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News comes that schools and colleges here and there are closing on account of a mild epidemic of influenza. This is as should be. We all know that influenza is a very treacherous disease and every precaution possible should be taken to keep it from spreading.

From now on until after March, states, doctor Cox, State Health officer, in a timely warning to the people, every one must be on guard against pneumonia. Last year 3,551 Texans died of this disease, and it is believed that many of these deaths could have been prevented had the patient called a physician early.

New treatments for pneumonia have been perfected, but to give any of these methods a fair chance of accomplishing a cure a diagnosis must be made early, preferably before the first chill, or at least as soon afterwards as possible.

From the back of a church bulletin the Editor of the News sent us from Washington the past week we take the following lines concerning Christmas and pass them on: "I shall attend to my little errands of love early this year that the brief days before Christmas may be unhampered and clear of the fever of hurry. The breathless rushing I have known in the past shall not possess me. I shall be calm in my soul and ready at last for Christmas, and perhaps if I stand still long enough I shall hear what the clamor of living has kept from me—the angel's song."

An aged man, according to a story, who has lived alone many years, let it be known recently that he would like to have some new recipes. Kind-hearted people responded at once, but to the amazement of the old gentleman every single recipe starts off with, "Take a clean dish."

Here is a true classic, which we clipped from one of our exchanges, given to you just as we found it word for word:—Boyce House in "I give you Texas," sends us the little classic which was discovered by Tom Phillips of the Santa Rosa Signal.

"A constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone; The constant gnawing Fido Masticates the toughest bone; The constant wooing lover carries off the blushing maid; and the constant advertiser is the one who gets the trade."

Country weekly newspaper editors and county agricultural agents are credited with being a team which has been one of the most potent factors in the improvement of farming practices and farm living in the past twenty-five years. The credit is given by M. L. Wilson, director of extensions, United States department of agriculture. He says:—"Judged solely as a job in practical, popular education, the achievement of the county agent ranks high in American social history; and the country editor is still one of his most highly valued allies"—Cornell Service Sheet.

An old custom of earlier days was recently put back into practice by the good people of Stamford and surrounding communities. Mrs. A. G. White, whose husband and daughter died some time ago from injuries received in a highway accident and another daughter in a hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the same accident, had a field of cotton ready to be gathered. What did these good people do? They set a day and came from far and near and gathered the cotton for Mrs. White—about nine bales in all. These friends gave one day of their labor to this woman in trouble and we are sure they went home feeling very happy at the close of the day. It was a good deed in every sense and shows the world at large that there are still good people in it.

A little story goes this way:—A teacher asked a little boy why King Nebuchadnezzar, of ancient times, built the hanging gardens.

The little boy, after a moment's serious thinking, replied, "I don't know, teacher, but I guess his neighbors must have had chickens."

Mrs. Bob Gilmon of Cisco was in Putnam, from a short while Wednesday afternoon and called at the News office for a few minutes.

**OLD BANK BUILDING IS REPAIRED POST OFFICE TO MOVE IN JANUARY 1**

S. W. Hughes who bought the assets of the Farmers State Bank after the bank was closed, has repaired the building the past few days, by reconditioning the entire building.

He has had the awning that has been just hanging for past year or so reconditioned and straightened up and put on new roof. The inside of building has had a new floor, all windows that were broken out put in and nicely painted on the inside with two coats of white and gray paint making a very nice appearance.

This building has been fixed up for the Putnam post office and it will be moved to the new building located on the front street on the Bankhead Highway about the first of January. The water office will also be moved into the back end of same building on January 1st.

**PUTNAM NEWS ENTERING ITS EIGHTH YEAR WITH THE LAST WEEKS ISSUE**

The Putnam News is just entering its eighth year. This issue will be the second issue of the new year. This is several years longer than any other paper was ever published in the town of Putnam.

It is no play thing to run a newspaper in a town the size of Putnam; but to aid us, we have had the full co-operation of the entire citizenship of the town at all times and especially the business men as they have freely patronized the paper with their advertising, all through the past seven years and co-operated in every way possible to help build the paper up as a country weekly.

