. Germany conquered vast territories, but not the Russian spirit.

After 25 weeks of titanic struggle, the Nazis cryptically called it quits for the winter, but not the Russians. Stalin launched a savage attack all along the line to bring the first stunning reverse to German might.

4. LEND-LEASE HEARTENS ENGLAND

A MOMENTOUS early highlight of American action against the dictators was the signing of the lend-lease bill by which billions of dollars for the sinews of war were promised to those opposing Germany.

This event, on March 11, was of vital moment because it helped tide England morally and physi-

cally through one of her darkest hours when she had no place else to turn. And almost certainly it was one of the factors that impelled Hitler to his costly Russian adventure.

5. FIGHTING BILLIONS MOBILIZED

AMERICA went all-out for preparedness (and now, war) as Roosevelt early in the year proclaimed an unlimited national emergency. By December the cash and contractual authority provided for defense and the lend-lease program reached 70 billions. Today, a "Victory Program" has been mapped calling for an additional 150 billions.

All American pocketbooks were hit and taxes sky-rocketed, but the material of war came pouring down assembly lines.

6. THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

THROUGH 10 days in early August the world speculated on the whereabouts of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. When the mists cleared, it turned out that they had met at sea and formulated an eight-point declaration of general principles and post-war aims as a basis "for a better future for the world," and encompassing the "Four Freedoms."

7. SIX DREADNAUGHTS SUNK

SIX capital ships were sunk in 1941. Probably the most spectacular (if not the most important) battle was that of the Hood, England's mightiest warship, and Germany's giant Bismarck.

The Bismarck sunk the Hood by shell-fire and three days later went down herself under torpedo, shell and bomb attack after the shortest career of any capital ship. Later two more British sea sees—the Prince of Wales and the Repulse—succumbed to Japanese air torpedoes and bombs, and an American battleship suffered the same fate in Pearl Harbor. It remained for the U.S. to sink a Japanese battlewagon, apparently by bombs alone.

8. THE MYSTERY OF RUDOLPH HESS

ON A SOFT spring day in May, when news momentarily was at a premium, Rudolf Hess, Hitler's close friend and No. 3 Nazi, dropped out of Scottish skies to provide the world with a first-class mystery—still publicly unsolved.

Some speculated that he fled a Nazi purge; others that he brought a peace proposal. Stalin said he tried to line up Britain for war on Russia.

9. ARMY ACTS IN DEFENSE STRIKES

DEFENSE production felt the hampering effect of labor strife, which reached a climax with John L. Lewis' challenge in the captive mine walkout.

As early as June 9 the Army took over the great strike-bound North American Aviation works at Inglewood, Calif., and stepped in elsewhere when mediation failed. Then the Japanese war brought labor peace.

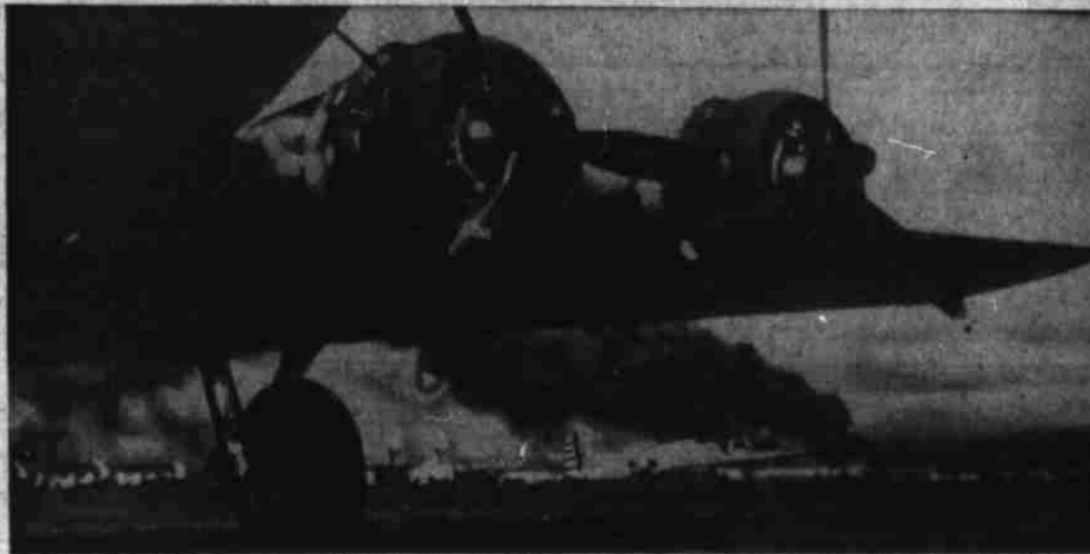
10. BROOKLYN WINS A PENNANT

ANYTHING can happen in Brooklyn, it has been said. Just the same it took "them bums" 21 years to win a National League pennant, but in clinching it New York's largest borough almost reached the psychopathic ward stage.

When Dodger Catcher Mickey Owen dropped that third strike, even Brooklyn had to rub its eyes to be sure that it happened there. It did happen and the American League Yankees won the World Series.

... And The Best News Photos Of '41

DRAMA and action filled the camera lens during 1941. These seven photographs, selected from the thousands distributed to Associated Press newspapers, highlight some of the events that will make '41 memorable in history.



WAR BLASTS HONOLULU



ARMY TAKES OVER NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT



BAER SPILLS LOUIS



ATLANTIC CHARTER



U. S. SAILORS WATCH TANKER SINK



RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN: NAZIS CROSS THE DNIEPER



SEA WAR: THE ARK ROYAL DIES

Headline Writer's History Of 12 Busy Months

January
Lease-Lend Bill Presented to Congress.
FDR Starts Third Term; Asks Faith in Democracy.
Churchill Welcomes Willkie to England.
Lindbergh Attacks U. S. War Policy.

February
British Rout Italians in Libya.
Greeks Wallop Duce's Troops.
Nazis Put Pressure on Balkan Nations.

March
Nazi Troops Move Unresisted Into Bulgaria.
Congress Passes Lease-Lend Bill.
Nazis Denounce U. S. "Meddling."
British Fleet Sinks 5 Italian Warships.

April
Nazis Invade Yugoslavia and Greece.
British Troops Battle Beside Greeks.
Greeks Surrender After Gallant Fight
Germans Defeat British in Libya.

May
Rudolf Hess Parachutes into Scotland.
Bismarck Sinks British Battleship Hood.

British Planes, Ships Sink the Bismarck.
Nazi Sub Sinks U. S. Freighter Robin Moor.
FDR Proclaims Unlimited Emergency.

June
U. S. Ousts German and Italian Consuls.
Hitler Launches War on Russia.
U. S. Promises Aid to Russia.
Army Takes Over Strike-Bound Plane Factory.

July
Chief Justice Hughes Retires From Court.
U. S. Naval Forces Occupy Iceland.
Hold Lottery for 700,000 in Second Draft.
Jap Troops Occupy French Indo-China.
U. S.-Britain Freeze Jap Assets.
Nazis, Reds Locked in Gigantic Battle.

August
Roosevelt Meets Churchill in Mid-Atlantic.
U. S.-Britain Announce World Peace Goal.
Congress OK's 18-Month Draft Extension.
Maximum Age for Draft Lowered to 28.

September
Navy Reports Sub Attack on Destroyer Greer.

Ickes Curb on Gasoline Irks East.
Nazi's Take Kiev, Capital of Ukraine.
Lindbergh Says Jews, FDR Want War.

October
Girl, 5, Lost 8 Days in North Woods, Lives.
Sub Torpedoes Destroyer Kearny—11 Die.
Sub Sinks Destroyer Reuben James—100 Die.

November
SPAB Bans Private Building Projects.
The Duke and Wally Visit the U. S.

December
Threaten Strike in Captive Coal Mines.
FDR Insists Mines Remain Open.
Congress Moves to Ban Defense Plant Strikes.

Lewis Calls Off Coal Strike.
Congress OK's Arming Merchant Ships.
Jap "Peace Envoy" Confers With Hull.

December
Wage Rise Averts Railroad Strike.
Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor, Declares War.
Germany, Italy Declare War on U. S.
U. S. Declares War on Axis.
Russia Claims Rout of Nazis.

Dizzy Doings Of The Year

By RAY PEACOCK
AP Feature Service Writer

HISTORIANS probably will skip over these facts, but 1941 was the year in which an Illinois convict asked transfer to a prison honor farm so that he could escape. Axel Witt of Racine complained he hadn't had a tax bill in 11 years, and a rookie at Fort Bliss requested "extension of my stay in A.W.O.L."

It also was the year in which a Chicago man asked the missing persons bureau to search for his mother who left home one day in 1884 and neglected to return, the year in which a horse in Cope, S. C., became unnerved at the sight of a mule-drawn buggy and started a sensational runaway.

NOTHING was too foolish, preposterous, odd or ironical for 1941. The town of Orfordville, Wis., voted against sale of beer but approved sale of hard liquor. The stork crossed up the Raymond Conrads of Fallen Timber, Pa., by bringing them a son after 11 previous trips with daughters. Resourceful Jerry Adams of Lincoln, Neb., pruned a lemon tree by holding an angry alligator up to the branches. Sloopjack L. T. Hill fell from a 100-foot church tower at Ellsworth, Wis., but needed neither the doctor nor undertaker at whose feet he landed.

A Kansas City sporting goods dealer was advised he legally could sell shotguns to minors, but not slingshots or cap pistols. Ten girls showed up at the Kansas City union station to kiss Tom Sawyer goodbye when he went into the Navy. John Paul Jones, 21, of Troy, N. Y., also joined the Navy.

A New York liquor store proprietor canceled a check signed by J. K. Noll-avey. A South Bend woman divorced the husband who previously had been her stepfather and father-in-law.

WHEN \$175 was stolen from Warden Edward Powell of the Camden (N. J.) county prison farm, he concluded "it was an outside job." Five girls from Earl Carroll's Vanities were invited to a Des Moines fraternity dinner "because a freshman's education doesn't really begin until he has met a cheerleader." Albert of Canton, O., mailed \$10 to his sister, Mary Albert of Waynesburg, Pa., but it was delivered to Mrs. Sophie Barthlott, 73, of Chicago, divorced Henry Barthlott because he told her he was only 80 years old when he really was 86.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles said the way to keep South American good will was to halt good will tours. Beauty contest winner Betty Nollman of Centralia, Ill., won a season ticket to the swimming pool where she was a lifeguard.

A DETROIT candidate for mayor, who got only four votes, complained he was robbed because "I distinctly remember voting for myself." There wasn't a horse available for an Iowa society's hayride, so a tractor pulled the wagon.

A Texas railroad engineer who thought he was making awfully good time looked back and saw he'd lost his train somewhere along the line. Alphonse LaFianca of Salem, Mass., ignored a poll tax for so long that a warrant was sworn out for him, but Alphonse couldn't take it seriously because he was only 27 months old.

Judge William R. Lewis of Scranton ruled that a buck private cannot be expected to pay alimony, but Pvt. James Stewart, the actor, sent his agent a check for \$2.16—the usual 10 per cent of his monthly salary. Big Boy, pointed out for 14 years at the Philadelphia zoo as a fine example of the male Australian casowary, laid an egg.

When a bridegroom handed a 25-cent fee to Magistrate Charles N. Jones of Graham, N. C., Jones returned 15 cents change. A Carolina farmer stood guard over a pond containing 2,000 goldfish when he learned there were college boys among the soldiers on maneuvers.

A chorus girl in—but why go on? It was just that kind of a year. And you can bet that 1942 will be just as fruitful!

AMERICANS CAME TO KNOW THESE FACES DURING THE PAST YEAR



Jan Valtin (Richard Krebs)
Author of "Out Of The Night"



Veronica Lake
Siren Of The Cinema



Marshal Semeon Budjenny
Mustache Of The Year



Leon Henderson
Soaring Prices Are His Worry



Rise Stevens
Star Of Opera And Flickers



General Ben Lear
His Boys Shout "Yoo Hoo"



Donald Nelson
Directs America's Defense Effort



Frankie Sinkovitch
Broken Jawed Georgia Grid Star

Knott Baptist Church Holds Yule Program

KNOTT, Dec. 24. (Sp.)—The members of the Baptist church of Knott met at the basement Monday evening for the annual Christmas tree and program.

Under the direction of Mrs. Roy Phillips the program consisted of a song by the Business class, readings by Wanda Lee and Carol Robinson, Roger Brown, Mary Ann Spalding and a pianologue by LaVerne Gross with Doris Gross at the piano. The devotional was a scripture reading by responsive reading with the Rev. Sidney Cox leading the congregation. A prayer was offered by Mrs. R. A. Brown.

The members presented the pastor and his wife with a gift for their new home at Abilene. Seventy-five people were present. Mrs. Edgar Airheart, and Mrs. Johnnie Airheart and children, David and Ava Mae, are going to spend the holidays at Cisco with their mother, Mrs. A. Gris. Norris Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, has been transferred from Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, to Scott Field, Ill. He is in the radio division with the army training in the air corps. Hobart McClain is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Edna McClain, and sisters, Mrs. Pledger, and Dena McClain of Paris. Mrs. Clarence Taylor and sons of Westbrook will arrive here Tuesday to visit with Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Herschell Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Johnson,

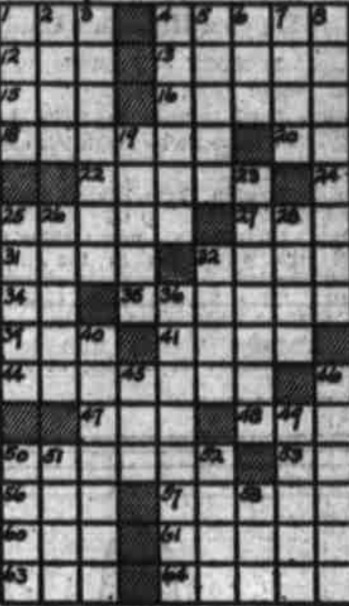
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Fruit
2. Yuletide
3. Unit of wire measurement
4. Gravy sauce
5. Slender initial
6. Piece cut
7. Norwegian
8. Melody
9. Drink of the gods
10. Wood of the mandarin tree
11. Heraldic spinning wheels
12. Stripling
13. Pa
14. Inferior race
15. Horse
16. Wife of Zeus
17. Delay action
18. Bath over

DOWN

1. Lila
2. Fruit stems
3. Surrounded
4. Basil
5. Nestle
6. Threepfold
7. Chart
8. Ancient Persian coin
9. Murmur
10. Article of jewelry
11. Heraldic spinning wheels
12. Oreek letter
13. Dancer
14. Kingdom in India
15. Floor covering
16. Ringlet
17. Pet name for a close relative
18. Vicer



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Kind of apple
2. Dutch city
3. Hastens
4. Very large
5. Dutch city
6. Land measure
7. Medicinal plant
8. And not
9. Spring
10. Most beautiful
11. Toward
12. Golf instructor
13. Body of Islam
14. Plaything
15. Make area
16. Breathes quickly
17. Scooped
18. Head covering
19. Merry

DOWN

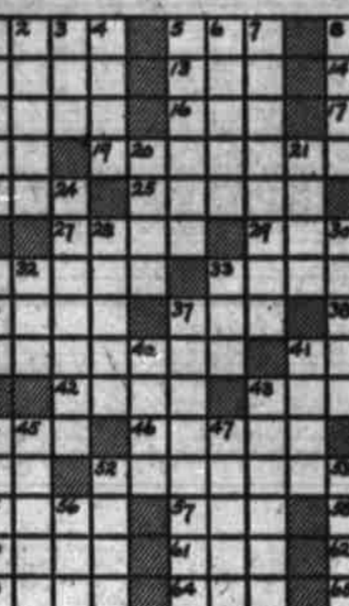
1. Chinese city
3. Covered in white
4. Applications
5. Hard fat
6. Ovens
7. Ligon native
8. Unit of work
9. Correlative of either
10. Inclined strongly
11. Symbol for gold
12. Material fever
13. Word used in chess
14. Baths
15. Daily
16. Before
17. Is under obligation
18. Occupied a seat
19. Direction



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Kind of meat
3. Characteristic of old age
4. Tonic
5. Rite
6. Lanes
7. Chill
8. One of the Muses
9. Native Hindu in the British army
10. Northern herb
11. Seasoning herb
12. Public conveyance
13. Descriptive and
14. Book of maps
15. Depart
16. Exile
17. Doleful
18. Stain
19. Expressive
20. Movement of the arms
21. Open tightly
22. English river
23. Perfume bag
24. Gather and keep
25. Debate
26. Residues
27. Talka wilder
28. One being
29. Determined
30. Propriet
31. Having little speed
32. Sponserian character
33. Wandering fear



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Kind of bird
3. Embellish
4. Soft surmur
5. Lohengrin's wife
6. Ressembling a star
7. Having hair on the face
8. Style of poetry
9. Weary
10. Pertaining to musical sound
11. Devour
12. Boxed
13. Follows
14. Ingredient of vanilla
15. Scraped linen
16. Black bird
17. Backbone
18. Lament
19. Vegetable
20. Order of architecture
21. Drinking glass
22. Gatherers
23. Fishes from a swirling boat
24. Assumed names
25. Scouring application
26. Title of Athens
27. At any time
28. Small cases
29. Labels
30. Any monkey



Thomas Family Holds Early Christmas Feast

MOORE, Dec. 24. (Sp.)—Children of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas met at the family home Sunday to enjoy their annual Christmas dinner. All children were present except the twins, R. V. and R. C. Thomas of Akron, Ohio. Others enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Thomas and son, Coy, of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Thomas and children, Kenneth and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Trout of Graham, Mrs. Carl Grant and children, Jerry and Nelda of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas and children, Imogene and Dorothy, and Miss Ramona Trout of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Newton and daughter, Eula Faye, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Broughton and children, G. C. Jr., Johnnie Ray, Dorothy Lee and Robert Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newton and children, Bill, Norman and David, were all Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Newton of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcelline Gonzales and children, Fabio, Rosalia and Basillia, visited his brother, Emilio Gonzales, who is enlisted in the U. S. army at Albuquerque, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Fierra are the parents of a daughter born Sunday morning. The young lady weighed seven pounds and was named Nora. Mrs. Fierra is the daughter of George Bilsaba of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller and children, James, LeVerna and Joan left Sunday morning to spend the holidays at Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick King and children, Colleen, Jacqueline, Lou Ann, Jerry, George and Norman, are spending the holidays at Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Moore, Mrs. J. Sullivan and daughter, LaWella, Mr. and Mrs. Yates of Tarrant, Mrs. J. T. Yates of Achery, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bell of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Moore and son, Melton, of Big Spring were all Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Winn and family.

