

THE MCLEAN NEWS

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Town and Farm in WarTime

Ration Reminder
Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.
Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in book four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.
Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in book one, good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the Airplane sheet in book three, good for 1 pair.

Meats, fats—Brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q good through Jan. 1. Brown stamp R good through Jan. 29. S becomes good Jan. 2 and remains good through Jan. 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of ration book four is good for five points on the purchase of pork through Jan. 1.
Processed foods—Green stamps D, E and F in book 4 good through Jan. 20.

Tightening up on Non-Fathers
Local Selective Service Boards are tightening up on non-fathers, lessening the number of agricultural and occupational deferments for them and at the same time increasing the number of these deferments for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. It was revealed by a comparison of local board reports for October 1 and December 1 by Selective Service Headquarters.

Total deferments in agriculture, December 1, were 1,606,661, of which 692,252 were fathers. This was an increase of 33,674 agriculturally deferred fathers between October 1 and December 1. Selective Service figures it will be required to furnish between 1,900,000 and 2,100,000 men to the armed forces between December 1 and July 1—thus providing 700,000 to 900,000 replacements and bringing total strength of all forces, including WAVES AND WAAGS, to 11,300,000. During October and November, an estimated 150,000 men were reclassified out of 4-F for reexamination of the armed forces.

Public Wants Alarm Clocks
"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you most? (SM)". Nearly 5,000 persons throughout the country were asked this question, in a recent survey of consumer requirements made by the Office of Civilian Requirements. The most serious inconvenience and hardship is caused by the shortage of alarm clocks although shortage of food affects the greatest number—followed in order by elastic, galvanized wire, some textile products, and alarm clocks. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. Whiteside vice chairman of OCR, said.

Address Ration Books
Hundreds of lost ration book, dropped in the mail by finders are being sent to the Dead Letter Office every month because owners failed to fill in their address on the covers, according to OPA. Ever, holder of a ration book should make certain that his current address is plainly written in the space provided for that purpose on the cover.

May Add Cost of Jar
Housewives will have to pay approximately 2 cents more per jar for fruit, berries, and vegetables sold in glass containers where the processor has started packing in glass since 1941. In packing in glass containers, processors incur greater labor costs.

OPA Honors Volunteers
The OPA War Service Award certificate will be presented during the week of January 2 to 85,300 men and women who have served 100 hours or more as volunteer aids on local rationing boards during the two years the boards have been in operation. Distinguished Service pins will be awarded the 9,060 volunteers who have served 500 hours or more. In addition to certificates for board assistants, the 76,000 board members will receive lapel buttons with the inscription: "War Price and Rationing Board—OPA—Meritorious Service."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haynes and children of Pampa visited here over the week end.
Miss Idell Gadberry visited home folks at Bowie during the holidays.

IN THE SERVICE

Aviation Cadet Oran Back has just completed the Army's Primary Flight Training Course at Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Arizona, and has now commenced his basic flight training at another field. A/C Back is a son of Postmaster and Mrs. Johnnie R. Back of McLean.

Mrs. R. B. Jones orders the home paper sent to her son, Pvt. Jack L. Jones, at Camp Fannin, Texas, where he has been transferred from Fort Sill, Okla., to begin training in the U. S. Army.

A/S John E. Kirby of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirby, during the holidays.
Damon Wade, S 1/c, of San Francisco, Calif., visited his mother and sister, Mrs. J. H. Wade and Bennie, through the holidays.

Sgt. R. M. Jones of the U. S. Naval base at Norman, Okla., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones, over the week end.
Pfc. Joe D. Bruton of Norman, Okla., and A/S Kenneth L. Bruton of Ruston, La., visited their parents at Kellierville, Christmas.

Ercy Fulbright of V-12 unit of T. O. U. at Fort Worth, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fulbright.
Pvt. James Fulbright of Fort Ord, Calif., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Fulbright, during the holidays.

Alton Howard, of the Coast Guard at Miami, Fla., visited his mother, Mrs. Ethel Howard, and family during the holidays.
Pfc. Joe Cooke of Amarillo visited home folks here during the holidays.

Born Dec. 17 to Major and Mrs. George McCarty of Lemoore, Calif., an 8 pound girl.
Brady McCoy of ship service visited home folks here during the holidays.

Mrs. Cagle Hunt visited her husband, Lt. Cagle Hunt, at Fort Bliss during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Finch of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowen of Sayre, Okla., visited the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Puckett, during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Huber and daughter spent Christmas with Mrs. Huber's mother and sister near Panhandle.
Albert Watt of Grand Junction, Colo., is visiting his mother Mrs. J. J. Watt, and other relatives here.

Miss Jeweleen Langham of Amarillo spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Langham.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McIlroy and daughter visited at Lelia Lak last week end, the daughter remaining for a longer visit.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McIlroy and daughter visited at Childress over the week end.
Leslie Jones of Amarillo visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Jones, Thursday.
J. R. Clark was in Shamrock Friday at the bedside of his father.
Joe Willis renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.
Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Swafford visited relatives at Pampa Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Nath Franks and daughter, Miss Joyce, visited relatives in Shamrock Saturday.
Miss Louise Farris visited home folks at Denworth during the holidays.

Funeral Rites For F. R. McCracken

Funeral rites were spoken at the Alanreed Baptist Church Sunday for F. R. McCracken, aged 94 years, 3 months and 6 days, who died Dec. 23, 1943, in a Groom hospital.

Services were conducted by Jack Hardecastle, minister of the McLean Church of Christ, assisted by Rev. S. T. Greenwood, pastor of the Alanreed Baptist Church.
Survivors include his widow three sons, Roy and B. F. c. Alanreed, Claude of Camp Verde Ariz.; three daughters, Mrs. Foreman Stubbs, Alanreed, Mrs. Ruth Atwater, Albuquerque, N. M., and Mrs. Dorothy McEachern, Robstown.

Palbearers were W. E. James Marvin Hall, E. R. Sherrod, J. M. Tidwell, O. L. Tibbets and W. H. Davis.
Burial was made in Alanreed cemetery under the direction of Womack Funeral Home of McLean.
Mr. McCracken had been an Alanreed resident for 56 years. He was one of the first commissioners of Donley county, and was for many years president of the bank at Alanreed.

Miss Longino in College Who's Who

Miss Lenore Longino, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Longino, who will receive her B. S. degree from McMurry College, Abilene, in May, is among those students who will be listed in the 1943-44 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Miss Longino is president of Alpha Chi (National Honor Society), and is a member of Alpha Theta Nu (Literary Society) at McMurry. She is active in religious organizations both on and off the campus, serving as worship chairman for the Student Council of Religious Activities and recreation chairman of St. Paul Methodist Church. She sings in the McMurry Chanters and also in the church choir.

The News editor acknowledges with thanks a gift of the book "This Green World," sent by W. W. Barker of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Barker, who, like the editor is a tree enthusiast, says he enjoyed the book and ordered a copy for the editor.
E. E. Watkins and sons, Harold of Philadelphia, Pa., and Donald of Austin, visited their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan visited their son, Andrew, in Amarillo Saturday night. They were accompanied by their son, Ernest and Mrs. Mary Poe of Dallas.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cartwright and daughter of Lakeview visited their niece and cousin Mrs. Buddy Watkins, Saturday.

Miss Colleen Burrows of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Burrows, last week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Creed Bogan and daughter of Borger visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bogan, over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis and children of Panhandle visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Carruth of Amarillo visited relatives here during the holidays.
Mrs. Peggy Hill of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer, last week end.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rippy visited relatives in Oklahoma during the Christmas holidays.
Miss Loraine Hodges of Pampa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hodges, during the holidays.

Mrs. Oia Long and grandson Rex, of Clarendon visited Mrs. Walter Smith last week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCabe and daughter, Jean, of Amarillo visited home folks here Sunday.

Memorial Rites For J. L. Hancock

Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning for Pfc. J. L. Hancock, 21, whom the war department has reported killed in action.

The church was decorated with blossoming plants and cut flowers. Miss Frances Stiller sang "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There," and the church choir sang appropriate selections, with Mrs. C. O. Huber playing the piano accompaniment.
The memorial oration was given by Pastor C. O. Huber, and "Taps" was played by Bill Reeves, Boy Scout bugler.

Members of several branches of the armed services were present and S 1/c Damon Wade placed the gold star on the church service flag.
Pfc. Hancock was one of the first McLean boys to enter the service, and the third from McLean Baptist families to lose his life in the present war.

New Year's a Day of Prayer

According to the President's proclamation, New Year's Day is designated a day of prayer. Everyone, at home, in the churches, or anywhere, is expected to observe the day.
At the Prisoner of War Camp special services will be held at 11:30 a. m. on Saturday, Jan. 1 to which all are invited, according to Lt. Buckley, public relations officer. Services for Catholics will be held in the afternoon.
Lt. Buckley says that regular religious services are held at the camp each Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

FRANKS-MANTOOTH

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Franks announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth, to Cpl. Randy Mantooth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mantooth of this city. Cpl. Mantooth is stationed at Mobile, Alabama.
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Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Greene visited Mrs. Greene's mother, Mrs. Miller, at Turkey over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trimble, accompanied by his sister from Amarillo, visited relatives at Dodson Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Kunkel and daughter of Dumas visited relatives here and at Alanreed over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alderson and son of Clarendon visited Mr. and Mrs. Irven Alderson, over the week end.
Miss Hazes Dyer of Houston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Dyer, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cash and son of Dumas visited relatives here over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allison visited in Clarendon over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bourland visited their son, Laurence, and family at Tulla over the week end.

Mrs. N. A. Barker visited relatives at Seymour over the week end.
Earl Stubblefield and family visited relatives in Groom and Amarillo last week and.

WITH THE CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

C. O. Huber, Pastor
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:15 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening Worship.
The regular morning service hour will be the quarterly observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Let's Start Straight. The new year unfolds many opportunities for a greater service than last year. The right beginning would be 100 per cent attendance of our membership.
The pastor is desirous of meeting with the deacons and finance committee at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. As you come please think of your personal objective for the year ahead of us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

S. R. Jones, Supply Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a. m., F. H. Bourland, superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00.
Evening Worship 7:00.
W. M. S. 2:00 p. m. Tuesday.
Choir practice 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

SCOTT-PARKER

Miss Lucille Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, and Mr. Ralph E. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Parker, were married Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1943, at the home of the groom's sister Mrs. Haskell Smith.
Rev. H. A. Longino, pastor of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony before the mantle which was decorated with the Christmas motif.
Mrs. Cliff Henderson, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and E. E. Parker served his brother as best man. Sidney Jack Parker was ring bearer and Ewell Everett Parker taper bearer.

Others in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Smith and daughter, Carol Nan; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Parker, Mrs. E. E. Parker, and Cliff Henderson.
The bride is a graduate of McLean high school and has been teaching in Amarillo schools for the past several years. The groom is petty officer first class in the U. S. Navy, and has returned to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson and children of Lefors were in McLean Friday enroute to Greenville to visit relatives. A brother of Mr. Robertson had just returned from overseas.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Morgan and Mrs. Spencer Nordyke of Amarillo visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan, over the week end.

Miss Hazel Dyer of Houston and Mrs. Harold Lee and daughters, Armita and Virginia, of Gallup, N. M., visited in the C. O. Huber home the first of the week.
Miss Johnnie Mae Scott of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Turner and daughter of Clarendon visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirby, Christmas Day.
Billy Kunkel of Dumas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkel, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Perkins visited at Pampa over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Johnson and son are visiting the former's parents at Saint Jo.
Mrs. Bazel Pettit of Pampa visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Pettit, last week end.

Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke has our thanks for a renewal subscription to the Amarillo News.
Dr. Mary Eta Hudgins of Erick Okla., visited relatives here during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brewer of Borger visited in the A. L. Morgan home Sunday.

Merchants Extend New Year Wishes

Best wishes for the New Year and appreciation for past favors are expressed by merchants, office holders and others, in the advertising columns of The News this week.

This is an annual custom for McLean business and professional men, and entirely new cuts and copy have been used for this edition of the home paper.
Greetings from neighbors mean more than from strangers, and that is just what every greeting is this week—an expression from your neighbors whose interests are the same as yours, and who are anxious that each member of the community prospers in proportion to his individual needs.

Very little personal solicitation was done for this issue, but each was notified by mail and a gratifying number phoned, mailed or brought in their greetings, proving their good will toward the whole community.