We have about 95 percent of all people of the town on our subscription list at the present time and at one time we had almost 100 percent and that is a bigger percent of readers than most any country weekly can boast of having.

Both the Baird and Cisco merchants have generously patronized the News with their advertising, which has helped to put the News over the past seven years. We hope the advertising placed in the columns of this paper has brought results in the way of more business and greater profit, to such an extent, that they will feel like patronizing us in the future.

Again we wish to thank everyone for their nice co-operation and patronage in the past and especially we thank the business people of this territory for the nice business given us in the past and hoping to have a continuance. Wishing you a nice Christmas and a happy New Year.

**JAMES A. STANFORD TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO INCITE PATRIOTISM**

Representative James A. Stanford of Austin to offer a bill before the 47th legislature to incite patriotism of the young people who are graduating in the future.

He proposes to offer a bill to prohibit the granting of graduating certificates to pupils who are not able to recite by memory the preamble to the United States constitution together with the first ten amendments.

Usually referred to as the "Bill of right," this bill if it should become law apply to all schools supported by the State.

As a practical means of enforcing the requirements, Stanford proposes to fine not exceed \$500 any school officer, or teacher who issues a certificate of graduation to a pupil who fails to meet the test.

**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY CISCO MOVING INTO A NEW LOCATION**

West Texas Utilities company are moving from their present location in Cisco avenue D. 5th street to Avenue D. and 6th street, into the building the Cisco Banking company operated a bank for a number of years. This building is more centrally located in the town and has much more room for offices and will give the company room enough to make a better display of their merchandise than they have had in the other building at the former location.

**BEATS BREAST IN ALL MOODS**

The gorilla beats his breast as an outlet for a super-abundance of energy, and does it during all his various moods, not only when he is angry.

**CHANCES ARE BETTER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GO HIGHER THAN EVER**

There never was a time when a young person had a better chance to go higher than at the present time. Yet, every so often surveys are made concerning the careers of top executives in the chain store industry. These surveys invariably show that almost all of the executives began at the bottom as clerks, office boys, warehousemen, etc.

It is fortunately for the youth of today who are in merchandising, the chain stores now offer even more opportunities to the ambitious and able worker than did in the past. The leading systems maintain vocational courses, where young men and women employes are giving free training to prepare them for better positions. The chains don't want incompetents. They want people who are determined to go ahead, and do everything possible to see that they have an opportunity to do something.

On top of that, the chain offers unusually good chances to young people without specialized experience or education. Beginners, jobs require nothing more than intelligence and a willingness to work. The employe, in other words, earns as he learns. A modern chain system has need of a very wide variety of help, and there are jobs for persons with almost every kind of interest and native ability.

Thousands of successful men and women in this country got their starts with chains. They stayed with the industry and went to big jobs, or they went into occupations where they found their past chain store experience of great value. Thousands of successful men and women of the future will follow the same path to success as the opportunities are greater to day than any time in history.

**NATION BANKERS MADE 21,000,000,000 LOANS DURING 1ST HALF '40**

Bank loans. In the first half of 1940 shows 43 percent of the Nation Commercial banks made 13,642,673 loans, (including renewals) the grand total being approximately twenty one billion dollars. These figures were unearthed by a survey conducted by the American Bankers Association. If the other 57 percent of the banks had done a similar volume of business, a big assumption the aggregate loans would have been about forty eight billion dollars.

**HOW POPCORN POPS**

The natural moisture inside a popcorn kernel is turned to steam by heat. The steam gathers force enough to rupture the hard outer coat of the kernel and turn it inside out.

**WEST BROTHERS ARE DRILLING 600 FOOT WELL FOR M. RUSSELL**

Morgan Russell and West Brothers formerly of Putnam; but now of Albany have spudded in a shallow well on the Burton lease, University land, section 76, about two miles west of Moran and about 12 miles north of Putnam, and are reported drilling at about 100 feet. The test will go to the 600 foot formation. The field is located about 1450 feet north of the south line, and about the same distance from west line of the line.

**BRADSTREET REPORTS BUSINESS FAILURES TO BE ABOUT SAME AS '39**

Dunn & Bradstreet reported for the past week ending December 12, there had been 238 business failures for the week against 263 for the week ending December 5th. This compares with 270 for the same week in 1939. Of course there is nothing considered in these reports only the businesses. That file petition in bankruptcy. They have no way of knowing about the thousands of small businesses who are closing their doors each day.