A Joyous Yuletide

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...

HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

American National Insurance Co.
C. A. Amos
Big Spring
Phone 722
Settles Hotel



We wish for you all the happiness and good fortune that you could possibly wish for yourself... We thank you sincerely for your patronage and ask a continuance our pleasant relations during the coming year...

Home Cafe

Mrs. Louise Lebkowsky, Prop.

Christmas GREETINGS

Old, Yet Always New
Simple, Yet Full
Of Meaning

is our greeting to you

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

When 1942 replaces 1941 on the calendar of time, it is our hope that you will have twelve months of happiness, abundantly filled with the success of your plans.

B. O. Jones Grocery

And His Employees—
C. H. Pool, Billy Gibbs, John Northington

Journalism Library Gets Century Newspaper File

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Students of journalism and history at the University of Alabama now have a model of excellence and a treasury of facts, respectively, in the university library.

The library recently received, in 10 half-ton crates, a complete file of the London Times from 1859 to 1939. They were purchased from a London bookseller at an undisclosed price.

Sheriff Disbands Classes; Prisoners Know ABC's

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Sheriff David J. Manning is happy in the knowledge that his district is getting a better class of criminals these days.

The sheriff used to conduct well-attended classes for illiterate prisoners but the school has been abandoned for want of scholars.

To the best of the sheriff's knowledge, the Springfield jail has had only one unlettered guest during the past year.

Typhoid fever caused more deaths than gunshot wounds during the Civil war. Last year, however, it accounted for only 1,448 deaths on census bureau records.

MODEST MAIDENS

Trademark Registered U. S. Patent Office



"Everything was going swell till Pop tried to come down the chimney!"



"A smoking jacket! Oh well, I'm swearing off smoking for New Year's anyway."

Angler Loses Big One
ALBION, Ind.—You should have seen the big one that got away from Webster Pierce. The Albion man bought some fishing tackle at a Fort Wayne store. Opening the sack at home, he found a hundred dollar bill with the tackle. But shortly thereafter the store proprietor appeared and claimed the money, which he had hidden in the sack as a precaution against bandits.

If all the 17 billion tin cans emptied in a year were dumped in New York city, the entire metropolis would be covered three feet deep with containers, says the census bureau.

Peace On Earth...

In troubled times the old Christmas greetings have a very special significance. To all of you we wish a happy Christmas and peace and prosperity in 1942.

WAFFLE SHOP

L. L. GULLEY



Deep down in our hearts burns the wish that all friends of this store who have made our work so pleasant this past year will have bright days ahead and a full measure of prosperity and good health. To all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Builders Supply Co.

210 West 3rd.

Compliments
of the Season

The management and staff of this firm extend Christmas Greetings and wish for you every prosperity in the New Year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

D & H ELECTRIC

215 Bunnels Big Spring, Texas

To the Friends of This Firm

Because of your thoughtfulness this firm has enjoyed one of its best years, and it is in grateful appreciation of your patronage that we want to say, "SEASON'S GREETINGS." It is our sincerest wish that these pleasant recollections may continue.

RUNYAN PLUMBING CO.

505 East 6th

Your patronage the whole year long,
Has filled us full of joy and song,
You've made this year so very bright,
We'd like to say, with all our might,
We truly "Thank You" it's most sincere—
Best Wishes for a Grand New Year

IVA'S CREDIT JEWELRY

Iva Huneycutt
Corner 3rd and Main Sts.



In view of the fact that we are so graciously privileged to live in a land where we may observe the birth of our Saviour, we wish to extend our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas.

MILLER PIG STAND
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller

Mrs. Alexander, The Drivers, The Inside Personnel and Myself, Wish For All Of You



May Christmas bring Joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity...

Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

Ben Alexander
Beaty Steam Laundry

801 Gollid

Phone 66



Best Wishes

To All Our Friends
At This Happy Holiday Season

Burr's
DEPARTMENT STORE

To Our Friends:

Let me thank you publicly for the splendid support that you have given me since the loss of Mr. Cunningham... Your kind words, your splendid response in every way, will always be remembered.

Too, my thanks go to the faithful members of our "drug store family" who have helped me in every way. It's so good to have good clerks.

To my competitors who have been more like brothers than competitors, I hope in some way to return all of this to you.

Thank all of you... very much.

Shine Philips

Cunningham & Philips
(The Name Will Not Change)

British Destroyer Fleets Of Mediterranean Dare All Dangers To Write An Epic Record

(This story was written by Larry Allen for the AP Feature Service shortly before he was reported injured while aboard a British cruiser during action in the Mediterranean.)

By LARRY ALLEN
AP Feature Service

ALEXANDRIA—British destroyers of the Mediterranean fleet, braving Nazi air blitzes and navigating in pitch darkness through a graveyard of sunken ships, wrote an epic record of war service, enabling the defenders of Tobruk to hold the Libyan fortress against all air attacks.

Thousands of tons of war supplies, and thousands of fresh troops landed in Tobruk harbor from April 12 until the Tobruk garrison was freed. The Navy did a job no other branch of the service could have hoped to accomplish.

Destroyer crews taking over largely the "Tobruk ferry" supply task after the garrison was surrounded worked like titans, quickly unloading vital cargoes in the harbor, turning around ships within 90 minutes to two hours.

Tobruk was no place to tarry. Nazi long range guns gave it frequent pastings. Axis bombers made the harbor one of the hottest spots on the African continent trying desperately but failing to halt the flow of men and materials to the besieged fortress.

In the previous siege the Tobruk garrison mostly was supplied by minesweepers, schooners, slow transports and escort vessels but when the Nazi blitzes became heavier the destroyers had to do a quick job.

Reaching Tobruk, the destroyers moved up the channel with all stores and supplies aboard in numerical unloading order so not a precious moment might be lost. Lighters swung alongside and carried the cargoes ashore. Only the dimmest lights could be used because a single brilliant spark might be sufficient to produce a bombing attack.

Destroyers had to move through the wreckage of 22 ships in a harbor only three quarters of a mile wide and a mile and a half long.

Despite the Nazi air raids only one British supply ship was sunk in the harbor. Although other ships were lost outside, the casualties were not heavy.

The last time I was in Tobruk aboard a British transport carrying men and supplies I saw wrecks of more than 20 ships. These included the Italian cruiser San Giorgio, three Italian destroyers and the liners Serraitia and Liguria. Most of the other ships were from 2,000 tons upward but it will be impossible to get their names until they are raised.

Rear Admiral Irvine Glennie, directing the operations of the destroyers attached to the Mediterranean fleet, described the "Tobruk ferry" as "just another navy job, but it was difficult because of the air attacks and shelling they faced; the destroyers had to work in pitch darkness."

Admiral Glennie disclosed that from April 12 until December 20 destroyers landed 25,000 troops, evacuated 8,000 from Tobruk and discharged 24,000 tons of stores.

The destroyers frequently changed their courses, zig-zagging to and from Tobruk to avoid submarine air attacks and "fox" enemy reconnaissance aircraft.

Australian, South African and Greek units during the last several months greatly aided the work of keeping the Tobruk garrison supplied. Without the navy keeping open the route to Tobruk, however, there is no doubt the garrison soon would have found itself in serious difficulties since with the axis forces blocking all land routes there was no possibility of getting supplies via the desert.



ADDITION Symbol of all the combat craft that slipped down ways in 1941 toward nation's two-ocean navy goal was the destroyer Emmons (above), launched at Bath, Me., Aug. 22, commissioned Dec. 5. Yards strove for ship-building speed records, navy developed fast torpedo boats, S.S. America became transport West Point, Sub 9-9 sank; 33 died.

Terracing Looms As Big Activity For Howard County Farmers In '42

Terracing may be the big order come 1942. County Agent O. P. Griffin, working in close cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service, has mailed out inquiries to farmers and ranchers of Howard county and already many are replying with requests for lines.

Dudley Mann, in charge of the SCS here, said that requests are now on hand for lines involving approximately 70,000 acres. Just recently agreements have been signed for a continuing program to cover some 25,000 acres, 13,000 of it in one ranch near Vincent.

Steadily the areas mapped for improvement by land owners and approved by the board of supervisors for the Martin-Howard Counties Soil Conservation District are being closed in for an over-all program.

Under the SCS program, lines are designed to blend in with those on an adjoining place, thus giving a continuity of terraces and contours that will not only hold water on one farm or ranch but prevent it from being diverted to another.

While it is vitally important that farmers and ranchers put in their requests as soon as possible due to the volume of terracing in the offing, the real problem may be that of equipment. The county may be expected to cooperate again as it has in past years, but this time private operators are on the scene asking for contracts. Too, several farmers have purchased a new type of terracing machine that will not only be adequate for their own needs but which may be used on the farms of their neighbors.

Draft Board Cooperates In Brothers' Job Shift

MARION, Ill. — Tony and Tommy Racine worked a double-play with their draft board—and it ended up with Tommy, who was supposed to go into the army, staying home and Tony, who was deferred, scheduled for service.

When the questionnaires came out Tony was driving a cab and Tommy was unemployed. So the draft board exempted Tony to support their mother, Angelina Racine, and picked Tommy as their man.

Then Tommy was offered a better job with a coal company, so, with the cooperation of their mother, they asked the draft board to shift the exemptions. That's what happened.



A happy Christmas and the jolliest of New Years to all our friends and patrons.

BALCH
BOOT SHOP
214 Emmett

Hopped-Up Soil Makes Hay-Hay

AF Feature Service
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Southern agricultural scientists believe they have found a way to keep alfalfa from going to pot, and get it to go to seed instead.

The queen of legume crops is a fickle seed producer at best, and in the southeastern states rarely seeds at all. Growers in this section also have observed for many years that alfalfa stands persist for only short periods, with yields so low that a stand becomes uneconomical by the end of the second year.

Dr. A. L. Grisvard, associate agronomist at the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, has just completed tests with application of boron to alfalfa which may help solve the alfalfa problems of the south.

After North Carolina investigators determined that small quantities of boron per acre corrected "alfalfa yellows" which caused the crop to die out, Virginia experimenters found that boron-treated alfalfa in 1940 blossomed much more profusely than untreated plots.

This looked like a clue to the

seeding enigma, so they followed it up in 1941 and gathered as much as 184 pounds of alfalfa seed to the acre, where 15 pounds of borax (a commercial form of boron) per acre was applied. Alfalfa grown under identical conditions, but without borax, set no seed.

The seed was gathered after two cuttings of hay had been harvested. Subjected to germination tests, 7 to 85 per cent of the seed germinated, thus proving its ability to produce another crop. This production, at the rate of two to three bushels of seed per acre, would assure seed producers a profit in addition to their hay cuttings.

Londoners Wear Belt, They're Hobson's Choice

LONDON — Steel is used to make guns, shells.

Steel is used to make braces, but there isn't enough left over for braces.

London shops haven't any. But trousers have to stay up somehow. So tailors are now making trousers with belts in the American fashion.

They haven't been popular in London before but now it's a choice between trousers with belts or trousers with nothing at all.



We are happy to join with others whose privilege it has been to serve you... in sending you our heartiest greetings this Christmas season... Too, we'd like to add a wish for a Prosperous 1942.

BIG SPRING
WRECKING CO.

807 E. 3rd
Phone 318



A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

Happy
New Year

HOLLYWOOD SHOPPE



Merry Christmas
Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

THE YULETIDE SEASON brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendships and favors we are truly grateful.



Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Santa Checks Kids For Clues

CHICAGO—Science has come to the aid of Santa Claus. The National College of Education has surveyed the Christmas present desires of children to determine what gifts they want most at certain ages.

Each of 650 children between the ages of two and 14 were given a chance to name one to five presents they'd like to find under the tree on Christmas Day.

Boys Want Most

The boys showed a slightly greater "gimme" spirit than the girls, naming 1,518 gifts, while the girls desired only 1,267.

The survey showed that if little Jimmy is between the ages of two and 12, he's interested in something that "works," something that rolls on wheels such as trains,

airplanes, bicycles, scooters and wagons.

Girls Like Dolls

Girls between two and eight show the greatest "maternal" instinct asking for dolls and doll clothes.

From nine to 12, however, vanity takes a hand and their desires change to clothes and other personal adornment. If they can't have clothes, they want books.

The martial spirit was most noticeable in boys from nine to 11, many of whom asked for war toys, including guns, soldiers and tanks.

From 13 to 14, however, the boys became sports-minded, and requested baseballs, skates, sleds and other sporting goods.

One Wants Merry-Go-Round

Among miscellaneous gifts named were a bubble pipe, a pair of goggles, a carnival with a merry-go-round, a Scout canteen, YMCA membership, a trip to grandmother's, a hunting trip.

The survey represented a cross-section of children from high-tuitioned private schools, public schools and settlement house schools. It showed the desires of children of the same age to be consistent, no matter what economic bracket they represented.

WHY FIRECRACKERS? That Poses A Puzzling Christmas Question

"Why firecrackers at Christmas? That's been a puzzle for some time—so far, nothing has been presented that seemed to be 100 per cent logical.

Some credit the Chinese with being the originators of the use of fireworks during holidays. Seems as though the Chinese of the middle ages hit on the idea of chasing out the bad spirits with a bit of fire and powder at the beginning of each year, which falls near the

Christmas. Early American seafaring men are supposed to have brought firecrackers to this country, where they were heartily accepted by the Yankee youngsters.

Another theory has it that firecrackers had their inception, along with Christmas trees and Santa Claus, in the Black Forest region of central Europe. Peasants are said to have believed they could drive off the Dark Ones who lay

in wait for holiday makers with loud noises.

But, whatever the origin and regardless of the far-fetched connection between a Christian holy day, firecrackers have become a big part of the season.

Nowadays, youngsters have a wide range of noise makers from which to choose—little crackers, baby giants, giants, howlers, pin wheels, torpedoes, roman candles and rockets. Combinations of

powders and additions of different pulverized metals give all the colors of the rainbow and several in-between shades. But, with all the offerings made, American kids still favor the little number called a baby giant.

One of these firecrackers are injured through mishandling of firecrackers—some only slightly while others lose fingers and eyes. Drives by schools and safety councils have lessened the number of chil-

dren injured by fireworks but the list of casualties is still too large. Firecrackers that are slow exploding account for many injuries while youngsters' ingenuity in adding to the noise accounts for others. A remarkably explosive effect can be obtained by placing a baby giant in a bottle, making what is in reality a crude grenade, scattering shrapnel of glass in all directions. This, and other foolhardy methods, add to the dangers of firecrackers.

Handled safely firecrackers can satisfy the noise-making desires of youngsters—handled otherwise and the holiday maker becomes a lethal weapon.

citizens who resent having an ounce of black grain powder set off at their feet. These toys can do something else too—they can rid one of one's fingers in double-quick time if not handled like their big brothers, dynamite sticks.

Every year youngsters are injured through mishandling of firecrackers—some only slightly while others lose fingers and eyes. Drives by schools and safety councils have lessened the number of chil-

Health Officer Advises Temperance For Maximum Pleasure In Holidays

AUSTIN, Dec. 24—Despite the fact that America is at war, this nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of Happiness and Good Will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their minds and bodies are unscrupulously punished and sometimes irreparable damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the dan-

ger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Overheating, crowded living conditions, lack of exercise, and over-heated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Dr. Cox and he warned parents against undue excitement and late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas holidays, whether in food or drink, is not excusable from a standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained

those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health and strength as well as that of his neighbor, to conserve and bolster the health and manpower of our country, Dr. Cox said that from a standpoint of patriotism alone every Texan owes it to his country to promote good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

Truck Upsets, Whiskey Flows

DATTON, Ohio.—The drinks for the crowd were free when Kenneth Spinner's truck overturned. While Spinner crawled from beneath the truck members of the curious crowd made off with two barrels of whiskey cargo on the truck.

Trailer Affects Landscape

LANSING, Mich.—Longer house trailer models each year are stretching the ingenuity of tourist park designers, according to L. N. Jones, chief of the parks division of the Michigan conservation department. Coupled with longer wheelbases on automobiles, the trailers make landscape designers' favorite short radius curves and sharp breaks in grade impractical.

Fliers to Say It in Spanish

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Mich.— Army air corps officers are considering exclusive use of the Spanish language for social and non-business conversation. The officers are receiving five-days-a-week WPA instruction in the Hispanic tongue.

SAVE YOUR TIRES

By Riding The **YELLOW CAB—150**

Our Heartiest Christmas Greetings

We cherish the thoughts of the fine associations that have been ours and take this method of expressing our true appreciation.