Heavy Snow with Colder Weather

Five inches of snow fell Monday with a cold northeast wind causing deep drifts, paralyzing traffic on all roads.
Highway 66 west was blocked until Wednesday morning, a few light trucks getting through by using detours Tuesday. All west-bound traffic was stopped in McLean Monday night, many staying in the cafes or at the USO hall during the night, with some securing rooms at private homes.
With bright sunshine since Tuesday, things have been somewhat better for the cattlemen, but it will probably be some time before the snow disappears from pastures.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 2,102 bales of cotton were ginned in Gray county from the crop of 1943 prior to Dec. 13, as compared with 1,294 bales for the crop of 1942, according to R. H. Wilson, special agent.
Mr. and Mrs. Harve Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bogard and family of Clarendon; Tom Bogard and family of Bulla, and Mrs. Bazel Pettit of Pampa were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. J. B. Pettit.

Miss Ozella Hunt of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson and children of Morton, Mrs. Lloyd Hunt of Wichita Falls spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt.
Mrs. Norman Whitefield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Fulbright, a few days before going to Shreveport, La., to be with her husband.

Ernest Jordan and Mrs. Mary Poe of Dallas visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan, during the holidays.
Miss Ann Bogan renews for the home paper this week.



Be Sure to Read
INDIAN BEEF
By Harold Channing Wire
... a story of the Old West when a journey of any length had no certain ending.
START IT NOW IN THIS PAPER

THINKING FOR POST WAR DAYS

The other day I was reading Sholem Asch's "Apostle." Something he said, I do not remember what, set me to thinking about our much-talked-of post war problems. Three of them occurred to me and I turned over to a flyleaf of the book and named them under the heading, "Three post war problems." But in a moment two others occurred to me, so I erased the "three" and made it "five." But as I mused other problems came bobbing up demanding that they be given a place in my list. So, to be entirely safe, I erased the "five" and made the heading read "Some post war problems."

When I had finished an even dozen had occurred to me and were written down. Some of them, to be sure, have been our worries all along, but there are some new ones and even the old ones are intensified and made more confusing and difficult by the war atmosphere. The things I am about to set down are not policies to be dealt with in the peace conference across the ocean. They are problems that you and I will have to tackle here at home. It will not hurt us to begin to think about them and, I dare suggest, pray about them now.

May Be Big Help Later

In fact, it may help us when the showdown comes. Here they are:

1. The readjustment problem. Millions of soldiers, male and female, will be released. They and we will face the problem of their getting readjusted to civilian life. An equally large number will be released from civilian work in Army and defense plants. Both these groups will in a large measure be confused like sheep without a shepherd. It will be the difficult task but imperious duty of every American citizen to cooperate with them as they seek to re-orient themselves into their new life currents. If we (you and I as individuals) who have enjoyed the civilian comfort and security for which they have fought for or for which they have labored should play hands off and in effect say to them, "Find your own way; row your own boat; root hog or die," we will be guilty of base ingratitude amounting to a sin against high heaven.

2. The race problem. To be sure we have had for generations the more or less acute Negro problem. But anybody who reads the papers knows that the war has raised, or at least intensified, certain phases of that question—particularly in economic, educational and social spheres. When the war closes and we all begin to re-align ourselves to the new regime we will find the Negro insisting on certain concessions which the war brought him and which he will not willingly forego in time of peace. Whether or not he has a right to these privileges I am not now discussing. I am simply calling attention to the fact that whatever may be our belief or choice in the matter, we will have to deal with a new, or at least a greatly intensified race problem as it applies to our colored neighbors. And as little as we may be thinking it, the close of the war will give us new problems concerning other races—particularly Mexican and Chinese.

The Labor Problem

3. The capital and union labor problem. It is true that conflict has been going on in one form or another so far back that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. But is it not equally true that none of us ever saw it quite as acute nor quite as danger-laden as it has been in the past 12 months? Authorities have been able to hold it somewhat in check by the ever potent war appeal. Men were unwilling to persist in strikes on the one hand or unjust wages on the other lest they bear the odium of refusing to help win the war. But when this war is over and that appeal loses its force, selfish interests on one side or the other, or both, will give us problems plenty, generated by the war spirit.

But adequately to discuss all my dozen points seriatim would make this article too long. I shall therefore simply name the other nine. If some of them seem to you a trifle far-fetched, think it through and you will see that all of them are real problems, and that all of them have either been produced by the war or intensified by it. Now if, in scripture language, you ask, "Where are the nine?" here they are in detail, without note or comment:

- The Other Nine**
4. The delinquency problem.
 5. The liquor problem.
 6. The mannish woman prob-

7. The tax problem.
8. The childless home problem
9. The religious de-denominationalizing problem.
10. The rural problem.
11. The city problem.
12. The depression problem.

But since I am a preacher, this article must close with an exhortation. I am therefore giving a word of warning and a bit of advice. The warning is that just as it was after World War I, we are headed for a depression after this one. The advice is that since you are now making good money you had better live economically and lay aside some of this easy "dough" for a rainy day. A block of Government bonds would be mighty good for sore eyes when you are muddling through the middle of the certain-to-come post war depression. In times of peace prepare for war, and in times of inflation prepare for depression.—Jeff D. Ray in Star-Telegram.

HANCOCK'S BUDDIES WRITE

December 17, 1943.
Dear Mrs. Hancock:

With the knowledge in mind that there is little that we can do or say to console you for your recent irreplaceable loss, we wish to extend, not only our own but the entire company's heartfelt sympathy and condolences. We have lost not only a friend and comrade, but a something no one else can give us—mainly his fine spirit and enjoyable sense of humor. If it will help ease the anguish of your loss, we can truthfully say that J. L. did not suffer and that the end came quickly.

Yours sincerely,
MELVIN BEIGHLE
GRANVILLE BOYD.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking all our friends and neighbors for the flowers, the food, the many sweet and comforting words, on our sorrow and heartache in the loss of our dear son and brother.

We also express our thanks to the people of this community and the First Baptist Church for their thoughtfulness in arranging the memorial service. May the love of God, and the comforting arms of our Savior be with you all, is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hancock and Girls.
Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Hancock

KILLS FISH WITH ROCK

Technician Joseph L. Ryckman of North Camp Hood, near Temple, found a big catfish in some shallow water on the Leon river. He killed it with a rock. The fish 43 inches long, weighed 60 pounds. His mess sergeant said it would furnish 60 good sized fish steaks.

Buy printing in McLean.



GREETINGS

To have served you in 1943 has been a pleasure and a privilege. We hope we have served you well enough to merit your patronage in 1944.

Right now we want to say
Happy New Year to you and yours

BENNIE'S CAFE

Flame Lanterns and Lamps



Do not confuse gasoline with kerosene. Store in safe containers of different size on which name has been printed in large letters. Paint gasoline containers bright red.

Beware of a lamp that smokes or "acts up." The smoke and fumes are combustible.

Put out the flame before refilling a lamp or lantern and allow it to cool. Refill in a well ventilated room free from open flame. Avoid spilling gasoline or kerosene. They form flammable and sometimes explosive vapor mixtures with air.

Provide convenient hooks for hanging lanterns securely and solid resting places for lamps away from flammable materials and well off the floor.



Do not buy tall lamps with small bases. Keep wicks and burners clean.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well; and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.—Longfellow.

It is not so much matter what is done, as how it is done, that God minds. It is the well-doing that meets with the "well-done."—Venning.

Mrs. Lee Ola Payne visited in Dallas during the holidays.

For sale: 1934 car in first crack condition.



War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that the New Year can bestow.

SERVICE GIN
D. A. Davis, Manager

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A jolly good way to remember your friends and relatives this New Year is to send subscriptions to The McLean News. They last a whole year or more. You can order pleasure and profit for all of 1944 for only \$2.00, which figures less than four cents a week.

A Gift That Lasts

Womack ambulance runs made recently are: Ernest Watson home from Clarendon, Miss Betty Martin from Groom to Amarillo, Mrs. H. D. Hale and new son home from Pampa, Cliff Callahan to Shamrock and back home, John E. Dwyer home from McLean, Miss Ernest Christie home from Clarendon, Mrs. W. M. Fulton from Alanreed to Groom, Mrs. Adlal Prock from Alanreed to Groom, Miss Dorothy Hardman to Shamrock, F. R. McCracken from Alanreed to Groom, Carol Pettit home from Shamrock, O. F. Wiskaemper, Sr., to Shamrock from Amarillo, Mrs. W. R. Kelsay to Lefors from Pampa.

There are important causes in which the difference between half a heart and a whole heart makes just the difference between signal defeat and a splendid victory.—A. H. K. Boyd.

MICKIE SAYS—

TOWNS USED TO PUT UP BOLLUSES TO GET A NEWSPAPER. TH' PAPERS COULD USE SOME BOLLUSES THESE DAYS, SUCH AS MORE ADS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AN' JOB WORK!



THE GI
The four kind have been AT AMARILLO. lence and fami. been more destructi. pestilence, and fami. Gladstone.

English sailors are called "Lim-eyes" because of the extensive use of lime juice at sea, as a preventative of scurvy.

Mrs. R. L. Appling takes advantage of our special rate on the Reader's Digest this week.



Progress is the keynote of the future, and on one point at least we are firmly resolved. We are going to serve our customers still better in 1944. Our earnest wish is that the coming year may have many unexpected blessings in store for you and yours

McLEAN FERTILIZER STORE
Harris Kin



Holiday Greetings

Some day soon I hope to thank you personally for your kindness to me during 1943. But right now, with the Spirit of New Year's in the air I want to say

HAPPY NEW YEAR

H. B. HILL

ATTORNEY, Shamrock, Texas



AT THIS SEASON let us rededicate our faith in the cherished symbols of a free America. May the new year bring happiness and prosperity to you and yours.

ARTHUR ERWIN

Representative
Great Northern Life Insurance Co.

New Year's Day Around the World

By MISS ABBIE CONDIT
National Recreation Association

A New Year's party based on the customs of other countries will provide an appropriate theme for your celebration this year. Send out invitations decorated with an hour glass or the Old and New Year, inviting the guests to come in the costume of some country. Ask each to bring a "white elephant" possession, securely wrapped, for as tradition has it in Scotland, a package in the hand of the guest insures the host a bounteous year. (These gifts will be exchanged later in the evening as one of the party activities.)

Colorful decorations are in order for the party. In the Orient, dark green pine branches and light green bamboo stalks are hung on the gate posts, and tangerines and tangerine-like fruits are indicative of long life and happiness. Bright red lobsters and crabs are hung over doorways. In China on New Year's day everyone puts on brand new clothes and goes visiting; so at our party there may be a grand march with judges, of course, to award prizes for the prettiest, funniest, and most unique costumes.

'May Joy Be Yours.'
At the end of the march each person is given a card and a pencil. On signal each tries to obtain as many signatures as he can. He approaches someone, bows in Chinese fashion, saying "Kung Hi, Kung Hi" (I humbly wish you joy), and the other replies "Sin Hi, Sin Hi" (May joy be yours). Then each writes down the other's name. At the end of five minutes the person with the largest number of names receives a trivial award.

In Belgium we hear of a "Sugar Uncle." a "Sugar Aunt." All the keys disappear from the inside doors in the houses before New Year's Day. Then, when an unsuspecting aunt or uncle goes into a room alone, the children rush to lock the doors on the outside and do not permit the aunt or uncle to come out until he or she has promised ransom with which the children will buy sugar plums and candy. Divide the group into a number of circles with 10 to 20 players in each. A leader is given a key or a bunch of keys. He walks around the group nodding at players who fall in line behind him. When about half the members of the circle are trailing along, he drops the key and all dash to find places. The one left out pays "ransom" by being "it."

'First Footer' Relay.
The circles may be easily straightened out into file formation for a "First Footer" relay. In Scotland it is considered good luck to be the first to step into a house after midnight, so there is a mad dash from house to house after the stroke of 12. Each team is a would-be "first footer." The leader counts to 12 and on "12" the first member of each team dashes to a goal and back, touching off the next player. The first team finished is the lucky one and receives a prize of cookies or tiny cakes, as was the custom.

Boys and girls of Russia have a rather strange custom. On New Year's Day they go about throwing peas and wheat at passers-by. The peas are thrown at enemies, while the lighter wheat is reserved for friends. Wheat grains are too small to handle conveniently, so give everyone eight or ten beans of one kind and eight or ten of another kind. Do not designate which is "enemy" or "friend." Guests are to trade beans with one another and at the end of five minutes the one with the fewest enemies and the most friends is given a prize.

In France the children used to leave their wooden shoes out at Christmas time for presents, but the adults exchange gifts at New Year's time. In accordance with this custom the "white elephants" may be brought out and distributed in any manner you like—by drawing or in grab bag style. All the presents should be opened on the spot as an appropriate climax to the party.