**EIGHT OUT OF EVERY TEN DEATHS BY FIRE IN TEXAS IN HOMES**

AUSTIN—During the past twenty years, eight out of every ten fire deaths in Texas have occurred in the home, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, reported today.

The Commissioner said that \$6,825,000, or approximately 50 percent of the average annual fire loss total of \$12,650,000, resulted from home fires. Gas, properly used, presents no greater hazard than other fuels, but the fact that in Texas natural gas is used in the home extensively for such household purposes as heating, cooking and refrigeration, making it imperative that the greatest degree of care be exercised by some owners in observing fire prevention rules and regulations in the use of this fuel.

The law in Texas requires that natural gas be odorized, and if the odor of escaping gas is detected, windows and doors should be opened, the gas turned off at the meter, and the gas company notified at once. In improperly ventilated rooms, gas heaters will consume all of the oxygen within a few hours and death may be the result.

During the past five years, approximately 15 Texans have lost their lives each year in gas explosions. This figure excludes the 294 school children who died in New London disaster in 1939.

Charles Odum, Elzey and Virgel Brown returned from a deer hunt Friday but they didn't bring any deer back. They were down in the Mason territory some place.

**WYLIE CLINTON'S MANY FRIENDS ARE GLAD TO KNOW HE IS IMPROVING**

Wylie Clinton, who has been in failing health for two or three years was taken to an Eastland hospital several days ago on account of his condition for treatment and his many friends in Putnam will be pleased to learn that he is improving, and doing as well as could be expected and thinks he will be able to return home some time in the near future.

**JOHN CUNNINGHAM IS CRITICALLY ILL AT HIS HOME THIS WEEK**

John Cunningham one of the old timers here coming to Putnam more than fifty years ago, was seized with a severe case of flu at his home Sunday afternoon, and has been critically ill since; but it was reported Wednesday evening that he had become conscious again and it was thought his condition was improving. Mr. Cunningham has been in poor health for some two or three years.

**TO KEEP OUT OF WAR PREPARE, UNTIL HITLER WILL LEAVE US ALONE**

Colonel Dick McCarty sage of the Albany News has the following to say in regard to the war. "Hitler is in the saddle and riding rough shod over everything; but if he can't cross the English channel, only 20 miles wide, and capture England, how do you expect him to cross the Atlantic 3,000 miles wide, and capture North America and South America? Of course, we don't anticipate a war with Hitler. What we are doing now is getting ready and so well prepared that they will leave us alone. It's a long way to Tipperary, and it's a long way from here to Europe, and we won't anticipate that Mr. Hitler will be here any time soon. Have sent a million men into training now, and we will have a great army, will have an array of trained aviators. No, we don't want any war. We will be so strong that they will go on and leave us alone?"

**DIFFERENT CHURCHES OF BAIRD ARE SPONSORING PAGEANT FOR DEC. 22ND**

The different churches of Baird are sponsoring a Christmas pageant Sunday night December 22nd, on the stage of the high school auditorium.

The pagant depicting the nativity and will be put on by Mrs. Sidney Foy and Mrs. Hugh Ross with the assistance of the Baird choir and the ward school carolers and their sponsor. Mr. McCasland, director of public school music. The sponsors propose a caroling tour over the city for the benefit of the shut-ins.

**Marketing Quotas Again In 1941 As Result Of Voting**

Cotton marketing quotas will be in effect on the 1941 crop, virtually complete returns in the AAA's referendum held December 7, showed. While 93 percent of the cotton farmers in the 19 cotton-producing states of the nation were voting in favor of quotas, in Texas the majority was 88 percent with 225 of the 234 cotton growing counties having reported. Out of a total vote in the state of 152,922 unofficial returns showed 134,506 in favor of quotas, 18,336 opposed. Election committees challenged the eligibility of 80 voters. The final tabulation was expected to show a total vote of about 155,000 with the percentage unchanged.