Crawford Beauty Shop

Mrs. Alma McLaurin

Another Change Made In Navy

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 24 (AP)—Rear Admiral Russell Wilson, Naval Academy superintendent, was ordered to duty Tuesday as chief of staff to Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet.

Academy officials said Admiral Wilson would assume his new duties about Jan. 1. Wilson succeeded Admiral Wilson Brown as Naval Academy superintendent last February.

The new chief of staff to Admiral King served as superintendent here during the expansion of the academy and the shortening of the academy course, necessitated by the approach of the war.

Admiral Wilson, born in Fredonia, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1883, attended school at Washington, D. C., and studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before he was appointed to the academy.

Almost twice as many people die who are not insured compared with those who are, census figures disclose.

BAN Mid-summer gas curbs

Mid-summer gas curbs (above in N.Y., Aug. 2), aluminum roundups, defense plant demands on electrical power, save U.S. a tonnage of gasoline, metals, rubber curbs as war began. Defense needs even sanderized the clotheless.

AVERAGE FARM IN TEXAS RISES TO 329 ACRES

AUSTIN.—The average size of a farm in Texas is 329 acres, Charles E. Baughman, chief clerk of the state department of agriculture, has computed.

The number of farms has decreased in a five-year period and in the same time the average farm size has increased about 55 acres.

Baughman's review of the agricultural situation shows the de-thronement of King Cotton. In a five-year period, cotton acreage decreased 1,909,664 acres. Peak of cotton cultivation was 17,700,000 acres in 1925 and the acreage in cotton in 1941 is 8,600,000 acres.

"Cotton farming has declined more swiftly than other farming, Baughman said in a discussion of the statistics. While the decrease in the total number of farms (1894-1939) was 33,015, in the same period the number of cotton farms decreased 31,428.

"Two-thirds of the farmers employ the use of only one-third of the land," Baughman said, "while one-third of the farmers employ the use of two-thirds of the land. Around 425,000 people, whose family heads were formerly employed in the production of cotton, have turned to other work, while some 400,000 people have left the farms altogether."

Tuberculosis kills more persons between the ages of 15 and 24 than does any other disease, census figures reveal. It also car's 14 per cent of all deaths of persons aged 25 to 44.

Christmas Greetings

We wish to express to you—our old customers—our appreciation for your loyalty through the years. To our new customers, our appreciation of your confidence. To you who are not our customers, the hope that we may, in the future be of service to you.

WE WISH YOU NOT ONLY A MERRY CHRISTMAS, BUT MORE HAPPINESS AND GREATER PROSPERITY IN THE APPROACHING NEW YEAR.

**Good Health — Good Cheer
Good Fortune**

Big Spring Insurance Agency

Fred Stephens

Although this is our first year to operate in Big Spring, we want to join all the old timers in wishing you and yours a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Employees of **WHITES STORES** Inc.

And to all of you—our friends and customers who have made possible our splendid year in Big Spring, we want to thank you. And in thanking you for your past favors, we invite you to visit us at any time. You may feel sure that we will do our best to serve you throughout 1942 to the best of our ability.

DICKIE DARE

LOOK, YOUNG, THIS PEN IS AS GOOD AS WRECKED IN THE U.S.—WRAP IT UP QUICKLY, MISS, PLEASE! IT'S FOR MY FRIEND DAN—THE BOY IN THE COUPA MINUTES!

WATCHA GET IN THAT PACKAGE, DAN?

AN AMERICAN FLAG! YOU TWO WHIT HERE—EYE SOME BUSINESS IN THAT WATERPROOF SHACK—

"LAST" WATERPROOF SHACK"—WATCHA MAKE OF IT, JUNNY?

IS MISTERY EVEN FOR WORLDS BEST-DRESSED PRINCE?—MISTERY CL' MAS SLANTA PRIN'S GOTTUM THE ANSWER!

TOP HAT! DARING! DRESS SUIT! PLENNY MORE DINO! THANK YOU, SLANTA PRIN'S

AND NOW "SLANTA PRIN'S" HAS SOMETHING FOR D. DARE

TO SEE YOUR PRESENT, DICKIE, LOOK BACK OF THAT WATERPROOF SHACK—EUN!

DAN—HOW--HEV--SEE WHIZ, GOLLY, PER TH' LOVE O'...

OH BOY!

SUPERMAN

LIGHTS! CAMERAS! ACTION!! ...JUMP! KENT—JUMP!

C-C-COMING!!

HELP! HELP!

SA--AA! WHERE IS THAT STUPID CK ANYWAY?

I... I'M AFRAID I GOT CAUGHT IN THE WIRE!!

HELP! HELP!

GLASS TIES AGAIN, AND THIS TIME HE SWINGS DOWN IN FRISKY BEA--HYIC MANNER...

THAT'S MUCH BETTER!

YOUR LITTLE SCENE DON'T LOOK SO BAD TO ME, BUT WELL KNOW BETTER WHEN WE SEE THE FILM...

THANKS, BUT I'M AFRAID I WAS TERRIBLE.

AT THAT MOMENT... A SLOWED HAND SLAMMED A SLAB TOWARD A SCENE THAT SUPPORTS A HEAVY REFLECTOR... CLARK IS DIRECTLY BELOW...

Merry Christmas, Everybody!

SCORCHY SMITH

YOU'LL GRAB LEE AND MAKE FOR THE PLANE... I'LL RUN INTERFERENCE... IS IT A DEAL?

YOU'RE ON, BLAINE. LET'S GO!

HERE COME THE GALLANT HEROES TO RESCUE THE LITTLE PRINCES! LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG RECEPTION!

OKAY, BLAINE! I'VE GOT HER!

BACK OVER THIS HAY! THE PLANE'S HERE!

MAKE A DASH FOR IT... I'LL COVER YOU!

BLAINE!



Christmas 1941

A Treasured Part of Our American Heritage



On this particular Christmas, as we Americans carry out our pleasant custom of exchanging gifts, it is good to remember that all of us already possess the greatest gift in the world.

It is the FREEDOM to celebrate Christmas in our own way . . . one of the many freedoms we cherish as a part of our American heritage. It is one of our individual liberties, like freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of worship.

We are free to observe our Holy days in the manner in which we choose . . . we are free to expand with the warmth of good fellowship and free to extend the gracious hand of giving to friends and to the

less fortunate . . . we are free to enjoy, even for but a day, some of the joys that we associate especially with the "spirit of Christmas." And so, when our American heritage is threatened to the extent that every one of us must give his all to see that it is safeguarded, we are more than ever grateful for this observance of the Christmas that is a part of our heritage.

All the folks at Cosden—those many represented by the symbol of the Traffic Cop—thus hang the holly wreath and light the colored candle to say, with special emphasis this year, that we are happy for another American Christmas season which enables us to wish the best for all our many friends. It is said best in the old-fashioned way:

'MERRY CHRISTMAS'

Cosden Petroleum Corp.

R. L. Tollett, President



Major Local Events Of 1941 Are Reviewed

January

1-The first baby of 1941 was born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Nugent shortly after 12 o'clock as the new year began; business statistics showed gains in building permits, postal receipts, and passenger car registrations; Andrew Merrick was appointed as sheriff to fill the post left vacant by the death of Rowan Settles; the Big Spring Steers went to Dallas to see the Aggie-Fordham Cotton Bowl classic as a reward for their 1940 football season.

2-A freak snowstorm descended on Big Spring, fooling even the weatherman; American Business Club installed its new officers; a navy plane, caught in a storm, disgorged five flyers with four landing safely, one killed.



Bountiful Crops—Howard county's biggest cotton crop of history—more than 60,000 bales, was harvested in 1941, and here is pictorial evidence of the great crop. The above picture was snapped on the C. V. Hewitt farm near Vincent, that below on the J. Y. Robb place near Lomax.

3-Banks showed higher loans and deposits.

4-Deputies, assistants and their salary schedules and appointments announced by county commissioners court; a rescue plane, carrying the four rescued navy flyers back to San Diego, Cal., crashed, killing all occupants.

5-Methodist young people ended a two-day conference.

6-Schools opened after four-day delay due to a flu epidemic; local police got two-way radio hook-up; the grand jury went into session; newly married men were told they were liable for drafting; and beacon lights for the enlarged airport were ordered; Carl Coleman resigned from local coaching job to go to Andrews.

7-W. B. Hardy was elected chairman of the Big Spring district of Buffalo Trail council; Mrs. Charles Eberley was elected head of the Red Cross; Frans Rupp gave a concert on Civic Music association series.

8-A \$25,000 bond issue was voted on for enlargement of airport; auxiliary of Six-County Medical Society held meeting.

9-Twelve indictments were returned by the grand jury.

Advertisement for Robinson and Sons featuring a camel illustration and the text 'Compliments OF THE SEASON' and 'We'd like to wish each of you all the Joys of the Yuletide Season...'.

10-Collection of state, county and common school district funds were \$183,457.04; Pat Murphy offered night classes in physical exercises for business men; Bruce Franzer, secretary of county selective service, noted that 30 per cent of selectees were possible candidates for Class 1-A; Big Spring was promised a baseball club for 1941 with Jodie Tate and Tink Riviere at the helm; Mrs. Obie Bristow was elected as president of the Ladies Golf association.

February

1-Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wasson celebrated golden wedding anniversary; Schley Riley named business manager for Malone-Hogan Clinic-Hospital; beneficial rains fell but missed lakes.

2-'Kil' Carson, Los Angeles, Calif., blind man, and his seeing dog stop here briefly on cross-country hike; several went to Odessa to hear H. R. Knickerbocker, war correspondent, lecture.

March

1-Band Clinic held over extra day by popular demand; G. C. Dunham and T. J. A. Robinson filed to succeed selves as city commissioners; New Mexico youths admitted kidnap story falsehood; annual membership meeting held by Caprock Electric Co-Operative with over \$60 on hand.

2-Suit brought against City of Big Spring by Joe E. Ward, Wichita Falls engineer, for \$20,153 for alleged breach of contract; Midwest Bible and Evangelistic conference opened at Fundamental Baptist church; Verne Jo Stephens won the VFW auxiliary essay contest; Juanita Jones and Adrian Looney won Herald essay contest on trees.

10-Recruiting sergeant noted that 273 men had enlisted in the regular army through his office during year; Dr. G. T. Hall was named head of the Six-County Medical Society.

11-Last of the cooperative line in the county was energized; Boy Scout leaders of 15 West Texas counties met with Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University as main speaker; Chas. Paxton, Sweetwater, was re-elected to a twelfth term.

12-County bought \$21,000 of machinery for road work; Board of Control asked for \$685,000 expansion for the State Hospital new buildings; Chamber of Commerce named ten new directors; placements by the TSES showed an increase over 1939 total.

13-Golden Gloves tournament began; 13 young men completed preliminary flight training for private pilot's licenses; R. W. Whiskey was named president of the chamber of commerce; Dana X. Bible spoke at the second annual Lions club grid dinner; applications for the defense class were beginning to be received.

14-All bank officials of both banks were re-elected; the city and county commissioners met jointly to discuss problems.

15-City sold airport bonds for record low interest; Cosden Employees Credit union members were given six per cent dividend; First Federal Savings and Loan association had its sixth annual session; the Rev. W. S. Garnett pleaded guilty to charge of selling securities without license; an anti-aircraft battery of National Guard coast artillery from Marianna, Ark., stopped here overnight.

16-City commissioners approved paving on two streets on West 4th street from Gregg to Douglas and two blocks on Goidad from Seventh to 9th streets; personnel for the NYA resident center was assigned.

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20-Another group of draftees left for El Paso; Hugh Carrington, formerly of Austin, arrived to take over the NYA center; Malcolm Bridges, city WPA recreational supervisor, was named area supervisor for Midland and Howard counties; Joe B. Harrison was appointed supervisor of local NYA center; E. & P. W. club organized a Girls club.

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30-Red Cross voted to conduct extensive aid program here.

31-President's birthday ball held; cotton harvest neared finish with 38,468 bales of 7,981,188 net lint pounds; poll tax payments were light.

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4-Forty-six youths arrive at the NYA center; Carson's dog killed by auto near Abilene; hearing began on contest of late Molly Phillips will; 29 boy scouts receive awards at court of honor.

5-Three flying students pass commercial flight tests.

6-The city approved condemning of airport land for expansion project.

7-The city bid for an army camp for 20,000 troops from West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

8-Local firemen took the trophy for the second time in the Farmman Basin Firemen's association convention in Lamesa; nine men and a woman qualified for flight scholarships offered by C.A.A.

9-Big Spring Safety council outlined activities for a program of work; W. C. Blankenship, school superintendent for 13 years, was re-elected by the school board for another term. Other officials re-elected.

10-Eight Howard county men leave for induction into the army; new election judges named; an 86 mile wind whipped through town for a record of some sort; recreational groups were given cheap water by the city commissioners.

11-Gas explosion at the high school injured Will Olsen; the district liquor office moved its location.

12-Sheriff's department launched a drive against cattle thefts; two Big Spring Golden Gloves went to Fort Worth for the district meet.

13-Salvation Army ordered plans drawn for its new citadel; Howard County Federation of Women's clubs went on record as favoring a county library; local residents placed orders for trees offered at low prices for city beautification.

14-The Rev. Homer Sheets observed his fifth year as pastor of the Assembly of God church; the county got requests for more machinery for terracing program; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. DeLeon celebrated their wedding anniversary.

15-Chamber of commerce added 14 new members; flight scholarship winners begin lessons; FDR approved huge airport expansion project for Big Spring.

16-County ginned 18,125 bales of cotton; Mead's bakery held open house in new plant; the chamber of commerce budget was approved.

17-Diocesan Council of Catholic women met in district session.

18-The fourth C. A. A. ground school began; heavy rains fell, helping ranges; Howard-Glasscock Red Cross chapter filled its quota and sent off 2,000 garments.

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3-More than 100 animals from five counties entered in fourth annual district club boy show; heavy rains bolstered city water supply; Pascal Buckner was nominated for governor of Lions district 2-T.

4-Catholics went to San Antonio for installation of archbishop; city decided to buy fire truck; boys calves brought \$12.60 average and top of \$14.25 in auction.

5-Half billion gallons of water in city lakes noted; E. V. Spence, city manager, declined army position; first photos listed in baby contest; \$15 added to Greel relief fund; army officers inspected airfield; school census work resumed with return of better weather.

6-Home Town Revue held at high school gymnasium.

7-Easter Seal sale began.

8-Ten community farm meetings set by AAA; T. & F. income showed a gain.

9-Grover C. Dunham and T. J. A. Robinson were re-elected city commissioners.

10-Reuben Williams, formerly of Big Spring, named to membership on state highway commission.

11-Plans formulated for organization of a frozen food locker plant in Big Spring.

12-Texas Farm Bureau begins membership drive in Howard county.

13-City orders revision of water rates.

14-The senate approved Reuben Williams as state highway commissioner.

15-Big Spring and Howard county designated as area of operation for the federal food stamp plan.

16-More than 150 women gathered here for district home demonstration association convention.

17-South Plains bankers convened here.

18-First delegates arrive -- West Texas district Assembly of God church convention.

19-Big Spring begins Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up week.

20-Isabelle Messmer, convicted murderer who twice escaped the Odessa Jail, was found in San Francisco.

21-Big Spring Bombers opened season, winning game with Wichita Falls Spudgers, 5 to 4.

22-Soaking rain fell over Big Spring area, cheering prospects for a good crop year.

23-U. S. defense bonds and stamps went on sale, with \$12,500 sold up to noon of first day in Big Spring.

24-Cosden granted five per cent wage increase to all employees.

25-Tom Cooksey was given acquittal by district court jury on kidnapping for extortion indictment.

26-Grocers, in mass meeting, learned details of food stamp plan.

27-Scouts arrived here for annual Buffalo Trail roundup.

28-Rotary troop won scout roundup championship.

29-Congressman Martin Dies, candidate for senator, spoke here.

30-Food stamp plan operation started in Howard county; annual Rotary club horse show started.

31-Robert J. Snell took over duties as rector of local Episcopal church.

1-Banquet here honored Reuben Williams, former local resident who is new member of Texas highway commission.

2-Ten-cent per barrel crude price increase announced in area.

3-Record size senior high school class--147--graduate; T. & F. locomotive explosion injures three persons.



We welcome this opportunity to wish each and everyone of our friends and customers a very.....

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy, Prosperous New Year

State National Bank

"Time Tried -- Panic Tested"

Major Local Events Of 1941 Are Reviewed

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June

5—Mrs. Daisy Mann Cushing, pioneer resident, succumbed to lung illness; city purchased new fire truck.

6—Federal census revealed Big Spring's retail sales exceed those of all other Texas towns of under 20,000 population; heavy rains fell in Big Spring area, putting Powell creek lake over spillway.

8—Mrs. Ida Finer, mother of Robert T. Finer and pioneer Big Spring resident, died.

13—Six thousand people attended annual Lamesa rodeo.

15—London Johnson, candidate for senator, spoke in big political rally in Big Spring.

18—Airport expansion projects started actual construction with assignment of workers.

19—W. M. "Bill" Wilkinson, of "Windy Hill" fame in Larry Chit-

enden's "Cowboys' Christmas Ball," died at Stanton.

19—City budget reduced \$36,000.

19—Luther Franklin Lawrence, for whom Luther postoffice was named, died.

21—W. Lee O'Daniel and Jerry Mann, candidates for senator, both spoke in Big Spring.

26—Local organization mapped USO drive for \$1,670 quota; all men meet here to hear optimistic reports on industry.

30—Governor signed appropriation bill giving Big Spring state hospital more than half million dollars worth of new construction.