'I Resolve'



The speculative attitude of this young lady is ample proof that she is taking her New Year's resolutions seriously. She isn't going to chance on making a resolution she won't keep. Perhaps she determined to study harder or to get greater help in her mother's at least she is going to keep her word.

FOOD WASTED IN HOMES

Gray county's 6,292 households could feed 1,644 soldiers for a year with the food wasted annually in homes of the county, an official of the country's leading food distributor estimated.

This amazing figure is based upon accurate government statistics which indicate that at least 3,152,292 pounds of food are wasted annually in Gray county homes.

Kitchen efficiency should include three points: 1. Buy as nearly as possible just the required amount. 2. Serve moderate helpings, and 3. use all left-overs.

It is said that although housewives have eliminated much food waste since Pearl Harbor, over 8% of all food bought for home

consumption is still wasted. While it is obvious that waste cannot be prevented entirely, carefully planned conservation should cut the loss in half and thus 822 soldiers could be fed with the resulting savings in homes of this county.

Civilians eat 1,514 pounds of food each year, while the average soldier "puts away" 1,916 pounds annually.

First Draftee—Could you pass the bread?

Second Draftee—I think I can't. I moved pianos all summer.

Paul Ashby has our thanks for renewal subscriptions to The News and Amarillo News.

Without earnestness no man is ever great or does really great things. He may be the cleverest of men; he may be brilliant, entertaining, popular; but he will want weight.—Bayne.

Jim—Yep, the engagement is off—she won't marry me.
Joe—Why's that? Didn't you tell her about your rich uncle?
Jim—I sure did. Now she's my aunt.

Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks in great and honorable courses with a sure hope and trust in itself.—Cicero.

W. M. Hinton renews for the Amarillo News and sends the home paper to Mrs. Troy Hinton at Weatherford.

Oba Kunkel orders the Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Miss Bonnie Bell Bailey of during the holidays.

Draft-Age Farmers Released for Temporary War Jobs!

State Headquarters for Selective Service permits draft-age farmers in this area to accept war jobs during slack seasons without affecting their deferment classifications.

Because men are urgently needed in vital war industries in this area, farmers and farm laborers may accept temporary jobs in essential industries under the following conditions as cited in a Headquarters memorandum of Dec. 6th to all local boards, WMC Area No. 6:

- (A) They remain in their seasonal occupations for a period of not less than 8 months of the year;
- (B) They become engaged during

the off-season for farming occupations for a period of in war production or in support of the war effort; and

- (C) Upon the reopening of the season in which they may pursue their normal seasonal occupations for a period of seasonal occupations that constituted the basis for their original deferment and resume their status as necessary men therein.



The year 1943 is now a closed book, and we enter 1944 with new zeal, new hope and new objectives. One of my main objectives is to serve you still better. I thank you cordially for the support you have given me during a year that has tried men's souls, and wish you every blessing that 1944 can possibly bring.

C. M. CARPENTER
County Commissioner



Another year, another page . . . time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers still better than the year before . . .



New Year's greetings to everybody—
Have a good time and drop in to see us.
Remember you are always welcome.

PUCKETT'S

PANTEX NEEDS YOU NOW!

TO HELP LOAD BOMBS AND SHELLS

Here is your opportunity to earn extra money during your off-season and at the same time get in an extra blow at Hitler and Tojo.

You need no experience to work at Pantex. Wages begin at 75 cents an hour. Living quarters for men in barracks at the plant. Meals available in cafeterias at the plant. Frequent bus transportation between the plant and Amarillo.

For complete details regarding your draft deferment and work at Pantex, see your local Selective Service Board.

mediately at the plant or at one of the following offices of the United States Employment Service: LUBBOCK, PLAINVIEW, CHILDRESS, AMARILLO, PAMPA, BORGER.

For employment at Pantex apply im-

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AMARILLO, TEXAS

Certain-teed Products Corporation, Prime Contractor



Our entire business has been built upon friendship. We look upon all our customers as our friends, and are determined to give the friendliest service possible. It is our aim to wrap up a little friendliness in every transaction.

Thanks, friends, one and all, for the privilege of serving you. And we want to say right now, as fervently as we can say it . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

The Year in Review

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RUSSIAN VICTORY

EXTRA BONDS

Chronology OF THE YEAR 1943

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- 13—Italy formally declares war on Germany, by action of Premier Marshal Badoglio.
- 14—In great raid on Schweinfurt, Germany, important ball-bearing factories are destroyed, at a cost of 60 Flying Fortresses.
- 23—Metropol, key city of German defense in south Ukraine, falls to Russians.
- 25—Russian troops recapture Dnepropetrovsk, important industrial city.
- 26—U. S. and New Zealand troops land on Treasury Islands, in Northern Solomons.

- 2—U. S. marines invade Bougainville island in northern Solomons.
- 4—RAF planes drop more than 2,000 tons of bombs on Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 6—Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, retaken by Russians.
- 7—British Eighth army advances in Italy, taking eight towns.
- 11—Nazi scuttles ships, blast installations to block harbors of Leghorn and Pescara.
- 13—Russians capture Zhitomir, important railway center in southern front; Chinese forces report gains along Yangtze river.
- 19—Greatest raid in history blasts Berlin, dropping 2,500 tons.
- 23—Another huge air attack smashes Berlin. One-fourth of city said to be razed.
- 24—Makin island, member of Gilbert group, is taken by U. S. combined forces.
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- I—MILITARY:
 - (a) Russian summer-fall offensive.
 - (b) Pacific offensive (Attu, New Guinea, Solomons, Gilberts).
 - (c) Italy surrenders.
 - (d) Air offensive against German cities.

- II—DIPLOMATIC:
 - (a) The four-power conferences (Moscow-Cairo-Teheran).
 - (b) Formation of the UNRRA.

- III—DOMESTIC:
 - (a) Passage of the Connally Resolution.
 - (b) Administration moves to right (OPA, Food Administration, War Mobilization, Stabilization, Economic Warfare).
 - (c) Republican political gains.
 - (d) Congress revolts against anti-inflation program (subsidies, reduced tax bill, resolution favoring railroad wage increase).

istration: President Roosevelt gives last minute reprieve to Max Baucus, sentenced to death for aiding escape of a Nazi flyer.

- 1—The Board of Economic Warfare is abolished, and its functions transferred to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; Chester Bowles is named general manager of the Office of Price Administration.
- 13—World's largest pipeline, the "Big Inch," running from Longview, Texas, to Phoenixville, Pa., is opened.
- 21—John Lewis, as president of United Mine Workers, signs two-year contract with Illinois Coal Operators Association; War Department reveals 65,058 prisoners of war in country.
- 28—Navy asks for more WAVES, stating that enrollment must reach 91,900 by end of 1944; Coffee rationing ended by OPA; Blue Network of Radio Corporation of America sold.

- 2—Race riot sweeps New York, resulting in death of five negroes, and injuries to 500; Drafting of pre-Peri-Harbo fathers set to begin on October 1.
- 6—June personal incomes totaled \$12,400,000, a new record.
- 13—Casoline ration in Midwest and Southwest reduced from four to three gallons per coupon.
- 14—The War Commission establishes new list of 149 critical occupations for first priority in draft deferments.
- 19—The army must be raised to 8,200,000 men by January 1, 1944, and the navy to 2,861,000, the War Manpower Board announces.
- 23—The Guffey Coal Act, passed in 1937, to stabilize coal prices, expires. No move made to renew it.

- 2—The exchange ship Gripsholm sails with 1,310 Japanese, to be exchanged for 1,250 Americans at Goa, Portuguese India; Churchill and Roosevelt confer in Washington.
- 4—William Jeffers, director of the nation's rubber program, resigns.
- 7—Republican Postwar Advisory Commission reports that 29,228 wounded, 32,905 missing, 23,970 prisoners; Rep. James Curley, Mass., and five others indicted on charges of having accepted retainer fees to obtain war contracts.
- 17—President Roosevelt reports to Congress on Quebec conference; Army and navy chiefs of staff ask full draft quotas, and state delay in drafting fathers will prolong war.
- 23—Rose Tully, star of Broadway, dies; Edward Stettinius Jr. moves from Harbo administration to succeed Sumner Welles as undersecretary of state.
- 29—Senators report on war tour.

- 4—Treasury asks for ten and a half billions in new tax revenue.
- 7—Merger of Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies is completed.
- 11—Censorship of weather news is lifted.
- 12—National Labor Relations Board rules that labor unions have a moral responsibility not to strike in war time.
- 13—American Federation of Labor votes to back United Mine Workers back into fold.
- 18—Third war loan passes goal of 15 billion dollars by nearly four billions.
- 20—The 48-hour week for war industries is extended to 30 more localities.
- 22—Zinc-steel pennies are to be discontinued, Treasury announces.
- 23—Widow's strikes referred to President by War Labor Board.
- 29—Jams and jellies are placed on rationed list, other items raised, a few lowered.

- 1—Federal government seizes 3,000 coal mines which strikes are halting production.
- 3—Elections of various state and national officials reveal Republican trend.
- 3—United Mine Workers ordered to return to work as president John Lewis accepts new wage agreement, giving miners \$56.74 for 48-hour week.
- 5—Senate votes postwar collaboration with other nations, 85 to 5.
- 15—Fifteen non-operating railroad unions reject wage increase offered by emergency committee; Bernard Baruch is appointed chief of a new unit of the Office of War Mobilization.
- 10—National Labor Relations Board head Herbert Lehman is appointed director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
- 13—Interned Japanese at Tule Lake, Calif., stage another demonstration; U. S. war expenditures from July, 1940, through October, 1943, total 13 billion dollars, which sum will revert to treasury.
- 18—A subsidy of 100 million dollars is allocated to stabilize price of flour.
- 20—January draft call to be twice as large as War Manpower commission estimated.
- 23—House votes against extension of consumer subsidies.

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- 11—Eighteen lives lost when a Liberator bomber crashes in Newfoundland.
- 18—Twenty-eight die when four engine bomber crashes at night on a packing plant in Seattle, Wash.
- 23—Yankee Clipper crashes and sinks in Tagus river, Lisbon, Portugal.

- 19—Nineteen bodies recovered in coal mine disaster at Bear Creek, Mont.
- 21—Flood waters spread over a wide area in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana; About 2,500 persons removed by Red Cross.

- 13—Omaha airport and village of Carter Lake, Iowa, flooded when Missouri river dikes break.
- 19—Seven Sea Scouts drowned, and three missing, when cabin cruiser founders off Long Island.

SPORTS

- 1—New Year's Day football results: Rose Bowl—Georgia 9, U. C. L. A. 0; Sugar Bowl—Tennessee 14, Tulsa 7; Orange Bowl—Alabama 27, Boston College 21; Cotton Bowl—Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7; Sun Bowl—Second Air Force 13, Hardin-Simmons 7; Kassar Stadium—East All-Stars 13, West All-Stars 12.
- 17—Ted Williams, formerly of Boston Red Sox, named "player of the year."
- 21—Dodgers sign Cooney, Waner, Sisler; Yankees get Nick Etten.

- 2—William Cox, New York sportsman, purchases Philadelphia Phillies for \$250,000 from National League.
- 24—Harris signs to manage Philadelphia ball club.

- 13—Greg Rice runs fastest 2 miles at K. of C. meet, in 8:52.7.
- 17—Philadelphia team wins the Golden Gloves championship in New York.
- 18—Detroit wins national hockey league title.
- 20—Cornelius Warmerdam sets new pole vault record of 15 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

- 8—Detroit Red Wings defeat the Boston Bruins, 2-0 to capture the Stanley Cup.

- 1—Count Fleet wins Kentucky Derby, in 2:04.
- 2—Count Fleet wins Preakness, in 1:57.2.
- 21—Bob Montgomery outpicks Beau Jack to gain lightweight title.

- 6—Gunder Hagg outruns Greg Rice to win 5,000 meter race.
- 26—Francisco Segura wins Nat'l Collegiate tennis title, defeating Tom Brown Jr.
- 28—Wirlaway, 8 year old race horse, retired.

- 2—Patty Berg defeats Dorothy Kirby in Women's Western Open Golf Championship.
- 10—Gunder Hagg establishes 8:53.9 American record for 2 miles.
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- 26—Harold McSpaden defeats Buck Whitney by 1 stroke to win All-American golf title; Patty Berg takes women's title.

- 8—Ryder Cup golf team, captained by Craig Wood, defeats Walter Hagen's team.
- 9—Howard Schenken wins the contract bridge master's championship for first time.
- 25—College All-Stars defeat the Washington Redskins, professional football champions, 27-7.