In last year's referendum, the total vote in Texas was 169,859, with 139,206 favoring quotas, a majority of 82 percent. The outcome of the referendum was interpreted by E. N. Holmgren administrative officer in charge of the AAA in Texas, as an indication of the satisfaction of the farmers with the AAA program.

"It is regrettable that the total vote has decreased," Holmgren said, "but, at that, the decrease was smaller than we had anticipated. In any election in which such overwhelming majorities are consistently returned as is the case in marketing quota referenda, the total vote is bound to go down. It is only natural for the voter to put off going to the polls when he already is convinced of the outcome."

**CIVIL APPEALS COURT HOLDS OFFICIALS ARE WITHOUT AUTHORITY**

The first ruling of a state court on gambling devices was passed on Saturday by the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals at Dallas. The court held unanimously that such devices could not be seized and destroyed by the sheriff, or law enforcement unless it is shown the devices were used or exhibited to attract gamblers.

Chief Justice Joel Bond delivered the opinion, as he ordered some 50,000 punch boards, held for more than a year by Dallas officials, returned to their owner. The opinion stated, that a punch board is a gambling device and fit for no other purpose, "the mere fact the device was found in possession does not authorize confiscation, unless it can be shown it was being used or exhibited in such a manner as to signify the purpose of gaming."

**GRIST HARDWARE STORE CISCO FILED PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY DEC. 3**

One of the oldest businesses in Cisco passed out one day last week by going into bankruptcy.

The Grist Hardware store which has been operating for about 50 years filed a petition in bankruptcy last week. This business was opened up by C. H. Fee, who still resides in Cisco, and one of the officials in the First National bank. Mr. Fee sold this business to H. C. Rominger in the early 1900 who run the business for a number of years and selling out to A. Grist, who had been an employe of both Mr. Fee and the Mr. Rominger, so long that he almost became a part of the fixtures, who has been running the store in the same building since about 1915 until it went into bankruptcy last week.

**AVIATION DAY SET**

AUSTIN.—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel recently issued a proclamation declaring December 17 "Pan-American Aviation Day" in cooperation with the congressional resolution making the designation.

**CYCLISTS GET SAFETY TIPS**

PAWHUSKA, Okla.—Even bicycle riders are being enlisted in the safety campaign here, Special classes were on the program for cyclists, training them in safety fundamentals.

**32 LOSE DRIVER LICENSES**

AUSTIN—Thirty-two Texans lost their automobile driver licenses by suspension and revocation in the week ended December 12.

C. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the safety department, said 32 suspensions resulted from drunken driving.

**SAM NOLLY PRODUCES 110 BALES OF COTTON ON 300 HUNDRED ACRES**

Seminole Sentinel; This paper makes the following comment about a former Putnam citizen and formerly sheriff of Enatlant county. "Proving that king cotton still has a few kicks left in his tiring old legs. About the biggest cotton story of the season as far as this section is concerned comes from Sam Nolly, who lives in the Flornoy community. Mr. Nolly states that he has three hundred acres in cotton this year and 120 bales have already been picked and ginned. He will make at least 20 bales more. A half bale of cotton to the acre is not bad for five dollar per acre land. Nolly states he has one of the finest feed crops he has ever raised in this country." This would be an average income of about \$21.50 per acre on 300 acre.

**HOG PRODUCTION WAS REDUCED IN NORTH BUT INCREASED IN SOUTH**

According to government reports, as a means of reducing production, farmers in the corn control area of the North, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and a portion of Missouri have been paid for not raising corn on approximately 15,000,000 acres. They raised grass instead of corn. In the South Farmers were paid not to raise cotton; they were permitted to, and did raise corn instead of cotton. In 1939 the South raised more corn than had been raised previously on the 15,000,000 acres in the north; the North, with less corn, reduced hog production by one and one half million head. The South, with more corn, increased hog production by seven and one half million head. The price of corn went down. The South produced five and one half million head more hogs than had been produced in the North and hogs went down.

Mrs. John Kellner a sister of Mrs. John Cook who lives at Red River, New Mexico, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cook and will spend the winter here.

Mrs. Wade Andrews of Waco is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor of Clyde visited Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. Tabor is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

J. M. Cribbs who has been employed in Brownwood for the past month came in home Tuesday night with a light attack of the flu and has been confined to his room since.