July

1—Howard county 21-year-olds registered for selective service; \$891 subscribed to Howard county's United Service Organization's quota one day before official opening of drive.

2—Howard county produced \$800 for U. S. O. in first day drive for \$1,670 quota; farmers of Howard county begin cotton dusting.

3—Bobby Riley installed as new Lions club president.

4—Fourth of July show at amphitheatre drew record crowd of approximately 10,000; holiday is unmarred by tragedies although thousands gather for festivities.

5—First wheat loan papers arrived.

7—Apprentice instructor course added to civil aeronautics board program at municipal airport; U. S. O. quota drive exceeded, \$1,611.97 being subscribed.

8—Testimony bogged down in All-American bus lines' application for a certificate of convenience and necessity on intra-state traffic; Big Spring citizens met to study city budget and city commission puts stamp of approval on budget for fiscal year ending March 31, 1942, anticipating revenue of \$292,738 and expenditures of \$307,722.50.

9—21-year-olds get draft numbers with Theo Willis drawing the first in the sequence.

10—Navy opened recruiting station here; members of the 1113 district civil appeals court visited Big Spring on annual tour of the district.

13—Charles Whelchel, Big Spring Bomber pitcher, hurled 11-inning no-hitter at Pampa in West Texas-New Mexico baseball league game.

14—Chamber of commerce directors voted to support promotion of rodeo here this season.

15—Steering committee met to organize Howard county's aluminum drive.

17—First negro selectee, Isaac Woodruff, sent from Howard county; U. S. Army recruiting post, soil conservation service, bureau of entomology and plant quarantine and the farm security administration offices moved to postoffice building; Dr. C. A. Shaw fills Dr. George T. McMa-



han's place as head of the Big Spring State hospital.

18—Arthur Fred Kaech was first 21-year-old to be called from Howard county by selective service; 1,500 Howard county old-timers assemble here for the 16th annual meeting; metal shop installed at NYA center; scouts leave for camp in New Mexico.

19—Billy McElroy, supervisor of Texas Liquor Control in the Big Spring district, received notice of transfer—place to be filled by S. G. Carruth, formerly of Waco district.

20—Hayden Greer, Charlie Whelchel, Willard Ramsdell, Bob Kouch were Big Spring Bombers named on WT-NM league's all-star team.

21—Corden directors named in meeting here; American Legion outlined civilian defense program.

22—City-wide aluminum drive got underway; Hayden Greer paced southern teams to 9-0 victory over northerners in WT-NM all-star game at Lubbock.

23—Wild Mitchell county well blew salt spray over countryside.

25—County Agent O. F. Griffin raised estimate of flea danger to cotton in county.

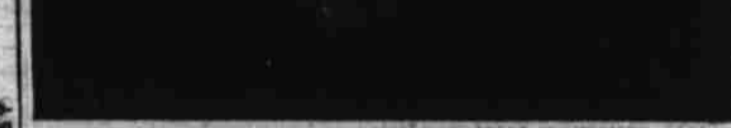
27—Mitchell county's salt gusher was put under control by expert.

30—E. V. Spence resigned city manager position—Boyd McDaniel named to post temporarily; Herbert Whitney made assistant to manager; Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Association set August 15-16-17 as show dates.

31—Master selective service list received by Howard county's selective board.

Soldiers Visit City

Soldiers of the new army passed through Big Spring many times during the year 1941. But the most memorable occasion was the overnight stop of 5,000 cavalrymen here in October, en route back to Ft. Bliss from Louisiana maneuvers. Here are shown a few of their troops relaxing at the camp grounds on the southeast outskirts of the city.



Food Products Exhibit

Howard county rural people displayed the best of their crops in a fall food products show in Big Spring. Shown here is the booth erected by Overton home demonstration club to take first prize in the event.

2—Local airport got \$25,000 allocation in addition to \$150,000 earmarked by CAB — Rodeo plans got well underway — 270 turn out for defense training school as local council of administrators go into action.

4—Charles Sullivan was named head of American Legion post — 2,000 soldiers en route to maneuvers take over town for night.

5—Cal Farley, district governor of Rotary, spoke to local club men.

6—Rural electrical co-operative got \$128,000 for B section of line.

7—Bob Davidson of Sweetwater won West Texas golf title—Bill Satterwhite elected head of West Texas Glinners' Association.

8—Four-car group of Big Springers attended Snyder rodeo.

10—Twenty-eight members of Company D 117th supply train of the 42nd division gathered for reunion here.

11—Chamber of commerce members received outline for network of southwestern airlines to serve Big Spring — Howard county commission acted to clear way for highway to Garden City by adopting a resolution agreeing to furnish right of way for project when undertaken — precinct 3 is reduced — County Judge Walton Morrison filed proposed 1942 budget with fifty cents tax levy provided, resources and expenditures reckoned at \$301,520.

12—City commission offered discount for early tax payments — E. Reggan named National Boy Scout council member — Home demonstration women hold annual county picnic at City Park.

15—Big Spring's 5th annual rodeo opened for three days.

17—Gospel meeting opened at Church of Christ.

19—Permian Basin association to refinance, Ben LeFever, local board member announced.

20—Bids on Kate Morrison and negro ward schools opened.

22 — CAB examiner approved

September

1 — ABC-sponsored motorcycle races drew good crowd—Dr. C. A. Shaw arrived to assume charge of Big Spring state hospital, succeeded by Dr. George T. McMahan — Willard Ramsdell, Big Spring pitcher, won 24th game of season as Big Spring took the WT-NM baseball league title—Bobby Davidson of Sweetwater won Country Club golf meet—Term of 70th district court started.

2—E. V. Spence, former city manager, took commission as major in quartermaster corps.

3—Big Spring Bombers met Amarillo here in first round of WT-NM Shughnessy playoff.

4—Contract let for new KBBT studio.

5—Big Spring went into final round of Shughnessy playoff as Amarillo was defeated three straight games.

7—New Salvation Army citadel was dedicated.

8—Chamber of commerce asks phone service investigation—Howard county commissioners court placed tax rate at 80 cents—Big Spring's 2,000 children return to school.

9—City board of equalization met.

10—City finances were reported back on black side of ledger—Dr. C. E. Lancaster, First Baptist church pastor, resigned post.

12—Local merchants cooperated in distribution of Cherry Vouchers.

14—Farm debts studied by FSA officials in committee parley here.

15—Baptist laymen, members of brotherhood organizations in the three associations of district 8, convened here. School safety council reorganized—Clovis beats Big Spring here to win WT-NM league Shughnessy playoff.

16—Mexican fleets commemorated Mexico's Independence anniversary.

17—Local welfare office prepared to aid dependent children—Fourteen of seventeen proposed aircraft observation posts set up in Howard county — 300 attend chamber of commerce get-together at Coahoma — Big Spring Steers opened football season here as Austin of El Paso is beaten.

19—Inspection tour made of conservation project in Howard county.

22—Chamber of commerce approves for \$100 as prize money for Howard county agricultural products exhibit — Cotton pickers from south began arriving at steady rate.

24—Program planned for fire prevention week, Oct. 5-11 — C. L. Cooke arrived to assume charge of

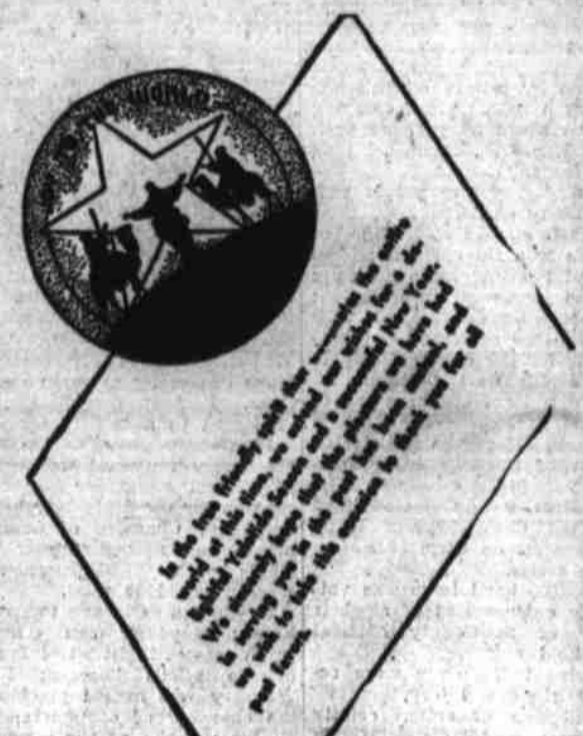
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The star at the top of your Christmas tree has been filled with good wishes from us, and if you notice a particular sparkle to the ornament, you'll know it's because we are wishing you an "extra-special" kind of Merry Christmas and a year of prosperity and happiness.

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THE VOGUE

Mrs. Dora Glenn
121 East 3rd

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The things you have wished for . . . the ambitions and plans that have been yours . . . we hope they will all be realized during the coming year. And may the Holiday Season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MELLINGER'S

"Big Spring's Largest Store for Men and Boys"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAY SONGS OF GOOD CHEER BE IN YOUR HEART THIS CHRISTMAS. OUR SINCEREST HOPE FOR A JOYOUS YULETIDE SEASON FOR YOU.

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MERRY words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a true token of our high regard for your patronage and friendship during the past year, and as a renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to offer, may we take this occasion to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.

This Christmas and Every Christmas

We look forward to sending you our sincere good wishes for a happy Holiday. It is a pleasure to us because it gives us an opportunity to thank you for all you have done for this firm.

Your have been liberal in your patronage, your friendship and good will—the combination of which spells progress for any organization.

You have been good to us—may Santa be just as good to you.

Happy New Year !!

Big Spring Laundry

L. C. Holdrege, Prop.

Major Local Events Of 1941 Are Reviewed



These Boys Won Pennant Race—The Big Spring Bombers won the pennant race in the West Texas-New Mexico league in 1941, but lost out in the playoff finals to Clovis. They are, front row, left to right, J. L. Haney, Eddie Stevens, Art Shillings, Hayden Greer, Jack Lindsey and Jodie Tate. Second row, Dick Balfanz, Pete Zimbrovich, Buck Schulze; back row, Larry Drake, Mel Reeves, Hank Poltras, Willard Bamsdell, Charlie Whelchel and Andy Mohrlock. Not shown is Bob Rohout.

serves 60th anniversary; Rev. George Julian assigned as St. Thomas Catholic pastor.

24—First freeze came with 24.7 weather; chamber of commerce decision week opened; Odessa's grid eligibility approved.

25—New fire truck arrived; grand jury returned 15 indictments; new terracing machine acquired; Turkey Day a success.

26—R. H. Phillips named Kiwanis president; car of feed shipped to Buckner Orphans home.

27—Rev. O. L. Savage addresses Union Thanksgiving service; Christmas seal campaign launched.

28—Sweetwater declared champion of district 3-AA when Odessa played decisive ineligible.

29—Fatty Berg and Helen Dettweiler performed on Country Club links; Sterling City routed Sparanburg for bi-district six-man grid crown; regional and district American Legion meeting convened.

30—Church of God burned mortgage papers for parsonage.

ped a new defense bond and stamp campaign; volunteers for army and navy rushing forward.

3—Supply of 1,000 ribbons for defense bonds and stamps exhausted quickly; Jan Valtin, author of "Out of the Night" spoke here; 18 high school football players lettered.

4—City commission abolished center parking as emergency measure; also granted five-year bus franchise to J. M. Bucher.

10—Mrs. Jena Jordan Barker died suddenly at Evanston, Wyo.; 27 private files released license under new war conditions; Rev. John Kee, Taylor White, Mrs. C. F. Edwards, all of Odessa, killed at Midland while returning from wedding here; Anne Margaret Courtney, Gorman, and J. Alfred Johnson, Omaha, Neb., fatally injured in car mishap near here.

11—War fever continues as con-

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We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual... and we take this opportunity to thank you for past favors and extend SEASON'S GREETINGS!

TINGLE'S NEWS STAND

Clyde Tingle

December

1—Store windows unveiled, marking opening of Christmas season.

2—Strychnine poison killed many dogs, aroused community; B&P.W. club started women's nursing course.

3—Chilo Nunas escaped city jail, first in history to get away from bastille; \$48,500 lateral road project announced as county-WPA job; Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Smith honored by Methodist congregation at reception tea.

4—Blue stamp issuance reached \$5,500 monthly level; dog lovers rallied to reward fund for poisoners; quick work by firemen stopped fire in 20,000-bale yard.

5—Lamesa Baptists laid cornerstone for their newly completed church; L. H. Gaskin, San Angelo architect, made test holes for three new state hospital dormitories; annual Storybook Parade held.

6—NYA girls production center closed out; tax offices reported good collections in November.

7—Dr. J. C. Utter visited here, recalling days when he was personal physician of the Earl of Aylesford; KBST opened new studio; Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor electrified local people.

8—Aroused by a declaration of war against Japan, local folk map-



Happy New Year

Linck's Food Stores



West Texas' Finest—That is what these baby beavers represent. 4-H and FFA club boys of several counties showed their calves, lambs and hogs in the annual boys' livestock show here in the spring of 1941.

students organized safety council.

7—County mattress production pegged at 708; WPA workers got wage hike.

8—Annual flower show held; teachers asked 10 per cent salary hike; district 3-AA committee approved holiday game changes.

9—Six injured in weekend car mishaps.

10—Elementary school music program held; school board set holiday dates; Fred Mitchell proved best "newbie" in Salvation Army fund stunt; Roy Reeder re-elected safety council head.

11—Preliminary sessions for Northwest Texas Methodist conference held.

12—Methodists opened district sessions; C. B. Beasley, Jr., 12, Colorado City, killed by hit and run driver; Red Cross roll call launched; Ralph G. Williams, 5, killed in auto mishap; 3-AA committee reversed action on game dates.

13—B. F. Stroup arrested in freak catch on four-year-old cattle theft charge.

14—Juvenile thievery ring broken by arrest of 12 lads.

15—B&P.W. district convention opened; Sterling City won district six-man grid title.

16—First Presbyterian church observed 50th anniversary; Sweetwater won next Methodist meet; six hurt in car mishaps; El Paso got next B&P.W. session.

17—Flight examining board returned.

18—Sixty bales of cotton burned at Stanton; C. W. Cunningham died suddenly; Anne Gwynne, movie actress, visited brother, J. B. Trice.

19—Cotton picker surplus reported for first time by TSES; J. B. Bruton named assistant police chief.

20—Coeden profits reported at more than half million dollars.

21—C. V. Hewitt reported a two bale to the acre cotton crop; Yearlings dropped only game of season; Howard county rural basketball league organized.

22—One killed, six hurt in car crashes.

23—First Christian church ob-

September

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Big Spring naval recruiting station — Tax rate of City of Big Spring again set at \$1.70.

25—Albert A. Wirtz named head of NYA resident center.

26—Mrs. G. I. Phillips beat Mrs. J. R. Farmer to retain Ladies' country club golf title.

28—First session of fall first aid class draws 22 men.

30—Members of the local advisory council of the Salvation Army discussed possibilities of community chest here.

October

1—Infantile paralysis officers named; heaviest rain of 1941 falls; industrial exhibits included in fair plans.

2—Fifty NYA boys started first aid class; Iva's Jewelry opened at new location; district No. 2, El Paso Presbyterian (women) meets here; Midland officer "kidnaped."

3—Pastors mapped autumn's work; 4-H boys named for state fair trip.

4—Cotton harvest hit stride; Herman Bolton shot through chest, survived; district diversified occupations meeting held here.

5—Bishop H. A. Boas opened First Methodist revival; Assembly of God members burned church mortgage papers; sixth Amarillo Diocesan meeting held here; Mrs. W. E. McNallen elected president.

6—Five thousand soldiers spent night here; First Christian church elected officers.

8—Gins handle 1,000 bales daily; Caprock Electric Cooperative let contract to McClure (Dallas) for \$21,544.

11—Chester Smith, negro, shot in back, survived; Fire Prevention Week started; Coahoma Methodists named officers.

13—County got \$13,000 for lateral road work; community chorus organized with 28 charter members.

14—County goals set for food production; Boy Scout 471's lamed; wire fence also experiment started in Martin county; damaging rains fell, Dawson county hard hit; Rev. H. W. Haldip named president of Christian district No. 4.

15—Nine miles Caprock Electric Co-Op lines in Midland county energized; Saturday business so heavy townspeople urged to shop on Friday.

17—First annual Howard County Products show opened.

18—P.T. A. school of instruction held here.

20—Flight examining board here; four negroes sent to army as selectees; Herald cooking school opened; Mrs. Mary Rutherford died; B. Reagan honored on 74th birthday; district lumber dealers

had meeting here.

21—Southwest Feeder Airlines predicts early CAA hearing; O. E. Stevenson, Loraine, father of Mrs. George Mahon, died; district undertakers meeting held here.

22—Grover Cunningham, Jr., named by My Home Town speaker; Ackerly Methodist church dedicated by Bishop L. L. Holt.

23—Dawson county fair opened; Boy Scout leaders went to Lubbock to hear Chief Scout Executive James E. West.

24—Heavy rains boosted year's total past normal; Gloria Nell elected band queen.

25—West Texas Singing Convention organized here.

27—Chamber of commerce named delegates to WTCC.

28—City abandons plans to reopen Wanderers Inn.

30—Defense program tripled CAA work; anti-counterfeit educational program started; Russell Bros. circus here; county rejected proposals to reopen sewing room.

31—Kiwanis Jubileuca big success, netted \$780; Patriarchs Millitant convened here; Movie Actor Herbert Marshall stopped here briefly.

mer Dunham's pastorate.