- 6—Licut. Joseph Hunt takes the national amateur tennis championship.
- 18—The St. Louis Cardinals defeat the Chicago Cubs, 2-1, clinching the National League pennant.
- 19—Detroit Lions beat the Chicago Cardinals in professional football opener.
- 25—The New York Yankees take the American League pennant for the 14th time.

- 3—Final baseball standings: St. Louis Cardinals, won 105, lost 49, for a percentage of .682. The New York Yankees won 98, lost 56, for a percentage of .636.
- 8—Columbus, O., American Association team, defeats Syracuse, N. Y., International league team, to capture "little world series" title.
- 10—Yankees win World Series, defeating Cardinals, four games to one.
- 24—Ossie Bluege signs two-year contract to manage Washington Senators, and Leo Durocher signs to run Dodgers in 1944.

- 2—Stanley Mustil, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, named most valuable player in National League.
- 9—Spurrier Chandler, New York Yankee pitcher, chosen most valuable in American League.
- 14—U. S. Southern California and the U. S. of Washington chosen for Rose Bowl.
- 19—Beau Jack defeats Notre Dame (19-14) in year's biggest football upset.

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- 13—Ned Day regains title as All-Star National Bowling champion.

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- 15—A tornado injures about 200 men, and destroys 41 buildings valued at \$175,000 at Fort Riley, Kan.
- 21—Spreading floods in Mississippi valley take twelve lives, and leave 108,000 homeless.
- 24—Death toll in flooded region of lower Mississippi valley reaches 17, and 160,000 are estimated to be without shelter.

- 6—Navy reports 84 men killed when an ammunition ship collides with tanker off Port Arthur, Tex.

- 22—Maj. Gen. William Upshur, Capt. Charles Paddock, both U. S. M. C. officers, and four other persons are killed in Navy plane crash near Sitka, Alaska.
- 27—Three soldiers who became lost in desert maneuvers near Yuma, Ariz., die of thirst.
- 28—Hurricane sweeping over Texas Gulf coast kills 13 persons. Damage estimated at 10 million dollars.

- 1—Ten persons, including Mayor William Baker and Maj. William Robertson, die when Army glider crashes in demonstration flight in St. Louis.
- 2—Five Negroes killed, more than 500 white and colored injured in race rioting in New York city's Harlem district.
- 14—Fourteen persons are drowned in a "flash" flood in central West Virginia.
- 25—Twenty-one miners are killed in gas explosion at Sayreton, Ala.
- 30—Twenty-nine persons are killed and 150 injured in wreck of crack Delta war, Lackawanna and Western R. R. train near Wayland, N. Y.

- 6—Eighty persons killed and 177 injured, when Congressional Limited of the Pennsylvania R. R. is derailed near Philadelphia.
- 7—Twentieth Century Limited train of New York Central R. R. is derailed near Canastota, N. Y., killing three; Houston, Tex., hotel fire takes lives of 50 men.
- 17—Explosion of depth charges at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., takes 25 lives. About 150 are injured.
- 20—Twenty-five soldiers die when Army transport plane crashes near Maxton, N. C.

- 16—Crash of airliner 47 miles west of Nashville, Tenn., takes 10 lives.
- 23—Navy announces that 88 seamen died when two tankers collided off Palm Beach.

- 23—Six children die in farm home fire near Chicago.

- 22—Twenty marines killed, 29 injured in Hawaii when collision of navy planes releases bomb.
- 16—Sixty-nine killed, 50 injured in collision of two fast trains near Bule, N. C. Forty-eight of the dead were servicemen.

- 7—Dr. Attilio H. Giannini, 68, physician, banker, motion picture executive, civic leader, dies.
- 19—Lynn Overman, 55, comedian.

- 10—Poet and author Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, Pulitzer prize winner with "John Brown's Body."
- 20—Former governor of Illinois, Frank O. Lowden, 82.
- 23—James A. Farrell, 80, president of the United States Steel corp.

- 22—Luren D. Dickinson, 84, former governor of Michigan, foe of "high life."
- 28—Maj. Gen. Robert Olds, 44, commander of the U. S. Second Army Air Force.

- 11—Maj. Gen. Stephen O. Fuqua, 69, chief of infantry in U. S. Army, 1923-32.
- 20—Adm. Henry A. Wiley, 76, Pacific fleet commander, 1927-29.
- 26—Edehl B. Ford, 49, president of Ford Motor Co.

- 4—Maj. Kermit Roosevelt, 53, son of the former President, on active duty.
- 16—Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, noted historian and Harvard U. professor, 81.
- 23—Rear Adm. Neil E. Nichols, 63, former commander of Boston Bay, dies.

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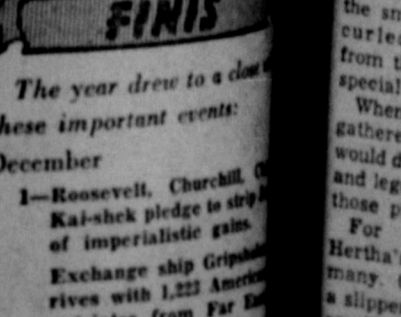
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FATHERS' DRAFT



FINIS

The year drew to a close with these important events:

- 1—Roosevelt, Churchill, Kai-shek pledge to strip of imperialistic gains.
- Exchange ship Gripsholm arrives with 1,222 American prisoners from Far East.
- 2—Fathers' draft bill delaying absence of President.
- 16—President Roosevelt returns to America following 89th diplomatic trip.
- 17—Army announces landing on Japanese New Britain.

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Spirit of Hope Symbolizes All New Year Rites

The observation of New Year's is universal, and although the precise date of its solemnization may vary among different races and creeds, the spirit of hospitality and hopefulness prevails traditionally.

Prior to China's adoption of the Gregorian calendar, the Chinese New Year was celebrated during the time of the first moon—around the first of February. Traditionally, all debts must be paid by midnight on New Year's Eve or "face" is lost on New Year's Day. In the old days, the celebration began a week prior to the Eve when homage was paid to the Kitchen God and climaxed on the "fifteenth day of the First Moon" by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns. The progression of festivities was accompanied by good conduct among young and old, parties and exchanges of greeting cards.

Hindus Celebrate in April.
The Hindus use a lunar calendar and solemnize their New Year toward the last of April. Many of the devout make pilgrimages to the Ganges and other holy streams for the purpose of washing away their sins, others offer propitiatory gifts to the gods in local temples, while feasting, exchanges of calls and greeting cards prevail.

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, is one of the highest of Orthodox holy days. Also known as the Feast of Trumpets, the sounding of a ram's horn, the Shafor, calls the faithful to worship, reminding them of God's providence in caring for His people and rededicating them to His services. Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and special prayers are offered in the synagogues for the restoration of Zion. In the home, the head of the house prays in behalf of his family over an apple or round loaf of bread which has been dipped in honey: the roundness thereof symbolizing the desire for a smooth and prosperous New Year.

January 'Two-Faced.'
The Gregorian month of January is the namesake of Janus, the two-faced Roman god accredited with the ability to look backward and forward simultaneously. New York city, on New Year's Eve, reflects the gaiety, toasting and meditation traditional to New Year's celebrations around the world.

The streets, particularly Broadway, are thronged with thousands of festival-minded persons, the hotels, etc., are crowded with parties, and many gather in churches to welcome the New Year in prayer. As the clocks strike twelve, the noise-makers are blown full blast accompanied by the whistles on every ship, tug, etc., in the vicinity, joined by those of the surrounding communities.

Honor Norse Goddess.
Once upon a time, long before the Nordic tribes were converted to Christianity—maybe even before the Saviour was born—the tribesmen decked their lodgings with evergreens in honor of Hertha, Norse goddess of the home and domestic affairs. Hertha paid her annual visits during the time of the Winter Solstice and descended through the smoke which curled upward from the fir boughs burning upon a special altar of flat stones.

When the family and serfs were gathered before the blaze, Hertha would direct the person wisest in lore and legend to foretell the fortunes of those present.

For centuries the legend of Hertha's slippers survived in Germany. Cakes, baked in the shape of a slipper, were filled with candy and small gifts. Given to maidens and children, the slippers of Hertha supposedly bestowed the qualities of virtue, health and beauty.

American children may never have heard of Nordic Hertha, but rarely does a youngster hang up his Christmas stocking without worrying whether or not Santa Claus will be able to squeeze down the chimney,

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Dino Chelini, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the honorable District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of December 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 7476.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Bertha Riley Chelini as plaintiff, and Dino Chelini as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: for divorce, alleging marriage on April 17, 1941, and separation November 25, 1941. Plaintiff says she is a continuous, actual and bona fide resident and inhabitant of the State of Texas for more than twelve months and of Gray County for more than six months immediately next preceding the filing of this petition. All see no children and no community property. Alleges defendant on or about November 25, 1941, voluntarily and without provocation on the part of the plaintiff, abandoned the plaintiff, with intention of living separately and apart from her and that he has so lived to this time, a period of more than three years. All of which conduct on the part of the defendant is alleged to constitute three years abandonment on the part of the husband. Prays citation be served on the defendant, and that a divorce be granted, with restoration of maiden name and for costs.

Issued this the 10th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 10th day of December, A. D. 1943.

MIRIAM WILSON, Clerk
District Court, Gray County, Texas
By WILLADEAN ELLIS, Deputy.
(SEAL) 51-4c-FC

Buy printing in McLean.

CLOVIS VOTES DRY

The city of Clovis has joined the dry ranks. Booze was voted out after the people gave it a long trial and decided that liquor pays no one but the fellows who make and handle it. There is plenty of evidence as to what booze does to the fellows who drink it and to business in the towns where it is sold. The dries are on the march again, demanding national prohibition. But the dries face a stone wall. The administration is wet and its influence would be thrown against the return of prohibition. Even if prohibition could be enacted over the protest of the President, he would make an effort in its enforcement, and would see a return of bootlegging and attending crime.— Canyon News.

MOST OF THE TIME

"What are you doing here, dear?"

"Looking for a husband."

"But you've got one."

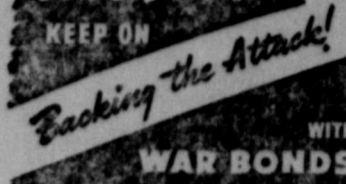
"That's the one I'm looking for."

M. H. Patterson renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Don't worry about the future. The present is all that thou hast. The future will soon be the present. The present will soon be the past.

J. L. Andrews renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Everybody reads newspapers.



GREETINGS

The success we enjoyed in 1943 is not merely the result of chance. It is the accumulating reward of long years of effort on our part to give the most in quality and service for your money. That policy holds good in 1944, a year which, we hope will shower many blessings upon you.

BANTA'S Barber Shop



Church bells ringing . . . crisp crunch of snow . . . leaden skies . . . eager faces. It's **NEW YEAR'S** . . . and may the New Year of 1944 open a chapter of happiness for you.

T. N. HOLLOWAY INSURANCE



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The hum of those Liberators high in the sky is a portent of progress—a glimpse of the reality that, speed the day! lies beyond the turn of the road. Freedom is on the march!

That you may participate in all of the good things that 1944 may bring is our sincere New Year's wish for you.

BROOKS DRY GOODS and TAILOR SHOP



We pause, on the eve of 1944 to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a decade. To these old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones, every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Happy New Year."

We are now located right down-town, next door to Puckett's Grocery.

COOKE CHEVROLET CO.



Pythagoras, when asked what time was, replied that it was the soul of the world. And so it is. Time—precious, priceless—is the span during which we build up endearing friendships, and in our business, friendship counts for a great deal. We thank you cordially for yours.

May the sands of the hour glass, draining away during 1944, bring to you many golden hours of happiness and joy.

Concha Oil and Gas Co., Inc.