Richmond Sprawls of Tulsa was in Putnam one day this week looking after his interest in the Putnam, Shallow oil field.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon attended the livestock sale in Cisco Tuesday afternoon.

D. D. Jones of the Pueblo community was in town for while Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Ramsay and Mrs. Clinton Odell were shopping in Putnam Wednesday afternoon. They live in the Zion Hill community.

Mrs. W. E. Pruett made a business trip to Cisco Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday. Mrs. Cook visited with her brother while over there. Roscoe St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sandbeer was transacting business in Putnam Wednesday afternoon.

As usual there will be no Putnam News next week. Every body taking out for Christmas. The next issue will be January 3rd, 1941. The News force wishes each and every one a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Plastic surgery was practiced in Asia more than 2000 years ago, research has indicated.

A survey recently taken in one state revealed that when the size of stop signs was increased 50 percent, there was a 50 to 75 percent decrease in stop-sign violations.

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## TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

At this season of the year we all pause to thank of each other and the good things that have happened throughout the year, I am indeed grateful to the entire citizenship of this County for the help, support and cooperation you have given my department, in doing so allow me to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 1941.

Gratefully yours,  
C. R. NORDYKE

## GREETINGS:

At this season of the year when we pause to "take stock" we list as item No. 1, your GOOD-WILL. We have in the past valued your good will above everything else and, if possible, we will try to place a greater value on it in the future.

Merry Christmas  
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

## COOK'S GARAGE

FRED — ELLIS and JACK  
P. S. : "Uncle Louis sends his greetings too."  
Putnam, — Texas

## GILBERT'S GROCERY

PUTNAM, TEXAS

Specials for Friday, Saturday,  
Monday and Tuesday

CELERY	stalk	10c
CRANBERRIES,	LB.	21c
WALNUTS,	LB.	20c
BRAZEL NUTS,	LB.	15c
CHRISTMAS CANDIES,	10 & 15c	
1 Lb. Box Chocolate Cored CHERRIES		19c
ORANGES,	Each	1c
48 Pounds Cherry Bell FLOUR,		\$1.25
24 Pounds Cherry Bell FLOUR,		70c
8 Pounds Shortening		69c
4 Cans Rose Brand MILK		15c
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CARAWAYS SPECIAL EGG MASH		\$1.85

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My friend, Mr. Cohen, looked worried. "I think I've lost a ten-dollar bill," he explained. "Have you felt in all your pockets?" I asked. "Yes, all but you," he answered. "Why haven't you felt in that one?" I insisted. "Well," he replied, "if it ain't there, I'll drop dead."

What was the name of the President 22 years ago?  
Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One of the most vivid pieces of Texas newspaper writing seen in quite some time was Bill Pott's recent article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram telling of a ride in one of the army's newest scout cars, weighing 9,000 pounds, armed with four machine guns, covered with half-inch steel plate yet capable of 60 miles an hour over concrete roads. The marvelous machine raced with a cavalry horse over cactus-studded sand dunes near El Paso:

"This is just like a battlefield torn up," said General Swift as he swung in his saddle to point with sweeping arm to the vast area of waste. "Let's say the enemy is on that high point and we're supposed to circle and attack from the rear. You start."

Wham—we plowed into a small mountain, climbed to the top of it and pitched over, all wheels spinning in the air at once. Then it was up and down and around for what seemed like hours. My seat, flat on the floor of the steel steed, was little more than a bouncing place which the seat of my pants missed as often as it hit, while I clung grimly to dashboard and steel rail around the top of the car.

We had gone less than 50 yards when the general sailed nonchalantly by at a full gallop, the terrain bothering his horse no more than would a race track. In two minutes he was out of sight.

When we stopped, I untangled myself and climbed unsteadily to the ground. A button had popped off my vest; my tie was askew; my shoe laces were undone; my hat rested in the rear, I'd lost my stomach.

Thus it was proved once more that the horse is still a vital part of national defense. Though declaring they are handicapped by the fact that racing no longer is permitted in the State, Texas thoroughbred breeders are co-operating with the army to provide stallions for the production of cavalry horses.