3—E. C. Gaylor named district head of firemen's emergency program; ministers scored liquor trade; delegates went to WTCC in Midland.

4—J. D. Elliott bought the Jack Frost Drug; local Red Cross unit reported big volume of garment production; Salvation Army drive got off to good start.

5—Mrs. Dora Roberts named in \$11,070 damage suit; "Miss America" arrested for nudity at carnival; 14 selectees left for army.

6—Lt. John Quinn promoted to Lt. Commander; 150 laymen held first annual meeting; high school

November

1—Four highway patrol officers assigned here; Halloween violence sent 12 to hospital; taxpayers rushed in with \$500,000.

2—East Fourth Baptist observes second anniversary of Rev. R. El-

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We feel that we have made progress with our business during the past year, but whatever we have accomplished we have done so because of the loyalty of our friends and patrons... Again we say — THE BEST OF EVERYTHING TO YOU AND YOURS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

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Traveler Tells Of Similarity Between Texas, South America

By BRADLEY CURRY
Associated Press Staff

The traveler from Texas finds many similarities in South America to his own state, says a Texas international authority recently returned from a tour of the South American continent.

To the visitor from Texas, Argentina and Uruguay with their mild, warm climate, and spaces of Texas, observes Dr. S. D. Myers, Jr., who recently returned from South America.

He was one of a group of 12 American scholars and editors chosen by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The group visited all the principal South American cities and capitals and discussed western hemisphere relations with leading editors, business leaders, educators and government officials.

Dr. Myers originated the annual series of lectures and round-table conferences held at Texas colleges and universities with noted international experts exchanging viewpoints with students. He is the di-

rector of the Institute of Public Affairs at Southern Methodist university.

In Peru, Chile and southern Brazil, the Texan encounters many conditions within the range of his knowledge and experience, this authority says.

"Peru produces cotton, sugar, wool and oil, all of which are staple commodities in Texas. The nitrate and copper fields of Chile are worked in somewhat the same fashion as are the sulphur deposits of Freeport.

"A Texas breed of cotton has wrought great changes in the agricultural life of Brazil; in the region of Sao Paulo, coffee plants have been destroyed by the thousands to make way for the more remunerative production of cotton. An enterprising cotton broker of Houston has had much to do with this development."

The Pampas of Argentina and Uruguay are similar to the grain and alfalfa fields of our Panhandle, while the grass lands are comparable to the grazing country of

our west, Dr. Myers says. The basic industries of Argentina and Uruguay, like those of Texas, are pastoral and agricultural. The "Estancia," with its countless cattle, is organized and operated much as is the typical Texas ranch.

"Both in fact and in fiction the gaucho resembles our Texas cowboy," he relates.

Sheep and goats are raised in the brush country and on the open range in much the same way as they are in similar Texas regions.

"Billowing fields of corn, wheat and oats, along with much land planted to cotton, complete the picture of fundamental similarities," Dr. Myers explains. "The Texas misses the oil slicks, so common in the ranching territory of Odessa and Midland and the farming areas of Longview and Kilgore."

Argentina and Uruguay share with the other countries of South America a general condition or status that exists to some extent in Texas also, this Texas authority found.

For historical and other reasons, he states, the entire stretch of territory from the Red River, which bounds Texas on the north, to Tierra Del Fuego, the southernmost point of Argentina, "is an economic hinterland whose well-being depends on the production of certain raw materials in large quantities."

Cotton, wheat, corn, flax, coffee, cocoa, rubber, cattle, sheep, hogs, copper, sulphur, nitrates, tin, silver, petroleum and a few other items are the chief sources of wealth. Manufacturing is carried on, but its importance does not yet by any means match that of the production of raw materials, explains Dr. Myers.

The peoples of this vast area must find markets abroad for their great staple products, he continues, and thus suffer both from the vagaries of foreign trade, with intermittent periods of prosperity and depression, and from continuous competition with the cheap labor of Egypt, East Africa, the Dutch East Indies and India — countries which produce surpluses of many of the commodities mentioned.

"The sharecropper on a Texas cotton farm and the peon on a "finca" or in a copper mine of Chile are both victims of this economic condition," Dr. Myers asserts.

"But there is an important distinction at this point. The prosperity of Texas is no longer dependent entirely on export markets. Our farmers are learning to diversify their crops rather than to look exclusively to cotton for their cash income. "Furthermore, they receive regular subsidies from Washington to offset the disadvantages of the

protective tariff. Texas produces great quantities of oil and sulphur which are sold freely in the extensive United States market. We are learning some of the advantages of industrialization. Texas may have a semi-colonial status within the union, but it is in the Union."

The countries of Latin America are outside and will remain outside, Dr. Myers believes.

"It is true that for the moment they are enjoying an expanded volume of trade with the United States, that our government is lending them millions of dollars for public works and for the purchase of machinery and other goods manufactured here, and additional millions under our lend-lease program," Dr. Myers explains. "But how long can we continue this policy of subsidizing our neighbors to the south?"

"The war will be over some day; then South America must look abroad, to Europe particularly, for its natural markets, this expert predicts. And it must resume competition with the more backward colonial regions of the world.

Either that, he believes, or its economy, order, and our own, must be more fully reorganized than now seems practicable or possible.

"Thus," Dr. Myers concluded, "the real test of the Good Neighbor policy, with all it means for the Americas, is yet to come."

TOILET GOODS IN TIN TUBES TO DISAPPEAR

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Ill. — The defense program is beginning to make changes in everyday household articles through America. One of the latest to be affected is the ordinary shaving cream tube.

"The requisitioning of tin for defense production means that shaving cream and other toilet and medical preparations sold in tin tubes will be distributed in new containers, according to the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply.

Tube manufacturers are developing substitute alloys for tin used in their products, and they expect to save 1,00 tons annually. Federal experts are experimenting with potential substitutes also.

Miss Helen Sorenson, assistant professor of household management at the University of Illinois college of agriculture, warned recently that the substitutes devised must not contain materials harmful to the quality of products or affecting their safety for consumers.

She said government officials have provided assurances that tests will be undertaken to guarantee that substitutes used in tubes will be suitable for products merchandised in such containers.

Each person's quota of peanuts is ten pounds a year, because 1940 census reports showed that 1,100,816,399 pounds are grown annually in the United States.



MAN OF MUSCLE—Born Oct. 2, 1941, Bobby Dunah of St. Augustine, Fla., has been astounding his mother and all the neighbors by feats of strength such as above suspension act. He's celebrating his 12th week on this planet by swinging from a chair back with the greatest of ease. But that cushion on the floor means that mama is taking no chances—just now!

Local Organizations Will Spread Christmas Cheer To Needy Folks

Nearly every organization in town no matter how small or large is assuming some responsibility for giving a little Christmas cheer to the underprivileged.

Most church circles have adopted some family and will pile a basket high with food and gifts for the children. The service clubs also have their Christmas parties for West Side children and others

whose Christmas otherwise would be just another day in the week.

The bridge clubs and sewing clubs are organized together, too, to play Santa Claus to local children. Business women's circles are also aiding with gifts of food and toys.

Some of the clubs are dealing directly with the families and plan to take their gifts themselves to children held; schools dismissed for Christmas. Doug Orms named president of ABClub.

the families that they have met and talked with. Other organizations prefer to work through the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and welfare associations who will direct the baskets to the needy families.

With such combined giving and with gifts from private families, surely old St. Nick will climb down every chimney with toys for the little ones and food for all on that best day of all — December 25th.

December

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great retailed by declaring war on Germany and Italy; scouts planned for big crowd to hear Jeff Williams at annual banquet here Jan. 8.

13—Roy Reeder, roll call chairman, closes out regular membership campaign for Red Cross at \$4,200. Emergency fund drive for \$5,400 quota launched for Red Cross by J. E. Collins.

13—NYA boys resident center closed; record Christmas volume reported by business; defense bond sales passed quarter of million dollar mark; cotton quotas carried 521-14.

14—First Methodist church caught fire.

15—Red Cross first aid instructors met to plan for defense activities.

16—Official air raid instructions carried by the Herald; West Texas Singing convention announced dates for next convention.

17—Soldier got in jail for conjuring tales of heroism at Pearl Harbor and ordered held by FBI agents. Red Cross emergency drive went over the top.

18—Elementary school children gave Christmas carol program. Dr. C. E. Thomas named head of Six-County Medical society.

19—Lions party for Mexican

BOLT HITS DOG BUT FIRST AID RESTORES LIFE

FORT WORTH—Dan, a small brown mongrel, wobbled and stared with glassy eyes today. He scarcely knows what hit him.

His master, George Stewart, 16, is quite sure what hit the pet. It was a bolt of lightning. Stewart was sitting on the bed in the home of a friend, Henry Allmon, 18, when the bolt struck.

It threw the two off the bed, set the roof of the home afire, and shattered glass over Mrs. E. H. Allmon. When the fire had been extinguished, the boys noticed the dog lying on the ground with its feet stiff and skyward.

They took the animal to Stewart's home and gave it artificial respiration. Finally the unhappy Dan opened an eye questioningly and then the other.

The boys continued the massage and gave Dan a bath. They plan to continue treatments in the hope that the pet will be the same happy playfellow as before.

Census reports show that alcoholism, acute or chronic, kills over 2,500 persons in a year.

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Just as the ties of friendship are strengthened by the cherished coming of the Holiday Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual regard and confidence.

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If you are one of those skeptics who doubts the existence of St. Nick, let us reassure you. There is a Santa Claus, a very real spirit whose existence makes life brighter and more joyous. He lives in the heart of men and women who realize that good living is an art of far greater importance than the amassing of wealth. Our Christmas wish for you is that during the coming year you will bank more of that wealth of friendship and good cheer which is life's greatest treasure.

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Bay Rum As Evidence Traps Indian Defendants

BALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Tom and Susie Graymountain, Utah Indians from the Fort Duchesne reservation, were brought into federal court here to answer charges of stealing a harness from Susie's aunt, Mary Pennyjack. When Susie descended from the witness stand, a bottle tumbled from beneath her Indian blanket. It was bay rum. She hastily explained to U. S. marshals that the "tonic" had been purchased for my "husband's whiskers." But when Tom took the stand, his attorney found a good deal of the bay rum had got past his whiskers. It showed in his testimony — and Tom and Susie were convicted.

Motorist Lands Sturgeon FRAMILLODE, Gloucestershire, Eng. — A sturgeon was seen apparently stranded by a motorist at the water's edge of the River Severn at Framilode. He towed it to the bank with his car. It is the second largest sturgeon ever landed from fresh waters in Britain. The fish was 9 feet 5 inches in length.

Best Wishes

Just as the ties of friendship are strengthening by the cherished coming of the Holiday Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual regard and confidence.

In behalf of our whole organization, we are welcoming this opportunity to extend to you and yours our Greetings for Christmas and with them our Best Wishes for a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE HERALD

Collector of Tinfoil Turns In 307 Pounds

SUPERIOR, Wyo. — Years ago Edward Hanking decided he'd collect tinfoil. When he turned his collection over to the Rock Springs, Wyo. fire department recently he had 807 pounds of the shiny wrapping, which were sent to a children's hospital in Salt Lake City. The tinfoil was pressed tightly into small cylindrical and cubical blocks. Hanking refused to pose for a picture, explaining: "It was nothing at all. Just didn't waste any."

Raid Drills To Music

NEW YORK — Air raid drills are set to music by the Hunter College elementary school children, who sing such songs as "Jingle Bells" and "Way Down Upon the Swane River," while sitting on the floor of the bomb-proof corridors in the 16-story college building.

Forsan People Plan Variety Of Yule Trips

Kenneth Butler of Sul Ross arrived last weekend to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson are visiting in Kermit during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thoms and family will spend Christmas with Mrs. Thoms' mother, Mrs. Henry Bades at Sterling City. Harold Patterson arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patterson. Adelaide Hargroves will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hargroves, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Woodson of Dallas are guests of Mrs. Woodson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Hoard. Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lewis and Joanne left Saturday for Cleburne to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conger are visiting in Sterling City during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Watkins and Deanna Marie are spending from Saturday until Christmas Day with Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson, in Sterling City, then will join Mr. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Watkins, in Meadow, for the remainder of the holidays. Edna Earl Bradham arrived on the weekend to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bradham. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cardwell have their daughter, Gladys, home from Abilene for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burkhardt and James Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greaves and family, and Jack Greaves join their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Greaves, in Lamesa for Christmas. Mrs. T. C. Burkhardt of Lamesa visited the Lloyd Burkhardt's Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Hinds are spending Christmas with his parents in Tye. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunn will be holiday guests of Mrs. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell in Bonora. Pauline Morris went to Lamesa Friday. Eleanor and Willodean Martin are spending the holidays with relatives in Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Connally left Friday for Mesa, Ark., to spend Christmas with relatives. Jia Bartlett and Aquilla West visited Miss Bartlett's parents at Lamesa Thursday evening. Miss Bartlett, her parents, and Margaret Jackson left Friday for California to visit relatives and friends. Miss Jackson will visit Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sawyer, former Forsan residents. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Phillips and son left Friday for Weatherford to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Cagle Hunt are visiting in Abilene and McLean during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Roberts will spend Christmas with relatives in Westbrook. Mrs. Irvin Wiseman and Linda Jean are in Welch with relatives, to remain until after Christmas. Mr. Wiseman will join them there. James Gardner came home Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith have their son, Floyd, home for the holidays. Joy Lane of ACC arrived this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lane. Daniel and Robar Yarbro of NTSTC arrived Saturday to be with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Yarbro. They were accompanied by Curtis Grant, of the same school, who will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grant. John B. Barber is home with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barber for the holidays. He is a Tech student. C. M. Adams, Magnolia employe, who has a farm in the Moore community, reports his crop gathered with a yield of 99 bales of cotton on 113 acres, 75 tons of maize heads on 95 acres, 17,000 bundles of feed on 60 acres and 40 acres of sudan grass grazed all year. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Williams and Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Sikes, will have with them Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sikes of Abilene and Ada Sikes of Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ratliff have as guests during the holidays Mr.

and Mrs. J. R. Byrd and children of Electra. Nell Manning is spending this weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clifton. Mrs. M. A. White of Cross Plains is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Long and Mr. Long. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Criner and Carol Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carter will spend Christmas in Ardmore, Okla., visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Humphreys of Los Angeles visited Mrs. Lillie Mae Johnson last week. Mrs. Johnson left on the weekend to join Jim and Bebe there to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Daisy Cook. The children will return home with her to spend a portion of the holidays here. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Camp of Salem, Ill., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams on the Magnolia lease.

Italian 'Americanized,' Credit To U. S. Army

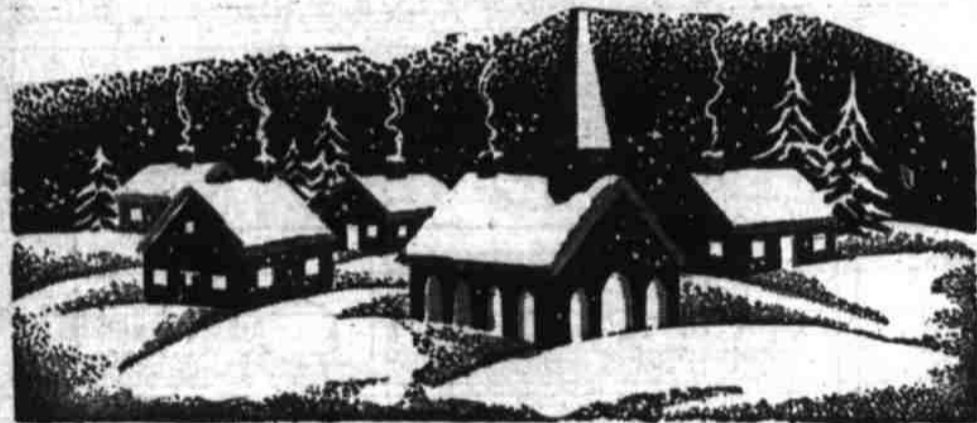
CAMP CLAIBORNE, La. — He entered the army in unorthodox fashion, but Italian-born Sergt. Gennaro Semonelle, after 17 years in the service, is "thankful to be an American." In 1924 Semonelle was standing on a Philadelphia street, unable to speak English. A man in uniform took him by the arm and walked away with him. Semonelle was 19 then.