T. J. Coffey, Owner

Fun for the Whole Family

SPARKY WATTS



By BOODY ROGERS



LALA PALOOZA -- Fate Favors Vincent



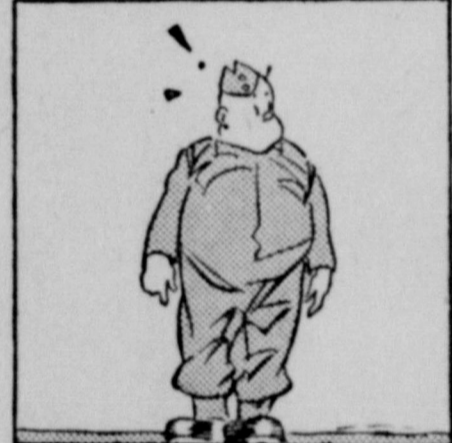
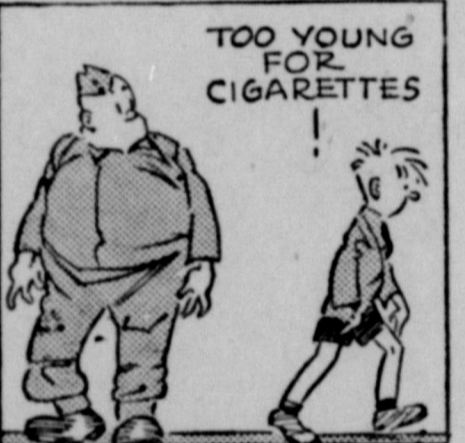
By RUBE GOLDBERG

REG'LAR FELLERS -- Active Duty



By GENE BYRNES

POP -- Hard Hit by Rationing



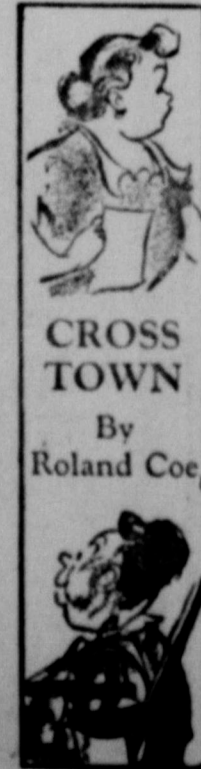
By J. MILLAR WATT



RAISING KANE -- Playmate Wanted



By FRANK WEBB



Pretty Crocheted Bedroom Slippers



THE cuff around the top may be emphasized by an edging of contrasting color--with the button matching, the smartness of these slippers is assured. The sole may be crocheted with rug yarn. These slippers are pretty in rose with black soles and edging.

To obtain complete crocheting instructions for the Bedroom slippers (Pattern No. 5650) send 16 cents in coin, your name and address and the pattern number.

HOME NEEDLEWORK Chicago, 530 South Wells St.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

FEATHERS WANTED

FEATHERS WANTED, NEW OR OLD. Ship or write to Sterling Feather Company, 900 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

Gather Your Scrap; ★ Throw It at Hitler!

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Be sure to insist on PURE ASPIRIN genuine St. Joseph Aspirin every time. You can't buy aspirin that can do more for you, so why pay more. World's largest seller at 10¢. 30 tablets, 25¢. 100 only 35¢. Get St. Joseph Aspirin.

Said the Optimist: If I have lost my ring I still have my finger.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Keep Awake Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Who wants to live a life with PIMPLES? Try BLOOD PILLS with a money back guarantee. ACNE (pimples) is really caused by some internal disorder or with in the system and should be treated from within. BLOOD PILLS have been successful in thousands of cases for many years. Full colored and no money back guarantee. \$4.00 per box \$1.00 from your druggist or write 2229 N.W. 21st THE DUNCAN CO. MIAMI CITY

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

WNU-T

Kidneys Must Work Well

For You To Feel Well 24 hours every day, I don't want to work, never stopping, the kidneys do. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove waste plus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the body without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly. Warning, almost of too frequent urination, sometimes worse than anything else wrong. You may suffer from rheumatism, arthritic, headache, dizziness, constipation, getting up at night, swelling. Why not try Doan's Pills? You will be using a medicine recommended by the country's best kidney specialists. Doan's Pills get rid of poisons and waste from the blood. They contain nothing but the best. Get Doan's today. Use with confidence. At all drug stores.

DOAN'S PILLS

Stripped for Action



This young son of a coast guardman stationed at Boston is shown as he greets the New Year. True to traditions of the coast guard, he is "stripped for action" as he wishes you a happy New Year.

Mummer's Parade Descendant From Early U. S. History

On New Year's Eve 1930 more than 300,000 persons watched the Mummer's parade in Philadelphia. There were 12,000 in the line of march down Bond street and the parade lasted from early evening until the glamour and good-humored burlesque antics of the spectacle were far cries from what the uninitiated would expect to see in the staid Quaker City: nevertheless, the idea is descendant from Colonial days.

The earliest settlers along the Delaware river in the vicinity of present day Philadelphia were English and Swedes. The Mummer play "St. George and the Dragon" was traditional to the English celebration of New Year's: the Swedes were given to informal masquerades. It is not clear just when or how the Mummer play and the custom of masquerading joined forces: but after the Revolution, General Washington replaced St. George as the central figure of the festivities.

The whole thing was spontaneous and unorganized until, in 1886, it was sponsored by the Silver Crown New Year's association. In 1901, the Mummer's Parade was recognized by the municipal administration of Philadelphia, and officials and representative citizenry began turning out to participate in and witness the parade.

'Old China' Held Special New Year's Observances

In old China, New Year's was a very important festival: a time for taking stock of oneself, balancing accounts, "turning over a new leaf," visiting and giving parties, etc.

The celebration really began a week before the "first day" when homage was paid to the Kitchen God, whose paper effigy was ceremoniously burnt in order that his spirit might ascend to heaven through the smoke and report the conduct of each member of the family. Taking no chances, the children smeared the god's face with molasses before they burnt him to guarantee the sweetness of his report.

New Year's Eve has always been one of the busiest days of the year among the Chinese. All financial obligations must be met—a debtor on New Year's Day loses "face": and that is about the worst tragedy that can befall an Oriental. So, the stores and accounting houses are open until midnight and firecrackers pop throughout the community.

"When I read about the marvels of electricity it makes me stop and think."

"Imagine that! Isn't it wonderful what electricity can do!"

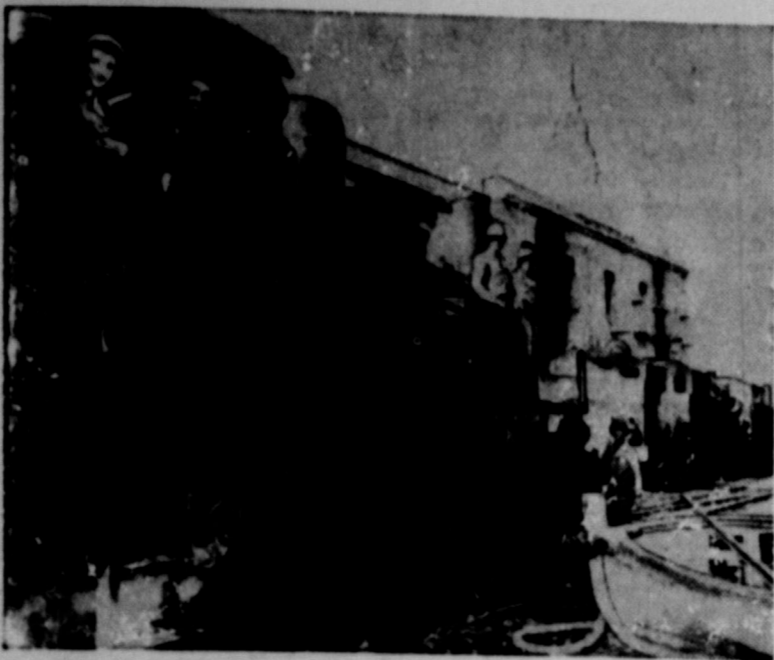


Be Sure to Read INDIAN BEEF By Harold Channing Wire

... a story of the Old West when a journey of any length had no certain ending.

START IT NOW IN THIS PAPER

"Clark Special" in Action



American army engineers use an Italian locomotive to clear wreckage and haul freight on the Naples waterfront. They have dubbed their engine the "General Mark Clark Special."

HEREDITY

Sophomore—What is heredity, Professor?

Professor—Something every man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool.

Miss Jewell Cousins of Berger came home for the holidays.



Don't spend your pay in competition with your neighbors for scarce civilian goods. Save, America, and you will save America from black markets and runaway inflation. Buy more Bonds every payday. How many bonds? Figure it out yourself.

Everybody reads newspapers.

NOT YET!

A very old man was accosted in the village street by a stranger, who said, "I beg your pardon, but you must be very old."

"Yep," said the old man, "I'm gettin' on for 96"

"And you have lived all your life here," marveled the stranger

"Not yet," was the reply.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The most precious thing anyone—man or store, anybody or anything—can have is the good will of others. It is something as fragile as an orchid. And as beautiful! As precious as a gold nugget—and as hard to find. As powerful as a great turbine, and as hard to build. As wonderful as youth—and as hard to keep.

—Amos Parrish.

Our doctrine of equality and liberty and humanity comes from our belief in the brotherhood of man, through the fatherhood of God.—Calvin Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. James of Lefors were in McLean Friday.

Miss Grace Bidwell of Amarillo was home for Christmas.

K. E. Windom renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Mrs. L. A. Rainey has renewed her subscription to the home paper.

A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE



A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER



An old adage assures us that "silence is golden," but, on the eve of New Year's, we can hardly agree.

We believe this is the time to speak up and tell you how much we have appreciated your patronage during the past year, and to wish you good luck in 1944.

CALLAHAN Plumbing Co.

As one hands down a good name, New Year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition to regard the good will of our friends as our most precious asset. In this holiday season, may I extend to you, as a friend, my very best wishes for a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MIRIAM WILSON DISTRICT CLERK, GRAY COUNTY

Best Wishes for the New Year

Eagerly bringing to you our most sincere wishes for the New Year 1944 and trusting that it has much to offer as the days roll by.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WALTER E. ROGERS AND FAMILY



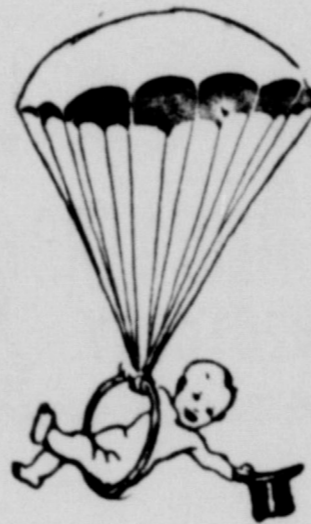
HOLIDAY CHEER

Undue optimism is hardly justified, but, looking into our crystal ball, we see better days ahead.

In the light of this fact, we say Happy New Year with the old-time spirit. May the best of everything come your way in 1944.

City Food Store

Quality Service Satisfaction



New Year's Cheer

What will happen during 1944, not even those with the most prophetic vision can say. But, if left to us, some unexpected good things are coming your way, and in good measure. And so, good friends, here's wishing!



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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper, will be gladly corrected upon due notice of same given to the editor personally, at the office at 210 Main Street.

New Year resolutions are no good unless kept; and we have never known one to be kept very long.

The President pronounced the term "New Deal" dead. It would be fine if we could so easily dispose of the mistakes of the New Deal.

The New Deal killed cattle during the depression as a price control measure, and now price control of feed is letting the cattle starve to death. When bureaucrats monkey with economic and natural laws, somebody has to suffer.

Many men who apparently take no interest in anything outside of their own private business, wake up long enough at Christmas time to bring a measure of happiness to others. If they would do a little thinking, they would see the necessity of making it a daily habit of thinking about the welfare of others and they would thus become community conscious and develop into real community benefactors.

The American Medical Association has frowned upon doctors advertising, but with the threat of what they term "political medicine" in the offing, they are spending some money. It remains to be seen if advertising can have the effect they desire at this late day. If doctors had been allowed to bring their profession up-to-date years ago, through the use of advertising, they would need have no fear of government care of the sick today.

THE VANISHED FRIEND

Around the corner I have a friend
 In this great city that has no end;
 Yet the days go by and the weeks
 roll on,
 And before I know it a year is
 gone;
 And I seldom see my old friend's
 face,
 For life is a swift and terrific
 pace,
 And he knows I like him just as
 well
 As in the days when he rang my
 bell,
 And I rang his; we were younger
 then,
 And now we are aging, tired men
 Tired of playing a losing game;
 Tired, with trying to make a
 name.
 "Tomorrow," I say, "I'll call on
 Jim,
 Just to show that I am think-
 ing of him."
 But tomorrow comes and to-
 morrow goes,
 And the distance between us grows
 and grows,
 Around the corner, yet miles away;
 "There's a telegram, sir—Jim died
 today."
 And that's what we get, and de-
 serve, in the end:
 Around the corner, a vanished
 friend.

MORAL INDEBTEDNESS

A wedding never bought a wife
 And the devotion of his child is
 no man's for the mere begetting
 We must each day earn what we
 own. A healthy man owes to the
 sick all he can do for them. An
 educated man owes to the ig-
 norant all that he can do for
 them. A free man owes to the
 world's slaves all that he can do
 for them. And what is to be
 done is more, much more, than
 good works, Christmas baskets,
 bonuses and tips, bread and cir-
 cuses. There is only one thing
 to be done with slaves—free them
 —Orson Welles.