With Texas newspapermen: An early Christmas present \$4,000 for an oil lease on 40 acres, has been received by George Baker, publisher of the Fort Stockton Pioneer, according to the Stanton Reporter—C. C. Hadsell, in the Donna News-Advocate, after quoting this columnist's description of a complicated toothpick machine, says two Donna men—Leo Wharton and Ralph Minshall—have applied for a patent on a simple machine, which at the turn of a knob rolls a toothpick into a little trough, and already an order for 100 machines has been received—Doc Sellers passes on this fine philosophy in the Rising Star Record:

To cultivate calmness and self possession, to live longer and to enjoy life more fully—

Learn to like what doesn't cost much.

Learn to like reading, conversation, music.

Learn to like plain food, plain service, plain cooking.

Learn to like fields, trees, woods, brooks, fishing, rowing, hiking.

Learn to like people, even though some of them may be as different from you as a Chinese.

Learn to like to work and enjoy the satisfaction of doing a job as well as it can be done.

Learn to like the song of the birds, the companionship of dogs, and laughter and gaiety of children.

Learn to like gardening, carpentering, puttering around the house, the lawn, and the automobile.

Learn to like the sunrise and sun-

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set, the beating of rain on roof and windows and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day. Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be wool and anchored by things and the opinion of others.



Our daddies said tell you..



Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year

"... and they said tell you we're glad you use electric lights, and refrigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They appreciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that electricity is so cheap and everybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mamas don't work so hard any more since they got electric servants in the kitchen.

"There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use electric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"

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- Cologne
- Toilet Water
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- Cigarette Lighter
- Cigarette Case
- Toilet Sets
- Electric Shaver
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- LEATHER JACKETS . . . . . \$6.95
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### A & M Graduates Complete Work At San Antonio

Four more Texas Aggie athletes were among the graduating class at Randolph Field, near San Antonio, last month and they included Herb (Smitty) Smith, All-Conference end of the National Champion football team of 1939.

Others included E. D. Bracewell, Dallas, swimming leterman and former holder of two conference records; Jern (Pipkie) Couch, McKinney, captain of the swimming team of 1940 and member of the water polo team which won the junior national championship for the Aggies; and V. C. Denton, Pahrkee, Fla., letterman in tennis in 1939 and in golf in 1940.

At the same time seven other graduates of Texas A&M completed their training at the West Point of the air and are now at Kelly Field to complete the work toward their commissions as second lieutenants in the Air Corps.

### Sales Of Christmas Seals Mount In '41

AUSTIN—The spirit of Christmas giving, reflected in the sale of Christmas Seals for anti-tuberculosis work, mounts steadily higher, indicating new records of generous Texas support of the program, reports reaching the Texas Tuberculosis Association offices here reveal.

The small seal depicting three small children singing Christmas carols with all their might are adding color to a niagra of Christmas mail and, according to postal employees writing in, are being used for Christmas package decorations more generously than ever.

"Christmas Seals not only add to the spirit of Christmas they add to life itself for thousands of persons afflicted with the bread germ and to the happiness of millions of others who are protected from tuberculosis by the constant fight being made against this surveyor of illness and death," Dr. E. G. Fabor of Tyler, president of the association said.

Reports from county and city organizations throughout the state show a 16 percent increase of Christmas seals over the first 10 days of the sale in 1939 and if the trend is sustained, 1940 will be the banner year of the 34 years of seal sales in Texas, headquarters here reports.

"The public representing every phase of social and business activity; civic and religious groups, and individuals in every walk of life, are not only purchasing seals but are lending active support Penny Nichols, executive secretary said. "There is not a Texas newspaper, including foreign language papers, that have not helped; even milk

companies are decorating bottles with Christmas Seal sale tabs, and that is typical of the cooperation of advertising companies, stores, radio stations, transportation companies, and many other classifications," she added.

Phillips Brooks was dining at the house of a friend when he noticed the very small but dignified daughter of the house trying to manipulate a very large fork. His eyes twinkling with mischief, he said kindly, "Why don't you give up the fork, my dear, and use your fingers. You know fingers were made before forks."