Here's Wishing You a Happy Holiday

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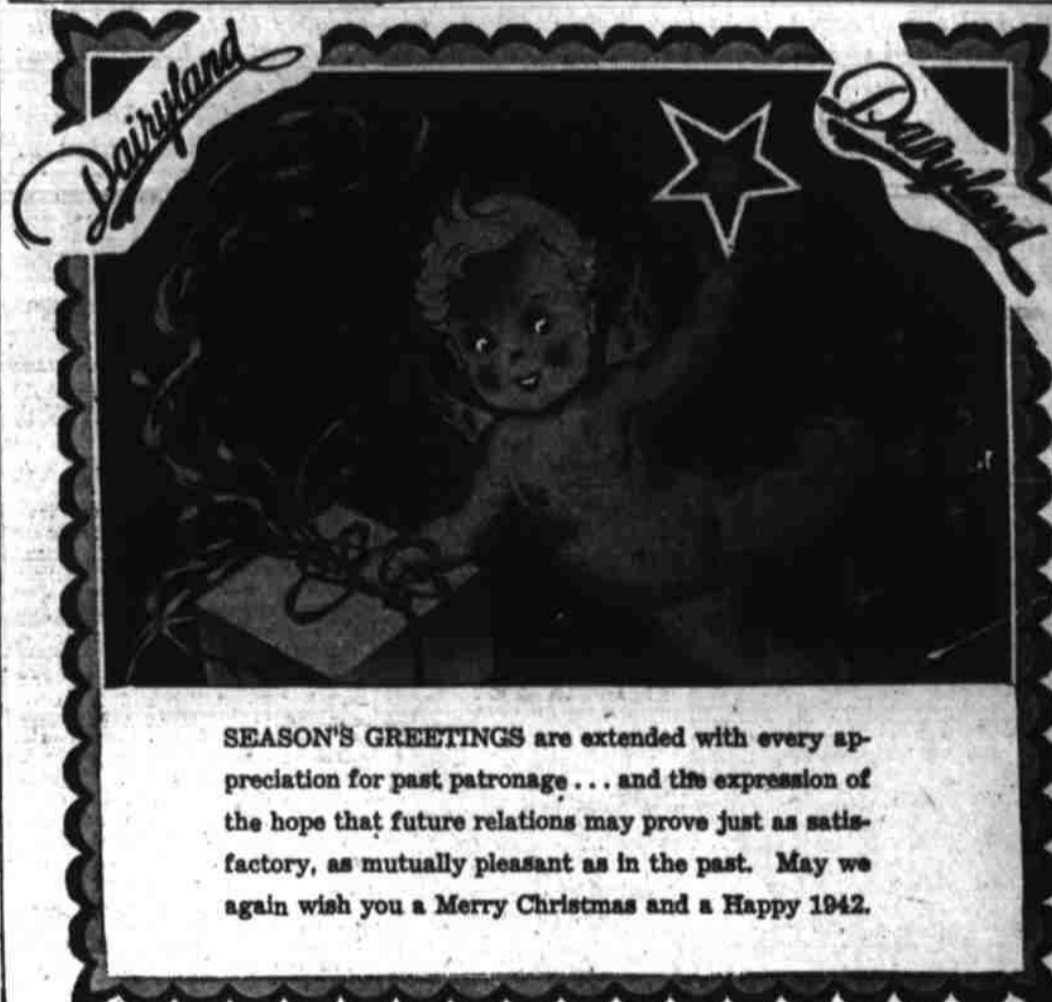
Greetings

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Best Wishes

Sincere good wishes to you and yours at this happy holiday season. We want to take this occasion to say thanks for every favor of the past . . . and to wish you not only the best Christmas of all, but a happy, prosperous New Year.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS are extended with every appreciation for past patronage . . . and the expression of the hope that future relations may prove just as satisfactory, as mutually pleasant as in the past. May we again wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1942.



Merry Christmas! Yes, Merry Christmas in a world

of turmoil and war . . . May Christmas bring to all the solemn realization that though man rises against man, and nation against nation . . . that through the birth of Christ there is a way opened to every individual to hide in his heart the "peace that passeth all understanding."

Cherish the day, enjoy the friendships, share the love and devotion. Our hope and prayer is that you will live to see those that follow—for there will always be a Christmas!

Mead's fine Bread

Editorial —

Greatest Story Ever Told

In commemoration of the Holy Day which marks the 1941st anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, this column is devoted, in a spirit of reverence and humility, to one of the most glorious documents in the world, as contained in the first 14 verses of the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed x x x

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Gallilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem x x x

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 37 DIM TRAIL

"This enterprising photographer named Ferdinand, he printed up a lot of the Reverend Henry and his two daughters, an' sold 'em. An' because Juanita's runnin' away'd caused quite a flurry in town, a lot of people bought 'em. Mrs. Harris dug one out of her attic. She didn't know what'd become of Lucy an' the Reverend Henry, but I s'pose," Lasey concluded, "Lucy grew up an' mar-

ried a Mr. Beadle." "He was a ship chandler," Miss Olive said, "and he died, when I was three. I was brought up by my family. So my mother was actually born here in town? I wonder if perhaps that can be why the place has always attracted me."

Trailer Tintypes



Christmas 1941



"I'm speechless!" Cummings said. "What about this estate Miss Olive's heir to, Lasey?" "We-el, about a year or a half ago—I went to Boston for this part, an' I bulled some Porter Motors directors into gettin' the dope from friends of theirs connected with the Empire National—'bout a year an' a half ago, a woman named Allstadt died in New York. Juanita Allstadt—" "Juanita?" Freddy interrupted excitedly. "Our Juanita, the one who ran away with Marcy Joyce?" "Whoa up. She was the wife of Willem Allstadt, who was very rich, an' a famous yachtsman, an' after he died around nineteen-twelve, she went into seclusion an' got kind of queer. She didn't see people, an' didn't often leave her apartment, an' meals were left outside her door. She had one of the apartment hotel folks had an awful time even gettin' inside her place to get it cleaned proper. She paid for everything with bills. An' when she died, it turned out she was rollin' in money, an' there wasn't no Allstadt left, an' there wasn't no will, an' the Empire National was pretty unhappy about it all. On her marriage certificate this Mrs. Allstadt was Juanita Juan. An' when that got known, hundreds of folks named Juan appeared on the scene, an' the bank got unhappier than ever. Finally they hired Rankin to see if he could track down the heirs. An'—" "I got it. He found out everything," Cummings said. "Only, how did he plan to profit by it?"

"Not so fast. Remember, Doc, you've started from Quisset. Rankin had to work it out the hard way. He had to go through Mrs. Allstadt's things—papers an' all. An' finally he asked the bank for a secretary, an' they sent him a girl named Ann Joyce. Now, Rankin's found out that Juanita Allstadt had been Juanita Juan, a famous actress of the nineties, an' finally he located some old lady in an actor's home who told him she was sure Juan was an assumed name. How he ought on to Ann bein' related we can only guess till we've pumped him. But maybe she knew she had a great-grandmother named Juanita, an' said so. Anyway, Rankin looked into the matter—without tellin' her—an' found out who her great-grandmother was. There's pages an' pages of how he found out, upstate in his papers. Last summer, Rankin asked Ann to marry him.—" "Gorry bal!" Washy said. "There's

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Washington Daybook— Preventing Jitters Now Problem For Uncle Sam

By JACK SEINHEIT WASHINGTON — The biggest worry of official Washington in these early days of war is fear of widespread hysteria throughout the nation.

That was the chief reason President Roosevelt took the air the other night—to try to create calm in a people who were giving evidence of letting war jitters lead them into panic.

The Seattle episode of a mob smashing lighted windows was one outburst. The near panic on the New York Stock Exchange was another. The blackouts and bomb scares on the west coast and east coast were all accomplished with evidences of overwrought nerves.

Even in congress, where not so many hours before, war had been voted with calm deliberation, some senators and representatives went verbally berserk. It was these reports, scattered, but steadily piling up on the desks of government officials that gave them even greater alarm than the reports of serious damage to our fleet in the Pacific.

These officials already are trying to formulate rules and regulations by which the people, self-possessed them, can avoid the hysteria and resulting confusion which the enemy would so much like to see spreading over the land.

Among these, the first is pay no attention to rumor. The theater of war is a thousand miles and more away. Communications are disrupted. News will come back slowly and will even then have to be filtered to be certain that none is given to the enemy by being made public.

Naturally, this leaves the door wide open for all sorts of concoctions that have little or no basis in fact. And the worst and most damaging of the fabrications will be planted by the enemy.

Federal officials say it is not impossible that American cities will be bombed and that every city should have its precautionary plans drawn and ready for instant action. BUT, they continue, without enemy bases nearby, there can be no large-scale bombing in this phase of the war.

While there has been no concrete evidence of Fifth Column activity yet, almost any of the cases of hysteria reported could have been touched off by enemies within.

How to keep the people on guard for Fifth Column activity without

setting off a witch hunt is another one that is putting gray hairs in many Washington heads.

The prime activity of the Fifth Columnists, before the armed forces arrive is to create distrust in one's government and one's institutions; to set up race hatreds; to align class against class; to turn every one against his neighbor; to throw the country into confusion.

According to investigators, the chief instruments of the Fifth Columnist in this country for a while now at least will be talk—just plain conversation that will have as its objective those things mentioned in the paragraph above. And that is the kind of conversation that will have to be guarded against.

Here again, rumor will play a big part—rumor by word of mouth, in letters, and perhaps in circulars and folders.

There is one certain way of getting around the Fifth Columnists. Insist on facts. Demand proof and don't believe anything until you have it.

That, at least, is what some government officials here say will cure the war jitters and keep them from returning. If they can be held in check for a few weeks, nationwide plans—probably through the Office of Civilian Defense—will be worked out to keep them there for the duration.

Tinted Nails May Cure Thumb-Sucking Habit

BOSTON — Paint baby daughter's fingernails bright red to cure her thumb-sucking habit is the advice offered despairing parents by Dr. Richard H. Norton.

Feminine vanity—even at three or four years, he told the Massachusetts Dental Society, is aroused by colorful nails. Dr. Norton says the experiment was tried on his granddaughter and that "the child was delighted and has not put her fingers in her mouth since."

Before that, he said, the family had tried a number of evil-tasting solutions without success.

E. S. Tucker of Toopella, Chile, holds the world's record for catching the largest broadbill swordfish. It weighed 560 pounds.

In 1940 approximately \$10,000,000 gallons of ice cream were produced, compared to 260,000,000 gallons in 1929.

Man About Manhattan—

Christmas Tree Has Long Traditions

By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK—I see the Christmas trees piled by the thousands in West Street and along the waterfront, waiting to be routed into private homes by retailers and jobbers. I see their long needles and plumes, their crisp leaves and red berries. I see holly, spruce, fir, and pine.

Of all these merry fellows of the forest I tip my hat to the young tender pine. For of all trees and shrubs, it is most beneficial. . . . It is man's best friend. . . .

It shelters him when he is homeless, warms him when he is cold, feeds him when he is hungry, and comforts him when he is ill.

From its tissues come lumber for his home and fuel for his hearth. Its oils and resinous resins bring succor to his lumbago. They assuage his itching skin, allay his rheumatic afflictions, combat his cholera, dull the knives of his arthritis, and sweeten his ailing stomach.

From its leaves come "pine wool," and from its seed come food

and flavoring extracts. It gives him pitch and tar for his highways, pulp for his newspapers, and turpentine for his live stock and his navies.

You do not have to provide rich loam and fertilizer for the pine. It asks nothing in return for its benefits. It grows in barren wastelands, on hills and in valleys. . . . It thrives on the fringes of deserts, on dry beaches and in arid plains. . . . It is found in the arctic and at the gateway to the tropics. It is always where you need it most.

Where the pine began is a matter to be discussed by fairies and goblins. You will find its origin in books. You will find it only in legend and in half-remembered tales that were ancient when Eden began and have come down to us through the needle-scented centuries as antiquity's own adornment to the Christmas tree.

For the pine is the true symbol of Christmas, all claims to the holy notwithstanding.

When the Christ Child was born,

so the old tale goes, three trees stood against the manger—the olive, the date palm, and "the pine. To honor the new King the olive tree made haste to offer up its fruit, the palm its date. But the little pine had nothing to give. . . .

Some stars, seeing this from above, gently descended and settled on the boughs of the pine. This was the first Christmas tree.

It was a long jump from that first Christmas to 1608, but that is the next actual use of the Christmas tree I have been able to find. It was introduced by a collector of taxes in Strasburg, Germany, who sponsored its use along the Rhine until it finally spread throughout Christendom. Then the Duchess of Orleans brought it to France, and Victoria used it in the great English pageant in memory of Henry VIII. As for America, there is no first date that I have been able to uncover. All we know is that it was brought to our shores by the first German immigrants.

Hollywood Sights and Sounds—

Young Women In Uniform Make Picture

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD—The set of "This Above All" is peopled with young women in uniform. One of the young women in uniform is Joan Fontaine, she being the girl to whom Tyrone Power lends his heart in the well-known Power manner.

The uniforms, blue-gray and navy, are those of the WAAF—the Women's Auxiliary Air Force—one of England's best known organizations for the distaff side's war effort.

But the two young women who are not in uniform are the two who belong to the WAAF—Kathleen Hunt and Iris Houston. They were sent out as technical advisers from Washington, where they are attached to the Royal Air Force commission there.

The pair of them give as good a demonstration of the British spirit (the kind A. Hillar didn't understand) as any Hollywood has seen. Iris Houston's home was bombed out; Kathleen Hunt's husband is fighting in Libya. Both are cheery and thumbs-up-ish and nobody was more surprised than they to be sent to Hollywood where for two weeks they were as featured by cinema make-believe as if they, themselves, hadn't been living through the most dramatic

spectacle and tragedy of modern times.

There's a scene in the picture in which WAAF Fontaine is reprimanded by her sergeant, as she joins up, for wearing cosmetics. This could happen, the technical advisers say, though it isn't the rule. Cosmetics are permissible if not used to excess—unless the recruit comes under a sergeant who personally disapproves. Miss Houston knows it could happen—because it happened to her as it happened to WAAF Fontaine.

What does WAAF do? Everything—except actually fly—there is to be done about an airplane; anything that will release men for active war duty. She works in radio, in mechanics, in the mess, on weather reports, everywhere. Her ambition, during training, is the great day when she'll be assigned to a "station"—an air field. As a WAAF, she's an integral part of the RAF.

And is she proud of it? Ask Flight Lieutenant Hunt. Ask Assistant Section Officer Houston.

Adeline Dewalt Reynolds, the 31-year-old movie newcomer, was playing Charles Laughton's mother in "The Tattlers of Tahiti." Between scenes she was sitting on a couch in a porch corner, intently studying a song with Tahitian

words. "I don't know Tahitian," she explained, "but they wanted me to join in the singing. I thought, 'I might as well get it down pat—now.'"

Mrs. Reynolds said her tap-dancing had been neglected lately, but she was still keeping up her fencing. "Fencing," she said, "is the best exercise for an actress."

You keep on learning things on movie sets. After I'd recovered from the coma induced by "Grandma" Reynolds' energies, I asked technical adviser John Resain the why of the baldness of the three fighting cocks in the picture.

The why: when the birds are grown and trained, the trainers clip the combs and feed the pieces to the birds. This is supposed to spur their fighting spirit incredibly.

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one part I knew, anyway! "Uh-huh. An' trackin' down Juanita Upjohn who got to be Juanita Marcy, he got back to the Upjohns, an' Miss Olive."

pened then? Your guess is as good as mine. "She took it to Rankin," Cummings said. "She said, 'Here, look, maybe I'm related,' or words to that effect."

"How did he shoot Ann? How could he have done it? We were here in this room all afternoon, Mrs. Clutterfield, and Rankin and I. And he wasn't out of sight!"

Rankin took it out of your basket again! "He was most likely so anxious to get off with Judge Houghton, who sure made a nice reliable alibi," Assey said, "that he didn't discover about Ann's pincushion right off. My I was dumb!"

Carelessness will leave the gates down for tragedy to strike at the most unexpected times—and Christmas is not exempt.

Collect. By all means it should be kept back from open fires, away from the Christmas tree, and if possible, placed into a container as soon as it has served its purpose.

leave the tree lights to fire—one that would burn like powder. Often they are near windows where flames could easily climb up curtains.

serious electrical shock. Firecrackers are dangerous things, but some will shoot them. In this event, care should be given to the possibility of starting fires and certainly not to hold lighted fireworks which have explosive results. Hands and fingers aren't easily replaced.

Carelessness Brings Christmas Fire Tragedies



Season's Greeting's

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will . . . And so at this happy season we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best wishes for Christmas and the coming year. . .

Big Spring Lumber Co.

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We are hoping that each of you enjoy the Merriest Christmas ever. Your consideration of this firm in the past has been of tremendous importance and it is with gratitude for your patronage that we extend our most cordial good wishes for the Yuletide Season.

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Advertisement for Elrod's Furniture featuring a 'Merry Christmas' graphic and text: 'A day when human hearts are turned to finer things in life, a day of carols brightly sung. We express appreciation for your patronage in 1941 and hope it is our pleasure to continue serving you in 1942. ELROD'S FURNITURE 110 Runnels OUT OF THE HIGH RENT DISTRICT'

Chapter 25 No More Claims "Euh!" Jennie said. "What a horrid man! I never did care much for men with pointed beards! Assey, was that how the person got away from upstairs last night, when he hunted around so? Did he use that chute?"

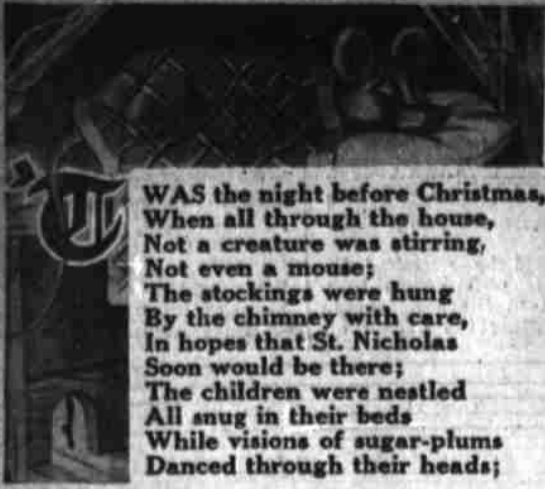
Unfinished Letter "Walt, Mr. Mayo," Miss Olive said. "The key. What about the key in the pincushion?"

THE END In 1940 railroads had 72,000 trucks in operation, more than the total number of locomotives in use.