She—Did you see those men
 staring at that girl as she board-
 ed that train?
 He—What men?

Bobby Decker of Skellytown is
 visiting relatives here this week.

Sammie Cubine and son visited
 in New Mexico over the week end

TOUGH

She—How about a date, big boy?
 He—Can't. Gotta go to bed and
 get some sleep.
 She—Why?
 He—Tomorrow is my tough day
 Gotta shave.

We'd like to see this war get
 tough on the home front. We'd
 like to see public information as
 to why men are deferred. We'd
 like to have public information as
 to who buys War Bonds, and every
 other support of the war effort.
 Make this information public so
 that the people may know who's
 helping and who is not helping—
 Ochiltree County Herald.

She—The Brownes must be
 awfully rich, judging from the
 clothes they wear.
 He—Oh! One can never tel
 Some of the most gorgeous flower:
 haven't got a scent.

Mrs. Ed Clifton of Alanreed wa
 in town Friday.

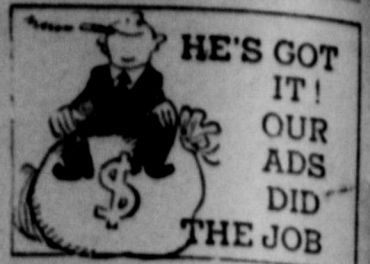
STOCKING UP

Man—Gimme \$25.00 worth of
 scratch paper.
 Clerk—Good gosh, why do you
 want so much scratch paper?
 Man—I've got the seven-year
 itch.

J. O. Clark renews for The
 News and Amarillo News at out-
 bargain rate.

It ain't the guns nor armaments,
 Nor funds that they can pay,
 But the close cooperation
 That makes them win the day.

It ain't the individual,
 Nor the army as a whole,
 But the everlasting team-work
 Of every blooming soul.
 —J. Mason Knox



Phone The Item
 AND IT WILL
 BE IN THE PAPER



Just a line to extend
 to you our sincere
 thanks for your
 patronage in 1943,
 and to wish you and
 yours a most Happy
 and Prosperous New
 Year. Remember,
 we are always at
 your service.

**BRUCE
 NURSERIES**
 Alanreed, Texas



One's "home may be frail; its roof may
 shake, the wind may blow through it,
 the storms may enter, the rain may
 enter," but at New Year's even such
 a home may be alight with cheer.

Standing on the threshold of 1944
 there is reason to believe that the new
 chapter has brighter pages for all,
 with this thought I extend to all
Sincere New Year's Greetings

F. E. Leech

County Tax Assessor-Collector



For many years in succession we
 have been wishing our friends and
 customers a Happy New Year. It
 is with the greatest of pleasure that
 we now renew this custom. Many
 thanks, and every good wish for you.

HINDMAN HOTEL



We pause to extend
 our sincere holiday
 greetings to our
 members and all
 our friends.

It has been a
 pleasure to have
 served you in 1943.

We hope for a
 continuance of your
 friendship in 1944.

**First Baptist
 Church**

C. O. Huber
 Pastor



The past comes before us in review . . .
 memories of peaceful New Years';
 memories of rainy New Years', and of
 New Year's Eves when the wind
 shrieked like a banshee and sleighbells
 jangled along country roads; memories
 of when this town was young. Yes,
 we have seen many a New Year's
 come and go.

To the oldest inhabitant, to the
 youngest, and to all the good folk in
 between, we say now, as we have
 said so often . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Stubblefield Dept. Store

Indian BEEF

by HAROLD CHANNING WIRE

W.N.U. RELEASE

LEW BURNET, riding back to southern Texas from his Wyoming ranch in the spring of 1875, meets an old trapper, WILLY NICKLE, who tells him that the bank at Ox Bow has been robbed. He also says that TOM ARNOLD, owner of the Cross T ranch, is planning to move his herd to Wyoming, and hints that Tom will need a trail boss. Willy voices his own idea of CLAY MANNING, ranch foreman.

On the night of the robbery, Willy says he saw Tom's son, STEVE ARNOLD, riding with four strangers. Willy also mentions that some gang is stealing horses from the Cross T herd. Lastly, Willy tells Lew that JOY ARNOLD has just married her fiancé, Clay Manning.

CHAPTER II

Lew reflected that he needed only cattle or money to stock his Wyoming ranch. . . . That brought him back to Tom Arnold's letter, puzzled and wondering, sure of one thing. Tom's promises were never small.

"You come south and boss this trail drive for me," the letter said, "and I'll make you a proposition."

As always when riding the Little Comanche, certain familiar landmarks came ahead, each one with a special meaning, and he could see in them the ten years he had spent here, ever since he was a homeless, drifting kid of fourteen and Tom Arnold had taken him in.

He could see those growing years of school and ranch life and the close, wild companionship of Three Apaches—himself and Joy and Steve. In his young way then he had thought it would go on like that as long as they lived. The three of them would always be together. Even earlier in that evening of the Ox Bow dance, a year ago, there had been nothing to warn him. That was why it had struck so hard.

He remembered Joy's strange silence on the ride home, with Clay Manning holding his horse close to her stirrup, his talk and laughter even more gusty than usual; and then the secret that had burst from him against Joy's sudden protest, "No, Clay! Not yet!"

But Clay had said, "Why not? I'll tell the whole world, honey, you're going to be my wife!"

He remembered how that word "wife" had struck into his brain. She was only a little girl! But then he had looked across his saddle at her in a new way, brought by that word, and she was no longer a little girl; she was a woman, nineteen, ready to marry a man.

Something had ended for him that night, something he had taken for granted and counted on, unknowingly, until it was suddenly gone. He had tried to fill that gap with a new life in Wyoming and knew now that he never could. It was not only Joy, he realized. It was what the three of them had had together, himself and Joy and Steve.

Guardedly, with all his alert senses centered on the dark choked growth of Crazy Woman's mouth, he moved across the narrow entrance at a slow pace, watching for signs. Then in a sand wash below the opening he came upon a swath of tracks and halted to read them with a detailed care.

They were all of horses, unshod, all going into Crazy Woman, none coming out. That would have been the bunch, he judged, which old Willy Nickle had told about last night. At least twenty in the herd. He urged his black horse forward, and in another hour, when a patch of willow at Ten Mile Spring blocked the way, it was his eagerness that made him cut into an opening through the trunks instead of going around. He knew instantly it was a mistake.

Nothing had warned him. This was an isolated five acres of growth in the barren valley floor. But it was also, he saw at once, an ideal lookout post for the men stationed here.

His first urge was to rein back and make a run. Yet it was already too late for that. Four men had spread out in a little clearing directly ahead of him, hands close to their holstered guns. And then, even as the urge ran through him and he was gone, he knew that whatever came he was to play here on the little Comanche would have to open some time. He might as well open now.

He rode in and stepped down from his saddle, while the outspread four closed in again to face him across the ashes of their camp. He nodded. "How are you, gentlemen? Had any eyes peeled for bucks and feathers? Glad to see white men again." He jerked his head south. "Maybe you can tell me how far to Ox Bow now?"

That eased them. It placed him as a stranger. He saw the tight readiness go out of their arms a little.

One asked, "You headed for Ox Bow?"

"And beyond," he said. He pulled his pipe and loaded it, explaining, "Been coming down the trail." He searched the ashes for a live coal. He found the ashes warm with a bed of fire underneath. These men had cooked a noon meal here and were waiting—for what?

Rising, he faced the one man who had spoken. "What's the brand on your range?"

The answer came gruffly, "Cross the range." "Know it?"

He shook his head. "New to me."

The man was hard to place, squat and powerfully built, black-bearded and with a pugnacious jaw, shrewd gray eyes. There was the look of the cattleman about him, except for his hands. Even gloves could not have protected them so much from the calluses and burns of a cowman's rope. They were soft; the skin over his wrists was white.

The squat man asked, "What outfit?"

"Circle Dot," Lew said, naming a brand far to the south.

He saw the gray eyes hold a moment's speculation, move to the other three men and pause, and there seemed a silent question asked and answered. They came back then, veiled behind drooping lids. "You looking for a trail job?"

"No, not yet. I aim to get my old one with the Circle Dot." He knocked out his pipe and put it in the side pocket of his rawhide coat, standing there afterward with the thumb of his right hand hooked over the pocket edge.

"If you've been north three times and know enough," the man suggested, "maybe you can get a better deal here. What routes do you know?"

"My own," he said and smiled faintly. "And that knowledge comes high."

"Keep it then!"

"Sure. I'm not asking you for a job." Puzzled, he turned away. He had thought this was a camp of horse thieves.

"Well, I'll tell you." The decision came slowly, still with a guarded reluctance. "We need a good man. We're shorthanded on a herd starting north tomorrow. The right kind can draw seventy a month."

That was almost double the usual wage. Lew grinned. "What's wrong with the color of your herd?"

"Nothing. It goes out of here with a clean bill of sale. I'm willing to pay for a man who knows some short cuts."

"I see." He had his information, a big herd, going north tomorrow to



"Nobody asked you to talk so much! Now then, school's out."

Ogallala or beyond. He turned himself a little, facing squarely toward the four bunched men. "It's a tempting offer. But I guess not."

He saw their quick suspicion and the move that all four started to make. But his own right hand hooked on his coat pocket had only to drop slightly and the gun came up in the curved grip of his fingers.

Under its level aim the group froze. Dryly he said, "Nobody asked you to talk so much! Now then, school's out."

Moving backward slowly, he reached around with his left hand for the bridle reins of his horse. He watched the four men. They held their hands rigidly away from their guns.

His groping fingers touched the reins' smooth leather. He heard the animal's nostrils rattle in a snort, felt a quick pull, yet could not take his eyes from the men. He started to say, "Easy, boy—" when a rope slapped out of the air behind him, pinned his arms and jerked him over backward to the ground.

Afterward, coming out of the sudden darkness that a downward blow against his jaw had brought, he felt first the dull ache where he had been struck and then the tight rope that held him. He was lying off at one side of the camp, where they had bound him with the thoroughness of experts, ankles together, hands tied behind his back, a length of rope snubbing him close to the trunk of a tree. All five were crouched now at the ashes of their fire, again in that attitude of waiting.

It was still another moment before he caught the drumming run of a horse. Unchecked, the rush of hoofs aimed in toward the willows, slowing only when they reached the outer edge. Then the

rider entered with no signal—some one wholly familiar in the camp.

He twisted his head for a better look, but could see no more than a dim shape of man and animal blended together. A voice growled, "You're late!"

The blended shape moved a little. The rider's answer seemed forced out of him in a desperate way: "You're lucky I came at all! I told you last night there'd be no more!"

Something cold and hard tightened down the long length of his body. He'd recognize this voice anywhere. Clay Manning!

"I've filled your bargain. I'm through!"

"You think so!" There was a shifting movement of the dim figures standing on the ground. "We don't. Quit now and you know what happens."

"That's what I rode to tell you," Clay Manning's voice and the blurred whirling of his horse came in the same instant. "Not tonight!"

One of the group yelled, "Stop him!" and a gun's yellow flame streaked across the dark. But the crash of Clay Manning's horse through the willows continued, and then he was running free down the valley floor.

The men made a quick shutting movement among the trees; Lew heard the slap of saddles and cinch leather. Then someone came and bent over him, jerked at the knots, testing them, and without a word ran back. The horses were visible now and the shapes of the riders swinging up. He heard a moment's mutter of talk, like a plan being made and changed and suddenly decided upon. Bolting from the camp, they, too, aimed their heads low toward the south.

Twisting, he made another savage attempt to loosen the ropes until the breath went out of him in a gasp of their cutting pain. And when he dropped back again, face up, a man was standing over him in the dark.

"Thought so!" said old Willy Nickle and came silently forward. "Fixin' to get yourself rubbed out, so you were. Don't you never take an old coon's advice, no sirree!" The sharp blade of his scalping knife parted the loops of rope.

Forcing his stiffened body up onto legs that had gone numb, Lew said, "I had to know." He threw open the camp bedrolls until he found one where his gun had been hidden.

"So you did," old Willy admitted. He wiped the knife on his greased sleeve. "Seems like I was watching from the rims. Saw you come in here. Never saw you come out. But didn't them five go south in a hurry? And what for?"

"You don't know?" Lew asked. His horse was in the willows, the pack mule near by. He was up in his saddle when old Willy answered, "Couldn't say. Was a fire off south after sundown, too far to tell what."