At once came the swift reply: "Mine weren't"

"Nuts to you"—the idiom of present popularity, meant a rejection of a proposal during the medieval ages. The suitor would invite himself to supper at the home of the girl he desired to wed and if, at him a plate of nuts, it meant his proposal was rejected.

### WANTED JUROR DEAD 2 YEARS

DECATUR, Ind.—When John Fetters failed to appear for jury duty, Adams county circuit court authorities dispatched the sheriff and a deputy to hale him into court. Returning empty-handed, they reported Fetters had died in December, 1938.

J. S. Yeager was a Cross Plains visitor Tuesday.

### CARD OF THANKS

To our many good friends of Putnam, Scranton, Eastland and Baird we take this means of thanking you for your many acts of kindness, your cheerful visits and your words of encouragement during these long years of illness. We especially want to thank our brothers who have so cheerfully helped us carry

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Mr. and Mrs. Enel Shirley of  
Goldthwaite visited his mother, Mrs  
W. B. Shirley last week.

Mrs. Charley Coats and Mildred  
of Baird visited with her mother,  
Mrs. J. D. Mitchell Sunday after-  
noon.

Willie Weldon of Abilene spent  
last week end with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Dave Weldon.

Miss Ann Shirley of Fort Worth  
visited with home folks last week  
end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas and  
Wilma Lee of Cisco spent Thursday  
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.  
H. Thomas.

Frenchie Bennett of A&M is home  
for holidays, his school dismissed  
early on account of flu.

Mrs. Nettie Waldrop and Miss  
Reba visited in Abilene last week  
end.

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Mrs. N. G. Borden visited with  
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Butler first  
of this week.

Lamoine Shirley is spending the  
week with her sister, Miss Ann  
Shirley of Fort Worth.

Zeke Nordyke left Saturday after  
several weeks visit with his sister  
Mrs. Jno. Ivy.

J. H. Strahan and Elmer Thomas  
who are working at Mineral Wells  
visited home folks last week end.

COTTONWOOD CLUB  
WILL HAVE FINAL  
MEETING OF YEAR

The Cottonwood Home Demons-  
tration club will hold its final  
meeting for this year Friday, Dec-  
ember 20, at 2:30 p. m., in the home  
of Mrs. Sam Moore. The club's  
Christmas party will be held at this  
time. All those desiring to go are  
asked to meet in Cottonwood at 2  
p. m.

ATWELL

Owing to the very bad weather  
we are unable to gather much news.

Messrs Robert Brashear, Clyde  
Lovelady, Clint Brashear from  
Brownwood visited home folks dur-  
ing the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rouse and  
boys of Baird visited in the home  
of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde  
Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovelady and son  
of Ballinger visited in the Clyde  
Lovelady home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Abernathy of

Union visited in the Dayton Sessions  
home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and  
sons were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

Keelon Riffe and Miss Nell Bailey  
of Scranton were united in mar-  
riage Monday night, December 16,  
at the Mendon McWilliams home

Rev. A. F. McWilliams performed  
the ceremony. The bride is the  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Author  
Bailey of Scranton. The groom is  
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riffe  
of this place. The couple left Tues-  
day for Mineral Wells where Mr.  
Riffe is employed.

WE HAVE ENJOYED A NICE BUSINESS

Since we have been in Putnam, and wish to thank  
our Friends and Customers.  
Also Wishing you A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
very HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maher Prop.

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CHRIST GREETINGS

We take this method of thanking our many Friends  
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...and we

have this to add about  
health protection

America has made great progress in stamping out many  
diseases that have threatened the health of the nation. How-  
ever, the common cold is responsible for more than two  
hundred million illnesses each year. Therefore, along with  
our Christmas wishes of "Good Health to you and your  
family," we add this practical suggestion... guard against  
catching cold!

This is the season of the year when strict precaution  
against catching cold is of vital importance. Any sudden  
change of temperature, such as occurs when you go from a  
warm room into an unheated part of the house, chill your  
body and makes you an easy prey to the attack of the cold  
germ. Play safe! Don't give a common cold an even break!  
Provide adequate heat and a circulation of pure, warm air in  
every room of your house during the short winter season.

AFTER ALL, "GOOD HEALTH"  
PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS  
IN HAPPINESS.



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