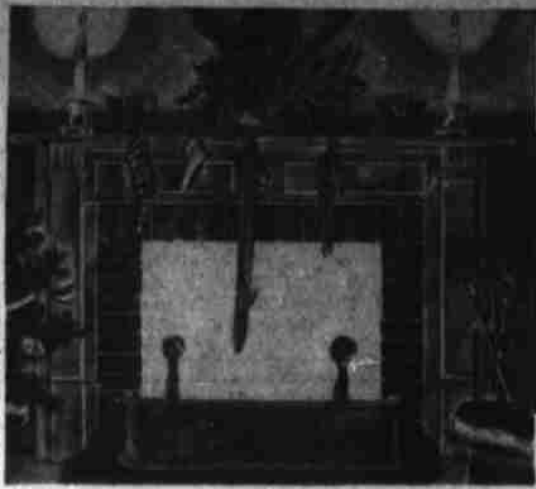
Advertisement for Macomber's Auto Supply: 'MACOMBER'S AUTO SUPPLY Wish You All A Bright and Cheerful Yuletide Season 112 E. 2nd Street'

Large advertisement for Darby's Sally Ann Bread featuring a loaf of bread and text: 'The Bakers Of The Quality Loaf Sally Ann BREAD SAY Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All Of You - Our Friends and Customers DARBY'S Sally Ann Bakery'

Night Before Christmas, 1941



WAS the night before Christmas,
When all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung
By the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
Soon would be there;
The children were nestled
All snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
Danced through their heads;



THIS famous poem, written about 1822 by Dr. Clement C. Moore, noted New York educator, possibly originated the distinctly American idea of Santa Claus—the "right jolly odd elf" who drives reindeer above housetops and plumps down chimneys with gifts. The verses fit easily into the modern setting shown here, and become just as real as they were to yesterday's children.



AND Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

THE moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!



"OW, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.



AS I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.



HIS eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jolly.

HE WAS chubby and plump,
A right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him
In spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word,
But went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings
Then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;



HE SPRANG to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of the thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Food Production Holds Interest Of Farm Women, 'Agent's Report Says

Future Program Of HD Clubs To Emphasize Food

Howard county is finishing what is reported to be a record year in the preserving of home food supplies, and food production and utilization will continue in the spotlight for farm women during 1942, according to the annual report of Lora Farnsworth, county home demonstration agent.

"It has been an outstanding vegetable crop year, and fruit has been plentifully available," Miss Farnsworth reports. "People have been more nutrition conscious than ever before. Good gardens, rising prices of groceries, and apprehension about future economic conditions have kept families busy planting, harvesting and preserving foods.

"More calls poured into the agent's office for information on canning than ever before. The county owns four large pressure cookers and they have been constantly kept busy. Both country women and city women have set an all-time record in volume of food canning.

"Reports on home food supply for home demonstration club women showed 21,940 quarts of vegetables canned, 21,840 quarts of fruit canned, 170 pounds vegetables cured, 75 pantries and cellars built or improved for storage, 185 reports following the Texas food standard in the feeding of their families.

"Rural pantries," as Mrs. W. H. Kinnard of the Vincent club expressed it, "are practically growing under their heavy load." For example, Mrs. O. B. Gaskin of the Knott community canned



Food For Defense—Home demonstration club women are centering their attention these days on the production of food for Uncle Sam's soldiers, for besieged England, and for defense workers. This Howard county pantry does its part in meeting this need, by feeding one family so that they do not buy off the regular market.

202 quarts of 23 varieties of good part of the year to have fresh from the garden," Miss Farnsworth asserts. Mrs. J. H. Reeves of the R-Bar club said her family was not without some fresh vegetables from the middle of April on through the year.

Tomato crops were outstanding. Mrs. R. A. Brown of the Elway HD club harvested over 80 bushels from 70 vines.

Miss Farnsworth believes that nutrition is going to be in the spotlight in 1942 as it has been the past several months, when club members and various organizations set themselves to the task of trying to raise the nutritional standards and to encouraging the production of as much of the home food supply as is possible for Howard county.

The home demonstration coun-

cil is looking forward to a program of work which will improve the quality of eggs, butter, etc., and create a demand on the market for such produce of Howard county club women.

Miss Farnsworth reports that during the past year there was four times as much vegetables grown in the county as usual, a 25 percent increase in poultry and pork, but only a slight increase in dairy products.

Major demonstrations carried on by home demonstration clubs during the past year were on home food supply, first year living room demonstration, and third year kitchen improvement, the agent's annual report revealed.

Kitchen improvement programs stressed methods of keeping food cool, the kitchen arrangement, ad-

dition of cleaning equipment, and its storage.

Reports showed 77 kitchens improved, four new kitchens added, 28 cabinets built, 28 sinks installed, 19 cleaning closets added, 81 refrigerator systems added, 255 pieces of kitchen utensils added.

Programs on living room improvement stressed the finish of walls, woodwork and floors, suitable floor coverings, re-upholstering or slip-covering. Club members reported 67 living rooms improved, eight added, 100 pieces of living room furniture added, and 58 rugs added.

"This has been a year of general home improvements," Miss Farnsworth reported, "and among the outstanding additions to homes have been electric lights through the REA system and the installation of many butane gas systems. With the coming of electricity in 224 homes, these not only have better lights, but better irons, stoves and refrigeration. Ninety-one butane gas plants have been installed.

The home demonstration agent played a leading role in the making of mattresses for needy families from surplus cotton. Forty-nine bales of cotton, 4,800 yards of ticking and 5,000 yards of percale were used. A total of 487 mattresses and 128 comforts were made before the cotton was used up. Much of the percale remains on hand. In the 1940 and 1941 programs, a total of 709 mattresses were made.

Aided and encouraged by home demonstration club members, 43 club girls of the county carried on demonstrations in gardens, poultry and bedroom improvement during the year.

Growing, canning and utilizing tomatoes was emphasized in garden demonstration programs. Demonstrations were given on the various steps of this program.

Canning Reached New Peaks In County In 1941

Colorado City students home for holidays

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 24.—Holiday homecoming of Colorado City's college and university students began last week.

Virginia and Betty Whipkey arrived from Baylor university, Waco.

Others home were most of the other students, including: Earnest Porter, Marian Britton, Phyllis Berman, Willie Grace Doss, Virginia Gurney, C. B. Truick, Jr., Shirley Kiker, Louis Hodgin, Louise Dockrey, Alene Bodina, and Bess Majors, all of the University of Texas;

Nina Laura Smith, Jane Machia, Jane Merrell, and Mary Louise Rawson of Texas State College for Women, Denton;

Douglas Earl Bibby, Ross Glover, Duff Chesney, A. K. McCarley, Jr., Helen Nunn, and Ruth Lambeth, all of John Tarleton, Stephenville;

Betty Cook, Waddell Strain, Alfred Rhode, Harvey Cook, Earl Neal, Robert Lacey, and R. C. Snively, all of Texas Technological college, Lubbock;

Clifton Caffey of Texas Christian university, Fort Worth;

Joy Heath and M. A. Webb, Jr., of East Texas State Teachers college, Commerce;

Maurice Watson, Ted Hale, Robert and Donald Findlay, and Arlan Tate, all of Abilene Christian College;

Toby Dearen, Tommy Chadwick, Frances Merl Cooper, and Opal Narrell of Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene;

Jack Lanford, Fae Porter, Ruth Hardison and Frances Martin of North Texas State Teachers college, Denton;

W. E. Crockett, Jr., and Alfred E. Madden of Schreiner Institute, Kerrville;

Jon Wallace (and Mrs. Wallace) of Southern Methodist university, Dallas;

Jedna Kats Fry, Adson Fry, Hazel Grubbs, and Blanche Hooks of McMurry college, Abilene;

Joan Mills, who is arriving Friday from Gulf Port, Miss., where she is a student in Gulf Park college;

Louis Latham, Tom Machia, Shorly Fuller, Mike Burt, Joe Henry Smoot, Jack Herrington, Corley Rogers, Weyman Mosley, Louis Cooper, and Frank Messingame of Texas A. & M., College Station.

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DECEMBER IS MONTH OF BRIDES

Colorado City Students Home For Holidays

Fuller once thought the world was flat but Columbus proved this was wrong. People used to think June was the month for brides but December proves this wrong.

This year uncertain conditions and war have spurred Daniel Y. Cupid on to even heavier work and statistics show that more marriages are being performed than this time last year.

In Big Spring last December there were 22 marriage licenses issued from the first day of the month to the 25th which would be not quite one wedding a day. But in December of this year up until the 15th of the month 24 licenses had already been issued.

On this basis by the 25th of the month, the old saga of June brides ought to definitely be out of the picture. Last June only 20 licenses

were issued during the whole month.

Instead of putting two kinks down on a gift item, Joe Deane is soaking his capital in wedding licenses and the girls are still saying "yes" in spite of the draft, the war, and taxes.

New Destroyer To Honor Marine Sergeant-Major

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—When the destroyer Quick goes down the ways next spring, Mrs. Edna Quick Hammond of this city will break the traditional bottle over its bow.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox designated Mrs. Quick to sponsor the vessel, named in honor of her grandfather, the late Sargt. Major John H. Quick of the Marine Corps.



We certainly do appreciate your patronage and hope to have the pleasure of serving you during 1942.

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Cedar Gets New Chance To Live With Advent Of Northern Trees

Modern transportation has given West Texas' cedar trees a new lease on life.

Times was when they were victims of the woodman's ax and the city dweller's hatred from December 1 to Christmas, as they were slaughtered for service as Christmas trees.

Now changing times have brought young spruces and firs from the west and northwest into the forefront as Christmas trees.

There remain quite a few of the old-timers who scorn the new-fangled trees from the mountains and prefer the robust scent of the scrub cedar.

Poems could be written of these brave bushes who fight for survival in rocky soils on windswept hills and through dry summer months. The battles leave them gnarled and twisted and wrinkled beyond their years.

There is a lot to say for these hardy West Texans, but they with their odor as pungent as the barnyard and physiques as brawny as Popeye's have given way to the delicate, feminine firs.

First these dainty visitors from the north woods come into our living rooms timidly, lest they provoke the wrath of the native cedar. Then they were painted white and came boldly and flatteringly with exotic blue lights and departing far from the

Naval Cadets At Corpus To Phone Girls Back Home

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 24.—War and cancellation of Christmas leave at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station will not prevent certain cadets stationed here from saying "Merry Christmas" to those they love. Under the auspices of the Cadet Recreation Mess, a beauty contest will be held to choose the three most beautiful cadet sweethearts judged from photographs submitted by the students at the University of the Air. The winning girls will receive person-to-person phone calls from the cadets who entered their pictures — charges to be paid by the Cadet Recreation Mess.

Prizes will go to a Blackout Queen—"The girl with whom we'd most like to be caught in a blackout"; a Grumman Queen—"the girl we'd most like as hostess aboard our single-seat Grumman fighting plane"; and a Forded Landing Queen—"the girl in whose back yard we'd most like to make a forced landing."

In order to keep the family well represented, the judges will also choose, again from photographs, the mother "whom we'd most like to have as Chief Commissary Steward for the cadet mess hall," and the father "whom we'd most like to have as Chief Paymaster."

Baker Abandons Dough To Operate Fish Farm

TAMPA, Fla.—A former Newark, N. J., baker has discovered there is more "dough" in raising ornamental fish than in baking bread.

Herbert B. Woolf, who gave up his baking business in Newark in 1934 and came to Florida to raise fish, today owns and operates one of the biggest wholesale tropical fish businesses in the United States.

From the 206 fish pools located on his 40-acre tract about 10 miles south of here, Woolf ships about 50,000 fish a month to markets all over the United States.

Old Town Trough Passes

SUPERIOR, Wis.—Iron Mike's "where the house buys the first drink," is being wrecked. It marked the passing of another landmark and the end of many practical jokes. Iron Mike is an ornamental iron trough for watering horses which had stood in a street corner here for many years. It will be removed by the city and sold for scrap iron.

Dry Evergreens Easy To Ignite

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—A growing evergreen tree is hard to ignite but when it's dried—look out!

So warned State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall in issuing a long list of recommendations on how to protect against fire hazards incident to Christmas trees.

"An evergreen, while relatively hard to ignite when it is growing from moist ground becomes a serious fire hazard in the home," Hall said. "All Christmas trees should be safeguarded."

He suggested that only a fresh tree be purchased, that branches be sprinkled occasionally and that it be left out-of-doors until needed. Another way to keep it fresh longer is to saw it diagonally an inch or more above the end and stand it in water, keeping the water level above the cut.

Bad Luck Concentrates On Texas Family of Four

AMARILLO, (UP)—The John W. Lee family hopes the worst is over. In the past few weeks: Lee suffered a lung injury and several bone fractures in an automobile accident. His daughter was ill with an attack of mumps. John Carroll Lee, his 2-year-old son, caught the whooping cough. Mrs. Lee cut her thumb while slicing pumpkin and it took several stitches to close the wound.

Army Women Demand Rights

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Members of the new women's army are insisting on one feminine right. Khaki coats of their uniform will button from right to left. "It would be difficult," said the Controller, Miss Sybil Irving, "for women of 30, used to buttoning their clothes in this way, suddenly to change to the male style of left to right."

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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

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TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO.

Highway Patrolmen Get Little Rest On Christmas

One man who will not spend Christmas lounging by the fire and stuffing his interior with turkey is the highway patrolman. He'll be on the highways a good part of the time, attempting to prevent a part of the holiday bloodshed that results from traffic accidents and investigating wrecks that do happen. Of course, some of them will steal an hour or so from their duties to partake of Christmas dinner, but then they'll be back on the roads again.

Everytime an accident occurs, an officer must investigate it. When occurring on state highways, this officer is nearly always a highway patrolman, but sheriffs and city policemen will be busy too on the holidays.

All trends of the past few months indicate a record carnage on the Christmas holidays. Highway deaths have been on the increase, and since this is a "big" Christmas, there will be much traffic on the roads.

The national safety council has issued these simple suggestions for the preventing of holiday bloodshed. They apply all the year around, but more so during the holidays:

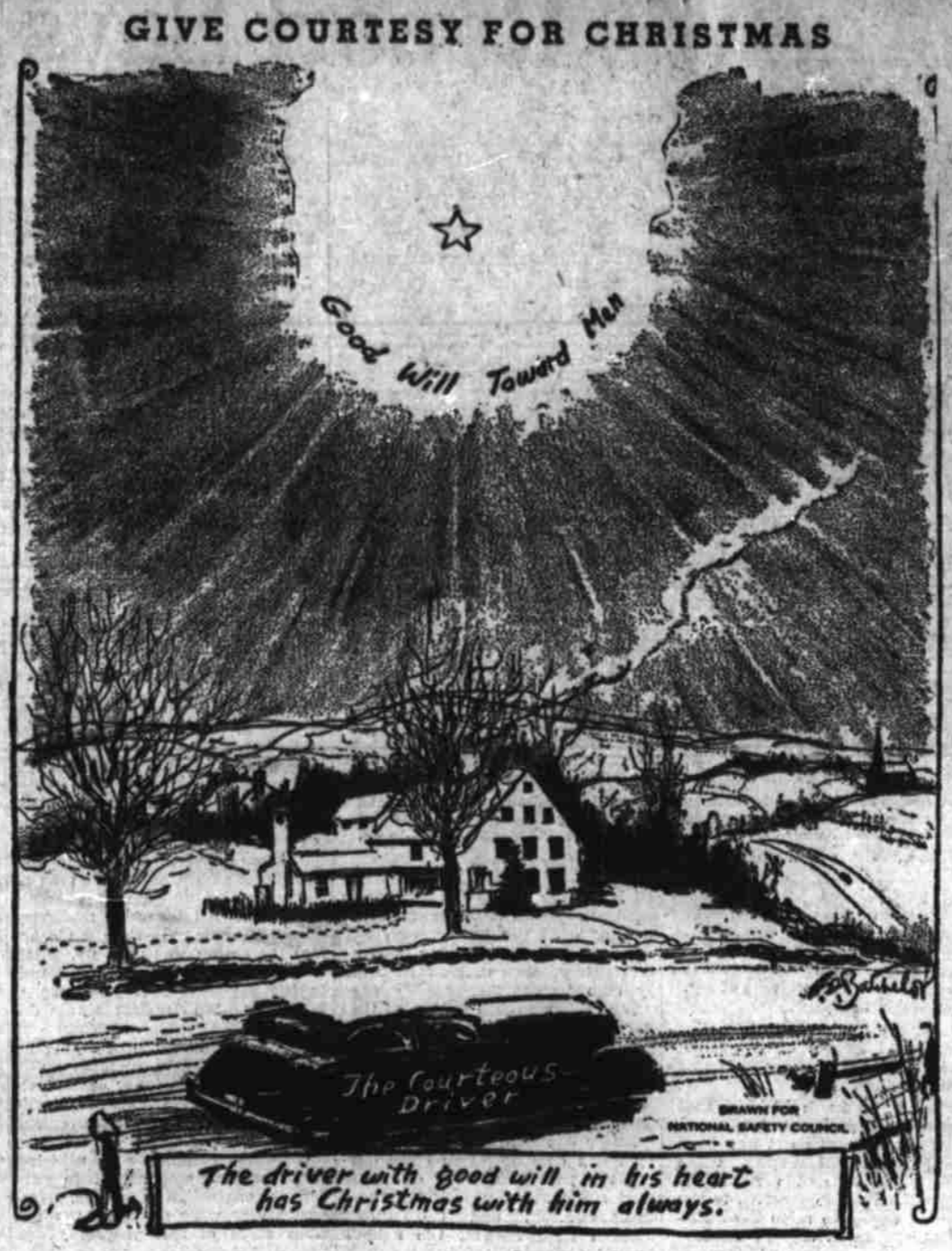
1. Stay in line. Don't bull your way through traffic by squeaking in and out.
2. Don't sneak through intersections on the yellow light.
3. Dim your lights when meeting cars at night.
4. Give pedestrians a chance to reach the curb when they are mired in the street by a changing light.
5. Don't block pedestrian crosswalks. And remember—pedestrians have the right of way when you're making a turn.
6. Signal your intentions to the driver behind, and get in the upper lane before turning.