Lew nodded. The horse was moving. Behind him Willy Nickle warned, "They'll lift your hair yet, boy. You better watch!"

Then the black's strong lunge carried him beyond the spring and he was out on the open valley floor, running, with the mule trailing somewhere in the dark. He was soon at the Cross T.

His sense of everything wrong here settled upon him with a heavy weight; the empty corrals, the silence, the absence of Cross T men. The faint slit of light widened a little.

"Who is it?" The demand came quick and sharp, hardly more than a tight whisper.

He didn't move. "Joy!"

"Lew!" The door swung back. She made a small dark figure rushing toward him.

He caught her and her arms went around him and clung with something desperate and almost fierce in their grip. "Lew!" she said again. And then, "I can't believe it!"

Holding her, all the month-long ache was swept from his body. His tiredness was gone. It was like hunger satisfied. She moved first, drawing away, and he asked, "Joy, what's happened?"

"I don't know!" The fear he had quieted broke into her quickened voice again. "Our grass stacks were burned late this afternoon, and a little while ago Clay rode in and said something to Dad. I didn't hear. But all the men went with him."

"Where?"

"Down the valley. Our trail herd's been gathered there on the flats."

He took her hands. "Are you alone?"

"No. Owl-Head's here."

"Then I've got to go. I can help."

She gripped him. "But I haven't even seen you! Wait, Lew. Wait a little—"

A sudden burst of gunfire rattled in the distance. A rumble like far-off thunder trembled up from the valley mouth. In the first moments of running his horse beyond the ranch buildings he couldn't place the direction of that low rumble.

He veered off to cut in at the head of the stampede, drawing his gun. A dust fog rolled out to meet him; the clack of horns and hoofs and the heavy breathing of perhaps four thousand animals swept about every other sound.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for January 2

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JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:9-22. GOLDEN TEXT—Repent ye, and believe the gospel.—Mark 1:15.

A new year of opportunity is before us. What will it hold for us and for the world? We do not know, but God does, and trusting Him we move forward. One thing we must have this next year is more Bible study. We need to know what God's Word has to say to us day by day.

In our Sunday schools we begin today a three month series on the Gospel of Mark, which presents Christ as the Servant of God. It is the Gospel of mighty acts.

In our lesson we see Jesus—

I. Entering Upon His Ministry (vv. 9-13).

The baptism and temptation of Jesus were not just a preparation for His work, but were rather His actual entry upon His mission.

The baptism of Jesus was not because of any sin in Him, for He was sinless. It was of real significance as His entry upon the work for which He had come into the world—that of redemption. He who knew no sin became sin for us. He here partook of the sinner's baptism, not because He had sinned, but because He came to be the sinner's substitute (see Heb. 2:17).

What infinite love and condescension! To it God the Father gave His approval (v. 11), and the Holy Spirit gave heavenly witness by descending upon Him.

The one who was to be the constant opponent of Christ and His followers was reckoned with at the very beginning of His ministry as He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan. Around Him were the wild beasts, before Him was Satan, and in it all "the angels ministered unto him."

The devil has only three real temptations to present, "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (I John 2:16). He uses the same three types of temptation with us, varying the "dress" in which he presents them. Let us be on guard.

Victory came through the use of God's Word. We need to learn that lesson and not attempt to defeat Satan with any man-made weapons of will power, logic, or culture.

II. Working As Preacher and Teacher (vv. 14, 15, 21, 22).

The Gospel of Mark is the book of Christ's miraculous works. It is therefore significant that His first recorded work was that of preaching. His second that of calling and preparing fellow workers, and last of all the miraculous healing of the demoniac (vv. 23-25).

From a human viewpoint one would think that the opposite order would prevail. First let the Master do some mighty miracle to catch the attention of the people, then organize a great "party," and then preach. Much effort in our day follows that human formula and fails of lasting results. The man who magnifies preaching and gives the Word of God pre-eminence will see real spiritual accomplishments.

Notice also that when Jesus began His ministry in Capernaum (v. 21), it was by teaching, essentially the same as preaching. There is no substitute for the personal presentation of the gospel.

Jesus preached faith and repentance, or perhaps one should say repentance and faith (v. 15). They went together in our Lord's preaching. Let us follow His example.

The preacher of our day, truly called of the Lord and faithfully proclaiming the full counsel of God, may well be encouraged by the importance our Lord gave to that ministry. He too may speak with authority because He speaks for Christ.

III. Calling His Helpers (vv. 16-20).

The orderly development of any work calls for the choosing and training of associates. Moody is said to have observed that "it is a greater thing to put ten men to work than it is to do ten men's work."

Our Lord was no mere human leader, but He desired and used fellow workers and He committed to them the carrying on of His work after He departed.

God still calls men into His service. Would that grace might be given to each one to whom such a call may come to respond "straightway," as did the disciples.

The nature of our Lord's call to these men is worthy of our attention. He wanted them not as executives, or leaders of an organization, or as His personal attendants. They probably served in all these capacities and others. But their main business was to be personal soul-winning.

Let us not forget that such is God's calling to each of us who are Christians. We may have other duties to perform, other work to do, but this thing we must do—we must be "fishers of men."

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George Martin shook his head. Before he could welcome the approach of another year he had a troublesome decision to make. The crowded streets, the milling people, the babbling groups headed for Times Square—none of these signs of the coming of 1944 had power to lift him from his depression. His voice was solemn.

"Look at my problem from the personal angle," he said. "Tell me, Wallace, how would you feel if you had been told you couldn't return to the school ship after the holidays?"

"I'd feel bad, naturally. But not as if the world had come to an end."

"You're not a sailor," returned Martin. "You don't understand what the school ship gets to mean to a fellow. It gets in the blood . . . under a man's skin."

He listened carefully as Martin continued: "You should have seen Doyle's face when the Cadet Council told him he was through. It went white. It's not only the way a fellow feels about it himself, it's a fellow's family . . ."

Wallace was saying: "The school ship's not the only place of its kind in the world. A fellow can still work his way up from the fo'c'sle, you know, and become just as good an officer."

They were walking along a waterfront street, now, past seamen's lodging houses. A row of men stood in line before the doorway of a Sailors' Mission.

"Shipping's bad," volunteered one of the men. "No more ships. Can't get a job for love nor money. Got a cigarette?"

Martin pulled a package of them from his pocket, offered it. The



"You're to report back to the school ship January 3."

The sailor took a cigarette eagerly, waited for a light. "Thanks, buddy."

"See what a fellow's up against?" Martin said. "Even old-timers can't get ships. A youngster would have no chance at all."

At the next stand he purchased a newspaper. He stood under a neon sign and opened it to the Want ads. "Look. Here are your shore jobs. Wanted: an office boy. Must run elevator. Wanted: boy to distribute handbills. Wanted: soda clerk. Are these anything for a fellow who really wants a sea career—a merchant officer's career, the whole world ahead of him, and a captain's berth at the end?" He threw down the newspaper. "I've made up my mind. Come with me," he said.

At a small hotel for sailors, he turned in and inquired: "Doyle stopping here? Thomas Doyle?"

The clerk thumbed through the register. "Number 1215."

As George Martin entered the room, Doyle sprang to his feet. He had been stretched out on the narrow bunk, his face buried in the pillow.

"I heard you hadn't gone home, Doyle," said Martin.

Doyle's eyes were swollen and red. "I thought I'd rather stay here, sir . . . until after the holidays. Then I thought I'd get a ship—or a shore job. I couldn't face them at home, sir . . . I just couldn't."

Martin took out his watch. "If you can get out to the airport by one o'clock, you'll catch a night plane to Bangor. That's where you live, isn't it? Got enough money?"

"Yes, I have. But . . ."

"Do as you're told," said Martin. "Your case has been up for consideration since the holidays started last week. I've been thinking it over carefully, and will veto the action of the Cadet Council. You're to report back to the school ship on January 14th, with the others. It'll be up to you to make good. Those are orders."

The boy's face was radiant. "Happy New Year, sir! That's all I need, sir, to change the whole world for me—another chance at the school ship!"

"Funny old world," said George Martin, superintendent of the Nautical Training School, as he rejoined his friend in the lobby. "Another chance at the school ship . . . that's all Doyle needed to face New Year."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lena Burns, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 24th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being 7475.

The names of the parties in said suit are: William J. Burns as plaintiff, and Lena Burns as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: for divorce, alleging marriage on or about Oct. 11, 1941, and separation Jan. 5, 1942. Plaintiff says he is a continuous, actual and bona fide resident and inhabitant of the State of Texas for more than twelve months and of Gray County for more than six months immediately next preceding the filing of his petition. Alleges no children and no community property. Alleges defendant assaulted the plaintiff with her fists and slapped and scratched him, forcing him to defend himself and hold defendant to prevent her assaults or to leave the house. All of which conduct is alleged to constitute excesses, cruel and inhuman treatment and outrages of such a nature as renders their further living together insupportable. Prays defendant be cited and that upon final hearing hereof that plaintiff be granted a divorce from the defendant and that he have his costs.

Issued this the 10th day of December, 1943.

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Gems of Thought

Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are, go right forward and be happy.—Pomeroey.

The soul of a philosopher runs away from his body and desires to be alone and by herself.—Plato.

It is something to have an influence on the fortunes of mankind; it is greatly more to have an influence on their intellects.

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.—Luke 6:44.

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Sewing at Home Is Thrifty Way To Solve Your Wardrobe Problems

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



A VARIED wardrobe can be achieved on a wartime budget if you enlist the aid of the family sewing machine and start stitching. The psychological moment to get going on the sewing proposition is right after the holidays when there is a lull after all the excitement. It's such fun and there's such a "comfy" feeling when you can take all the time you want to plan and to look up bargain remnants, preparatory to a busy-as-a-bee sewing program.

The patriotic theme this year is, first, to make over and bring up to date all your closet back-numbers. Then, if you find that there are serious gaps in your wardrobe, proceed to fill them in by stitching up garments that have flexible and quick-change qualities. If you have never tried your hand at the sewing game before, it really doesn't matter, not these days of opportunity when you can count on mastering all the latest sewing short-cuts and dressmaker tricks just by taking a few wartime budget lessons at your local sewing center. You'll find that it's easy for even beginners to learn the art of turning out smart-looking dressmaker details that lift a plain-Jane dress right out of the ordinary.

If you're struggling with a back-number dress that's all gone at the armholes, or if you are planning to tackle a brand new one, a perfect style to choose is a one-piece buttoned-to-the-waist basic type that has a yoke and sleeves of contrasting fabric. This easy-to-follow "war regulation" pattern, as pictured above, requires a minimum of new fabric for its sleek fitting bodice and cleverly pocketed skirt. Plaid material, perhaps salvaged from your scrap-bag, can be used for the deep-slanting shoulder yoke and full-gathered bishop-type sleeves.

Another good choice for wardrobe stretching is a two-piece Jersey

dress with pleated skirt and long sweater-type overblouse. You'll find as the new season progresses that the long-torso worn-over-the-skirt blouse is newer and smarter than the tuck-in types. The simple classic lines of the jersey two-piece, as illustrated, provide plenty of leeway for ingenious accessories. By adding crisp striped rayon taffeta collar and cuffs and perhaps a tiny skull cap of the same, you will have performed a miracle of camouflage that's equal to many a dress-up occasion. For a sportsy look, the new bright painted wood jewelry will "turn the trick."

For "quick costume changers" that any beginning sewer can easily achieve after a few sewing-center lessons, note the several suggestions as sketched to the left. That navy or black crepe dress that is still "perfectly good" yet needs a lift of some sort to give it a this-season look? Why not make a cascading, frilly jabot in a gay print or stripe silk as shown in the first sketch beginning at the top? You'll find this color-bright frill can easily be basted with deft stitches on the neckline of most any dress.

Accessory touches of striped taffeta are considered tres chic this season. Beret, collar and cuffs made of striped fabric as sketched next below will make any basic dress "look like a million." Patterns for hat and neckwear sets are easily available.

For casual wear, camouflage your blouse or dress with a youthful Peter Pan collar edged with rickrack trimming that's easily applied with the edge-stitcher attachment. Then give it college-girl swank with a huge applique initial or monogram.

For date-times you can depend on the flattery of little yellow lace ruffling (made with the sewing machine ruffler attachment) that trickles down the bodice front opening and adorns the bracelet-length sleeves as per the concluding sketch. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Sunny-South Suit



This suit, especially designed for the fortunate miss who is able to take time off to sojourn in the sunny south, foretells new trends in fashions for spring. For one thing it heralds a lavish use of buttons in forthcoming styles. Then again the fact that it contrasts plain wool with stripe is significant. There is much being said and done in regard to "contrast suits." A small over-the-eye beige sailor, with brown and beige cellophane bows and beige diagonally stitched gloves make fitting accompaniment to this advance suit mode.

Mesh Hosiery for All-Occasion Wear

And now it's a stocking wardrobe you will be wanting to acquire in order to keep pace with the fashion parade. Now that so much ado is being made in regard to smart hosiery, the one thing to do in order to be sure of wearing the right stockings with the right costume is to have in reserve a hose collection that will tune to every occasion. Fashion alert women are showing increasing interest in the new and versatile mesh hosiery, some very lacy and sheer for formal dress, others in a lisle mesh tuned to outdoor and sports wear. Available are most lovely lacy meshes to be worn with the handsome new sandals that are so fastidiously fashioned of patent kidskin and gabardine. The new short-length black frocks call for glamorous footwear.

Fur-Lined Gloves

If you want to keep fingers from freezing and hands smooth and white this winter, better rely on fur-lined gloves.

Smoothest pair on the market are these electrically sheared lambskin numbers with the skin side outside and the fur side inside where it belongs. A special process removes the skin, fur and all, so the lamb's fur lining isn't sewed in—it's actually part of the leather!

This results in a glove so supple and light, despite its bulk, that there's no restrictions of finger movement.

The gloves come in cocoa brown and natural, small, medium and large sizes.

Who's News This Week

By **Delos Wheeler Lovelace**

Consolidated Features.—WNU Release.

NEW YORK—Once upon a time there were two miners and each had a son. One son climbed a rocky road, and climbed; and after a while said to himself: "How am I doing?" And he was doing fine. He was as high as any man could get going that way. The other son climbed a rocky road, too, and climbed, but in the opposite direction; and after a while he said to himself: "How am I doing?" And he was doing fine, too. He was as high as any man could get going his way.

Two Miners' Sons Climb Rocky Road And Both Go High

One son is Phillip Murray, chief of the CIO. The other is Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel. And if anybody wants to be old-fashioned and say: "That is America, or was, and not bad, either," it is OK in this corner.

Fairless warns a Murray union that its wage demands may float the inflation balloon, because U. S. Steel would have to raise prices to meet the swollen payroll. Fairless probably doesn't keep wages down because he likes to. He knows what it is to pocket a pay envelope as well as to hand one out. He was born in Pigeon Run, Ohio.

He went to work early, taught school to get through college. He was graduated a civil engineer, but he turned soon to steel and although the road was rocky he climbed fast. At 45 he was president of Carnegie-Illinois. He has headed the prime company since 1938. Fifty-three now he is ruddy, stocky, and insiders call him patient, reasonable.

THE mounting success of the April Plan is marked by more than Berlin's tumbling walls. Maj. Gen. Frederick Anderson's promotion to Major General at 38, His Gremlin Rates a Mention

Anderson is probably the only American general owning a gremlin. His is a gift from his eight-year-old son and is called, if the word may be mentioned in this refined corner, Stinky. Stinky, says Master Travis, fends off ack-ack, upends a Messerschmitt, corrects the general's faulty navigation, if any, aims the general's machine guns, adds extra powder to the general's bullets when they must travel extra far to reach a target; and he always has a double chocolate soda ready on the general's landing.

Practically a diapered major general, only 38, Anderson was born in Kingston, N. Y. At West Point he was so rambunctious he was called the "Wild Indian." Out of West Point he got promptly into a plane and went up rapidly after a slow start. His big chance came in 1941 when he was sent to study aerial bombardment in England's ruined cities. Now he heads the Eighth Air Force Bomber command and already wears the Legion of Merit award, the DFC and a Silver Star. Ultimately he wants a ranch out West with his wife, Travis, his daughter, and, surely, Stinky.

A CITIZEN whose sober but safe watchword for 30 years has been economy, and who still has no big bank roll, groans about the country's billion-dollar boys. There are, he complains, more than he can shake a stick at, all laying ciphers end to end. He thinks they all ought to be bookkeepers for astronomers.

The groans were immediately inspired by Dr. Donald Du Shane, a bellwether schoolteacher nearly as round as the ciphers he tosses at senators peering into juvenile delinquency. Dr. Du Shane blames a penny-pinching federal educational policy for the evils the senators peer at, but adds that a little money would right everything. He mentions two billion, would prefer three.

This seems to be the doctor's first talk of billions, but millions have often rolled off the tip of his tongue. A couple of years ago he was urging the financial, and other, needs of the several hundred thousand teachers in the National Educational Association of which he was then president.

Dr. Du Shane is fifty-eight years of age now, plump, gray and persuasive. A native of Indiana, he studied at the University of Wisconsin, married recklessly at twenty-two and moved through a series of school superintendencies to Columbus, Ohio. He stayed there until NEA made him its head. Now he is secretary of NEA's commission for the defense of democracy through education. He is also secretary of the NEA committee looking now into charges that New York city's board of education is under the thumb of Mayor La Guardia.

ON THE HOME FRONT

With **RUTH WYETH SPEARS**



tulip symbolizes Lily Time or the golden age of peace and plenty promised the Dutch settlers in the New World. The pomegranate bud and fruit symbolized God's bounty. The blade, the flower, the seed and the heart of a man were symbols used in decorating.

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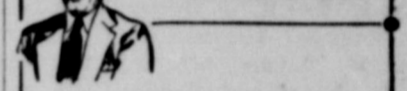
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Circumstances Rule
Men are the sport of circumstances, when the circumstances seem the sport of men.—Byron.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



By the end of this year almost 50% of the tires now on war workers' cars in Ohio are likely to be completely worn out under normal use, according to a survey which showed that war workers faced a crisis in their motor transportation. Failure to have tires recapped in time is one factor responsible for this situation.

Use of nylon cord instead of cotton or rayon has made possible the manufacture by B. F. Goodrich of an airplane tire that conserves materials, yet provides extra strength and light weight. Nylon cords in motor vehicle tires are well advanced in the experimental stage.

Jerry Shaw

In war or peace
B.F. Goodrich
FIRST IN RUBBER

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. The word billingsgate, meaning coarse and abusive language, is derived from where?
2. The tokay grape gets its name from a district in what country?
3. A somnoliquist is one who does what?
4. Who was the victorious general at the historical battle of Cannae?
5. About how much of the earth's atmosphere is composed of oxygen?
6. The treaty of Portsmouth terminated a war between what countries?
7. An albino animal results from lack of what?
8. Who was the inventor of dynamite?
9. How many times louder can a normal man shout than he can whisper?
10. If, after the war, you wished to fly around the world, how long would it take you?

The Answers

1. A fish market in London.
2. Hungary.
3. Talks in his sleep.
4. Hannibal.
5. Twenty-one per cent by volume.
6. Japan and Russia.
7. Pigment (in skin, hair and eyes).
8. Alfred Nobel.
9. Recent studies of the differences between the loudest and faintest sounds that can be produced and heard by human beings disclose that a normal man can shout 1,000,000 times louder than he can whisper and that he can hear sounds having a range in intensity 10,000 times greater than that of his voice.
10. You would need to spend only one week in the air.

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NEWS FROM HEALD

Winter has really hit with a bang. The flu patients of this community are some better.

Miss Mareta Roach of Fort Worth is home for a few days during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Roach of Shamrock spent Christmas with Grandma Rogers, Mrs. Lucy Rippy and Mrs. Nida Green.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Holder and children of Amarillo spent Christmas with the lady's mother, Mrs. Loula Ladd, and other relatives in this community.

A. W. Haynes of Pampa, is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Rev. Vernon Willard filled his regular appointment here Sunday. He was dinner guest of Mrs. Loula Ladd, and made several pastoral calls in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stauffer and daughter, Miss May Ruth, spent Christmas and Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Wilmer Waggoner, and family of Pampa.

T. F. Phillips spent Christmas Day with his daughter, Mrs. Edgar Bailey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carson and little daughter, Kerry Jo, of Pampa spent the holidays with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey.

Mrs. Harry Hughes and little son, who have been with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hinton, left Wednesday of last week to visit their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Robert Hinton, and family at Lubbock. Mr. Hughes is overseas.

W. A. Lankford and daughter, Mrs. Jerry Campbell, of Ramsdell were dinner guests Christmas Day in the K. S. Rippy home. Mr. Campbell is overseas.

A. W. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Holder and children, Mrs. Loula Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Arbie Lankford and son, Billy, were guests in the K. S. Rippy home Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Holder visited in the K. S. Rippy and Sular McKinsey homes Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Kuykendall and little son, Harold, of Dalhart spent the holidays with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Reneau, and other relatives here.

CHRISTMAS FOLLY

I have often wondered what Jesus thinks of the way in which many pretend to celebrate His birthday. He certainly cannot be well pleased. What a travesty that the most unselfish man that ever lived on the earth should have the anniversary of the season of his birth deliberately capitalized on for selfish gain by those who hate him and would crucify him again, if they could.

How utterly inappropriate and shameful to pretend to celebrate the coming of the best man that ever lived on this earth with self-indulgence, dissipation, riotous living, drunkenness, revelry and such like. Surely this year of all years we shall be more sober minded. Terrible tragedy stalks abroad all over the world. Indescribable suffering and heartaches are being experienced on all sides. We are brought face to face with the grim realities of the most destructive war of all time. That ought to awaken us to a sense of our dependence upon the "Babe of Bethlehem" who came to bring "peace on earth and good will to men."

No, we would not kill the joy of Christmas, but we would find the greatest joy in properly evaluating Christ's mission to the world. You remember how the angels sang on the night of His birth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

How can we observe Christmas for Christ? The wise men from the east set up a good example. "When they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

But Jesus is not here in bodily form now. Remember how He said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."—Index.

The only hope of avoiding war is to accept Christianity as a way of life, not only in our private affairs, but in all public and international contacts.—Canon Sheppard.

Mrs. Bunka Kunkel orders the *Amarillo News* at our bargain rate.

Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Lord Tennyson.

A FRIEND IS—

A bank of credit on which we can draw supplies of confidence, counsel, sympathy, help and love.

A jewel whose lustre the strong acids of poverty and misfortune cannot dim.

A watch which beats true for all time and never "runs down."

The first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out.

One who to himself is true and therefore must be so to you.

One who understands our silence.

The sunshine of calamity.

An insurance against misanthropy.

A star of hope in the clouds of adversity.

Friendship—one soul in two bodies.—Tid-Bits.

TRADE IN McLEAN

CLOUDY WEATHER
Husband (answering the phone)—I don't know. You'll have to call up the weather bureau.
Wife—Who was that?
Hubby—Oh, some darn fool called up and wanted to know if the coast was clear.

A. B. Wood renews for the home paper this week.

NOT FOOLING
Selectee—They can't make me fight.
Draft Board Member—Maybe not, but they can take you where the fighting is and you can use your own judgment.

John B. Vannoy says to keep the home paper and Amarillo News coming another year.

First Soldier—Where'd you get that black eye?
Second Soldier—You know that tiny, frail-looking creature I had a date with last night?
First S.—Yes, but—
Second S.—How was I to know she was the champion riveter at the shipyards?
Buy printing in McLean.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Mrs. Lady Bryant

It's New Year's again and with it comes the realization of how much the friendship and good will of our readers mean. The Library Board joins me in wishing you a Happy New Year. May it bring victory and peace.



The top of the world to you, folks! And now listen! We're going to strive to give you still better service in 1944. Think we can? Just watch us! This is our New Year's pledge to old customers, to new and potential.

MEADOR CAFE



Above the clangor of the midnight bells one might hear the ringing of another bell, whose chimes mean "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In your pursuit of happiness during 1944 we wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

DAVIS FEED STORE

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GOOD NEIGHBORS—PRICES TO FIT YOUR BUSINESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



Of what value is gratitude if it forever remains unexpressed? We are grateful to you for the loyalty which has enabled us to make measurable progress during these difficult times—and we want you to know it.

We wish for you in 1944 loads of good luck.

ALDERSON DRY CLEANERS



Paul Revere was born on New Year's Day, 1735. We hail that day! And just as he returned to his goldsmith's work, long after his historic ride, so will we return to the normal occupations of the ways of peace. That day we also hail, looking forward to it with renewed hope.

On this Eve of New Year, 1944, we salute all of our friends.
Happy New Year to you!

Powers Drug Co.
Roger Powers, Manager



On the threshold of 1944 it may be appropriate to envision a better world . . . "A world which shall afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford the assurance that all men in all lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want." May God speed that day, we pray, as we send you our New Year's greetings.

Barr Service Station