But not all accidents are attributed to motorists. Pedestrians do their part to snarling traffic and causing accidents.

Six suggestions for pedestrian politeness are also offered by the national safety council. They are:

1. You expect the driver to cross streets on the green light only. Show him the same courtesy.
2. Don't taunt the driver by deliberately loafing across the street after the light has changed against you.
3. Cross at intersections only. When you pop out from behind a parked car, you risk your life and take 10 years off the driver's.
4. On rural highways walk on the left side, facing traffic, and step off the pavement when a car approaches.
5. Don't load your arms with so many Christmas bundles that you can't see, and then expect the driver to look out for you.
6. Stand on the sidewalk, not in the street, while waiting for a green light.

Some Tooth Pulled Twice. CINCINNATI, O. — Nine-year-old William Kenney had the same tooth pulled twice — once from his mouth by himself and, the second time from his ear by hospital attendants. In a movie theatre recently William got excited about the picture and started to tug at the loose tooth. Out it came. Becoming more frustrated he stuck the tooth in his ear but couldn't remove it.



GIVE COURTESY FOR CHRISTMAS

"X-Mass" May Have Real Meaning — And A Different One — To Big Spring People

Newspapermen and a legion of others have an aversion to the term X-mas, and naturally so, for its origin is paganistic. But if you use your imagination, there might be an appropriate application for it.

For instance, there is in this town a person—to say whether man or woman might destroy this person's passion for anonymity—who might be referred to as "X."

"X" isn't rich by ordinary standards, but is in comfortable circumstances. Funny thing about this person, many people figure "X" is hard, unapproachable, honest but exacting in business transactions.

You never see "X's" name down on lists contributing to this and that. Yet, few people carry on as much sustained charity work. On occasions, "X" has quietly made arrangements with certain merchants to supply essential items to needy people. Those who respect this odd arrangement always came back after closing hours to see that the recipients were properly cared for.

Several young men and women know how generous this person, for "X" put up the money which saw them through school.

Not always have the benefices turned out right, for some people have the low knack of imposing on generosity of others and abuse it. But even this spectacle has not scared "X" off a program of unostentatious goodness.

Christmas, of course, will find "X" doing a great deal of giving. But Christmas will not be the end of it. Shunning the very appearance of publicity and almost slipping around to do good, "X" will see that help is given where it is needed the year around.

You see, it's a little unusual. "X" is just as much the flesh and blood as you and I, yet does things for people solely for the idea of helping. So maybe "X-mas" wouldn't be a bad term to use for this person's activities. It would be all right, for you see, "X" isn't the name.

Soldiers Will Fare Better Than In 1917

It took little less than a quarter of a century for history to repeat itself.

Christmas Day 1917 saw hundreds of thousands of Americans billeted on foreign soil in the midst of a bloody war. This year Japan saw to it that the picture would be repeated by an unprovoked attack on the United States.

So once more American men are on foreign soil or apparently are on their way. Yet, their chances of having a Christmas seem vastly better than those of their predecessors.

Doughboys, many of them from Big Spring and area, were holed up in miserable quarters in cold, rainy France when Christmas came. Communications and supplies were a problem, and anyhow a great defensive stand was being turned into a blasting offensive.

There was no time for slackening. Guns boomed about as frequently on Christmas as any other day. The slaughter went right on.

This year finds most of America's men heading in another direction of the globe to a country where at least the weather is better. Those in the Hawaiian Islands may come in for good fare. Those in some of the other islands, particularly the Philippines, may find the fighting too busy for much relaxation.

This much is different in 1941. Twenty-four years ago the nation had been in preparation for war only eight months. Naturally equipment was lacking and or-

ganization was not the best. Since September a year ago the nation has been preparing for any eventuality. Men are still not ideally equipped, but generally speaking they have fared far better in training. The food has been substantial.

Even though it won't take the place of the old home-sweet-home touch, it looks like the boys will have a better Christmas . . . by comparison.

Nylon Now Substituted For Vital Core Metals

WILMINGTON, Del. — Fans, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, food mixers and other appliances using small motors can wear nylon now, and in doing so save vital core metals for defense production.

As an insulator nylon is said to be as efficient as the conventional magnet wire and requires 10 to 15 per cent less space in construction of the motors.

Windfall of Labor Saves Unlucky English Farmer

LINCOLNSHIRE, Eng. — Standing ruefully by his broken harvesting machine, a Lincolnshire farmer wondered how he could get his 12 acres of peas picked, when along the road came a company of Girl Guides on a cycle tour.

Learning of the plight of the farmer, the girls said they would pick the peas for him.

Seeing the girls busy, local schoolboys joined in, and at the end of the day the entire crop had been harvested.

When asked by the farmer what he could pay the girls, Miss Laura Snowden, the 20-year-old captain of the Guide Troop replied, "Oh we don't want pay. It was our good deed."

Cactus Needles In Bulk. YUMA, Ariz. — The Yuma Chamber of Commerce now knows why cactus was invented. It has received a letter from a Cleveland, O., man who wishes to purchase cactus needles in 50,000 lots for use in the manufacture of phonograph needles.

Many Good Wishes

Serving you has made this year one of the happiest of our existence in this community. That we extend the Season's Greetings . . . May this Christmas be the most delightful you've ever had . . . and may GOOD FORTUNE be with you in many ways during the coming year.

BIG FOUR
INSURANCE AGENCY
L. S. PATTERSON, Owner

We Send You Our GREETINGS...

What we have to say is brief but sincere: To all our friends we wish a very Merry Christmas and joy and prosperity in 1942.

WALKER'S PHARMACY
"Across from the Bank"

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Greetings...

It is with deep appreciation of your kind favors of the past, that we say . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Billy Simon Bowling Lanes
314 Rannels

Again we are happy to extend SEASON'S GREETINGS to our many friends and customers . . . and wish for you and yours everything that is good. That this Christmas will be a happy one for you is our sincere wish.

And, as the New Year draws near, we want to offer thanks for every past favor—large or small . . . Accept our best wishes for good fortune in 1942.

Keaton-Oldham Co.
Lamesa Highway

It's been our job to keep you "rolling merrily along." It was a pleasure and to our patrons and friends we wish Christmas Happiness.

COURTESY SERVICE STATION
Phone 52 300 East 3rd

Greetings

To One and All

Inspired by the thoughts of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

We send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Happy New Year!
Southern Ice
Manley Cook, Mgr.

Wishing You And Yours A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And A

Happy, Prosperous 1942

Season's greetings are extended with every appreciation for past favors . . . and the expression of the hope that future relations may prove just as satisfactory, and mutually pleasant.

We hope to have the pleasure of Serving You During 1942

RIX
FURNITURE COMPANY

LEWIS B. RIX, President

1941 Most Successful In Farming History Of County, Agents Annual Report Asserts

Start Toward Another Crop Far Advanced

Farmers and ranchmen of Howard county can count the year 1941 as the most successful in the history of the county, according to County Agent O. F. Griffin's annual report.

"A cotton crop worth four million dollars, the best feed crop of both forage and grain ever made will bring them into an enviable situation. Debts of long standing are being paid, many tenants are buying farms, and land lords are buying other farms," the report reads.

Griffin continues: "Then, too, this dry country is no longer dry. Many fields have nearly enough moisture stored to make another crop if spring rains wet the surface enough to germinate the seed. Pastures are in the best condition ever known. Livestock are fat and water and grass plentiful, so say nothing of immense quantities of feed."

"In spite of the picture presented at this time, drought will continue to be the major problem of Howard county agriculture. A very grave danger to the future prosperity of the county lies in the fact that we may overlook this in the heyday of our prosperity."

"There should be no let up in the progress of the water conservation program," the county



Wagons Waited In Line At Gins—The above picture during the autumn of 1941, as Howard county harvested its

greatest cotton crop. This cotton crop and the fight to save it from insects constitute the leading feature of 1941 agriculture history in Howard county, as revealed in County Agent O. F. Griffin's annual report, excerpts from which are found on this page.

agent warns. "Every farm it is possible to treat should be signed up with the soil conservation district. Those who cannot secure the services of the district in terracing their land should run contour lines for their rows not only for the land's sake but for their own profit in the years to come."

Turning to other aspects of the 1941 farming season, Griffin says, "We do not know what insects will affect the crops of 1942, but we should be on the alert and prepared to fight them. Because of the very irregular infestation of cotton flea hoppers in 1941, farmers are apt to discount the results of their efforts at control far below its true value."

"The same may be true of boll worm control work in 1941. If a rainy spell should come at the time cotton starts to fruiting in 1942, the cotton boll weevils will take a heavy toll, since they have become numerous in many parts of the county this fall."

An added pitfall in the ranching industry is pointed out by the agent's summary. "The high price of beef cattle and excellent condition of ranges may result in overstocking the pastures in 1942. This could be a grave hazard if prices decline and the grass is dried up."

The report also points to a need for increased poultry and swine production in connection with the government's request for more food with which to fight the war.

Griffin's report mentions three accomplishments of the past year as outstanding in the field of agriculture in Howard county. These are the control of cotton insects, culminating in the production of a record size cotton crop, the progress made in soil and water conservation, and the production of food on the farms of the county.

In the cotton insect control program, Griffin pointed out, that Howard county faces a severe menace in the form of cotton flea hoppers, boll worms and leaf worms especially in wet years.

"This year before the end of May it was apparent that there would be a damaging infestation of cotton fleas," the agent reports. "There were few dusting machines in the county, and only two or three of the old machines were fit for use. Here the newspapers of Big Spring rendered a very valuable service in helping to alarm farmers of the coming danger to their cotton. Field meetings were held in all of the communities."

"Farmers began ordering dusting machines of the latest type x x x and the cotton oil mill shipped in five cartons of dusting sulphur. The results of this work are difficult to estimate. At about the time of the third dusting, it appeared that fields dusted would make 1-4 bales per acre more than similar cotton not dusted, but for the first time in eight years rains continued through the summer, making a good cotton crop after



Tall Cane On Howard Fields—The above picture of a lush cane field, with the stalks rising eight feet high or more, was typical of Howard county during the year 1941. This particular field made 10 tons of stlage per acre, or thereabouts.

the fleas had come under natural control even on undusted cotton that had been heavily infested."

The report continues: "After the flea menace was past, the next danger x x x was the cotton boll worm. x x x Of course farmers expected leaf worms, but they know how to fight them. During the latter half of July, inspections and field meetings began. We were given a period each morning by radio station KBST to make known our findings, and the papers also published this information."

Spraying and dusting machines covered nearly all cotton in the county, Griffin recalls.

"Results? Well we are making about 46,000 bales of cotton on 60,000 acres. What would have been made without control cannot be stated. x x x Whether the insect control effort did any good or not, there is a saying that 'all's well that ends well.'"

The cotton growing industry was also advanced during the year through work of one variety cotton associations, of which there were three in the county—at Lomax, Vincent and near Big Spring. Turning to the field of soil and water conservation, Griffin reports principally on the work of the Martin-Howard conservation district, which began operation in the summer of 1941 and made an auspicious record.

Previously two demonstration areas on which the best of conservation practices had been carried out through soil conservation service direction demonstrated the possibility of holding all of the rainfall for growing crops—even on a wet year.

The district began receiving applications for assistance in May. At the first of December, 71 farmers had applications approved for 21,217 acres of cropland and 26,743 acres of pastures and the necessary surveys and plans made. Agreements have been signed on most of these areas. Conservation measures planned for these farms include 424 miles of terraces and mechanical treatment, mostly contour furrows, on 1,861 acres of pastures land.

Besides the district and cooperative programs, terraces were built on 4,000 acres of cropland. Lines had been placed on more than twice this acreage, but the terraces could not be built for lack of equipment.

AAA records show 86,575 acres contour farmed in 1941—an increase of 15,575 over the previous year. Three thousand acres of pastures were furrowed during the year.

In the field of food production increase, the county agent's report was particularly complimentary to the work of 4-H club boys. Twenty-two boys completed demonstrations in baby beef feeding, and showed their calves at a spring show. Similar feeding demonstration of sheep, goats and swine also brought recognition to the boys.

Griffin reported that farmers in increasing numbers are using beef calves on sudan pasture and finishing them by a short feeding period. He assisted 18 farmers in planning these operations and

working out rations. Some of these reported that sudan thus utilized became the most valuable crops on the farms.

Elimination of diseases from grain sorghums was recorded in the agent's report as another advance in the past year.

About 25 per cent of the cropland of Howard county is normally planted to grain sorghum. In recent years, blight has been a serious problem and there are a few fields planted to home grown seed that still show blight damage. This year, however, 600 farmers planted new blight resistant seed, and yields have been unbelievably

high. Sorghum smut has spread during the past few years, due to machine threshing of sweet sorghum and milo. This disease reached a peak last year. To combat it, seed treatment with either copper carbonate or coresan was recommended.

News stories, circular letters and demonstration meetings were used to disseminate knowledge on this subject. Seed-treating machines were made. As a result, sorghum smut has decidedly decreased this year in spite of the fact that weather conditions were more favorable for its development.

Odds Are Against Appearance Of Snow On Christmas Here

Don't look for a white Christmas this year, because the odds are that it isn't due for another quarter of a century or more.

What the prospects are, not even the weather man is allowed to say too positively or too far in advance anymore. If it comes, it will just have to slip up on us.

The most recent treat in this direction was in 1939, when contrary to all predictions, snow blanketed the ground before dawn on Christmas Day. This was the miracle many had waited 23 years for. They hastened out to get photographic proof of it.

But the haste was needless. Instead of melting, more snow fell during the morning so that the covering was heavy at noon.

Still it snowed, and during the afternoon the fall reached almost blinding proportions with big fluffy flakes dancing down like pop-corn.

It snowed until nearly dark. By no means all of it stayed on the ground, but of the estimated 10 inches snow, as much as half a foot was on the ground at one time.

Nothing like it had happened since the Christmas blizzard of 1906. Nothing like it is due to happen again before 1975. But it's fun to hope that the cycle might be hurried up.



JOY TO ALL

A SIMPLE WISH that is as genuine as gold itself...

AND A HEARTY THANK YOU for favors of the past. We are truly grateful!

SETTLES STYLE ALON

A Great Day For Everybody

And

TO EACH AND EVERYONE, A SINCERE MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CLUB CAFE

G. C. Dunham, Mgr.



Remember your activities this Christmas... take plenty of pictures of the family gatherings... they'll be pictures you'll treasure always.

It would be a pleasure to finish your films.



PERRY PHOTOS

2 Doors East Of Crawford

December 24, 1941

Dear Friends:

We're always pleased when Christmas comes 'round as it gives us an opportunity to send you many good wishes we have been storing up, and to say "Thank You" for the favors so kindly sent our way during the year. Your friendship and patronage have been truly appreciated and we gladly welcome this occasion to send you the Season's Greetings, and with them the best of all wishes for the Glad Christmastide

A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

Cordially yours,

J. & W. FISHER CO.

With Sincere APPRECIATION



FRANKLIN'S

Dress Shop Extends

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To All Our PATRONS AND FRIENDS

PACKING HOUSE MARKET
PHONE 1524 - FREE DELIVERY - FRESH MEATS AND BUTCHERIES - FIRST MARK

Wishes You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and A Happy New Year

We sincerely appreciate the patronage you have given us the past year and hope that we are privileged to continue serving you in the future.

A Most Joyous Christmas

And A

Prosperous New Year

We wish for you all the happiness and good fortune you could possibly wish for yourself.

We thank you sincerely for your patronage, and ask a continuance of our pleasant relations during the coming year.

Walker Wrecking Co.

Big Spring, Texas

Merry Christmas to All

Each year we realize more fully that our friendships are what make life worth living... and we, therefore, like to feel that there is a spirit of friendship underlying our business relations... with you—our customer.

Our Wish

It is our sincerest wish that the holidays will be your MERRIEST... and the NEW YEAR your most Prosperous!

S. P. JONES

LUMBER COMPANY



Season's Greetings

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will. And so at this happy holiday season we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best wishes for Christmas and the coming year...

PITMAN'S

Big Spring's Oldest Jeweler's



Bless Our Homes... for, great or small, they are the true cradle of our liberty, wherein love and loyalty for man and for country are born and nurtured to flower into a patriotism founded upon the Golden Rule.

Bless Our Land... the mountains and lakes and rivers and the fertile soils that lie between, the corn fields and wheat fields and cotton fields, the orchards and the forests. These are our heritage, the blessings beyond man's capacity to evaluate, the things we hold most dear for what they represent to each of us in common bond and opportunity.

Bless Our People... the millions who have learned to live together through the miracle of democracy, the fathers and mothers and sons and daughters who, because they treasure in their hearts the love of fellowman that makes them strong, give for an answer to a world grown cold with greed and selfishness, the spectacle of great strength made greater by adversity.

Bless Our Homes and Our Land and Our People

Make us doubly conscious of the Spirit of Christmas, that we may realize in fullest measure how precious are the things we feel in our hearts and the meanings of the words we use in greeting. God, bless America!

“Peace On Earth; Good Will To Men”

That is Our Christmas Wish ... Our Prayer ... for All Peoples of All Nations for 1942

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

IN BIG SPRING

